

Fall 2023 DVCRA Newsletter

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DVC Retirees Association Newsletter



COME TO DVCRA's 2023 FALL LUNCHEON! Please join us friends and former colleagues over a hot buffet lunch in DVC

DATE Oct 27, 2023

TIME: 11:30am-2pm

LOCATION Diablo Room, HSF Building, 3rd floor
(There is an elevator)

COST: \$20 per person (guests welcome!)

FOOD: Hot Buffet featuring Mediterranean Cuisin

Choose regular (r), gluten-free (gf), or ve

PARKING: Lots 7 and 8, with a free permit (details b
permanent permit

PROGRAM: **Beth McBrien** DVC Drama Program Upd

RESERVE: **When You Pay please Specify:** Name o

which meal each wants (regular (r); glut

vegetarian (v)) and the number of parkin

Either send a note with your check or use
box with Paypal.

Pay Either By

Check made out to

DVC Retirees Association mailed to
DVC Retirees Association

321 Golf Club Rd

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Arriving by Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023

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OR by Paypal to

FALL 2023 LUNCH: We will be able to mingle and mu comfortable, well-ventilated space. Our meal will be prov collaboration between DVC's Culinary and Food Services De details of the event, read on. They plan to provide a Mediterr with regular (r), vegetarian(v) and gluten free (gf) options

DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS: Beth McBrien, DVC Dram will update us on the Drama Department and its productions with the musical "All Shook Up," followed by "Radium Gir and Guildenstern are Dead." You can find more information www.dvcdrama.net.

PARKING: As in the fall, Parking Lots 7 and 8 have the mo for the event – Student Ambassadors will be on site to help the Diablo Room. **A parking permit is required.** If you ha parking pass/sticker with no expiration date on your vehicle. If not, **you can obtain a (free) daily permit** by going to [M](#) at any time **prior to** the event. Click on Daily Permits, College, and enter the requested information, including a **sp** will provide upon request. You **must** also enter the license vehicle you will bring to campus. There will be people ava to assist you if you do not complete the process in advance

GETTING TO THE DIABLO ROOM: As always, Lawrence be available to provide transportation from Parking Lot 7 by Conference Center, for those who would like assistance.

DIRECTORY: Paid members of the DVCRA for 2023-2024 luncheon will receive a hard copy of the DVCRA Directory w contact information. All other paid members will receive th the mail.

IMPORTANT: Much as we would miss your presence, if yo experiencing any COVID symptoms, or have tested positiv week before October 27, please help us to keep everyone s If at some time after you have paid, but before the eve shifting COVID situation leaves you no longer comforta please notify Irene or Karen, and let her know if you wou you prefer to apply your payment towards the scholarship t

DVCRA Luncheon Changes with the Times by Karen Castle

In response to popular demand, we have transitioned away from box lunches with LOTS of sunshine and fresh air, to the elegant Diablo Room and this fall's Mediterranean-themed buffet. We very much look forward to seeing all y'all Oct 27.

But the cost of food has caught up with us. We paid more for the spring lunch than the \$15 we collected. Worth it, but we cannot continue like this. So, alas the price has been raised to \$20 to cover the cost. Also bowing to the times, we are trying out the option of **electronic payment**. If enough people prefer it, we will likely make it a permanent option. Everyone is absolutely welcome to mail a check to reserve your spot as always. But, **IF** you prefer, you can send your meal preferences and money via Paypal. The link is **paypal.me/muppiepd**

Whichever method you choose to reserve your spot, please be sure to specify who is coming, what meal each prefers (regular(r), vegetarian(v), or gluten free(gf)) and how many parking permits you need. Please include a note with your check or use the "What's this for" box in Paypal to convey the information.

See you Oct 27!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: During lunch, we will receive some updates about last year's scholarship awardees and what receiving a DVCRA Scholarship has meant for them; and we will review the current status of this year's DVCRA Scholarship fundraising.

You may **make a scholarship donation** by

Adding any amount to the cost of the luncheon (not tax-deductible)

OR

Including a check made out to the DVC Foundation, with DVCRA Scholarship Fund written in the memo line;

OR

Donating online through the DVC Foundation website (<https://www.dvc-foundation.com>). The direct link to the scholarship donation page is

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/diablovalleycollegefoundation> – the second drop-down menu (labeled "select an option") allows you to specify if you would like the donation to go to the DVCRA Scholarship Fund. We are the second option.

Successes in Drama by Lisa Drummond

The DVCRA is highlighting the Drama Department for the new season. At the October Luncheon, we will have a representative from the Drama program who will speak about some of the opportunities they offer students as well as showcase upcoming performances. Note below, a few highlights.

We are very proud of DVC Drama, a theatrical training program dedicated to creating avenues for aspiring young theatre artists. This program prepares students for excellence in every aspect of theater with design and performance opportunities. DVC Drama students have gone on to attend prestigious drama college programs such as Yale School of Drama, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Marymount University, University of Irvine, UCLA, USC, and Columbia, as well as acting conservatories such as Pacific Conservatory Theatre (PCPA), and Arthur Berlin. Our students have a solid history of becoming working professionals, booking jobs in national tours, regional theatres, theme parks, and the television and film industry.

Some of our alumni include actor JAMES UDOM (right) who has appeared on stage at the Lincoln Center and The Public Theater, as well as in the tv series, "The Sandman" (2022), and the movies *The Tragedy of Macbeth* (2021), and *Judas and the Messiah* (2021). While at DVC Drama, he received the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival's National Irene Ryan Award.



Actor, JEREMY GALLARDO (left), has appeared at The Public Theater and at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival for the past 5 seasons where he is currently starring as Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*.

DVC Drama alumna, NOELLE ARMS, is the founding Artistic Director for Poison Apple Productions - a large non-profit Theater Company that specializes in theater for youth. The cast of *Elf, The Musical* is pictured below.



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Thoughts on a Celebration by Mary Ulrich

The Annual Scholarship Awards and Donor Reception was held on Friday, May 12, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The event's audience was filled with parents, friends, members of the DVC community and donors for the scholarships, all cheering the accomplishments of the students who were being recognized.

After the formal recognition in the Performing Arts, everyone adjourned to the reception for all the attendees of this joyful celebration. I attended for this year, along with Nancy Zink (left), representatives of the Retirees Association. Other faculty members present to support the scholarship recipients for the DVCRA awardees were Rob Peters and Ellen Kruse.



Most of the students receiving the DVCRA Scholarship were present and most came to the reception. We got to personally meet the students and many of them brought their families, all reflecting gratitude for the support they have been provided. Two of our DVCRA scholarship recipients, Nina Campbell and Ivan Hernandez, spoke during the Awards ceremony, both reflecting all of those qualities that demonstrate the excellence of the student scholars.



This was a wonderful opportunity to see the impact of the many scholarships the College awards. This event was a positive, uplifting, happy occasion. Please consider attending this event next Spring.



CHANGES TO THE DVCRA BOARD by Irene Menegas

We are very sorry to say good-bye to a long-term DVCRA Board member. Sue Shattuck, retired English faculty, who for nearly ten years has been our Membership Coordinator, reminding folks annually to get their membership renewals in, thanking them for their donations to scholarships and membership renewals, and keeping Board members up to date with helpful membership lists. Sue will have left Florida by the time this newsletter hits your inbox. We are so sorry to see her go, but her family there needs her; so, she and her husband, Bob, are moving there temporarily. This will enable them to spend much more time with their daughter and her family in Florida. Thanks to both Sue and Bob (you may remember Bob arranging folks for pictures at various luncheons) for your long-time support of DVCRA and DVC!

We are very lucky to have Milagros Ojemark, retired foreign language (Spanish) faculty member, who has stepped up to take over Sue's responsibilities as Active Membership Coordinator. As required in our by-laws, we are asking anyone else who is interested in this position to contact Karen Castle, DVCRA Coordinator, castle.kq@gmail.com by **Wednesday, Oct. 11**. If you would like to know more about any of the board positions, please contact Karen Castle.

In the event more than one person is interested in the position, the Board will send current paid members a ballot to vote for the office by email for those who have them and US mail for those who do not have an email address. If such an election is necessary, the **deadline for us to receive ballots will be Tuesday, Oct. 24**. Results of the election will be announced at our October 27, 2023 luncheon.

As stated in our bylaws, "any uncontested positions will be filled by acclamation" at our next Association meeting.

If you want to help out without committing to serving on the Board, we have plenty of things that need to be done. There are articles to be written for the newsletter, activities to plan, scholarship donations to be solicited, or you can identify something else you'd like to do that we haven't considered.

Just send an email or contact anyone on the Board to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome your participation. The names and positions of the Board members are listed in the Newsletter.

Membership Renewal Opportunity

The DVCRA membership year matches the academic year, July to June. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, NOW is the time to do so. Fill out the form below or Paypal ([paypal.me/muppiepd](https://www.paypal.me/muppiepd)) to renew. If you have any changes to your name(s), address, email, or phone number please provide that information.

The dues are now **\$20 per year**, July 2023 through June 2024. Please send your check and the form below to **DVC Retirees Association**, at the address below. Retirees Association, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

DVC Students Continue to Need Our Help Through School

Please consider giving a generous donation to the DVCRA Scholarship Fund. DVC students badly need our support. Because of our past contributions, we were able to award \$1,000 to each of 20 students in Spring 2023. We were at that level. But as of September 2023, we have not collected the support that level for 2024. Please help us. DVCRA relies on your contributions to fund our scholarships. The DVCRA Board requests a **\$40 contribution** to help us reach our goal.

If you wish to have a tax deduction for your contribution, write "DVC Foundation" payable to the **DVC Foundation** and write in the memo space "DVC Retirees Association Scholarship Fund."

8 May 2023
DVC Retirees Association
Funde Student Scholarships
Words cannot truly express
I feel right now. All I can say
that I will always remember
you did for my education and
dreams. Your kindness and generosity
is catapulting a student like me
to continuing a student life with
hope and joy in the midst of
challenges. You have planted a seed
in good ground and I truly look
forward to meeting you soon.
I can thank you in a soon.

Diablo Valley College Retirees Association Dues and Information for 2023-2024

Your dues establish your family membership in the DVC Retirees Association for 2023-2024.

IF YOUR CURRENT DIRECTORY ENTRY IS CORRECT, THEN YOUR NAME ON LINE X.

If there are changes to any of your contact information, please update the lines below. Your information will appear in the directory exactly as you enter it.

XName: _____ Spouse/partner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

HELP DVCRA: I would like to help with DVC Retirees Association

Please specify type of help _____

PAYMENTS:

1) Dues per retiree family for one year: \$_____ \$20 (due 1/1/2024)

2a) Scholarship Contribution: \$_____ (at least \$40 suggested)
of 20 or more \$1,000 DVC Retirees Association scholarships
1 and 2a can be combined and paid by check or paypal (paypal preferred)

- OR -

2b) TAX DEDUCTIBLE SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION:

For your scholarship contribution to be tax deductible, please write a check for your contribution to the DVC Foundation, and in the "Memo" area write "DVC Retirees Association Scholarship Fund.")

Scholarship Contribution: \$_____ Total \$_____

Print and complete this form. Then mail it and your dues check to the DVC Retirees Association, along with your scholarship donation (check with your scholarship donation made out to the DVC Foundation). Put your envelope to:

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