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## Beltsville Briefs

### Boating Skills and Seamanship

Now is the time to learn to boat. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 is offering a course for perspective, new, and experienced boaters. This class, Boating Skills and Seamanship, will meet twice a week for 8 weeks on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting **September 3, 2008** at **High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705**. Among the many subjects covered are boating terminology, required equipment, legal responsibilities, trailering, fueling, boat handling, weather, charts, buoys, knots & lines and radio communications. The instructors are all well trained, volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety. Registration will be held the first night of class, Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m. at **High Point High School**. The only cost is \$45.00 for books and charts. For further information please contact (after 9:00 a.m.) **Steve** at 410-531-3313 or tsksk10@hotmail.com or **Jean** at 301.261.7735.

### District VI Annual National Night Out

Neighborhoods throughout Beltsville and Laurel are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 25th Annual National Night Out. It will take place Tuesday evening, August 5, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the District VI Police Station located at 4321 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD.

National Night Out brings communities together to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships

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*We Have Lost a Hero*

Sgt. Richard Findley's funeral procession stretched for eight miles. Photo by Greg Nolan

Cpl. Richard Scott Findley of the Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) died on Friday, June 27, 2008 of injuries

suffered in the line of duty. He was the beloved husband of Kelly M. Findley and the loving father of Nicole C. and Lauren

R. Findley. He was the son of John & Delores Findley, brother

**HERO**

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## Scouts Aid Police and Fire Officers at Funeral



Scouts take a break from distributing bottles of water.

By Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan

Members of Boy Scout Troop 1033 attended the funeral services of Officer Richard Findley on July 3 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. While in attendance they noticed that the Bowie and Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Canteen were handing out bottles of water to the Police and Fire Officers in attendance. They offered to help

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Behnke Nurseries' Landscape Design and Installation Department is proud to have been the landscaper of choice for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." Behnkes worked with Classic Homes of Maryland, the builder, to provide a fully-landscaped garden for the newly-constructed 4,800 square foot home, built and landscaped in just four days (and nights!) in Poolesville, MD.

On June 22, Classic Homes of Maryland along with the crew of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" notified Felicia Jackson, a single mother who was struggling to keep all of her 10 nieces and

## Behnke Nurseries Installs Landscape for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition"



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**August 28**

### On the Agenda

By Karen Coakley, President, Beltsville Citizens' Association

Our National Night Out Celebration is on Tuesday, August 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a tribute to Sergeant Rich Findley at 7:00 p.m. This marks the 25th Anniversary for National Night Out. Please join the Greater Prince George's County District 6 Police Community



Karen Coakley

as we pay tribute to our fallen hero, Sergeant Rich Findley. Come and meet the men and women from District 6 who serve our community. Numerous displays and demos have been planned, plus dinner! The demos include Crime Prevention Information, K-9 demo, Police motorcycles, mountain bikes, cruisers, horse mounted unit, Police explorers, bomb unit, drug display, radar and laser stations, property ID, child I.D kits and auto theft prevention stations. The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department will have fire trucks on display. Other attractions include Moon bounce, fast pitch, football throw, and arts and crafts. Dinner includes hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, fried rice, salads, desserts sodas and water.

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department and the F. O.P. 89 have both set up accounts for Sergeant Rich Findley. Donations for Ser-

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## Letter to the Editor

### Beware of Unorthodox Towing Practices in Beltsville

On the afternoon of Saturday July 19, a disabled friend and I drove into the parking lot of the small shopping center at Dorsett Avenue and Baltimore Boulevard in Beltsville where the 7/11 is located. My friend entered the 7/11, and as I waited in the parked vehicle it was suddenly struck from behind. I jumped out and encountered a tow truck driver who admitted hitting the vehicle. He said I was illegally parked in a space reserved for the handicapped. I told him the driver was disabled. He asked for documentation for parking in a handicap space, but didn't wait for it and proceeded to attach the vehicle to his tow truck. I told him he

couldn't lawfully remove the vehicle from this space, but he said he was going to tow it anyway.

I called the police. While waiting for them to arrive, various merchants in the center approached me and said this man had been harassing their customers by towing their vehicles. When the Prince George's County Police arrived the officer talked first to the tow truck driver, then approached me. I presented documentation for parking in a handicap spot, and the officer told the tow truck driver to release my vehicle from the tow truck. He very reluctantly removed the vehicle from his truck. It took some convincing from the officer for him to do this. After the tow

truck driver left I asked the officer if I did anything wrong, and he said no.

The tow truck driver used intimidation. If I hadn't called the police, my disabled friend and I would have been stranded in 95-degree heat facing a \$150.00 towing cost.

The towing company has signs posted on the property stating that they will tow unauthorized vehicles from the property, but we were customers. How many customers have had their cars towed from these premises?

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## Performing with Olympic Spirit

In the early hours of the morning of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 44 youth and 15 adults boarded a bus that would start them on a once-in-a-lifetime journey. The youth were all members or past-members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble. The adults were parents of the students, an administrator and a teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt, a retired teacher from Roosevelt and her sister, and the award-winning director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Bands, Ms. Sally Wagner. The group was headed to JFK Airport to begin a 12-day tour of

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## Neighbors in the News

# Eagle Scout Receives OA Triple Crown Award

Gregory Bauchan, an Eagle Scout from Troop 1033, received the Order of the Arrow Triple Crown Award in scouting by participating in the Order of the Arrow crews at the three high adventure camps of the Boy Scouts of America. Gregory had attended the high adventure backpacking camp at Philmont, New Mexico in 2006 and the high adventure canoeing camp in Ely, Minnesota in 2007, and completed his triple crown by attending the high adventure scuba diving camp at Sea Base near Islamorada, Florida this past June. The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow Crews provides cheerful service at the base camps to improve the camping experience of future campers. Gregory spent a total of 13 days at Sea Base. The first week he completed his PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) diving certification to become an open water scuba diver. The second week he went scuba diving twice a day providing fish survey information for the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He saw nurse sharks, green Moray eels, lobsters, squirrel fish, queen angle fish, and barracuda just to name a few. His most memorial dive was a night drive one evening. The waters were as black as ink but with the aid of some



Gregory gives the Order of the Arrow "OA sign" while scuba diving.

bright diving lights his crew was able to see nurse sharks swimming about as well as sea turtles and several colorful reef fish. He thoroughly enjoyed his two weeks at the Boy Scout Sea Base in the Florida Keys with swaying palm trees, crystal clear ocean water, warm weather and scuba diving

twice a day. What is there not to enjoy? Congratulations to Gregory for providing service to future campers and completing this lofty award. Gregory is a graduate of The Lab School of Washington in Washington, D.C. who will be attending Anne Arundel Community College in the fall.



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distribute the bottled water and spent 2 hours in the hot sun distributing over 15 cases of bottled water and picked up and recycled the empty bottles. Scouts Sean Halper, Eric Matthews, Mick Cotter, CJ Williams and Curtis Gill as well as adult leaders Gregory and Gary Bauchan were there to help out. One District of Columbia Police officer told us that he was especially happy to see the Boy Scouts handing out water. He told us that our troop number was the code number for police officer in need of assistance. So the scouts were there to help. Earlier in the week, Boy Scouts, David Timus, SPL, Michael Clifford, Sean Halper, Adrian Villarreal, and Patrick Deery and adult leaders Gregory and Gary Bauchan helped the Beltsville Citizen's Association tie red and blue ribbons on the utility poles. It was a great honor for the scouts to serve and give assistance during this time of need to the community.

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- Motorcycle, Bicycle, and Patrol Vehicle Display
- Maryland Park Police Mounted Unit

This will be a night for all communities to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity.

### One-Day Free Shuttle Bus Service to the Beltsville Library

By Elizabeth Olson

The parking lot for the Beltsville Library will be closed all day on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 to make room for the Annual National Night Out event. However, "The library will be open for business as usual from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.," says Barbara Spears, the branch manager for the Beltsville Library. In addition to regular library services and hours of operation, a special event for children — **The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore's Critter Costumes** — is scheduled to take place in the library at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Library patrons can use nearby street parking during the day. The District VI Beltsville Police Station will provide free shuttle bus service to the library from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The shuttle bus can be boarded at any of three Beltsville locations: the Beltsville Community Center on Sellman Rd., St. Joseph's Church on Montgomery Rd., and Beltsville Elementary School on Wicomico Ave.

For more information on library hours, services, or events, please contact the library at 301.937.0294.

### Join the Central Maryland Chorale

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a place to share your talent with others who are passionate about choral music? The Central Maryland Chorale invites YOU to join us. We welcome enthusiastic, dedicated singers who can follow music from a score; no audition required. Our artistic director is the dynamic Monica Otal; the assistant director and accompanist is the extraordinary Dr. Theodore Guerrant. This year we will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with John Rutter's *Magnificat* in December and the Brahms *Requiem* in May. We have also been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in June 2009! Come and experience the joy and camaraderie that a community chorus provides. Beginning August 25,

rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Laurel Presbyterian Church, 7610 Old Sandy Spring Road. For more information, check our web site at [www.centralmarylandchorale.com](http://www.centralmarylandchorale.com), or call 301.317.9646.

### St. John's Episcopal Church to Bless Backpacks



Come celebrate the beginning of the school year with us! St. John's Episcopal Church will bless backpacks on Sunday, August 24 at the 9:00 a.m. service. A Family Picnic will follow the ceremony. Bring your children and their backpacks and invite your neighbors, family and friends to join us for this special event with food and fellowship.

St. John's is located at 11040 Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville at the intersection with Powder Mill Road.

### Technology Service Provider Opens Beltsville Office

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We look forward to joining and building our community here in Beltsville to strengthen our neigh-

borhood to grow strong and provide job opportunity.

### Scout's Fall Flower and Garden Fundraiser

By Scoutmaster Gary Bauchan

Boy Scout Troop 1033 will have their 6th Annual Fall Flower and Garden Fund Raiser on September 13.



The scouts are selling top quality Behnke mums, mulch, fertilizer, manure and topsoil. There are several advantages to purchasing from the Boy Scouts including: 1. We deliver to your home, saving you time, energy, gasoline and keeping your car clean; 2. We provide competitive prices. Because of the substantial discount given to us by Behnke Nursery, we can offer the products at a competitive price; and 33.3% of your purchase can be deducted from your taxes as a gift to the Boy Scout troop. The profits from the spring fundraiser allowed the scouts to attend summer camp and paid to have our trailer repainted after vandals spray-painted the sides of the trailer. By purchasing products from Boy Scouts in Beltsville you are supporting an award winning Boy Scout Troop. The deadline for placing your order is September 5, 2008. See our web page at [www.bsabeltsville.net](http://www.bsabeltsville.net) or call Gary Bauchan at 301.937.0944 for additional information.

### The Sgt. Richard Findley Memorial Ride

The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department and Prince George's County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89, in cooperation with Old Glory Harley-Davidson and The Main Street Grill, announce the Sgt. Richard Findley Memorial Ride.

The ride will take place on Saturday, August 23, 2008. It will depart Old Glory Harley Davidson, located at 11800 Laurel Bowie Rd (Rte. 197), near the Baltimore - Washington Pkwy. (Rte. 295), at 10:30 a.m. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. Donations for riders at \$25.00 each, passengers at \$15.00 each, and the cover charge for everyone else at \$15.00 each. The amounts of the charges were determined in honor of Sgt. Findley's ID number, 2515.

This is a fundraiser, and ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SGT. FINDLEY FAMILY FUND. The first 200 to register will receive a FREE event shirt. For more information call the event coordinators, Andrew Mutchler at 240.832.5148 or Jim Collins at 240.508.1409.

## Obituaries

### Driscoll, Eurma Katherine "Kay"

Eurma Katherine Driscoll "Kay" of Adelphi passed away July 6, 2008. She was born in Gibson County, TN on March 13, 1924. Kay served two years in the Navy during WWII as a Specialist Q-3<sup>rd</sup> Class. After moving to Adelphi, she was employed at Arbitron in Beltsville for 25 years until she retired. She was the devoted wife of David C. Driscoll, Sr.; loving mother of David C. (Ann Harrington) Driscoll, Jr., Claudia (Bob) Owens, Richard (Margie) Gannon, Earl (Margaret) Driscoll, Edward (Lisa) Driscoll, and Robert Chames; doting grandmother of Matthew (MaryLynn) Driscoll, Christopher (Beverly) Owens, Lora lee (Clint) Gillis, Katie Gannon and Britannia and Evan Driscoll; great-grandmother of Matthew and Michaela Driscoll, Coarsen and Colton Gillis and Sarah Owens. Funeral services were held on July 10, 2008. Burial was at George Washington Cemetery in Adelphi with the U.S. Navy Honor Guard present.

### Mancuso, Diane

Diane Mancuso died on Saturday, July 12, 2008. She was the beloved wife of John A. Mancuso, loving mother of Elaine (Dave) Hutchison, Michael (Michelle) Mancuso, and the late John A. Mancuso, Jr. She was the grandmother of Lauren, Michael, Jr., Matthew and Mollie, daughter-in-law of James R. and Mary Mancuso, sister-in-law of James R (Jackie) Mancuso, Jr., and dear friend of George & Corrine Tavenner. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home on July 15. Memorial mass was celebrated at Resurrection Catholic Church in Burtonsville on Wednesday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

### Morris, Lois Michael

Lois Michael Morris, 81, a resident of Beltsville since 1957, former Lay-Chaplain, United Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland-College Park, died on June 18, 2008 at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD of septic shock after a long illness. She was born in Oxford, Doddridge County, West Virginia, on March 21, 1927, the daughter of the late John G. and Audrey Delle Moore Michael.

She was preceded in death,

in addition to her parents, by her husband of 41 years, Lindsay F. Morris, Jr., a USDA employee and WWII submarine veteran of the US Navy whom she married on December 4, 1944 and who died on August 6, 1986. She is survived by her sons, Kelly J. Morris, of Beltsville, Maryland, and Patrick L. Morris and his wife Sharon of Arnold, Maryland; by three granddaughters, Manuella L. Morris, Sandra M. Morris, and Nancy M. Morris, and one grandson, Diego K. Morris; by a great grandson, Perzie H. Teague, Jr., and a great granddaughter, Shayla A. Morris; and by many nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Morris graduated from Doddridge County High School in West Union, WV, in 1943 at the age of sixteen. She attended Salem College, now Salem International University, in Salem, WV. While at the University of Maryland, she completed numerous professional development courses in counseling, interpersonal growth group leadership, human sexuality, adult education, and training.

After World War II, she was active in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Doddridge County, WV. She served as its president and, to this day, is the youngest person ever to hold that office.

She moved to the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., in 1949 and has lived here all but three years since then. She lived in her home on Emack Road in Beltsville since 1957.

From 1951 through 1953, she was Branch Chief, Reports Branch, of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. before staying home for nine years to spend time with her children. She was active in PTA and scouting. She and her husband were founding members of the former Beltsville United Presbyterian Church where she volunteered.

In 1962, she became Office Manager and Secretary to Chaplain Jesse Myers of the United Campus Ministry (UCM) at the University of Maryland-College Park. UCM was the campus ministry of the Church of the Brethren, the Disciples of Christ, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the United Presbyterian Church, USA. Dr. Myers and his successor, the Rev. Dr. David Loomis, encouraged her to develop her skills as a counselor and group facilitator. She was very popular with students as a counselor and many students counted her

as their mentor. As a group leader, there was intense competition for seats in the interpersonal growth groups that she led. She was a supporter of the Course Guide and of international students. She was the prime mover behind the Black Ministries initiative. She was an active program resource person, financial manager, an advisor to the UCM Board of Directors, and a member of the Chapel Staff. She spoke about campus ministry before congregations of all five denominations and occasionally assisted at worship services at the University Chapel. In 1971 she was elevated to Staff Team member, and in 1974 she became Lay-Chaplain.

Lutheran chaplain, the Rev. Beth Platz, was the first female ordained chaplain and Mrs. Morris was the first Lay-Chaplain in a counselor and group leader role. Together, they broke the gender barrier in campus ministry at the University of Maryland and created precedents for other universities and colleges.

During anti-war demonstrations in the 1970s, Mrs. Morris organized and supervised food and temporary lodging for demonstrators who took refuge from tear gas and police action on campus and in the streets. During one such incident, a tear gas canister was thrown into the sanctuary of the chapel.

She retired in 1976 for health reasons and devoted herself to her family and her passion for genealogy.

At her request, her remains were cremated and there will be no funeral services. Those who wish to express their sympathies can do so by making a contribution to the charity of their choice in her name. At a later date, her family will inter her ashes next to those of her late husband and her parents at the Michael Cemetery in Oxford, Doddridge County, WV.

### James Mitman Named to Dean's List

James Mitman of Beltsville has made the Dean's List at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. He is a rising junior in the Carroll School of Management, where he is majoring in Marketing. James attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Beltsville and graduated from Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C.

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### By Councilman Tom Dernoga

Summer is finally here with its heat and humidity, and once again it's been a busy July in Upper Marlboro. At the end of every July, the County Council is very hectic as it wraps up outstanding legislation before August recess. We addressed a couple of things of note.

First, you may remember that LAST YEAR, the County Executive proposed increasing the telephone tax from 8% to 11%. The County Council approved that increase, subject to voter referendum. Well, the referendum will be on this year's ballot in November. We approved the official placement of the provision on the ballot, and it will be Question F (behind the bond bills for public facilities). I expect that there will be more discussion around this as we get closer to election time.

Second, the County Council just adopted an Energy Conservation Real Property Tax Credit. So, if you want to invest some money in energy efficiency that will pay dividends for you long-term, this tax credit will help reduce the cost to you. CB-11-2008 provides that if you add a "solar energy" or a "geothermal energy" device to your residence, you can apply for a tax credit on the "eligible costs" (those within 12 months of the application for the equipment and reasonable costs of installation). The tax credit will be the lesser of 50% of eligible costs, OR \$5,000 for a heating system or \$1,500 for a hot water supply system. And, this credit can be combined with State and Federal energy efficiency credits, which will really reduce your cost of investment. If you



**Councilman Tom Dernoga**

are interested and have questions, please call me at 301.952.3887. There is only \$250,000 allocated to this credit per year, so you will want to apply before this year's credit is used up.

I'm looking forward to National Night Out this week because it should be a major event. With the sad loss of Sgt. Richard Findley, the tribute will be very meaningful. I am hopeful that we will see a large turnout for this tribute. In addition, I have worked with Camden Properties (the retail and restaurant addition to the IKEA shopping center) and with the new Buffalo Wild Wings to get them to support Beltsville activities. Camden has been very supportive in the past, having contributed approximately \$125,000 to Beltsville community needs such as High Point High School, Beltsville Elementary School, Martin Luther King Middle School, Frances Fuchs Early Learning Center, the Women's Club and the District VI Police station (the radar guns

and speed trailer).

This year Buffalo Wild Wings will make a presentation to the District VI station and to the Boy Scouts, and combined with funds from Camden and a grant from my office, it should add a nice note to the evening. Beltsville's Boy Scout Troop 1033 requested a grant to send 26 Beltsville area scouts to summer camp, and I was very pleased to be able to provide \$1,000 in funds to assist the Scouts in having a successful outing.

I want to commend Hope Christian Church on Ammendale Road for making gang violence a priority issue. Bishop Harry Jackson and his congregation are trying to work with the police and our youth to lessen violence and promote other more productive pursuits. On June 28th, Hope Christian partnered with the police and with me to host a 3-on-3 Basketball tournament. It was a great success and it is a great start to getting a handle on youth violence.

We are fast approaching the opening of the new Vansville Elementary School and I had a great conversation with the new Principal, Tom Smith. I know that Vansville will get off to a great start (just as soon as they finish it). Also, I dropped in at High Point High School and met Michael Brooks, the new Principal. It looks like he is getting his feet on the ground and will be ready to continue High Point's tradition of achievement when school opens in a few weeks.

I hope to see you at National Night Out. Stop over and say hello.

—Tom Dernoga

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# Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

## Richard Findley — American hero

In recent weeks, all of us have been thinking of Prince George's Police Sergeant, Richard Findley — and praying for his family. He grew up in Calverton and risked and lost his life to protect his neighbors.

No words can say more about Beltsville's pride in him and thanks to him than the outpouring of thousands who attended his wake and funeral — colleagues in the Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department, neighbors he grew up with, and people who had never met him.

If you can, please join the community in honoring Sergeant Findley at Beltsville's National Night Out against crime at the police station on Sellman Road at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5.

## Expanding Kenilworth Avenue

Upgrading Kenilworth Avenue (Route 201) to reduce traffic on Route 1 is critical to Beltsville. Karen Coakley asked at the Beltsville Civic Association's April 15 meeting, why the State Highway Administration (SHA) is now recommending limiting the upgrade to four lanes instead of six lanes as originally proposed. Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk and I contacted the highway administration to let them know about concern about this. Here's the response from Raja Veeramachaneni, head of Planning and Preliminary Engineering at SHA:

"The project is being developed in accordance with the federal environmental process. The US 201 widening will impact many protected natural environmental



Senator Jim Rosapepe

and cultural resources. We will have to demonstrate very strong need before we will be allowed any impacts to those resources. Our traffic projections are based on the approved and cooperative land use forecast from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC), and using their transportation model. Prince George's County and other local governments are part of the land use forecasting process for the MWCOC. The traffic forecasts do not justify six lanes on US 201, and therefore cannot propose it due to the environmental impacts. We have been discussing this issue with the County, and will be meeting with them soon to see if there is a gap in the forecast that MWCOC and SHA are not aware of. After this, we will be happy to discuss the issue with you."

We will be following up on this and keep you posted. If you have other questions about proposed road projects, please let us know.

## ICC and the Cross Creek Golf Course

The Inter County Connector (ICC) road to link Rockville to Beltsville is under construction. Lawsuits to stop it have so far been unsuccessful.

One part of it runs right next to the Cross Creek community in Beltsville. Recently we learned that in fact part of the 14th hole of the golf course was built in the ICC right of way. Amazingly neither the golf course management nor the SHA had told the homeowners about this mistake.

As soon as the Delegates and I learned about it, we talked with Cross Creek residents and then SHA and the golf course managers. We asked them to review the plans and figure out how to move the planned road to minimize the impact on the golf course and nearby homes.

Together with Senator Rona Kramer who represents the Montgomery side of Cross Creek, I walked the right of way with community leaders and SHA staff. Councilman Tom Dernoga has joined us in our appeals to the SHA to fix this problem. We expect to hear SHA's suggested solutions soon.

## National Night Out — in Beltsville — August 5

I hope to see you Tuesday night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the police station at Sellman and Montgomery Roads. It's a great chance to show our support for our local police officers, see friends and neighbors, and dramatize Beltsville's commitment to keep crime out of our neighborhoods.

## Let us know how we can help you.

Please let the Delegates and me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email Senator.Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.858.3141.



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## Junior Girl Scout Earns Bronze Award

Junior Girl Scout Erica Belshay of Troop 2751 earned her Bronze Award in June. The Bronze Award is the highest award you can earn as a Junior Girl Scout.

She just completed the 5th grade, age 10, and just bridged to Cadettes with the rest of the troop.

To earn this award, you need to do a Community Service Project that takes at least 15 hours, plus other requirements such as earning at least two badges related to your project and some type of leadership award.

Erica completed the Pets and the Wild Life badges and



the Leadership award. Her Community Service Project was to collect and distribute food and supplies to the Second Chance Wild Life Animal and Rescue Center in Gaithersburg, MD. She also

constructed a squirrel-nesting box for the new squirrels that they have taken in during the spring.

Second Chance takes care of sick and injured wild animals and releases them once they are well.

When Erica took her supplies up there, she was taken on a tour of the facility and was able to hold some of the baby animals. The project suited her well, since she loves animals. Now, as a Cadette Girl Scout, she is looking forward to working on her Silver Award.

Erica has been a Girl Scout for 6 years.

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## Neighbors in the News

# Scouts Celebrate Father's Day



Scout and father enjoy floating down the creek.

**By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster, Troop 1033**

Seven Boy Scouts and three of their fathers went for a lazy summer float down the Antietam Creek in inner tubes the day before Father's Day this year. The weather was perfect, the water was warm and the water ran swiftly so you didn't need to work hard to float down the river. The River Rider Outfitters stopped us half way down

the river and provided us with a fried chicken lunch with watermelon and lemonade to wash it all down. As a father of a Boy Scout it's a wonderful experience to go camping with your son. Scouting provides you with time to be with your son. You see him learn specific life skills, grow in character, help other people in your community, cultivate leadership skills, and you see him grow and mature into a fine young man. Through your eyes you see the Boy Scout

program help develop your sons to become our future leaders, future husbands and future fathers. It's a personal thrill to see your son recognized publically for all he has become and all that he has done to make this world a better place. If you and your son are interested in joining the Boy Scouts, contact Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster Troop 1033. We meet every Thursday at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

## MAKEOVER

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nephews out of the foster care system, that she would receive a life-changing gift — a brand new home — in a remarkable seven days. (This episode will air as the two-part season premiere of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" on the ABC Television Network September 28, 2008.) With the help of many partners, vendors, subcontractors and hundreds of volunteers, the building and landscaping for Ms. Felicia Jackson and her family was completed in an incredible four days.

Representing Behnke Nurseries, designer Andrea Becerril and installation supervisor Mike Wilson spearheaded the landscaping effort. In addition to the paid landscape crews provided by Behnke Nurseries, a number of Behnke Nurseries employees also volunteered their time to bring this worthy project in on time.

Behnke Design & Landscape crews worked over 570 hours, at times 24 hours straight, often in downpours. In-between filmings they were able to complete the plantscaping and hardscaping early on the morning of the "Big Reveal."

Mike Wilson said, "Being a part of this project was very fulfilling on a personal level, and one I will never forget." He worked tirelessly throughout the 4

days to make sure everything went as scheduled. Before production even started, Mike was instrumental in pulling together vendors and suppliers so the project could go smoothly. He was impressed at the willingness of everyone he contacted to help donate supplies and time.

Andrea Becerril was excited when Behnke Nurseries was given the opportunity to be part of this project. She was honored when asked to design the landscaping for the Jackson's new home. Andrea said she would always remember seeing in person the speed of the demolition, building and landscape installation, from Monday, when the house came down to Sunday when the Jackson family came home. It was simply amazing! Andrea even had her husband come to volunteer as the hours counted down. Besides drawing the landscape plan, which incorporated a back yard patio complete with an outdoor fireplace, the front driveway, and parking area, Andrea worked with the crews making sure everything was perfect.

Bill Mann, Director of Behnke Nurseries' Landscape Division said, "Giving back has always been part of what Behnke Nurseries is all about, but to be able to do it together with so many others was truly a once in a life time experience." Bill has been part of the Behnke family for over

25 years and was very impressed and proud of how much time and effort Andrea, Mike and the crews devoted to make this all happen.

Besides the landscaping department, Behnke Nurseries' Garden Center was also able to help out with many aspects of the project, from the many employees and their families who gave of their time to the employees who stayed back to keep the company running. Everyone was very happy to be part of this experience and cannot wait for the show to air!

Behnke Nurseries would also like to thank their many generous suppliers, who donated plants, stone, and landscaping materials to supplement the donation of labor and materials by Behnke Nurseries.

Behnke Nurseries is a family and employee-owned Maryland corporation, founded in Beltsville, Maryland by Albert and Rose Behnke in 1930. Locations include a garden center and landscape department at Beltsville, and a garden center with landscape and florist departments at Potomac. Additionally, Behnke Nurseries grows many of the plants we sell, at our nursery and greenhouse facility in Lothian, MD.

To learn more about Behnke Nurseries, visit [www.Behnkes.com](http://www.Behnkes.com). For more information on the Jackson Family and Classic Homes involvement in this project, visit [www.classicextreme.net](http://www.classicextreme.net).

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## Neighbors in the News



Boy Scouts in Troop 1033 pause at the Lenhok'sin summer camp.

### Scouts Earn Trailblazer and Wilderness Awards at Lenhok'sin

By Scoutmaster Gary Baughan

Four Boy Scouts and two brave adult leaders in Troop 1033 in Beltsville, Maryland participated in the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Summer Camp in Goshen, VA the week of July 6 - July 12 and earned the Trailblazer and Wilderness Awards. Scouts Sean Halper, Charleston Laymon, Adrian Villaruel and David Timus and adult leaders Scoutmaster Gary Baughan and Assistant Scoutmaster Gregory Baughan backpacked over 20

miles during the week. Everything the scouts needed for the week was carried on their backs in backpacks that included clothes, hammocks and tents, food, pots and utensils for cooking and water filtration. In order to earn the awards the crew participated in a 2 hour service project by building two large stacks of wood for the end of week campfire program, hiked two mountain peaks in a single day, arrived and departed on time for all their outposts, took

detailed notes of the trail conditions, talked with first year scouts about their high adventure program, presented a skit at the closing campfire and followed the seven rules of Leave No Trace. The scouts enjoyed cutting logs and climbing trees like a lumberjack, throwing tomahawks and double bladed axes at a tree, working in a blacksmith forge making hooks and other items from iron, as well as musket balls from lead and hand dipped wax candles. They enjoyed learning about the life of a soldier in the civil war and shot black powder rifles. The staff was especially friendly and helpful which allowed the scouts to have a lot of fun. Most of all the scouts enjoyed hiking trails, observing nature, learning new songs, and making new friends. All arrived home safe and dry with lots of stories to tell.

### Herder Makes Dean's List

Katerina Herder of Beltsville, a sophomore in the School of Communication at Northwestern University, was named to the Dean's List for all three quarters of the 2007-08 academic year. Students on the Dean's List have attained a grade point average of at least 3.75/4.00. Northwestern is a private research and teaching university in Evanston, IL with an enrollment of approximately 7,500 full-time undergraduates. Katerina is a 2006 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt.

### Branchville Volunteer Fire Department Flea Market & Yard Sale

The Branchville Volunteer Fire Department will host a flea market & yard sale on Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and is seeking vendors. If interested, please e-mail [ems11daly@yahoo.com](mailto:ems11daly@yahoo.com) or call 443.878.3718 for further information. There will be food for sale, and baked goods as well. Hope to see you all there.

Three Members of the Beltsville Bulls 8 and Under Coaches Pitch Baseball Team made the Prince George's County All-star Team. The three boys are, Jacob Eberhardt, Jamal Gay and Cameron Reis. Congratulations to all three boys. Job well done!



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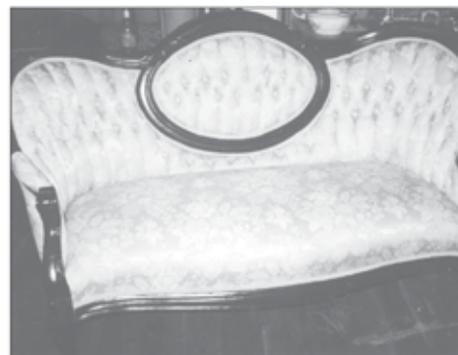
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# We Have Lost a Hero



At right, the funeral procession passed by Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Station #31

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## HERO

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of Sherri Kennedy (Lt. Morgan Kennedy, PGPD), Cpl. Debbie Findley (Montgomery County Police Department), and John (Jennifer) Findley. He was the son-in-law of Debbie Winters.

Viewing at Borgwardt Funeral home was on Wednesday, July 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. Long lines of fellow officers, volunteer firemen, friends and neighbors waited patiently to pay their respects to this fallen hero.

The funeral service was at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Thursday, July 3 at

11:00 a.m. Hundreds attended the service officiated by Reverend J. Michael Quill, Pastor of St. Joseph. Chief Melvin High posthumously promoted Findley to Sergeant.

The funeral procession was eight miles long. It consisted of police and fire vehicles from jurisdictions all across Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. Interment Lakemont Memorial Gardens, Davidsonville, MD.

Richard Scott Findley was born on June 5, 1969 to Delores and John Findley. He was the youngest of four children. He graduated from High Point High School in 1987.

In 1988, Richard joined the Calverton Volunteer Fire Station (#41) and five years later he transferred to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Station (#31) where he served as a life member.

In 1998, Richard pursued a career with the Prince George's County Police Department. After graduation from the Police Academy, Richard was assigned to the District VI Station in Beltsville where he worked his entire career of 10 years in Patrol Services. His most recent duty was with the Special Assignment where he truly found his calling.

Richard and Kelly were married on July 1, 2000. They shared a wonder-

ful marriage together and were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Nicole and Lauren. Richard's family brought him unending joy and served as the driving force behind his energetic and positive outlook on life. He touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to HEROES, Inc., 666 Eleventh Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 or the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, 4911 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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China in a Washington, DC Area Musical Salute to the 2008 Beijing Olympics entitled "Perform in Harmony-With Olympic Spirit."

The first stop for the Eleanor Roosevelt group was Hong Kong for a change of planes. Once the group arrived in Beijing and passed through customs with their luggage and instruments, they arrived at the Friendship Hotel at 8pm on Sunday night (there is a 12-hour time difference between Washington, DC and China). The next morning was spent sightseeing at the Temple

of Heaven, where Emperors went to fast and pray. The afternoon was spent in rehearsal with the other bands invited to participate in the "Salute": an Oxon Hill High School Band, bands from Virginia and California, and the University of Maryland Community Band, directed by Mr. John Wakefield.

Tuesday morning was spent seeing the Olympic Village as it was being prepared for the upcoming Olympics, and then on to Tian Anmen Square and the Jade Factory. The first concert of the series was performed at a school for the arts in Beijing. The Oxon Hill band performed first. Then, the Roosevelt band performed, following by the Community Band. Then, all three bands performed together. This was followed by a performance by a traditional Chinese orchestra. Gifts of friendship were exchanged between the band directors. Each American director was given a porcelain egg to symbolize his or her friendship through the arts.

The next day, after touring the Forbidden City, the ancient palace of Emperors, the massed band performed at the Forbidden City Concert Hall. All five American bands performed in addition to a

children's Chinese orchestra and a children's Chinese band.

Thursday's itinerary included climbing the Great Wall of China and performing there. The rainy weather prohibited playing the concert, but everyone got great exercise climbing the Wall. That night was spent at the Peking Opera where the group was entertained by traditional Chinese music and dance.

The next day, the group flew to Xi'an for two days, where they toured the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the wall around the city of Xi'an and the Terra-Cotta Warriors museum. Xi'an is a city that dates back thousands of years when the first Emperor claimed it as the capital city of China. A highlight of the visit to Xi'an was an 18-course dumpling feast at the legendary De Fa Chang Restaurant.

On to Shanghai, the group met up with the other bands to play a concert at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center. The final days in China were spent touring and shopping in Shanghai. The sights included the Bund, where old meets new along the Huangpu River waterfront, the Silk Factory and the Yu Gardens and Market.

The group arrived back at Eleanor Roosevelt at about 3:30 a.m. on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and started recovering from "jetlag." The Beltsville residents who went on the trip to China are: Kathy, Pat, Erin and Eddie Mellott, Patrick McVeigh, and Carol and Natalie Herder.

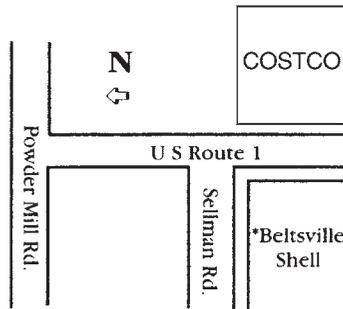


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The Citizen's Association will not meet in August. If you have any questions or concerns about the community I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net.

## Club News



(L-r) President Camillo DiCamillo, 3rd Vice President Charlie Deegan, Director Kuert Straubinger, Membership Chairperson Ginger Hand, Permanent Director Clyde Burt in foreground, Secretary Kevin Kennedy, Tail Twister Ann Ladd, Treasurer Andy Rolle, PDG Bill Lynch, Director Shirl Akers, PDG Jordan Burick, Lion Tamer Richard "Rick" Zerbe, and 1st Vice President Ted Ladd, PDG. Not pictured, Director Roberta "Bobbie" Deegan & Director Dan Hewins

## Beltsville Lions Celebrate 50 Years of Community Service

Members of the Beltsville Lions Club celebrated their 50th anniversary charter night at The Villa in Calverton on the evening of June 26, 2008. President Camillo DiCamillo opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and following brief opening ceremonies, guests were served dinner.

Members were very pleased to welcome Charter Member Clyde & Anna Burt, along with long time members Bradley & Marian Moore and L.J. & Louise Bryan. Members were also happy to greet Hildegard Jorgensen, wife of deceased member Ernie Jor-

gensen, and Sue Young, wife of deceased member Bob Young.

Special guests included Past District Governor's (PDG's) Mike Bleything, Bill Lynch, Jordan & Lion Connie Burick, Don & Lion Pat Norton, and Ken & Lioness Nancy Watson.

After dinner, President DiCamillo presented awards to last year's officers and committee chairmen, and this culminated with an award for then current District Governor Ted Ladd, presented by Lions Camillo and Kevin Kennedy. President DiCamillo also received an award for his service

as President.

Club members were very pleased to welcome Ms. Gillian D. Ghans into membership in the Club. Her daughter, Rae, accompanied Lion Gillian.

PDG Jordan Burick, aided by PDG Bill Lynch, installed the new club officers.

Lion Jim Jarboe of the Takoma Park Lions Club provided some great entertainment with his rendition of "Deal or no Deal." Charter member Clyde Burt was a willing contestant who played a convincing role.

## Another Banner Year for College Park Unit 217

By: Ivy Christoffers

July was a very rewarding month for College Park Unit # 217 American Legion Auxiliary. The Department Convention was held in Ocean City, MD on July 15 through the 18th. The delegates elected to attend were Unit President: Angie Rodriguez, Chaplain: Mary Keller, Treasurer: Joan Stewart and Secretary and Membership Chair: Ivy Christoffers. We all, except for Angie, arrived in Ocean City and checked into the Post Hospitality House held at Thunder Island before checking into our hotels and other living facilities. Angie was called to Alaska to serve as a judge in a Scholarship Pageant. On Monday morning at 10:00am there was a Southern Maryland District Caucus held at the Convention Center where Ivy Christoffers, (myself) was elected to serve as the Southern Maryland District President for the coming year. Her nomination speech was given by Mary Keller. Christoffers named her appointments to serve for the coming year and shared some of her goals for the district. That evening there was the annual "fish fry" held behind the convention center and the fish was just delicious. On Tuesday morning, after

a visit to registration to obtain our credentials, the Department Executive Meeting was held at 9:30am after which special meetings and rehearsals took place. Next it was a trip back to the hospitality house for lunch and fellowship. Tuesday evening the opening session was held at the convention center where the incoming National Commander was the guest speaker. On Wednesday morning the first session of the convention was called to order, nominations for Department Officers were held, after which nominations were held for delegates to the National Convention being held in Phoenix the last week of August. Ivy Christoffers was elected to attend along with 23 other delegates. On Wednesday evening a joint memorial service was held for all the members lost during the past year. This is always a very moving service. Our Unit lost three (3) members this past year.

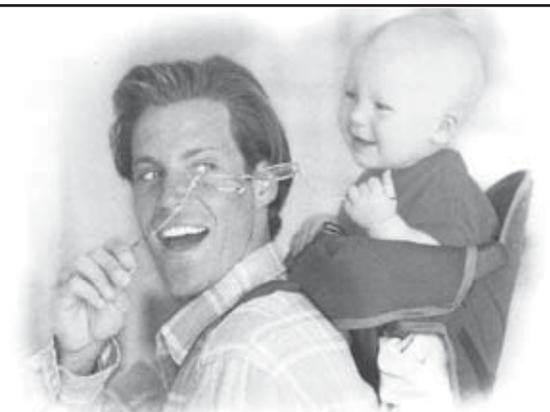
Thursday was a very rewarding day for College Park Unit 217 as we were presented with 10 certificates for the work accomplished in our size category, the units ranging from 128 to 205 members. These are first place in Americanism, Education, Legislative and National Security. The second place awards were for Children

& Youth, Poppy, and the Most Complete Publicity Report. Third place was won for Community Service, Cancer Control and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. We are very proud of the work accomplished by our members this past year. On Thursday afternoon Post # 217 hosted a reception in my honor that was well attended by many people from across the state of Maryland. Post and Unit members, as well as two (2) junior members, all worked very hard to insure the success of this event and they have my heartfelt gratitude for this special time in my life.

On Friday the installation was held after which the new membership theme was introduced. This year we are all "troops" and we are "Answering The Call to Service." Each District President (there are 7 of us) was given the chance to draw from a cup of folded slips of paper to see what our service focus for our respective districts would be. I lucked out and drew WWII. The song assigned to us is "I'll Be Seeing You." Music is a great part of the life of the new Department President, Meredith "Rusty" Beeg from Greenbelt Unit 136. There are so many great songs from

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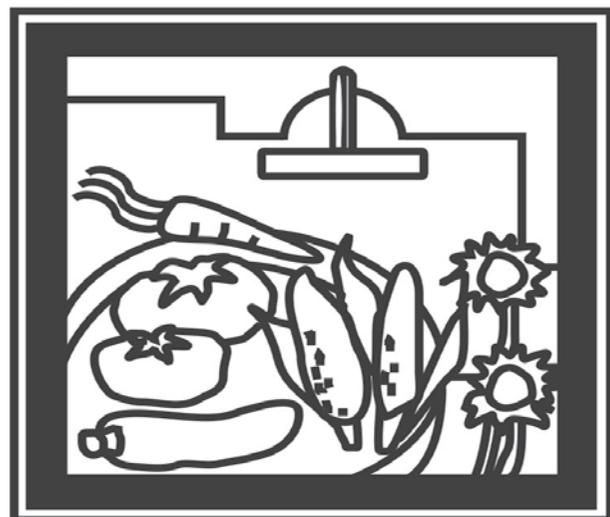
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## Club News

# Beltsville Rotary's Leaders for 2008-09

By Ivy Christoffers

The late afternoon sun was shining down and the light summer breeze came wafting through the trees as the members of Beltsville Rotary, accompanied by their spouses, arrived at The Inn at Brookville Farms for the annual "rite of passage" of leadership from one Rotarian to another. June 28th marks the date Dr. John Moynihan once again assumed the office of President of our club, The Beltsville Rotary. The evening was well planned by Dr. John and his lovely wife. Our guests for the evening were District 7620 Assistant Governor, Juan Marulanda and District 7620 Governor, Betty Lewis, who was introduced to all and it was announced that she would serve as the installing officer. After a delicious dinner, retiring Club President Yuksel Sagirlioglu gave his remarks and presented awards to several club members who assisted him in his year. Following the presentation of awards, District 7620 Governor, Betty Lewis was once again presented. She spoke of her hopes and plans for the upcoming year after which she installed the following: President: Dr. John Moynihan, President Elect: Richard Salamy, Secretary: Joyce Malin, Treasurer: John Tvelia and Past President, Yuksel Sagirlioglu.

President Moynihan thanked everyone for coming and had a special thank you for those members who agreed to serve in vari-



Rotary District 7620 District Governor, Betty Lewis, installs Dr. John Moynihan as the 2008-2009 President of Beltsville Rotary.

ous positions for the coming year, after which he spoke of his plans and goals for the year. President Moynihan stressed the need to recruit qualified members, to pick up our attendance through obtaining good, informative and interesting speakers, and to add more fun into our meetings. He urged members of long standing to give a "reclassification" talk if they have not done so in the last five years. Dr. John shared his belief in Rotary and how it has changed over the years. He said, "Rotary has changed my life for the better. Through Rotary, I have become more aware of the needs and issues of my community and my world. Rotary has given me a worthwhile vehicle to become involved and exact a positive change. The first and probably most important change was in me. I'm proud of Rotary and especially our little club. Let us all work together to keep it around for a while." His words were inspiring to all of us.

On another note, we have been privileged to hear the reclassification speeches of Past Rotary Presidents Nancy Randall and Howard

Phoebus. They were most informative and entertaining.

Our big fundraiser of the year, our annual golf tournament was held at Glendale Golf Course on Tuesday, July 15th. There is a notice elsewhere in this paper of the sponsors and many of the participants. President Elect Richard Salamy headed up this event, with many club members assisting, and did a great job for the club. Several students will benefit from the monies raised as we fund their scholarships to college.

At our July 22nd meeting, Joyce Malin was presented with her Paul Harris Fellowship certificate, pin and medal. This is always a highlight for a Rotarian.

As you can see, the Beltsville Rotary is a great civic organization that offers much to the community and expands their care and concern to worldwide issues as well. If you would like to check us out, we meet at the Holiday Inn in College Park for lunch each Tuesday and you are welcome to join us. Call 301.595.5225 to inquire about Rotary.

## Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

July 17 was our Picnic Potluck celebration. The committee in charge of decorations was made up of members Blanche Howell, Thelma Forte, Rosa Stiggers and Gladys Brown. These ladies did a great job. The theme was patriotic and everything was red, white, and blue with eagles for the decorations. Thelma teaches ceramics at the community center and made the eagle centerpieces that were used as door prizes. A beautiful filled gift basket and two large ceramic eagles were raffled off

and won by Wanda Bell, Elvira Washington and Margarite Vause. The committee members donated everything. A fifty-fifty was held and won by Mary Hooper, Marylyn Dillon, and Marion Mitchner. All in all, lovely decorations, scrumptious food and good friends made for a good time. A little reminder that our officers are volunteers, elected by us and we need to back them. All grievances should be taken through proper channels and not aired at the meetings. Now let's think happy thoughts, smile and be kind to each other.



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### Beltsville Adventist School Inducts 11 into National Junior Honor Society

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BAS members of the NJHS were chosen for their personal achievements in the five criteria areas and for their participation in school activities and community service projects in their communities. As members of the NJHS, this distinguished group of students uses their skills and knowledge

to help younger children at the school thrive through tutoring and mentoring programs.

### New Principal Selected for St. Joseph's School

After searching for a new principal since Easter, the St. Joseph's Search Committee decided to offer the position to Andrew T. Currier, an English teacher and baseball coach at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, VA. Mr. Currier brings a wealth of teaching experience and has taught in such diverse locales as Miami, FL, France, and Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Currier joins a growing population of graduates from the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program who work as teachers and principals in the Archdiocese of Washington. Extremely pleased at the opportunity to join such a dedicated staff, Currier plans to "continue to improve on an already excellent institution both in academics and athletics." Mr. Currier has an extensive background in athletics as he is a former college baseball pitcher and has had the privilege of coaching at two of the nation's top high school baseball programs (St. Thomas Aquinas--Fort Lauderdale, FL and Paul VI--Fairfax, VA). Although he will miss coaching, Mr. Currier is looking forward



Rev. J. Michael Quill, Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and Andrew T. Currier, Principal of St. Joseph's Catholic School.

to the challenge of administration and responsibility of guiding an elementary school. Mr. Currier perceives his role as principal primarily as that of a servant. Currier says, "My function as principal is to serve the children's needs first. I look forward to joining the close-knit parish and school life at St. Joseph's. My fiancée Sarah and I have already received an extremely warm welcome."

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**BELTSVILLE EVENTS**

**TRIBUTE TO SGT. FINDLEY**

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**CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SWAP**

Saturday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m., Calvary Alliance Church, 12020 Old Gunpowder Rd., Beltsville. We are seeking people who would like to participate in a children's clothing swap. This is an opportunity to exchange unwanted or outgrown clothing. Bring clean clothing in good condition, no rips, tears, or stains. There is a \$10.00 donation requested for each space. For info contact Mrs. Lennon at 301-595-4393 or e-mail cacpastor@caccma.org.

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**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore's Critter Costumes. Ages 6 – 12.

Monday, August 11 at 2:00 p.m. Turley the Magician. Ages 6 – 12.

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**GET YOUR HANDS GREEN!**

Thursday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. Learn how to build a small functional greenhouse out of recycled materials. All ages. Fee: Free. Pre-register by Friday August 1. After August 1, please call to check on availability.

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**END OF SUMMER BASH**

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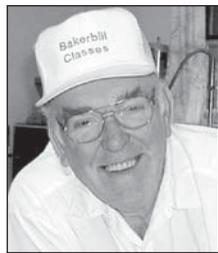
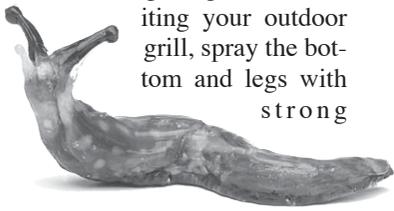
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I will call this article, "Consumers Corner." In my Baker's newsletter there's a lot of stuff,

- To remove egg or bird droppings, soak with water and baking soda.
- Clean up oil on driveway using linseed oil. Soak and wipe up,
- To clean out a blocked drain, pour a cup of baking soda and hot water, then a cup of strong salt water, then a cup of vinegar let set for 15 minutes. Flush out.
- To clean a sticky iron, sprinkle salt water on the hot iron and rub on brown paper.
- To stop slugs from visiting your outdoor grill, spray the bottom and legs with strong



# Baker Bill

## STUFF 'N THINGS

salt water and let dry. It will turn a little white, but they will not crawl through the area.

- If you like to sit outside in the evenings and bees and other bugs won't leave you alone, stop using perfumes and body perfume. You may not smell them after a long day but the bugs can. The same goes for men's aftershave lotion

and cologne. I used the word bugs because I could not spell mosquitoes.

I have tried a few of the above things. In the drain cleaner salt and vinegar are a strong acid they will turn a copper pot bright in seconds. As for the slugs this does work. I put strong salt water in a spray bottle and kept it under the grill a year later still no slug strips in my grill. When I sprayed the under side of



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the grill the first time a couple fell off.

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Question? What is this talk about Gin Soaked raisins?

That's it for this month, stay cool!

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*August 2*  
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*August 9*  
Dunbar Henri

*August 16*  
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*August 23*  
Dan Pabon

*August 30*  
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*Community  
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*September*  
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## School News

### St. Joseph's Catholic School End-of-the-Year Wrapup

By Andrew T. Currier, Principal

The final months of the 2007/2008 school year provided many exciting events at St. Joseph's Catholic School. First grade teacher Mrs. Duckett conducted the annual "Multi-Cultural Night", which was well attended and saw several spectacular performances in song and dance. The musical and visual performances were garnished with authentic costumes and food from around the world. The April 19th event gave voice to the ethnically diverse St. Joseph's School and Parish population.

As usual, Mr. Martens' St. Joseph's band ensemble garnered a "Superior Rating" from the Archdiocese of Washington. Our band gave a performance to the student body during the school day. An



William "Ray" Harrell receiving award from Knights of Columbus.

evening performance was given for friends, family and parishioners. The success of the orchestra speaks to the excellent extra-curricular opportunities afforded to students who attend St. Joseph's. Mr. Martens is currently holding

a summer band camp for the Archdiocese at St. Joseph's.

Field Day was a major success this year with excellent volunteer participation and delicious refreshments for students, parents and volunteers. Students were involved in events such as the three-legged race, bean-bag toss, and a free-throwing distance contest.

In June, Mrs. Nolan's kindergartners celebrated their progression to first grade. Mr. Nolan and Mrs. Sarkar assisted with the graduation ceremonies. Kindergarten students were proud to accept their certificates and they pleased the crowd with their songs.

Of course there was much excitement for the eighth grade students towards the end of the year as they anxiously awaited high school acceptance letters and



Mr. Martens and members of St. Joseph's award-winning band.

scholarship award money. Erica, an eighth grade student (pictured) was awarded the "Every Penny Counts" scholarship given towards Catholic high school tuition. We wish our eighth grade class all the best as they prepare for their freshman year.

Rising eighth grader William "Ray" Harrell was awarded the "Renaissance Man of the Year" award for being a great example to

classmates in his various involvements in school activities including band, all-star athletics, and the school's safety patrol. Congratulations again Ray!

The St. Joseph's faculty and staff are working vigorously to prepare for another positive and activity-filled 2008/2009 school year. We look forward to seeing our students September 2, 2008!

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that era that we will be able to focus on this year. At our upcoming Fall Conference being held in Solomons Island in October, we District Presidents are expected to entertain with something from our chosen era. That will prove to be a challenge for some of us, but we are up to the task.

College Park Post #217 came home with awards as well. Two Charles St. Clair Special Olympics Plaques, one for the Summer Games and another one for the Winter Games will join all the others hanging on our "Special Olympics Wall." A third plaque was won for the Children & Youth programs sponsored by Post #217. All in all, a very rewarding year for College Park Post & Unit #217.

July 3rd, Post and Unit members from College Park # 217, along with a member of Post 131 and one from Post 136, made their way to Walter Reed VAMC where they held a picnic for the wounded soldiers and their families at Fisher House. Approximately 30 guests were entertained among which were many children who seemed to enjoy themselves tremendously. We are privileged to support our troops whenever and wherever we can. Post #217 continues to make monthly visits to the wounded at Walter Reed and Bethesda Medical and will continue to do so as long as the need exists. If you are curious about how you might become a part of these events you read about, I invite you to call 301.441.2783 and express your desire to be informed.

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