**Yesnick Gains National Board Certification**

The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards recently named Shari Yesnick, a science teacher at John Poole Middle School, as a National Board Certified Teacher. National Board Certification is awarded after the successful completion of an advanced teaching assessment program designed to recognize teachers who meet accelerated standards measuring effectiveness and accomplishment.

Of the estimated six million teachers in the United States, fewer than one hundred thousand obtain this certification. As part of the certification process, candidates complete ten assessments that are reviewed by trained teachers in their certificate areas, including evaluation of both content knowledge and teaching expertise.

Mrs. Yesnick joins JPMS teachers, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. McIntyre, who have also earned National Board Certification.

**Help WUMCO by Dining out**

By dining out on February 28, you can help feed a hungry family. Each year, a number of restaurants in Montgomery County agree to give a portion of their proceeds from their business for a specific day to a local nonprofit that provides food for qualified low-income families (the program is called Thanksgiving in February). In the Poolesville area, the participating restaurants are Cugini’s and Bassett’s, and the benefiting nonprofit is WUMCO-Help. That means a portion of your tab for a meal (ten percent or more) at either restaurant on February 28 will be given to WUMCO, which provides food to hundreds of worthy families every year.

Enjoying ourselves while helping to feed others less fortunate sounds like a win-win. WUMCO thanks Cugini’s and Bassett’s for their generosity.

**WUMCO Food Collection**

With the closing of Selby’s Market, WUMCO is developing new drop-off points in the area. Most area churches have drop-off points and use the first Sunday of the month as a time to encourage members to donate. The Town of Poolesville will be placing a collection bin in the town hall, and Finders Keepers on Fisher Avenue will have a collection bin inside and outside for the convenience of the public. They are also offering a ten percent discount on products purchased with the donation of three cans or dried food.

**Calling All Yearbooks**

Poolesville High School athletic director Ed Ross has found the following yearbooks missing from the school’s collection: 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1971 through 1977, and 1984. If anyone has copies of these missing books that can be loaned or donated, please contact Mr. Ross at 301-972-7919.