President’s Weekly Briefing—November 15, 2012

College Holiday Party–Mark Your Calendars!
You are invited to the College of Marin Holiday Party. Enjoy the company of your colleagues, hors d’oeuvres, and a no-host bar on Wednesday, December 19, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Woodlands Café, 799 College Avenue. A celebratory toast will be held at 4 p.m. Be sure to come early as the restaurant reopens to the public at 5 p.m. RSVP to Kathy Joyner or Kelley Litz, or call ext. 7502 or 7508. I look forward to seeing you there.

Kudos
Dance Instructor and Students Hold Disaster Relief Party
Students of Dance Instructor Sandi Weldon gathered over the weekend to collect, package, and label relief items to send to victims of Hurricane Sandy. The effort pulled together about 20 boxes of donations that are ready to ship. The items will be sent to a church in Staten Island, NY, where they will be distributed to hurricane victims. Funds are still needed to ship the packages. If you would like to take a package to ship or donate toward the shipping cost please contact Sandi Weldon.

Former Student Awarded National Geographic Prize
Former COM photography student Harvey Abernathey is one of seven winners of an international photo contest called My Thailand, My Story. The Novato resident has worked as a construction consultant for most of his career, but in semi-retirement he has turned to the camera and now has his own photo business, Night & Day Photos. The image that won Abernathey the contest is a nighttime photo of a bristlecone pine titled Harold's Tree. Abernathy and the six other winners will travel to Thailand for the weeklong trip. His works also are on exhibit locally through December 13 at an exhibit called A Single Step ... Begins the Journey at PhotoCentral in Hayward.

Instructor Presents at Communication Association Meeting in Florida
Communication Department Chair Patricia O’Keefe is presenting “Ten Core Competencies to Include in an Introductory Communication Course” and “The Nature and Structure of a Community College Instructor’s Job Interview” at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Orlando, FL November 14 through 18.
Professional Development Committee Wants Your Feedback
The Professional Development Committee (PDC) needs your feedback to identify employee training priorities, scheduling and delivery preferences. This information is also required by the Chancellor’s Office for our annual Flex Calendar certification. Your responses will be used by the PDC to plan professional development activities for all employees. It shouldn’t take more than 5 to 10 minutes of your time. The Professional Development Needs Assessment and Evaluation will be open until Monday, November 19.

If you haven’t done so yet, take a moment to complete the Professional Development Needs Assessment and Evaluation.

The PDC values your input and thanks you for taking the time to provide feedback!

COM Office 2010 Migration
Upgrade Your Computer to Office 2010 and Attend a Workshop
In accordance with the Technology Plan, the college is in the process of migrating faculty and staff office computers to Microsoft Office 2010. Although Office 2010 is similar to Office 2007, many people benefit from attending training as some features have changed or moved.

Workshops are open to all faculty and staff. This workshop meets Objective II.C.3 of the 2012-2017 Technology Plan.

To Upgrade Your Computer to Office 2010:
Submit a TechStream to IT requesting that Office 2010 be installed on your office computer.

To Register for a “What’s New in Office 2010” Workshop:
Email Kathleen Kirkpatrick with your choice of workshop date from the list below. Please put "Office 2010 Training" in your subject line and indicate the date you would like to attend.

Kentfield Campus
Friday, November 16
10 a.m. to noon
BC 101

Indian Valley Campus
Wednesday, November 28
10 a.m. to noon
Building 27, Room 125
Inky Fingers Holiday Print Sale
The Inky Fingers Holiday Print Sale sponsored by the College of Marin printmakers association will be held on Wednesday, November 28, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, studio 312. Etchings, relief prints, monotypes, and monoprints make wonderful holiday gifts. Come see the work produced in our printmaking classes and take home an original print. All proceeds benefit the college's printmaking program. For more information, contact Tron Bykle at (415) 485-9487.

Hooked on Marin Speaker Series—Final Lecture
College of Marin along with Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM); the Tamalpais Union High School District; and the towns of Larkspur, San Anselmo, and Corte Madera are pleased to present the final lecture of this series of moderated discussions centered around the Marin County experience and influence. Marin’s own Terry McGovern will moderate this session.

Marin County Rock ‘n’ Roll Music History with Richie Unterberger and Dan Hicks

Wednesday, November 28, 7 p.m.
Corte Madera Community Center Hall
498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Richie Unterberger is a rock historian, instructor, and award-winning author of nearly a dozen books about rock history, including a two-part history of 1960s folk-rock and volumes on the Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, and the Who. Dan Hicks is a longtime Marin County music legend and an American singer-songwriter who has been vital to the evolution of Bay Area sounds ranging from psychedelia to western swing.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the Bay Area's rock scene exploded, capturing the imagination of the world with music that endures and influences popular culture to this day. From the Grateful Dead and Janis Joplin to Dan Hicks and transplants like Van Morrison, many of the era's leading musicians lived and played in Marin County during this time, giving the region a lasting role in the sounds that revolutionized rock. Richie will present rare film clips and audiovisual material telling the story of the golden age of Marin County rock.

Admission is $15. Purchase tickets and get more information online.
The Mouse that Roared
By Christopher Sergel
Directed by Lisa Morse
Based on the book by Leonard Wibberley

November 29 Pay-What-You-Will Preview at 8 pm
November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 8 pm
Matinees on December 9 and 16 at 2 pm
Studio Theatre, Kentfield Campus

The tiny Alpine Duchy of Grand Fenwick has a problem: Their world famous wine, only export
and source of income, is being undersold by a winery in San Rafael, California. Never fear—the
Grand Duchess has a solution—the army, a rag tag band of medieval archers, will attack the
United States. (After all, everyone knows that any country defeated in war by the U.S. ends up
becoming very wealthy.) Only the unthinkable happens—the archers attack the U.S. ...and they
win! Tickets are $20 for general admission; $15 seniors; $10 students, staff, and alumni.

Seasonal Flu Shots—Cost Reduced
Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease that can be spread by coughing, sneezing, and nasal
secretions. For most people, the flu lasts only a few days and includes symptoms such as fever,
chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. By getting vaccinated you can
protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others. The College of
Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots. Price is $5 for students, $10 for COM
employees, and $20 for community members.

Flu shots will be available at the Kentfield Campus, Health Services Portable.
Call (415) 485-9458 for an appointment. Shots will be offered through November while supplies
last.

The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone
wishing to receive a shot must be 18 years of age or older. For more information call
(415) 485-9458.

COM Citizens’ Oversight Committee Seeks Two Members
The College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee is seeking applications
for two new members, including an active member of a bona fide taxpayer’s association and a
currently enrolled College of Marin student who is active in student government or other college
organization. New members will be appointed by the College of Marin Board of Trustees at its
January 2013 meeting.

Qualified candidates must submit an application in order to be considered. Applications are due
December 20, 2012. Application information is available by calling the College of Marin
Superintendent/President’s Office at (415) 485-9502.
In accordance with California Education Code 15278(b), the College of Marin Board of Trustees passed a resolution on December 14, 2004, establishing an independent citizens’ oversight committee. The committee is responsible for ensuring that College of Marin’s Measure C Bond revenues are expended appropriately. College of Marin’s Measure C Bond was passed by voters in 2004.

A number of major facilities projects have been completed or are underway nearing completion, including the Diamond Physical Education Center, Indian Valley Campus Transportation Technology Center, Indian Valley Campus Main Building, and the Kentfield Campus Fine Arts Building. The college recently broke ground on a new Child Study Center in Kentfield, and will soon break ground for a new Academic Center, also in Kentfield.

Please note that committee members cannot be employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors of the College of Marin.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, EdD
Superintendent/President