

The Henry Herald

A newsletter for retirees of Schoolcraft College

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A Message from Victoria

We so appreciate the encouraging messages you sent about receiving *The Henry Herald* and the outreach efforts being made on behalf of retirees. Your support means the world to us. In addition, you shared ideas for future newsletters. One such idea was generated by retiree Geraldine Caplan. She expressed her desire to see a current campus map so she could visualize how the campus has grown. Her request was the inspiration for this edition's article "Campus Expansion... Look at Us Now!" Great idea Geraldine! I encourage each of you to keep the ideas coming because *The Henry Herald* belongs to YOU!



Stay Connected

Please keep your phone number, email, and mailing address up to date with us. Email is the primary method used to send timely 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.



Check your email inbox for important messages coming soon!

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Message from Retiree Committee



Left to right: Mary Beaudoin, Gordon Wilson, Deborah Dani, Dick Tomalty, Jean Pike, Jack Washka, Joyce Galindo, Roger Sutherland.

We were thrilled with the positive response to the first edition of *The Henry Herald*. We are very excited about all of the upcoming events we have planned and hope you will support them with your attendance. We also encourage you to join our committee, especially you "new retirees." Make sure to RSVP now for the First Annual Retiree Breakfast, Thursday, June 22. This will be a great opportunity to see one another on campus. Look for details under the **Upcoming Events** section on page 5.

Henry Herald Feedback

"I received the *Henry Herald*. I loved it. Thank you for doing this for the retirees."

— SYLVIA HINZMAN

"I am looking forward to the *Henry Herald* in the future to keep up with my friends."

— MITZIE TROUTEAUD

"Very nice first edition of the *Henry Herald*, and what a good name for the newsletter. Looks like you have some great events scheduled."

— KEN SCHULTZ

"Looks great, it's nice to know what all the old folk are doing."

— DICK REINHOLT

"I just received my debut copy of *The Henry Herald* and I thoroughly enjoyed reading this issue... Thanks to all those who contributed to the birth of this newsletter."

— DIANE BURNS

"I got my newsletter the other day and I LOVE IT!! I read every word of it... Good job to all involved."

— ROBERTA ROSENBERGER

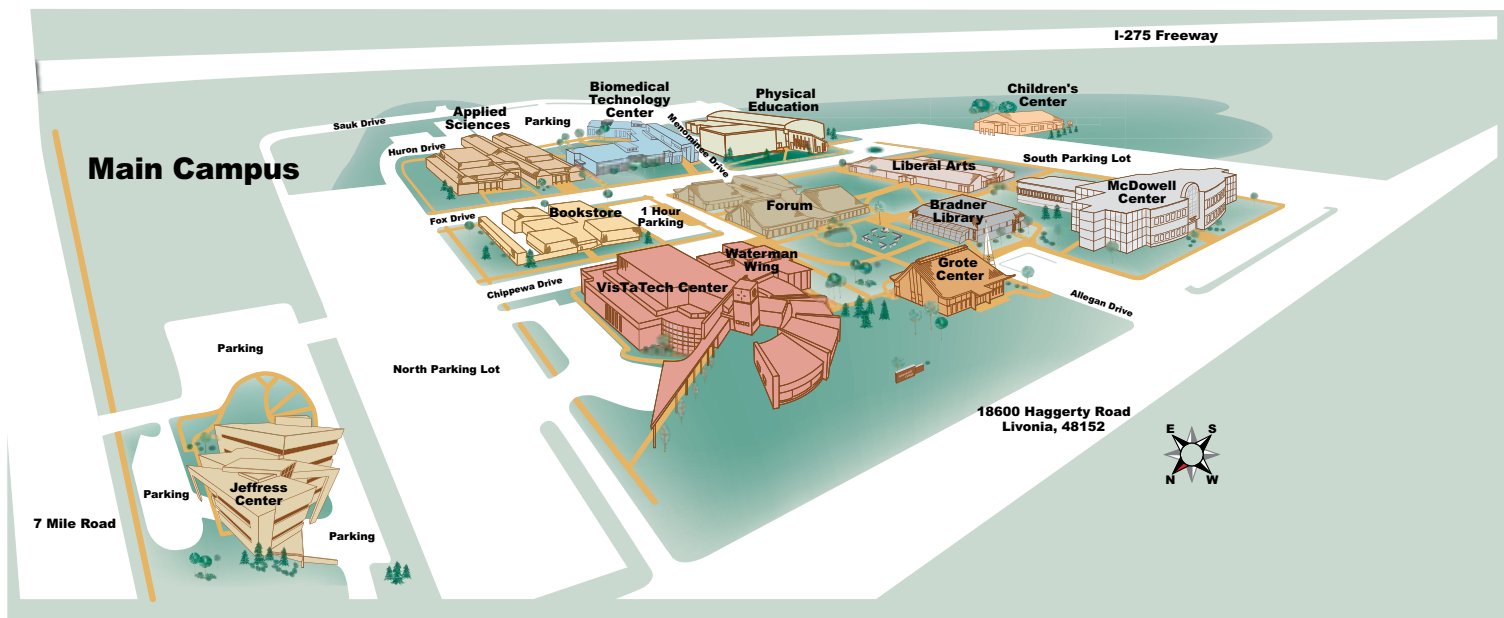
"I received *The Henry Herald* and loved it! What a great idea!"

— JOEL WATKINS

SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK!

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Campus Growth



Look at Us Now

Looking at the college campus today, some may say that to call the college's leadership "visionaries" is almost an understatement. From the beginning, President Eric Bradner, Ken Lindner and others recognized the potential of the college to become the center of the community and that its geographic location (although at the time, just a cornfield) was among its greatest assets.

However, moving forward how would college leaders protect and harness this potential? Among other things, they did so by creating a truly unique model among community college's known as the Schoolcraft Development Authority. The Schoolcraft Development Authority, Inc. (SDA), a not-for-profit corporation, was established in 1986 by Schoolcraft College to direct college land development activities. It operates and acts exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes that support the college.

Over the past 30 years, the SDA—comprised of college leadership and community leader members—has orchestrated and managed extraordinary partnerships with community and business leaders resulting in tremendous growth for the college. What sort of growth? Well, astonishingly, with the

recent completion of the North ring road, the Livonia campus footprint now extends an entire mile!

Growth has also extended beyond the main campus with the completion of the new Public Safety Training Complex in 2012. The Public Safety Training Complex project repurposed land and vacant buildings in an aging industrial park to establish a state-of-the-art facility that is now home to the Police and Fire Academies and Home Land Security Training. In addition, the Radcliff Center has undergone extensive renovations.

Now, as in the past, college leaders continue to be excellent stewards of this wonderful institution by assuring its ongoing growth meets the needs of students and the community at large, and in doing so make true the visionary statement of Dr. Eric Bradner so long ago: "One day, this college will be the center of the city."

Do you have an idea about an activity that we could plan for retirees? We welcome all suggestions! Contact Victoria at vraxius@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4501.

What's Been Happening

SC Retirees Cruise Naples Bay 2017

After last year's rave reviews, the Schoolcraft College Foundation was excited to host its second Florida event for Schoolcraft retirees, alumni, and friends of the college. This year's event was held on Saturday, February 18, aboard the beautiful Naples Princess yacht. Over 40 guests were welcomed aboard with mimosas as they gathered to set sail on Naples Bay. Everyone enjoyed the lovely views along with a wonderful lunch and remarks by Schoolcraft vice president and chief student affairs officer Cheryl Hagen. All in attendance had a fantastic time catching up with old friends, former students and learning about all the good things happening

at the college. We are making visits to Florida an annual event so if you're planning to be in Florida in February of 2018 and want to attend our retiree event, contact Victoria Rexius at 734-462-4501 or email vraxius@schoolcraft.edu

Top to bottom: Doris & John Wilson, John & Suzanne Lesko and Joel Watkins (ctr)



Schoolcraft College Foundation's Annual Appreciation Dinner 2016

Retirees Jack Washka and Jean Pike were recognized by the Schoolcraft Foundation for their generous and long standing support of Schoolcraft College and its students at the Foundation's Annual

Appreciation Dinner. Members of the SC Retiree Committee were also in attendance.

Holiday Reception

One of the highlights and traditions of the annual Holiday Reception is the college's recognition of new retirees and those who have achieved Emeritus or Honoraire standing.

Catherine Ferman was awarded Emeritus standing; Cathy Brown and Cathy Kiurski were awarded Honoraire standing. The following new retirees were recognized for their years of service: Deborah Dani, Shirley Dixon, Kathy Echols, Kathy Fortner, Bradley Howell, Colette Perugia, Barb Staknis, and Patsy Taylor.

Clockwise from top right: Kristina Mayer, Jack Washka, and Dr. Jeffress. Kristina Mayer and Dr. Jeffress laud Jean Pike. Dr. Jeffress and Deborah Dani. Dr. Jeffress commends Cathy Brown. Dr. Jeffress congratulates Kathy Fortner.



What's Coming Up

Upcoming
Retiree
Events



Tour & Lunch

Wednesday May 17, 2017 • 8:30 am–4 pm

Join us for a fantastic tour of all things Detroit provided by Bianco Tours. A local guide will provide a tour of the city including many famous Detroit landmarks and new developments with a few photo stops along the way. Lunch will be at the Roma Café! The cost is approximately \$70 per person (based on attendance). Price includes:



Guardian Building

- Round trip transportation from Schoolcraft College to Detroit on Bianco tour bus
- Guided Tour
- Lunch at the Roma Café

Call Victoria at 734-462-4501 by April 3, 2017.

First Annual SC Retiree Breakfast

Thursday, June 22, 2017 • 9:30-11am

Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 22, 2017, to join us for Schoolcraft's first Annual Retiree Breakfast! This event will be a wonderful opportunity to see old friends and hear from the college President about the latest goings on at the college. We also will be touring the Jeffress Center, the SC Police Department's Command Central, and the new SC Brewery to sample SC's very own brew! Please RSVP immediately. Call Victoria at 734-462-4501 or email vrexius@schoolcraft.edu

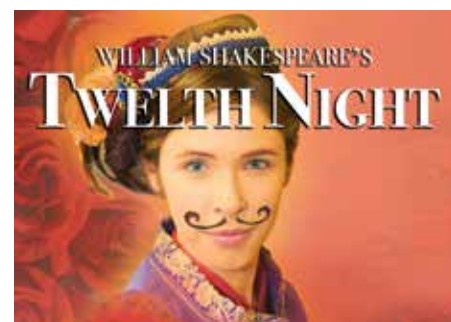


Join us for a fun-filled theatre trip with fellow retirees to the Stratford Festival October 18 & 19*, 2017! This will be an overnight trip at a cost of approximately \$475 per person (double) \$450 (triple) \$560 (single).



Price includes:

- Round trip transportation with Bianco Tours
- Theatre tickets for two plays: *Guys & Dolls* and *Twelfth Night*
- Overnight accommodations at Stratford's Arden Park Hotel
- Meals: one each breakfast, lunch, and dinner



Trips has limited space. Call Victoria by April 7, 2017, to reserve your spot!

*The date has changed from what was published in the fall issue of *The Henry Herald*.



Check your email inbox for important messages coming soon!

- Don't wait! Spaces are limited.
- RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW!
- 734-462-4501

New Retirees

We congratulate the following colleagues on their retirement and welcome them to our ranks!

Deborah Dani

Shirley Dixon

Patsy Taylor

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 Parking Passes
- Emeritus/Honoraire Discount Fitness Membership
- Bookstore discount
- Access to Campus Library
- Discount on CEPD classes for retirees over 60 years old

The SC Retiree Webpage

With the support of the Schoolcraft College Foundation, SC retirees have their own webpage! This webpage will be an excellent resource to find information designed just for retirees.

To visit the webpage go to: scf.schoolcraft.edu and then choose **Retirees** in the menu box.

Retiree Events • At A Glance

- May 17, 2017 Field Trip: Detroit Tour & Lunch
- June 22, 2017 First Annual Retiree Breakfast
- October 18–19, 2017 Stratford Festival Theatre Trip

Campus Community Events *Retirees are welcome!*

- Employee Appreciation Luncheon Friday, April 7, 2017
- Ice Cream Social Wednesday, July 12, 2017

In Memoriam

Eileen Bolcer passed away on October 25, 2016. A member of the Schoolcraft family, she served 24 years as a nursing instructor until her retirement in 1994.

Ann Patricia DeVergilio passed away on August 5, 2016. She served as a secretary for 18 years until she retired in 1997.

Marvin Gans passed away on December 2, 2016. He was a member of the Schoolcraft family for more than 38 years, serving as assistant dean of continuing education Services until he retired in 2002.

Joyce Loehne passed away on November 23, 2016. She was a member of the Schoolcraft family for 24 years and served as assistant to the vice president for business service upon her retirement in 1991.

Ken Munro passed away on October 24, 2016. He was a member of the Schoolcraft family for 20 years and served as a physical education attendant until he retired in 2006.

Isabel Pearce passed away on August 19, 2016. She served as a secretary in student services for 23 years until her retirement in 1995.

Esther Eleanor Richards served the college for 18 years. She passed away on February 12, 2017

Thomas Roncoli passed away on November 7, 2016. He was member of the Schoolcraft family for over 26 years and served as a physical education professor until his retirement in 1993.

Jane (Lurain) Wolfe passed away on December 10, 2016. A member of the Schoolcraft family for 22 years, she served as secretary to the assistant dean of community services upon her retirement in 1985.



Retiree Spotlight

Roger Sutherland

Retirees might be interested in learning about one of the first business and educational ventures conducted on campus.

In 1964 the land occupied by the college was still being farmed. At the south end of campus was an abandoned orchard, ideal for bees, so the Biology Department placed 3 colonies of honey bees (an apiary) in that area, offered a bee-keeping course, and 35 students enrolled.

Eventually, the number of colonies in the apiary grew to 53. Often in the spring, bees will swarm. One such swarming incident, I remember well. Our swarm patrol had called reporting a swarm hanging in a tree in the apiary. On my way to the apiary, I ran into Dr. Richard McDowell, our newly inaugurated college president, and asked him if he would like to have a new experience. Without even asking what it was he said, "Yes." I'm certain that not many college presidents can boast about a swarm-collecting initiation.

We formed the Schoolcraft Honey House Club (HHC). We extracted honey in a remodeled two-car garage on campus. Most of the beekeepers extracted about 100 pounds of honey each year. However, faculty member Rocco Garritano extracted *several thousand* pounds of honey each year for several years.

In 1991, when I retired, the apiary was closed and the honey house was torn down. However, the Schoolcraft Bee Club is still active today and has

contributed \$1000 to the Schoolcraft College Foundation.



My years of teaching at Schoolcraft were most enjoyable and challenging. It was a great experience to be in on the ground floor where a number of new innovations could be tried and to be an integral part of a growing institution.

Clara Rousseau

Schoolcraft College was such an integral part of my life. When I was hired in the fall of 1962, Haggerty was just a dirt road and a rather large corn field that was near the driveway that now enters the campus by the Bell Tower.

In 1967, I was promoted to the new position of administrative assistant to the president and associate secretary to the Board of Trustees; a position I enjoyed until I retired in 1981. I had the pleasure of working for two outstanding presidents, Eric Bradner and C. Nelson Grote and serving on the presidential search committee for Dick McDowell.

A very important event in my life happened on April 30, 1978, at the college's commencement ceremonies where I was surprised by being awarded an Honorary Associate in Applied Science Degree.

I had the opportunity to watch the

college grow from an open field to an outstanding college and I am grateful to have been a part of it. The many fine people of SC are what makes it so special to me.

In 1982, my husband Bill and I moved permanently to Florida. We eventually purchased a home located on a golf course and we became active golfers. I was an active member of the many clubs and we had the pleasure of traveling to many wonderful places.

Sadly, my husband passed away in 1994. I remained in our home and I was blessed to have my family members visit me often. During the next ten years I remained active and especially enjoyed spending time on the beach, and bowling in state and national tournaments which took me on trips to Germany and the Netherlands.

In January 2005, I decided to move to an independent living facility in Seminole, Florida. I became involved with their association board and ran

for president. Amazingly, I was the first woman elected as president in the community's 30-year history.

Currently, I am involved with dialysis three days per week. As we age, we quickly realize that each day is a gift. I lived a life many only dream of and consider myself blessed.

It goes without saying that Schoolcraft College and the people I encountered were a very

important part of my journey. I wish all those reading this all the best and hope your memories of Schoolcraft are as rewarding as mine.





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Lifelong Learning Events for Spring/Summer

Dine and Discover Luncheons

Come join us! Proceeds support student scholarships. Advanced registration is required. To register, call 734-462-4448 at least seven business days prior to the event.

Treasured Houses of Britain

Friday, March 31, 2017

The History and Art of Glass Blowing

Friday, June 23, 2017

Senior Rate: \$19.20

Coffee & Conversation

Cost: \$15 | Senior Rate: \$12

Al Kaline's Last Bat Boy

Friday, May 12, 2017

Detroit's Historic Homes

Friday, July 21, 2017

Music Department Events

VisTaTech * Kehrl Auditorium. *Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted at the door.*

Saturday, April 8, 2017 | 8 pm

The Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Collegiate Chorale and Synthesizer Ensemble perform classic to contemporary selections from world-class composers.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 | noon

Carrick Secorski, Lyric Tenor

Secorski earned his bachelor of music degree in vocal performance and film music scoring from Madonna University. He is a member of the Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus and a singer and choral conductor at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

A Message from the Schoolcraft College Foundation

The Foundation wishes to thank all the retirees of Schoolcraft College who in retirement continue to generously support Schoolcraft students and programs. In doing so, you join us in making our vision— ***Fostering opportunity today. Changing lives forever*** —a reality!

For more information about ways in which you can make a difference, please contact the Foundation at 734-462-4455 or visit scf.schoolcraft.edu/ways-to-give