



# MC Connections

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Sue Liggett and friends walk to save "second base" (see page 3).



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Tom Logan to be honored at April 17 awards dinner.

## Editor's Corner

By Helen Youth



It's hard to believe that this is the seventh edition of *MC Connections*. Time does fly by! According to the comments that I have received, MC retirees are enjoying the newsletter as a means for keeping in touch with former colleagues and friends. In addition to this semiannual publication, you have many online means of staying in touch. First, there is MC's homepage, [www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu), which connects to events, etc.; My MC, [www.MyMCmontgomerycollege.edu](http://www.MyMCmontgomerycollege.edu), which provides additional features; and the monthly, comprehensive Alumni Association newsletter available for viewing at the alumni webpage, [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni).

Recently, Carrie Garvin, Human Resources Associate, added a retiree blog for your convenience. This new reference addition enables you to keep in touch with news and information related to medical coverage and other MC information in a dynamic fashion. For example, it contains important information about coverage for shingles prevention and information about the new dental plan. Carrie Garvin says that the blog is "just another way to keep communication open with our wonderful retirees from Montgomery College!" The HR blog is available at <http://mcretireesstayingintouch.blogspot.com>. Carrie is also available for questions in the HR Office at 240-567-5369.

## Mark Your Calendar for April

**April 1** is the date of our annual Retiree Spring Luncheon. This year it will be held at the Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, at 11:30 a.m. (Their phone number for directions is 301-983-8838.) As many of us know, the popovers at this restaurant had always been exceptional, and have remained so. (It's nice to know there is one thing that does not change as we get older.) Take advantage of this opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues at this special retiree event. To register, send \$12 to Bernice Grossman, 900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850.

**April 17** is the date of this year's Alumni Awards Dinner. This year it will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Theatre Arts Arena on the Rockville Campus. The Outstanding Alumni Achievement honorees include State Sen. Roy Dyson '69, Kevin Hughes '80, and Tom Logan '73. The Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome new members Jim Meehan '69, Joe Adam '77, Dino Miltiadou '72 and Mike Carroll '66. We hope to see you there to join in honoring these outstanding members of our College community. The price of each dinner ticket is \$40. For more information, contact Bernice Grossman at 240-567-5378.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 28, 2009 (Saturday), 7:30 p.m., MOBILE MASTERPIECES Art Raffle**, Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Art Center, TP/SS. Contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378.

**April 1, 2009 (Wednesday), 11:30 a.m., Spring Retirees Luncheon**, Normandie Farm Restaurant. Contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378.

**April 17, 2009 (Friday), 6:30 p.m., Alumni Awards Dinner**. Theatre Arts, Rockville. Contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378.

**April 24, 2009 (Friday), 8:00 a.m., Financial and Estate Planning Seminar**. Rockville Campus, Room TBA. Contact Elana Lippa at 240-567-5287.

**May 22, 2009 (Friday), Annual College Commencement**. Emeriti faculty wishing to process may contact Denise Matheny, 240-567-4019. Volunteers needed for the Association's diploma framing table—contact Bernice Grossman, 240-567-5378.

More information is available on the Alumni web page [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni) and in the monthly e-newsletter, [Happenings at MC](#).

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## In Search of Outstanding Alumni

Have you reconnected with a former MC student who has performed substantial volunteer work or who has benefited his/her community in some impressive way? The Alumni Association would appreciate receiving recommendations for deserving alumni to be considered for the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement award. Please send your recommendation to John Libby at 240-567-7951, or e-mail him at [john.libby@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:john.libby@montgomerycollege.edu).

## Breakfast Anyone?

Several retirees have asked that I schedule the informal breakfasts on a regular basis. Let's make it the first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Hollywood Diner, 11111 Rockville Pike. This new updated version of the Broadway diner has a moderately priced and varied menu. I will be there and there should be a core group of six or so each time.

## MOBILE MASTERPIECES Art Raffle

On Saturday evening, March 28, the Alumni Association hosts **Mobile Masterpieces**, a scholarship fundraiser. At this event, you will have the opportunity to obtain an original work of art that may be a fine photograph, jewelry, sculpture, stained glass, or other media—all with the price of admission—\$75. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Art Center on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Each attendee can take home an original piece.

## In Memoriam

**Robert W. McHenry** died March 7, 2008. As a faculty member in the Rockville Political Science Department, he was known for his vaudeville and cartooning teaching style. He retired from the College in 2003.

**Carroll L. Matthews** died May 12, 2008. He taught in the Rockville Mathematics Department for more than 37 years.

**Catherine Grant** died May 17, 2008. She was a faculty member in the Rockville Speech, Dance, and Theatre Department for 10 years.

**Laval Scott McRae** died June 1, 2008. He was a Human Resources Specialist in the College's Employee and Labor Relations Office, having joined the College in 1986.

**Lillian O. Lukaczer** died September 6, 2008. She was a faculty member in the Takoma Park Political Science Department from 1969 until her 1980 retirement.

**Samuel R. Blate** died September 15, 2008. He joined the Rockville English Department faculty in 1967. He continued to teach in the honors program — which he founded at Rockville — after his 2004 retirement.

**Martha W. Turner** died October 1, 2008. She worked for many years as a librarian at the College until retiring in 2004.

**Patrick Feeney** died December 3, 2008. He joined the faculty of the Rockville Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice Department in 2003.

**Andrew Nelson** died December 20, 2008. He joined the faculty in 1982, served as a dean at Germantown from 1985 to 1993, and then returned to teaching until his 2008 retirement.

## News from Sue Liggett

(Faculty, English Department, Rockville)

In mid-September 2008, after a summer of training, I went to Seattle, WA, to join two nieces and 3,300 other walkers in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, 60-mile Walk for the Cure. Joining "Komen for the Cure" became my goal following a May 2007 diagnosis of breast cancer and a subsequent mastectomy.

"Komen for the Cure" is the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting to end breast cancer. The Seattle walkers alone raised over \$8.6 million for research, education, and quality care for those without health insurance.

The personal physical challenge was great—walking 20-plus miles daily for 3 days in a row. The shin splints and broken toe are long forgotten. But the experience of being with a throng of empathetic people intent on conquering a shared enemy I cannot forget. The spirit was high among us and in the Seattle community that lined the streets, providing refreshments, music, cheers of encouragement and even rides to the next pit stop.

If you are looking for some way to spend next summer that is healthy, convenient, socially beneficial, and inspiring, take a look at <http://www.the3day.org>. You can train all summer, lose 10 to 15 pounds, and be ready for the Washington, DC, 3-day walk on October 9.



Crew and walkers held their shoes high in tribute to cancer survivors who were walking onto the field.



Sue and niece Geo cross the finish line after walking 60 miles.

## Bonnie Favin

(Staff, Rockville Library)

After 28 years in the Library at the Rockville Campus, and being retired for over eight years, I am happily occupied in several different ways. My husband and I relocated to Leisure World in Silver Spring two years ago and have found it to be sort of an adult camp with new friends and activities of all types. Maybe it's no surprise that my contribution to our two-building complex is to manage the residential library in our community room.

Stan retired long before me and began the Favin Family volunteer program! The first activity for me was at the Newseum when it was located in Rosslyn. I was given a project to identify and find the citations for photographs taken for the Washington Post over a period of many years. In 2003, I volunteered to help them until they hired someone. Although I now primarily assist the librarian with library-related clerical tasks, would you believe I occasionally request and process interlibrary loans?

For the past four years, I have been a narrator for the Voices to Access Program at the Smithsonian, which is part of the Behind the Scenes Volunteer system at the Museums. Smithsonian publications are recorded on cassette or disc and distributed to those who need non-print access to Smithsonian information. My portion of a read is mailed to me a week before the session to be formatted and prepared; then I take Metro to the mall to record. It's been a blast for me because whenever I am on the mall, I take advantage of all the special exhibits.



Bonnie and Stan in the library at Holy Cross Hospital (top), and relaxing after a volunteer stint.

## Flo Ashby Remembers the College!



Professor Florence Ashby and her husband, Laird Anderson, recently bequeathed a gift of \$200,000 to establish the Florence Ashby and Laird Anderson Endowed Scholarship at Montgomery College. Flo, whose tenure as a math professor at MC began in 1966, has continuously supported the Montgomery College Foundation throughout her career. In May 1984, she established her first endowment, the Muriel Ashby Endowed Scholarship, in memory of her late mother. "It is important to demonstrate appreciation to the institution that helped to mold and shape my career," Flo said. "I hope that my public demonstration of giving inspires faculty, staff, and students to support education and help students with critical need, in spite of economic challenges."

If you are interested in this or other ways to support the college, contact Elana Lippa, Director of Gift Planning at Montgomery College. Elana can be reached at 240-567-5287 or at [elana.lippa@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:elana.lippa@montgomerycollege.edu). Also, please be on the lookout for more information on a financial and estate planning seminar on Friday, April 24, at Rockville. Elana can give you more information about this as well.

## Retiree Pension Information

The *Mentor* newsletter recently provided the following link for information about pension stability. Visit the State Retirement Agency online at [www.sra.state.md.us](http://www.sra.state.md.us) and click on *The Security of Your Pension in Times of Market Volatility*. The article includes a link to an article, *Navigating the Storm*.

*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](mailto: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.*