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### **Spend to Save**

A few years ago in an article I mentioned that something as simple as installing enough LED lights could negate the need for more electric generation stations. Of course it would take a lot of LED lights to accomplish that but it was possible then and as LED technology advances is actually a preferred way of lighting almost everything.

In my opinion, the same is true about how to reduce all kinds of pollution. The amount of energy that is just wasted is staggering. In some commercial applications it is unavoidable but in the residential area it is unnecessary. People struggle to pay heating bills and yet don't make even the slightest attempt to reduce the amount of fuel used to accomplish that. The savings I have seen from some basic energy retrofit work is anywhere from 15 to 50%. Older homes are candidates for the higher end of that range because many have no insulation

in them at all. And most still have some sort of horribly inefficient heating system. I'm not blind to the fact that money doesn't grow on trees but you have to spend money to save money. The only real problem with investing money for energy saving in a home you don't plan to stay in for several years is that you can't prove to the next owner that it is worth more because of the lower cost to heat it. Someday if my dream comes true there will be a way for an energy auditor to test a home and calculate the cost to heat it. Nobody ever really is honest

when it's time to sell. They disclose as little as possible and there are always surprises for the new owners. The cost to stay comfortable inside is usually one of them. Because of the experience I have in all aspects of heating and also insulation, I can inspect a house and have a pretty good idea how it will perform in the winter and based on the heating system installed I can estimate how efficient overall the home is. I'm usually pretty disappointed by what

I find on those inspections.

I believe if there was some way for people to get a loan to make the upgrades, many more would get done. I also believe scammers would come out of the woodwork and cause a lot of money to be wasted. Administering a program like that would not be easy because there is no easy way to tell if everything was done correctly as of this moment. Once a standard is developed, things will be different and possibly a program with requirements can be created.

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## **Bangor Womens Club GFWC meets with speaker Jeffery E. Finegan**

by Marilyn Mehas

BANGOR - Feb 20th was the Federal Holiday celebrating George Washington and all past and present presidents. Carolyn Smith, President Bangor Womens Club introduced Jeffery E. Finegan, author of the book series "I Knew George Washington". He gave an interesting talk about the latest book he has authored "George Washington My Dear Grandpapa". The fascinating story of a young woman and her step-grandfather. The previous books were "Colonel Washington and Me", "Tis Well, The life and death of George Washington", and "My Dear General". The club purchased the four books and donated them to the Bangor Library.

Heidi Bates prepared a display about The Chinese New Year-The Year of the Rabbit. The display featured pink and red colors. Members wore red in honor of American Heart Association month.

The next club meeting will be on March 21st at 12 noon at Trinity United Church of Christ, Stone Church, PA.



### **Come Join us for a fun-filled event of Trick Hoops & Alley – Oops!**

When you're in the stands, you're not just a spectator; you're apart of the fun show. Come and experience a magical display of tricks, coordinated ball handling, fancy passing and aerodynamic athletics combined with high-energy comedy and audience interaction. It's the Harlem Wizards vs. Slater All-Stars

**DATE: Friday, March 3rd**

**TIME: 7pm (doors open at 6pm)**

**Location: Bangor Area High School Gym (187 Five Points Richmond Rd)**

All proceeds benefit the Bangor Area Middle School PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization)

**Benchwarmer tickets \$95**

**Courtside plus tickets \$50**

**Reserved seats \$30**

**General admission \$20**

**Students \$15**

Children 3 and under sitting on parents lap are free



To Buy tickets online:

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