St. Joseph’s Teacher Wins the Golden Apple

A very special CONGRATULATIONS goes to Mrs. Kathy Pappas who has been honored with the Archdiocese of Washington’s most prestigious award for teachers – the Golden Apple Award for teaching excellence. Mrs. Pappas is one of a few teachers who was honored by Archbishop Wuerl at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC on May 13. The School Advisory Board for St. Joseph’s Catholic School nominated Mrs. Pappas in recognition of her outstanding service, dedication to the school, her work towards professional development and attaining certification with the State of Maryland and catechetical certification with the Archdiocese of Washington. It is a distinct honor to recognize the extraordinary efforts of Mrs. Kathleen Pappas during her nearly seven years of service to St. Joseph’s Catholic School. Mrs. Pappas has distinguished herself as a consummate professional teacher who has a unique ability to inspire and cultivate excellent work from her students. Mrs. Pappas is the type of teacher who is the first to arrive and the last to leave for the school day. She is devoted to the school and most especially to her students. In her capacities of middle school
deliveries are $5.00 in advance, $6.00
for tickets, mail payment and
delivery information to Troop 259, 16605 Brooklyn Bridge Court, Laurel, MD 20707. For more info contact sm259@yahoo.com. Hope we see you for breakfast.

Strawberry Festival at St. John’s Episcopal Church

St. John’s will host a Strawberry Festival and yard sale on Saturday, June 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 11040 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD. There will be strawberry jams and shortcakes, chocolate dipped strawberries, baked goods, yard sale treasures, children’s games and activities. A silent auction of the wonderful gift baskets you’ve come to know at St. John’s as well as lunch will also be available. Bring your friends and come and meet your neighbors for a good time.

Third Annual Putting Fore Pink Golf Classic

The third annual Putting Fore Pink golf classic to benefit the AMW Education Trust is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Glenn Dale Golf Club, 11501 Old Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale, Maryland. Please come and join us. For details, visit the Web site at www.amwedcu-

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Eagle Scout Project Plants Garden

By David Timus II, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

On May 15th, I led a project to plant a garden around the welcome sign of the National Agricultural Library on Route 1 in Beltsville. We had a blast planting 25 Don’s Dwarf Crape Myrtle, 75 Sawgrass plants, and over 250 other native flowers and grasses around the sign. My Scoutmaster, Dr. Gary Bauchan, a research scientist at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, brought the project to my attention in January 2010. I spoke with Mrs. Karen Lucas, the Associate Director for Business Services at the National Agriculture Library, who was delighted to have the project completed by the Boy Scouts. I met with Mrs. Lucas and staff from the National Arboretum whom I worked with to design the planting blueprint. The National Arboretum agreed to provide all the plants for the project; the scouts were to provide the hands to get the job completed. After planning my needs for the project, I contacted various businesses requesting donations for my project. Raulin’s Bakery, Starbucks, Costco Wholesaler, the Rotary Club of Beltsville, and the Beltsville Lions Club all gladly gave donations to help fund my Eagle Scout project. I picked up several items the night before my project from Costco and my donation of bak-

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Quack, Quack

Thirteen baby ducks have just been born in the courtyard of Renaissance Gardens assisted living/skilled nursing facility at Riderwood in Silver Spring, MD. Mallards have mysteriously come to Renaissance Gardens each spring for the past few years to give birth to their babies. They then leave by summer to explore new

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Beltsville Man Elected to Chair Credit Union Board of Directors

Charles Deegan of Beltsville has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors for Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union (PGCFCU). At the credit union’s recent annual meeting, members relected Deegan to serve a three-year term on the Board. Following the annual meeting, the Board met to elect its officers. In addition to selecting Deegan as their chairman, Board members elected Darryl Jones as Vice-chairman, Charles Curtis as Treasurer, and Steve Kaplan as Secretary. Charlie also is a former chairman of the Prince George’s County Board of Elections and the Board of Directors for WMATA (more familiarly known as METRO). Charlie stated that he is looking forward to leading the credit union during the coming year as it expands services for its members. PGCFCU is scheduled to open its first branch in late summer, here in Beltsville.

PGCFCU was founded in 1967 as a credit union for county employees and their families. In February 2006, the credit union opened its doors to the community. All persons who live, work, worship, go to school, or volunteer in Prince George’s County are invited to enjoy the benefits of credit union membership. For more information, contact the credit union’s call center at 301.627.2666 or email them at inquiries@princegeorgesfcu.org.
By Phil Whitman

Excerpted from the June 1985 issue

50th Anniversary
Hans & Frieda Borgwardt of Montgomery Road, Beltsville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 1985.

April Wedding
Laura Ann Unkle was wed to Craig F. Celgin on April 26, 1985 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Beltsville.

Miskes Appointed
Dr. Jerome P. Miskes was appointed to coordinate plant physiology research at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service.

New Arrivals
Evan Carr and Adrian Villarroel, 12 of my fellow scouts including, Rick Deery and Paul Villarroel, Bauchan; Assistant Scoutmasters, Sean Halper, Charleston Laymon, Eric Matthews, Evan Carr, Patrick Deery, Chaim Johnson, Chris Walker, Nathaniel Pinnock, Njuaja Pinnock, and Danny Moreno who helped with my project. I also want to thank Scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan; Assistant Scoutmasters, Rick Deery and Paul Villarroel, and scout parent Bob Walker who provided a helping hand with a posthole drill, rototilling and supervision.

I especially want to thank my mom and dad and my brothers and sister for all their help and support during this project. The next time you pass by the National Agriculture Library sign on Route 1, notice the great job the Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 accomplished in planting the garden.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Excerpted from the June 1985 issue

50th Anniversary
Senior Paul Grosia of High Point High was presented a gold pin for perfect attendance over his four years at the school.

Mount St. Mary’s Graduate
Kathy Ann Gildea, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg on May 19, 1985 after four years of highest scholastic average.

New Arrivals
On April 12, 1985, Jennifer Christine Biondo was born to Jan & Richard Biondo of Beltsville.

Kylie Anthony Brittingham was born April 11, 1985 to Randy & Diane Brittingham.

Richard Lee Fletcher III was born June 8, 1985 to Richard & Bette Fletcher.

service News
Marine Lance Cpl. Israel Rodriguez of Beltsville was promoted while serving with the 2nd Marine Air Wing in Beaufort, SC.

Perfect Attendance
60 Years Together
Melvin & Blanche Florra celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their families, including four children, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Obituaries
Charles A. Brady Sr., 85, passed away April 30, 1985.
Frederick R. Schumacher, Sr., 56, passed away May 24, 1985.
Mary Louise Davis, 85, passed away May 5, 1985.
Mary Rosa Wheatley, 80, passed away May 10, 1985.

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Doing Business with the Federal Government

By Paul G. Żurkowski, Beltsville Business Breakfast Coordinator

Did you know that for the most part the only person who can spend federal money is the contracting officer? All of the huge federal budget, with minor exceptions, is spent only when a contracting officer acts on it.

Patrick A. Reilly, the lead contract specialist for the Agricultural Research Services, Facilities Contracts Branch, here in Beltsville explained to the May 19th Bethesda Business Breakfast meeting at the Cross Creek Golf Club what that means to businesses interested in doing business with the Federal Government.

The Government, in support of small business, sets a goal to award approximately 25% of all purchases to small businesses. Depending on the size of the purchase the rules for doing business with the Federal Government change. Purchases below $5,000 are considered Micro purchases and can be made by credit card with no competition requirements. Agencies can order items on the GSA Federal Supply Schedule of a wide array of government needs. GSA Federal Supply Schedules are contracts that are awarded by GSA so that agencies can quickly compare and purchase materials that fill their needs for commercially available items.

Simplified procedures are used for purchases up to $100,000 and are required to be reserved for small businesses. Formal Invitations for Bid (IFB) and Request for Proposals are used for purchases over $100,000.

Many of these larger purchases are “set-aside” or reserved for small business as well.

Mr. Reilly explained how a company could start in seeking business with the federal government:

1. Small with the Business Administration to identify small business programs that fit your capabilities. See the SBA Website at www.sba.gov/contractingopportunities/owners/index.html.
2. Register your business and be in the mix when government agencies and prime contractors are looking for small business applicants with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) website: www.bpn.gov/fbo/.
3. Familiarize yourself with business opportunities by regularly monitoring FedBizOps for opportunities at www.fbo.gov/. This website is where the Government advertises its upcoming contract opportunities. Once a contract is awarded a notice is posted at the site as well. Pre-Award notices will let businesses know about opportunities they may submit a proposal on, while a post award notice will provide insight on what businesses are receiving awards and may represent subcontracting opportunities.

Another source of Pre-Award information for possible subcontract opportunities is the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). This is the system that the Government uses for tracking procurement activity. Improvements to this system in the last year make it considerably easier for people to review contract award information. You can check out FPDS at www.fpds.gov/fpds-sng_cms/.

“All Federal agencies operate with generally the same procedures and rely on these web sites, procedures and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to perform their government contracting functions,” Mr. Reilly said.

The Beltsville Business group members were ready with penetrating questions for about the same length of time as his presentation.

A final question drew wide interest. Why has the release of funds to stimulate the economy taken so long to reach the public?

Mr. Reilly explained that even “off the shelf projects” had to be reviewed and cleared as still valid. That took a minimum of 3 months. The project also required Cabinet Secretary level approval, which took several months. Then the White House had to clear the projects and the procurement process needed to be run. While some awards were made within the first year, including the renovation to the National Agriculture Library here in Beltsville, many more complex projects have taken longer.

All RECOVERY Act funds will be awarded by September 2010 and there should be a greater economic impact as these contracts mobilize and construction begins this fall.

Mr. Reilly’s presentation was truly informative and the group agreed he was an excellent example of a knowledgeable and informed government employee.

The BBBreakfast is hosted by the 21st District Delegation including Senator Jim Rosapepe, and Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes and Joseline A. Péia Melnyk. Jim and Barbara participated in the breakfast. Attorney Barnes was in court for a client and Jose-line was at the White House at the invitation of the President for a reception honoring the visiting President of Mexico.

Next month’s breakfast will be held on June 16th at the Cross Creek Golf Club House at 7:30-9:00 a.m. Registration for the meeting is $8 including a continental breakfast. Call 301.858.3141 to register.

Engagement

Lacey Fadely of Beltsville, wife of the late William R. Fadely, is excited to announce the engagement of her daughter, Kristin Louise Fadely, to Frederick August Senger IV, son of Susan Senger and the late Frederick A. Senger III, of Ocean City Maryland. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of High Point High School and a 2009 graduate of Salisbury University where she earned her degree in Finance. She currently works in the Cross Creek Golf Club what that means to businesses interested in doing business with the Federal Government.

Kristin Louise Fadely and Frederick August Senger IV are engaged

Financial for Lutherans. A September wedding in Ocean City is being planned.

Family Ties

A family that works together stays together. Does this cliché still apply when working together entails an exhausting sixty-plus workweek? For Robert and Coralie Richards, the founders and former owners of Will’s Home Decorating, working side by side not only strengthened their bond with one another, but also augmented their passion for doing what they loved most, operating their own business.

Robert’s extensive knowledge of hardware products stems from his prior experience in the hardware industry in lower Manhattan. As a new transplant to Maryland, Robert quickly homed in on Beltsville, where Will’s Hardware opened its doors in January of 1966. By the mid 1970s though, Will’s Hardware morphed into today’s Will’s Home Decorating after Coralie discovered a strong local need for reasonably priced, quality decorating products. Specializing in custom window treatments, HunterDouglas Blinds, reupholstery, wallpaper, flooring (carpet, wood, ceramic, vinyl, tile & laminates), Benjamin Moore Paint, art work and mirrors, Will’s Home Decorating occupies the same Chestnut Hills Shopping Center storefront as it did at its inception and is now owned by their son, Michael and daughter, Valerie.

Coralie Richards celebrates her 73rd Birthday with husband, Robert Richards.

Although retired for fourteen years, Coralie and Robert find themselves just as busy now as when they worked at Will’s. Days are packed with activities from early morning to late at night. Robert’s hobbies include playing weekly basketball and curling, Coralie enjoys playing bridge, dominating and attending shows and book discussions. They are proud grandparents to their five grandchildren. When asked what they miss most about Will’s, they both responded together, “the many wonderful and interesting people who came through the doors of Will’s.” Coralie, added, “Some came in just to say hello and chat, and that’s what it’s really all about. But what really makes me happy is to see my son and daughter successfully carrying on the family business and enjoying it as much as we did.”
Erin Mellott Receives Degree from Towson University

On Friday, May 21, 2010, Erin Kathleen Mellott of Beltsville graduated from Towson University with a major in Chemistry and minors in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics (MB3), and Music Performance. She was also a member of the Order of Omega Honor Society and The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. During her time at Towson, Erin became a legacy member of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity and served Zeta Delta Chapter as an officer. She also served as an officer of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, an evangelical campus mission serving students and faculty on college and university campuses nationwide. She plans to continue as a leader for Greek InterVarsity.

Comfort Pillow Project

Teresa Johnson, an 8th grade student at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, and Cadette Girl Scout with troop 2751, has started working on a community service project called the “Comfort Pillow Project.” Her mission is to support breast cancer patients who have recently had surgery. These pillows are designed to be used as comfort aids and are placed on the area of surgery, in order to avoid injury from a shoulder strap of a seat belt. She will be supplying local hospitals with these special pillows. Each pillow will come with a card that has an inspiring message inside. She is planning to involve her Girl Scout troop as well as others in the community to help her make these pillows. Donations needed are: flannel material (can only use this type of fabric), polyester fiberfill (stuffing for the pillows), sewing thread and gallon-size plastic bags. If you can help by donating supplies or with sewing the fabric pieces, please call Teresa, at 301.937.9449.

Obituary

Messina, Elsie L.

Elsie L. Messina, 74, of Beltsville, Maryland passed away on Sunday, April 25, 2010. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Messina, loving mother of Susan M. Fleri, John A. Messina and Teresa L Messina, grandmother of Franco and Rosina Fleri, Billy, Ashley, Joey and Priscilla Jordan, Mariia and Anna Lisa Messina, great grandmother of Joey Jordan, Jr. and sister of Walter Busse.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Maryland on Friday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend J. Michael Quill officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Borgwardt Funeral Home, www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com.
An Old-Fashioned Festival – Beltsville Day 2010

Beltsville Day has moved to the first Sunday in June, the 6th, from noon until 5:00 p.m. The theme for the day is “Old-Fashioned Festival.” Located at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD, activities are planned for the whole family. These include games for kids, such as a Moon Bounce and Slides, but also Carnival games with prizes. There will be displays from local businesses, civic groups, and politicians. The Beltsville Police and Fire Departments will have their equipment on display, including a ladder truck. The Beltsville Boy Scouts will have their monkey bridge set up for people to try their balance skills. The Beltsville Lions will be providing vision and hearing screening in their mobile van. Tables will be set up for crafters to display and sell their products. Non-profit groups, such as churches and schools, will be selling foods, including hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, fish sandwiches and an assortment of old-fashioned candies. Inside the Center there will be model trains on display and a “General Store” hosted by Young at Heart. The “Store” will be selling Flea Market items and a variety of traditional foods, including corn on the cob, chilidogs and lemonade. Entertainment for the day will be inside and outside. The performances are free of charge and the outdoor stage will be conveniently located near the food vendors with tables set up so that people can enjoy music while eating their food. Below is the schedule of the exciting entertainment planned for Beltsville Day 2010.

**INDOOR STAGE:**
12:00-12:45: Joyful Motion Dance Group
12:45-1:30: Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance
1:30-2:00: Judo Demonstration by Hui-O Judo Beltsville
2:00-3:30: Reptile Show by the MNCPPC, Mount Rainier Center
4:00-4:45: Beltsville Academy Band Concert

**OUTDOOR:**
12:00 noon-1:00: The Sessions Reggae Band
1:00-2:00: Spanish Dancing performance by Bessie Hernandez of Calverton Elementary School
2:00-3:00: To be Announced
3:00-4:00: Queens Chapel United Methodist Church Men’s Choir
4:00-5:00: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Combo

Parking is not allowed at the Community Center during Beltsville Day, except limited handi- capped parking with a valid handicap tag or permit. Shuttles will be running all afternoon from the Beltsville Library at the intersection of Selman and Montgomery Roads, Beltsville Academy on Wicomico Avenue, and at Francis Fuchs School on Cherry Hill Road. A tram will transport people from the Community Center driveway on Sellman Road to the Festival.

Tickets for the rides and games are $5 for $1, and will be available at the entrance, along with a schedule of the day’s activities.

The Sponsors for Beltsville Day can be identified by red, white, and blue ribbons and checkered tablecloths. Be sure to stop by the Sponsors’ tables to thank them for making Beltsville Day happen! Also, thank the staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and volunteers for helping with the Day.

Much planning has gone into making the 2010 Beltsville Day the best ever. The Beltsville Recreation Council is committed to providing quality activities and entertainment throughout the year for the whole Beltsville community. A series of free Jazz Concerts is scheduled for summer, including:

- July 17 James King Quartet recommended for their versatility and authenticity in playing all styles of music.
- August 7 Cheek-to-Cheek - Trans-generational jazz band
- August 21 Ndëlibël - Jazz and R&B for adults and young people.

A Community Health Fair is being planned for the fall, and a Holiday Concert is being scheduled for December to delight the whole family.

Come to Beltsville Day for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun, and consider joining the Beltsville Recreation Council to help make these events happen.

To join, contact Peter Doan, president of the Beltsville Recreation Council, at PVDoan@co.pg.maryland.gov.

An exciting entertainment planned for Beltsville Day 2010 is the High Point High School Reunion. The high school is located near the food vendors with an outdoor stage will be conveniently located near the food vendors with tables set up so that people can enjoy music while eating their food. Below is the schedule of the exciting entertainment planned for Beltsville Day 2010.

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A Three Sisters Garden

Kitchen Garden Tips for June 2010

By Elizabeth Olson

Many vegetables that are grown in summer are either consumed fresh from the garden or are canned, pickled, etc., for use later in the year. Another way to have summer-grown vegetables during the cold months of autumn and winter is to grow long-term storage vegetables.

One time-honored garden plan that provides long-term storage vegetables is the Three Sisters garden. It is traditionally comprised of dent corn for flour, dry shelling pole beans that climb the corn stalks, and vining winter squash or pumpkins that sprawl across the ground and provide a living mulch for the corn and beans.

A Three Sisters garden requires a lot of room. Regardless of the size of the garden and the planting mounds within it, a significant buffer zone needs to surround it to allow room for the squash vines to run. The planting area needs to be in full sun and should be no smaller than 10 feet by 10 feet, with the buffer zone taking additional space.

The vegetables require full sun and warm temperatures. Plant the corn when nighttime temperatures are reliably above 50 degrees F. When the corn seedlings are about four inches tall, plant the beans and squash. Detailed planting instructions and a sample planting design are posted on the Renee’s Garden website. See www.renees-garden.com. All three vegetables need to grow to full maturity.

Keep the area weed-free and carefully watered until the seedlings become established. Avoid overhead watering. Instead, install a soaker hose around each row throughout the entire area before the squash vines start to spread. Supplement rainfall as necessary.

If the corn cultivar that you select is a short to medium-height cultivar, select a dry shelling pole bean that will not outgrow it. Santa Maria Pinquito is one cultivar of dry shelling pole beans that grows about five feet tall. It is an heirloom available from Nichols Garden Nursery. See www.nicholsgardennursery.com.

Many types of winter squash and pumpkins are susceptible to squash vine borers. Once the squash vines have started to spread across the garden area, it is impossible to access any of the interior vines that need to have borers removed. The best course of action is to plant species that are naturally resistant to squash vine borers. Try cultivars of Cucurbita moschata and Cucurbita mixta (syn. C. argyrosperma).

Examples of C. moschata include Long Island Cheese, Mascade de Provence, Chirimen, Kekuza, and Waltham Butternut. All of these grow well in our area, and all are available from Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds (www.rare-seeds.com). Examples of C. mixta (syn. C. argyrosperma) include the green-striped cushaw squash and the Jonathan pumpkin, which is a white cushaw squash. Both Baker Creek and Native Seeds / SEARCH (www.nativeseeds.org) feature cultivars of this species, including some that are grown for eating the seeds rather than the flesh.

Beltville Company Honored with Firestone’s Distinguished Roofing Industry Award

Beltville, Md. – March 2010 – Firestone Building Products Company, LLC, recently presented R. D. Bean, Inc. with its prestigious 2010 Firestone Master Contractor Award. The local firm is among 261 distinguished commercial roofing contractors to receive the award this year. In addition, Firestone has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to uphold Firestone’s high standards in roofing system installations and quality execution, consistent professionalism and a commitment to Firestone’s strict time-honored standards of installation excellence over the course of the year.

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Beltsville Magician Wins Magic Award For Fifth Time

For the fifth time, Noland Montgomery, a professional magician from Beltsville, Md., has won the annual Dan Lacey Memorial Magic Contest sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 50, the National Capital Ring.

The winner of the contest is deemed the Washington D.C. area “Magician of the Year,” by IBM Ring 50. Montgomery edged out eight other competitors.

Montgomery, 57, who has been doing magic since he was 12 years old, performed Karell Fox’s vanishing cane to wand; a multiplying billiard balls comedy routine, and finished with a comedy linking ring routine.

A graduate of Yale College with a major in history, Montgomery has performed magic for private parties, birthdays, weddings, corporate events, banquets, fundraisers, shopping mall promotions, picnics and the White House Easter Egg Roll. He has performed in several restaurants throughout the Washington area and does street magic regularly in Alexandria, Va.

In addition to being a long-time member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Montgomery is a past president of the Society of American Magicians local Assembly 23.

Dan Lacey was a two-term president of Ring 50 in 2000. The contest in his honor began in 2003. The International Brotherhood of Magicians is the oldest international organization of magicians.

Arianna Cooper & Teresa Johnson Recognized by National Carson Scholars Award

On April 11, 2010, Arianna Cooper and Teresa Johnson were recognized by the Carson Scholars Fund, along with over 400 of the “best and brightest” students at its 14th Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at Martin’s West in Woodlawn, Maryland.

Each year, the Carson Scholars Fund recognizes and rewards students in grades 4 – 11 who have earned the highest level of academic achievement and display strong humanitarian qualities with $1,000 college scholarship awards. This year, the Carson Scholars Fund recognized 434 talented students from across the country as Carson Scholars, with 125 recipients from Maryland and the surrounding areas. In addition, 413 students have renewed their Carson Scholar status. These previous winners maintained high academic standards and a strong commitment to their communities and were recognized for their continued achievements. To be considered for this national award, Arianna and Teresa had to complete an essay, earn a 3.75 cumulative grade point average, have teacher recommendations, as well as considerable community service.

To date, the Carson Scholars Fund has awarded over 4,300 college scholarships in forty-two states and the District of Columbia.

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By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Beltsville Homeowners Get Property Tax Break
To protect homeowners in Prince George’s County, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes voted to give a Homestead Tax Credit to limit taxes paid to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. This tax credit, in addition to the Homestead Tax Credit reducing county taxes, will save long-time Beltsville homeowners hundreds of dollars a year, depending on the value of the home and how long ago it was purchased. With family incomes and home values falling, the legislation also protected the TRIM limit on county property taxes.

The Crabs Are Back!
Because of strong State action, led by Delegate Frush, to protect female crabs from overharvesting, this year there is a significant increase of the crab population in the Chesapeake Bay. The annual winter dredge survey estimates an increase of 60% over last year.

Keeping Beltsville Academic Center a Good School
This school has been a great asset to Beltsville families for many years. Recently, as you probably know, many parents and teachers have expressed concerns about changes which they believe threaten its success. The Delegates and I participated in a community meeting with school officials, parents, and teachers in early May to air concerns and find solutions. We have worked with Rosalind Johnson, our local school board member, Beltsville Civic Association President Karen Cokaley, and others to resolve the issues in the interests of the children. We will keep on this until the problems are solved. If you have perspectives on the situation, we look forward to hearing them.

Calling All Beltsville Businesses — June 16
Since January the 21st District Delegation has hosted a Beltsville Business Breakfast for local firms and professionals to network, learn about business opportunities and government help, and grow their business. In May, Patrick Reilly of the USDA briefed dozens of businesses on how to get contracts with BARC and other USDA agencies. The next breakfast will be June 16.

Calverton Books Win Awards at Write-A-Book Festival
Calverton Elementary students won 36 prizes in the Prince George’s County Write-A-Book Festival this year. There were 7 first place winners:

- Mrs. Swanson’s third grade class-
  Never Judge an Animal by His Appearance
- Godsee Joy, Shagun Sharma, and Ile Otukoya-Wishes of the Winds
- Second Grade Magic Moments Group-
  Listen to Our Whispering Group
- Beatrix Marantall, Andrea Aguilar, Patrice Henry, Anaiah Lynch-
  I Write Because…
- Third Grade Magic Moments-
  Magic Beasts and Fairytale Dreams
- Fifth Grade Young Authors-
  Looking through the Eyes of a Poet
- Beatrix Marantall, Godsee Joy, Andrea Aguilar, Patrice Henry and Shagun Sharma-A Dog’s Tale

Calverton's entries were on display on May 17 and 18 in the Calverton Book Festival.

Senator Jim Rosapepe

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Dedication of Revolutionary Patriot and Wife Grave Markers

On May 31st, 2010, Memorial Day, a chapter of the Maryland Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (MSDAR) will commemorate the service of a Revolutionary War soldier and his wife by placing patriot markers on their graves. Philip and Barbara Kooble Derr lived in Middletown, Maryland during the period of the Revolutionary War. They were both born in Maryland in the 1750’s, and spoke their parents’ native German language. Baptism and marriage records are on file at the Evangelical Lutheran Church Zion in Middletown. They had 8 children, one of whom, Anna Marie, married John George Main of Middletown, and became the 6th great grandparents of Kathy Ecard Mellott of Beltsville, MD.

Mellott started her quest to find ancestors in 2008. Since that time she has traced her paternal great grandparents to the Revolutionary War soldier and his wife by placing a marker on the grave of Adam Main. Mellott felt that it was only fair to recognize Anna Marie’s parents for their contribution in the War. Philip Derr is listed as a soldier of the Maryland Militia under Captain Basil Williams of the March Hundred in Washington County, MD. He is also listed on the National Society of DAR as “paid supply tax” to support the War efforts. Much is known about the Derr family of Frederick County, MD, because they left behind a fraktur, a carved wooden heart that documents events in their lives. Fraktures were very popular with the German immigrants. Although the current location of the Derr fraktur is not known, a photograph and translation are recorded in the book, The Derr Family 1750-1986 by Roy H. Wampler.

The Patriot Grave Marking is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010 at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Middletown, MD. The ceremony and reception to follow are sponsored by the Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter of MSDAR. Kathy Mellott and Becky Cavallo, both of Beltsville, are members of the chapter. Descendants of the Derrs, members of other chapters of the MSDAR, members of the Frederick Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Maryland State Regent of the DAR are scheduled to attend the ceremony. The Frederick News Post newspaper is also running a special article prior to the event, to help notify possible descendants of the Derr family remaining in Frederick County.

Being a part of the DAR is a mark of distinction for Mellott. “I feel that I am honoring my heritage as a member of an original family of Maryland,” says Mellott. “My Aunt Eva Shillingburg joined DAR in the 1980’s. I am carrying on a family tradition.”

Mrs. Duckett’s Ducks

By Mrs. Duckett, 1st Grade Teacher at St. Joseph’s School

After returning to school from Easter vacation, I was certainly feeling closer to God.

The flowers were in bloom, the weather was warm and sunny, and there was a mother duck sitting on a nest right outside of my classroom window. What a good opportunity for the children to watch the miracle of life happen right here at school! After all, we discuss growing, and God’s gifts and Jesus’ resurrection and the life cycle of butterflies during this time of year anyway. During the previous month, we had watched caterpillars change into butterflies, planted and watched the growth of seeds, read and written two stories about growing, plus many of the 12 six and seven year olds in my first grade class were cutting their adult teeth.

The title of the story for the week was, “The Surprise Family.” It was about a family of ducklings who had a chicken as their mother. “It wasn’t the kind of mother they had expected, but they loved her anyway.” It was a story full of lessons.

We watched and prayed for the mother duck outside of our win-
dow. We shooed away the man with the lawnmower so that he wouldn’t scare her away. She was our new science project, our new art project, and the subject of many of the sentences that we wrote using our spelling words. We even named her Mrs. Duckett, which happens to be my name as well. When she left her nest, we discovered that she had 13 eggs there. The first graders considered it their job to make sure no one made too much noise or came too close to their duck. We learned many interesting facts about ducks during the three weeks that she nested outside of our window. We shared that knowledge too, with our families and the other children at St. Joseph’s School.

On Monday morning, April 26, Mrs. Sarkar, a pre-K teacher sensed something different about Mrs. Duckett (the duck). We agreed. Her feathers seemed fluffier, her tail was up and her colors seemed brighter. We continued our watch. We also prayed that she would remain safe, and we thanked God for allowing us to watch her up close. With no pond around for miles, Mrs. Dyer, the music teacher put cool, clean water near the nest. She drank. A fifth grader offered some crackers. She ate.

I had a tough time sleeping that Monday night. Something was up. For some reason I couldn’t wait to get to work on Tuesday. The first graders and I watched Mrs. Duckett very closely that day. Children, parents, teachers, and even Mr. Currier, the principal, roamed in and out of the first grade classroom to check on Mrs. Duckett and her 13 eggs. When Mr. Nguyen, the music teacher, stopped by to check at about 2:10 p.m., he noticed tiny ducklings popping their heads up from underneath Mrs. Duckett.

Without getting too close to the nest, we captured as much of the ducklings’ hatching with our school’s video camera as we could. We took lots of pictures. We brought a small swimming pool, in which we placed the ducklings along with my first grade class. We were proud of how much we learned. Mrs. Duckett and Principal Currier welcome one of the new ducklings.

Christ Reformed Church, also in Middletown. In the 1980’s, descendants in the Frederick Chapter of the MSDAR placed a marker on the grave of Adam Main. Mellott felt that it was only fair to recognize Anna Marie’s parents for their contribution in the War. Philip Derr is listed as a soldier of the Maryland Militia under Captain Basil Williams of the Marsh Hundred in Washington County, MD. He is also listed on the National Society of DAR as “paid supply tax” to support the War efforts. Much is known about the Derr family of Frederick County, MD, because they left behind a fraktur, a carved wooden heart that documents events in their lives. Fraktures were very popular with the German immigrants. Although the current location of the Derr fraktur is not known, a photograph and translation are recorded in the book, The Derr Family 1750-1986 by Roy H. Wampler.

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Harry and Janet Stello of Silver Spring will celebrate their sixty-seventh anniversary on June 1. They were married at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Beltsville. Both were long-time residents of Prince George’s County. Harry’s family moved to a farm in Beltsville shortly after his birth in 1920, and Janet grew up in the Berwyn area. After their marriage, they lived for 50 years. After serving as a Seabee in WWII, Harry built and operated a bicycle sale and repair shop in College Park, and later built Maryland Cycle & Equipment Company on Greenbelt Road. Harry ran the business for fifty-three years, with Janet doing the secretarial and daily bookkeeping work. The couple now lives in Riderwood Village. (Harry remembers when the site was a farm and can tell you who owned most of the land in that area.)

They have been blessed with two children, Harry E. Stello, Jr. of Jessup, MD, and Janet S. Menassa, of Linden, VA, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

New Director at the National Agricultural Library

Dr. Simon Liu, former Associate Director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the Director of its Office of Computer and Communications Systems, has taken the reins as the new Director of the National Agricultural Library (NAL) in Beltsville.

Dr. Liu brings imposing credentials and an impressive list of accomplishments to the role, from his numerous advanced degrees to extensive leadership, program development, and management experience gained through his previous work with NLM, the U.S. Departments of Justice and Treasury, and NASA. His wealth of experience in information technology is expected to shape the library’s future while also supporting and preserving its historically deep collections.

Having grown up on a farm in Taiwan, where much of his family still lives, Dr. Liu brings to his new position a personal connection to agriculture. His years working side-by-side with his parents and brothers in the fields infuse his work with a passion and awareness for the significant role that sound practical information can play in the lives of farmers and ranchers. “Working at the National Agricultural Library is, for me, in many ways, a return to my roots, which is one of the reasons I was excited to come here. The other: I am eager to make this library the go-to destination for farmers and scientists alike,” he said.

Dr. Liu holds two Doctoral degrees: one in Computer Science and one in Higher Education Administration, both from The George Washington University. He also holds a Master’s degree in Government from Johns Hopkins University, a Master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland, and a Master’s degree in Computer Science from Indiana University. He completed his undergraduate work in mathematics at Chung Yuan University in Taiwan.

He is a frequent contributor to, and is now Editor-in-Chief of, IT Professional, a notable trade publication from the IEEE Computer Society. Dr. Liu has published over 60 book chapters, journal articles, and conference papers, and has taught as an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Asian American Government Executives Network.

Dr. Liu replaces former Director Peter Young, who returned to the Library of Congress in 2008 to head the Asian Division. Deputy Director Eleanor Frierson served as Acting Director of NAL in the interim.

New Name for 19-Year-Old Local Realty Company

Continuing to build on the success and goodwill of the real estate company founded by the late Quay Williams and his wife, Peggy Williams, Q-Williams Real Estate Associates (formerly a Realty Executives franchise) proudly announces the official name change! The original company was founded with a goal of attracting the most experienced agents looking for a company where they would be surrounded by other professional and highly productive agents. In fact, most of the distinguished agents affiliated with Q-Williams Real Estate Associates have been with the original company for over ten years, many of those since the company opened its doors in 1991! The agents at Q. Williams Real Estate Associates have lasting relationships with their valued customers because the agents have the experience to help them achieve their real estate dreams. In our geographically diverse region of the country, many of the agents hold real estate licenses in the District of Columbia and Virginia in addition to the state of Maryland.

Even in this recovering economy, Q. Williams Real Estate Associates is well positioned to continue to serve the real estate needs of the community in the years ahead. Look for their brilliant orange, bright green and charcoal gray signs in your neighborhood - same office, same phone number, same agents and extraordinary service you already know. In addition, if you see Roberta Yaklich in the community, please congratulate her for her achievement as the No. 1 agent for the company in sales production in 2009.

Celebrating Fitness!

All 892 students at Vansville Elementary School in Beltsville, MD participated in the All Children-Exercise-Simultaneously (ACES) day celebration to promote physical activity across the country.

Photo taken by Cynthia Donn, PE Teacher

Stello Sixty-seventh Anniversary
Neighbors in the News

Scouts Do a Good Turn at Beltsville Academy

By Regina Halper

Members of Cub Pack 1031 and Troop 1033 helped the Landscaping Committee at the Beltsville Academy on May 1, 2010. Students, teachers and scouts weeded and mulched the gardens in the front entrance to the school. This is the 7th year the Beltsville Scouting community has come out to help the school with their spring spruce up. Scouts are urged to do a good turn daily and the scouts of Beltsville were happy to help out.

In attendance from the Cub Scouts were Timothy Pulik, Daniel and Henry Saathoff, Jonathan, Nicholas, plus Den Chief Chris Walker and Cub leaders Eric Saathoff, Regina Halper, and Cubmaster Melissa Gill. From the Boy Scouts were William Miller, Patrick Deery, Charleston Laymon, Chaim Johnson, Chris Walker, Grant Sowels, and Tyson Robinson, along with Boy Scout Leaders Gary Bauchan, Rick Deery, David Timus, and Bob Walker.

From Beltsville Academy were Mrs. Miller, Ms. Page, Ms. Stewart, and Ms. Paradisio along with students Tyler Pulik, Michael and Nicholas Nagel, Elizabeth and Anne Gilmore and parents, Ed Pulik, Sevasti Nagel, and Hugh Gilmore.

Memorial Tree to be Dedicated in Memory of Mrs. Shirley Lomax

The Vansville Citizens Association invites citizens of Vansville and Beltsville to a dedication ceremony at Vansville Elementary School, 6813 Ammendale Road, Vansville on Saturday, June 12 at noon. At that time a memorial tree will be dedicated to the late Mrs. Shirley Lomax, who for more than 50 years provided heartfelt service to her community. She is warmly remembered by all who knew her.

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The Annual Awards Banquet is the most important event of the year for the Carson Scholars Fund as it honors high achieving students in the presence of their families, educators, administrators, and community. Legendary newscaster/anchor Sam Donaldson served as the Master of Ceremonies. Honored guests included: Tony Dungy, former NFL Coach of the 2006 World Champion Indianapolis Colts; James V. Kimsey, Founding CEO and Chairman Emeritus of America Online, Inc; General Charles C. Krulak, 31st Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and Myron Rolle, Rhodes Scholar, athlete, and philanthropist. World-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, Dr. Benjamin Carson, delivered the keynote speech. In a society that values the superficial, the Carson Scholars Fund is placing the emphasis on education by rewarding successful academics and good citizenship.

Arianna and Teresa both attend Martin Luther King Middle School this year and are in 8th grade. They will both be attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School next year in the Science & Technology Program.

Club News

Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Our entertainment meeting was held on May 20th. The Sage Dancers performed dance routines to Hello Dolly, New York New York and other songs with a salute to service men and women for the coming Memorial Day. Also, we observed a few amusing magic tricks. We really enjoyed having them. We also had special guest Edie Marcus visit us.

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College Park Unit #217 Honors Teacher

By Ivy Christoffers

Education and educators were a huge focus for College Park Unit #217 these past few weeks. We recognized our Americanism Essay Winners at two local schools, Holy Redeemer Academy and Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, and were very proud to have had a Southern Maryland District winner in Luther King Jr. Middle School, and were very proud to have had a Southern Maryland District winner in 2009. During “Teacher Appreciation” month, we presented Debbie Davis, a teacher at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, with a certificate of Commendation in appreciation for all of her support over the years of our American Legion Auxiliary’s Americanism program. This past year Davis expanded on the program by inviting us into the school to speak on Americanism and The American Flag. The presentation has gone over so well, we are already on the schedule for the upcoming fall term. May 1st is a day that we will remember for a long time. It was the day of our “Coach Bag Bingo” and it was a HUGE success. People are already asking when we will be doing this again. Our “Bingo Queen” Angie Rodriguez and our President, Diana Nix, chaired this event and were assisted by several unit members, too many to name here. We must mention our “caller” though, none other than our club house manager, Gary Kignty, who did an excellent job. The room was packed and everyone had a great time. The coach bags were beautiful and, of course, expensive. The kitchen crew worked hard to keep everyone fed and Miss College Park was very busy working the room. A day when everyone worked together as a team and are now able to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Leo Club at Beltsville Academy Inducts Members and Receives Charter

Members of the Beltsville Academy Leo Club were officially inducted into membership at the school on the afternoon of May 17. Lion Addie McBride, Leo Club advisor for the Beltsville Lions Club International District 22-C, inducted the members and installed the officers of the club. She presented each member a certificate of membership and a Leo Club pin.

Beltville Lions Club advisor to the Leo Club, Lion Deedee Musachio presented the club charter to the organization and asked each of the charter members of the club to sign the document. Leo club members participated in a candlelight ceremony, and then enjoyed refreshments provided by Beltsville Lions Deedee and Mike Musachio.

Ingrid McCoy, art teacher at the Academy and faulty advisor to the Leo Club, facilitated arrangements for the meeting. Ms. McCoy is an experienced Leo Club faculty advisor, having previously served in this capacity at Wise High School in Upper Marlboro. It was through her initiative that the Leo Club at Beltsville Academy was formed. The Beltsville Lions Club is very pleased to sponsor the Beltsville Academy Leo Club. Beltsville Academy Leo Club Members (alphabetical order): Alma Auza, Iris Chavez, Kelly Cruz, Mary Dawitt, Colleen Dudney, Betty Dumaitracae, Natalia Duran, Jade Faulkner, Lesly Feliz, Uzoamaka, and Moises Zamora. Some of our members went to the Southern Maryland District Youth Camp in Cheltenham for the SMD reception. Our organization, The Department Commander Orlyn Osterich, The Department President, Mary Lou Kline, the Department SAL Commander, Mark Gilbert and the Honorary Department Junior President, Kelly Clark. The reception honoring our Southern Maryland District leaders will take place on June 5th at Stallings-Williams Post #206 in Chesapeake Beach. The “Spring Fling” was another good time that was chaired by C.J. and her committee. This was held because her Valentine’s Day Dance, which is held every year, was snowed out. The weather was pleasant, the food good and the fellowship shared, enjoyable.

The Special Olympics Bowling banquet was held at Post #217 on May 15th and there were 156 Special Olympians and their families in attendance. The Unit members served is our custom. We do so much enjoy celebrating the joy of these special athletes in their accomplishments. Unit member Dottie Sheldon is the guiding force of this event.

There were many birthdays celebrated this month for Mary, “Peewee” Eleanor, Richie and yours truly. A lot of cakes were shared.

Elections were held for the officers for the upcoming year and they will be announced after their installation this month, which will take place on June 27. We continue to hold our Sunday dinners, entertain the veterans on the third Thursday of the month at the Community Living Center at Washington, VA, our fifth Friday spaghetti dinners, are planning the Special Olympic Torch Run picnic and the Special Olympics Summer games. We stay committed to our veterans, our youth and our community.

God bless our Troops and bring them home soon and may God continue to bless America.

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Beltsville Rotary Club Happenings

By Ivy Christoffers

The month of May 2010 has been very interesting thus far. We have had a spate of interesting topics that have been covered by some of our most entertaining speakers. There is never a dull Tuesday luncheon meeting for our club. We will begin with the guests of Rotarian, Rajistree Ramsammy, Shannon Taitt, and Rick Salamy, from areas where The Neighborhood Watch has been successful, to share their ideas and the formulas of their success. Knight also spoke on the Fallen Hero’s Memorial, which is being built at 4307 Sellman Road in front of the District VI Police Station. The land will be used to honor Prince George’s County Police Department’s fallen officers by means of a landscaped walkway leading to a memorial site. Ground breaking was scheduled for March with a ribbon cutting scheduled for August 10, during the National Night Out. The Explorers are selling paver bricks for $100.00 that allows individuals, organizations, businesses, families and other groups to have their names inscribed thereon. These pavers will surround the memorial. Contact Corporal James Woody for more details at jnwoody@co.pg.md.us.

Now let us report on a couple of activities of note: The annual Rotary Chili Cook-Off, a market yard/bake sale was again a successful affair. It was held on Saturday, May 15 and Mother Nature was smiling down on us all day. This event was chaired by Howard Phoebus and worked by several Rotarians who were kept busy assisting our customers. The strawberry shortcakes and Lorraine’s Irish Soda Bread were a great success. Raulin’s Bakery donuts and gourmet coffee fed a hungry crowd early in the day. We even had a “royal” member of the Sheriff’s Department in attendance to Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, “ROSC.” This is a more individual approach to substance addiction recovery. ROSC attempts to use resources and organizations beginning from the community and moving on to the county, state and federal areas in successfully reaching their objectives of restoring the individual to a state of productivity and health once again. The statistics Taitt shared with us were most impressive. This is a program that is working. One only needs to look at Father Martin’s in Havre De Grace to be convinced of the success of ROSC. There are many other individual group homes in the area and they all enjoy a predominance of success.

Sammy’s other guest this month was Melvin C. High, nationally recognized law enforcement professional who has successfully led three major city law enforcement agencies. Most recently, High served as Chief of Police of Prince George’s County Police Department from 2003 through 2008. High currently is serving as a private consultant with The Public Safety Performance, Inc. group of Dover, NH and is advising Police Departments in Detroit, MI and Oakland, CA. High lives in Upper Marlboro and is seeking the office of Sheriff. High states he is ready to once again serve the residents of Prince George’s Co. by assuming the office of Sheriff and is campaigning for votes throughout the area.

Another law enforcement officer we had the privilege to meet was brought to us by Howard Phoebus, our incoming President for 2010-2011. This was Cpl. Gerald Knight of District VI Beltsville Police Barracks who spoke to us on his plans to bring The Neighborhood Watch into the forefront of the community. By engaging the citizenry in a more active role, Knight hopes to have a positive impact on the amount of burglaries, car thefts, break-ins and other crimes occurring in District VI. Knight spoke of a planned banquet where he could bring together several interested individuals while inviting speakers, while inviting speakers, including Phoebus and De’Grease to be convinced of the importance of ROSC. There are many other individual group homes in the area and they all enjoy a predominance of success.

Women’s Community Club of Beltsville

By Mae Whitehead, President

The Women’s Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) extends a Warm Welcome to all new Beltsville residents. Much appreciation to our District 21 Representatives for joining us for an end of the year report on the many legislative accomplishments this year. Senator Rosapepe, Delegates Barbara Fresh, Ben Barnes, and Josepine Pena Melynky gave us up to date reports on Health, Safety, Mediation for Foreclosures and much more.

On Monday, June 14th, WCCB will celebrate Beltsville Day with many other community groups at the Beltsville Recreation Center. Please stop by our membership table, we look forward to seeing you. We are about to head into our summer break and will hold the last meeting of this membership season on Monday, June 14, with a Spring Luncheon, and a new president will be installed for 2010-2011.

Vicki Murphy-Wauschek, WCCB Chair, Scholarships & VP for the Women’s Community Club is pleased to announce the winners of our 2010 Scholarship Essay Contest. The first place winners and recipients of a $1,000 scholarship are Taylor Blackwell from High Point High School and Sean Halper from Eleanor Roosevelt. Second place winners and recipients of $500 scholarships are Jalisa Cox (Bryant University) and Glemna Pavelka (Anne Arundel Community College). The 3rd Place winners, Sylvia Aklikoukou and Jordan Blue, are recipients of $375 scholarships. Both are from High Point High School.

We appreciate that they competed in our scholarship essay contest, and we encourage other Beltsville graduating high school students and first year college students to do the same in future years.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and our annual membership fee is minimal.

Activities are held at 11416 Cedar Lane in the Church Lounge of Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Visit us on the Internet: www.beltsvilleinc.org or contact Mae Whitehead president@wcbb@yahoo.com 301-572-7664.

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**School News**

**Calverton Celebrates Earth Day!**

By Katie Swanson,  
Save the World! Environmental Club Sponsor

On Thursday, April 24, all ages at Calverton Elementary came together to celebrate Earth Day! We began with our traditional program of green tips, music, and poetry. Save the World! Environmental Club members shared original poetry about nature. We then shared thoughts on recycling and sang a song promising to care for the planet. The entire school completed the program by reciting the Pledge to the Earth written by Save the World in honor of Earth Day two years ago.

In the morning a group of students chosen by their teachers because of their dedication to the environment planted beautiful flowers around both entrances to the school. In competing to be chosen to participate in the planting, the children wrote about their feelings for the Earth. Brayyan Guevara (kindergarten) drew a beautiful picture of the Earth and wrote: “I like the Earth Day.” Raynice Caudle (2nd grade) wrote: “What can I do to help the Earth? I’m going to pick up litter. I don’t want Mother Nature mad. I do not want to waste anything. I love Mother Nature.” Rheana Putney (3rd grade) explained: “Planting is good for the Earth because I want to make a chance for this world. I don’t want to see any animal suffer, and planting trees and flowers will make a change in life.” Throughout the day, students went outside with their classes to pick up litter around the school grounds. After school, Save the World planted fifteen flowering trees around campus, donated by the Tree-Mendous Maryland program. Calverton would like to thank Country Nursery & Amanda’s Arrangements on Route 198 in Burtonsville for their kindness in donating flowers for our Earth Day planting for the third year in a row. Also, many thanks to fourth graders Jasmine Maddy and Crystal Boateng, who, once again, donated gloves for our litter pick-up. We want to share one of our inspirational Earth Day poems with you:

**No More**

by the Poet Ilia Rajkumar  
(6th grade)

No more will I see lush green trees.  
No more will I see prairies and grasslands.  
No more will I breathe clean air.  
No more will I hear birds chirping.  
No more will I see gardens full of lovely scented flowers.  
No more will there be picnics.  
No more will I be able to step outside my own backyard.  
No more will there be the saying, “Silence is golden.” Please don’t do things that can harm Mother Earth or she will be no more.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

June 15, 2010, High Point High School, Room 108, 7:00 p.m.

The officers of the High Point High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) have adopted a resolution recommending that this local PTSA be dissolved. A special meeting of PTSA members having voting rights will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at High Point High School, Room 108, 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the advisability of dissolving the High Point High School PTSA. If you are interested in keeping the PTSA active at High Point please come to this meeting and let your voice be heard. Please note that in order for the PTSA to continue, a new Board of Directors would need to be installed, to include a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This would have to occur at this meeting.

Over the past several years attendance at the PTSA meetings has been extremely limited and the support from both parents and the administration have been lacking. Both of these, in our opinion, would have to change in order for the PTSA to be successful. The High Point PTSA is a 501(c)3 organization in good standing with the State of Maryland and the Maryland PTA. All reporting is up to date (Personal Property Return with State of Maryland and IRS 990N). The by-laws are due for revision according to the Maryland PTA if the PTSA continues.

Respectfully,
Deborah Harris, Outgoing President
Priscilla Ugoji, Outgoing Vice President
Rosa Lohr, Outgoing Secretary
Elaine Chatob, Outgoing Treasurer

Please help save the High Point High School PTSA! The staff and teachers at High Point need You! Voices of parent’s and community members are critical for the health of the school. Please come to the meeting on June 15, 2010 and sign up to help our neighborhood school.
Calverton’s Black History Assembly

On Wednesday, March 24, and Thursday, March 25, Calverton Elementary presented their annual Black History Assembly, “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.” The master and mistress of ceremony were sixth graders Patrice Henry and Jeremee Williams on Wednesday and Frank Quijano and Vino Agbenoo on Thursday. Mrs. Sharon Donnella, ESOL teacher, directed and choreographed the program. The music teachers, Mrs. Gabrielle Lewis and Mr. Rodney Lewis helped with the music.

Principal Mrs. Mary Tschudy greeted the audience and thanked all of those who had helped put the program together. The program began with a history of slavery and continued through civil rights and the election of the first African American president. Musical numbers included staff member Mrs. Brenda Zimmerman singing the spiritual, His Eye is on the Sparrow, grades 4-6 singing Wade in the Water, Rock-a-My-Soul, We Shall Overcome, and Those That Wait. Fourth graders Tatyana Theranus sang the song Hero. Akua Appiah, Stephanie Kotei and Neshae McQueen danced to a Pointer Sisters song, Yes, We Can Can and a group of sixth grade boys danced to the Temptations’ Can’t Get Next to You. Sixth grades gave a dramatic, multi-media presentation of the poem, The Ballad of Birmingham, a poem about the bombing of a church in Birmingham in 1963, in which several little girls were killed.

African Americans have made major contributions to our society in such fields as music, literature, culinary arts, science, politics, education and more. Students represented many of these famous Americans and told the audience a little bit about what their famous person had accomplished. Celebrated “guests” included Jesse Jackson, Bonnie Johns, Rosa Parks, Michele Obama and Thurgood Marshall. The show ended with West African cultural dances performed by a number of Calverton students.

Poetry Extravaganza at Calverton Elementary

On May 6, 2010, Calverton’s Young Authors presented a Poetry Extravaganza to celebrate National Poetry Month and to present their hard work and creativity to their teachers and peers. Each student recited a poem that they had written while their artwork was projected on a screen behind them. Allan Naing served as narrator of the program that was directed by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Cavallo. The Wednesday Young Authors presented the poem, “Honey, I Love,” by Eloise Greenfield in many voices. The Thursday Young Authors did a choral reading of the poem, “If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking,” by Emily Dickinson.

Fifth and sixth grade members of Young Authors are as follows. Wednesday Young Authors are Allan Naing, Andrea Aguilar, Angela Sierra, Beatriz Marantal, Godsee Joy, Ife Otukoya, Irlanda Luz, Jameela Rogers, Karen Martinez-Ramirez, Kierra Miller, Nana Agyemang, Nicholas O’Conner, Patrice Henry, Regina Medrano and Shagun Sharma.

Thursday Young Authors are Akua Appiah, Anaiyah Lynch, Caleb John, Chimezie Ogunyao, Emily Mendez, Emsley Cole, Jaylen Harris, Jenaya Molina, Joel Annan, Kamila Gomez, Shandice King and Stephanie Kotei.

America Reads Day at the University of Maryland

By JoAnn Price

First and second grade students from Calverton Elementary joined 350 other students for a fun-filled day at the University of Maryland on May 7, 2010. This was the annual America Reads Day celebration for students who are in the America Reads program in Prince George’s County. We have been very fortunate to have this program at Calverton for the past ten years. The program supplies wonderful University of Maryland undergraduates who tutor first and second grade students in need of additional reading help. Under the direction of Mrs. Price and Mrs. Berngart, Calverton’s reading specialists, this program has been widely received in the school community. We will be fortunate to have this program again next school year.
FREE FATHER’S DAY TOURS

Tours are on Sundays at 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m., and $3.00 for adults, $2.00 for seniors. $1.00 for children 5 – 18. Children under 5 admitted free.

FREE FATHER’S DAY TOURS

Sunday, June 20 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Complimentary tours of the Museum to fathers and grandfathers when accompanied by a paying child or grandchild. No reservations necessary.

FAMILY FUN DAYS

Sundays, June 27, July 11, and August 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. These free family nights out are becoming an annual tradition for many. Come explore the grounds of Montpelier and play games, dress up in old-fashioned clothes, take a tour, and more. A nice way to spend a summer evening. Families are welcome to have a picnic dinner on the grounds, but please have a rain plan since there are no inside eating facilities. No reservations necessary. FREE.

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1910 Spa Fox Scit Rd., College Park. Call 301.469.6029 for information on special events and the Hollywood Flyers film series. TTY: 301.469.4765. For more information on these and other events, see the museum’s website at www.CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com. Museum admission is $4.00 for adults, $3.00 for seniors, and $2.00 for children. Children under 2 admitted free. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except the first Friday, when the museum is open until 8:00 p.m. Closed on major holidays. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment.

D-DAY COMMEMORATION SPEAKER PANEL

Saturday, June 5 at 1:00 p.m. Speakers will include General Wilko Vought, first woman to attain the rank of General in the US Air Force; Charles McGee, Tuskegee Airman granted the title of Knight of the Legion of Honor by the French government; and Robert Dor, author of Hellhawks, the follow-up book to Stephen Ambrose’s Road of Brothers. Local VFW and American Legion posts will present colors, and local citizens who served in the Normandy invasion will be recognized. On display at the museum that day will be a collection of custom-built model aircraft signed by pilots from World War I to the Persian Gulf War, forming a unique collection commemorating the men who have served the United States. FREE with museum admission.

IN PLANE VIEW: ABSTRACTIONS OF FLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

The exhibition continues through June 11. It features large format photography by Cantor Russo showcasing the aesthetic quality of some of the National Air and Space Museum’s iconic aircraft. With close-up faces, sculpted forms, and life-like elements, In Plane View directs the viewer’s attention to the oversized simple elegance of aircraft design. This exhibition has been organized by the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum. FREE with museum admission.

AIRPORT EXPLORERS

Saturday, June 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is an all day scavenger hunt that takes place on the museum and airport grounds. Participants will compete in teams, whichever team discovers the answer to all the clues first will win a prize. Ideal for children ages 8 and up and pre-registration is required. Fee: $10 per participant.

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Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13 – 17. FREE with Xtreme Teens ID card. Call the center for the latest information on events.

BELTSVILLE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for the kick-off of the Summer Reading Program with a baby summer reading treat. Sponsored by the Friends of the Beltsville Library.

CREATE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK

The program continues through August 16. Design, color and decorate your own bookmark to display at the Beltsville Library.

STORYTIME

Wednesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 a.m. Sangs, fingerplays, and stories. Ages 3 – 5.

TODDLER TIME

Wednesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 11:30 a.m. Sangs, stories, and fingerplays. For children 18-36 months with caregiver.

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6703-A Remington Rd., Beltsville. The program specialist is Kathleen Reardon. Contact her at 301.937.6621 or Kathleen.Reardon@optpnic.com for information on activities scheduled for June. TTY: 301.937.6623. Hours of operation are: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. When the fitness area closes to make room for the Xtreme Teens events, and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

APPLE

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Science and Math teacher, Mrs. Pappas has proven herself well in preparing our middle school students for top area high schools including Georgetown Prep, Holton Arms, DeMatha, Holy Cross and Gonzaga to name only a few – students who continually return to thank Mrs. Pappas for preparing them for the rigors of high school. We are all extremely proud of Mrs. Pappas and look forward to many more years of excellent service to the school community.
Hey! I had a complaint, and glad to get it. The complaint was that I stopped writing recipes in the drivel. I promise to do better in the future.

Keeping with summer time recipes, I have a question. How did you like the riddle from last month? You remember the Mayonnaise? Did you try it? You do not need a blender, just a small bowl and a whip, like Julia did.

I am working on a good summertime recipe, but if you can’t wait just go to bakerbill.net. Everything I have ever done is there, including good recipes made with splenda and fried chicken, etc.

I made a batch of my famous biscuits and tried a trick I learned many years ago. This is nothing new. People on the plains did it a hundred years ago by baking biscuits in a roaster. The Boy Scouts made them tough! Remember they like bread dough. No, it will not make it onto a table and knead like a bit much or less. I suggest dumping it onto a table and knead like a crumbly mass, slowly add 1/2 cup cold milk and mix into a dough.

Note: depending on how you measured the flour, the liquid may be a bit much or less. I suggest dumping it onto a table and knead like bread dough. No, it will not make them tough! Remember they like to be close in the pan. As I think back over the years the men that have taken the class latch onto this recipe and make them each week.

Bakerbill Biscuits

In a medium size bowl place a stick of margarine softened (or 4 heaping tsp. shortening) then add 1&1/2 cups flour, 1/2 tsp salt, 1 tbsp sugar, 1 tbsp baking pwd. (not heaping). Now stir the lot into a crumbly mass, slowly add 1/2 cup cold milk and mix into a dough.

The great thing about this recipe it is basic. Yes you can substitute an egg for the milk, and yes, you can add nuts, fruit or double the sugar making scones. Paint the top with an egg mixture making them golden brown. I almost forgot this, bake in the oven approx. 18 minutes. If you would like to take the class, it starts in October. Call me at 301.572.4180.

I was down in my Bakerbill area in my basement cleaning, well straightening up a bit. I was checking spices. Remembering the hundreds of times I was asked, “Does baking powder spoil or lose strength?” Answer, “NO.” Nor does baking soda or salt, or sugar. Spices like ginger, cinnamon, and a few others do. If you have had a condiment over a year and you forget this, bake in the oven approx. 18 minutes. If you would like to take the class, it starts in October. Call me at 301.572.4180.

I did have some comments on the Mayonnaise. Some even tried it. I see by my word count it’s time to hang up until next month.

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