



MC Connections

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Editor's Corner

By Helen Youth



MC Connections is produced especially for MC retired faculty and staff. This particular issue features the inspiring volunteer activities of three of our recent retirees. We would love to hear from others as well, as to how your talents are being used to benefit our community. You can submit your information to the alumni office by e-mail at mcretirees@montgomerycollege.edu or by phone at 240-567-5378.

MC Connections supplements the comprehensive monthly online Alumni newsletter that is available for viewing at www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/newsletterinformation where you will find **additional updated** information on mentoring opportunities, MC sports and International dinner/movie events, book group discussions, travel opportunities, and events announced by the Paul Peck Institute for American Culture and Civic Engagement. Also, if you have not been getting your copy of *Insights* magazine, be sure to contact the alumni office as provided above. The library has some very interesting databases that you are entitled to use. Be sure that you have obtained your Retirees ID Card at HR in order to access the databases.

Annual Spring Retiree Luncheon

It may be scheduled for April 1, but there's no fooling about this!!! The Retiree Luncheon is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m. We will be convening to enjoy ourselves and reconnect with old friends and co-workers at the Crowne Plaza Rockville, 3 Research Court. Many of the folks who attended last year were so positive about the experience and the site that we decided to revisit this wonderful facility. The lovely atrium provides us with a place to "meet and greet" before we settle at our tables in the banquet room. There is no finer lunch these days, and the price can't be beat. Registration information will arrive shortly. (Please note—the hotel has changed hands and was known last year as the Atrium Court Hotel.) More information about the Crowne Plaza Rockville Hotel can be accessed at www.CPRockville.com and at 301-840-0200.

Faculty and Staff Retirement Event

On May 14, the college will honor newly retiring faculty and staff at the 9th annual retirement event. There will be at least 30 faculty and staff who will be joining us as retirees. It will be held at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus and should be a very pleasant event. If you can make it, I am sure that you will enjoy the day.



Above: Attendees reconnect at the 2007 luncheon. Join this year at the Crowne Plaza Rockville on April 1.

See the list of upcoming events on page 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 (Tuesday), 11:30 a.m.: Retirees spring luncheon. Contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378.

April 18 (Friday), 6:30 p.m.: Alumni Association's awards dinner. Contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378.

May 14 (Wednesday): Annual reception for retiring faculty and staff. Contact Melanie Kandel, 240-567-7900.

May 14-25: Study-travel tour to China. Contact Greg Malveau, 301-738-8077, or go to www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/internationaleducation/futuretrips.htm.

May 18 (Friday): Commencement. Contact Susan Sullivan, 240-567-7489.

June 17 (Tuesday): Athletics Dept. golf day at Hampshire Green, Silver Spring. Contact Barry Street, 240-567-7587.

September 8 (Monday): 23rd annual MC Foundation Golf Classic. Contact Anne White, 240-567-7974.

November 8-10: Broadway Weekend featuring *A Catered Affair*. Contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378.

More information is available on the Alumni web page www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni and in the monthly e-newsletter, *Happenings at MC*.

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Some Volunteer Opportunities in the County

The George B. Thompson, Sr., Leadership Academy (GBTLA), also called **Saturday School**, is looking for lead tutors and volunteers to assist MCPS students. Individuals with certification are eligible to serve as lead tutors (at \$30 per hour) and others can serve as volunteers. There are twelve center locations throughout the county, and tutoring sessions are held on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 a.m. from October through May. For more information, go to www.gbtleadershipacademy.org or contact Michael Thomas, Executive Director, at 301-320-6545.

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. No foreign language skills are necessary. Tutors work one-on-one or with small groups, and meet with students in libraries or community centers at mutually convenient times. Registration is required. Call 301-610-0030, or e-mail info@literacycouncilmcmd.org.

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. Approximately 20-25 participants are selected for each class. The application deadline is in May for the next class that begins in September. For more information, call 301-881-3333 or go to www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/programs/senior/asp.

In Memoriam

Shirley S. Kirschenmann '82 died July 21, 2007. She was a switchboard operator at the Rockville Campus Information Center from 1975 to 2001.

Travis Todd '80 died August 22, 2007. She recently retired from the Visual, Performing, and Communication Arts Department at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

Dorothy "Dottie" Whalen died September 9, 2007. She was a food service worker on the Rockville Campus from September 1967 until July 1984.

Roberta "Bertie" Bryan died September 22, 2007. Before her retirement, she worked for 23 years as a secretary to the registrar on the Takoma Park Campus.

William C. Tomlinson died September 25, 2007. He was the registrar at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus from 1967 until his retirement in 1983.

Philip McClean died October 19, 2007. He was a former adjunct professor of mathematics at the Germantown Campus.

James Melvin Peet died October 20, 2007. He taught college classes from 1954 to 1986, spending the last sixteen years of his career at Montgomery College.

Maurice "Maus" Collins '53 died November 19, 2007. A long-time area high school coach, he was a member of MC's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Samuel Francisco Trevio died November 25, 2007. He was a part-time faculty member in the Rockville Physics Department from 1991 to 2007.

Paul B. Duruz died December 20, 2007. He worked at the Rockville campus for many years as security director.

Susan Fiel Thornton died December 22, 2007. She taught chemistry at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus for 30 years.

Louis G. Chacos died December 28, 2007. He was a coach and chair of the Takoma Park Health and Physical Education Department.

Our Own Washington Ear Volunteers

Bob Coley and Tom Price (Former Faculty at Germantown)

Recent retirees Tom Price and Bob Coley have continued to give support to the community. They are two of the hundreds of volunteers who use their vocal talents to read articles from newspapers and magazines on live radio broadcasts that are available on special radios provided by the Washington Ear or as audio on home computers. Bob has been reading the *Post* for over a year now, dragging himself out of bed every Wednesday morning at 5:15 to get to the Silver Spring studio by 6:30. After deciding what articles he and his partner will read, they go on air at 7:00. They follow a pattern, reading front page articles, editorials, including a description of the editorial cartoon, and op-ed columns. Also included in the two-hour program are Style, Metro, Business and Sports stories. Tom, for his one-hour Thursday program, reads articles from the *Wall Street Journal* for taped broadcast later in the day. He too selects the articles for his program.

Bob and Tom enjoy their volunteer work, helping to bring the world of print to those unable to read it. Round-the-clock radio programming, all of it read by volunteers, provides readings from additional newspapers such as *The Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Times*, and other publications. The full broadcast schedule can be found at the Washington Ear's website www.washear.org. In addition to the radio broadcasts, the Ear provides its Dial-In-Newspaper and Magazine Service using volunteers to record each article in daily newspapers like the *Post* and *USA Today* along with selections from the *Wall Street Journal* and *Time*, *Washingtonian*, and *People* magazines. These articles are then accessed by phone, using a telephone menu system.

If you are interested in joining Bob and Tom as volunteers and are willing to donate two or three hours per week, contact Donna by phone at 301-681-6636 or at volunteers@washear.org.



Bob Coley (top) and Tom Price (below) as they do their good deeds in the broadcast studio of the Metropolitan Washington Ear.

Named as Outstanding Volunteer

Tom Logan (Former Dean at Rockville)

Tom Logan has been named as an outstanding volunteer by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Eastern Panhandle. In this capacity he, as a trained volunteer, is appointed by a judge to investigate cases in which children have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. He advocates for them making sure that the children have warm clothes, appropriate holiday presents, timely court hearings, and works to make them feel that he is there solely for them. This very responsible commitment involves writing a written report to the court prior to each hearing.

He also tutors kids who have behavioral or academic problems. It is a formal program called PASS—Providing Academic and Self-esteem Support. This year Tom works with four boys from 2nd to 5th grades. He goes to their school once a week for an hour with each of them. He works with them on their school work. Here is where his magic tricks and jokes (that he honed on us) do their own special magic in making him the positive male role model. Continuing with his love of kids, he also reads to 2nd graders once a week to give the teachers a 30-minute break to plan their lessons and has been praised as “being light of heart doing what he does simply for the smiles he brings to the faces of the children he works with.” We’re proud of you, Tom.



Donating Opportunities

Do you have fond memories of teaching or working at Montgomery College? Would you like to give back by participating in the College's \$25 million Endless Possibilities Campaign? There is a need for funds in almost every area of the College, including scholarships, facilities, programming, etc.

Did you know that you can support the College in the following ways?

- Bequests
- Trusts
- Retirement plans
- Life Insurance Plans
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Real Estate
- Non-Cash Assets

If you would like to discuss one or more of these creative ways of giving to Montgomery College or would like further information, please contact Elana F. Lipka, Director of Gift Planning at Montgomery College. Elana can be reached at 240-567-5287 or at elana.lipka@montgomerycollege.edu.

Tom Bichy, 7 Others on Deck for 2008 Alumni Awards Dinner

Tom Bichy, who coached at Rockville from 1968 until his 2005 retirement, enters the Athletic Hall of Fame at this year's alumni awards dinner, Friday, April 18. Tom will join the Hall with John Division '83, Tyrone Neal '73, and Harold Walker '99.

Also that evening, the Alumni Association honors four former students with the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. One honoree, Mirna Ostchega '90, has returned to MC as a faculty member. Another, Gordon Johnson '99, has volunteered for years at the Center for Teaching and Learning. They join Ted Jarboe '67 and Dr. Mark Thompson '75 as awardees.

The dinner will be at the Crowne Plaza Rockville. We hope you'll join us to congratulate these outstanding members of our College community. To reserve your seats, contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378, or e-mail bernice.grossman@montgomerycollege.edu.

*To reach the folks mentioned in this newsletter, contact the Alumni Office by phone at 240-567-5378 or by e-mail at mcretirees@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. It does not have to be only about volunteer activities. We would like to know how you are **playing** as well.*

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