

# DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE RETIREES NEWSLETTER

Apr. 3, 2018

## DVCRA SPRING 2018 LUNCHEON

**Apr. 27, Friday, Diablo Room  
Hospitality Services and Food Court Building  
(HSFC Building) 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Come and enjoy the fellowship of our DVCRA community, a luncheon prepared by the students and chefs of the Culinary Arts Department, a celebration of our collective contributions of \$63,000 in scholarships thus far, and a chance to hear from the DVC Foundation.

### 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, Apr. 18, 2018.** 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.

### LUNCHEON

#### Menu

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

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## UPCOMING DVC EVENTS

### FACULTY LECTURER

The DVC Academic Senate has selected Art professor Toru Sugita for the 54<sup>th</sup> DVC Faculty Lecturer. Sugita will lecture on a topic relevant to our times: The History of Printmaking as Social Art. The lecture will be presented twice: once on Wednesday, Apr. 18, 1-2 pm, in the Diablo Room, and again on Thursday, Apr. 19, at 6:30 pm, in Art 106, with a reception following.

### RETIREMENT DINNER

The DVC Retirement Dinner will be Friday, May 11, 2018, in the Diablo Room, with Jennifer Tejada as the Master of Ceremonies. Information about buying tickets and deadline for reservations will be posted on the DVC Retirees website, [uf4cdretired.org](http://uf4cdretired.org), as soon as they become available. There are twelve retirees, but at this time, we only know that Rachel Westlake and Holly Kresch will be attending the dinner.

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### Program

- 11 - 11:45 Gather, meet, greet, and participate in the Silent Auction (proceeds go towards scholarships)
- 11:45 Pre-lunch greetings
- 11:50 Lunch served
- 12:30 Dessert and Program
  - Silent Auction closes and winners announced
  - Speaker Janice Bross, DVC Foundation Development Officer

### CAR POOLS

Anyone who needs a ride can 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. - 2:00 p.m. in Parking Lots #7 and #8. You can access a campus map at [www.dvc.edu](http://www.dvc.edu).

### THANK YOU

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.

- Susan Lamb, 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
- Mercy Pono and the Student Ambassadors
- 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 page the "Welcome" box. Under the heading "PAGES," click on "Photos from Recent DVCRA Events."

### FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD

Fall Luncheon 2018 will probably be on Friday, Oct. 26, 2018. We plan on gathering for our luncheon on the last Fridays in April and October.

*Ellen Kruse*

## COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Have you wondered whatever happened to the bricks that folks purchased before the "new" Student Union opened? They were removed when the old cafeteria was torn down and replaced by the new Student Services and Hospitality Services and Food Court Buildings were constructed. As it turns out, they are safe and sound in storage while a suitable spot for them is located.

DVC's new president, Susan Lamb, tells us that she is committed to finding a space for them as soon as possible and is open to suggestions. She wants them to be seen, appreciated and perhaps expanded.

So, watch this space for more information as soon as we learn of their return. And if you have any ideas of where they might be relocated, please contact any DVCRA Board member.

## Diablo Valley College Retirees Association—Financial Report For the Period Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 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 \$23,741 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 \$15,780 available for scholarships. This is a 34% increase in donations over 2016.
- Approximately 80% of our members made donations for scholarships. We received a total of \$10,667 in donations in 2017, which is a 45% increase over 2016.
- 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 80% of our donations being made directly to the DVC Foundation.
- We had \$12,363 in expenditures during 2017 including \$10,000 for scholarships, \$2,130 for luncheons, and \$233 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 totaling \$14,400. 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.

*Chris Levias, Treasurer*

## Got Crafts?

Do you knit? Quilt? Make jewelry? Make wine? 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 Cotril 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.



*Chuck Cotril's Iron Bark Eucalyptus bowl for the spring 2018 silent auction.*

Thank you to Leon Borowski, winemaker, who donated 2 bottles of fine wine at our Fall 2017 luncheon, Ginny Horner, who donated a quilted bag and to Elisabeth van Bavel, who donated a necklace for our Spring 2017 Silent Auction. Thank you also to those who donated books for our auction: Barbara Sawyer, Dick Shoemaker, and Katrina Keating (not yet retired but contributing nevertheless).

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

## SILENT AUCTION for DVC Student Scholarships Apr. 27, 2018

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

ITEM/VALUE	MINIMUM BID
Crispian Bakery in Alameda's Goodie Basket	
Diablo Foods in Lafayette gift card /\$50	\$25
DVC Book Center/\$25	\$12
DVC Book Center/\$25	\$12
DVC Book Center/\$25	\$12
DVC Book Center/\$25	\$12
Giants Game for Two at Club Level, Section 224, 3rd Base Side/\$190 Sat., May 19, Colorado Rockies, 1:05 pm, or Sun., June 24, San Diego Padres, 1:05 pm, or Sun., August 26, Texas Rangers, 1:05 pm	\$100*
Jack's Restaurant & Bar/\$50	\$25*
Norseman Gift Certificate/\$35	\$17
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SEE's CANDIES gift certificate for one pound box/\$20.50	\$10
Sloat Garden Center/\$50	\$25
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Two Season Tickets for DVC's 2018-19 Drama Season/\$110	\$55*
Wooden Bowl from Iron Bark Eucalyptus made by Chuck Cottril /\$50	\$25*

\*Minimum bid increase of \$5

The Diablo Valley College Retirees Association would like to thank the following for the generous donations to our SILENT AUCTION for DVC Students' Scholarships at our Oct. 27, 2017 luncheon:

Buchanan Fields Golf Course, 1901 Concord Ave, Concord, CA
DVC Men's and Women's 2017-18 Basketball Season (8 games), Diablo Valley College
DVC Book Center, Diablo Valley College
Crispian Bakery, Alameda, CA
Jack's Restaurant & Bar, 60 Crescent Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA
Norseman Gift Certificate, Diablo Valley College
Sloat's Garden Center – check online for closest garden center
Wine – Leon Borowski, wine maker
Wine – Barbara Sawyer
Wine – Ellen Kruse
Wooden Bowl (9 ½" Liquid Amber) by Chuck Cottril

# UPCOMING DVCRA BOARD ELECTIONS JOIN US!

- Looking for a way to show your support for the DVC community?
- Interested in helping to shape the direction and activities of DVCRA?
- Care to spend some time with colleagues managing DVCRA business three or four times a year?

If you answered “You betcha!” to any of the questions above, then consider joining the DVCRA Board for a two-year stint, beginning July 1, 2018. The following positions are open for election:

Newsletter editor  
Treasurer  
Coordinator

The bylaws, posted on the DVC Retirees page of the DVCRA website, <http://uf4cdretired.org/>, contain a brief description of each of these positions, but for more information contact the current holders of these positions: Barbara Sawyer ([barbarasawyer@gmail.com](mailto:barbarasawyer@gmail.com)), Chris Leivas ([cleivas@aol.com](mailto:cleivas@aol.com)), Diane Scott-Summers ([cool2bad1@aol.com](mailto:cool2bad1@aol.com)), or Judy Walters ([judy.walters2@me.com](mailto:judy.walters2@me.com)), respectively. For those who don't do email, our phone numbers are in the most recent DVCRA Directory, which was mailed to you earlier this year. Or feel free to contact Irene Menegas, secretary, (see contact info below).

While we're sorry to report that Barbara Sawyer, Diane Scott-Summers and Judy Walters will be stepping down, we are happy to report that Laury Fischer has expressed his interest in serving as the editor of the DVCRA Newsletter; Chris Leivas has agreed to continue on as Treasurer until a replacement can be identified; and Karen Castle has expressed interest in serving as the DVCRA Coordinator in addition to her role as Webmaster.

The deadline to submit your candidacy to Irene Menegas, DVCRA secretary,

[imenegas@comcast.net](mailto:imenegas@comcast.net) or 925-946-0420, is **Monday, Apr. 16.**

In the event of contested elections, current paid members will receive a ballot by US mail to vote for any affected office. If such an election is necessary, the deadline for us to **receive** ballots will be **Thursday, Apr. 26.** Results of the election will be announced at our Apr. 27, 2018 luncheon. As stated in the bylaws, “any uncontested positions will be filled by acclamation” at our last Association meeting of the year which, in this case, will be Apr. 27 since the DVCRA year ends June 30.

If you just want to help out without committing to serving on the Board, there's plenty to do. There are scholarship applications to read and evaluate, donations for the silent auctions to be sought, articles to be written for the newsletter, phone tree and membership dues reminder calls to be made, perhaps activities to plan, or something you'd like to do that we haven't considered. Just give one of us a call or an email to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome your participation!



# MEMORIA

## **Marcia Goodman** Died Dec. 5, 2017

Marcia Goodman (English Division) died Dec. 5, after a 20-year struggle with cancer. During much of that time she taught her DVC classes. Temple Beth El announced services Dec. 8 in the chapel at Home of Eternity Cemetery.

Shiva gatherings were held at the Goodman-Levy home. Condolences can be sent to Hank Levy and the Goodman-Levy family at their home address.

## **Charles Karp** Feb. 23, 1926 – Jan. 10, 2018

Charley Karp, longtime (pre-1966) faculty member and coach at DVC, died at the age of 92 on Jan. 10.

Charley first coached at Mt. Diablo High School, and came over to DVC where he was winning coach of the year for men in 1969, and for women in 1981.

The Neptune Society held services.

He was born in San Francisco. After graduating from Washington High School, he served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He earned his BA and MA from Cal in 1951.



Charles was a physical education and health sciences teacher and a renowned basketball coach.

His wife Linda, children, and grandchildren and his beloved dog, Moby, survive him. The Neptune Society held services.

## **Erda Labuhn** June 22, 1914 – Aug. 31, 2017

Erda Labuhn, hired in 1966 as the first Curator of the DVC museum, died Aug. 31, 2017, at the age of 103, in Blue Bell Pennsylvania—a small town north of Philadelphia. She retired in 1978. Private services were held.

Erda was a 1960 graduate of UC Berkeley with a MA in

Decorative Arts. She was a long time member of Phi Beta Kappa.

She is survived by a daughter.

## **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 [castle.kg@gmail.com](mailto:castle.kg@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.

# DVCRA Membership Renewal for 2018-2019

Spring is here, as is that time for renewal of your DVCRA membership.

As you know, our membership year matches the academic year, July 1 to June 30, so your renewal payment is due on July 1, 2018.

Please complete the form on the back of the newsletter, write your check for \$20 payable to the **DVC Retirees Association**, and mail it to DVC Retirees Association, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Please remember to include your scholarship contribution with your dues to help us give scholarships to as many DVC students as possible next year.

While any money remaining after annual expenses goes into the fund, it is not nearly enough to pay for all the scholarships we hope to give. For that, we rely on your additional contributions to the scholarship fund along with your participation in the fund-raising activities at our luncheons. Because of your generous contributions last year, we're able to give \$1,200 each to 12 recipients this year and hope to match that in 2019.

If you wish to have a tax deduction for your contribution, write a separate check payable to

the **DVC Foundation** and write in the memo space "**DVC Retirees Association Scholarship Fund.**" We recommend a \$30 contribution to help us reach our goal.

Along with renewing your own membership, if you know of others who have retired and haven't become members of DVCRA, please invite them to join us. Once DVC employees retire, their contact information is no longer available to us, so we can't easily contact them. Please share with them the benefits of being a part of DVCRA, the opportunity to

- stay in touch with colleagues and friends
- stay informed about changes in District policy and retiree benefits
- continue to be a vibrant part of the DVC community by supporting its students

Our membership is open to all full- and part-time retirees and their spouses/significant others, and to current and former DVC employees who are within five years of retiring.

Your membership entitles you to the latest DVCRA Members Directory, which will be available at our Oct. 26 luncheon at DVC. Those who are unable to attend the luncheon will receive their copies by US mail.

**Please let us know on your membership form if you have any changes to your contact information.** But, if your mailing address, email address, and phone numbers are correct, just print your name and leave the contact information section blank.

If you have any questions about your membership or have any difficulty with completing the form, please contact Sue Shattuck, membership coordinator at 925-855-5534 or [sshattuck@earthlink.net](mailto:sshattuck@earthlink.net).

The membership form is also available on the DVCRA website at [www.uf4cdretired.org](http://www.uf4cdretired.org).

Looking forward to seeing you at our next DVCRA luncheon on April 27, 2018.

*Sue Shattuck, Membership Chair*



## Diablo Valley College Retirees Association Dues and Membership Information for 2018-2019

Your dues establish your family membership in the DVC Retirees Association for 2018-2019.

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

DVC Retirees Association  
Diablo Valley College  
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 at our next luncheon Apr. 27, 2018. Look for details in the DVCRA newsletter.**