



**A Business Networking Group**

## *President's Report*

August 2011

### **A CITY UPON THE HILL**

When John Winthrop sailed to America in 1630, with a group of pioneers, he delivered a sermon on board the Arbella including his famous quote:

*"For we must consider that we shall be a 'City upon a hill.'*

*The eyes of all people are upon us, so that if we deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword through the world."*



The GBBA Board of directors has set out on a much shorter journey, spending the last couple of months preparing for a Strategic Planning session for the purpose of unifying the many organizations that serve Beltsville and figuring out ways GBBA can enhance the lifestyle, the careers, the business and the image of Beltsville and its residents, businesses and professions and organizations.

We recognize what we have undertaken and your board is serious about it. We, like John Winthrop, recognize we have set out to establish something significant. In our case it is Beltsville as a City upon the Hill. We know that whatever we do the "eyes of all people will be upon us" and that "we shall be made a story and a byword" throughout the Washington Metropolitan area.

A GBBA Planning Workbook has been created with the participation of the Directors and a four-page agenda, listing multiple future objectives.

The Strategic Planning meeting will be held for four hours tomorrow afternoon. Stay tuned.

Paul Zurkowski - GBBA President

### **OUR SPEAKER**

For August

### **David Dabney, a Maryland Treasure**

A community-motivated man, **David Dabney**, GBBA's August speaker has figured prominently in Montgomery County community life. He is in his 12th year as Executive Director of the Bethesda Urban Partnership. When asked about the Greater Beltsville Business Association's agenda for Beltsville, he said, "Been there, done that." That is why he is here today. He has vast top level experience both in community organizations and top private sector companies.

Dave worked as a corporate officer for two prominent auto dealerships: Congressional Olds and Chevy Chase Cars for over a combined 30 years, an MP in the Army, a Graduate of Walter Johnson High School, father of triplet boys, served on many educational and charitable boards of directors, including the founding board of the Catholic Business Network, MC; and the recipient of many awards from organizations he's served: YMCA Man of the Year, 1994; BCC Chamber Public Service Award; fundraiser for 21 years for Children's Inn at NIH.

After hearing him share his community services data base, you will know why he is known as a Maryland Treasure.

Henry "Buddy" Clark - Program Committee

### **Good & Fun Turn Out at GBBA Mixer at the REMINGTON'S RESTAURANT**



Photo by Jay Williams Design Company

Our August 10th Networking Mixer took place at Remington's Restaurant in Beltsville. A group of 20+ enjoyed the camaraderie and company of fellow business people and community representatives.

**Our next mixer will be in October  
with the location to be announced  
in the September newsletter.**

Bob Mignon - Membership Committee

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**Ted Ladd**, local Lion's Club leader and editor and advertising manager of the **Beltsville News**, regaled the July GBBA Breakfast meeting with the Beltsville

Lion's Club schedule of events as well as the history of the **Beltsville News** and all who have pitched in to make it the semi-official record of all the positive things that have come to pass in Beltsville over the past nearly 60 years. He threw in the fact that advertising in the **Beltsville News** is the best buy in town.

**High Point Reception For Principal**  
Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the High Point School library.

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## The 28th Annual "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" held on August 2nd

District 6 Police Station has lost two wonderful officers in the past six years. The first was **Sergeant Steven Francis Gaughan**. He was killed by gunfire during a suspicious traffic stop in South Laurel. Steve was a plain clothes police officer in the Special Assignment Team he died on June 21, 2005. **Sergeant Richard Scott Findley** was killed almost three years later on June 27, 2008. He was run over by someone driving a stolen vehicle. Sergeant Findley was also a member of the Special Assignment Team. Besides working a District 6 Police station they both had family in the Beltsville community. Sergeant Gaughan's wife Donna Franklin grew up in the area and attended Beltsville Schools. Donna Gaughan is also a former Prince George's County Police Officer. Sergeant Findley grew up in Calverton and was a long time member of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. Both men were involved in the community outside of the "Job". One comment I must make is that this is for all of the Fallen Officers from Prince George's County and MNCPPC not just those from District 6. I was asked by **Major Preston** to spearhead the Memorial Project over two years ago. It has taken awhile to get the project off of the ground.



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**Some of Those at the Ribbon Cutting**  
(from left to right) Mary Lehman, Lauren Findley and Kelly Findley, and The Chief Mark Magaw.

Part of the delay was getting an agreement between MNCPPC and the Prince George's County Police Department. We welcome donations in any amount. Pavers require a donation of \$100, \$200 & \$300. Benches along the path require a donation of \$500. The District 6 Police Explorer's Post 600 also asked to be involved from the very beginning. They worked with us during the design process and will help with the construction. All donations will be made out to the District 6 Police Explorers Post 600. The Explorers is a youth organization for teens interested in law enforcement.  
-Karen Coakley

## The Greater Beltsville Business Association

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