Thirty-seven Retired Faculty Attended Last Week’s Luncheon
It was a great pleasure hosting a luncheon for College of Marin’s retired faculty members last week. Thirty-seven of our former faculty attended the event. Several taught at the college in the 1950s and at least one recently celebrated his 96th birthday. Attendees included Michael Brailoff, Howell Breece, Ted Bright, Gerald Burroni, Judy Coombes, James Dunn, John Claire Eschelbach, Edward Essick, Robert Essig, Robert Flynn, Elwanda Gammill, Elizabeth Goerke, Sandra Handsher, James Hobart, Donald Holmlund, Louis Hunt, Robert Justice, Peter Kassebaum, Walter Kassoway, Deborah Loft, Joyce Marks, Norman Masonson, Marie McCarthy, James McGowan, Jose Mendez, Scott Merrick, Glen Miller, Paul Miller, Victor Minasian, Ruth Nash, Robert Petersen, Murray Peterson, Russell Ridge, Ed Schoon, Loretta Stodдарd, Victoria Vieira, and Leonard Weiss.

College of Marin Board of Trustees Elects New Officers
COM Trustees elected new officers at its regular monthly meeting held on Dec. 11, 2012. Dr. James Namnath will serve as president, Diana Conti, who served two terms as president, will serve as vice president, and Stephanie O’Brien will serve as Clerk.

Food Drive
The College of Marin Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is sponsoring their first food drive. Please bring non-perishable food items to the Physical Education and Athletics office by Monday, December 17. You can also call Lindsay Bacigalupi at ext. 7580 or email Jill Ruppenstein to arrange for your donations to be picked up. Please help those in need by contributing to the food drive. Many thanks for your support!
Kudos
On Friday, December 7, the Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) hosted the 4th Annual Night of Giving. This special evening, geared to provide an evening of fun and celebration for COM parents and their children, included a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, games and gifts for the children, as well as a time to gather and celebrate before finals week. The evening was funded and hosted by ASCOM. Assistance in putting together this festive evening was amply provided by Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), our student-athletes, and other student clubs on campus. A special thanks to all the ASCOM officers, led by Lance Reyes, ASCOM President, and the leadership of AGS. A special thank you also to Fresh and Natural Cafi and Manager Suzie Lee, for all the food prepared and served, and Student Affairs Administrative Assistant Vickie Lamke for her constant support and direction. About 175 individuals were fed. Kudos to all involved for their contributions to the spirit of the holiday season.

Nine COM Nursing Students Receive Scholarship Awards
Congratulations to all of our second year nursing students who received Deloras Jones RN Scholarship Awards this year. Nursing Instructor Jeannie Langinger MSN, RN, attended the awards ceremony this week with nine recipients, including Venus Elyse, Jessica Robles, Louise Selin, Claudia Knaack, Cassandra Taylor, Molly Ogden, Erika Salazar, Cynthia Weeks, and Johnde Pectol. Awards totaling $159,500 were given to 101 students from 23 California colleges. The Deloras Jones RN Scholarship Program was created in honor of Deloras Jones, RN, MS, for her leadership and dedication to education and nursing practice at Kaiser Permanente.

Personnel Recommendations from the December 11 Board of Trustees Meeting

Appointment of Educational Management Personnel
- Jonathan Eldridge has been appointed to the position of Vice President of Student Services effective January 2, 2013.

Appointment of Classified Personnel
- Andrea Hunter has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Financial Aid effective December 1, 2012.

January College Convocation and Professional Development/Flex Update
I am very pleased to announce Betty Goerke will be our Spring 2013 College Convocation keynote speaker. A much-loved College of Marin anthropology and archaeology instructor for over 30 years, Betty has dedicated much of her career to researching native history. She will focus her presentation on the Coast Miwok Indians who inhabited our campus for generations.

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Betty is the author of *Chief Marin: Leader, Rebel, and Legend* and the recently published, *Discovering Native People at Point Reyes*. She has received numerous teaching awards over the years, including the College of Marin Outstanding Teacher Award and earned accolades for her archeological fieldwork that has taken place in California, Colorado, Greece, Holland, Kenya, Austria, China, and India. Betty has published numerous articles and papers and produced several videos including, *Archaeology: Questioning the Past* which features COM students doing archeological fieldwork in Colorado and California. Although she retired from her full-time position in 2004, Betty has continued teaching at the college, most recently with Community Education and Services. Please join me from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Friday, January 11, 2013 in the Performing Arts Theatre for this special College Convocation program. Most offices will be closed to allow all employees to attend. Flex Department meetings are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. January 11, 2013. Check with your department chair for meeting locations. Workshops are being planned for the Independent Flex Day, Thursday, January 10, 2013. Activities will include Moodle and Office 2010 workshops and accessibility compliance training for Web posting. Faculty are also welcome to perform Individual Flex activities. Updated program information will be sent via campus email as details are finalized and will be posted on the [Staff Development Web Page](mailto:). Remind to faculty: The Fall 2012 Flex Verification Form is due in Human Resources Friday, December 21, 2012. The form can be downloaded from the [Staff Development Web Page](mailto:).

**Mileage Reimbursement Rate**
The District reimburses employees for business mileage as required by Board Policy and bargaining agreements. This rate has been established at the federally approved standard mileage reimbursement rate.

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that the standard mileage reimbursement rate for business miles driven effective January 1, 2013, is 56.5 cents per mile. This rate reflects a 1 cent change from the previous mileage rate of 55.5 cents per mile that became effective July 1, 2011.

**College Holiday Party—RSVP Today!**
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 by today to Kathy Joyner or call ext. 7502. I look forward to seeing you there.
Welcome Back Bagels and Coffee
The Classified Senate is sponsoring Welcome Back Bagels and Coffee on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. concurrently at both campuses. Please stop in for bagels and coffee at the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge on the Kentfield Campus. Indian Valley Campus location to be determined. Please call Classified Senate President Alice Dieli at ext. 7540 for more information.

New Dance Center Sneak Peak
You are invited for a sneak peak at College of Marin’s new Dance Center on Friday, January 11, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, January 13, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Dance Center is located in the Performing Arts Building, room 92. Dance Department faculty will be available to show the new facility, answer questions about the Dance Program and course offerings, and performance opportunities. For more information contact Sandra Tanner.

District Laptop Users: Extend the Life of your Laptop PC
Windows 7 runs faster on laptops than Windows XP. If you would like to extend the life of your district laptop, please arrange for IT to upgrade your laptop to run Windows 7. You will also receive Office 2010 and the latest anti-virus and malware detection software as part of the upgrade. If your laptop is running slow with Windows 7, please arrange for IT to load and run the latest anti-malware software and perform some basic cleanup tasks.

Submit your request via Tech Stream or try our new work order system at: http://is-trackit/TrackItWeb/SelfService/Application/Main

The Mouse that Roared
By Christopher Sergel
Directed by Lisa Morse
Based on the book by Leonard Wibberley

December 14, and 15 at 8 p.m.
December 16 at 2 p.m.
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.
Fall 2012 Season Music Calendar

Marin Oratorio
Boyd Jarrell, director
*Vespers of 1610*—Claudio Monteverdi

Saturday, December 15, 8 p.m.
Sunday, December 16, 3 p.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Performing Arts Theatre
Admission: $20 general, $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni
College of Marin Box Office: (415) 485-9385

Marin Oratorio is pleased to be joined by the renowned Whole Noyse renaissance wind band to present Monteverdi’s monumental and daring *Vespers of 1610*. Monteverdi was part of the musical avant garde of the early 17th century, and in his *Vespers* he has created a cornerstone of the classical repertoire. Magnificent and sonorous, sensuous and rhythmically thrilling, Monteverdi weaves an elaborate tapestry of choral, solo, and instrumental pyrotechnics. Maestro Boyd Jarrell will lead the chorus and cast of stellar vocal soloists accompanied by strings, organ, cornetti, sackbuts, recorders, curtal, and theorbo. This *Vespers* continues to radiate grandeur and opulence four centuries after its creation.

Advanced Voice Recital
Snowfall—Classical Christmas Selections
Linda Noble Brown, instructor

Monday, December 17, 11:10 a.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)
Free admission, parking $3

Beginning Voice Class
Emergence—First Open Recital
Linda Noble Brown, instructor

Monday, December 17, 2:10 p.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)
Free admission, parking $3
College Chorus and Chamber Singers—Winter Concert  
Boyd Jarrell, director  
Jeffrey Paul, accompanist  

Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.  
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus  
Performing Arts Theatre  
Donation suggested, parking $3  

The College of Marin Chamber Singers and College Chorus will share the stage with music from renaissance to modern. Early American mountain ballads and hymns will be sung along with Spanish carols and winter holiday music. Chamber Singers will perform three settings of music for the Magi, featuring Healey Willan’s haunting setting of A.E. Houseman’s The Three Kings. Join us for a memorable winter evening.

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.
Sports
Men’s Basketball vs. Columbia College
Saturday, December 15, 1 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Basketball vs. Sacramento City College
Thursday, December 20, 7 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Basketball vs. Consumes River College
Saturday, December 15, 5 p.m. in Sacramento

Women’s Basketball vs. Monterey Peninsula College
Saturday, December 29, 5 p.m. in Monterey

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President