

# Contra Costa College Retiree Newsletter

20 March 2017

## Upcoming Events

**March 25, 2017**

***Athletic Dept Crab Feed***

Time: 6 – 9pm

Location: CCC Gym

Tickets \$40/person

Info: 510-215-4801

**April 23, 2017**

***10<sup>th</sup> Annual Food & Wine  
Gala***

Time: 11am – 2:30pm

Location: Fireside Hall

\$35 advance; \$40 at the door

Info: 510-215-3878

**April 26, 2017**

***KQED Forum Live Taping***

Topic: TBA

Time: 9 – 11am

Location: GE Room 225

Followed by:

***Retiree Luncheon***

Time: 11am – 1pm

Location: Aqua Terra.

Cost: \$10 each – CCC Foundation  
will pay for beverage & dessert

**RSVP required for lunch!**

Call 510-215-3805 or email

[smarcellino@contracosta.edu](mailto:smarcellino@contracosta.edu)

Invitation will be sent early April

**Upcoming Events continue  
on the last page**

## We Want to Hear from You!

We are working with Sara Marcellino in the Foundation Office to find ways to strengthen communication between the campus and its retirees, as well as ways to keep us retirees better informed about each other.

For our initial foray, Sara created a CCC Faculty & Staff Retiree GoogleGroup, which functions as a listserv to which any member can post information about an upcoming event, the passing of a former colleague, a call for get-well cards, or call to lunch. It can also be a way to contact a specific individual. (If you want to join the GoogleGroup, please contact Ellen and she will email the link and directions.)

Since some retirees don't have email, and some who do haven't joined the GoogleGroup, we thought a newsletter might bridge the gap. We will snail-mail this first issue to everyone who is not in the GoogleGroup. If you DO have email, please tell us your email address so that we can email future newsletters. This will help to keep our costs down. (We will continue to snail-mail to those with no email.)

Please also tell us what types of events you are interested in: Campus plays, speakers and concerts? Department fundraisers? Informal no-host lunches at shifting locales? Volunteer opportunities? Other ideas?

We look forward to hearing from/seeing you!

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## Wondering What Happened to the Memorial Bricks?

One of the changes made with the recent remodel was the replacement of the walkway in front of the Library. There is now one well-defined path of travel through the new center of campus, running past the library and the new bookstore and Student Services Building and into the new "quad" area. This entailed the removal of the memorial bricks that had been embedded in front of the library entrance. Fear not - the memorials are not lost or forgotten! Students in the Art Dept. are working on a new design to be mounted on the wall in the Fireside Center. All of the former memorials will be included, as well as room for new memorials.

## Campus Tour & Retiree Luncheon

As you may know, the college is in the midst of a massive construction /reconstruction phase. Two buildings were torn down - the Humanities Building (the first permanent building on the San Pablo campus, which opened in 1956) and the Student Activities Building/Cafeteria (1958 & 1965). They were replaced by a new Student and Administration Building (bookstore, cafeteria, restaurant and administration offices), Fireside Hall, and a General Education classroom building. These beautiful new buildings fit in well visually with existing buildings while also totally changing the campus layout (its map now resembles a butterfly.) The center of campus has shifted; it is finally close to its postal address on Mission Bell Drive!

Last September, the CCC Foundation/Development Office hosted a tour of the new buildings, followed by a luncheon for retirees in the new Culinary Arts restaurant, Aqua Terra. Forty retirees came and had a grand time! Good food, good location, good company! Hope to see you at our next event, which will be Wed, April 26 (see Upcoming Events section on page 1).



CCC President Mojdeh Mehdizadeh and Anthony Gordon



Donna Floyd, Carol Maga and Camille Parker



Hank Lewis, Walt Frey and Jim Mason



John Diestler & Marc Mariana



Lecture hall in new classroom building

## CCC History Highlight



Contra Costa Junior College, West Campus began in 1949 in the former Kaiser Shipyard No. 3 in Point Richmond. The first classes started February 14, 1950 with a beginning enrollment of 500 students. The campus consisted of an assortment of old shipyard buildings, some wooden structures, no grass, lots of blacktop, and a parking lot with a (working) railroad line running through it. Talk about problem parking!

The cafeteria is the last of the original buildings; a plaque was mounted on it in 2000 to commemorate the college's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Current & Past Employee News

- **College Changes:**
  - Vice President Tammeil Gilkerson left in March to become the new president of Laney College. Congratulations!
- **Transitions**
  - Stephen Schaefer: Faculty, Business & Real Estate; retired 2004; passed away in October 2016.
  - Barbara Serb: Classified Staff, Business Office; retired 1992; passed away in January 2017.
  - Lillian Henderson: Faculty, Office Information Systems; retired 2005; lost her husband, Tom in January 2017.
- **2016-17 Retirements (so far)**
  - Emanuel Baptiste: Faculty, Math – May 2017
  - Rick Figuera: Faculty, Computer & Communication Technology - May 2017
  - Donna Floyd: Senior Dean of Instruction - March 2017
  - Guadalupe Mora: Classified Staff, Custodial Services – November 2016
  - Tom Murphy: Faculty, Computer Science - May 2017
  - Heather Roth: Faculty, English/Reading – May 2017

## Upcoming Events (cont.)

**May 2, 2017**

**Scholarship Awards Ceremony**

Time: 5 – 8pm

Location: John & Jean Knox Performing Arts Center

**May 2 – 4, 2017**

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**

May 2: 9 – 11am FOL members preview

May 2: 11 – 5pm

May 3 & 4: 9am – 5pm

Location: Library

Info: 510-215-4996

**May 12, 2017**

**CCC Retiree Reception**

Time: 3 – 5pm

Location: Fireside Hall

Tickets \$25/person

Info: 510-215-3800