

# The ECHO

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## **RCA Community Bazaar a Big Success**

*by Kendra Fletcher*

The RCA Community Bazaar on Saturday, May 8th at Loehmann's Plaza was a huge success. There were over 30 different sellers and booths and an estimated 200+

people came by to snag some bargains. Many people ordered lunch from Boy Scout Troop 1083 who served grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. The kids enjoyed both a clown that made balloon animals, and a face painter in the afternoon. Montrose Baptist Church and Christian School also held a booth with information about their ministries. A special thanks goes out to Loehmann's Plaza for providing

the space for the event and for hiring the clown and face painter. The new banners that you saw hanging were provided by Sign-A-Rama on Nicholson Lane. Also, thanks to Kevin Kline for managing the event from start to finish. The Fall RCA Community Bazaar will be held in October 2010. Please check the September/October *Echo* for an exact date and let us know if you would like to volunteer.



*The May 2010 Community Bazaar was blessed with nice weather and a great turnout.*

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***RCA General Membership Meeting***

June 3rd, 2010 8:00pm-10:00pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

Join your neighbors and State Representative Al Carr for a legislative wrap-up from Annapolis. Also on the agenda: the RCA Voter Guide, the District One Council debates, and the potential for a new Federal railway 'quiet zone' in Randolph Hills.

### ***Special RCA Event: District One Council Candidate Debate***

September 2nd, 2010 8:00pm-10:00pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

Incumbent Roger Berliner and challenger Ilaya Hopkins will hold their final debate less than two weeks before the primary election in Randolph Hills. Mark your calendar now. This will be a can't miss neighborhood event!

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## President's Message

by Dan Hoffman, RCA President

We wrap up this 2009-2010 RCA year with some exciting news going into next year. We will be the host of one of three District One County Council debates for the election this fall. The three debate locations are Chevy Chase, Bethesda, and Randolph Hills. You read that correctly. The debate will be on September 2nd as part of our first meeting back from the summer break. The format of the debate is still being developed by the RCA Board and with the primaries on September 14th, it will be very important for both candidates: incumbent Roger Berliner and challenger Ilaya Hopkins.

As we go into this summer, make sure you are signed up on our neighborhood email list. You can sign-up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/> and get important and sometimes urgent neighborhood news. It's also the only way to get the first (at least the first one I know of) *Echo* summer edition. **This will be a digital-only edition and not delivered to your door step like regular *Echo* editions.** It will be shorter (about 8 pages) but still loaded with great neighborhood information. It will be distributed via the RCA Yahoo group in mid-July.

On a similar note, the RCA will also return from the summer with another new feature. Our September/October edition of the *Echo* will include a voter guide. This was discussed at a recent RCA meeting and approved by the Board. The RCA will not formally endorse any candidate, but will 'grade' candidates based on the responses to a questionnaire based on our neighborhood priorities. The full questionnaire and all responses will be posted on the RCA website as they become available. The questions, developed by the Board and based on the neighborhood priorities you helped us identify last fall, will be brought before the membership at the June meeting. Please try to attend. One of our state legislators, Al Carr, will be our guest speaker that night and will present a recap of the last legislative session in Annapolis. We hope to see you there!

**RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.**

**Recorded announcements of community events, 24 hours a day. Callers may leave messages.**

**Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.**

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The Randolph Civic Association was formed in 1955 and incorporated in 1958. As stated in the original Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of the RCA are "to stimulate interest in all community problems and improvements that will better the general welfare of the community [and] to pay strict attention to any attempt to lessen the value of property within its borders..."

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## Neighborhood News in Brief

- **New Digital-Only Echo Coming this Summer:** For the first time, an abbreviated **summer Echo** will be distributed. It just won't be delivered to your doorstep as usual. This *Echo* will only be sent to those residents who have signed up for our neighborhood Yahoo group. The Yahoo group is free and provided as a service only to residents (this helps keep the list spam free). When you sign up, please provide your name and street address so we can confirm your residency. It's a great way to get breaking neighborhood news, referrals for services, and reminders about neighborhood events. The digital *Echo* will be delivered to the Yahoo group in mid-July and posted on the RCA website after that. To sign up for the Yahoo group go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca>
- **Law Passed on Bisphenol-A (BPA):** On the morning of April 13, in a ceremonial bill signing held hours after the midnight conclusion of this year's General Assembly legislative session, Governor O'Malley signed into law the BPA-Free Baby Bottle Act. The law now bans, in the state of Maryland, toys and children's items containing Bisphenol-A (BPA). BPA is a synthetic form of estrogen that directly impacts the reproductive health of boys, girls, men and women. Research has suggested that BPA exposure may contribute to recurrent miscarriages, fertility problems in men and women, and early onset puberty. With the enactment of this legislation, Maryland becomes a leader in preventing harmful chemical exposure in children.

Do you have a quick bite of news you'd like to share with the neighborhood? Please feel free to submit a few sentences to [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) by the deadlines posted on page 15 of this issue. Thank you!

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## Minutes of RCF 2010 Annual Meeting

by Christiana Drapkin, in lieu of  
Robert Walker, Secretary

On Monday May 17th, the RCF hosted its annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Veirs Mill Rec Center. RCF President Matt Tifford thanked everyone who did a great job again and made it a fun family affair. Matt then gave an update on the latest RCF activities, including: the sign fund and beautification efforts are underway; and RCF conducted a charitable fundraiser and collected donations exceeding \$1,400 (so far) from Randolph Hills residents for the Hart family, who had lost their house and belongings in the devastating house fire on Randolph Road three weeks prior. George Gadbois provided an update on the upcoming Wheaton post-prom event which will give the graduating high-school seniors a fun and safe opportunity to wind-down their big night without the hazards of late-night driving.

RCF then gave the floor to Kenneth Hartman, Director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, who conducted the meeting of the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board (CAB). We also had special guest speakers State Senators Rich Madaleno and Rob Garagiola. Ken Hartman, one of our most valuable community resources, serves as the County's inter-agency liaison for residents. Matt

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## Community Fixtures: Club Joola

by Taun Le

Representatives from Club JOOLA recently joined us at an RCA meeting and there was no shortage of questions about their operation. As one of the more unique tenets in the Randolph Hill Shopping Center, we thought it would be appropriate to convey some of those questions and answers in this month's Community Fixtures.

**RCA:** What is Club JOOLA?

**JOOLA:** Club JOOLA is a table tennis training facility for all ranges of players -- from the recreational all the way up to professional players.

**RCA:** There's a table tennis club in Randolph Hills?

**JOOLA:** Yes! We are located at 4931 Wyaconda Rd in Rockville.

**RCA:** What's the difference between table tennis and ping-pong?

**JOOLA:** Ping-pong and table tennis are one and the same, only that the name "ping-pong" is a trademark name that belongs to Escalade Sports. So now the game is referred to as table tennis.

**RCA:** Is table tennis age specific?

**JOOLA:** Kids from as young as five years old all the way up to elderly people can play the sport of table tennis.

**RCA:** Why would you play table tennis?

**JOOLA:** Table tennis can be played in a fairly small and confined place. You don't need to have a physical advantage to play the sport and the game doesn't need great weather in which to be played.

**RCA:** Do I have to be a professional table tennis player to play at the club?

**JOOLA:** Club JOOLA is opened to anyone and everyone. We do have some great players at the club that practice and play but most of our members play recreationally. It's fun for everyone.

**RCA:** How much is it to play for the day?

**JOOLA:** It's 10 dollars for the day or you can sign up for a monthly membership.

**RCA:** Can I take my kids and play there?

**JOOLA:** Yes, we encourage children to come and play. Table tennis is great for children to help develop hand-eye coordination and reflexes. We have a Junior Program designated for children from the ages of 7 to 18 to help kids to train and become better table tennis players.

**RCA:** How often does the junior program run?

**JOOLA:** The Junior Program runs 5 days a week for an hour and a half each day.

**RCA:** What's the youngest that my child has to be in order to participate in the program?

**JOOLA:** The child must be 7 years old. Any younger and they can be admitted only with the coach's permission.

**RCA:** Does the club offer any summer camps?

**JOOLA:** Yes, we do have summer camps that run weekly. Detailed info can be found on our site [www.clubjoola.com](http://www.clubjoola.com). We would be happy to answer any questions. Please contact either [jonathan@clubjoola.com](mailto:jonathan@clubjoola.com) or [taun@clubjoola.com](mailto:taun@clubjoola.com). Or you can call the club @ 301-881-3401.



## RCF 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

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Tifford turned the meeting over to the CAB who facilitated the conversations with the Senators and fielded questions regarding community concerns.

Dan Hoffman asked Ken Hartman to look into some right-of-way issues. Randolph Hills has some stretches of sidewalk that are degraded. We have an issue lately with Marv & Mike's Auto Repair Business on Schuylkill Road. The grass strip, separating the road from the sidewalk has been destroyed, because it's being used improperly as a parking spot, with tow trucks running over it, and large trucks unloading cars for the adjacent used-car lot after permissible hours. Some residents are alleging the car shop's improper handling of toxic car fluids, such as used motor oil, transmission fluid, and others, not being carefully handled and disposed of according to environmental regulations. Ken said he will visit the area and do a walk with residents along the entire stretch. We suggested he expand his inspection, and make it a walk along the entire stretch of the Boiling Brook, from Ashley Drive all the way to Parklawn.

Matt Tifford and Christiana Drapkin reported on the Traffic Meeting they (and Bob Walker) attended on Friday May 14 where an international consultant on traffic calming issues, Ian Lockwood, met with community members in individual meetings. It was very impressive, and Matt and Christiana reported that their appreciation that they and other neighborhood activists got some quality time for consultations, after the general information forum the preceding evening.

The consultant suggested signage and other physical features that would mark the corner of Rocking Horse Road and Randolph Road as a recognizable "entrance" to a neighborhood. Such "gateway treatments" can range from speed bumps to variegated pavement and coloring in pedestrian-friendly crossings, to traffic circles at our (above-mentioned) trouble spots. He encouraged us to recognize the topographical features of our neighborhood, to make the brook crossings look like the bridges they are, with stone railings and features like raised roadway, even narrowing into one-lane bridges, to calm driving traffic and beautify the bridges' appearance. So-called "chicanes" are other measures to narrow the roadways at certain intervals, to deter speeders. Ian also had us step back and look at the larger context: what would entice commuters to rather use Randolph Road and Parklawn? The left hook around the Loehmann's Plaza shopping center is not an ideal design for today's and tomorrow's traffic flow. And the sharp turn and incline at the corner of Nicholson going into Boiling Brook is another trouble spot to examine. Matt Tifford showed a detailed traffic calming study commissioned for another residential neighborhood, by the firm Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin Lopez Rinehart, Inc. which highlighted some of the features discussed.

Christiana asked Ken for help and advice on establishing a farmers market in Randolph Hills. She has been

reaching out to the management company of the Randolph Health Center, 4107 Randolph Road. The large parking lot is mostly empty on weekends, visible to the many drivers on Randolph Road, and might serve as an ideal location for our community to support a local farmers market. Ken encourages us to follow up with him, and to get help laying the groundwork for such an effort.

Although Bob Walker, who had written the cover article on "Aging in Place" in the April issue of The Echo, was absent due to illness, he passed along a response from James Graffenberg, a local health care provider who lives and practices in Randolph Hills. He is interested in being involved. Ken Hartman knows of various other "Aging in Place" initiatives (similar to "Burning Tree"). The Regional Center can connect us with the "Villages in Progress" initiative, and we can peruse their toolkit on how to create a neighborhood village. Ken urges us to start with the social component, to start small and make connections with community members, and to hopefully grow in a sustainable manner. We'll need to discuss how to follow up.

Nominations, Elections, and Appointments: RCF has two outgoing board positions to fill. Lindsay Hoffman was nominated and elected unanimously as the new Vice President. Karen Helfert is happy to return to serving on the RCF board, she was nominated and elected unanimously as Director. Robert Walker had been appointed previously as Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



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## RCA May Executive Meeting Minutes

by Brian Hooker

Attending Officers and Committee Chairs: Dan Hoffman, President; Chad Salganik, Vice President; David Matera, 2nd Vice President; Nick Kriesle, Treasurer; Brian Hooker, Director; George Gadbois, Education Chair; and Matt Tifford, Environment and Services Chair.

Attending community members: Club Joola table tennis representatives Tuan Le and Jonathan Messervy.

1. Meeting called to order at 8:13pm.
2. April Meeting Minutes. Motion made to accept the April meeting minutes. Meeting minutes accepted by unanimous consent.
3. Club Joola Outreach to RCA. Representatives of Club Joola, the local table tennis club located in Randolph Hills Shopping Center, attended the executive board meeting to re-introduce themselves and their club to the RCA. They expressed an interest in participating in the 2010 RCA Community Day and reached out to RCA residents to make them aware of table tennis summer camps that they offer right in our neighborhood. More information is at: <http://www.clubjoola.com/>.
4. RCA 2010 Calendar Planning. The Executive Board discussed the 2010 calendar and scheduled the following events. The Montgomery County Council District 1 Debate: September 2. Randolph Hills Community Day: September 25. Fall RCA Yard Sale: October 9. Spring RCA Yard Sale May 14, 2011. There was considerable discussion regarding the scheduling of the 2010 Community Day. Last year's event was rained out after significant community interest and planning. By scheduling the event earlier it was hoped that risk of a rain cancellation could be minimized.
5. Spring Yard Sale. The Board discussed the planning for the RCA Spring Yard Sale held on May 8th.
6. Reports. Treasurer reported that the RCA account was in good standing. Environment and Services chair reported on need to keep up on reporting lawn maintenance lapses in unoccupied homes and stopping newspaper deliveries at these residences. It was noted that the County right-of-way in front of a local auto mechanics shop in the neighborhood has not been maintained properly. The Public Safety Chair reported that there has been a slight increase in the number attempted home invasions and car break-ins.
7. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

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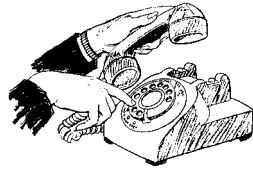
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04-22-10 (Thurs) at 9:51pm. Not anonymous. Caller lives at 119xx Rocking Horse Road. Regrettably, caller must report that there was a theft in from caller's spouse's car this morning. Caller's spouse went out to the car at 6am and found the driver's door open and her pocketbook missing. Caller later retrieved some of the contents at another location. But, there was a theft. Most of the belongings were retrieved from an office at the Randolph Medical Center – happy ending. All's well that ends well.

04-28-10 (Wed) at 1:34pm. Not anonymous. Caller is a 37-year resident of Randolph Hills. Caller finds it very disconcerting that the powers-that-be have decided to hold the yard sale/flea market this year during the Mother's Day weekend. As a long-time participant and recent vendor, caller finds it very difficult to attend this year's event. Caller has also spoken with at least six of caller's fellow members/neighbors and they are in a similar position finding that, because it is Mother's Day weekend, they will either be preparing for Mother's Day, which is no mean task, or they will be out of town as caller is. If you want maximum participation, please hold the yard sale on a weekend that is not a holiday weekend. Or if you want, give three options in the February Echo and give people a chance to vote on when they wish to have it. *(RCA Note: Given all the events and meetings RCA facilitates throughout the year, it is very difficult to find a day for each event that suits everyone and occasionally this will happen. The RCA makes every attempt to schedule events at times convenient to members.)*

04-29-10 (Thurs) at 1:04pm. Anonymous. Caller is just wondering if caller could get a number of someone to call about the amount of trash being left in our park. Caller is a dog walker and finds that after all the soccer games that they have on Saturdays and Sundays,

there's an awful lot of trash being left in the park. It's not good for anybody, especially the animals, so caller tries to pick it up – cans and stuff like that. Also, the fact that they're driving their vehicles across the grass is a big issue – leaving big tread marks and things like that. If you'll publish the phone number so we can get some more information. Thank you.

04-30-10 (Fri) at 9:11pm. Not anonymous. Caller lives at 109xx Troy Road and is calling to find out how to become involved in the Neighborhood Watch group. Caller is looking for opportunities to volunteer caller's time toward the greater good. (RCA Note: Please see the article on page 9 of this Echo.)

05-07-10 (Fri) at 2:31pm. Anonymous. Caller wants to let you know, caller doesn't know if you are aware, that the date you have there is really no date. It's Saturday, October 5th. So in case you want to know. Caller was going to come but caller didn't know what was the date, so caller is glad that caller called. So in case you don't know, they need to put the date – the current date – it says October 5th. Ok, just wanted to let you know. Caller will still come because now you say this coming Saturday. Communication is very important. Ok, bye-bye.



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## Treasurer's Report

by Richard Zierdt

For 2009-2010 fiscal year so far, the RCF had \$5248.90 in donations, \$1040 of which were extra donations for the Hart family of Randolph Road, whose home was destroyed by fire on April 24. Fortunately, no one was injured. Extra donations ranged from \$20 to \$500 from the Drapkin, Bradshaw, Saunders, Hoffman, Tifford, Smith, Roberts, and Kline families. The RCF also made a \$100 contribution.

Of course, everyone in RCA/RCF land contributes to the community with your general donations. Few neighborhoods in Montgomery County have the generosity of RCA/RCFers. The RCF is developing an ambitious sign program for our neighborhood; details should be available in time for September's Membership Drive. In 2009-2010, \$1432 was donated specifically for signage." BTW, the funny 22 cent credit on May 3 is the way Paypal establishes an account, in this case, with the RCF. Chad Salganik is setting this up. In the future, contributions will be possible via Paypal. Happy Summer, everyone!

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## News from Girl Scout Troop 1028

by Jennifer Tifford

I want to take this opportunity at the end of the school year to thank our hard working troop leaders. They give so much of their time to the troop and have such a positive impact on our daughters. Our Girl Scout leaders are Rosi Muehlstedt, Leora Hernandez and Lorrie Tallman. They have done a great job in giving our community a thriving Girl Scout troop.

All three of our leaders are working moms who somehow they find the time to commit to the Girl Scouts. They have given their free time to perform the training necessary to take the troop camping and go on outings with the girls. They have a vision and are organized for each week's meeting and they make it all come together.

Rosi, Leora, and Lorrie: You give our daughters the opportunity to have so many positive experiences and to grow as Girl Scouts. Without you we would not be able to have such a successful troop! Thank-you for a great year!

Troop 1028 is a combined troop featuring Daisies, Brownies, and Junior Girl Scouts, and meets at Viers Mill recreation center every-other Thursday. If you have any questions about our troop feel free to contact Jennifer Tifford at [tiffordband@gmail.com](mailto:tiffordband@gmail.com)

## Help Make our Community a Safer Place Become a RCA Block Captain



The RCA Safety Committee is reviving the neighborhood watch program. The goal of the program is to make our community a safer place and to increase communication regarding safety issues and other neighborhood concerns.

Becoming a Block Captain simply means joining the RCA Safety Committee email listserv and keeping an eye out for safety issues on your street.

Email [safety@randolphcivic.org](mailto:safety@randolphcivic.org) for more information and to learn how you can help.

## Neighborhood Watch Update

by David Matera, RCA Public Safety Committee Chair

At the last RCA General Membership meeting in April, we had representatives from the Park Police and Montgomery County Police speak on trends in the area, and what we can do to help them help us. To that end, I am happy to report that the RCA Neighborhood Watch Program is underway! So far, we have a few volunteers who have graciously volunteered their time to be neighborhood block captains. With the list below, we have those areas covered, but as you can see, there are still many sections not covered. So, if you are still interested, I would like to hear from you. If you would rather not be a captain, that is okay. Becoming a Block Captain means joining the RCA Safety Committee email listserv and serving as the eyes and ears for safety issues on your street. Also, your task is to get your closest neighbors involved as well, to be extra sets of eyes. The more involved, the better.

The main goal of a neighborhood watch is that we all look out for each other, and to try to make RCA a safe place overall. The focus is on reducing the likelihood of crime, or the potential of crime to occur. We can all take part in this. If anyone sees anything out of the ordinary on your street (you would know more so than anyone else, such as a suspicious car driving around not familiar to you), do not hesitate to contact the Montgomery County Police, at 301-279-8000 non-emergency, or of course 9-1-1 for a life-threatening emergency. As I have said in the past, the police department, as well as the fire and rescue department, are here to help, and are here for us.

On another note, one crime prevention reminder: please remember to lock up your car when leaving it or turning in for the night. Also, of course, keep your house doors locked as well. I heard from one of our neighbors recently who forgot to lock their car. The next morning, they returned to their car, and a bag was missing from inside. The bag contained personal effects as well as cash.

Below is a current contact list for the RCA Neighborhood Watch Block Captains:

NEIGHBOR	BLOCK ASSIGNED	CONTACT PHONE	CONTACT E-MAIL
Nick Martinelli	12100 Otis Drive	301-881-8969	Nicholas.martinelli@dhs.gov
Timothy Day	5000 Macon Road	814-449-9149	timothyfday@gmail.com
Matt Tifford	11200 Ashley Drive	301-770-4377	
L. Kormeluk	4800 Creekshore Drive	301-770-7237	Iskormeluk@verizon.net
Dan Hoffman	4600 Wilwyn Way	301-938-7494	dan@randolphcivic.org
Chad Salganik	4800 Mori Drive	202-359-6158	
Nick Kriesle	4302 Star Lane	301-770-0119	
Kevin Kline	4800 Randolph Road	301-230-1486	
Frank Shore	11200 Troy Road	301-468-1225	
Karen Helfert	11400 Ashley Drive	301-468-0236	
George Gadbois	4700 Topping Road	301-770-5386	gdbsjr@aol.com
David Matera	Rocking Horse, Macon, Old Drovers, Timber Ln.		safety@randolphcivic.org

### RCF Transactions July, 2009 through May 15, 2010:

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Date	Transaction / Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
05/15/2010	CHECK 1127 Hart Family – care after house fire	840.00		\$2,377.99
05/13/2010	DEPOSIT Donations for Hart Family (fire)		700.00	\$3,217.99
05/06/2010	DEPOSIT Donations for Hart Family (fire)		400.00	\$2,517.99
05/05/2010	CHECK 1121 BSA Crew 1083 annual donation	200.00		\$2,117.99
05/03/2010	CHECK 1126 Hart Family – care after house fire	300.00		\$2,317.99
05/03/2010	DEPOSIT PayPal registration		0.22	\$2,617.99
04/27/2010	CHECK 1125 Wheaton HS after Prom activity	500.00		\$2,817.77
04/26/2010	CHECK 1124 Hart Family – care after house fire	100.00		\$3,317.77
04/06/2010	DEPOSIT RCF/RCA donations in 2009/2010		2,742.68	\$3,417.77
03/08/2010	CHECK 1120 Boy Scout 1083 annual donation	400.00		\$675.09
03/05/2010	CHECK 1122 Cub Scout 1081 annual donation	300.00		\$1,075.09
03/05/2010	CHECK 1123 Web hosting		106.16	\$1,375.09
02/11/2010	DEPOSIT Donation		50.00	\$1,481.25
01/21/2010	DEPOSIT Donation - Denise Szczur		500.00	\$1,431.25
01/13/2010	CHECK 1119 Santa candy canes		104.48	\$931.25
12/28/2009	DEPOSIT Donation		700.00	\$1,035.73
11/19/2009	DEPOSIT Donation – targeted to Cub Scout 1081	50.00		\$335.73
10/23/2009	DEPOSIT RCF/RCA donations thru July 2009		106.00	\$285.73
10/21/2009	CHECK 1118 Steven Katz attorney legal services	672.13		\$179.73
09/24/2009	CHECK 1117 Matt Tifford – Rec Center usage	223.00		\$851.86
09/16/2009	CHECK 1113 Cub Scout Pack 1081 for 2008-09	200.00		\$1,074.86
06/30/2009	DEPOSIT Donation		400.00	\$1,274.86
06/30/2009	CHECK 1114 Girl Scout Troop 1028 for 2008-09	200.00		\$874.86

## Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

Scouts in Troop 1083 prepared bridging ceremonies to welcome our newest members in April. The troop welcomed two second-year Webelos scouts from Pack 1081, and ten second-year Webelos from Pack 493. Each ceremony had its own blend of the solemn and the celebratory, and each had its own rituals symbolizing the passage from Cub Scouting, in which adults prepare the program and run the activities, to Boy Scouts, in which the youth play an active leadership role and take part in directing the troop's activities. In both ceremonies the boys crossed a bridge to symbolize the departure from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, and the beginning of their trail towards achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. We happily welcome these twelve new boys and their families into our Troop.

Congratulations are in order for Troop 1083 Scouts Matthew Best, Aidan Gibbons, Brady Grundy, and Esteban Hernandez, and for adult leader Barry Grundy, who participated in the "Order of the Arrow" (OA) ordeal and induction ceremony in April. The OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society. OA candidates are nominated and elected by fellow Scouts, and inductees must be approved by the Scoutmaster. The induction ceremony is the first step toward full membership. During this ceremony, candidates maintain complete silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, apart from other campers, to teach the significance of service, self-sacrifice, and reflection on one's role within a wider group.

In April, the Troop camped at Wye Island State Park on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and followed that in May by camping on the opposite side of the Chesapeake at Sandy Point State Park, in the shadow of the Bay Bridge. Both sites offer spectacular scenery and wildlife. They are remarkably different

for locations only about ten miles apart. The Wyes Island campsite borders a tidal cove of the Wye River, and the scouts couldn't help but explore the inlet's wooded shoreline. The Philmont 2011 Crew hiked the island and practiced teamwork in preparation for their 2010 week at Lenhok'sin High Adventure camp at Goshen, Virginia. The Sandy Point campsite is on a flat grassy plain that ends at the waters of the Bay. Small sailboats and massive tankers ply the waters; ducks paddle by in pairs, and cormorants and ospreys feed on the fish they catch. Nearby, a secluded pond hosts amphibians, reptiles, and birds. Older scouts worked with new scouts on basic camping skills and rank advancement requirements. It didn't hurt that the weather was just about perfect for camping on both occasions!

Many scouts are currently working toward the Cycling merit badge, which requires multiple bike trips of varying lengths, including 10, 25, and even 50 miles. These bike tours have been ongoing all spring, and will continue into the summer, with hopes of finishing with the 50-mile trip by the end of June.

Again in 2011, the Troop offers two excellent weeklong summer camp options: Camp Rodney in Maryland and Camp Olmsted at Goshen Scout Reservation in west-central Virginia. Many boys attend both! The Philmont Crew will also spend an additional week at Lenhok'sin prior to Olmsted week.

If you are a boy who has finished the fifth grade you can join us. We meet Monday night at 7:30 at Viers Mill ES, or call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org).

**For more information about getting your son involved with Boy Scout Troop 1083, contact Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048 or visit [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org)**

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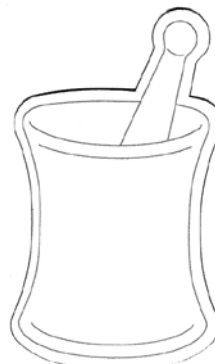
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## News from Venture Crew 1083

By Ben Pitkin, Corresponding Secretary

In April, Crew members participated in the Venture Quest event at Camp Horseshoe in Rising Sun, Maryland.

Actually, the camp straddles the Mason-Dixon Line: the Crew's campsite was in Maryland, but the dining hall was a short hike away in Pennsylvania! The event had a medieval theme, and campers were encouraged to bring costumes. Several Crew 1083 members rose to the task with elaborately creative and imaginative costumes featuring knights in armor, a warrior damsel, and a spy/assassin inspired by secret societies of medieval legend.

The activities were as varied as they were interesting. Crew members tried their hands at archery and rifle shooting, baking dessert pastries, COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, a series of extreme activities combining physical fitness with team-building), and playing ultimate Frisbee on a truly enormous open field. One activity was hosted by crew members Kyle and Jake Blakely. Kyle designed and conducted an entertaining and informative session on American Sign Language, and Jake served as interpreter for the audience of non-ASL speakers. Kyle's program expertly combined audience participation, useful handouts, visual aids, and

an animated presentation style to keep the audience engaged. He chose just the right level of detail, and kept things interesting with jokes and funny stories. Congratulations to Kyle on an outstanding job, and also to Jake for his invaluable contribution.



*Venture Crew 1083 members, or dangerous characters from the 14th century?*

In May, the Crew headed to Harpers Ferry for a trip combining fun and service. The fun part was a seven-mile whitewater rafting trip on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers, and the service part consisted of three separate stops along the way to collect garbage and man-made debris in a stream-cleaning effort. Actually, because this Crew has such a cheerful and positive attitude toward community service,

even the stream clean work was just another part of the fun. We found a little bit of everything—including a kitchen sink! Yes, really.

Venturing is open to coed youth aged 14 through 21. Crew meetings are every second Monday night, from 6:30–7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Why not join us? Bring a like-minded friend so you'll already know someone else at the meeting! For more information, contact crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755.

**For more information about getting your child involved with Venture Crew 1083, contact Crew Advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755**

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