



The Henry Herald

A newsletter for retirees of Schoolcraft College

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A Message from Victoria



Now in our second year, we are happy to report that our retiree program continues to grow and receive accolades from you, our retirees. The retiree committee works closely with the Foundation to come up with creative ways to help retirees remain connected to the college and to one another. We appreciate the great feedback we get from you about our efforts and we welcome all of our new retirees.

We were pleased with the attendance we had for our 2018 activities and we hope we will have even greater participation for the activities planned for 2019. Remember, your support is really important to the program and makes it possible for us to offer a variety of events and trips designed especially for you.

Together, let's make this another great year!

Stay Connected



Check your email inbox for important messages coming soon!

Cover photo by Patrick Mog

Message from the Retiree Committee



Back Row Left to Right: Dick Tomalty, Stu Baker, Betty Mayes, Deb Dani, Pat Mog, Mary Beaudoin, Jack Washka. **Front Row Left to Right:** Joyce Galindo, Cheri Holman, Carolyn Tews, Sylvia Vukmirovich, Donna Nordman.
Not Pictured: Jean Pike, Elgene Doinidis

We want to thank all of our fellow retirees who have attended the events that the committee put together this past year. We had a beautiful day for our spring trip to Grand Rapids to visit Meijer Gardens and the Ford Museum. It was also great to see so many of you at the Annual Retiree Breakfast. We were especially pleased that some retirees who live out of state were able to join us! We already have a lot of fun activities planned for 2019 so check out all the details of the upcoming events on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. We look forward to having even more participation this year.

The committee would also like to remind everyone that all retirees are welcome and encouraged to join the Retiree Committee. We meet once a month for most of the year and just have so much fun together. If you think you would enjoy helping with the newsletter or planning events, please contact a committee member or Victoria Rexius.

The Committee would also like to thank the Schoolcraft College Foundation for making the Retiree Program possible and for inviting us as guests at the Foundation Appreciation Dinner this fall.

A final reminder to notify Victoria Rexius with any changes to your contact information, especially your email address. Victoria can be reached at vraxius@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4501.

 *Happy Holidays!* 

On behalf of the Schoolcraft College Foundation and the SC Retiree Committee, we wish everyone a holiday season full of love, warmth, and extra special moments.

Schoolcraft Ballot Proposal Succeeds!

After fifteen months of intense effort we are happy to report that the Schoolcraft Ballot Proposal passed! With its passage, the original 2.27 property tax millage rate the community approved in 1986 has been restored and the college will begin collecting the new rate beginning with the summer 2019 tax levy.

The college knew it was important to ensure that you—our “insiders”—were supportive of the ballot proposal and it appreciates those of you who attended the listening sessions for retirees. You shared your honest feedback and the college learned a lot along the way and acted on many of your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

Many of you also volunteered at community events or took the time to inform family, friends and neighbors about the importance of this ballot proposal. Your efforts were extremely helpful and the college wishes to give you a special thanks.

Sharing his thoughts on the passage of the millage, Dr. Conway Jeffress said, “With the passage of this millage restoration, the community is telling us we’re doing a good job, and we will continue to serve our students and community into the future. Thank you all for *Believing in Schoolcraft*.”

| | Vote | Election Day | AV | Total | % |
|---------------------|-------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Wayne County | Yes | 54,537 | 23,866 | 78,403 | 55.95% |
| | No | 39,822 | 21,911 | 61,733 | 44.05% |
| | Total | 94,359 | 45,777 | 140,136 | |
| City of Plymouth | Yes | 1,787 | 909 | 2,696 | 52.83% |
| | No | 1,543 | 864 | 2,407 | 47.16% |
| | Total | 3,330 | 1,773 | 5,103 | |
| Plymouth Township | Yes | 4,222 | 2,543 | 6,765 | 43.26% |
| | No | 5,324 | 3,638 | 8,872 | 56.73% |
| | Total | 9,546 | 6,181 | 15,637 | |
| Canton Township | Yes | 13,896 | 5,441 | 19,337 | 55.23% |
| | No | 10,234 | 5,441 | 15,675 | 44.77% |
| | Total | 24,130 | 10,882 | 35,012 | |
| City of Northville | Yes | 1,245 | 730 | 1,975 | 56.66% |
| | No | 945 | 566 | 1,511 | 43.34% |
| | Total | 2,190 | 1,296 | 3,486 | |
| Northville Township | Yes | 4,774 | 3,504 | 8,278 | 54.35% |
| | No | 3,887 | 3,067 | 6,954 | 45.65% |
| | Total | 8,661 | 6,571 | 15,232 | |
| Livonia | Yes | 20,535 | 9,459 | 29,994 | 59.86% |
| | No | 12,850 | 7,263 | 20,113 | 40.14% |
| | Total | 33,385 | 16,722 | 50,107 | |
| Garden City | Yes | 4,389 | 1,037 | 5,426 | 55.29% |
| | No | 3,371 | 1,017 | 4,388 | 46.59% |
| | Total | 7,760 | 2,054 | 9,814 | |
| Westland | Yes | 4,239 | 1,800 | 6,039 | 64.12% |
| | No | 2,210 | 1,169 | 3,379 | 35.89% |
| | Total | 6,449 | 2,969 | 9,418 | |

A Lunch & Learn Event for SC Retirees

The Schoolcraft College Foundation is pleased to have Christopher Kelly join the Foundation team. Chris has over 30 years of experience helping people create planned gifts that provide important personal financial benefits for themselves as well as the charitable organizations they care about.

Many of you have asked the Foundation for information about the various giving options that can be used to provide security and benefits for you personally and make a legacy gift to the college as well. We know that you are asking for this information because you believe in the work we do. After all, it’s the work that you did too, and you want to continue to help make a difference in the lives of students.

With this in mind, the Foundation will be

hosting a **Lunch and Learn** event exclusively for SC Retirees on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Plan to join us for some great information, food and fellowship and meet Chris Kelly who will help you learn about the ways you can enjoy personal financial benefits and support the good work of the Schoolcraft College Foundation too!

RSVP by April 1, 2019. Call Victoria at 734-462-4501 or email at vrexius@schoolcraft.edu.



Chris Kelly

What's Been Happening

2018 Retiree Breakfast

The Second Annual Retiree Breakfast proved to be another success. This year's breakfast was attended by 95 retirees. In addition to those who live locally we were thrilled to be joined by several retirees visiting from out of state; Larry and Jeanne Williams were in from South Carolina, Chef Leonard Stec visiting from Florida, Stuart And Diane Bloom traveled from New Mexico and Pat Niergarth traveled in from Holland, Michigan.

Following breakfast, Dr. Jeffress shared an informative video showcasing all the exciting growth at the college. In addition, the group heard from the Assistant Director of Athletics Cali Crawford and SC baseball coach Rob Fay about the campus's new Sports Dome and other exciting news about SC Athletics. Next, Nursing Professor Marie Siegel shared a presentation about the college's Simulation Lab, a state of the art training lab for nursing students. Coordinator Melissa Gury gave an overview of the Bio Med Building, one of the campus's most impressive buildings.

The program wrapped up with thoughts from new retiree committee members Deb Dani and Pat Mog who shared their experience of serving on the committee and the benefits of the SC retiree program.

Following the presentations, the group enjoyed guided tours of the Sports Dome, Simulation Lab, and Bio Med Building and received some parting gifts from the Athletic Department!

Next year's event is already in the works so mark your calendar to attend our **Third Annual Retiree Breakfast on Friday, June 21, 2019**. Your support for retiree events will ensure their continued success.

Comments from Attendees

“Thank you so much for the lovely breakfast and campus tour. I really enjoyed the program and the entire day. Schoolcraft College is a wonderful place and I am so happy to still be associated with it!

— DORI MCPHERSON

“Jeanne and I just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the retiree breakfast. Nice work!! We truly enjoyed meeting up with old friends, and wow, is the College ever changing. Thank you again for all your hard work in keeping retirees involved.

— LARRY WILLIAMS



L to R: Jacqueline Boye, Dale Boye, Kathy Kiel, Pat Niergarth, Leonard Stec, Chris Misiak, Jack Washka



L to R: Diane Bloom, Stuart Bloom, Donna Nordman, Dick and Ann McDowell, Janina Udrys, Pat Mag, Carolyn Tews, Candy Martin, Elaine and Dick Tomalty, Mary Beaudoin, Gerry Cavanaugh, Faye Driscoll, Bob Burnside



L to R: Merle Richmond, Carolyn Tews, Janina Udrys, Dick and Ann McDowell, Larry and Jeanne Williams

What's Been Happening

Spring Retiree Trip... Grand Rapids and Beyond!

Spring got off to a great start for 20 SC retirees with a trip to Grand Rapids to visit the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum. Ranked in the top 100 most-visited art museums, Meijer Gardens was the first stop of the day. The group was treated to a private motorized tour of the park's 30 acres featuring one of the most comprehensive collections of outdoor sculpture in the world. To top off the visit, the group enjoyed lunch at Taste of Gardens Café.

The next stop was the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum to visit its permanent exhibit, which allows visitors to experience highlights from President and Mrs. Ford's lives. One of the highlights of the tour is an onsite replica of the Oval Office. It was a full day of activities and a great way to reconnect with one another.



L to R: Donna Nordman, Joyce Galindo, Bobby Bona, Mary Beaudoin

Fall Retiree Trip... Detroit Behind the Scenes!

Retirees were treated to a behind-the-scenes glimpse at Detroit's crown jewel, Ford Field. The tour included a peek at one of the private suites, the NFL locker room, and best of all, they got to experience walking down the famous tunnel onto the field to stand on the turf...quite an amazing experience for everyone!

Next stop was lunch at Sinbad's Restaurant for some fine food and fellowship.

As if that wasn't enough, the group then embarked on a journey to discover one of Detroit's hidden treasures, The Detroit Parade Company Studio. They were treated to a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to prepare for one of Detroit's most anticipated holiday events. To start, the group was greeted by Tony Michaels the CEO of the Parade Company who shared the history of the parade followed by a tour of the company's wonderland of fantasy and floats. Among the highlights was witnessing the amazing artisans at work who bring it all to life.

It was a great way to kick-off the upcoming holiday season.



L to R: Chris and Elgene Doinidis, Joyce Galindo, Betty Mayes, Donna Nordman, Carolyn Tews, Dale Boye, Janina Udrys, Merle Richmond, Helen Mazen, Karen Roncoli, Sylvia Vukmirovich, Mary Beaudoin, Jeanne Hurst, Dee Estes



SC Retirees at Ford Field



Gordon Wilson and Jack Washka

What's Coming Up

4th Annual Schoolcraft College Comes to Florida

Saturday, February 16 • Save the Date!

You are invited to be our guest for a special **Presidential Reception** at the **Naples Bay Resort** in **Naples, Florida**. Schoolcraft retirees, alumni and friends of the college who live in, winter in, or might be visiting Florida will have an opportunity to visit with President Conway Jeffress as he shares college accomplishments and the vision for its future. Planned activities include:

- 12:30 – 1:30 pm** Welcome Cocktail Hour,
Naples Bay Resort,
The Pointe Patio
- 1:30 – 3:30 pm** Lunch with the President
& Presentation.
- 5pm-6:30pm** Sunset cruise on Naples
Bay aboard the *Naples
Explorer*, Cash Bar
available.

RSVP to Victoria immediately as this will be first come first serve basis.

Event Invitations will be mailed with complete information in early January 2019. However, we strongly urge you to RSVP to Victoria IMMEDIATELY at vrexius@schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4501

Hotel Reservations- Make Them TODAY!!!

If you wish to secure hotel accommodations in Naples, **we strongly suggest you do so immediately**. Naples Bay Resort books up fast during our event dates. We have secured special rates at the Naples Bay Resort, but availability is limited.

Naples Bay Resort: 239-530-1199

1 or 2 bedroom suites with run of the house at a rate of \$399 per night. **You must book by January 14, 2019**. Identify that you are with the **Schoolcraft College event**.

www.naplesbayresort.com/accommodations/hotel

Other Hotels in the Naples Area...

Hampton Inn Suites 239-261-8000

Best Western Inn & Suites 239-261-1148

Hyatt House Naples 239-775-1000



Retiree Lunch & Learn, April 17, 2019

SAVE THE DATE to join us for this informative session and meet our newest staff member Chris Kelly who will help you learn about the ways you can enjoy personal financial benefits and support the good work of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Third Annual Schoolcraft College Retiree Breakfast, June 21, 2019

SAVE THE DATE to join your fellow retirees for the biggest retiree event of the year. You will have the chance to catch up with old friends and hear an update on the latest news about the college. Look for the formal invite in the Spring Edition of the Henry Herald and in your email inbox.

What's Coming Up



2 days / 1 night
\$350.00
 per person/double occupancy

For reservations and information please contact:

Victoria Rexus
(734) 462-4501



Lou Malnati's Pizzeria



A Chorus Line

Presented by:

**Schoolcraft College
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Tour date:

April 26 - 27, 2019
 Friday - Saturday

YOUR BIANCO TOUR INCLUDES:

Round Trip Transportation:

Via deluxe highway motorcoach. Equipped with reclining seats, overhead storage, & restroom for your comfort and convenience.

Accommodations:

- 1 Night stay at Hampton Inn and Suites downtown Chicago

Featuring:

- **Lou Malnati's Pizzeria** (included dinner)
- **Ruth Page Center for the Arts**
Featuring "A Chorus Line," the winner of nine Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize, this landmark work has electrified audiences around the world.
- **Guided tour of Chicago**
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Retiree Spotlight

Gordon Wilson

When people ask me about travel experiences and learn that I've visited Prague, Czech Republic, ten times in fifteen years, they usually ask "Why?" When I first visited Prague in 2003, two years before I retired, I did so because I'd never traveled anywhere in Central Europe. Also because I'd heard what a beautiful city Prague is—virtually undamaged in World War II, a place to see 600 years of stunning architecture.

Why return so many times? There are numerous reasons: I always see and learn something new; I can attend opera performances in beautiful theaters for affordable prices with excellent musicians and singers unknown outside of Europe; I can ride trams for which I have a childlike enthusiasm; I can enjoy drinking beer because it's so good even though I rarely drink beer at home; I have two "drinking buddies" I'm glad to see each visit, one an insurance broker, the other a state policeman, both willing to answer my many questions about Czech culture and attitudes.

Though there are only a couple of traditional Czech dishes I enjoy, I always find plenty of good food to eat, particularly pastries at *Café Louvre*, a place where Franz Kafka ate. At Kavarna Slavia overlooking the Vltava River, situated with a commanding view of Prague Castle, I eat my favorite Czech dish: sirloin of beef with cream

gravy, dumplings, and a garnish of lemon slice topped with cranberry sauce.

Clearly, Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral within the castle compound are primary tourist attractions; but once visited, for me they are endlessly enjoyed at a distance, particularly lighted against a dark summer sky from the Bridge of the Legionnaires. Best viewed early or late in the day, Charles Bridge built in 1357 and now a pedestrian bridge is a must see. At the Mala Strana (Lower Town) end of the bridge is one of two St. Nicholas cathedrals in the city. Built in the baroque style with all of the excesses that entails, it is a magnificent space—angels, cherubs, gold gilt included—where I heard a late afternoon concert with sun streaming in the windows at the back of the church and trumpets sounding their call from the balcony.

Since most Czechs are not particularly religious, many of the churches in the city are venues for classical music concerts performed by accomplished Czech musicians. But concert halls such as Rudolfinum and Municipal House, a spectacular Art Nouveau building,

present The Prague Symphony and other large orchestras. The city is home to museums for many tastes: Alphonse Mucha, National Jewish, Decorative Arts, Kafka, Contemporary Art, Dvorak, Cubist, Communism, National Museum, and others.

Prague has numerous city parks, some large such as Letna Park which also includes a substantial beer garden. The Petrin Hill Park with a one-eighth scale Eiffel Tower and a sizable section of the old city wall. Small crowds gather on summer evenings to watch the sunset in Riegrovy Park

Each of the years I've gone to Prague, I've stayed in a Guest House or apartment in a different neighborhood near the center of the city. I've enjoyed—if only for two or three weeks—experiencing the distinct feel of each neighborhood, while passing and entering stores, markets, and cafés that offer a sense of life in the city.



Gordon Wilson

Retiree Spotlight

The Griffiths

It is difficult to comprehend that it has been fifteen years since Patty and I departed the Schoolcraft Campus and turned the pages into our retirement chapter. Not unlike other chapters of our life, retirement has been wrought with both sadness and excitement.

The early years of our retirement were focused on our aging mothers. Both were in a serious period of decline and required many hours of traveling to provide the support that they needed. Sadly, both mothers passed leaving a real void in our family.

Our focus became on our growing family. Our youngest daughter, Tara, gave us a beautiful little grandson, Rowan, bringing our total grandsons to three. Our oldest grandson, Gavin, entered the Badger world at the University of Wisconsin. Later, Mason, the middle grandson, was drafted by the United States

Hockey League in Dubuque, Iowa.

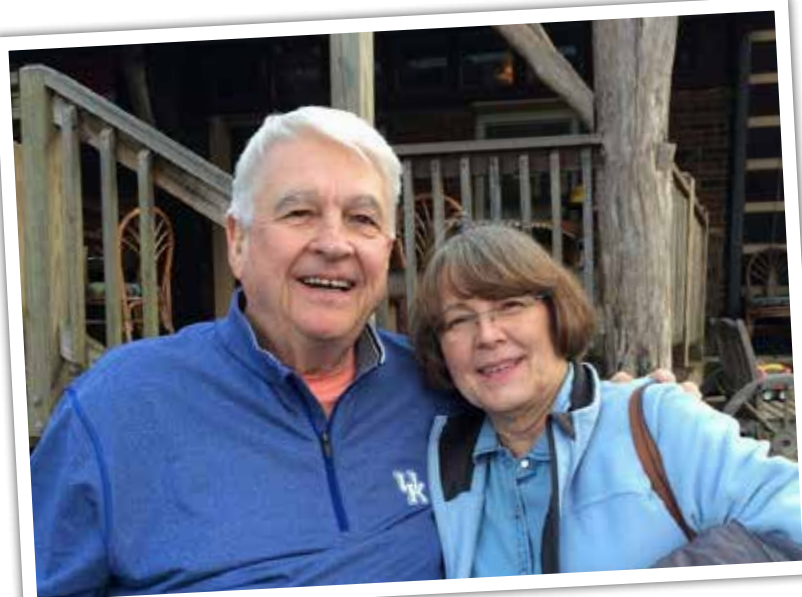
Eventually, we got to settle down in our little town of Bardstown, Kentucky, the Bourbon Capital of the World. As in most small southern towns, making friends came easy. I spent many years volunteering with the Bernheim Forest and Arboretum and only giving up when the aging knees could no longer climb the steep mountain terrains. This, coupled with other volunteer hours with Morehead State University Foundation Board, the Rotary Club, Nelson County Zoning Board of Adjustments, American Red Cross, and the Homeowner's Association, has provided a busy schedule. Additionally, we both enjoy volunteering with our local church and food pantry and Patty cannot be without her Bunco group of girlfriends every month.

Wisconsin and Asheville, North Carolina. We have also enjoyed family gatherings at rented vacation homes in Florida, North Carolina and Michigan. Additionally, we have joined with our longtime Schoolcraft friends, David and Cindy McShane on numerous vacations. As loyal "Kentucky Colonels" we make an annual trek to the Churchill Downs almost every spring and fall.

Reflecting back during the Schoolcraft years there are moments that remain locked in the memory box. For example, sometime in the seventies, not long after my arrival on campus, there was an attempted robbery of the Cashier's Office. With my office and Dean Stefanski's office next door we learned very quickly of the heist. Of course, without thinking sensibly, we both took off across the campus after the expected armed bandits. After some hot pursuit the chase was quickly over with the Schoolcraft crowd laughing at both of us for taking such a risk. The crooks were apprehended a few miles east on Seven mile road by the Livonia Police. Months later we were both laughingly referred to as the "Keystone Cops."

Yes, we have learned that retirement is not unlike any other chapter in one's life. We have had the hills, but also the valleys. But, isn't that what life is all about? It is how we deal with it that matters. God bless.

Our retirement life is not without its other pleasures. We visit on a regular basis with our two daughters and their families in Verona,



Ron & Patty Griffith

What's Coming Up

JOIN US for fellowship and great food!

Save the date to join us for what is becoming a great tradition for SC retirees!
Don't miss the opportunity to see old friends and hear from Dr. Conway Jeffress
about the future of the college.



You are cordially invited to

The Third Annual Retiree Breakfast

Friday, June 21, 2019 | 10 am

Schoolcraft College, Livonia Campus
VisTaTech Center, Waterman Wing, Sutherland Room

Event Schedule

Mingle

Complimentary plated breakfast served

Program Presentations

RSVP Today

Call or Email

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What's Coming Up

SC Retiree 2019 Events At A Glance

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| February 16 | Schoolcraft in Florida <i>See page 6 for details</i> |
| April 17 | Retiree Lunch & Learn <i>See page 3 for details</i> |
| April 26, 27 | Chicago Weekender Trip <i>See page 7 for details</i> |
| June 21 | 3 rd Annual Retiree Breakfast <i>See page 10 for details</i> |

Campus Community 2019 Events

Retirees Welcome!

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| Wednesday, July 17 | Ice Cream Social 3 pm in the Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center |
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2018 Retirees

and year of hire

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|----------------------------|------|
| Stuart Baker | 1973 |
| Wayne Everhart | 2011 |
| Scott Heusner | 1997 |
| Agnes Isabell | 1995 |
| Teresa Jones | 1991 |
| Edward Kavanaugh | 1982 |
| Sandra Kerr | 1988 |
| Kathleen Koterba | 1999 |
| Marjorie Lynch | 1973 |
| Karen Malinowski | 1995 |
| Marjorie Nanian | 2001 |
| Jody Scheller | 1993 |
| Marie Siegel | 1998 |



In Memoriam

Petie Smith, Support Services Coordinator, passed away on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Petie served the college for 27 years beginning in 1993 until her retirement in 2010.



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A Message from the Schoolcraft College Foundation

The Schoolcraft College Foundation is pleased to make the SC Retiree Program possible. Thank you to all retirees who continue to generously partner with us in our efforts to help our students achieve their educational dreams. Please consider making us part of your charitable giving each year. For information about the many ways in which you can make a difference, please contact the Foundation at 734-462-4455 or visit schoolcraft.edu/ways-to-give

Retiree Benefits

Free Classes

Retirees who have been granted Emeritus or Honoraire status, along with their spouses, can take one class per semester tuition-free.

Additional Benefits

- Emeritus/Honoraire Discount Fitness Memberships
- SC Bookstore Discount
- Access to Campus Library
- Discount on CEPD classes for retirees 60 years and older

Stay Connected



Please keep your contact information up to date with us. Email is the primary method used to send announcements and information about special events, so make sure we have your most current email on file. Contact Victoria to update your information at 734-462-4501 or email vraxius@schoolcraft.edu.