

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE RETIREES NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2019

DVCRA FALL 2019 LUNCHEON

Friday, Oct. 18

NOTE THE DATE!

Not our usual last Friday of October, but a week earlier.

**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 retirees' community, a luncheon prepared by the students and chefs of the Culinary Arts Department, and a chance to hear about efforts on campus to address issues of equity.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Make a reservation for the luncheon 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. 9, 2019. For questions, please contact [Irene Menegas](mailto:imenegas@comcast.net) or 925-946-0420. imenegas@comcast.net

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.

MAKE A RESERVATION

DVCRA FALL LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, Oct. 18, 2019

**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. 9***

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The logo consists of the letters "DVC" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered on a solid green rectangular background.

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." Information about where to send your checks is at the end of the newsletter. If you want to contribute in honor of someone, please contact the DVC Foundation.

Thanks to our donations, DVCRA provided \$14,000 for scholarships in 2018-19 and will provide \$14,000 for scholarships this academic year, 2019-20.

Let's continue to do this good work.

LUNCHEON

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

PROGRAM

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| 11 a.m. | Gather, meet, greet, and take part in the Silent Auction (all proceeds go towards scholarships) |
| 11:45 | Pre-lunch greetings |
| 11:50 | Lunch served |
| 12:30 | Dessert and Program |
| | ❖ Silent Auction closes and winners announced |
| | ❖ Scholarship Winners |
| | ❖ Melissa Jacobson, History Professor, County Landmarks Association |
| | ❖ Lisa Smiley-Ratchford, Sociology professor, speaks about current campus climate |

NOTE NEW PARKING POLICY!

Police Services has agreed to suspend issuing parking tickets ONLY in Parking Lot #7 from 10:30 - 2:30 on October 18th. If you have a DVC parking sticker, you may park in any faculty lot, but if you do not, please park only in Parking Lot #7, the one closest to the BFL Building and the Community Conference Room.

TRANSPORTATION TO LUNCHEON

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. You can access a campus map at www.dvc.edu.

Seeking Silent Auction Items

Most of our scholarships are funded by membership dues and direct contributions to the DVCRA. Thank you all for those important contributions. In addition, the Silent Auction at the luncheons are a small, fun way to contribute to the scholarship fund. The proceeds from auctions at the Spring and Fall Luncheons fund at least one scholarship per year. Businesses throughout our community make generous donations to support our work.

But what makes the silent auction special are the donations from you, our colleagues.

Here are some items our colleagues have donated in the past. Perhaps they will serve as inspiration for your donations for the current auction. Thank you to our colleague donors!

- ★ Clark Sturges has for many years donated Giants baseball tickets.
- ★ Chris Leivas has donated Giants baseball tickets.
- ★ Tim Murphy donated a two-night stay at a Lake Tahoe condo
- ★ Ginny Horner donated a quilted bag she designed and sewed.
- ★ Elisabeth van Bavel donated a self-designed and hand-crafted necklace.
- ★ Chuck Cottril, gifted woodworker, has donated bowls, wine stoppers, and covered containers at every luncheon since 2015.
- ★ Borowski, winemaker extraordinaire, donated three bottles of fine wine. (Ellen Kruse attests to the "extraordinaire" part.)
- ★ Judy Myers donated her expertise and family recipe for making toffee at a toffee making workshop.
- ★ Joy Broom donated a work of art brooch she created.
- ★ Ellen Kruse has donated treats from Crispian Bakery in Alameda, wine, and assistance at Judy Myers' Toffee Workshop.

We also appreciate those of you who attend the luncheons and bid on the silent auction items. Donors and bidders both contribute toward student scholarships. If you have something you'd like to share and donate, please contact enkruse@comcast.net.

~~ submitted by Ellen Kruse

DVC DRAMA SEASON STARTS WITH SEUSSICAL – Bring the Grandchildren

Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Tony winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters. The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many “thinks.” Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community emerge triumphant. *Seussical* is fun for the whole family! Oct 18-Nov 3 (Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m ; Sun. 2:30 p.m.)

Tickets: At DVC's Drama Dept. or 925-969-2358

www.dvcdrama.net



DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA

DVC 2019-20
drama

<p>Seussical The Musical</p> <p>Oct 18-Nov 3</p> <p><small>Music, lyrics, & book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty</small></p>	<p>Kentucky</p> <p>Nov 22-Dec 1</p> <p><small>By Leah Renner Shiller</small></p>
<p>ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST</p> <p>Mar 20-29</p> <p><small>By Sam Hayes and Dale Wasserman</small></p>	<p>NUTS</p> <p>May 1-17</p> <p><small>By Tom Roper</small></p>

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
DVCDRAMA.NET
925-969-2358

Pleasant Hill Campus | 321 Golf Club Road | Pleasant Hill, CA 94523



TICKET INFO

FULL SEASON (4 SHOWS):	SINGLE TICKETS:
\$70 for general admission	\$21 for general admission
\$55 for faculty/staff/seniors	\$16 for faculty/staff/seniors
\$35 for students	\$11 for students



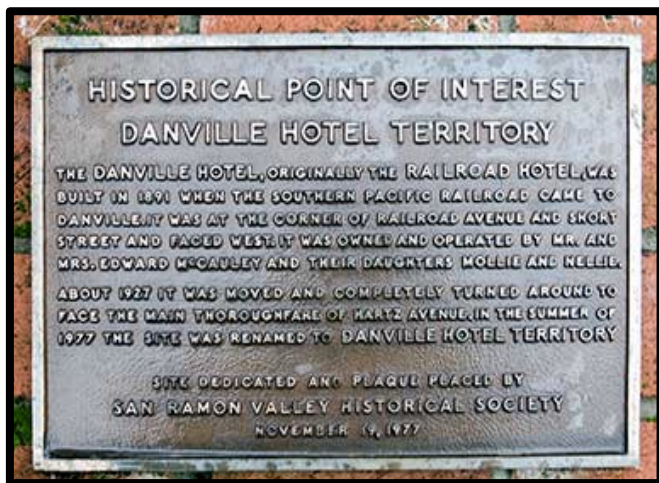
Contra Costa County Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee Needs Retirees to Help

Melissa Jacobson, history professor at DVC, is on the Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee for Contra Costa County, and is looking for DVC retirees who might be interested in helping with the committee's mission. Volunteers would get some training in order to assess and document the county's list of historic properties. Essentially, volunteers would drive to assigned historic locations, check to see if the landmark is still there, take photographs, and document any changes. A perfect opportunity for you to learn about Contra Costa County's rich history as well as help with its preservation.

This link will take you to more information about the work of this Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee and includes a link to all of the current landmarks and sites that the Committee oversees.

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/4318/Historical-Landmarks-Advisory-Committee>.

Questions? Interested? Contact Melissa directly at mjacobson@dvc.edu if you want to sign up sooner. (Note: Melissa will be at the Oct. 18 and DVCRA members can sign up there.)



Diablo Valley College Retirees' Association Financial Report

For the Period Jan. 1, 2019 to Aug. 15, 2019

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 \$91,400 in scholarships through 2019. We award and fund scholarships in the spring, and our major fundraising efforts occur during the summer. Consequently, the funds raised in 2019 will be used to fund the scholarships in 2020.

The following DVCRA financial information is for the period January 1, 2019 to August 15, 2019:

- We have \$21,288 in cash held in our bank accounts at Travis Credit Union and the DVC Foundation.
- Our fundraising activities (including donations, memberships, and auctions) generated \$10,697 available for scholarships.
- We had \$16,877 in expenditures including \$14,000 for scholarships, \$877 for luncheons, and \$186 for office expenses.

The Board has approved 14 scholarships for \$1,000 for 2020. Eight scholarships will go to continuing DVC students, and six scholarships will go to transferring students. This will bring our total scholarships awarded to students to a total *over \$100,000 since 2008*.

As of August 15th we have raised approximately \$11,000 towards our goal of \$14,000 in scholarships for 2020; we need to raise an additional \$3,000 by the end of the year to meet our goal. Please help meet this goal

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

In Memoria

Dick Shoemaker Died April 8, 2019

Richard Shoemaker, retired English instructor, passed away on April 8, 2019. Dick began teaching English and ESL for DVC in 1962. He received both his B.A. and M.A. at San Francisco State University. Dick conceived of the idea of the *DVC Forum*, which he edited and co-edited (with Clark Sturges) for 11 years. He also instituted and taught the journalism class for several years that produced *Agapae*, DVC's creative arts magazine. In addition, he served as chair of the English division and was the first community college teacher in the nation to be awarded a semester-long fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dick was an invited Fellow to the first Summer Institute of the Bay Area Writing Project at the University of California, Berkeley in 1974, a group that has influenced professional development around the country for more than a generation. Dick retired in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Neysa Young, his children, David Shoemaker and Carin Shoemaker, and four grandchildren. A small service was held on campus in April and a tree was planted near the English office in Dick's name.

Bob Hodgson Died August 13, 2019

Bob Hodgson was hired as an art instructor in September of 1965 and taught courses in ceramics,



sculpture and pottery. He initiated the annual pottery sale with the proceeds designated for what was called at the time the DVC "Pot Shop" Trust Fund. A large portion of the department's equipment and supply needs were purchased through these funds. In addition, Bob donated most of his personal work to the college for sale with proceeds to the trust fund. For years Bob created the beautiful DVC plates which were given to the retirees at the annual retirement dinner. Per Bob's wishes services will be private.

Colleague Mark Messenger writes that, "Bob's first priority was always teaching, and toward this end, he was impeccable. He came early, stayed late and returned after-hours with tireless devotion. Most significantly, he painstakingly considered the success of every student: facilities and equipment were maintained with precision,

lessons were carefully designed, demonstrations were executed with prodigious skill and curriculum was relevantly sequenced. All these avenues of preparedness lead to students, who were always in anticipation of kindness and magic when Bob was in the studio. As a result, he fostered a unique atmosphere, one of contagious synergy, respect and creativity, perhaps his strongest, and most challenging legacy.

Bill Tarr Died June 17, 2019

Bill Tarr joined the Social Science Department in January, 1956. He attended the University of Missouri for three and a half years prior to receiving his A.B. and M.A. degrees from San Francisco State and his Ph.D. from the University of Sarasota, Florida. Bill retired from DVC in 1988.

Bill loved sailing, history,

teaching, singing, and the NFL. Survived by his wife, Lois Shimizu Tarr; daughters, Jesakka Tarr (Diana Souverbielle) and Annemarie Scott (Steven); Joyce Tarr, mother of Jesakka. Also niece, Marijane Rockers with daughters Stefanie and Tess; nephew, Ron Tarr (Bonnie). In lieu of flowers, please kindly make any donation in Bill's memory to The Choir (in memo) at Saint Andrew's Episcopal or the charity of your choice.

Dave Johnson **Died May 8, 2019**

Dave Johnson started working as a full-time mathematics professor at DVC in 1981, but had worked eight years prior as an adjunct faculty member. He held B.A.'s in mathematics and psychology from UC Santa Cruz, and a M.A. in mathematics from UC Berkeley.

Dave mentioned that one of the highlights of his DVC career was team-teaching two integrated calculus and physics courses with Rachel Westlake, Oshri Karmon, and Jim Ardini. These courses were funded by the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), the National Science Foundation (NSF,) and the General Electric Foundation. He said that FIPSE reported the project generated the best statistics of any other project. Another highlight was co-writing the liberal arts math textbook *Mathematics a Practical Odyssey* with Tom Mowry.

John Henry **Died May 29, 2019**

John began his career with the Contra Costa Community College District in 2007 at Los Medanos College. He worked as an adjunct instructor in the Appliance Service and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration programs.

John was hired as a full-time instructor at Diablo Valley College in the Electronics-Electricity program in 2012. Prior to that John worked at PG&E as an engineer. John was a dedicated instructor who worked hard to have his program moving in the right direction with successful graduates. John was always available to help students, not just with their studies, but help them figure out life issues as well.

John is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marcia; his son, Josh; and his daughter, Amanda.



B. Wray Parr Johnson **Died May 21, 2019**

B. Wray Parr, Central Services Supervisor, began her career with at Contra Costa College in 1952. She worked in Admissions and Records for three years, and, after three children, returned in 1959 to work in the President's Office with payroll and purchasing duties. In 1963, she transferred to DVC and served in a variety of positions in payroll and purchasing, and retired as Central Services Supervisor at DVC in 1988.

Wray is survived by her brother Bernie; husband of 65 years, Emmett; three daughters, Vicki (David/deceased), Cristi (Joe) and Lori (Ken); seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, as well extended family and many friends. In retirement, Wray could be found in her kitchen cooking up something wonderful, in case a small army stopped by; or traveling the country in their 5th wheel meeting new friends all along the way.

If you would like to donate in Wray's memory, please donate to [Hospice East Bay](https://www.hospiceeastbay.org/).

<https://www.hospiceeastbay.org/>

SILENT AUCTION FOR DVC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Luncheon: October 18, 2019

ITEM	Value	MINIMUM BID
Hyatt Mini Vacation: Two weekday nights at Lake Tahoe, Sedona, or perhaps another venue. Good Sun-Tues, Tues-Thurs, Thurs - Sat between Nov. 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020	\$490-\$794	\$300**
Balletto Vineyards, Santa Rosa: Wine tasting for four plus a bottle of Chardonnay and of Pinot Noir	\$100	\$50*
Berkeley Rep: Two tickets – expire June 30, 2020 <i>Reservations made at least ten days in advance. Valid for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Sunday. Not valid for most special events</i>	\$160	\$80*
Smuin Contemporary Ballet: Two Tickets for Dance Series 01 or 02 At five (different locations) (Yerba Buena Center (SF), Cowell Theater (SF), Leshner Center (Walnut Creek), Mountain View Center (Mountain View), Sunset Center (Carmel) – expire June, 2020	Up to \$150	\$75*
S.F. Museum of Modern Art: Two tickets valid through 10/31/2020	\$50	\$25*
Sonoma Raceway: Two passes for NASCAR Cup Series Qualifying, for Saturday, June 13, 2020. <i>Original certificate must be received by Sonoma Raceway by May 8, 2020</i>	\$80	\$40*
Six (6) Wood-turned pens made by Gary Goodshaw	\$30 each	\$15* each
Carob 10" Wooden Bowl made by Chuck Cottril	\$50	\$25*
Diablo Foods gift card	\$50	\$25*
Jack's Restaurant and Bar, Pleasant Hill	\$25	\$10*
Three DVC Book Center: Three gift cards	\$25 (each)	\$10* (each)
Sloat's Garden Center: Gift card	\$50	\$25*
Norseman Restaurant: Two gift certificates gift expire May 31, 2020	\$35 (each)	\$15*
Norseman Restaurant: Two gift certificates expire December 1, 2020	\$40 (each)	\$20*

DVC REPORT ON BASIC-NEEDS INSECURITY RISKS SURVEY

OVERVIEW: The Hope Center for College, Community and Justice at Temple University administered a survey at DVC in April, 2019 in order to better understand our students insecurity rates. 923 students participated.

OVERALL BASIC-NEEDS INSECURITY RATES	
DVC Respondents who were food insecure in the prior 30 days	41%
Respondents who were housing insecure in the previous year	60%
Respondents who were homeless in the previous year	20%
Respondents who experienced at least one of these forms of basic-needs insecurity in the past year	68%
Full report from the Hope Center here: bit.ly/2mU90f8	

UPCOMING LOCAL SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

Events selected by Laury Fischer. Be sure to check websites for accuracy.

DVC Social Justice Speaker Series

- **Book Release: *United States of Distraction: Media Manipulation in Post-Truth America (and What We Can Do About It)*.** Mon., Oct. 7, 11:10 a.m. Diablo Room
Mickey Huff (DVC Faculty) and Nolan Higdon
- ***Ethnic Studies, For What? In Search for Equity, Community Responsiveness, and Justice.*** Wed., Oct. 23, 11:10 a.m. Diablo Room. Dr. Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales

<https://www.dvc.edu/campus-life/equity-speaker-series/index.html#event=33156280>

St. Mary's College

many events at St. Mary's College website

- **Transforming: The Bible and The Lives of Transgender Christians.** Tues., Oct. 15, 7:30 – 9 p.m., Moraga Room (Soda Center)
- **Meditation in the Galleries.** Wed., Nov. 6, 11 p.m., St. Mary's Museum of Art
- **Doing Justice, Loving Mercy & Walking Humbly.** Featuring Leo Guardado Sun., Nov. 3, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Moraga Room (Soda Center)

<https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/calendar-categories/campus-events>

University of California at Berkeley

- **Human Mobility and Urban Resilience in American Cities.** Fri. Oct 11, 4 p.m. Hearst Memorial Mining Building.
- **Docent-led UC Botanical Garden Tours.** January 3 – Dec. 29 (every Sunday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with exceptions. 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.
- **Sick Plant Clinic.** 1st Saturday each month.
- **Piano and Cello: Noon Concert Series.** Wed., Oct. 2. Noon. Hertz Concert Hall.

<https://events.berkeley.edu>

Mount Diablo Astronomical Society

- **Our Place in the Galaxy.** See the center of our galaxy and take a tour through the society's telescopes. Sat. Oct. 19, 6 – 11 p.m., Mount Diablo - Lower Summit Parking Lot, Summit Rd, Clayton.

https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/event-list.cfm?Club_ID=51

Historic Aircraft Display

First Saturday Every Month, 200 Buchanan Field Road, Concord. 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Talk to pilots about their planes. See historic planes on display. Learn about becoming a pilot or owning your own plane.

<http://mdpa.org/>

Martinez Self-Guided Walking Tour

Download this guide with short descriptions of over 25 visit-worthy places in Martinez. Wait for good weather. Good anytime.

<https://www.martinezhistory.org/Tours/Walking/walking.html>

University of California, Davis

- **The State of Water.** Author and illustrator Obi Kauffman discusses his new book. Thurs. Oct. 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., ANR Building, UC Davis.

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/calendar/all-events/>

DVC: Current Data

(Note: 27% of DVC's full-time employees have been hired in the last three years)	Current	Hired in the last three years	Retired in the last three years	Retired 2018-2019
Classified Staff	226	83	27	7
Full-time Faculty	247	51	33	13
Administration-Managers	24	10	7	1
Total Full-time Employees	497	134 (27%)	67	21
Part-time Faculty	578	Full-time Faculty: 30%. Part-time Faculty: 70%		
Total Faculty	825	Thank you to Monica Brennan and Becky Opsada		

2019 College Yearly Tuition (Full-time Students)

Ca. Community Colleges residents	\$1,104 (@ \$46 per unit, 12 units per semester)
Ca. Community Colleges (out-of-state and international students)	\$6,600 (@\$275 per unit, 12 units per semester)
California State Universities (CSU) - residents	\$5,752
California State Universities (CSU) (out-of-state and international students)	\$32,434
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University of California (UC) - residents	\$13,509
University of California (Out-of-state and international students)	\$41,630

Note: These figures are for tuition *only*. Books, housing, food, etc. not included.

WHERE DO WE LIVE?

According to the latest DVCRA Directory these are the Cities Where at Least Two of Us Live

Walnut Creek	35	Pleasanton	2
Martinez	24	Richmond	2
Pleasant Hill	20	Antioch	2
Concord	18	Brentwood	2
Berkeley	15	Davis	2
Lafayette	15	Fairfield	2
Oakland	10	Livermore	2
Alamo	7	Magalia	2
Benicia	6	Nevada City	2
Danville	6	Piedmont	2
Clayton	5	Placerville	2
Moraga	4	Sacramento	2
Orinda	4	San Francisco	2
Lincoln, Ca	3	San Rafael	2
Pacheco	3	Santa Rosa	2
Pittsburg	3	Vallejo	2

PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS LUNCHEONS

Check out pictures from our previous luncheon by going to our [website](#): 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.

THANK YOU

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
- Janice Bross, DVC Foundation
- 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

DVC RETIREE, CHERYL SUNDARI DEMBE, RECEIVES HER DOCTORATE ~ 50 YEARS AFTER COMPLETING IT.

Editor's note: The DVCRA Newsletter does not typically write features about individual members, but our colleague Cheryl Sundari Dembe's story, is so extraordinary that I thought our readers would appreciate it. Her case received and merited attention by national and local news agencies. The story below and many of the quotations are a compilation from *Chemistry News*, *NPR.org*, *the San Jose Mercury*, and the *University of Chicago News*. In addition, Sundari's story has been covered by the *New York Times* and the *Royal British Society's Chemistry World Magazine*. ~ Lauri Fischer

In June, 2019, Cheryl Sundari Dembe received an extraordinary honor: the University of Chicago, having revisited research Dembe completed more than fifty years ago, awarded her a PhD in Chemistry after doing a thorough review of her work and apologizing for their behavior towards her. It was a remarkable and nearly unprecedented pivot for the University.

Dembe arrived at the University of Chicago in the late 1960s: It was a time of great social change, but significantly, women were routinely shut out of positions of power – in business, in medicine, in academia.

Dembe began her serious research exploring a complex topic: how two helium isotopes, Helium-3 and Helium-4, have profoundly different behaviors when cooled. She succeeded in sustaining the particles at nearly absolute zero, and also found a novel approach using the magnetic properties of the particles to determine their temperatures.

After two and half years, her advisor, Lothar Meyer, concluded that her research was "ready": Dembe had good enough data to start writing her thesis and she expected to complete it in six months.

Ten days later, Meyer died; Dembe's world changed in that moment.

"I was devastated by his death, but still wanted to complete my research project by writing and publishing my work," she said. "No one I knew was stepping up to be in charge of me. You can't just write up these things without a faculty adviser."

The University offered her a replacement adviser in a related research group, but the new advisor told her, "Sorry, we won't have a woman." Dembe added, "That was the last time anybody really talked to me. Not one person at the University was willing to look at my years of research. Not one person."

Dembe left Chicago, moved to California and brought all of her research with her but with no idea how she would use it. She was hired as a full-time chemistry professor at DVC in 1974. As we know, she had fulfilling career here in Pleasant Hill, retiring in 2008.

Twenty years ago on sabbatical leave from DVC in 2000, Dembe discovered the work of a chemist, Douglas Osheroff, who had eventually won the Nobel Prize in Physics for the discovery of superfluidity in helium-3, and whose work was extremely close to Dembe's at the University of Chicago. She contacted Osheroff who was at Stanford at the time, and it turned out that he had heard about Dembe's research group in Chicago and her project there. He said, "You should have gotten your degree with Chicago, I'll support you in that," Dembe recalls.

Her appeal, even with Osheroff's support, to the University of Chicago in 2000 was ignored. Years later, emboldened by the #MeToo movement in 2018, Dembe tried again and wrote to University of Chicago President, Robert Zimmer. And this time the results were astonishing: the University decided to look into her claim. Vice Provost, Jason Merchant, saw that her case raised important issues and involved improper behavior toward a student and warranted a thorough review by faculty as well as outreach from the University's Title IX Coordinator to offer additional support. He re-opened her case.

The university team faced a daunting task: Dembe's data, compiled before computers, bore no resemblance to what research looks like now. She had much less data than required now, and had conducted her calculations on a *slide rule*. Pages had been copied on ditto machines; photocopying was not yet widespread.

"We tried to get as much information as we could," said Philippe Guyot-Sionnest, professor of Chemistry and Physics, who headed the committee investigating the claim. "One fortunate thing is that she kept very good quality notebooks about her day-to-day work in the lab. We were able to read that."

After an extensive review of Dembe's old lab notebooks, despite a missing thesis, the University committee judged her work worthy of a doctorate, a particular rarity because of the absence of a dissertation as well as a distance of five decades.

Movingly, Andrei Tokmakoff, chair of the University Department of Chemistry, wrote, "We thank you for presenting us with an opportunity to partially rectify these mistakes of the past."

(Article continues on p. 11)

MAKE IT COUNT: An Easy Way to Donate to Our Scholarship Fund

There is a wonderful method to donate to our DVCRA Scholarship Fund and at the same time qualify for *tax-free* contributions from your IRA account. If you designate the DVC Foundation as the recipient of a *Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD)* then our scholarship fund benefits and you get the tax benefit. (Just be sure to write DVCRA Scholarship Fund on the memo line of your check).

Here's how it works: Each **IRA** owner (age 70.5 or older) who must make a Required Minimum Distribution (**RMD**) can annually transfer any amount up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to qualified charities, e.g. the DVCRA Scholarship Fund – which qualifies as a QCD. The money you allocate to this QCD will be excluded from income, and hence *not taxed*. In addition, these funds can count toward the required minimum distribution. Funds must go *directly* from an IRA to the charity, either via a transfer by the IRA custodian or by a check from the IRA to the DVC Foundation (or other charity).

Why Bother? Aren't Charitable Contributions Deductible Anyway?

The U.S. government designates a standard deduction to be subtracted from our income, and it is not taxed. If we have MORE than this amount in allowable medical bills, taxes to states, charity contributions etc., we can use the larger total instead of the standard deduction. Usually charitable contributions are deductible only to the extent that they cause our total deductions to exceed the standard deduction (which is \$27,000 for a senior couple in 2019). However, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 also made it more difficult to exceed the standard deduction by limiting what we can deduct from our taxes.

The good news is that charitable giving via a **QCD** is **100%** excluded from taxable income, and your standard deduction or other itemized deductions can still be taken. Be sure to consult your tax professional for make sure these rules apply to you and that you understand them. But please consider making the DVCRA Scholarship Fund the recipient of these qualified deductions. Everyone benefits. ~~ Thanks to Karen Castle, DVCRA member, for gathering information for this article.

CHECK OUT OUR RETIREES' WEBSITE

Go to UF4Retired.org for pictures, links to events, additional in memoria announcements. Contact [Karen Castle](#) if you would like to add to memorial announcements or provide any additional information.

Contra Costa Community College District Chancellor Fred Wood To Retire This Spring

Editor's Note: Information for his article was taken from Annie Sciacca's reporting in the East Bay Times and Dr. Wood's emailed message to the entire District.

This past July, Fred Wood, Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District since early 2017, announced that he will retire in March, 2020.

"After considerable and thoughtful deliberations, I have decided to retire after a four-decade career in higher education due to increased personal obligations and because I firmly believe the District is ready for new leadership," Wood said in a written statement.

At our luncheon Wood spoke glowingly of his time at DVC as a student and remembered especially fondly his chemistry classes and instructors. From DVC, he transferred to UC Davis where he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Wood succeeded Helen Benjamin who served as Chancellor for twelve years before retiring.

Wood's retirement announcement is in the midst of turmoil in its leadership at Contra Costa College. Three top administrators at the college had been put on leave while an investigation was pursued, and in August, 2019, President Katrina VanderWoude, resigned from the college.

At upcoming Board meetings, the governing board will discuss recruitment of the district's next chancellor in the hopes of finding Wood's replacement before he retires.

In his letter to the District community, Chancellor Wood expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Board, local businesses, donors, elected officials, community members, and numerous organizations, faculty and classified staff, and especially the students of our three colleges. "Thank you all for giving me the great honor and privilege to serve as your Chancellor. I deeply appreciate the trust you have expressed in my leadership. There is still much I hope to achieve over the next months, and I look forward to working with all of you to accomplish great things."

Thank You For Spring 2019 Silent Auction Items

Thank you to these donors for their generous donations to the Silent Auction held at the DVC Retirees Association's April 2019 luncheon. The money earned from our contributions go directly to our scholarship fund for DVC continuing and transfer students.

- ★ Rachel Dunn Chocolates, 1021 Detroit Ave, Concord, CA.
- ★ Lunardi's Markets, 1600 Palos Verdes Mall, Walnut Creek, CA.
- ★ DVC Book Center gift certificates
- ★ Chris Leivas – Giants Tickets, Club Level
- ★ Clark Sturges – Giants Tickets, Club Level
- ★ Leon Borowski – wine
- ★ Barbara and Bob Sawyer - wine
- ★ Marge Lasky – books: *You're Doing What? Older Women's Tales of Achievement and Adventure*
- ★ Drama Department, Diablo Valley College, 2 x 2 season tickets
- ★ Chuck Cottril: hand crafted wooden bowl from camphor tree
- ★ DVC Foundation, scholarships – gift basket

Thank you again for our donors for these generous donations.

~~ Thanks to Nancy Zink for compiling this list

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS AND DUES PAYMENTS
SEND ALL CHECKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO**

**DVC RETIREES ASSOCIATION
321 GOLF CLUB ROAD
PLEASANT HILL, CA 94523**

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**IF YOU ARE BRINGING A RETIREE (OR LAPSED DVCRA MEMBER) ON
OCTOBER 18 FOR THE FREE LUNCH**

New Member or Lapsed Member's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

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IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A LUNCHEON RESERVATION ONLY

Write a check for \$15 per person made out to **DVC Retirees Association** and send it to the above address. *Attach a note if you have special dietary requests.*

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**IF YOU WANT TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TO
DVCRA SCHOLARSHIP FUND (TWO CHOICES)**

- (1) Write a second check to the **DVC Foundation** and on the memo line write "DVCRA Scholarship Fund" (tax deductible)
- (2) Add an additional amount to the check made out to the **DVC Retirees Association** (not tax deductible)

Suggested contribution to Scholarship Fund: at least \$30

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**IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR DVCRA DUES FOR 2019-2020
(\$20 per retiree family)**

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner (optional): _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Make check out to DVC Retirees Association (\$20 per retiree family)

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One check for the luncheon and membership will work if the memo line indicates: "Luncheon, Membership and Scholarship." Please write "Membership and Scholarship Only" if you are not attending the luncheon.

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NOTE: We *prefer* that all the checks be put in the same envelope and mailed to the above address.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 18th.

PLANNING AHEAD? SPRING LUNCHEON WILL PROBABLY BE FRIDAY, APRIL 24