Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of the Macomb Connections Retiree Newsletter. Del Corey has agreed to serve as editor, assisted by Joyce Monte, Jackie McKee and Denise Genereaux. Our plan is to publish at least twice annually in early fall and spring. Our newsletter will keep retirees tuned in to what is happening at the College that may be of interest. It will also include stories of what your friends and former colleagues are currently doing. Because of space limitations, some of the articles may be introduced in the newsletter and then made available in their entirety on our new retiree website: http://www.macomb.edu/alumni-donors/retiree-association/index.html.

Del welcomes your suggestions for newsletter content. He is particularly interested in ideas for naming the newsletter, as well as for stories about your current adventures. Materials can be emailed to Del at delmcorey@aol.com or sent to his home: 46658 Country Lane, Macomb, MI 48044.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming retiree meetings or events!

Warm regards,

Dr. Jim Varty
Chairman, Macomb Retiree Association Steering Committee

Retiree Association Direction and Annual Report

- **Mission Statement:** To develop and strengthen the relationship between Retirees and the College through regular communication, special events and volunteer opportunities.

- **Purpose:** To support the College, the community and one another.

- **Recognized** by the Macomb Board of Trustees.

**Progress:**

- Two years ago, there wasn’t a listing of Macomb Retirees available. Today, we know that there are about 800 Macomb retirees (in the formal sense). We have had some contact with about 600 and we have emails for about 200. That is progress.

- We have a location within the new College website for retirees and a mailbox: retiree@macomb.edu.

- Del Corey and Joyce Monte have volunteered to initiate a retiree newsletter. This would be available in both electronic and printed format.

- Retiring employees have been regularly welcomed into the association over the past two years but this still needs strengthening. Paul Gould is leading this effort.

**Future Direction:**

- Continue to make people aware of this association and to encourage its inclusiveness.

- Provide opportunities for social and cultural interaction, e.g. support SOAR Macomb.

- Define a positive working relationship with the College’s Alumni Advisory Board.

- Keep the membership aware of what is happening within the College.

- Be supportive of College philanthropic efforts.

- Become more self-reliant. We have received good support from the College for the association. We will likely need to take more responsibility for association logistics as time goes on.

- Volunteer to support college initiatives as they are defined.
WHO’s Been Doing WHAT?

BARBARA DAVID

Retired English professor Barbara David and husband Evan David, former Executive Director of Leadership Macomb, have moved to northern Michigan, where they have a sheep farm. It is called the Sundborn Farm in Herman, and it is the at the highest point in Michigan.

Barbara’s excellent article on how she became interested in processing fleece through the “niddy-noddy,” and her successes, which then became a passion, and led her and her husband to buy a farm up north and purchase sheep so they could make clothing are well worth the read.

She writes, “A new excitement gripped me. Now every moment with the wool was the cherished experience of sunshine and green earth and animals raised in flocks and sometimes kept in barns. And I spun away at yarn that had a new, raw, fierce essence to it, so much closer to the bone. And so my first grand baby had a sweater pulled over his head not only knitted and hand-spun, but with a new palpable energy to it.

PAULA DREWEK

Paula Drewek, who retired after 39 years as a professor of Humanities at Macomb in 2005, has continued to remain active in the community.

She taught courses in the arts and comparative religion.

Paula has a Ph.D. in the Sociology of Religion, and her dissertation was a cross-cultural study of two communities of Baha’is in Canada and India. Dr. Drewek explains, “Baha’i is a religion that believes in one god that stresses the unity of all mankind and all religions seeking world peace.”

Paula has two sons, Chris and Doug, both married and living in Michigan, and one granddaughter, Denice. For relaxation, Paula enjoys swimming, golf, gardening, cooking, canning, and singing in a choir.

But her favorite pastime is traveling.

Her travels and publications and other accomplishments are many. She has made presentations in India, China, Africa, Thailand, South America, Scandinavia, among others. She has spoken to many students in many schools, as well as government leaders, and will be teaching a humanities class for SOAR Macomb.

BERNIE WINCHESTER

The story of Bernice (Bernie) Winchester is one of a success from within. Hired as a secretary in the counseling office in 1989, Bernie observed the importance of counselors to our students, and that started her dream.

Through the years, she had many positions, related in offices of the registration enrollment, special needs, and Dean of Students.

“I was touched to see how students who had to work harder could achieve so much more,” said Bernie.

When her four children were grown and left home, Bernie, seized her opportunity. She completed her coursework at Macomb, received her bachelor’s at Rochester College, then completed the counseling program at Oakland University, earning a bachelor and master’s degree. In 2008, Bernie returned to Macomb as a counselor.

Success! The cycle completed!

Retirees & Friends of Macomb

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retiree@macomb.edu

Calendar

Oct. 3 Breakfast at South Campus, K Building
Oct. 10 Comedy & Cocktails Gala Fundraiser
Oct. 11 Gem & Mineral Show Sports & Expo Center

http://calendar.macomb.edu
Traveling to Italy

PROFESSOR ANGELO AULENSI, retired foreign language teacher, is proud to announce that his son and former Macomb advisor, Gregory, has opened Casa Gregorio, a “1797 structure in the heart of the historic center of Castro del Volsci, in the heart of Ciociaria.”

It is a cooking school, where students will stay in the hotel and take a culinary vacation. Ciociaria is just a short drive southeast of Rome, and is a region of exciting landscapes and friendly little towns. Professor Aulensi visits there to help out often and encourages his fellow retirees to check it out.

Notes from your Association Steering Committee:

Fall 2014—SOAR Macomb

Over the past year, the association has worked closely with Christine Guarino, Macomb’s director of cultural affairs, in the development of SOAR Macomb (Society of Active Retirees). Several of our retirees have agreed to teach classes and the steering committee is most supportive of this initiative. For information about classes and registration, email soarmacomb@macomb.edu or call 586.286.2106.

Friday, Oct 3: Third Annual Retiree Breakfast, K Building, South Campus, 9:00 am

In addition to chatting with friends and listening to President Jim Jacobs’ state of the College, we will have an opportunity to view the newly completed 12 Mile Road entrance with its brick pavers and to tour the new Wayne State Center directly across the street. Invitations have been emailed or sent to those now on our mailing lists. Because these lists are incomplete, please encourage colleagues to attend. Over 100 attended last year’s brunch.

Friday, Oct. 10: Comedy & Cocktails

Join us for a wonderful evening of fun featuring a performance by The Capitol Steps, a popular political satire group. This event begins in the Lorenzo Cultural Center at 5:30 pm with a strolling dinner and cocktails, followed by the performance in the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are $150 each and benefit the arts and cultural programming at Macomb. For information call the MCC Foundation at 586.445.7302 or email foundation@macomb.edu.

March 2015: Florida Alumni & Retiree Gatherings

With the support of Art Ritas and Susan Calkins, the College hosted its second reunion this past February for retired faculty and staff, inviting alumni and donors
Mark M. Weglarski is a Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Macomb College. Educated on three continents, he has attended four universities including Wayne State University. His teaching assignments, spanning nearly four decades, include teaching positions at two universities, two business schools, and two junior colleges. For the past ten years, he has been designing and compiling puzzles, especially Sudoku—or MarkSuDoku—puzzles.