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A newsletter for retirees of Schoolcraft College

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We are so pleased to see how the SC Retiree Program is thriving. With this edition of *The Henry Herald* we celebrate the completion of one full year cycle of retiree activities.

Almost daily, we receive positive feedback from you letting us know that our communications and activities are helping you to feel valued and remain connected to the College and to each other.

As we enter the second year of the Retiree Program, we remain committed to providing unique opportunities to keep you informed and connected. Please know that your participation and support is vital to the program's success, so mark your calendars now to join us for this year's events.

The Henry Herald is your newsletter and we are always looking for ideas to make it better. Make sure to share your ideas and volunteer your stories for future editions.

Stay Connected



Check your email inbox for important messages coming soon!

Cover photo by Patrick Mog

Message from the Retiree Committee



Left to right: Pat Mog, Donna Nordman, Deborah Dani, Jean Pike, Mary Beaudoin, Joyce Galindo, Jack Washka

The Retiree Committee thanks everyone who participated in last year's retiree events and by doing so helped to make our first full year a great success! Now, spring is in the air and with it begins the busiest time for our Retiree Program.

We are excited about all the activities we have planned so make certain you mark your calendars early and join the fun. You will find all the details in the "What's Coming Up" section on pages 8 and 9. Also look for the Retiree Breakfast invitation on page 10. Remember, your support for these activities is very important and a perfect way for all of us to remain connected to the college and to one another... so sign up NOW!

We would also like to welcome Pat Mog as the newest member of our SC retiree committee. We're glad to have you, Pat!

Roger Sutherland

The committee mourns the loss of Roger Sutherland. Roger was an inspiration to us all and a vital member of the SC retiree committee. He was our historian and his positive nature and wonderful sense of humor will be dearly missed.



St. Joe's Sports Dome

Arriving on the Livonia campus today and looking eastward you can't help but notice that the landscape has changed in a very big way. Looming large at the southeast end of campus now stands a world-class multi-sport dome facility, which opened in November of 2016.

The enormous 110,500 sq. ft. **St. Joe's Sports Dome** measures 260 feet wide by 425 feet long and can be used year-round. The \$6 million project was completely funded by private investors who consider it an investment in the college, the City of Livonia and Western Wayne County.

The college uses the new facility for classes, varsity sports teams and special events.

Tours of the Dome will be given during our 2nd Annual Retiree Breakfast on June 21, 2018. Sign up today! See p. 10.

In addition, the college entered a 25-year agreement with the **Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club** permitting them to lease the indoor facility, and the adjacent outdoor competition turf soccer field. The Livonia-based club trains and competes with more than 800 youth and young adult travel soccer players ages five to 18. They use the facility during after-school hours and weekends.

The project has great benefits for the college and the entire community and the best part is no taxpayer money was used to build the structure.



St. Joe's Urgent Care Student and Employee Health Center

Many of you may remember the good old days when if you needed minor medical attention you would head to the lower level of the Waterman to see Kay Raby, Schoolcraft's own "nurse extraordinaire" who faithfully cared for the campus family for many years.

Today, those needs are being met by Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) with the opening of Schoolcraft's first-ever Student and Employee Health Center, a new 6,000-square-foot Urgent Care Health Center located on the first floor of the Jeffress Center.

In addition to offering non-emergency medical care on a walk-in basis to students and employees of Schoolcraft College, the Center serves those living and working in the Livonia and Northville communities.

"Everything about our work with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System makes sense," said Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress. "Convenient quality health care for our students and community is most important, but we also are excited about the synergy that made this project a reality." The Center opened its doors in September, 2017.



Waiting room at St. Joe's Urgent Care Center

What's Been Happening

Florida Event

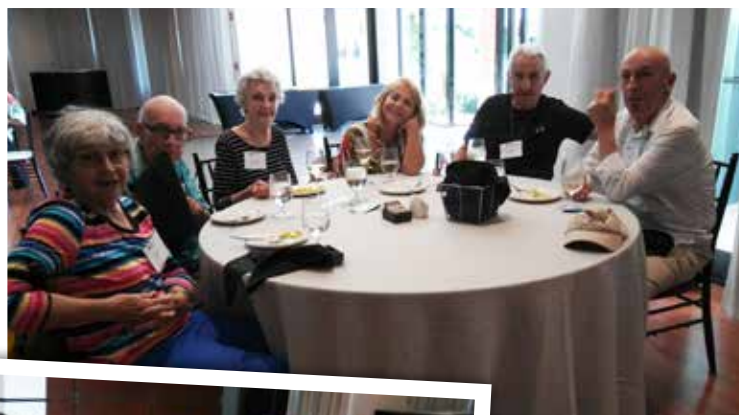
On Saturday, February 17, 2018 retirees, alumni and friends of Schoolcraft College came to together at Naples Bay Resort to attend Schoolcraft College's 3rd Annual visit to Florida.

The group was treated to a special reception with President, Conway Jeffress who shared the vision for Schoolcraft College and its students moving into the next decade.

Dr. Jeffress opened his remarks with a lively video presentation taking the audience on a spectacular virtual tour of the campus. The video highlighted the history of the college and showcased the extraordinary growth in specific program areas like the Nursing Simulation Lab, the state-of-the art Public Safety Complex, Command Central at the Jeffress Center and much more.

Dr. Jeffress then spoke about the exciting opportunities for future growth along with the challenges that must be faced to meet the needs of students in an ever changing world.

Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of good fellowship and celebration of Schoolcraft College and its future.



What's Been Happening

Kentucky Road Trip

In March, members of the Schoolcraft College Foundation staff had the opportunity to visit retirees, alumni and friends of the college living in Kentucky.

Among retirees visited were Ron and Patty Griffith, Dr. C. Nelson Grote and his wife Wilma, and Sherry Zylka and her husband George Magro.

Each visit provided a wonderful chance to walk down memory lane and catch up with folks who had been instrumental in helping the college become the excellent institution that it is today.



Donors Lise, Eric, and Brian Roemmele



Ron and Patty Griffith



Victoria Rexius, Sherry Zylka, and Dawn Magretta



Dr. C. Nelson Grote

Retiree Spotlight

Pat Mog

I was a 21-year-old student when I first stepped through the doors of Schoolcraft College. Little did I realize at the time that it was the beginning of a relationship with the college that would last 37 years.

It was January of 1980, and I was a young man looking for a career that would provide me stability and reasonable hours so I chose to enroll in the Climate Systems Technology program. I couldn't have known then how that decision would ultimately impact the rest of my life.

My fortunes began when my fellow students and I were blessed to be taught by one of Schoolcraft's finest instructors, Professor Ron McBride. Ron provided us with amazing opportunities like allowing us to help with the installation of the college's state-of-the-art solar heating system— an experience that was invaluable and a lot of fun.

I eventually began working as a student employee in the Maintenance Department, assisting with the repair of the campus HVAC and electrical systems. In time, I was fortunate enough to be hired as a full-time employee and completed my degree program with the college, and became a Licensed Mechanical Contractor and Journeyman Electrician.

For next 34+ years, I remained employed with the college and I loved my work. I now look back with great pride in knowing that I had a share in maintaining our beautiful campus and in doing so helped to make the learning experience more comfortable and enjoyable for students and our campus family. During those years, I had many great experiences and worked side-by-side with remarkable people. I especially enjoyed being involved in the Staff Development and North Central Committees.

Beyond maintaining the college's physical systems, I also enjoyed maintaining my own physical fitness. Through the years I ran twenty marathons and participated in an Ironman Triathlon.

One of my fondest memories involves the Schoolcraft Fitness Center Fall Frenzy Race. The race is a nation-wide annual competition between colleges to see who can set the record for the most miles ridden on a stationary bike. Schoolcraft College won two championships and my longest ride was 355 miles in two days.



Pat Mog

I'll never forget the wonderful feast Master Chef Shawn Loving made for me once I got off that bike; it was actually the best part of participating in the race.

In retirement, I plan to enjoy my many hobbies like photography, kayaking, and astronomy. Currently, I am a member of the Ford Motor Astronomy Club and enjoy participating in outreach programs at local elementary schools setting up telescopes for the kids so they can learn more about our solar system.

In conclusion, I have to say I have so many great memories of working at Schoolcraft— more than the space here will allow me to tell. In retirement, I look forward to staying connected with the college through my activities with the retiree committee and the retiree program.

Retiree Spotlight

Sherry Zylka

Retired... Not So Fast!

Retirement means something different for everyone. For some, it means the end of their working life, but for others it means the beginning of a new career path. For Schoolcraft College retiree Dr. Sherry Zylka, “new career path” is an understatement. As an employee of Schoolcraft College for three decades, she began her career as a student employee in 1980, and held a number of positions throughout the college over the years culminating in her role as Dean of College Centers from which she retired in 2011.

But her career did not end there. Instead, Sherry set a new career goal for herself, to become a community college president. Her first step in achieving her goal was a move to Texas where she was accepted into a doctoral program in higher education administration and community college leadership at the University of Texas at Austin. After completing her doctoral degree, she returned to Michigan in 2013 to serve as provost of Wayne County Community College District in Detroit. This position allowed her to further hone her leadership skills.

In October, 2017, Dr. Sherry Zylka was named the President of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. For the past five months, Sherry has immersed herself in her new role. She and her husband George have been warmly welcomed by the college community and the community at large. “I’m excited about this new opportunity,” she said. “It’s been wonderful getting to know the students, faculty, and staff, and learn more about our community and workforce partners.”

In addition, to the main campus located in Prestonsburg, Big Sandy has three other campuses located in various communities in Eastern Kentucky. Although Sherry’s office is located on the main campus, she commutes between campuses which gives her the opportunity to get to know the faculty, students, and community leaders at each location. She is enjoying collaborating with her staff and looks forward to continuing and enhancing the good work they have been accomplishing.

Sherry summed up her commitment to and feelings about the community college experience this



Dr. Sherry Zylka

way, “Education always has been very important to me because I have an appreciation for how transformational we are, not only to our students but their families and the communities we serve.”

Schoolcraft College is proud of Dr. Sherry Zylka’s achievement and we wish her much success.

Would you like to recommend a retiree to feature for the next retiree spotlight? Contact Victoria at vraxius@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4501.



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Everyone will receive a \$12.00 lunch coupon to be used at the Frederick Meijer Cafe.

Gerald Ford Museum (20-minute film & self-guided tour) -



At the core of the Museum is the permanent exhibit, which allows visitors to experience highlights from President and Mrs. Ford's lives. The exhibit teaches democratic citizenship and allows for quiet reflection. In addition to the permanent exhibits, changing temporary exhibits draw artifacts from Museums all over the country.

The spotlight exhibit is "**Betty Ford's 100th Birthday.**"

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Tour date:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Depart 8:15am - Return 6:45pm

For reservations and information please contact:

**Victoria Rexus
(734) 462-4501**

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Sindbad's Restaurant (included lunch) - Located on the Detroit River. Sindbad's has been a family owned restaurant for over 40 years. Enjoy the Sohar Room that overlooks the the Detroit River and Belle Isle.

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JOIN US for fellowship and great food!

The Second Annual SC Retiree Breakfast

Mark your calendars to join us for this wonderful chance to catch up with your fellow retirees, walk down memory lane, and hear from President Conway Jeffress who will bring you up to date on all the great things happening at the college. You will also hear from current faculty and students about exciting programs they are participating in and heading up for the college.

You are cordially invited to

The Second Annual Retiree Breakfast

Thursday, June 21, 2018

9:30 am

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

Event Schedule

Mingle

Complimentary plated breakfast served

Program Presentations

Campus Tours:

Sports Dome & Biomedical Technology Center
Transportation Provided.

RSVP Immediately for Breakfast and Tours

Call or Email Today!

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What's Been Happening

New Retirees

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

Gloria Butler, 2008–2017

Sumita Chaudhery, 1968–2017

Frederick Galperin, 1966–2017

Mark Harris, 1997–2017

Ruth Rice, 2000–2017

David Rydzewski, 2000–2018

The SC Retiree Website

Thanks to support from the Schoolcraft College Foundation, SC retirees have their own webpages on the Foundation website. Make certain to visit the retiree webpages where you will find upcoming events, announcements, retiree profiles, digital copies of the Henry Herald and more. To visit go to scf.schoolcraft.edu and then choose Retirees in the top menu bar.

SC Retiree Events At A Glance

- **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** Retiree trip to Meijer Gardens and Gerald Ford Museum
See p. 8 for details.
- **Thursday, June 21, 2018**Second Annual Retiree Breakfast.
See p. 10 for details.
- **Friday, November 9, 2018**Retiree Trip to the Parade Company and Ford Field
See p. 9 for details.

Campus Community Events

Retirees Welcome!!

- **Wednesday, July 18, 2018**Ice Cream Social, 3:00 p.m. in VisTaTech Center, Waterman Wing

In Memoriam

Roger Sutherland, Emeritus Professor of Biology, passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Roger served the college beginning in 1964 until his retirement in 1990.

James Sylvester, Counselor Emeritus, passed away on December 27, 2017. Jim served the college for 30 years beginning in 1967 until his retirement in 1997.

Seymour Rabotnick, Adjunct Professor of Accounting, passed away on December 30, 2017. Seymour served the college for over 35 years.





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The Schoolcraft College Foundation is pleased to make the SC Retiree Program possible. The Foundation wishes to thank all retirees who continue to generously partner with us in our efforts to help SC students achieve their educational dreams. The Foundation encourages you to make us part of your charitable giving each year. For more information about the many ways in which you can make a difference, please contact the Foundation at 734-462-4501 or visit schoolcraft.edu/ways-to-give

Retiree Benefits

Free Classes

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

Additional Benefits

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