

DVCRA LUNCHEON PROGRAM AGENDA October 27, 2017

Welcoming Activities

Brief Opening Gathering Together Poem

Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world
all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part
of the world that is within our reach. Any small,
calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul,
to assist some portion of the poor suffering world,
will help immensely.

Clarissa Pinkola Estes

1. Acknowledge Board: **Diane Scott-Summers**, The Co-Coordinator; Scholarship Committee chair, **Bernice Dandridge**; **Ellen Kruse**, who makes all the arrangements for these luncheons and generates lots of donations for the silent auction; **Chris Leivas**, Treasurer; **Irene Menegas**, Secretary; **Bruce Reeves**, Directory Maintainer; **Linda Robbins**, New Member Chair; **Barbara Sawyer**, Newsletter Editor; **Sue Shattuck**, Membership Coordinator; **Nancy Zink**, (who is travelling back east) District Unions, and Benefits Liaison.

I would also like to acknowledge Lawrence Orme from DSS for his help in seeing that we all arrive safely.

2. Today we have 86 luncheon attendees. This is our biggest group.

3. **Retirees We Haven't Seen in A while include**

Dan Martin, Administration of Justice faculty and later Dean of Student Life, retired in 2003

Dave Johnson, Machine Technology, retired in 2014

4. **Recent Retirees attending today Include:**

Garen Avanesian, Engineering faculty, retiring after 27 years at DVC

Catherin Jester, Disabled Students Counselor, retiring after 27 years at DVC

Bruce Koller, Electronics and Economics faculty, retiring after 31 years at DVC

Tim Murphy, Business Administration faculty, retiring after 20 years at DVC

Ed Trujillo, Drama Dept, retired in 2015, after 25 years at DVC, this is his first luncheon with us

5. We have a lot going on today in addition to conversations with our colleagues, raising money for our scholarships ... we also have from District Human Resources: Reed Rawlinson, and Andrea Modina here with us along with health care guests: **Kim Miller from, Alliant; Charles Simons, and Blanche Callahan from Anthem; and Desmond Quevedo from Kaiser Permanente: and Renita Mack, from District Payroll.** They are here for those who have questions about benefits or wish to ask questions.

At about 12:45 or so we will turn the meeting over to Sue Shattuck for Reed Rawlinson and Andrea Modina to talk about benefits. Please note on your table is a sheet query regarding healthcare for attendees to complete, we ask for you to identify any problems or specific issues you've had with health care and how they were resolved **for the discussion.**

There are also pencils and some cards at each table... if you have questions you want answered, please write them on the cards. Sue, will collect them and share them with our guests.

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6. With everything happening in our world, I wanted to create a Special Ceremony.

- A.** (Judy) I thought we would start by lighting a candle
For all those who are no longer with us and a moment of remembrance.

(Bruce) Lights the First Candle.

(Bruce recites names) Joe Gomes, Franco Guidone, Erda Labuhn, Barbara Foge, Paul Yeager, Gus Gustafson, June Armstrong wife of Lee Armstrong Bio Instructor, Willard Calhoun,

B. (Judy) We recognize this has been a time of losses and pain with the Fires in Northern CA, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, Katia, and Maria, a shooting in Las Vegas and our second candle is for a moment of respect for friends, colleagues, extended family members and others we don't even know who have been affected.

(Bruce) Lights the Second Candle

(Diane) Reads the SUMMARY OF NEWS FROM SONOMA & NAPA FIRES

Betty Bortz: Atlas fire came very close to her house. She had to evacuate and stay with a friend temporarily, but she and her house are fine.

Cheryl Dembe had a harrowing experience driving out of Geyersville where she was visiting the night of the fire. She made it out and is here with us today.

Ken & Alice Green – had to evacuate early in the morning, but they and their house are fine. They're here with us today.

Bill Harlan's family---fires around them, but they got out OK. Bill is here today.

Tim Murphy who lives in Santa Rosa had to evacuate in the middle of the night, but they did get out. He's here today.

Phyllis Peterson – lives in Placerville. Fires did not reach her. She's fine.

C. (Judy) Then we light a third candle celebrating the neighbors, friends, colleagues, witnesses, guardian angels, ordinary heroes/heroines. All Helping others...providing strength and caring. We acknowledge the losses, pain and suffering but we also remember the beauty of the human connection, the help that comes, the love that pours out, the honoring of the memory of those who have been affected ... witnessing the more transcendent aspect of our human nature...the compassion, the willingness of others to share in the healing and the moving forward process. Witnessing the destruction of a fire, hurricane. Storm, terrifying event and the resulting impact on our neighbors and then being embraced by them, tears flowing all around, hints of resilience began to surface.

(Bruce Lights) the third Candle

Everything that was broken by Mary Oliver

Everything that was broken has
forgotten its brokenness. I live
now in a sky-house, through every
window the sun. Also, your presence.
Our touching, our stories. Earthy
and holy both. How can this be, but
it is. Every day has something in
it whose name is Forever.

This Thanksgiving let's remember those who have suffered greatly and honor their resilience.

7. The DVC Retirees Association brings members together twice a year at lunches...to keep our connections and contacts *and We raise Money for Student Scholarships.... IF you want a tax deduction write a check to DVC Foundation and in the memo line put DVC RA Scholarships.*

- a. The need for scholarships is great and the DVC RA has been very generous in their support over the past couple of years.... Such that The Board agreed to continue reviewing the number and allocation of scholarships as well as the amount of each scholarship, depending on our budget. This year we will give Seven scholarships each \$1200.00 to continuing DVC students and five scholarships at \$1200.00 to transferring students. The Scholarship Committee is working to develop more definitive criteria for scholarship eligibility, which would show applicants with an inclination to pursue a career in education: educational administration, support staff, counselling, or teaching.

8. Announcements

Our **Spring Luncheon will be April 27, 2018** at the Diablo Room Same time beginning at 11:00am

Remember **Membership in our organization keeps you up to date** with friends and colleagues, we hold two luncheons a year, work to solicit money for scholarships, make contacts with people we don't see every day, receive a Directory, and get Newsletters twice a year.

9. **Introduce Sue Shattuck to introduce** Reed Rawlinson the District Benefit Analyst and / Andrea Modina is the Human Resource Support Services Manager and their guests.