

Retirees News

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Recent Retirees

Editor's Corner

By Helen Youth

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter that is specifically for the retirees of Montgomery College. As a recent retiree, I personally feel that Montgomery College will remain a part of my life in many ways. Perhaps some of you feel this way as well. Hopefully this publication will make it easier for us to connect, learn of events and performances at the College and be aware of the comings and goings of our former colleagues. In order to make this happen, we will need your help. As you may know, there is a Retirees Chapter of the Alumni Association. A survey accompanying this newsletter, asking for your current contact information, will ensure that you will receive information from them and receive the Retiree Newsletter as well. This information will also help in the preparation of a comprehensive directory of retirees.

International Travel

Greg Malveaux at the Rockville campus is the current coordinator of the Study Abroad Program. He has announced the following travel opportunity for June—a study/trip to Italy. The tentative dates of the trip are June 16-30, 2006. On this study/trip, participants will get instructional sessions from Italian professors in Italian literature, culture and art. In addition, they will see sites in Rome, Florence, and Citta della Pieve (Tuscany area). This trip is “in the works” and details are now being finalized.

If you would like to contact him directly with any questions, and/or be placed on his mailing list for future events, e-mail greg.malveaux@montgomerycollege.edu or call 301-738-8077.

Travel Tales and Tips

One of the great benefits of being retired is having the time to travel. If you would like to see this column expand in the future, submit your personal travel stories and/or travel suggestions or tips on the accompanying survey form.

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Upcoming Events

Take advantage of these events to reconnect with the College community!

Rockville Campus 40th Anniversary, Gala celebration 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the North Bethesda Marriott. Information: [Jill Irey](#), 301-251-7293

Health & Wellness Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Main Gym, Rockville Campus. Info: [Kathleen Dayton](#), 301-251-7580

Spring Retirees Luncheon—11 a.m. Thursday, April 20, New Fortune Restaurant, 16515 South Frederick Avenue. Info: [Bernice Grossman](#), 301-279-5378

Faculty and Staff Retiree Recognition—Monday, May 15, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Info: [Stacey Miller](#), 301-279-5274

Annual Commencement—Wednesday, May 17. Info: [Susan Sullivan](#), 301-251-7489

Summer Dinner Theatre: *Damn Yankees, Retirees night June 16*, also June 17, 23-25, 30 and July 1-2; *Thoroughly Modern Millie, Retirees night July 14*, also July 15, 21-23, 28-30. Info: [Steve Wolf](#), 301-279-5183

MC's 60th Anniversary—Gala celebration Thursday, October 19, Indian Spring Country Club. Info: [Susan Sullivan](#), 301-251-7489

Benefits of Joining

In case some of you have not officially joined the MC Alumni Association, you should know that your eligibility allows you to get reduced rates for the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program and program series at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, as well as discounts at car rental agencies and participating Choice Hotels. You can join (for free) by visiting the alumni section of the MC Web site and completing the membership application, or by calling 301-279-5378.

Internet Advantages

There are many benefits to using the new online technologies. With the Internet/e-mail, you have the ability to:

- Research health issues from reliable sites
- Access MC's website to see current announcements
- Receive monthly listings of events via the Alumni Association Newsletter, *Happenings at MC*
- Comparison shop for best prices
- Renew and search for library books online
- Use the resource information from MC's library online
- Correspond with relatives and friends—even during those bleak hours when you are awake and others are not.

If you are interested in learning how to use e-mail, and/or the Internet in general, please let us know by adding that information to the form sent with this newsletter. If there is enough interest, we will try to arrange a workshop on this topic to help you to feel comfortable with this valuable medium.

Name Our Newsletter

As this is the first issue, we welcome your suggestions for the title to this newsletter which will be going out to you each semester. Either e-mail the Alumni Association office at alumni@montgomerycollege.edu, or include the suggested title on the form accompanying this newsletter that you can send directly to the office of the Alumni Association. **The individual who submits the selected name will win two tickets to the Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre.**



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This Issue's Featured Retiree—Connie Tonat

Constance Tonat retired in 1986 after teaching for 24 years in the Rockville Campus's Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice department.

"To volunteer for any association, organization, or event is one good way of 'giving back' and contributing to the welfare of an association or people you care about (MC students, in my case).

My first experience in volunteering for a Montgomery College activity was for an issue important to the future of financial resources for the college—the students, the faculty, and the support staff.

I have volunteered for a variety of events and activities with the Montgomery College Alumni Association. As my primary concerns are with legislation for education in general and higher education (community college) in particular, I continue to advocate for affordable student tuition and educational opportunities for faculty and equity for support staff.

Over the past ten years or more I have worked with two other volunteer associations—the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the League of Women Voters, Montgomery County (LWV). Both of these associations have significant concerns and programs related to a strong support for opportunities in higher education (community college, especially) for the residents and citizens of Montgomery County

To read Connie's complete article, visit
www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/retirees/connietonat.html



Volunteering Opportunity

For most of us who have been involved with education for so many years, it is important to know that we can still make an important contribution to young people. MCPS sponsors a Saturday School for students who are identified as being deficient in math and English. They are looking for volunteer tutors who would assist the certified teacher who is conducting the class. The classes are relatively small and average ten students to each classroom. However, by having one or more tutors to assist, the ratio goes down to less than a 1 to 5 ratio. The director of the program is looking for a commitment of three hours on nine Saturdays during the semester. The program is run at 12 high school locations throughout the county. For more information about the program, you can find their link at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/gbt1a> . If you would like, you can request additional information on the accompanying form as well.



In Memoriam

Professor Emeritus **Howard T. Wickert**, English, Rockville, passed away on April 20, 2005.

Binh Nguyen, retiree, Accounts Payable, May 9, 2005.

Professor **Stuart O. Brosseit**, Counselor, Rockville, June 4, 2005.

Sandy Sonner, Senior Program Director, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, July 1, 2005.

Glenice Davenport, Supplies Clerk, Procurement, Rockville, July 4, 2005.

Julida Kilafwakun, Administrative Aide, Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology, Germantown, August 10, 2005.

Professor Emeritus **Richard L. Ulrich**, Fire Science/ Applied Technologies, Rockville, August 19, 2005.

James E. (Jim) Burke, VCT Technician, Communication Arts Technologies, Rockville, August 31, 2005.

Robert (Rob) Ritter, Instructional Assistant for IT, Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology, Germantown, September 3, 2005.

Professor **Douglas (Doug) Gleason**, Acting Instructional Dean of Fine, Performing and Visual Arts, Rockville, September 7, 2005.

Professor Emeritus **James T. Lindberg**, Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, Rockville, September 15, 2005.

Professor Emeritus (**James) Waters Ross**, Chemistry, Takoma Park and Rockville, November 18, 2005.

Professor Emeritus **Douglas A. Nemier**, Counseling and History, Rockville, December 18, 2005.

Professor **Anita Joyce**, Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology, Germantown, January 3, 2006.

If you wish to remember a friend through a contribution to a student scholarship, you can do so through the Montgomery College Foundation, 900 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

Recent Retirees

As this is the first Retiree Newsletter, it's probably helpful to include those who retired from the College within the past two years in order to bring you up to date on those who have joined our retiree ranks.

The (almost) complete list of retirees includes:

2004-2005 Staff Retirees: Dr. Sharon Bernier, JoAnn Caisse, Lloyd Case, Kenneth Coates, James Coffey, D. Jeanne Dadgostar, Janet Dyson, Margaret Johnson, Eleanor Maffeo, Janet Meyers, Clarence Porter, Kellie Flor-Robinson, Geraldine Prather, Linda Privitera, Alice Tercijonas, Norman Tracy, Martha Turner, Frank Tusa, and Sandra Wright.

2004-2005 Faculty Retirees: Jane Anderson, William Anderson, Thomas Bichy, Wyatt Bissett, Edward Butler, Robert Kauppi, Carla Klevan, James Lindberg, Virginia Mayes, Roland New, Ruth Otto, Sally Rogers, Jeffrey Schwartz, Paul Vanderslice, and Helen Youth.

2003-2004 Staff Retirees: Homa Arabshahi, Linda Best, Bobby Helmick, Neheda Haibni, Willie Kitchens, Ernest King, Marvin Logan, Tommy Lowman, John Madden, Pamela McHenry, Michael Plummer, Harriet Reiter, Gilma Retamozo, and Pat Speir.

2003-2004 Faculty Retirees:

Ronald Burdette, Bill Davis, Charles Deering, Rick Ensminger (John), Gordon Gregg, Beth Schneiderman Mann, Sandra Ridgely, Lois Robertson, Barbara St. John, Matt Schulte, Jack Suruda, and Dan Voss (John).

Several Faculty and Staff retired this past semester, including Bill Patterson and Bob Laycock.

New Retirees at the end of this semester (so far):

Bob Coley, Diane Daniel, Dave Kieffer, Tom Price from Germantown—with a "Survivors" themed celebration scheduled for April 29. Info: [Marianne Noyd](mailto:Marianne.Noyd@mc.edu), 301-353-7738.

Caroline Johnson and Flo Ashby, Rockville, are also retiring. Flo's retirement event is scheduled for April 2, 3:00 p.m., Theatre Arts, Rockville. Info: [Clare Delaney](mailto:Clare.Delaney@mc.edu), 301-279-5194.

There are sure to be more retirees who will announce their retirement this semester. They will be honored at the annual faculty/staff retirement recognition event to be held at the newly renamed Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus on May 15. And did you know that **Dr. Nunley has announced her retirement for June 2007?**



Montgomery College Retirees Survey
Spring 2006

Name: _____

MC Department: _____ Year Started at MC: _____ Year Retired: _____

Campus(es) where you worked: Takoma Rockville Germantown Off Campus/WD/CE

Address, if wrong on label: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone (please circle preferred): Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cel: _____

Suggestion for Title of the Retirees Newsletter: _____

Any information for *Travel Tales & Tips* column? _____

Are you already an MC Alumni Association member? Yes No Not sure

Are you interested in joining the Retirees Chapter? Yes Not at this time

How would you like to receive future retirees newsletters? Mail E-mail Via MyMC

Are you interested in a workshop on using the Internet and e-mail? Yes, tell me more No, thanks

Interests or goals for a Retirees Chapter:

Mark any number of items below; indicate order of preference, 1=1st priority, 2=2nd priority, etc.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring current students | <input type="checkbox"/> Directory/Retirees lists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social events/reunions with colleagues | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree liaison for specific College projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/newsletters/web | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher education news/current events | _____ |

Are you interested in helping with Chapter projects or events? _____

Preference for chapter event times/dates, if any:

Month(s) _____ Location(s) _____
Day(s) of week _____ Number of events per year _____

Any comments or suggestions for Retirees programs? _____

*Please return this postage-paid survey to the Montgomery College Alumni Association
Or fax to 301-251-7314.
Thanks for your feedback!*

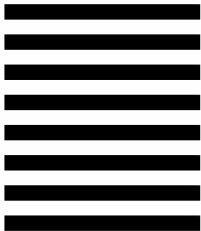


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