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It's hard to believe that the SC Retiree Program is now beginning its fifth year. As summarized in the Message from the Retiree Committee that follows, we have accomplished so much in that time. In truth, our retiree program is very cutting edge, there is nothing like it at any college in Michigan and for that matter beyond.

One of the reasons our program is so special is that we are blessed with a committee of the most loyal and hardworking members imaginable. They meet each month faithfully and at each meeting they strive to create activities and communications that are tailored for their fellow retirees in a very personal way. This program would not exist without their efforts and the Foundation thanks them.

As an SC retiree, your support and participation is vital to the ongoing success of the program. If, in the last four years, you have participated in some activity or contributed to the writing of the *Henry Herald*, we thank you. If, on the other hand, you haven't had a chance to get involved in some way, we encourage you to make it a goal to do so this year.

Looking forward to a great 2020 together!

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Message from the Retiree Committee



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

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season full of love, family, friends, and special memories. With the New Year upon us, we are pleased to reflect in the pages of this newsletter on all the great activities we enjoyed together this past year, and we are excited to share with you the details of what we have planned for 2020. Make certain to pay close attention to the sections What's Coming Up and Save the Date so you can mark your calendars to participate.

It's hard to believe that in last four years, with the support of the Schoolcraft College Foundation, the Retiree Program has sponsored five retiree events in Naples, three retiree breakfasts, seven retiree trip excursions and this will be our eighth edition of the *Henry Herald*. We are so proud of this program, because it is one of the finest retiree programs among community colleges in the nation.

The committee wants to thank all of you who have supported our program. Perhaps you have attended one of the activities, submitted an article to the *Henry Herald*, or emailed with a great idea or news to share with your fellow retirees. Whatever your contribution, please know it is important to us and the future success of our program.

The committee would like to remind everyone that all retirees are welcome to come to our monthly meetings. If you would like to attend or better yet join the committee, we would love to have you. Just email Victoria at vraxius@schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4501.

Lastly, make sure you keep your email, phone, and address information up to date so you don't miss out on any important news or invitations.

We look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Schoolcraft Foundation and the SC Retiree Committee, we wish you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness, and prosperity in 2020.

Schoolcraft College Foundation Recognizes Retirees at Annual Appreciation Dinner

On Thursday, November 7th the Schoolcraft College Foundation held its annual Appreciation Dinner. This special event is held to thank and recognize those who have significantly supported the mission of the Foundation in the past year.

It was the Foundation's honor that night to recognize and induct two Schoolcraft retirees into the Henry Rowe Schoolcraft Society (HRS), established to honor donors who leave a gift to the college in their estate planning.



The first inductee was retiree Stuart Baker along with his wife Nora. Over a career that spanned 45 years Stuart's love, loyalty and service to the college is so legendary that he has been affectionately dubbed Mr. Schoolcraft, by our very own Schoolcraft family.

Stuart retired in 2018, but his service to college didn't stop there...he immediately joined the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board, and he is an active member of the Schoolcraft College Retiree Committee.

As a reflection of Stuart's life-long devotion to the college he and his wife Nora generously created a planned gift which represents their lasting tribute to college's future success.

Also inducted into the HRS Society were Lowell & Sandra Cook. Beginning his career at Schoolcraft College in 1967 as a Professor of Business, Lowell was among the earliest faculty members of the college. Over his 31 year career, he served as faculty member and licensed counselor, and he was instrumental in implementing and managing a cooperative training program.

After retiring from the College in 1998, Lowell served on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board from 2000-2003; and he and his wife Sandra created the Lowell & Sandra Cook Scholarship Endowment. And in 2018, the Cook's included the college in their estate planning.



Retiree, Cheri Holman was also recognized and inducted as a new member of the Bell Tower Society's

Associates Circle. She was honored for her incredible legacy of supporting the work of the Schoolcraft College Foundation and the students we serve.

When Cheri retired in 2014, she had served the college for more than 40 years. She continues her commitment by not only teaching for the college part-time, she is also an active member of the Schoolcraft College Retiree Committee.

The Foundation was honored to recognize these retirees for their incredible legacy of commitment and generosity.



What's Been Happening



Left to right: Geri Willey, Jan Wilson, Jill O'Sullivan, Jeanne Hurst, Marilyn Obermyer, Betty Mayes, Gordon Wilson, Mary Beaudoin, Nora & Stuart Baker, Janina Udry, Caroline Tews, Donna Nordman.

Stratford Trip

After a successful 2017 trip to Stratford, the retiree committee decided it was time to revisit. In October, 35 retirees and friends gathered for another whirlwind trip. After a mid-afternoon arrival in Stratford, everyone had a couple of hours to unwind before meeting for a private dinner at the hotel. Following dinner, they were off to the Festival Theatre to see the hilarious production of Shakespeare's, *Merry Wives of Windsor*.

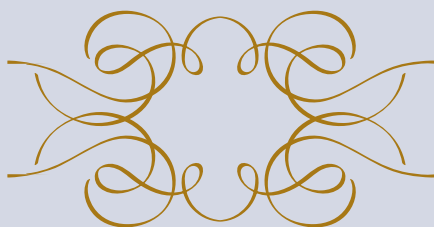
The next day featured a tour of the beautiful historic neighborhoods surrounding Stratford; followed by a visit to the charming downtown area to do some serious shopping. After a buffet lunch at the Queen's Hotel, the group was escorted back to the



Left to right: Mary Beaudoin, Jan Wilson, Jill O'Sullivan

Festival Theatre for a matinee performance of the spectacular musical, *Billy Elliott*.

Everyone agreed that the trip was another great success!



Comments from Attendees

“It was a beautiful trip and great fun. Thank you.”

— STU & NORA BAKER

“Great trip, thank you for all you do for retirees.”

— JANINA UDRYS

“I had a great time!”

— JEANNE HURST

What's Been Happening

Chicago Story

In April, retirees enjoyed a wonderful trip to the windy city. With an early morning pick-up at the college the group arrived at their hotel in heart of Chicago in late afternoon. That evening, they were treated to delicious Chicago style pizza and pasta at the famous Lou Malnati's Pizzeria before being whisked off to the Ruth Page Center for the Arts for a dazzling performance of the Tony Award winning musical, A Chorus Line.

The following day started with a tour of historic Chicago given by one of Chicago's leading historical guides. Next, was a visit to the Harold Washington Library to see the emotionally moving exhibit entitled, "Above & Beyond" which features an art installation suspended from the ceiling of over 58,000 hand-stamped replicated dog tags representing U.S. soldiers who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. It is the only



Left to right...Janina Udrys, Carolyn Tews, Jack Washka, Mary Beaudoin, Donna Nordman, Sylvia Vukmirovich

memorial to Vietnam veterans outside of Washington, D.C.

Another highlight, was a tour of Chicago's historic Water Tower. The group was given a bird's eye view of the inner workings of this masterpiece of engineering that's been in operation since 1869. The last stop was a visit to Chicago's famous McCormick Place for shopping and lunch before making the journey home.



Above & Beyond Exhibit

Holly Jolly Retiree Party Story

What do you get when you gather forty-five SC retirees in ugly sweaters together...you get a Holly Jolly Retiree Party that's what!! The December gathering featured lots of holiday cheer, great food and fellowship resulting in a festive good time for all. Thanks to everyone who made this first ever holiday party such a great success!



What's Coming Up

Save the Date

5th Annual

Schoolcraft College Comes to Florida

February 8, 2020

You are invited to be our guest for a special **Schoolcraft Reception** at the Naples Bay Resort in Naples, Florida, followed by a fantastic sunset cruise on Naples Bay aboard the world class Sweet Liberty Catamaran! This will be wonderful opportunity to enjoy some fine dining, conversation, and a sunset sail with fellow Schoolcraft College retirees, alumni, and friends as you learn from Dr. Robert Leadley, Dean of Occupational Programs & Economic Development, about the exciting things happening at the college. If you live in, winter in, or will be visiting the Naples area on February 8, we hope you'll join the fun!

Details

Sweet Liberty • www.sweetliberty.com

12:30–1:30pm ☞ Welcome Cocktail Hour
Naples Bay Resort, The Pointe Patio. Join us at the beautiful Naples Bay Resort waterside patio for an hour of cocktails and hors d'oeuvre. Resort or Business Casual attire suggested.

1:30–3:30pm ☞ Lunch with Presentation
Dr. Robert Leadley, Dean of Occupational Programs & Economic Development, will provide an update on all the great things happening at the college.

4:30–6:45pm ☞ Sunset Cruise
Join us for our first ever sunset cruise aboard Sweet Liberty Catamaran; this private charter cruise is listed as one of the top things to do in Naples by the NY Times. We can't imagine a better way to top off our visit than watching the sails go up on this magnificent vessel and enjoying the pink and orange hues of the sky with all of our friends. There is limited passenger seating, so reserve immediately as this will be first come, first served basis. Complimentary beverages including beer & wine will be served on board.

Please RSVP by contacting Victoria Rexius at vraxius@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4501 by Friday, January 10, 2020.

Hotel Reservations—Make Them Today!
If you wish to reserve hotel accommodations in Naples, we strongly urge you do so immediately.

Local Hotel Suggestions:

Hyatt House, Naples. 239-466-4000
Hampton Inn Suites 239-261-8000
Best Western Inn & Suites 239-261-1148



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Beechwood Inn (included lunch) - The Beechwood Inn has been providing the highest quality food and service for over 40 years. Make sure you come hungry, because this family style lunch will be sure to fill you up with the many delicious dishes that will be served.

Free time for shopping in downtown Holland - On 8th Street you'll find national retailers such as Talbot's, Chico's and White House Black Market along with a variety of local boutiques and gift stores. You'll also find the famous Kilwin's Candy Store in the same area.

Windmill Island Gardens - A beautiful oasis on the edge of downtown Holland, Windmill Island Gardens features a 250 year old working Dutch windmill "De Zwaan" (meaning graceful bird) that reaches 125 feet from the ground to the top of the blades. It's the focal point to 36 acres of manicured gardens, dikes, canals and picnic areas.

Dinner Stop - We will stop on our way home for some time to rest and get dinner on our own.

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Retiree Spotlight

Robert Schaden

The following Retiree Profile is written from an entirely different prospective than any profile we have featured in the past... because its author is a Schoolcraft College alum. We think you'll find Diane Lipski's profile of Dr. Robert Schaden heartwarming and also a testament of the collective impact that your work at the college has had on the lives of those you once served.

Since his retirement, Dr. Robert

Schaden spends his summer in South Lyon, Michigan and his winter in Englewood, Florida. Despite being a retired "snowbird," the 83-year-old sharply dressed former philosophy and psychology professor still spends many of his days as he did before leaving academia: by helping others. Schaden has spent the past 10 years of his

retirement volunteering as a speaker and facilitator for local grief support groups.

But Schaden's selflessness in retirement should come as no



Robert Schaden

surprise to those who know him. His helping hand has been a constant throughout his life and he has supported those in need with grace. Schaden started his life as a priest, but when he fell in love with a woman named Bert, and could no longer serve his community

in traditional priesthood, he moved on to serve his community as a college professor. Schaden has always dedicated his life to serving others. "I have to have purpose," he said, and helping others is it.

I was a lucky recipient of his kindness when I was a student in the last in-person class he would ever teach. Schaden not

only equipped me with valuable life tools stemming from philosophy and logic, he empowered me in a way that no one had before.

I was on academic death-row before I met Schaden. A middle school counselor once told me, "you're too stupid to go to high school." Despite her stinging words, I graduated high school -- though only with a 1.6 GPA. Either she was right about me, or her condemnation acted as a prophecy. I didn't think college would be any better.

I started at Schoolcraft College in 2004 as a first-generation college student. Together with my academic advisor, I charted out my first semester. I enrolled in Schaden's philosophy course as the topic piqued my interest and it was the one subject I actually did decently well in.

Unfortunately, I was three weeks past the registration deadline so I needed Schaden's permission to take his course. He was reluctant. He didn't think it'd be possible to make up the missed lessons. So his only move left was a Hail Mary -- he asked me how much I already knew about philosophy. I took a deep breath and words flowed out. He has a terrible poker face- I could tell he was pleased- maybe even impressed!

Shortly after we were introduced, we began our tradition of lengthy, after-school philosophical dialogue. What's the allegory

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of the cave? What's the difference between determinism or fatalism? As a former priest, does teaching philosophy support or challenge your world views? The questions were irrelevant but the answers always had the same effect--a professor taking time for a student who had been pushed aside and nearly driven out of academia altogether.

After an exam, Schaden called me after office hours. He told me my grade. It was abysmal.

"Did you struggle with the exam?" he asked.

I didn't think so -- I thought I had nailed it. Without being overt, Schaden rephrased every question I failed on the exam and asked for my answer. By the end of the phone call, he revealed his technique.

I had aced Schaden's impromptu exam. It was a revelation. No teacher had ever stopped to understand why I consistently got Cs, Ds and even Es. They just brushed me off. Schaden took a different approach. He studied me and didn't ascribe me to a one size fits all teaching style.

"Maybe a part of my background had something to do with it...I basically was told not to go to college because that would be wasting my time," said Schaden when I recently interviewed him (15 years after we last spoke). "Going through high school, I was happy to get Cs," he said.

Though Schaden didn't know I had a similar station in life, he could tell the signs of someone in need of help and knew how to respond.

My grades drastically improved for me after that class. In my second semester of Freshman year, I took algebra and science, and for the first time received high marks. By my Sophomore year, I was a member of the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. Before long, I had the grades I needed to get into the University of Michigan -- Schaden's alma mater.

After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Film and Television, I went on to earn my Master's in Journalism from Harvard University. I attribute my academic and personal successes to Schaden. If it weren't for him, I may have never known I was good enough.

Schaden partially retired from teaching in December of 2004 and fully retired in 2008. But in 2007, he lost his companion of 30 years, Bert.

"I got over retirement really quick when [she passed]," he said. But rather than dwell on a new life alone, Schaden did what he had done before. He sought to help those he saw as similarly afflicted.

"All these things made me feel good. I think we do best at the things that make us feel good. I know that might sound selfish," Schaden said.

In philosophy, we often ask, "is there such a thing as a selfless good deed?" If we believe in altruism, then we are taught selflessness is the bedrock of morality. However, that is to discount the good we can do when we act out of self-interest. Not only do we do good because it feels good, but we do good for those whose situations remind us of our own. When we act kindly towards one another and receive a benefit, it's not selfishness, it's egoism at its finest – evidence that self-interest, instead of selflessness, should be the bedrock of our morality. So, go ahead. Be selfish.



Diane Lipski

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 26, 2020 | 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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SC Retiree 2020 Events at a Glance

Saturday, February 8.....Schoolcraft in Naples, See page 6
Wednesday, April 22..... Retiree Lunch & Learn, details below
Wednesday, May 6..... Retiree Spring Trip, Holland MI, See page 7
Friday, June 26.....Annual Retiree Breakfast, See page 10

Campus Community 2020 Events

Retirees Welcome!

Friday, April 17.....Employee Appreciation Luncheon
(New Emeritus & Honoraire Recognition) 11:30-1:30pm,
DiPonio Room, VisTaTech Center, Livonia
Wednesday, July 15...Ice Cream Social, 3pm Waterman Wing, VisTaTech Center

2019 Retirees

and year of hire

Julie Button..... 2009

Ellen Mathes.....1991

Cathy McCardell..... 2002

Laura Sensing..... 2009

The Schoolcraft College Foundation Presents Retiree Lunch & Learn Workshop 2

The next workshop in our Retiree Lunch & Learn Series will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12-2pm at the VisTaTech

Center, Livonia Campus. This workshop will expand into topics that touch on important issues, such as growing or protecting

retirement assets and Social Security benefits. RSVP to Chris Kelly at ckelly@schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4518.

In Memoriam

John Herbert Brinn, 1918-2019, Vice President of Schoolcraft College, passed away on May 15, 2019 at the age of 100. John was among the earliest of staff and served as the College's first vice-president.

Angelo Chinni, 1931-2019, Philosophy Professor, Schoolcraft College 1964-1993, passed away on Thursday, November 28 at the age of 88. Angelo began his career in 1964 and enjoyed a tenure of 33 years until his retirement in 1993.

David Heinzman, 1931-2019, Associate Dean of Instruction, Emeritus, Schoolcraft College 1970-1987, passed away on Monday, September 23, 2019. David served the College for 17 years before retiring as an Associate Dean of Instruction in 1987.

Marcia Hershoren, 1934-2019, Library Assistant, Schoolcraft College 1968-2001, passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Marcia began her career as a library assistant at Schoolcraft in 1968 and went on to serve the college for 33 years until her retirement in 2001.

Mary Jeanette (Williams) Jawor, 1929-2019, English Professor Emeritus, Schoolcraft College 1965-1989. Mary passed away on Friday, August 30, 2019. Mary served the college for 24 years as faculty member in the English Department.

Patricia Knight, 1933-2019, Secretary III, Business Office, Schoolcraft College 1968-1993. Patricia passed away on Tuesday,

September 24, 2019. Pat joined the college in 1968 and served for 25 years until her retirement from the College's Business Office in 1993.

Don McCollister, 1959-2019, Shipping & Receiving, Schoolcraft College 1987-2012. Don passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2019. He worked with Schoolcraft College for nearly 25 years (1987-2012) in the Shipping & Receiving Department.

Norman Steigerwald, 1945-2019, Facilities Management, Ground Crew, 1979-2002. Norman joined the college family in 1979 and served for 23 years as a team member of the facilities management ground crew.



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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

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