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Beltsville Briefs

ESOL at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Spring ESOL classes at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, will begin Tuesday, January 18, 2011 and will continue each Tuesday evening through April 26, 2011, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We will provide English language instruction at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Registration for this session will cost \$20.00, and this fee will be refunded to those students who maintain perfect attendance. Supervised care for children one year of age and older will be provided at a charge of \$1.00 per family per class session. This spring we are expanding this childcare program to include the availability of help with homework or other school projects for school-age children.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, January 21st, in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for, \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or at the door. Refreshments are available. Snow date is January 28th.

A Very Huge Thank You To Our Community

By Elaine Chabot

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville would like to thank everyone for helping us serve the community. Our Food For Beltsville program provided Thanksgiving turkeys, potatoes, other fresh items, and lots of non-perishable food for fifty-one persons on November 20th. The Boy Scouts also baked many pumpkins pies to round out a Thanksgiving meal for those in need. Our Holiday Gift Giving and our Food For Beltsville pro-



This wonderful group from Beltsville Adventist School sorted and boxed all our food: Wendy Pega, Robbie Peterson, John Peter, Dylan Antone, Kristen Varghese, Dominique DeAbreu, Jared Canubas, Jezica Siarez, Erica Stevens, Karina Ruiz, and Lauryn Daniels.

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Thanks Phi Kappa Sigma!

Thanks so much to **Phi Kappa Sigma, a social/service fraternity** at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), for the wonderful job they did at Martin L. King Jr. Middle School. This fraternity heard about the need for our school's courtyard to be "winterized" and mulched and didn't hesitate to come to our aid. Within three days of hearing about our very weathered courtyard, the members of this fraternity came over on a Saturday morning and completed the work. They weeded, trimmed bushes, edged around all of the plants, and mulched the entire area. Not only did they do all of the work, but they also hauled away all of the excess so that our custodians didn't have to clean up during the

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Two Beltsville Academy Teachers Achieve National Board Certification

Teacher effectiveness has become one of the most critical issues facing America's schools today. Teaching excellence in Prince George's County has taken a step forward following the announcement by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) that Mr. Greg Guiswite, a Physical Education teacher and Ms. Lilian Winters, an ESOL teacher at Beltsville Academy have achieved National Board Certification in 2010.



Greg Guiswite



Lilian Winters

A voluntary assessment program designed to develop, recognize and retain accomplished teachers, National Board Certification is achieved through a performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete. While state

licensing systems set basic requirements to teach in each state, National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills, and practices.

"For more than a decade, National Board Certified Teachers have been transforming our nation's schools by demonstrating effective teaching practice," said Joseph A. Aguerrebere, NBPTS president and chief executive officer. "I am proud that Mr. Guiswite and Ms. Winters are among a select group of excellent teachers nationwide who have achieved National Board Certification. These outstanding educators are making a positive difference in the lives of students."

"Like board-certified medical doctors, National Board Certified Teachers have met high standards through intensive study,

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

UNDERSTANDING THE REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT PROCESS. A representative from the County Tax Assessment Office will be the guest speaker at our January meeting. If you have a question that you would like to discuss submit by Friday January 14.

AUTO THEFT: HOW TO REDUCE THEFT FROM AUTOMOBILES Park in a well lighted area. Remove items of value. If you have a portable GPS, make sure you wipe the ring share, where the GPS is placed, off your windshield or dash. Lock doors and roll up windows. Activate car alarm. **DO NOT TURN YOUR CAR ON TO WARM IT UP DURING THE WINTER MONTHS AND LEAVE IT UNATTENDED!** It is against the law and you run the risk of having your car stolen!

TRUANCY OR SKIP PARTIES are becoming a problem with High Point Students. During the day if you see children walking the streets or hanging out at your neighbor's house call the police. High Point has scheduled a **COMMUNITY MEETING** to discuss problems that Truancy is creating at the school and in the community. The PTSA and School are working on several solutions. They would like to hear your suggestions and concerns. Mark your calendar for January 11, 2011.

VICTIMS OF CRIMES IN BELTSVILLE: Make every effort to show up for your court cases. When you do not show up the suspect is back out on the street and

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

Excerpted from the
January 1986 issue

Celebrates 25th Anniversary

On January 26, Emmanuel United Methodist Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of worshipping at the Cedar Lane site.

New Arrival

Chris and Bernie Milbourne of Beltsville announced the arrival of their second daughter, Ruth Nicole.

Tracy Got Rave Reviews

Frank Tracy, principal of High Point High School, received rave reviews for his role of FDR in "Annie."

Service News

U.S. Army Spec. 4, Sari P. Caldwell was serving as a pharmacy specialist in West Germany.

Master Sgt. Michael F. Everest, USAF received second award of the Meritorious Service Medal.

Award Winners

Robert and Otis Jean Benson received a badge award from Citizens' Concerned for a Cleaner County on Dec. 11, 1985.

50th Anniversary Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. May, formerly of Beltsville, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 11, 1986.

Holiday Baskets for Needy Families

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville distributed 36 holiday baskets to needy families in Beltsville.

Obituaries

Wilbur T. Pentzer of Beltsville died on December 9, 1985. He was an active member of the Beltsville Rotary Club.

Winston A. Kulberg (Lt. Col. USAF, retired) passed away on December 9, 1985

Joseph Yaklich, Jr. died on December 22, 1985, at his son's home in Beltsville.



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expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review," added Aguerrebere.

NBCTs consistently receive top teaching honors while representing about two percent of the nation's teaching population. For example:

Three of the past five National Teachers of the Year are National Board certified

One-third of the 2010 State Teachers of the Year are National Board certified. More than one-

third of the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are National Board certified. Four of the five National Teachers Hall of Fame 2010 honorees are National Board certified.

In the most rigorous and comprehensive study to date about National Board Certification, the non-partisan National Research Council found that students taught by NBCTs make higher gains on achievement tests than students taught by other teachers.

National Board Certification is recognized as a model for identi-

fying accomplished teaching practice and is supported by teachers and administrators nationwide. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and hundreds of local school districts recognize National Board Certification as a mark of distinction. Many states and local school districts provide salary incentives and cover the cost for teachers who pursue and achieve this advanced teaching credential.

For more information about NBPTS, visit the NBPTS Web site at www.nbpts.org.

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National Active & Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1122 Northern Prince Georges County

Our monthly meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, at the Greenbrier Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. Call the office for directions at 301.441.1096 and Dial 0. You do not need to be a member to attend. Our speaker will be Chef Monica Thomas speaking on "Healthy Eating for Seniors." We usually serve refreshments - healthy? Beltsville residents needing a ride, call Bob Haas at 301.937.7987.

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next school day. It is very refreshing to know that there are college students in these kinds of service organizations who hear about the needs of others and are so willing to help their community fulfill these needs. Congratulations to UMBC for encouraging these organizations on campus to help the community and for inspiring those at the college level to offer their services.

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Cabin Camping at Hard Bargain Farm

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

At the end of each year Troop 1033 has gone cabin camping to celebrate the activities of the year. This was a bittersweet camping trip for me as I have decided to retire as Scoutmaster at the end of the year. I have enjoyed all 10 years of scouting, the last 7 as Scoutmaster, but it's time to move on and let younger adult leaders lead the troop. The scouts who attended the cabin camping trip were Adrian Villarroel, Alex Orellana, Al Diagne, Wil Miller, Patrick Miller, David Timus II, Patrick Deery, Chris Walker, Tyis Robinson, Jason Newlin, David Booth, Danny Moreno, Eric Matthews, and Chaim Johnson. Adult leaders who attended were Scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan, Assistant Scoutmasters, Rick Deery and Robbie Stewart, Troop Committee Chair, David Timus I, and scout parent Andre Johnson. All went to the Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, MD.



Scouts at Hard Bargain Farm

The troop stayed in Wareham Lodge, which has a great facility for scouting activities. The lodge has a large central area for indoor activities and eating, a large fully equipped kitchen, and sleeping facilities. Everyone had a good time touring the farm despite the bitter cold weather. We enjoyed petting the farm animals such as goats, sheep, donkeys, cows, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits. The scouts reveled in

playing touch football, gleefully participated in a game of manhunt (tag) in the dark, stayed warm watching movies and ate their fill of a Thanksgiving feast of turkey, stuffing, green bean salad, cranberries, garden salad, soda and

brownies with peppermint ice cream. Everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to go camping indoors in the cold weather after surviving tent camping in both hot and cold temperatures all year long.

Ned Lewis, High Point Music Teacher, Matriculates in Howard University

Mr. Ned Lewis, former music teacher and choir director at High Point High School for 14 years, has moved to Howard University in Washington, D.C. to take over as the fulltime director of the Rankin Memorial Chapel Chorus. Additionally, Mr. Lewis will begin teaches classes at Howard U. during

the Spring 2011 semester.

Mr. Lewis will be greatly missed by his high school students. He was more than merely a teacher. He was a mentor, a spiritual leader, a father figure and a friend to all of his students. As a special tribute to say goodbye, the alumni of the High Point choir

are presenting a musical program, "The Grand Finale...the end of the Ned Lewis Era" on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at High Point's Chotiner Auditorium located at 3601 Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville. The alumni will be performing many of the songs they have come to be known for, which

will include many genres of music and choreography. Tickets are available for \$15.00 for the concert only, or \$25.00 for the concert and post-concert reception.

Contact 240.320.4834 for tickets or more information no later than December 31, 2010.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Marks 50th Anniversary on Cedar Lane

Twenty-five years ago, on January 26, 1986, Emmanuel United Methodist Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the church's location on Cedar Lane. Prior to the church moving to Cedar Lane, the congregation met at its site on Prince George's Avenue, where services were conducted from 1893 through 1960.

Emmanuel will note its 50th anniversary on Cedar Lane in January. The first Methodist congregation formed in Beltsville in June 1836, so Emmanuel United Methodist Church is planning a celebration of 175 years of Methodism in Beltsville in June 2011.

Pastor Daniel Mejia and the congregation of Emmanuel United Methodist Church wish everyone a blessed and prosperous New Year.

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Neighbors in the News

The Maryland University Market for Small Businesses

By Paul G. Zurkowski,
 coordinator, Beltsville
 Business Breakfast

Victoria Leatherwood, heads the University of Maryland College Park's program to provide opportunities for small, minority, women and veteran-owned businesses which achieved record highs this year with \$86 million (20%) of contract dollars to minority and women-owned businesses and \$21 million (6%) expenditures with Maryland Small Business Reserve firms.

Ms. Leatherwood led a spirited discussion with the Beltsville Business Breakfast group recently on how to do business selling to the University and its 300 departments.

The University participates in the Maryland Small Business Reserve program, with vendors showing up in real time on www.smallbusinessreserve.maryland.gov (currently 7,000 registered small businesses). Companies wishing to do business with the University should also register at www.emarylandmarketplace.com, the State portal for bid solicitations, some reserved for Maryland Small Businesses and some having subcontracting opportunities for MDOT-certified minority and women-owned businesses.



Victoria Underwood addressed the Beltsville Business Breakfast on the morning of December 15th (Photo by Jay Williams Design Company)

dollars are for Capital Construction Projects, with subcontracting opportunities for MDOT-certified minority and women-owned firms. Little opportunity for small businesses exists for computers under educational agreements with the manufacturers and technology needed for performing research. There are small business opportunities for small construction projects and on going commodity and services. Campus departments also are given the flexibility to use University VISA purchasing cards for up to \$5,000.

Case examples of business opportunities for small business illustrate the peculiarities involved:

- Most furniture is purchased from the Prison Industries. There may be opportunities for enterprising small businesses to become providers of supplies needed by the Prison Department to produce the products sold to the University.

- Printing and catering opportunities exist even though the University has its own printing operation and some buildings only allow the Campus Dining Services to cater their events. Small busi-

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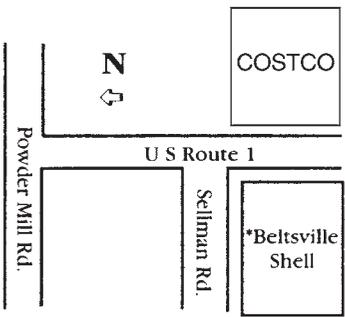
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Club News

By Louise DeJames,
Publicity Chair

Ring in another year of informative gardening topics by attending the Beltsville Garden Club meeting on, **Wednesday, January 26th 2011** at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail, Beltsville.

Our speaker for this month will be **Kimberley M. Knox**, Com-

munity Outreach Manager for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and a member of the Beltsville Garden Club. Her topic will be **"Water Conservation and Gardens."** Kim

is the editor of "Landscaping for Water Conservation: Xeriscape!" She is responsible for coordinating WSSC's demonstration garden, which highlights native plants for birds and butterflies. She will also

speak about the seven basic principles to incorporate into your landscape and to ensure that you save water, money and time.

Please join us for this informative speaker. Refreshments will be

served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcomed and admission is free.

For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at: www.beltsvillegardenclub.org

Pete Spaulding 25 Years Later

Peter "Pete" Spaulding was mentioned in last month's issue in the 25 Years Ago column regarding his success playing baseball at High Point High School and making the team at the University of Maryland.

Mr. Spaulding currently serves as the Assistant Commander of the Maryland State Police barracks in La Plata, MD. Following his graduation from the University, he joined the Maryland State Police and has served with them for 17 years. He married Janeen Frankel of Crofton, Maryland in 1997 and together they have two beautiful daughters, Madison and Morgan.

Pete sends his best wishes for a Happy New Year to his friends in and around Beltsville.

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nesses may be able to handle the overflow for University services, sometimes at a lower cost.

- Finding business with departments can't be done with mass mailings. Small businesses need to know what University of Maryland Departments do and when that involves needs that can be satisfied by small businesses. Personal contact most often is required.

Ms. Leatherwood offered to hold one-on-one meetings with small businesses to help them sharpen their focus on specific needs of Departments and to identify specific Departments where prospecting calls have a higher chance of success. Her phone number is 301.405.5850.

The Beltsville Business Breakfast is hosted by the 21st District Delegation. Senator Jim Rosapepe illustrated the direct value of his presence by exploring the basis for the recurrent need to re-register for the Small Business Reserve program. He serves on the oversight committee and was able to explore the justification for frequent re-registration requirements. The House of Delegates members of the delegation include Ben Barnes, Barbara Frush and Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk.

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Engagements

Faulconer/Pollack Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James Faulconer and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pollack are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Kristen L. Faulconer and Nathaniel I. Pollack. Both families are long-time residents of Beltsville.

Kristen graduated from High Point High School in 2005, attended Howard Community College, and is currently enrolled in a 2-year Dental Hygienist Program at Fortis College. Nathaniel graduated from Pallotti High School in 2002. He is a licensed tree expert with Beltsville's Adirondack Tree Experts, Inc.

Kristen and Nathaniel are planning a May 27, 2011 wedding at Morningside Inn in Frederick, Maryland. Family and friends wish them a lifetime of happiness!



Kristen Faulconer & Nathaniel Pollack Engaged

Obituaries

Green Reio, Vivian R.

Vivian R. Green Reio passed away on November 22, at age 77. The Morningside Park Senior Living Community in Jessup was her home for the past 13 years. Vivian was born and raised in Beltsville, with her mother and father, Edna and Guy Roby, and her seven siblings. Four sisters survive her: Peggy, Evelyn, Janet, and Anita. The street on which the family grew up was given the Roby name. Vivian's husband of 35 years, John Green, died in 1984 from lung cancer. Together, they had four children: Gail, John Jr., Cherie, and Melody. She remarried in 1989, to Ernest Reio and was widowed again in 1993. A large family that loved her dearly survives Vivian, including nine grandchildren, Mitchel, Tina, Bradley, Daniel, Rachel, Jackie, Brian, Cristina, and Victoria; and three great-grandchildren, Layla, John III, and Ava. Her family and friends could always count on her to be there in times of need, celebration, and everything

in between. Relatives and friends called at Donaldson Funeral Home, P.A. 313 Talbot Ave., Laurel, MD 20707 on Sunday, November 28, where funeral service was held on Monday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. John's Episcopal Cemetery, Beltsville, MD.

Klim, John Richard

John Richard Klim, 84, of Beltsville passed away at 11:30 p.m. on November 10, 2010 at the Washington Adventist Hospital. John was a World War II and Korean War Veteran and a retired Washington, D.C. Police Officer. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Irene (Nareski) Klim, in 1958. His son, John Richard Klim II, of Beltsville MD and his brother, Leonard Batiuk, of Tonawanda, New York survive him. Maryland visitation was held on Monday and Tuesday, November 15 and 16, in the chapel of Donald V Borgwardt Funeral Home P.A., 4400 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville. Pennsylvania visitation was held on Thursday and Friday November 18 and 19, in the chapel

of S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, 530 West Main Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania. The funeral was on Saturday November 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Interment followed in St. Casimir's Cemetery.

Koenig, Joseph A.

Joseph A. Koenig of Beltsville died on Thursday November 11, 2010 at age 90. He was the beloved husband of the late Deborah L. Koenig, Lillian E. Koenig and Mary Nordan-Koenig; devoted father of Martha Orletsky (Glenn); grandfather of Heather Milke (Chris) and Holly Erdely (Mike); great grandfather of Cj, Mike and Megan Milke; stepfather of James Robert Nordan (Alice) and family. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Maryland on Monday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Keiffer Bent officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery; Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice, 11800 Tech Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904.

Club News

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

By Elaine Chabot, President

This year's regular daytime meetings will be held, as usual, on the second Monday of most months: February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, and June 13th at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC) on Cedar Lane. We will not be meeting in January.

The Angel Tree program, partnering with EMUC, provides Christmas gifts and clothing to children of prisoners. This year our club provided gifts and clothing for two of these children.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs, pro-

viding food and gifts for families in need, was successful due to many generous community citizens!

Remember to join us at the Beltsville Citizens Association meeting on January 19, 2011 at the Beltsville Academy at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about our property assessments. Our mission is to serve the Beltsville community. Please remember we are a 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible!

If you would like more information about our club, please contact Elaine Chabot, President, at ecchabot@aol.com

Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Join us – and US Senator Ben Cardin – Sunday, January 9, to welcome 2011!

I hope you can join my wife Sheilah and me for our Welcome 2011 Celebration on Sunday, January 9, from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m., at Cherry Hill Park (9800 Cherry Hill Rd) in College Park. U.S. Senator Ben Cardin will be our special guest. Families are welcome. Please RSVP soon to Jim.Rosapepe@gmail.com or 301.441.8690. Directions: From 495, exit 25 – College Park (US Route One). Make an immediate right onto Cherry Hill Rd. Go one mile to park entrance on left, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Drive straight past the office at the entrance and then turn right onto Yosemite Lane. The Conference Center is a short drive. We look forward to seeing you!

A new way to protect your home from foreclosure

This year, Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk and I joined our colleagues to pass Maryland's **new Foreclosure Mediation law**. It **requires banks to be much more responsive to homeowners facing foreclosure**. The law gives homeowners a new opportunity to meet with the lender and an independent party to ensure that alternatives to foreclosure have been considered and evaluated.

If the home facing foreclosure is your principal residence, you now have the right to request mediation once your bank starts foreclosure proceedings with the court system. At that time, the lender must send a "Request for Foreclosure Mediation" form. You then have 15 days to complete the form and file it with the Circuit Court. You must pay a non-refundable \$50 fee when you formally file this request for mediation.

This law is a major new protection – forcing banks to return your

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robbing your neighbor. Some suspects in Beltsville robberies and break-ins are repeat suspects who keep getting a free pass because the victims do not show up to testify against them, so the cycle continues.

The Beltsville Citizen's Association's next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Academy on Wicomico Avenue. If you have a question or concern I can be reached at 301.937.0157 or karenmcoakley@verizon.net. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



Senator Jim Rosapepe

call and to try to work out a plan to keep you in your home. But don't wait until you can request mediation before starting efforts to save your home. The opportunity to participate in mediation occurs at a late stage in the foreclosure process and does not guarantee you may avoid foreclosure. Contact your lender and a housing counselor at the earliest sign of financial difficulty.

A list of housing counseling agencies near you can be obtained by calling the MDHOPE hotline at 877.462.7555 or by visiting www.mdhope.org and clicking on the Counseling tab. Or if you still are not getting the help you need, call my office at 301.858.3141.

Beltsville Businesses – Join us Wednesday morning, January 19

One year ago, at the suggestion of several local business leaders, Delegates Frush, Barnes, Peña-Melnyk and I launched the first of the monthly Beltsville Business Breakfasts to bring local businesses together to help themselves

and the whole community.

Our community has a wealth of entrepreneurs and community-oriented businesses – high firms, retailers, health care providers, construction companies, auto service firms, restaurants, consulting firms, banks, and many others. What Beltsville hadn't had was a regular forum for local businesses to network, cooperate on common problems and opportunities, and learn from each other, experts, and business and government decision-makers.

In the past year, more than 100 local business people have participated. A number have found new customers already at one of the breakfasts. Speakers have included Will's Home Decorating, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union, the USDA on the topic of federal procurement, and newly elected County Executive Rushern Baker. **Join us this month to meet fellow business owners on January 19, 7:30-9:00 a.m. at Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville. Please RSVP to 21stdistrictdelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.** Our speakers will be from Joseph W. McCartin Insurance and the US Small Business Administration on the topic of changes in ownership. A continental breakfast will be provided at a cost of \$8 at the door. Also, go to www.Beltsville-Business.com for regular updates on the Business Breakfasts.

Contact Us

As always, please let us know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if we can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 301.858.3141.



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By Ivy Christoffers

The past few weeks have seen the Beltsville Rotary members revisiting some very memorable times in our lives. Rotarian Sonja Festerling hosted an especially poignant meeting on December 7, 2010, which she called (tongue in cheek) "current events." Sonja invited each person in attendance to recall just what they were doing when they and/or their families first heard the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor. There were quite a few who were too young to have first hand knowledge of that infamous day however; many did recount their memories of that particular December 7 so many years ago. This columnist spoke of the unusual silence and hushed tones that abounded in her usually boisterous home. The very atmosphere in our farmhouse was one of apprehension and uncertainty as it was in many homes at the time. Our entire family huddled around the radio as our president addressed the nation. Other members recalled they were at ball games, in school, and otherwise occupied in everyday activities, which will always be ingrained in their memories because of the impact of that one event.

Another visitor this past month was Jane Meyers who brought us an update in the Lubuto Library project, which Beltsville Rotary has supported since the project first came to our attention. We were introduced to many of the feature players and teachers by video and saw the newest school buildings and libraries that have since been constructed. It is very heartwarming to see how our support has changed the lives of these children who now enjoy books,

computers and an education that was not possible before this project began. Many thousands of children have availed themselves of this great opportunity. Thank you, Jane, for your dedication and perseverance.

On the first weekend in December our members were at the Calverton Giant and Behnke's Nursery "ringing the bells" for the Salvation Army. Rotarian Eleanor Frierson chaired this committee, and did a great job. The last of the dictionaries were distributed to third grade students this month



Jane Meyers, founder of Lubuto Libraries, and Beltsville Rotary President, Howard Phoebus, on the occasion of her most recent visit in December 2010

and December 20th saw some members assisting with the gift distribution at the Salvation Army on Edmondson Road. December 21st we held our annual Christmas party complete with Mrs. Santa Claus who brought goodies for all and led the sing-a-long while President Howard distributed gifts and cookies.

As you can see by the above report, we do have a great time as we work and play together. We find the Rotary way of life so satisfying as we strive to better the lives of the less fortunate. We offer an invitation to you to join us in the New Year. Check us out on Tuesdays at noon at The Holiday Inn.

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Beltsville Lions

By President Ted Ladd

The Beltsville Lions will sponsor its quarterly blood drive at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, on Tuesday, January 18 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please call 301.937.6796 for an appointment. The Washington Hospital Center will conduct the blood donations, and has limited the drive to just 24 donors. So please call to make an appointment and be one of the select 24. We warmly welcome Cynthia

Glover as a new member of the Beltsville Lions Club.

In last month's article, one of the generous donors to our annual silent auction was inadvertently omitted, and that is the Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union, to whom we send belated thanks.

All 41 members of the Beltsville Lions Club wish readers a very Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season, and a wonderful New Year of 2011.

Club News

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Shofield

We wound up 2010 with a trip on November 30 to *Sight and Sound*, and on December 15 we went to Ford Theater to see holiday shows. Both show trips were delightful. December 16 was our last meeting of the year and we had our Christmas Party. The installation of new officers took place first. Jeanette Vannoy conducted the swearing in ceremony. Blanche crowned Jeanette Vannoy "Queen for a Day." The party committee made beautiful baskets to be raffled off, plus door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Fern Edwards made the table centerpieces, which were lovely. Thanks to all the people who helped Dottie in the kitchen. Dottie does a wonderful job running our kitchen at all times. There was a lot of food, including pastas, salads, meat and cheese platters, etc. The dessert table was amazing. Even with bad weather I think everyone enjoyed the party.

Come join the club and make new friends and have some fun. I hope everyone had a great holiday. Let's all make a new friend in 2011.



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School News

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write independently, illustrate their writing or elect to read literature for further ideas.

During the holiday season, some students wrote about intangible gifts such as forgiveness, patience, respect, understanding, love, hope and others to give to loved ones throughout the year. The only time there are moans from the young writers is when they are warned that it is almost time to stop writing and prepare to go home. Young Authors are never ready to stop writing! There is a waiting list for students to join the Young Authors club, which indicates that if given the opportunity, students will both appreciate and enjoy the art of written expression.

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choir also performed in front of a packed audience, singing reverent Christmas carols and helping the audience truly get into the spirit of Christmas. The price of admittance was a donation of a canned food item, which went to help stock the St. Joseph's Church pantry. Mr. Nguyen was applauded for his direction and St. Joseph's parents and parishioners always look forward to another Christmas pageant featuring the students.

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MAD SCIENCE

Saturday, January 8. Two sessions: 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Before Wilbur and Orville could even begin to build an airplane, they had to understand the science that makes flying possible. Join Mad Science of Washington, D.C. for an exciting and interactive program about science. Tickets are available the day of the show. Cost: \$5 per person (includes museum admission).

FLY NOW!

The exhibition continues until February 25. It showcases 40 aviation posters — from the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum — from 1860 to the present, representing countries from North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. The posters in Fly Now! are not only noteworthy artifacts of aviation history and of the 20th century, but they tell stories about how we traveled, thought about distance and technology, and viewed our place in the world. Free with museum admission.

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, January 18, 3:00-6:45 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road. Sponsored by the Beltsville Lions Club. Professionals from the Washington Hospital Center MedStar provide the services and are very competent. Call Ted for appointment (301.937.6796) or just drop in.

BELTSVILLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Wednesday, January 19, 7:30 a.m. at the Cross Creek Golf Club in Beltsville, 12800 Bay Hill Drive. Breakfast is provided for the \$8 admission fee. The breakfast serves as a listening post for the 21st District delegation members, Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegates Barbara Frush, Ben Barnes and Joseline Peña-Melnik. To pre-register please call 301.858.3141.

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There are two workshops scheduled: Saturday, January 15 at 12:00 p.m., and Sunday, January 23 at 8:00 a.m.

RAISING AND CULTIVATING AFRICAN VIOLETS

Saturday, January 29 at 8:00 a.m. This is a

discussion and demonstration.

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, January (10) at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION AND WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Wednesday, January (19) at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School, 4300 Wicomico Ave.

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I am not sure who made the call not to pay a cost of living increase again this year, but for sure they do not do the shopping. I know the housing and auto markets are still down but all other prices are going up fast. I know one thing for sure; I will not vote to put these people back in office.

In the consumer corner, beware of TV infomercials that promise to send you two for the price of one if you pay a separate shipping charge. Along with this, some are promising free shipping, but the handling charge will be heavy on both items! The last time I got stung on this type of scam I received four items, each with a \$5.00 shipping charge.

Well, the holidays are over

and I hope all had a stress free time. No tears. It's great to have all my family in one spot, not once but twice. It will be summertime before it happens again.

Starting this month, kids will spend a lot of time inside. Make this bread. Put two cups flour (any) along with 1/2 stick of Oleo or shortening, one-teaspoon salt, a tablespoon of yeast. Now stir in a cup of warm water with a spoon and make dough. Plop it on a table and let the kids knead the dough. They will have a lot of fun doing this. Ok, if you don't have yeast, do it any way you can, even bake it. It will rise some and smell good. So they make a mess. It will give them something else to do.

I am also adding a recipe for Gingerbread. It's quick and easy. It's often requested. In a medium bowl place 2/3-cup sugar, 1-3/4



cup flour, a heaping tbsp shortening (any), 1/2 tsp salt, 1 tsp soda, 1 full tbsp ginger. Mix well, then add 4 tbsp molasses and 3/4 cup hot water (mix in slowly) and pour into a baking pan with sides. Bake at 370 degrees for about 30-40 minutes until firm with no wet spots.

Please take a minute and copy this recipe, or both of them. Yes, I can hear you saying, "What do you think I am, stupid?" No, by no means, but I find that mistakes happen. Well, it was a great year.

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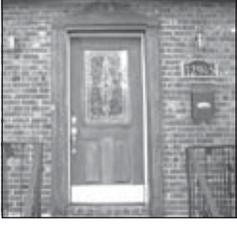
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These wonderful places provided most of our non-perishable food: Martin Luther King Middle School SGA, Beltsville Academy SGA, First Baptist Church of Beltsville, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and St. Gregory Byzantine Church.

The following businesses and groups provided the needed funds, additional food, and gifts to round out our programs with fresh foods and gifts: Prince George's County Council, Safeway, Costco, Boy Scout Troop 1033, Borgwardt Funeral Home, Rotary Club of Beltsville, Medwell Beltsville Health Clinic, J.W. McCartin Insurance Co., Satellite Electric Company, Koll Distributors, Inc., University Park Lions Club, Cherry Hill Park Employees, and the United Methodist Women of Emmanuel.

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And a final, huge, thank you to the Emmanuel United Methodist Church for providing the space and location that allows us to offer this service to the community.

School News

Beltsville Academy – an Honor Roll School

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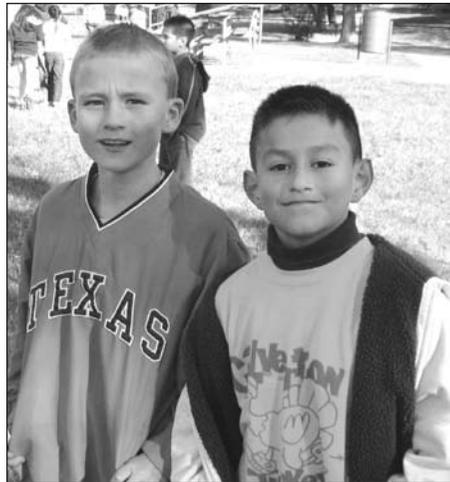
School News

Turkey Trot at Calverton Elementary School

By Becky Cavallo

On Friday, November 19, the students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades participated in the fourth annual Turkey Trot during their P.E. class time. This event was held to promote physical education. Students

could run, trot, and/or walk one mile. The course was measured as four times around the upper athletic field, with orange cones and teachers strategically placed to mark the way.



Henry Saathoff and Jose Santos tied for fastest fourth grade boy in Calverton's fourth annual Turkey Trot.

The students who completed the Turkey Trot first were awarded orange Turkey Trot shirts. Kindergarten classes came out to cheer the fourth grade students, many chanting, "Go Turkey, Go!" The fastest fourth grade girl was Vera Akum. There was a tie for fastest fourth grade boy, Jose Santos and Henry Saathoff. The fastest third



Vera Akum shows off her prize for being the fastest 4th grade girl in the Turkey Trot.

grade girl was Talisha Hamilton and the fastest third grade boy was Christopher Reese. The fourth grade teachers showed their school spirit by coming out and getting into the action. Three of the teachers, Mrs. Fulcher, Mrs. Gibson, and Ms. Levin trotted while the fourth, Mrs. Upchurch, snapped pictures.



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