

# DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE RETIREES NEWSLETTER

Oct. 3, 2018

## DVCRA FALL 2018 LUNCHEON

Friday, Oct. 26

Diablo Room

Hospitality Services and Food Court Building  
(HSFC Building)

11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the fellowship of our DVC at our fall luncheon prepared by the students and chefs of the Culinary Arts Department. We will celebrate our collective contributions of \$77,400+ in scholarships thus far and have a chance to hear about the launch of the DVC Food Pantry.

### LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Make a reservation by sending a check for \$15 made out to "DVC Retirees Association," noting "luncheon" on the memo line, and mailing it to the following address:

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. 17, 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 want your contribution to the DVCRA Scholarship Fund to be tax deductible, please write a second check made out to the **DVC Foundation**, and on the memo line, write in "DVCRA Scholarship Fund." If you prefer to contribute online, click this link to the DVC Foundation <https://www.dvc.edu/business/foundation/index.html>. In addition, if you would like your contribution dedicated in honor of someone, please use this [link](#)

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/donatetodvc>

### MAKE A RESERVATION

#### THE DVCRA FALL LUNCHEON

Friday, Oct. 26, 2018

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. 17**

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Diablo Valley College  
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The logo for Diablo Valley College (DVC) features the letters "DVC" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a dark green rectangular background. The "D" and "V" are connected at the top, and the "C" is positioned to the right of the "V".

Last academic year (2017-18), with your help, we provided twelve \$1,200 scholarships to continuing and transferring DVC students. This academic year, we have had to cut back and will fund ten \$1,000 scholarships to continuing and transferring students. We hope to increase our fund-raising efforts this year so we can return to our previous level of support for our students.

### **LUNCHEON**

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

### **PROGRAM**

- 11 a.m. Gather, meet, greet, and take part 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
  - ❖ Thank you's from Scholarship Recipients
  - ❖ Report on the Launch of the DVC Food Pantry

### **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. to 2 p.m. in Parking Lots #7 and #8. You can access a campus map at [www.dvc.edu](http://www.dvc.edu).

### **THANK YOU'S**

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

- Susan Lamb, President of the College
- Nancy Tolton and staff
- Lt. Ryan Huddleston and Susan Sedillo, Police Services
- Laurence Orme, Disability Support Services
- Brian McGlynn, Paul Bernhardt, Chris

- Draa, Bob Eustes, Cinthia Chavarria and students of the Culinary Arts Department
- Media Services
- Mercy Pono and the Student Ambassadors

### **PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS LUNCHEONS**

Check out pictures from our previous luncheon by going to our website: [uf4cdretired.org](http://uf4cdretired.org). Scroll down the "Welcome" box and click on "*Photos of the April 27, 2018 Meeting.*" Scroll down the page, click "Pages" and then "Photos from Recent DVCRA Events" to see how good we look.

### **PLANNING AHEAD?**

Spring Luncheon 2019 will probably be on Friday, April 26, 2019. In general we plan on gathering for our luncheon on the last Friday in April and October.

## **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 Cottril 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 Leon Borowski, winemaker, who donated two 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).

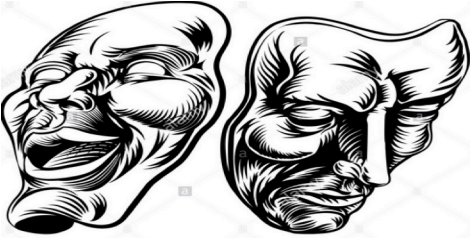
Interested? Contact [Ellen Kruse at enkruse@comcast.net](mailto:Ellen.Kruse@comcast.net).

DVC FACTS, UPDATES, and INTERESTING INFORMATION	
<p><b>DVC now offers more than 60 Certificates, Degrees, and Majors, including the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addiction Studies</li> <li>• Computer Networking</li> <li>• Environmental Science</li> <li>• Steamfitting</li> <li>• Philosophy</li> <li>• Digital Media</li> <li>• Energy Systems</li> <li>• Kinesiology</li> <li>• Library Technology</li> <li>• Health Science</li> </ul>	<p><b>CURRENT DVC ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Susan Lamb</li> <li>• VP, Business and Administrative Services John Nahlen</li> <li>• VP, Instruction Mary Gutierrez</li> <li>• VP, Student Services Newin Orante</li> </ul>
<p>Check out other wonderful programs at <a href="https://www.dvc.edu/academics/cte-pdfs/programs-degrees-chart.pdf">https://www.dvc.edu/academics/cte-pdfs/programs-degrees-chart.pdf</a></p>	

**DVC DRAMA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS 2018-19 SEASON OF SHOWS TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**Mark Your Calendars for These Great Performances**

- *FOOTLOOSE*: Oct 19-NOV 4
- *THE BAD SEED*: NOV 30-DEC 9




- *PETER AND THE STARCATCHER*: MARCH 15-31
- *OUR LADY OF 121st STREET*: MAY 3-19

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA PRESENTS

# Footloose

THE MUSICAL



Directed by Lisa Drummond  
Musical Direction by Enrico Banson

Music by Tom Snow  
Lyrics by Dean Pitchford  
Libretto by Dean Pitchford & Walter Bobbie

**October 19 - November 4**  
2018

Performing Arts Center  
321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill  
Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 pm  
Sundays 10/28 & 11/4 at 2:30 pm

**DVC**  
Tickets on sale now!  
925-969-2358  
[www.dvcdrama.net](http://www.dvcdrama.net)

### APPRECIATION FOR JOBS WELL DONE

Three wonderful members of the DVCRA Board have left the Board and are enjoying retirement in other ways. They received certificates honoring their work. Here are the tributes to their great work.

#### BARBARA SAWYER

Despite many obstacles and challenges, she ran a tight ship as president of Faculty Senate, an unrealized prerequisite for doing the DVCRA Newsletter. Neither sickness nor distance ever kept her from being a solid DVCRA Board member. Could acknowledge typos with smiling grace and accepted late entries similarly.

Winner of the prestigious *Flugen die Feder* award, and dedicated, along with journeyman journalist husband Bob, to making DVC a much better place to learn and the DVCRA Newsletter a way to remember our common bonds.

#### DIANE SCOTT-SUMMERS

Who provided sound guidance to our organization, serving as co-facilitator and emcee; who showed the world how over the years, a teenage DVC student can rise to the top as acting president of her alma mater; who always had time to listen to the queries of new faculty members. She hawked silent auction items; read and responded to e-mails with great patience; and, most important, she nurtured all DVC students, so many of whom looked to her as a superb role model.

#### JUDY WALTERS

A gentle persuader, self-abnegator, ultra-busy professional in demand even today in many fields of education, an iron fist in a velvet voice, owner of collapsing chairs, dedicated to the success of our college from day one of her short tenure as our president; full of energy, able to nudge us to the silent auction without our realizing it. Best of all for DVCRA, willing to jump in where others feared to tread when she took on co-coordinator role.

### Diablo Valley College Retirees Association Financial Report

#### For the Period Jan. 1, 2018 to Aug. 15, 2018

The primary purpose for the DVCRA's fundraising is to award scholarships to DVC students. The Association first awarded scholarships in 2008, and we have given out a total of \$77,400 in scholarships through 2018. We award and fund scholarships in the spring, and our major fundraising efforts occur during the summer. Consequently, the funds raised in 2018 will be used to fund scholarships in 2019.

- We have \$18,750 in cash held in our bank accounts at Travis Credit Union and the DVC Foundation.
- Our fundraising activities in 2018 (including donations, memberships, and auctions) generated \$8,184 available for scholarships. This is a 47% reduction in fundraising compared to the same time period in 2017.
- We had \$13,113 in expenditures during 2018 including \$12,000 for scholarships, \$887 for luncheons, and \$86 for office expenses. Also, we transferred \$140 to the DVC Foundation for donations we received for the DVC Food Pantry.
- We still owe our scholarship recipients \$2,400. The DVC Foundation is in the process of sending these funds to the scholarship recipients.

Due to declining donations in 2018, the Board decided to initially approve the amount of \$10,000 for scholarships in 2019 (10 scholarships for \$1,000 each). Six scholarships will go to continuing DVC students, and four scholarships will go to transferring students. If we receive a significant number of donations before the end of 2018, we have the ability to increase the scholarships for 2019.

We want to thank our members for their continuing generosity to the students of DVC.

*Report submitted by Chris Leivas*

# In Memoria

## Dick Kamprath Died August 9, 2018

Music instructor Richard (Dick) E. Kamprath passed away at his home in Martinez on August 9, 2018.

Dick was hired in 1964 and began the men's and women's choir, started the class voice program, taught piano, advanced piano, and keyboard harmony. Later, Dick directed operas and musicals, founded the Masterworks Chorale which, under his direction, performed much of the great choral literature. Dick retired from DVC in 1998.

Dick is survived by his son John Kamprath; daughters Johanna Sindelar and Odilie Moreland; brother Frederich Kamprath; sister Marilyn Tucker; 17 grandchildren; as well as many extended family members and close friends.

## Rhonda Mims Died Sept. 14, 2018

Rhonda Mims, friend and family member, passed away suddenly on Friday, September 14. She was hired by our District on October 30, 2000 and retired earlier this year from the position of Police Services Dispatcher, assigned to DVC. Rhonda was a loving daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, niece, cousin, co-worker and friend to so many. She spent the better part of the last decade bravely battling kidney disease, and she will be remembered as someone who



put the interests of her coworkers and the community before her own, regardless of her personal health.

Rhonda had a true connection to the Contra Costa Community College District: her father, Dr. Leroy Mims, was formerly a Dean at CCC, while her sister, Rhonelle, previously worked for the Child Care Center at DVC.

Services were held at Oakmont Memorial Park & Mortuary in Lafayette in September.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent in memory of Rhonda M. Mims to the [Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation](https://pkdcure.org/)  
<https://pkdcure.org/>

## Fran Brown Died July 11, 2018

Art Instructor Fran Brown passed away on July 11, 2018. Fran taught painting, drawing, figure

drawing, and printmaking studio art classes and served as the Gallery Coordinator and Art Department Chairperson. Along with Art Department colleagues, Fran organized and recruited students for summer trips to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico where they taught at the Instituto Allende. Fran was a student at DVC before transferring to U.C. Davis. She retired in 2007.

Fran was a great champion for the Arts, our students, and colleagues. Her vibrant presence, gracious demeanor, and mischievous smile will be greatly missed.

Memorial services were held at Christ the King Church in August. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations to a Parkinson's charity of your choice.

Thank you to Julie Catalano for her help providing In

Memoria information.

**SENIOR DISCOUNTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT**

(discounts not guaranteed, but verified on websites)

• **MOVIE TICKETS** •

√ Seniors 60+ can save up to 30% on regular admission at most **AMC Theatres** and up to 60% on Tuesday Senior Days offered at select locations.

• **CLOTHING** •

√ At **Banana Republic** if you are 50+, you can get a 10% discount at stores, simply by asking for it.

√ At **Kohl's** on Wednesdays, over 60s can get 15% off. And on Tuesdays, outlet stores

**Marshall's** and **Ross** offer a 10% discount for seniors – though the exact age is determined by each store.

• **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION** •

√ **The Senior Clipper Card** can be used for local transit options, including Caltrain, BART, Muni, SamTrans, VTA, AC Transit, Golden Gate Transit, Golden Gate Ferry, and ferry services in San Francisco Bay, Oakland, and Alameda. It's a convenient way to get a guaranteed, *significant discount* when you travel because the special price registers automatically when you use your card.

• **The Ruth Bancroft Garden** (<http://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/>): Internationally recognized as one of the finest private gardens in North America. Walnut Creek.

DISCOUNT — Seniors (65+) get \$2 off.

**Spring 2018 Silent Auction Donors**

Thank you to the donors for their generous donations to the Silent Auction held at the DVCRA's April 2018 luncheon. These contributions go directly to helping students through our scholarship fund, and we so appreciate their generosity.

- ★ Crispian Bakery, 1700 Park St., Suite 120, Alameda
- ★ Diablo Foods Gift Card, 3615 Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
- ★ DVC Book Center
- ★ Clark Sturges: Two Club-Level Tickets to SF Giants game
- ★ Jack's Restaurant & Bar, 60 Crescent Drive, Pleasant Hill
- ★ Norseman Restaurant Gift Certificate
- ★ Linda and Bob Robbins: See's Candies gift certificate
- ★ Sloat Garden Center (various Bay Area locations)
- ★ Four Season Tickets: DVC's 2018-2019 Drama Dept.
- ★ Barbara and Bob Sawyer: Wine
- ★ Ellen and Bill Kruse: Wine
- ★ Chuck Cottril: Wooden Bowl made from Iron Bark Eucalyptus

**DVCRA BOARD MEMBERS ~ SEPTEMBER 2018**

<b>DVCRA Coordinator</b>	Karen Castle
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chris Leivas
<b>Secretary</b>	Irene Menegas
<b>Luncheon Coordinator</b>	Ellen Kruse
<b>Scholarship Coordinator</b>	Bernice Dandridge
<b>Membership Coordinator</b>	Sue Shattuck
<b>Member Directory Maintainer &amp; Unions, District, Benefits Liaison</b>	Nancy Zink
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Laury Fischer
<b>New Member Contact &amp; Newsletter Support Staff</b>	Linda Robbins
<b>Immediate Past Association Coordinators</b>	Diane Scott-Summers and Judy Walters

## DVCRA Reminders

• DVCRA family membership dues were due July 1, 2018, for the 2018 - 2019 year. 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.

• **Did You Forget Something?** Maybe you paid your dues, but did you write that scholarship contribution check you've been meaning to send? There's no time like the present! Please send it in with your luncheon reservation. Just let us know what the money is for: \$15 for each luncheon reservation and as much as you can give for your scholarship contribution. You can also donate directly to the scholarship fund at the [DVC Foundation](https://www.dvc.edu/business/foundation/index.html) (<https://www.dvc.edu/business/foundation/index.html>), and your contribution becomes tax deductible if you donate to the DVC Foundation.

• Remember also that your membership entitles you to the updated DVCRA Members' Directory. We will hand out the directories to all those attending the Oct. 26, 2018 luncheon at DVC.

• Those who are unable to attend the luncheon will receive their directory 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).

• Comments or suggestions for this newsletter?

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### SILENT AUCTION FOR DVC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS Oct. 26, 2018

This is just the beginning.  
More excellent items will be added.

ITEM	VALUE
♦ Candy-Making Workshop for 6 at Crispian Bakery. Learn to make toffee and jelly candy. Donated by Judy Myers (legendary for her toffee), Beth Woulfe (chef and owner of Crispian Bakery), and Ellen Kruse. Located in Alameda.	\$360
♦ Diablo Foods Gift Card	\$50
♦ The Norseman Room – Gift Certificates	TBA
♦ Sloat's Garden Center -- Various Locations	\$50
♦ Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand, 2017	\$20
♦ Cuvee Garsinde La Grange de Quatre Sous France 2015 (Kermit Lynch selection)	\$20
♦ DVC Book Center Gifts	Various
♦ DVC Logo Sweatshirt (size large)	\$45
♦ DVC Gift Bag including small adorable teddy bear, DVC baseball cap, 2 DVC coffee mugs	\$39
♦ Trader Joe's Fall Foodie Gift Bag	\$ 50-60

**UPCOMING LOCAL SPEAKERS AND EVENTS**

Events selected by Laury Fischer  
 Blue items should be links to more information. If a link doesn't work, please Google the event.  
 ~~ Apologies for any inconvenience ~~

**DVC Equity Speaker Series**

<https://www.dvc.edu/campus-life/equity-speaker-series/index.html>

- *Addressing Islamophobia*. Dr. Amer Ahemd. Thurs., Oct. 25. **NOTE: San Ramon Campus, Learning Commons.**
- *Conversations About "Unspeakable Things": The Power of a Cup*. Ehren Tool. Wed., Nov. 4, 12:45 p.m., Diablo Room DVC.
- More fabulous speakers listed at link above.

**St. Mary's College Events**

<https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/events>  
 many events at this link including:

- [Unpacking Augustine's Confessions](#). Mon., Oct. 29, 1 p.m., De La Salle Hall.
- [Bodies and Embodiment in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein](#). Mon., Nov. 19, 4 p.m. De La Salle Hall.

**University of California at Berkeley Events**

<https://events.berkeley.edu>

- **UC Botanical Gardens Calendar:** Docent-led Tours Throughout October and November.
- **Image and Amnesia.**  
 Speaker/Performer: Kerry Tribe. Mon., Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive.
- **Exhibit: Bearing Light - Berkeley at 150.** April 16, 2018 – February 28, 2019 (M-F), 2nd Floor Corridor Bancroft Library.

Many more events at <https://events.berkeley.edu>

**Mount Diablo Astronomical Society**

[https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/event-list.cfm?Club\\_ID=51](https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/event-list.cfm?Club_ID=51)

- **Saving Our Skies From Light Pollution –** Film and Q&A with filmmaker, Sriram Murali. Tues., Nov. 20, 7:15 p.m. Lindsay Wildlife Experience, Walnut Creek.

**University of California, Davis Events**

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/calendar/all-events/#/?i=3>

- [Tekunikku: The Art of Japanese Textile Making.](#) Ongoing through Sunday, December 9, 2018. Design Museum.

**DVC Hires: Check Out These Three-Year Numbers**

(Note: 28% of DVC's full-time employees have been hired in the last three years)

	DVC Total as of 2017-2018	Number hired in last three years	Percentage hired in the last three years
Classified Staff	225	62	27.5 %
Full-time Faculty	252	76	30.1%
Managers	42	9	21.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>28.3%</b>

Thanks to Coleen Geoffray-Lento and Becky Opsada for supplying this data

**Racial-Ethnic Composition of DVC Student Body (Fall 2017)**

African-American	5%	Multi-Ethnic	9%
American Indian/Alaskan	< 1%	Pacific Islander	
Asian	13%	Unknown	7%
Filipino	5%	White, Non-Hispanic	36%
Hispanic	25%	<b>Total Student Head Count</b>	<b>19,434</b>