

# DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE RETIREES NEWSLETTER

Oct. 3, 2017

## DVCRA FALL 2017 LUNCHEON

**Oct. 27, Friday**

**Diablo Room**

**Hospitality Services and Food Court Building  
(HSFC Building) 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

We are looking forward to a luncheon prepared by the students and chefs of the Culinary Arts Department and a chance to hear from District HR on healthcare and representatives from Kaiser and Anthem Blue Cross. Bring your questions.

### RESERVATIONS

**Please make a reservation by sending a check for \$15 made out to DVC Retirees Association** and addressed to

DVC Retirees Association  
Diablo Valley College  
321 Golf Club Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Please mail your check so we receive it by Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017.** For questions, please contact Irene Menegas at [imenegas@comcast.net](mailto:imenegas@comcast.net) or 925-946-0420.

When you send in your reservation, please indicate if you would like a vegetarian option for lunch.

Thank you for pre-paying promptly. Your cooperation means that we avoid paying for more lunches than we need.

### DVCRA SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to contribute to the DVCRA Scholarship Fund at this time and would like your contribution to be tax deductible, please write a second check made out to the DVC Foundation, and in the notation area, write in "DVCRA Scholarship Fund." This year, with your help, we are hoping to provide a total of twelve \$1,200 scholarships to continuing and transferring DVC students.

**MAKE A RESERVATION**

**THE DVCRA FALL  
LUNCHEON**

**Friday, Oct. 27, 2017**

Diablo Valley College

Diablo Room

Silent auction begins at

11 a.m.

Lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Silent auction closes after  
lunch

**RSVP with your check  
for \$15 by  
Wednesday, Oct. 18**

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## LUNCHEON

### Menu

The students and faculty of the Culinary Arts Program will prepare and serve a buffet lunch.

### Program

- 11 - 11:45 Gather, meet, greet, and take part in the Silent Auction
- 11:45 Pre-lunch greetings
- 11:50 Lunch served
- 12:30 Dessert and Program
  - Silent Auction closes and winners announced
  - District Office Human Resources Staff and representatives from Kaiser and Anthem Blue Cross

### CAR POOLS

Anyone who needs a ride may contact Irene Menegas at [imenegas@comcast.net](mailto:imenegas@comcast.net). While we cannot guarantee a ride, we'll do our best to arrange a car pool.

### PARKING

Parking Lots #7 or #8 are closest to the Diablo Room. Laurence Orme from DSS will be at Parking Lot #7 for those who need a ride to the HSFC Building where the Diablo Room is located. Parking tickets will not be issued from 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m. in Parking Lots #7 and #8. You can access a campus map at [www.dvc.edu](http://www.dvc.edu). Once again student ambassadors will be available to direct you to the Diablo Room. Look for them in their green shirts.

### THANK YOU'S

In addition to your fellow retirees on the Board and other volunteers, many administrators and staff helped to make the luncheon possible. If you see them around campus, please thank them for their support.

Ted Wieden, Interim President  
 John Nahlen, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
 Nancy Tolton and staff  
 Lt. Ryan Huddleston and Susan Sedillo, Police Services

Laurence Orme, Disability Support Services  
 Brian McGlynn, Chris Draa, Bob Eustes,  
 Cinthia Chavarria and students of the Culinary Arts Department

Media Services

Karen Castle, retired Astronomy Professor, for her work on the DVCRA website

### PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS LUNCHEONS

Check out pictures from our previous luncheons by going to the website: [uf4cdretired.org](http://uf4cdretired.org). Scroll down the page to the "Welcome" box. Under the heading "PAGES," click on "Photos from Recent DVCRA Events."



### FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD

Spring Luncheon 2018 will be on Apr. 27, 2018.

## Got Crafts?

Do you knit? quilt? make jewelry? If you have a hobby or avocation that you would like to share with DVCRA, please consider making a donation that we could feature in our silent auction.

Chuck Cottril has set an example by donating wooden bowls that he "turns" as a hobby. He has donated bowls, wine stoppers, or bowls with covers at every luncheon since 2015. People who have won his creations in the auctions have prized them as something crafted by someone they know or have given them as special gifts, all the more special because they are handmade by a colleague. Thank you, Chuck.

Thank you to Ginny Horner, who donated a quilted bag and to Elisabeth van Bavel, who donated a necklace for our Spring 2017 Silent Auction.

If you have something you'd like to share and donate, please contact Ellen Kruse at [enkruse@comcast.net](mailto:enkruse@comcast.net).

## DVCRA joins UF Health, Benefits and Retirement Conference

Nancy Zink, Irene Menegas, and Tina Levy of the DVC Retirees Association presented a workshop to prospective retirees at the Mar. 17, 2017, UF Health, Benefits, and Retirement Conference held at DVC.

This annual Conference, supported by the UF and FACCC, enables all faculty and staff an opportunity to learn more about the health care providers, about their current and retiree benefits and about financial opportunities. The

workshop presented by the DVCRA members focused on what prospective retirees need to know or question before they retire.

Pat Seaman, Area Director of CalRTA (California Retired Teachers Association, [www.calrta.org](http://www.calrta.org)) participated in the workshop. Pat shared information about her organization, their advocacy for education and educators, their organization of social events and trips, and their

outreach to community colleges and all of their employees.

She also talked about their active and direct support of students and faculty: Division 52, the local division, has given DVC/LMC students \$5000 scholarships and has given faculty grants.

To learn more about this organization and the good works they support and participate in, check out the website: [www.calrta.org](http://www.calrta.org).

### Do you have questions about your health care benefits?

Attendees at our luncheon last fall gave high marks to the District HR department's presentation about health care benefits.

They will be presenting an update at our luncheon on Oct. 27 and will be bringing representatives from Kaiser and Anthem Blue Cross to answer questions about those specific plans.

If you have a question you would like them to address, please send it to Sue Shattuck at [sshattuck@earthlink.net](mailto:sshattuck@earthlink.net) or leave a message for her at 925-855-5534 by Oct. 12.

We will send the questions to District HR, so they can come prepared to answer them. After Oct. 12, please do not leave messages, but bring your questions to the luncheon.



## Opportunity at the DVC Book Center

The DVC Book Center would like to establish a list of retirees who are interested in part-time work at the Book Center. The work would involve learning the bookstore layout and customer service (looking up books, stocking books on the shelves, and answering the phone). Most of the demand would come at the start of the semester, but they may need assistance at different times throughout the school year.

Pay is \$15.48 per hour. If interested, please contact Bill Foster ([bfoster@dvc.edu](mailto:bfoster@dvc.edu)) or Liz Cabiles ([lcabiles@dvc.edu](mailto:lcabiles@dvc.edu)) with a letter of interest. Please include e-mail and best contact number.

## Memoria Announcements

Some readers have requested us to run longer tributes/memories as part of the DVCRA memoria announcements. We try to keep those announcements brief and personal items to a minimum. If you would like to write a more extensive tribute, send it to Karen Castle at [castlekg@gmail.com](mailto:castlekg@gmail.com) for posting on the DVCRA website. You also may include a few photos, so long as they are identified clearly. Karen will match you as sender with your name in the DVCRA directory.

*Dear Emeritus Friend,*

*On behalf of the Emeritus Board, I would like to invite you to our annual Emeritus Gala on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m. at the Diablo Valley Pleasant Hill campus.*

*The evening will include tapas, wine tasting, live performances and raffles!*

*A formal invitation will be sent via mail soon. Please mark your calendars!*

*Best,*

*Jackie Lorenz  
Director, Community Education  
925-969-4600*

## Diablo Valley College Retirees Association

### Financial Report

#### For the Period Jan. 1, 2017, to Aug. 31, 2017

The primary purpose for the DVCRA's fund raising is to award scholarships to DVC students. The association first awarded scholarships in 2008 and we have given out a total of \$63,000 in scholarships through 2017. We award and fund scholarships in the spring and our major fund raising efforts occur during the summer. Consequently, the funds raised in 2017 will be used to fund the scholarships in 2018. The following DVCRA financial information is for the period Jan. 1, 2017, to Aug. 31, 2017:

- We have \$19,186 in cash held in our bank accounts at Travis Credit Union and the DVC Foundation.
- Our fund raising activities in 2017 (including donations, memberships, and auctions) generated \$12,067 available for scholarships.
- Approximately 80 percent of our members made donations for scholarships. We received a total of \$8,703 in donations in 2017 to date.
- In 2016 we partnered with the DVC Foundation so members make donations directly to the Foundation to get benefit of tax deductions to a charitable organization. This partnership resulted in 84 percent of our donations being made directly to the DVC Foundation.
- We had \$11,195 in expenditures during 2017 including \$10,000 for scholarships, \$1,060 for luncheons, and \$135 in office expenses.

Due to the increasing generosity of our members, the Board decided to increase the amount of each scholarship and the total number of scholarships. In 2018, the DVCRA will award 12 scholarships of \$1,200. Seven scholarships will go to continuing DVC students and five scholarships will go to transferring students. We want to thank our members for their continuing generosity to the students of DVC.

# MEMORIA

## Willard Calhoun

**Died June 21, 2017**

Willard Calhoun died on June 21. Will was hired in Sep. 1962, as a counselor and psychology instructor.

He received his BA Ed and MA degrees from Western Washington State College. He retired in June 1984.

According to his wishes, no services were held.



## Barbara Foge

**Died Aug. 2017**

Barbara Foge, wife of Charles F. Foge, died on Aug. 24, just a little more than two years after Charlie died.

She served as Director of Preschools and as an elementary school teacher for more than 41 years.

## Joe Gomes

**Died Sept. 13, 2017**

Joe Gomes, retired carpenter was hired as a custodian in July 1973, and soon moved into the building and grounds department. He retired as a carpenter in 2008.

Those interested in further information may email Nicole Gomes at [gnomes@dvc.edu](mailto:gnomes@dvc.edu).

## Franco Guidone

**Died Sept. 1, 2017**

Franco Guidone, retired foreign language instructor, died Sept. 1.

Hired in 1988, he taught French, Italian, and Spanish. He retired in May, 2017.

## Clair (Gus) Gustafson

**Died Aug. 14, 2017**

Retired English faculty member, Clair (Gus) Gustafson passed away Aug. 14. Gus was hired in the English Department at DVC in Sept. 1965 and retired in 1994. He received his BA in psychology from the University of Minnesota and a MA in English from UC Berkeley. Before teaching at DVC, Gus taught at Fresno City College.

His family invited friends

and relatives to a memorial celebration of Gus' life, which they hosted in September.

In lieu flowers, donations may be made to KCSM radio.

## Buzz Holt

**1943-2017**

"Buzz" Holt III, 74, of Benicia passed away in May at his home following a courageous battle with cancer.

The Holt family arranged a Celebration of Life for Brantley "Buzz" Holt, May 28, Memorial Day Weekend, at Benicia State Recreation Area.

He was born in Boston and raised in Seattle, where he graduated from Lakeside School. He has called Benicia his home for more than 30 years.

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He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Harvard and two Masters Degrees, one in History from UC Berkeley and one in Geology from UC Davis. He worked as an educator for more than 40 years, most of those at DVC.

He enjoyed traveling, especially to Paris and will be remembered for his long road trips.

He is survived by Bonnie, his wife of 38 years, and his children.

## Loy Wiese

**Died May 9, 2017**

Loy Wiese died on May 9. He'd been living at an assisted living facility on Ygnacio Valley Road. His wife, Judy, died last year.

Loy graduated from UC Berkeley and taught at San Francisco State College for one semester after which he taught for four years at Bakersfield College.

He joined the faculty at DVC in 1965. He served on several Senate committees and on the Senate Council; chaired the Computer Users' Committee when a major purchase was made; chaired the Physical Science department; and designed the third physics laboratory which was remodeled from an A-T classroom.

He served on the committee that designed the new Physical Science building, and has done volunteer work at the Exploratorium since 1975. He was listed in Who's Who of American Teachers in 1998.

## APRIL 2017 SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Thank you to the donors for their generous donations to the Silent Auction held at the DVCRA's April 2017 luncheon. Your contributions go directly to helping students through our scholarship fund.

DVC Book Center gift certificate	Mr. Bill Foster
Four bottles of wine	Ellen Kruse
SF Giants tickets for two	Clark Sturges
Handles Gastropub at the Pleasanton Hotel gift certificate	Mr. Brian Hampton
Norseman Restaurant two gift certificates	Chefs at Diablo Valley College
DVC Drama Department season tickets for two	Lisa Drummond
Buchanan Fields Golf Course, 10 green fees and 10 large buckets of range balls	George Hall
Black Acacia tree handcrafted bowl	Chuck Cottril
Chili's gift cards, two	Jeanie Hymer
Handcrafted bag	Ginny Horner
Handcrafted stone necklace	Elisabeth van Bavel
2017 DVC football season passes, 5 games	Christine Worsley, Dean Marisa Greenberg, Secretary

## Paul Yeager

**Died Aug. 30, 2017**

Retired chemistry faculty member Paul Yeager passed away

on, Aug. 30, 2017. Paul joined the Physical Science department in Sep. 1959. He received his AA from Taft Junior College, his BA and MA from San Jose State. Paul had lived in Cambria since retiring in 1990.

## 2017-2018 DVCRA MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW PAYABLE

DVCRA family membership dues were due July 1, 2017, for the 2017-2018 year. If you have already paid your dues, thank you very much. If you aren't sure whether you've paid, you can contact Sue Shattuck at [sshattuck@earthlink.net](mailto:sshattuck@earthlink.net) or at 925-855-5534.

We've recently sent a reminder to those whose dues are not up to date, so you can also check your email or spam folder to look for a message regarding dues from Sue Shattuck.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, you may still do so by filling out the attached "Diablo Valley College Retirees Association Dues and Membership Information for 2017-2018" form. You will find the form on the next page.

Remember to add your scholarship contribution to the annual dues of \$20 to help us give as many \$1,200 scholarships as we can to DVC students in 2018.

If you want your scholarship contribution to be tax deductible, write a separate second check made out to the DVC Foundation, and in the "memo" area, write "DVCRA Scholarship Fund."

Your membership entitles you to the latest DVCRA Members Directory. We will hand out the directories to all those attending the Oct. 27, 2017, luncheon at DVC.

Those who are unable to attend will receive their copies by mail. We don't email directories due to privacy, email hijacking, and hacking concerns.

If you have any difficulty with or questions about the above information or the form, contact Sue Shattuck at [sshattuck@earthlink.net](mailto:sshattuck@earthlink.net) or at 925-855-5534. You can also find the form on our DVCRA website at [www.4cdretired.org](http://www.4cdretired.org).

## SILENT AUCTION FOR DVC STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIPS Oct. 27, 2017

This is the beginning of the Silent Auction. We expect more items will be added.

ITEM/VALUE	MINIMUM BID
Buchanan Fields Golf Course - 10 large buckets of range balls/\$65	\$35*
DVC Book Center/\$25	\$10
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Goodie Basket from Crispian Bakery in Alameda/\$30	\$15
Hafner Chardonnay/\$24	\$10
Hafner Next Red/\$37	\$15
Jack's Restaurant & Bar/\$50	\$25*
Norseman Gift Certificate/\$35	\$17
Norseman Gift Certificate/\$35	\$17
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Norseman Gift Certificate/\$35	\$17
Sloat's Nursery/\$25	\$10
Sloat's Nursery/\$25	\$10

\*Minimum bid increase of \$5

## Diablo Valley College Retirees Association Dues and Membership Information for 2017-2018

Your dues establish your family membership in the DVC Retirees Association for 2017-2018.

(Note: the DVC Retirees Association dues year follows the academic calendar [July 1 – June 30], not the calendar year.)

**IF YOUR CURRENT DIRECTORY ENTRY IS FINE, THEN JUST PRINT YOUR NAME ON LINE X.** *If there are **changes** to any of your contact information, please PRINT them on the lines below.* Your information will appear in the directory exactly as you've written it.

**X** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/partner (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ **X**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have some time to help with DVC Retirees Association activities Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, what could we ask you to do?

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Dues per retiree family for one year: \$20 (due July 1)

**Scholarship** contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30 suggested to reach our goal of twelve \$1,200 DVC Retirees Association scholarships for our students)

(If you would like your scholarship contribution to be tax deductible, please write a second check made out to the **DVC Foundation**, and in the "memo" area write "**DVC Retirees Association Scholarship Fund.**")

Enclose your check made out to DVC Retirees Association (and one to DVC Foundation if you want the scholarship contribution to be tax deductible), with this form and address your envelope to:

DVC Retirees Association  
321 Golf Club Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Please include your return address on the envelope. It helps us sort!

**Thank you. We look forward to seeing you Oct. 27, 2017 at the college! Look for details in this newsletter.**