COM Trustee Barbara Dolan to be Honored for 28 Years of Service
On December 10, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., preceding the regular monthly meeting of the College of Marin Board of Trustees, Barbara Dolan will be honored for her 28 years of service to the District. Barbara was first elected to the Board in 1985. Newly elected Trustee Brady Bevis and newly re-elected Trustees Diana Conti (second term) and Wanden Treanor (fifth term) will be sworn in at the December 10 meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Both events take place in the Student Services Building Cafeteria at the Kentfield Campus.

Trustees Support Marin Promise, a Collaborative Partnership
In other Board business, the Trustees approved a new partnership agreement with Marin Promise, a collaborative program focused on educational excellence and equity for all children in Marin County. As a partner, College of Marin will have an important impact working with K-12 partners to mold children’s education and prepare them for college.

Trustees Vote to Support Changes to Corporate Tax Assessment Law
The governing board of the Marin Community College District has voted to encourage changes in the way commercial property values are assessed for taxes. In a Board resolution passed November 19, the Trustees said they hope to encourage other elected officials to consider the modernization of assessments for commercial properties to benefit local schools, which have suffered a drastic decline in per pupil support. Because corporations often avoid reassessment of property by limiting the portion of ownership that changes hands to ensure that no single party owns more than 50 percent, they frequently skirt higher tax assessments that could benefit schools under Proposition 13. The Board voted to protect current tax assessment limits on residential properties.

College Holiday Party
You are invited to celebrate the season with colleagues at the College of Marin Holiday Party.

Wednesday, December 18, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Woodlands Café
799 College Avenue, Kentfield
**Cop’s Corner: Suspicious Persons or Activities**

If you witness a criminal act, or notice a person acting suspiciously on campus, immediately call campus police. You can dial either 911 or ext. 7696 from a campus phone, or call 415-485-9696 from a mobile phone. You will be asked by the dispatcher what the suspicious person is doing, what they look like, and where are they located.

Please refer to page 9 in College of Marin’s Emergency Guidelines Handbook for information on how to report a suspicious person or activity on campus. Handbooks are attached to the wall near the exits inside College of Marin buildings, as well as online.

**Kudos**

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the annual **Harvest Day Luncheon** last month, which not only brought us together for a wonderful holiday feast, but resulted in the generous collection of canned goods and cash for the needy. The event, held November 20 on the Indian Valley Campus, provided time to gather and share stories and holiday spirit over a meal that included turkey and all the trimmings prepared by our own Fresh and Natural Café. Through the generous support of the IVC students, faculty, and staff we were able to collect and distribute:

- 257 pounds of canned food and $126 in cash to the Marin Food Bank
- $50 to the Novato Human Needs Center
- $5 to the Associated Students College of Marin

Thank you to **ASCOM** for its continued sponsorship of this luncheon, to all who participated and gave contributions, and to the folks behind the scenes who prepared the location and served the food.

Robert Ovetz, adjunct instructor of History and Political Science, gave three talks about his doctoral research on the reorganization of public higher education earlier this month at his alma mater, the University of Texas at Austin. One of the talks was broadcast on KOOP radio and can be heard online.

Social Sciences Professor Walter Turner is a contributing author of a recently released book *Claim No Easy Victories: The Legacy of Amilcar Cabral*, edited by Firoze Manji and Bill Fletcher Jr. The book is published by CODESRIA/Daraja Press on the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Amilcar Cabral, a poet, liberation philosopher and leader of the independence movements of Guinea Bissau and Cap Verde. Professor Turner’s article, “The Black Panther Party, African Liberation, and Amilcar Cabral,” is one of 36 contributed chapters on the broader subject.
One of the bright dramatic talents that graced College of Marin’s stage many decades ago was noted in *The New York Times* recently when readers reminisced about the best Shakespeare performances they’d ever seen or heard. Among the many memories of famous stars such as Anthony Hopkins and Judy Dench, Micky Rooney and Michael Redgrave, was one submission by NYT reader Nathan Birnbaum of Los Angeles who wrote: “Best Malvolio (of *Twelfth Night* or *What You Will*) I’ve seen: Robin Williams, who was born to play the role, at Marin College when he was in his early 20s.”

**Personnel Actions from the November 19, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Appointments of Classified Personnel**

- *Emy Bagtas-Carmona* has accepted the position of financial aid specialist, effective November 20, 2013.
- *Matthew Dimopoulos* has accepted the position of assistive technology specialist, effective November 20, 2013.
- *David Fitzgerald* has accepted the position of gardener in the Maintenance and Operations Department, effective November 20, 2013.
- *Lygeia Johnson* has accepted the position of financial aid technician, effective November 20, 2013.
- *Martinus Langeveld* has accepted the position of police officer, effective October 21, 2013.

**Temporary Reassignment of Classified Management Personnel**

- *Kirsten Gisle*, human resources technician, has received a temporary out of class assignment to perform significant duties outside the scope of her current position effective August 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014.

**Resignation/Termination of Classified Personnel**

- *Jason Dunn* has submitted a resignation from his position as lab technician in the Fine Arts Department, effective January 2, 2014.

**Appointment of Academic Personnel**

- *Mia Chia* has accepted the position of computer science instructor, effective January 10, 2014.
Helping Survivors of Typhoon Haiyan
The far-reaching effects of the storm have hit a number of people close to home, including members of our staff and students who have family and friends living in the Philippines.

- COM employees who are struggling with family issues are encouraged to access the COM Employee Assistance Program for support.
- Students with families in the Philippines seeking support may contact the COM Counseling Office at (415) 485-9432.

In addition to our deepest condolences, consider helping to alleviate the suffering of those struggling in the Philippines. A number of organizations are providing help:

- The Filipino Americans of Northern California Organization (FANCO), and
- NBC has posted an online list of international organizations that are providing aid to victims.

Upcoming Events

Club Mud Holiday Pottery Sale
Our pottery students and instructors have created beautiful items for every purpose and budget for the holiday sale. There will be cups, bowls, vases, plates, decorative vessels and unique sculptural works with prices ranging from $5 to $100. All proceeds will benefit the Ceramics Program. For information, contact Jason Dunn at (415) 485-9471.

Through Saturday December 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Ceramics Studio, Fine Arts Building, room 131
Kentfield Campus

Express Transfer Workshop
Junior and senior high school students and their parents are invited to attend a workshop to learn strategies for college success and to transfer to a four-year college or university. Come hear the latest information on the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Program, find resources for transfer, and hear student success stories. The workshop will feature the UC Berkeley Transfer director, a College of Marin counselor and Transfer Center specialist, and a student panel of COM graduates who successfully transferred to a UC. Light refreshments will be served starting at 5 p.m. Please reserve a spot by emailing Outreach, with the following information:

- High school student’s name
- Email address
- Phone number
- High school
- Grade (11th or 12th) of student
- Number of family members attending

For more information contact the Transfer and Career Center at (415) 485-9671.

Thursday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Student Services Building, Cafeteria
Kentfield Campus (No parking permits will be required for this event.)
Jazz Ensemble with Tommy Igoe Big Band—Tonight
Cayce Carnahan, director

Come join the College of Marin Jazz Ensemble and Tommy Igoe Big Band for a special performance. Tommy Igoe is one of the world’s finest drummers and his big band is an elite group of the Bay’s greatest musicians in a landmark event that redefines the genre. Musicians from Santana, The Doobie Brothers, Boz Scaggs, and Bay Area legends Tower of Power are all featured, as well as music from Brazil, Cuba, Argentina, Spain. If you love music, the Tommy Igoe Big Band will blow you away.

Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Donation suggested: $20 general; $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni

The Drama Department Presents The Importance of Being Earnest
Lisa Morse, director

This is a classic example of the well-made play and frequently described as perhaps the most famous of all English language comedies. This well-mannered 19th century farce by Oscar Wilde has been keeping audiences in stitches ever since it appeared on the scene on Valentine’s Day in 1895. Filled with Wilde’s delicious witticisms, the playwright said that he wrote Earnest in response to a request for a play “with no real serious interest.”

Thursday, December 5, 8 p.m. Final Dress Preview ($10, parking is $3)
Fridays and Saturdays, December 6, 7, 13, and 14, 8 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays, December 7, 8, 14, and 15, 2 p.m.
COM Studio Theatre
Kentfield Campus

Tickets: $20 general; $15 seniors; $10 staff, students and alumni (free weekend parking)
Box Office: Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and one hour before Saturday and Sunday performances. (415) 485-9385.
Online tickets: Brown Paper Tickets.
COM Symphony Orchestra
Jessica Ivry, director
Joanna Pinckney, guest conductor
Alex Kelly and Jessica Ivry, cello soloists

The College of Marin Orchestra will perform dramatic and enchanting music from the Baroque to the late Romantic era. Directed by cellist and college faculty, Jessica Ivry, the orchestra will perform the Serenade in E-flat major, Op. 7 by Strauss followed by Vivaldi’s G minor Double Cello Concerto. The concert will end with the emotional and rousing Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36 by Tchaikovsky.

Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus

Advanced Voice Class Recital: Isn’t it Romantic—The Songs of Richard Rodgers
Linda Noble Brown, instructor

Richard Rodgers, an American composer (1902-1979) of more than 900 songs and 43 Broadway musicals, is best known for songwriting partnerships with the lyricists Lorenz Hart and Oscar Hammerstein II. His compositions have had a significant impact on popular music to the present day and have an enduring broad appeal. Unlike some more contemporary musicals these are meant to be sung in a more classical style and we are delighted to be able to perform these for you!

Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.
The Tamalpais Retirement Community
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae

Monday, December 16, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Deborah Loft Lecture: *Unfamiliar Landscapes; Big and Small; and Luminous Worlds*

Art History Instructor Deborah Loft will be lecturing on the work of selected California artists, juxtaposing the work of Marin visionaries with artists from other times in history. Learn about the luminous visionary landscapes that appear in the paintings of the late Marin artists Gage Taylor and Bill Martin, who taught briefly at the College. See how meaning can change in smaller scale works on paper by Albrecht Dürer and enormous exhibitions by contemporary artist Anselm Kiefer. The talk will include a view of Kiefer’s 2007 exhibition, “Sternenfall,” which inaugurated the re-opening of the Grand Palais in Paris, as captured in Loft’s photographs.

**Tuesday, December 10,** 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
O’Hanlon Center for the Arts
616 Throckmorton Avenue, Mill Valley
Admission: $12
RSVP by **December 6** online or by calling (415) 388-4331

**Open Labs for all Moodle Users—Last Session Next Week**
Drop-in to discuss any Moodle questions including uploading and downloading files; organizing class pages; inserting images; combining files in folders; using Moodle tools, books, and student-created glossaries; drag ‘n’ drop functionality; setting up and viewing the gradebook, etc.
For more information, contact Kathleen Smyth, Distance Education Coordinator at ext. 7578 or Alice Dieli, Instructional Technologist at ext.7540.
**Thursday, December 12,** noon-1:30 p.m.
SMN 130
Kentfield Campus

**Thursday Brown Bag Theatre: Non-Realism**
Come enjoy free student-directed scenes presented in the drama classroom on selected Thursdays. Improvisational shows feature Actors Without Lines (A.W.O.L.) students from both beginning and advanced improv classes.

**Thursday, December 12,** 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Performing Arts, rooms 134/136
Kentfield Campus
Marin Oratorio Presents *Mass in B minor*

**Johann Sebastian Bach**, composer

**Boyd Jarrell**, director

Bach’s last major composition, *Mass in B minor*, is widely regarded as one of the supreme achievements of classical music and a monumental synthesis of every stylistic and technical contribution that he made to music. Guest vocal soloists **Christa Pfeiffer, Katherine McKee, Michael Belle, and Jeffrey Fields** will join our 110-voice chorus and full orchestra. Don’t miss this work of universal and timeless significance. All proceeds support the programs of Marin Oratorio.

**Saturday, December 14**, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, December 15**, 3 p.m.

James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Box Office (415) 485-9385
Admission: $20 general; $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni

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**Beginning Voice Class Recital: Waiting in the Wings**

**Linda Noble Brown**, instructor

Our beginning singers have been working all semester to perform their first time for you. Always a wonderfully exciting experience, please join in sharing the thrill and courage of singers stepping in front of a real audience. You will hear a lovely mix of folk songs, art songs and maybe even a short aria as singers are allowed to choose from within the class repertoire. Come celebrate the fullness of life with us.

**Monday, December 16**, 2:10 p.m.

Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus

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**College Chorus: Classical Masters**

**Boyd Jarrell**, director

**Jeffrey Paul**, accompanist

Join us as the College of Marin Chorus presents an intimate look at the masters of classical music. Come enjoy the songs, anthems and novelty numbers of Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms.

**Tuesday, December 17**, 7:30 p.m.

James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Hooked on Marin Speaker Series
Marin County Rock ’n’ Roll Music History
In the final lecture of the Hooked on Marin speaker series, Richie Unterberger, rock historian and College of Marin instructor, will share rare archival video and audio footage from the 1960s and 1970s rock era. Ben Fong-Torres of Rolling Stone magazine will also be on hand to share stories from the local living legends of rock ’n’ roll. Terry McGovern, College of Marin Drama instructor and one of the Bay Area’s most versatile performers, will moderate the event. Hooked on Marin is a community-based partnership of Marin County public service agencies and educational districts celebrating the region.

Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.
Corte Madera Community Center Hall
498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera
Admission is $15
To order tickets, visit Hooked on Marin, or call (415) 945-3730.

Parking Information for All Campus Events
Parking on campus is $3. Please park in student parking only. Passes may be purchased from machines located in parking lots 2, 6, 7, and 9.

New and Returning Student Enrollment Begins For Spring Semester
Priority registration for continuing students is underway and new and returning students may begin registering December 10. Spring semester 2014 classes start January 13. The spring class listings are available online. The printed class schedule is on campus and in the mail.

Ongoing Events

Conversation Partners Program
Practice your language skills and meet our interesting global students through the Conversation Partners Program, which matches individuals for informal language exchange. Faculty and staff are invited to consider participating in this innovative program developed by the International Education Office. It’s a wonderful way to promote international friendship and cross-cultural understanding while practicing a language that interests you. You may sign up online any time. For more information, contact Rebecca Freeland, program coordinator, at ext. 7740.
Low Cost Flu Shots on Campus
You can get a flu shot on either campus through the College Health Center at various times during the week. Anyone wishing to receive a shot must be at least 18 years old. The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. The cost is $10 for students, faculty, and staff and $20 for community members.

Kentfield Campus
Mondays, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. – noon, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fridays, 9 a.m. – noon
Health Services Portable, front parking lot off of College Avenue
Please call (415) 485-9458 and confirm availability.

Indian Valley Campus
Mondays, 9 a.m. – noon
Administrative Services, room 121
Please call (415) 485-9458. Appointments only.

Employee Discount for Cirque Du Soleil
College employees are invited to buy discounted tickets for Cirque du Soleil’s performance of Amaluna in San Francisco. Amaluna is also the name of the mysterious island where the story unfolds. The show’s mostly female cast and an all-women band is a tribute to the work and voice of women. Reflecting on balance from a woman’s perspective, the show is less about feminism and more about reconnecting to our world in a different way. Note that there may be use of pyrotechnics and strobscopic lights during the show. Employees will receive discounts and special access to seating not available to the general public. To find out more, visit TicketsAtWork.com, or call (800) 331-6483. The company code is MARIN.

Tuesdays – Sundays, November 15 – January 12, times vary
AT&T Park
74 Mission Rock Street
San Francisco
Sports
Women’s Basketball vs. Monterey
Friday, December 6, 6 p.m. in Kentfield
Women’s Basketball—Allan Hancock Tournament
Thursday-Saturday, December 12-14, TBA in Santa Maria
Women’s Basketball vs. Skyline
Tuesday, December 17, TBA in San Bruno
Women’s Basketball vs. Gavilan
Saturday, December 21, TBA in Kentfield

Men’s Basketball vs. Columbia
Saturday, December 7, TBA in Sonora
Men’s Basketball—Skyline Tournament
Friday – Sunday, December 13 – 15, TBA in San Bruno
Men’s Basketball—Santa Rosa JC Tournament
Thursday – Saturday, December 19 – 21, TBA in Santa Rosa

Submissions to the Weekly Briefing
Please submit information no later than Friday for the following week. Submissions received later than Friday will be included in the next week’s edition.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President