



# MC Connections

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## Editor's Corner

*By Helen Youth*



Welcome to the third issue of *MC Connections*, produced especially for MC retired faculty and staff. In it you will find information on your fellow retirees and current and future happenings. *MC Connections* will serve to supplement the comprehensive monthly alumni newsletter that is available for viewing at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/newsletter/](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/newsletter/), where you will find additional information on mentoring opportunities, MC sports and International dinner/movie events, book group discussions, and events announced by the Paul Peck Institute for American Culture and Civic Engagement.

One of the joys of editing this newsletter is gathering articles and facts from MC retirees. In this issue we will be treated to the kayaking adventures of several recent Germantown retirees. Hopefully, you will be able to share with us by contributing some of your hobby, volunteer, or travel experiences for future issues. Just contact Jill Irey, Retiree Chapter Liaison, at 301-251-7293 and she will see that I receive it.

## MC's New President

As you may know, Dr. Charlene Nunley has retired. Dr. Brian Johnson assumed the presidential duties on February 1, 2007 and is now the seventh chief executive officer in the College's 60-year history. Dr. Johnson has served as chief executive officer of the Allegheny Campus and system senior vice president of student and community services at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh. His selection marks the culmination of a six-month, nationwide search, which began after current president Dr. Nunley announced her retirement. More details about Dr. Johnson can be obtained at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/president/presidentsbio.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/president/presidentsbio.html) (BTW, did you know that the January edition of the *Washingtonian Magazine* featured Dr. Charlene Nunley as one of its Washingtonians of the Year!)

## Judy Kneen Honored

*And Shows Support of Montgomery College*

Montgomery College was such an integral part of Judy Kneen's life as a math professor for 25 years and an administrative associate for three years in the office of the academic vice president, that she wanted to continue her impact on higher education. A conversation with Ken Wantling, a retired colleague (now deceased), in which he expressed his desire to give something back to MC, was the impetus for Judy's decision to create an endowed scholarship. "I know people put Montgomery College in their will, but I didn't want to wait. I wanted to do something for MC *now*, and it made me feel good." *[continued]*

**Your Connections:** In addition to all the Alumni Staff do for former students, they actively provide support for the Retirees Chapter.



*Clockwise from top left:* Jessica Warnick, Alumni Director; Jill Irey, Chapter Liaison; John Libby, Alumni Coordinator; Bernice Grossman, Alumni Assistant.

**See the list of upcoming events on page 2**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 11, 2007 (Wednesday), 11:30 a.m.:** Retiree Spring Luncheon at the Red Lobster, 15700 Shady Grove Road, Gaithersburg. Space is limited—reserve early! Contact Bernice Grossman, 301-279-5378.

**April 12, 2007 (Thursday), 6:30 p.m.:** Retirement celebration for Dr. Nunley at the Bethesda Marriott. Contact Stacey Miller, 301-279-5274. (If you want to attend both events, call Bernice first.)

**May 18, 2007 (Friday):** Commencement

**June 2, 2007 (Saturday):** Free class for Association members: "Digital Photography." Contact Bernice Grossman, 301-279-5378.

**June 29-July 13, 2007:** Study Travel Tour to Turkey. Contact Greg Malveaux, 301-738-8077.

**November 10-12, 2007:** Weekend trip to NYC that includes Broadway shows. Contact Bernice Grossman at 301-279-5378.

More information is posted on [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni) and issued in the monthly e-newsletter, *Happenings at MC*.



At the Fall 2006 Scholarship Luncheon, MC Foundation president Tom Ladd (*right*) presented Judy Kneen with a marble clock in thanks for her establishment of an endowed scholarship.

The primary criteria Judy selected for her scholarship were for a female, age 25 or older. This endowed scholarship provides a full tuition-and-fees scholarship for one year. "Funding a scholarship for a non-traditional student is gratifying, as they typically are truly committed to learning," explained Judy. "This year I had the opportunity to meet the student who received my scholarship. She was a lovely Ethiopian woman with two children, who had previously been an airline hostess and is now studying nursing. I was truly impressed by her, as she had to catch a shuttle to come to the Rockville Campus, as well as miss a portion of her clinical studies to attend the luncheon. She was so grateful to me for funding her education and for the opportunity to meet me as the donor," exclaimed Judy.

Judy's bit of advice to share with other MC retirees: "If you are thinking about making a financial contribution to education, as many of us support our alma mater, consider making that gift to Montgomery College!"

## Two Volunteer Opportunities in the County

### *Senior Leadership Montgomery and the Literacy Council*

**Senior Leadership Montgomery**, co-founded by MC alumna Esther Newman, is for people 55 and older who are retired, semi-retired or about to retire, ready to share their wisdom and talent with like-minded individuals who want to get involved, learn about resources, feel useful and give back to the community. Senior Leadership Montgomery is a dynamic learning experience highlighted by community action projects. During the sessions, participants learn first-hand about issues and needs of the community and meet inspiring community leaders. Sessions include community sampler tours. Approximately 20-25 participants are selected for each class. The application deadline for the September class is in May. For more information, please go to [www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/programs/senior.asp](http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/programs/senior.asp) or call 301-881-3333.

**The Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Maryland** is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to helping adults in Montgomery County learn to speak, read, write and understand English. Volunteers are trained to tutor one-on-one or with small groups of students who live or work in Montgomery County. LCMC provides Basic Literacy (read and write) and English as a Second Language training programs (read, write and speak).

Tutors meet with student/students twice a week for one hour. Prospective tutors do not need to have any prior experience in education but should be fluent in English and have the desire to assist an adult to read and write in English. They will introduce you to the organization and training methodology. For more information, please call 301-610-0030, or go to [www.literacycouncilmcmd.org/Volunteer.htm](http://www.literacycouncilmcmd.org/Volunteer.htm).

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## From Classroom to Kayak

*By Tom Price, recently retired from the Germantown Campus*

When first presented with the idea of kayaking, many people question the sanity of such an idea and wonder why anyone would transition from the safety of a classroom to the near-death experience of kayaking. Good question! Except there are three distinct levels of kayaking: whitewater, sea, and flatwater. The names describe the decreasing probability of disaster.

Flatwater kayakers and Professors Emeriti Dave Kieffer, Diane Daniel, Tom Price and some of their spouses, Ami Daniel and Stephanie Price, spent the summer sneaking up on herons and flocks of geese, inspecting beaver lodges, and searching for the eagle of Black Hills Regional Park.

All were relatively new to kayaking. The most experienced was Diane and her husband Ami. The least experienced was definitely Tom who flipped his kayak while gracelessly entering it. The warm weather made his water cooled attire tolerable.

Flatwater kayaking does not mean continuous paddling. In fact it was very difficult to get an action shot of this group. Frequently they just rafted together in the middle of the lake and talked and ate and bobbed along like a bunch of retirees in search of Zen and the Art of Kayaking.

The group is not exclusive...that's how we could join. Next year Bob Coley and his wife, Janet, plan to join the group. Although Bob could walk on water as a Chemistry prof, he will still need to buy a kayak. All others are welcome too. Like our former employer, we have an open door policy.



*Above: Tom and his toy-toting Toyota truck.*

*Below: Diane, who ran the best "chuck wagon" kayak.*



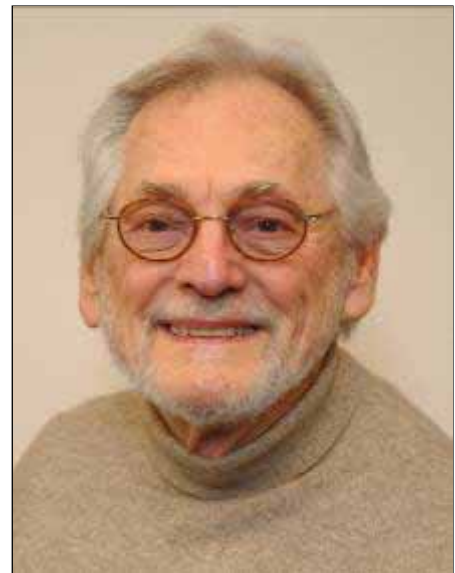
## Some Thoughts on My Career and Retirement

*By Richard Mower, retired from the Rockville Campus*

I have spent 38 years at MC. I spent 29 years as a full-time instructor initiating courses and original ideas into the Art and Interior Design Programs until my retirement in 1996. At that time, the Board of Trustees awarded me the Silver Medallion for service to MC. I then spent the next nine years working part-time as Coordinator of the International Education Program, developing with faculty short-term international travel to places around the world that supported their teaching. Students, faculty, and community have participated. I assisted with the trips. I have also seen my vision of a Shakespeare Festival for the Rockville Campus come to fruition a few years ago. I "retired" finally in December 2005, as the projects and programs that I developed are continued by faculty and supported by the administration.

None of my activities at MC would have been possible without my wife and children, who shared the passion and put up with my many hours spent at the College, or on the road with students, or the semester of my sabbatical in NYC. My retirement is all too busy. I cook, read, travel, and cope with my loss of hearing. I got a dog at the Rockville shelter. You can find us on long walks in Montgomery Village. Come join me!

*To contact the folks mentioned in this newsletter, contact Jill Irey, Retirees Chapter Liaison, at 301-251-7293 or [jill.irey@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:jill.irey@montgomerycollege.edu). If you would like to share information about yourself so that the readers of the next issues of this newsletter can read about you and/or connect, just send a few words listing your current activities, where you are living now, how you are enjoying your retirement, etc., to Jill as well.*



*Richard Mower is finally retired. Really.*

## Changes at Montgomery College

- Montgomery College will begin converting to a new College ID Number on April 2, 2007. The College will issue new College ID cards to faculty, staff and retirees as may be necessary and desired. The College ID Project website [www.montgomerycollege.edu/collegeid](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/collegeid) explains it more fully.
- In addition, a new collegewide telephone area code and exchange, (240) 567, is to be implemented May 19. For example, the Alumni Office phone number that is currently 301-279-5378 will become 240-567-5378.

## In Memoriam

Tibor Gajary died December 6, 2005. He was a professor of business administration and economics from 1974 to 1993.

Frank Brannigan\* died January 10, 2006. He was a professor in the Fire Sciences Program and community leader.

Jean Goodwin Ross died on March 18, 2006. She was a trustee of the College from 1969 to 1979.

Dr. Michael "Mickie" Carlson died May 26, 2006. She was dean of student development at the Takoma Park Campus from 1995 to 2003.

Joyce Gray died May 30, 2006. She was an administrative aide in the College's Office of Information Technology.

Mary Dorsey died on July 23, 2006. She was a building service worker at the Germantown Campus and retired in 1991.

Dennis Arnold died on August 8, 2006. He was an instructional assistant at Germantown from 1997 to 2003.

Jeffrey Finlay died on November 21, 2006. He was a grants manager in the Business Development and Grants Office.

Sandra Reece died on February 6, 2007. She was a professor in the Nursing Department at Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

*\*Montgomery College has established a memorial scholarship in Frank Brannigan's name.*

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a deceased colleague, contact Nell Kane at 301-251-7491.

## Awards—Recent and Upcoming

Retirees Dr. Bob Coley (Germantown) and Dr. Myrna Goldenberg (Rockville) were among the faculty honored at the College's 60th Anniversary celebration in October 2006.

Dr. Charlene Nunley receives the "On Her Shoulders We Stand" award at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Women's Studies Program, March 28. For information, contact Genevieve Carminati, 301-251-7446.

Bruce Wagner (Takoma Park) will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the Alumni Association's 2007 awards dinner April 20. For information, contact Bernice Grossman, 301-279-5378.

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