

DVC Retirees Association Newsletter Spring 2025



COME TO DVCRA's 2025 SPRING LUNCHEON! Please join us to connect with friends and former colleagues over a hot buffet lunch in DVC's Diablo Room.

DATE: April 25, 2025

TIME: 11:30am-2pm

LOCATION: Diablo Room, HSF Building, 3rd floor, Elevator Available

COST: \$20 per person cash or check (guests welcome!),
\$21 (includes \$1 service fee) if paying by credit card

FOOD: Hot Buffet-Choose regular (r), gluten-free (gf), or vegetarian (v)

PARKING: Lots 7 and 8, with a free daily permit (details below) or a permanent permit.

PROGRAM: **Kelly Schelin, CCCCD Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology**, will join us from the District Office to comment on the district's direction in the face of changes in Washington DC.

Akeem Ajani, DVC Umoja Program Co-Coordinator and Counselor, will join us with students in the program to tell us about how the program assists and supports students as they achieve their educational goals.

RESERVE: **Reservations and payments must be received by April 16.** At the time of payment, please specify the name of each Attendee, which meal each wants (regular, gluten-free, or vegetarian), and the number of parking permits needed.

PAYMENT: **EITHER by Check** To DVC Retirees Association and mailed to:
DVC Retirees Association
321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Or by Credit Card

Go to **UF4cdretired.org** and link to the

[Payment Page](#)

QUESTIONS: Concerning Lunch Contact
Irene Menegas, imenegas@comcast.net or 925-946-0420
Concerning Payments Contact
Karen Castle, castlekg@gmail.com or 925-209-6317

PARKING: As always, Parking Lots 7 and 8 have the most convenient access for the event – Student Ambassadors will be on site to help you find your way to the Diablo Room.

A parking permit is required. If you have a permanent DVC parking pass/sticker with no expiration date on your vehicle, you are good to go. If not, you can obtain a (free) daily permit by going to MyCampusPermit.com at any time prior to the event. Click on Daily Permits, choose Diablo Valley College, and enter the requested information, including a special code which we will provide upon request. You must also enter the license plate number of the vehicle you will bring to campus. There will be people available in Lots 7 and 8 to assist you if you do not complete the process in advance.

GETTING TO THE DIABLO ROOM: Lawrence Orme from DSS has again graciously agreed to be available to provide transportation from Parking Lot 7 by the BFL Community Conference Center, for those who would like assistance.

IMPORTANT: Much as we would miss your presence, if you are feeling unwell, experiencing any COVID symptoms, or have tested positive for the virus in the week before April 25, please help us to keep everyone safe by not attending. If at some time after you have paid, but before the event, the continuously shifting COVID situation leaves you no longer comfortable about attending, please notify Irene or Karen, and let them know if you would like a refund, or if you prefer to apply your payment toward the scholarship fund.

We are looking forward to seeing you on April 25!

**Sending Money to DVCRA
By Karen Castle**

We all know money is needed to pay for Scholarships, Membership, Lunch etc. We're trying to make it easier. Checks, money orders, and credit cards are all accepted. You can find addresses, deadlines etc. on our

[PAYMENT PAGE](https://uf4cdretired.org/?page_id=2800)
https://uf4cdretired.org/?page_id=2800

Credit card payments are accepted there. Your card information goes directly to a secure site and then to the DVCRA's checking account. We accept payments day or night. You can find addresses, prices etc., there as well.

If you prefer to send a check or money order, please mail it to

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

Make the check payable to DVC Retirees Association.
On the check note whether it is for

- Membership, indicate for whom and identify any address changes (\$20 each)
- Lunch, specify for whom and whether Regular(R), Vegetarian(V), or Gluten Free (GF) (\$20 each)
- Scholarship (not tax deductible)

If you want the scholarship to possibly be tax deductible,
Write a **Separate Check** to the DVC Foundation and note that it is for the
DVC Retirees Association Scholarship Fund-751

Do All You Can Do

By Nancy Zink

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
(Elizabeth Andrew, American author)

The DVC Retirees Association would like to extend to you the opportunity to share your insights, expertise and time by volunteering to serve on the Board of the DVCRA.

We need people who are willing to spend a small amount of time ensuring that we can operate at the most effective level, to keep the organization functioning, to ensure our goals of supporting students and to enable our members to stay connected.

We especially need someone to become the Scholarship Coordinator. This description of the position from our By-laws follows:

Scholarship Coordinator: *The scholarship coordinator leads a team that works with the DVC Foundation and Scholarship offices annually to solicit and review scholarship applications and to award scholarships to DVC students consistent with funds available and as approved by the Board.*

If you are interested in helping or being the Scholarship Coordinator, please contact Karen Castle (castle.kg@gmail.com) or me, Nancy Zink (brotherfile.65@gmail.com). We can also answer your questions about the position or other needs. You can be officially nominated and elected at the luncheon on April 25, 2025. If more than one person is interested in the Scholarship Coordinator's position, the membership will vote to elect one individual at the luncheon. Please consider submitting your name to volunteer.

Diablo Valley College Retirees Association Financial Report
For the Period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024
By Tim Murphy, DVCRA Treasurer

The following DVCRA financial information is for the period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024:

- ✓ \$27,875 in total assets as of December 31, 2024, of which \$21,435 is available for future operations and scholarships
- ✓ Fundraising activities for 2024 (including donations, memberships, interest and luncheon net income) has generated \$14,972 available for scholarships.

The DVCRA Board has tentatively approved ten scholarships of \$1,000 each for the school year 2025-2026. Five scholarships will go to continuing DVC students and three scholarships will go to DVC transferring students. An additional two transfer scholarships will go to a DVC Puente transferring student and to a DVC Umoja transferring student.

Scholarship donations can be made by check or credit card to DVC Foundation (tax-deductible) by designating the donation to the DVCRA scholarship fund—Fund 751 or by credit card through the new DVCRA payment site (not tax-deductible). The DVCRA payment site will also take credit card payments for luncheons and membership dues.

Your Board wants to thank our membership for attending the DVC semi-annual luncheons, Zoom online gatherings, and for their continuing generosity to the students of DVC.

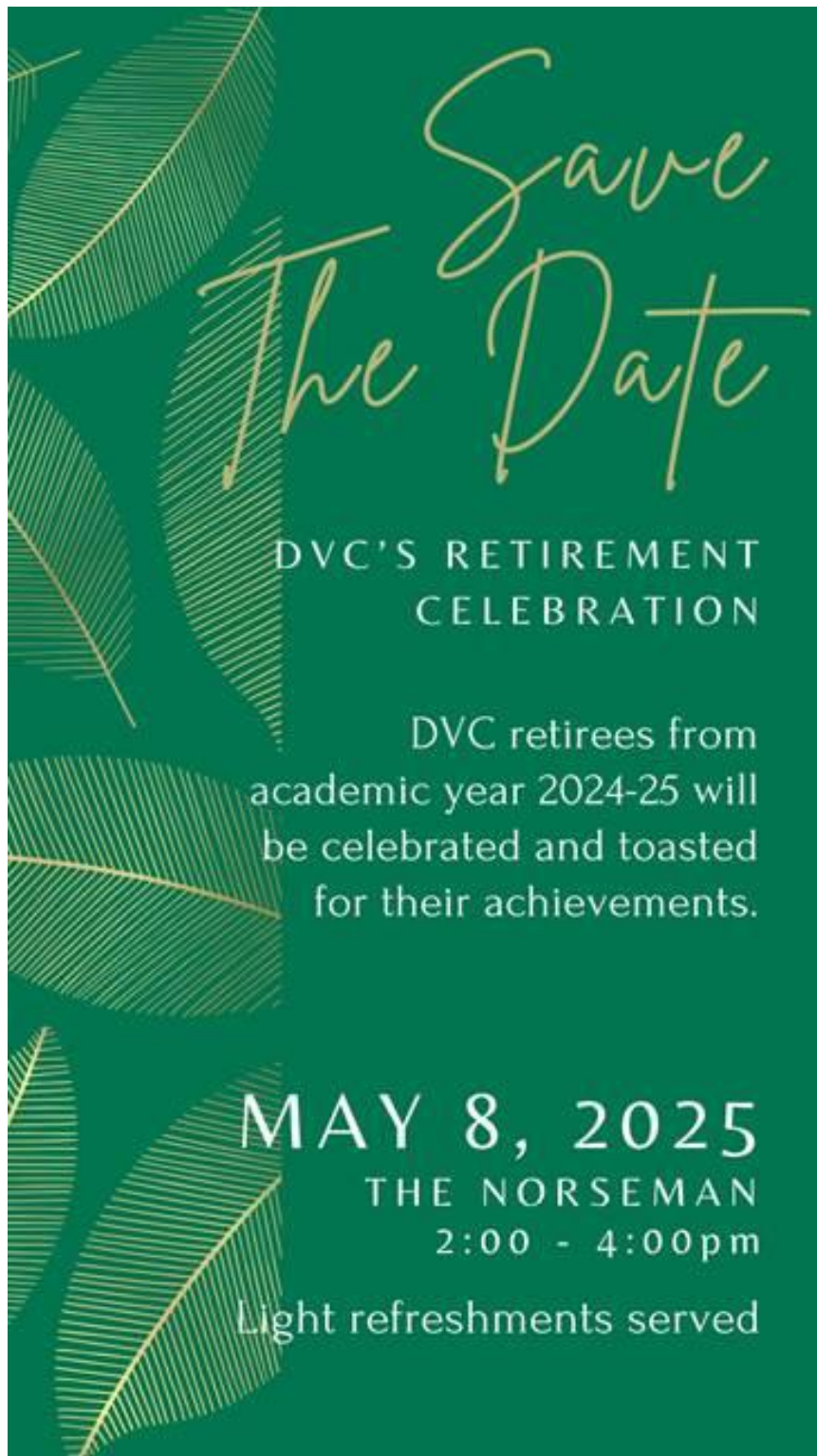
Don't Miss the Spring 2025 Student Art Show (SAS)

- 4/21 SAS Opening Hours: Generally, open 9-4 M-TH, F 9-1
- 5/8 SAS Awards Party in the Art Quad 11-12:30 featuring art for sale, live art demos, games, food and the Award ceremonies for the winners in the student art show.

To keep up to date with current Art Gallery events go to:

<https://dvcartgallery.com/>

Or follow up on Instagram at: dvcartgallery



**Honor Our 2024-5
Retirees
By Marta Gillen**

As of today, the following permanent classified professionals, managers and faculty have retired or given formal notice of retiring this academic year. We invite you to save the date for a retirement celebration on May 8. As we get closer, we will share the names of honorees who have rsvp'd to attend so you can come support your friends and colleagues and wish them well as they join the ranks of DVC retirees.

Retirees 2024-25

Mark Akiyama
Bethallyn Black
Ana Maria Carbonell
Toni Fannin
Rick Gelinas
Wendy Holt
William Logan
Keith Mikolavich
Teresa Molnar
Charles Shackett
Renee Swindle
Mario Tejada
Jen Tejada
Teresa Towers
Kathy Weber
Kim Woods
Tish Young

**Please Reach Out to Your Colleagues
Welcome Them to Retirement and to DVCRA**

Information for the 2025 Diablo Valley College Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Donor Reception

By Thom Martin, Development Officer, DVC Foundation

Date: May 9, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Location: Performing Arts Center, followed by a reception at the Main Street Bistro

Host: Diablo Valley College Foundation

Join us for the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Diablo Valley College, a cornerstone event celebrating academic excellence and transformative support. On May 9, 2025, we will gather at the Performing Arts Center to honor the achievements of our scholarship recipients from diverse backgrounds and academic disciplines.

This year, we continue to build on the success of our program, which has seen a significant increase in both the number and amount of scholarships awarded over the past years. With 198 scholarships awarded last year, totaling \$273,700, we are proud to support a student body that exemplifies dedication, resilience, and diversity. Our recipients, many of whom are from households earning less than \$49,999 annually and represent a wide age range, reflect the vibrant community at DVC.

Following the awards presentation, a reception will be held at the Main Street Bistro where donors will have the opportunity to meet with the students they have supported. This interaction not only allows donors to see the impact of their contributions but also provides our scholars a chance to thank their benefactors personally, sharing their goals and the difference the scholarships have made in their lives.

We invite all our donors and community members to join us in this celebration of commitment, community, and student success. Your continued support empowers our students and enriches our collective future.

RSVP by May 2 to Clane822@dvc.edu

For more information please contact: Thom Martin, Development Officer, DVC Foundation. Tmartin486@dvc.edu

Do You Know What This Is?

By Nancy Zink

If you attended the the March 7 DVC Dinner Theater, like these folks and many of their friends, you know the answer. For those of you who did not go, you missed an excellent dinner and a thought-provoking show, both reflecting the wonderful talents of students in the Culinary Arts Program and Drama Program.



The picture shows the dinner appetizer, deceptively looking like something other than it is—a theme of the dinner, reflecting elements of the play, “The Crucible.”

The identity of the appetizer is hidden elsewhere in this news letter. Don’t miss out on the fall dinner theater or on the last production of the academic year.

“Blythe Spirit” -- May 2-18 Tickets from the DVC Cashier (925) 969-2358

It’s summertime in Kent and Charles Condomine is working on his latest novel, *The Unseen*. As part of his research, he and his wife Ruth host a séance with an eccentric medium known as Madame Arcati and invite their friends to play along. But the evening takes a supernatural turn when Arcati conjures Charles’ deceased first wife, who doesn’t have plans to leave. Lighthearted and endearing, this otherworldly classic is sure to tickle your goosebumps!



Building The DVCRA Membership

By Nancy Zink

The DVCRA would like to increase its membership. Can you help our organization to do this?

As you know, a major focus of this organization is supporting DVC students with scholarships. We fund those scholarships through memberships and donations, donations mainly made by our current members. Since 2008, we have provided more than \$188,000 to returning and transferring students.

This academic year, 2024-2025, the DVCRA will offer 10 scholarships of \$1000 each in May. Last academic year, 2023-2024, we offered more. Over the last few years, we have had a decline in membership. With this decline in membership, we have had less income to support scholarships so each year we are providing fewer scholarships. At a high point, we offered 20 scholarships for \$1000 each.

So how can you help the DVCRA expand its membership? Ask yourself: Do I know DVC retirees who have not renewed their memberships? Do I know individuals who are about to retire or who have retired who have not joined? Active employees can join if they are looking at retirement in the next five years.

You can tell these individuals that as new members, they will be our guests to attend their first luncheon. You can also tell them the DVCRA offers two luncheons a year, one in April and one in October. We share a meal, catch up with each other, and stay connected to colleagues, individuals who are or who become our friends. In addition to the luncheons, we offer Zoom socials, gatherings where we can talk about topics that interest and inform us, presented through dedicated "rooms" where colleagues host discussions and/or provide information that might affect our retirement.

Membership is only \$20 and is payable by July 1 annually. Membership includes being listed in and receiving a hard copy of the Members' Directory, getting 2 emailed newsletters annually as well as other emails that provide information about the organization, upcoming events and general news that should be of interest. The DVC Retirees Association is open to all classified, faculty and management who have been active employees at DVC.

You can check us out through the link: uf4cdretired.org. where our Newsletters and other useful information is located. (This site, while hosted by the United Faculty, is available to all DVC retirees, not just faculty.) If you have questions or want an application form, you can contact Milagros Ojermark (milagrosojermark@gmail.com) (925-639-4353) or me, Nancy Zink (brotherfile.65@gmail.com).

Hope to see you at our next luncheon, Friday, April 25, 2025.

Faculty Lecturer

By John Freytag

On behalf of the Academic Senate Council, I am pleased to announce that Dr. James Wilson, Professor of English and Co-Coordinator of our Community of Pride, has been selected as the 2025 Academic Senate Faculty Lecturer.

Congratulations, James!

Dr. Wilson will present their talk,

“Who We Are When We Teach: What we bring to our students and our classrooms, and why it matters now,” on both

April 23 12:45-2:10 pm, BWL-CCC

April 24 6:30-8:30 pm, Diablo Room

Everyone is welcome to attend.

In their lecture proposal, Dr. Wilson wrote,

“In this moment characterized by attacks on DEI efforts accompanied by the politicization and marginalization of queer and especially trans identities, I hope my talk will make a case for the value of visibility and encourage everyone in our community to consider the role of faculty in creating safe spaces for our students. We have a special place at the front of the classroom, and I believe that when we are vulnerable enough to share ourselves with our students, everyone wins.”

As part of their deliberation, Senate Council members considered what messages and themes they wanted to convey with their selected 2025 Lecturer. Council members appreciated the timeliness of James’s proposal, its focus on the role of teachers’ identities in the classroom, the power of authenticity in fostering inclusive learning environments, and the courage required to create safe spaces for students amid challenges to DEI efforts.

Please join us for these lectures as James explores the evolving role of teachers’ identities in the classroom, drawing from personal experience, classroom reflections, and educational theory.

Congratulations, and thank you, James.

THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE PRESENTS: FACULTY LECTURE 2025

Who Are We When We Teach?

What we bring to our students and our classrooms, and why it matters now

Featuring Professor of English and Co-Coordinator Community of Pride learning community, **Dr. James Wilson**

WED - April 23
12:45 PM - 2:10 PM (BWL-CCC)

THURS - April 24
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Diablo Room)

What parts of ourselves do we bring with us to class? What do we leave at the door?

A teacher's explorations around the place of gender, self, and identity on campus, in classes, and in the classroom.



Look Who is Graduating!

You are invited to join us to celebrate

Susan Lamb

as she retires after serving as

College President for 7.5 years and serving 4CD for 31 years. See details below.

Light refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you on May 14th to wish her well in her retirement!

To help us plan, please rsvp here if you are able to attend: [RSVP](#)

For more information, please contact Marta Gillen mjillen@dvc.edu





Speakers and Podcasts By Charley Daly



We are excited to introduce two enriching initiatives from the **Diablo Valley College Alumni Association**: the **DVC Alumni Speakers Bureau** and the **DVC Alumni Podcast**!

The **Speakers Bureau** serves as a dynamic platform that connects accomplished alumni with current students and faculty, fostering mentorship and knowledge sharing. By participating, alumni can share their expertise through guest lectures, workshops, and panel discussions, providing students with invaluable real-world insights and career development opportunities. This initiative not only enriches academic experience but also strengthens the bonds within our DVC community.

You can find the DVC Alumni Speakers Bureau here:

<https://www.dvcalumnismpeakersbureau.com/>

Complementing this effort is the DVC Alumni Podcast, titled "**DVC Alumni: Where Every Story Inspires the Next!**" This podcast showcases the inspiring journeys of our alumni, highlighting their diverse paths and accomplishments since graduating. Each episode features engaging interviews with first-generation graduates, entrepreneurs, educators, and leaders who share their stories, challenges, and successes. Together, these initiatives celebrate the impactful legacy of DVC and encourage ongoing connections among alumni, students, and faculty. We invite you to tune in and consider joining the Speakers Bureau to give back to the DVC community!

You can find the podcast wherever you get your podcast or here:

<https://dvcalumni.buzzsprout.com>

Don't Miss Your Medicare Part B Reimbursement By Nancy Zink

If you have a Medicare coordinated health plan through CCCD, the district will reimburse you for Medicare Part B premiums, either quarterly or annually. The application form, can be found on <https://www.4cd.edu/hr/benefits/index.html> under Navia and then under Medicare Part B Reimbursement Form

Effects of the Social Security Fairness Act

By Karen Castle

Good News

On Jan 5, 2025, President Biden signed the Social Security Fairness Act into law. This legislation removes two limits on Social Security payments: the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Payroll Offset (GPO), effective retroactive to Jan 1, 2024.

Who could benefit?

People receiving a **pension from a job where they didn't pay Social Security Tax (FICA)**, including **some**

- Public sector employees, state, federal or local;
- Teachers;
- Students employed by the educational institution that they attend;
- Employees who receive Social Security from other countries;
- Members of some religious groups

What - Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)

If a person receives a pension for work where Social Security tax was not paid, the WEP reduced their Social Security payment by up to \$587 per month in 2024 (up to \$613 in 2025) depending on the number of years that the person paid Social Security Tax and on their other pension. Without the WEP

Everyone will now be eligible to receive their full earned Social Security Benefit

What - Government Pension Offset (GPO)

Usually, spouses can benefit from each other's Social Security payments. Typically, a person 62 or older can receive half the benefit their spouse is collecting **or** their own Social Security benefit, whichever is more money. Divorced spouses from marriages that lasted at least 10 years, have a similar option once the former spouse is eligible to receive Social Security payments. Surviving spouses (and ex's from marriages lasting at least 10 years) can receive up to 100% of the deceased spouse's Social Security, if the survivor is at least full retirement age.

The Government Pension Offset (GPO) reduced the Social Security benefit available to a spouse by **2/3 of their pension due to** employment not covered by social security. Without the GPO

Everyone will now be eligible to receive their full Social Security spousal benefit

When- Now, updates to Social Security Payments are proceeding rapidly.

The **Social Security Fairness Act** affects benefits retroactive to Jan 1, 2024.

If you applied for Social Security payments and they were reduced or eliminated due to WEP and/or GPO, your situation will be reviewed automatically. Your future payment should be increased to the larger of your full payment or the payment due to you from your spouse's

benefit automatically. You should be paid a lump sum for the amount that you have missed since Jan 1, 2024, since the **Social Security Fairness Act** affects benefits retroactively.

Apply now if you delayed applying for Social Security benefits because of WEP or GPO, or if your situation has changed.

If you want to wait to apply for Social Security payments when you or your spouse is older, no worries. New applications for Social Security benefits are being assessed with NO WEP or GPO. Just apply when you are ready.

To find out more about the Social Security Fairness Act and its implementation, see <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/social-security-fairness-act.html>

Ways to Help

Informational Zoom, Wednesday, April 30, 2-3:30 PM,

By James Blair, JD

Ever find yourself wanting to help our DVC students financially? Not so sure of the simplest, most cost-effective way to do this? How can you create a scholarship in your or your family's name? When and where exactly do you begin?

On Wednesday, April 30th at 2 PM, you are invited to attend a ZOOM event where the college's head of donations, scholarships, and over-all financial support to students will head up an event on those very topics. Those who attend will meet Jim Blair, hear his brief presentation, access power point fact-sheets and tips, and spend most of the 90 minutes answering the specific questions that you raise. It's a great opportunity to engage and find out about the many options available and what each entails!

Don't miss out. Don't forget.

Wednesday, April 30th at 2-3:30 PM

Zoom Link

<https://4cd.zoom.us/j/81201678122>

Meeting ID: 812 0167 8122

The appetizer was made as follows, courtesy of Aaron Prater
'Tangerine' -tangerine gel covering a garlic and "fines herb", Gournay cheese
'Oreo' -black olive and mushroom cookie with a mixed cheese cream
'Churros and Chocolate' -potato churros with beef demi-glace



The Ups and Downs of It

By Rob Peters and Nancy Zink

At the DVCRA Zoom Social, attendees identified two areas of interest to focus their attention: books to recommend and observations about the DVCRA.



During the first part of the social, several of the attendees suggested titles for books to read. Here are just some of the titles/authors identified: North Woods by Daniel Mason, Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, The Source Code: My Beginnings by Bill Gates, Everything She Touched: The Life of Ruth Asawa by Marilyn Chase, The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede. As individuals suggested more titles, Lisa Orta reminded people about the DVC Book Group. (See more about this in Lisa's article about joining.)

The second topic, curated by Rob Peters, asked attendees for their thoughts on what they enjoyed currently within the DVCRA organization and their recommendations for what might be added, modified, eliminated from the organization-- activities, opportunities to engage in beyond the organization, etc.

Below are the highlights of this discussion:

1. Likes identified:

- Great affection for the opportunity to lunch, visit with and socialize with colleagues at the bi-annual luncheons
- Enjoy the flexibility of the Zoom events, where topics can be raised spontaneously
- Interest in and willingness to help our students in various ways:
 - a. donating to on-campus programs for students: Career Center supported Career Closet (see larger article in Newsletter)
 - b. supporting horticulture sales
 - c. attending events on campus like plays, concerts, tournaments (see DVC Facebook pages)
 - d. fundraising by the Alamo Women's Group

2. Improvement recommendations:

- Re-double efforts to increase attendance by staff and administrators at bi-annual luncheons: each one, invite one – to grow the DVCRA organization.
- Re-visit organizing outings that were more common in the past and share planning/organizational duties: meet-ups at Lafayette reservoir, SF 9th circuit court, Presidential yacht trip, San Francisco City Guides walks, farmers markets, lunches in various towns, ferry destinations, etc.

3. Recommendations for the future:

- Inform folks through a variety of venues like the newsletter, luncheons and Zoom events, of “connected” activities such as:
 - a. Joining the long-standing DVC book club
 - b. Connecting with Charley Daly from the DVC Student Alumni Association for a series of podcasts on Linked-in about our students
 - c. Develop activities like a walking group, a “Cruise on the Bay” outing, meeting at a local eatery before an event to talk/share ideas.
- Consider spreading the good word about the DVCRA and invite folks to join a year or two *before* they retire.

If you have other thoughts you would like to share, let us know. You can contact me, Nancy Zink at ndzink@jps.net or Karen Castle at castle.kg@gmail.com.

Read Along With The DVC Book Group

By Lisa Orta



Staff, faculty and managers, employed and retired, have been reading one book a month together for 16 years. We meet in the Staff Development Center live, no Zoom, on the first Wednesday of the month from 11 am - 12 pm to discuss our current book, share suggestions of other books we've read during the month, and pick our next read. In the past we have read books by colleagues, invited authors to join us, and attended a DVC Drama performance adaptation of a book we read. The description on our goodreads group page says it all - "A small and fabulous book group of DVC faculty and staff - meeting once a month to discuss chosen books and all things literary."

How to join? Show up to the Staff Development Center, AB 217 on April 2 at 11 am. Reach out to Lesley Agostino - lagostino@dvc.edu - to add your name to the email list for two emails per month, one in advance of our gathering and one follow-up. Join our www.goodreads.com group - create or login to your account, go to www.YouTube.com, type "[Join DVC Book Group on Goodreads](#)" in the search bar. Watch the short video explaining how to submit a request to join our page to stay updated on what we're reading, the date of our next meeting, and our reading history. Note that not all our members come to our meetings; many enjoy learning about new titles and reading along with us in absentia.

Through a Looking Glass

By Nancy Zink and Kumar Krishan

I look in the mirror, put the final touches on my outfit and stroll out into the world looking and feeling my best. I have selected the right clothes from my closet so, knowing I look right, I can dismiss one set of nagging concerns about my upcoming performance. I have that luxury. Many others do not; they don't have a closet full of clothes choices, nor do they have the funds to secure those clothes.

Kumar Krishan, Senior Program Coordinator for Career and Transfer Services at DVC, is trying to provide DVC students with that closet, a career closet, where they can find those well-fitting appropriate clothes that could make a difference to students who are trying to make that right impression, to feel comfortable when they present themselves to a larger community.

I heard about this program from a fellow retiree and when I inquired about it, this is the information Kumar Krishan provided to me. This will help you understand what the program is, what it provides and how you can participate:

*"Suit Up for Success" was an event designed to promote our **Career Closet**, which provides professional attire for students preparing for job interviews, formal events, or starting a new job. We are always looking for donations to ensure students have access to the clothing they need.*

*Students utilize the Career Closet throughout each semester as needed. Last semester alone, we provided students with over **165 articles of professional attire**, and we regularly have students dropping in on a **weekly basis** for career clothing....*

*We accept donations **year-round, including during the summer**. We gladly take **gently used, clean professional attire**, including suits, blazers, dress shirts, slacks, skirts, dresses, ties, and dress shoes. Donations can be brought to **Career and Transfer Services, located on the second floor of the Student Services Building in Suite 202**. We typically accept donations **Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. **Donation slips are provided upon request.***

*Currently, we are especially in need of **women's small and medium-sized dresses and blazers, as well as men's medium and large-sized attire**, as these sizes tend to run low."*

Clothes don't "make" the person, but they can help that person make that first positive impression, one that can make a difference.

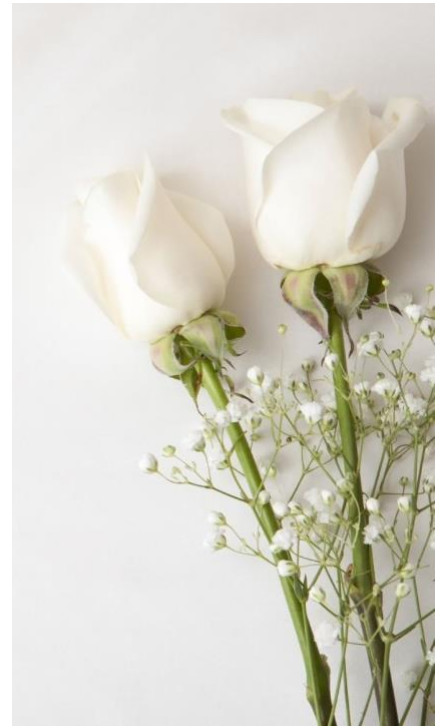
In Memoria

The Diablo Valley College Retirees Association wishes to recognize those members of our community who have passed since our last published Newsletter.

For tributes and more complete obituaries, please go to the DVCRA website: <http://uf4cdretired.org> or click on the name to go to their In Memoriam page on the DVCRA website.

[Harry Byrne](#)

[Sandy Williams](#)



[DVCRA webpage](http://uf4cdretired.org) | [uf4cdretired.org]

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