

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

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NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Eighty Honored for 2004-05 Perfect Attendance



Eighty full-time, 12-month employees were honored for perfect attendance at a ceremony in the main campus cafeteria, June 21.

Those receiving a delicious hot breakfast, handsome gift and two additional personal leave days included: **Judy Allen, Lisa Apel-Gendron, Leslie Atherholt, Tom Borucki, Frank Branca, Mary Lou Breitzman, Janet Brenner, Carmen Cabrera, Josie Chivalette, Debbie Ciarrocki, Millie Ciruolo, Barbara Clark, Rick Collins, Wayne Cooper, Cynthia Correa, Joe D'Agostino, Paula Davis, Janet DeCicco, Tammy DeFranco, Judy DeSalvo, Domenick DiPietro, Tom DiPietro, Nick Donato, Carol Drea and Al Ebinger.**

Also saluted were **John Feldbauer, Marlene Felicetti, Mary Ann Ferrigno, Mike Ferrino, Maryann McCall, Kathy Fritz, Nick Ganaway, Esther Gandica, Darick Garrison, Kristen Grech, Ellen Gregory, Dr. Joyce Grohman, Nancy Hand, Patricia Heller, BettyAnn Hines, Bud Ireland, Al Jayne, Dr. Josette Katz, Dorie Keener, Bill Keener, Mike Kernan, Pat Kubaska, Rob Lyons and Virginia Macrie.**

Also honored were **Dr. John May, Jean McAlister, Charita McClain, Ann McClaskey, Norman McKiver, Sandy Meischker, Charles Mettille, Dr. Pete Mora, Karen Morelli, Roze Nicholson, Denise O'Connor, Dr. Richard Perniciaro, Lisa Pollard, Rafael Rivera, Tom Roesch, Deborah Rogers, Horace Ross, Dr. Joe Rossi, Jose Santiago, Michael Sargente, Shirley Shields, Cathie Skinner, Max Slusher, Mariann Sozio, Mark Streckenbein, Pat Sweeney, Sherwood Taylor, Don Tietje, Marilou Trinh, Howard Webb and Valerie Weller.**

Next CommuniCator June 23

The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is on summer publication schedule. The next issue will be Thursday, July 21. Deadline is noon, Monday, July 18. Please send information to **Kathy McGowan**, mcgowan@atlantic.edu.

Roofing Schedule for J and K Buildings

The roofing contractor vacuumed the exterior upper surfaces of J and K buildings in preparation for new roof installation. Roof replacement for building K began on June 16 and should be completed July 18. Roof replacement for J building should begin July 10 and be completed Aug. 26.

The new roofing materials are designed for installation of occupied buildings and should not present any hazards. The same type of roof was installed at the Worthington Atlantic City Center and no complaints of fumes associated with the roof installation were received.

Should you have any questions, material safety data sheets are in the nurse's office, E-106; business services, J-225; facilities management; and from **Penny Wells**, chemical compliance officer, A-127. Should you experience any discomfort during the roofing process, please contact **Terry Sampson** immediately, ext. 5116.

Mark Your Calendar for 2006 Restaurant Gala on March 23

Mark your calendar for the 23rd Annual Press of Atlantic City Restaurant Gala to be held March 23, at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

American Heart Walk Final Total: \$4,812



The tally is in from the American Heart Association. ACCC's team raised \$4,812 at the American Heart Walk last month. Thanks to all who participated. Plans are already being made for next year's walk to increase ACCC's fund raising.

At left: ACCC's team poses for a photo before the Heart Walk.

New Petty Cash Procedure on Campus

Petty cash reimbursements are limited to Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m. For the finance department's policy on petty cash, please visit

http://www.atlantic.edu/admin/policy/602_2.html.

'It's About Time' Autographed Cookbooks Available by ACA Grad Michael Schlow

Two signed and eight unsigned copies of the cookbook, "It's About Time," by ACA Graduate **Michael Schlow** are available. The price is \$35. Contact **Heather Oliver**, conference and meeting services, ext. 4802, or holiver@atlantic.edu.

ACCC Names First Marjorie Ward Scholarship Winners

ACCC selected six Cape May County high school students to receive the first full-tuition Marjorie Ward Leaders Scholarships. The students will enroll in classes this fall at ACCC.

The winners are: **Stanley Bogan** of Cape May Court House, Middle Township High School; **Christopher Canderan** of Seaville, Ocean City High School; **Colleen Fitzpatrick** of Ocean City, Ocean City High School; **Carolann Hawthorne** of North Cape May, Lower Cape May Regional High School; **Brittany**

Taccarino of Marmora, Cape May County Technical High School; and **Michael Tyrrell** of Palermo, Ocean City High School.

The ACCC Foundation established the scholarship program in honor of former Cape May County resident Marjorie Ward, who left \$500,000 to ACCC. Under terms of her will, ACCC created an endowment to fund scholarships for Cape May County students. These students will receive full tuition to the college for two years, leadership skills training and support from the college's Office of Student Services.

Ward was a retired educator who passed away in 2004 at the age of 105. She taught for many years in the Montclair school system and retired in 1958 to Cape May. She held memberships with the Society of New England Women, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society and the Cape May Historical Society and Museum.

HERE'S THE SCOOP



Congratulations to **Martin Berdinis**, psychology adjunct, who was honored as distinguished psychology alumnus at Richard Stockton College last month.

Pictured with Berdinis is former ACCC adjunct Cynthia Sosnowski, who now works in the social science dept. at Stockton.

Betty Ramsey, part-time switchboard operator and retired payroll supervisor, is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She sent this note: "Just a short note to say that I am grateful for the many cards and well wishes sent to me following my recent knee surgery. Looking forward to being back with all of you soon. Also would like to thank the newly formed Knee Replacement Support Group for their phone calls of encouragement as well."



Dr. Richard Perniciaro, associate dean, Center for Regional and Business Research, caught a 40 pound, 47" long striped bass on May 31 at 7:58 a.m. off Cape May Point, the largest striped bass weighed at Cape May dock so far this season.

Get well wishes to **Phyllis Bagnell**, Center for Regional and Business Research, who is recovering from emergency surgery last week. We miss you, Phyllis! Expressions can be sent to Phyllis at 698 E. Lakefront Circle, Smithville, NJ 08205.

We offer our sympathies to **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, assistant professor of art, on the loss of her mother, Rita T. Knowles, on June 1 at age 68. Rita was a Clayton and Strathmere resident and was employed as a real estate professional for 34 years. Donations can be sent in Rita's name to the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, 1500 Haddon Ave., Camden, N.J. 08103. Expressions to Cheryl should be addressed to 107 Lombard Ave., Milmay, N.J. 08340.

Dr. Rich Perniciaro and his big catch.

Marion Caccavale, accounts payable, is proud to report that her son, Anthony, graduated from Egg Harbor Township High School this week and will attend Virginia Tech in August.

Welcome aboard to **Dave Moderski**, part-time computer operator; **Hugh Banas**, admissions rep, City Center; and **Laura Brady**, part-time human resources assistant.

Happy birthday to: Judith Allen, Valerie Weller, June 24; Angel Eguaras, June 25; John Feldbauer, June 27; Trent Jones, June 30; Klaus Muller, July 1; Jose Santiago, June 2; Agnes Armao, July 3; Marsha Patrick, Dennis Price, July 4; Heather Peterson, Bobby Royal, July 6; Doug Hedges, Louise Kaplan, July 8; Carlo Canale, Janet DeCicco, July 9; Angus Borders, Ellen Gregory, Melissa Moy, Roze Nicholson, July 10; Michael Rennick, Mary Wunnenberg, July 11; Denise Coulter, July 13; Lisa Givens, July 14; Sean Gallagher, July 15; Suanne Bernacki, July 16; Daniel Matt, July 17; Linda DeSantis, Donna Leeds, July 18; George Dailey, July 19; Mark Camma, July 20. Adjunct birthdays: Helen McCaffrey, June 25; Matthew Bailey, Wayne Richter, Michael Christian, June 27; Linda Gordon, June 29; Lydia Nusbaum, June 30; Brenda Tozer, July 1; Michael Kolitsky, Susan Lindsay, July 2; Frank Bellis, July 4; Donna McElroy, July 6; Tricia Donio, July 10; Patti Harris, July 15; Roxanne Brennan, John Leach, July 17; Delores Doherty, July 19.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S EXTENSION CENTERS

Greetings from Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Center

By Brittany Williams

Summer is here and things are heating up at City Center.

Welcome aboard to **Janet Brenner, Wayne Cooper, Patricia Gandy and Bobby Royal!** The crew can be found on the second floor of City Center at extensions 4858, 4875, 4827 and 4828, respectively.



Proud wife **Daymis Alicea**, student services, is happy to share this picture of her husband, Gilberto, and two children, Julian and Jacob. The family recently traveled to Texas to celebrate Gilberto's graduation from Air Force basic training.

Dr. Mora opened the Continuing Education staff retreat recently by outlining his vision for his upcoming presidency. The retreat focused on a review by **Pat Owens** of the CE FY05 budgets and interactive exercises lead by **Karen Morelli** and **Sherwood Taylor** to help the group compile their top three successes and stresses of the past year. The successes included: quality improvement in CE programs: customer service ratings, Kids College parent evaluations, customized training student and employer evaluations; the global expansion of CCI programs and consulting services; customized training celebrated the training of more than 6,000 students.

Specific area reports were given: Institute for Service Excellence, **Carol Drea**; Health Professions Institute, **Linda Hubbard**; Nonprofit Institute/Personal and Professional Programs, **Rachel Wettstein**; Certificate Programs, **Pat Kubaska**; Customized Training, **Esther Gandica**; Youth Programs, Health, Retail, Culinary - **Sean Gallagher**; Literacy Programs, **Carol Nicastro**; New Grant Opportunities, **Mike Rennick**; Casino Career Institute and Cape May County campus, **Karen Morelli**; CE Pricing Policy, integrating LERN and solving the FTE mystery, **Sharon Kretmar**; and Updates on Web4Students, new changes and enhancements, **Josie Chivalette**. A tour of the new Cape May County campus ended the retreat.

Due to the advent of slot gaming in Pennsylvania, **Dr. Rich Perniciaro, Pat Owens, Karen Morelli, Carol Drea, Sherwood Taylor, Tommy Giardina**, and the CCI crew have been working hard with several Commonwealth community colleges, the Pa. Department of Higher Education, and the Pa. State Police. Philadelphia is slated to host at least two of the 14 gaming licenses and Mayor John Street appointed several committees to look into the social and economic impact on the city. Dr. Perniciaro and Pat were asked to present before the Economic and Social Impact Committees. The committee was so impressed with ACCC that they decided to visit Atlantic City and CCI on June 14. The group toured CCI and spoke with industry and government officials from the Atlantic City gaming industry. **Tommy Giardina** was happy to hear from former student, Cristian Munteanu, from Romania. After a

year of waiting to get his papers to study at CCI, he was able to take the class and graduated before the holidays. Because he attended CCI's slot class, he was welcomed back to Norwegian Cruise Lines with a promotion to slot manager. Munteanu then hired a slot tech from Atlantic City, also a graduate of CCI. Munteanu wrote, "Tommy G., I would like to let you know that we have a full ACCC slots team on board Norwegian Star. Michael Bua a 1990 ACCC graduate, worked at Tropicana. He joined me on April 18 as slot tech. I was promoted as head tech (slots manager) in January on board Norwegian Star. We are sailing from L.A. to Acapulco and another four Mexican ports. Soon we will go up to Alaska, sailing out of Seattle to Juneau, Scagwaysastar, Ketchikan and Victoria (Canada). I hope you are OK. Regards to Andy."

The continuing education team of **Julia Ratliff**, **Jo-Ann Volpe** and **Sherwood Taylor** joined **Linda McLeod**, **Chef Paulett Strand**, **Sue McNamara** and **Brittany Williams** at the Seafood Festival at Atlantic City's Gardner's Basin. The booth provided information to visitors on credit, culinary and continuing education programs. **Sherwood** was very excited to report the distribution of over 300 summer guides and 400 Kids College guides to booth visitors.



On June 16, 10 students graduated from the Allied Health Advancement Program. Classes were held at the Atlantic County Building with clinical rotations at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center and Shore Memorial Hospital. This 15-week full-time course was a combination of classroom lecture and on-the-job training. Throughout the course, students

were certified in first aid and basic life support through the American Heart Association and phlebotomy and EKG through the National Health Careers Association. By graduation, two students were already hired, while three others were awaiting a promise of employment

This Out-of-School Youth Program is a partnership among the Workforce Investment Board, Job Connection, AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Shore Memorial Hospital, Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital, and ACCC.



Judy Allen, left, poses with an iPod given to her at her retirement party.

Saying goodbye...Over 50 friends, family members and co-workers gathered on the terrace of the Mays Landing Country Club on June 16 to wish **Judy Allen** good luck on her retirement. Judy thanked everyone for their support and friendship...she gracefully and simply stated to the group... "you are my friends, you really are...I will remember this day for the rest of my life..." We wish her well! Judy wrote this note: "Thank you to all who took the time to plan and organize my retirement reception. It was perfect. I also want to extend a very special thank you to everyone for making my party so special and for your generous gift of an iPod. I'm looking forward to many hours of enjoyment. Although I did not expect to be honored with all the attention and such kind words, I was truly overwhelmed and am very appreciative. You will never know how touched I was. I take with me many good memories, but this evening will surely stand out as the most memorable. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the setting was soooo me. Thanks again for your friendship and support. I will miss you. Have a wonderful summer."

Security Guard **Mitch Mischlich** visited City Center earlier in the month and recounted this story to many eager, listening ears: On the morning of June 7, ACCC's Mays Landing main campus was abuzz with excitement. At about 10:15 a.m. it was reported that a black bear had attempted to cross the Black Horse

Pike near the jug handle to campus. An e-mail was sent stating that anyone seeing the bear was to contact security. Here is as radio news commentator Paul Harvey would say, "The rest of the story..."

The plan that security was to use would go something like this: The bear would be escorted by the Dean of Students to admissions where it would become oriented with college, given a social security number and entered into SIS. Then, over to D Building for placement testing and back to J for Financial Aid and to advisement for course selection and counseling to address any assimilation concerns. Next, the bear would be taken to the business office to make payment, then to the Student Life Center for photo ID and then to the bookstore (with a special government-funded book check). The bear would nearly finish up his day at U building where he would get a parking decal for his oversized SUV. Finally, upon receiving a fond farewell from all ACCC staff to "See you in the fall," the bear would return to the woods or the nearest trash can for refreshments and a light snack.

Carol Drea and **Esther Gandica** report another group from Macao will be traveling to CCI for training during July and August. The Macao group will receive training in cage cashiering, surveillance, blackjack, roulette, baccarat, slots, pai gow tiles, pai gow poker, and auditing.

Jeff Wenzel is pleased to announce that Kids College registrations have exceeded last year's record! On the brink of 1,000 registrations, kids are banging down the doors to get an education. School is cool.



Michael Kammer and the Cross Cultural Student Association recently traveled to Hershey Park. The trip was a wild success with plenty of fun in the sun and laughter.

At left: Michael Kammer and the CCSA at Hershey Park

Sherwood Taylor represented continuing education at the Buena Out Of School Time (BOOST) open house at the Cleary School in Buena Township on June 11. Sherwood provided information to the adults of BOOST students on English as a Second Language, GED preparation and adult basic education being provided by CE in September.

City Center faculty and staff are cordially invited to a Roundtable Breakfast with **Bobby Royal** on July 20 at 8:30 a.m. Take advantage of this opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss the future of City Center with peers.

Hello from Rio Grande!

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

Our days in Rio Grande are literally numbered. Before you know it, we'll be in the new building. Wow, what a difference for students, faculty and staff! An expanding list of special events targeted at the community and students is emerging, with the first events slated for late August. See the next issue of the *CommuniCator* for the confirmed August and September events.

We lost a well respected member of the CMCEC family recently. Rudy Callender, husband of English adjunct **Minnie Callender**, passed away in early June after a short illness. Although Rudy didn't teach for us, he and Minnie were genteel, but powerful forces during the period when the Cape May Court House construction site was being challenged. They led letter writing campaigns and postcard campaigns in support of the site, gathering thousands of signatures. Retired public school educators from New York City, the Callenders would let nothing stand in the way of a comprehensive campus for Cape May County residents. So when you visit the new campus, think of Rudy, and if you see Minnie, give her a hug.

Admissions and student services hosted a special High School Seniors Week at CMCEC the week of June 20. Cool giveaways, refreshments, and extended hours for placement testing, advising and registration highlighted the week. Thanks to all who worked so hard to generate awareness among our graduating high school and their parents.

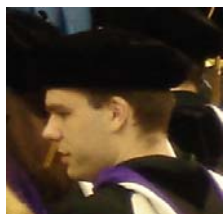
Hey buddy, can you spare some time? **Linda McLeod** needs volunteers to staff the ACCC booth at the Cape May County 4-H Fair July 21, 22 and 23 in Cape May Court House, right next to our new building. We're asking employees to volunteer for three hour shifts. If you can spare some time, please contact **Linda** at ext. 5009 or mcleod@atlantic.edu It's a great time to meet some of your colleagues from other areas of the college.

What do ACCC employees do on a rainy flex time Friday? Shop at Target, it seems. On that first rainy Friday, **Melissa Moy, Sherwood Taylor** and **Lisa Apel-Gendron** were in the store at the same time. Maybe we should have had a meeting!

Enjoy your weekend!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Susanne Sacchetti, library specialist, graduated from Drexel University with a master's degree in library and information science. She was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 2005, recommended by one of her former students from when she was an elementary educator.



Allan P. Scholler, son of Andre & Irene Scholler, music adjunct, completed his studies at Villanova Law School and earned his Juris Doctor degree on May 20. In 2002, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science and economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He is preparing to take the bar exam in July. He plans to practice law in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

At left, Allan Scholler

Chef Michael Huber presented a free cooking demonstration at Atlantic Books in Shore Mall. Chef Huber demonstrated recipes for cooking crepes and offered complimentary food samples and recipe sheets.

Atlantic City Hotel and Lodging Association held their annual scholarship golf tournament on June 9 at Linwood Country Club. **Sue Jones**, hospitality recruiter, served on the planning committee and the tournament raised over \$22,000 for scholarships for area high school and college students involved in the hospitality and culinary fields. At least five ACCC students, two students from ACIT and one from CMTS received money at this year's scholarship luncheon last month.

Three *School Counts!* students, applying to ACCC for fall, received \$1,000 each from the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship funds. The chamber worked hard to raise funds for Cape May County students applying to ACCC who earned the *School Counts!* certificate. Recipients include **Jessica Westerland** and **Joseph Nicletta** of Cape May County Technical High School and **Ian Barrett** of Wildwood High School. The program encourages students to achieve 95% attendance and punctuality, participate in extra curricular activities, maintain a 2.0 minimum grade point average, and stay on track to graduate from high school in eight consecutive semesters.

Dr. Ron McArthur, chair, arts, humanities and ESL, had an article published in the spring 2005 edition of the *Community College Review*. The title is *Faculty Based Advising: An Important Factor in Community College Retention*.

Anna Simmons, college relations, is quoted in the new 4imprint promotional products catalog. “Our representative, Jamie, is such a wonderful person to work with. She is always professional, pleasant to work with, and always willing to go the extra mile to meet our needs. Your prices and items are so easy to find in your catalog and Jamie is willing to send a quote with all the information for decision-making. We have an excellent experience with 4imprint and look forward to a continuous business relationship.” A CD case and Post-it Notes featuring ACCC’s logo appear in the catalog.

Kathy Corbalis, college relations, wrote a commentary for the Philadelphia Inquirer, titled, *Keep eyes open—or miss the Pike’s sights* about her 20-year commute on the Black Horse Pike.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

Effie Russell, English, being named Faculty Member of the Year appeared in local weekly newspapers.

Tom Borucki, athletics, was featured in an article on the ACCC baseball club allowing students to continue their baseball careers. Borucki was quoted in the Current newspapers last month. He is getting the word out that he is trying to revive baseball at ACCC. Until this year, it was almost 20 years since ACCC had a team.

Michael Bolicki, social science adjunct, wrote a commentary for The Press of Atlantic City titled, *Thanks, but I’ll gladly pay more at a service station*. “Welcome back, Wawa,” he writes, “but you’ll see me just for your coffee and newspapers...At the risk of being called anti-capitalist by not chasing the lowest possible price, this motorist is bucking the trend and continues to buy his fuel at the higher price,” he writes. “Every week, I purchase approximately 15 gallons of gasoline from the smaller, independent vendor. The difference of three cents more per gallon equates to 45 cents more for fuel. While sitting and waiting for the fuel to be pumped, I witness how much I am getting for the difference.” The article focused on “mom and pop” service as opposed to big corporations and mentioned employing young people.

ACA student **Adam Clark** was featured in The Press of Atlantic City’s coverage of the NJ Seafood Festival.

An article on former ACCC student **Hiddy Hill**, who died of cancer a few short weeks shy of graduation, appeared in The Press of Atlantic City as part of the Legacies feature. When she started college at ACCC two years ago, Hiddy said, “I’m on a mission. I’m going back to school for my grandchildren. When they look back at my life and see that a 58-year-old grandmother can go back to school after 40-whatever years, there is absolutely no reason whatsoever for my grandkids to have an excuse for not going.” Her last exam was May 2. She died May 3.

The Atlantic County Community Extra section of The Press of Atlantic City featured a story of retiring professor **Judy Matsunobu**.

ACCC’s graduation was featured in The Press and several graduation human interest stories appeared in local weekly newspapers.

ALUMNI

The Current newspapers featured ACA graduate **Paul Pantle**, ’87, and The Inn at Sugar Hill where he is head chef. After graduating from the ACA, he worked at a restaurant in Tinton Falls, then Vineland. Some of his special dishes include veal and crab Florentine, southwest shrimp skewers, pesto crusted salmon and sweet potato-crust orange ruffee.

George Carty, ’90, earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the West Virginia School of

Osteopathic Medicine on May 28. He earned a degree in nursing from ACCC. The college was ranked as one of U.S. News and World Report's top medical schools for seven consecutive years.

Tips on Beating the Summer Heat

The N.J. Dept. of Health and Senior Services reminds everyone to protect themselves from summer heat. "Summer heat means taking special care to protect ourselves and loved ones from the risk of heat stroke, heat exhaustion, sunstroke and other physical damage due to dehydration or salt depletion," said DHSS Commissioner Dr. Fred Jacobs.

Heatstroke occurs when the body loses the ability to cool itself. People can go from appearing normal to extremely ill in minutes. They may develop a high body temperature, hot and dry skin, a rapid and strong pulse, and may become delirious or unconscious. Heatstroke victims require immediate medical attention.

Heat exhaustion is a milder illness that may take several days of high temperatures to develop. It occurs when the body's water and salts lost through perspiration are not adequately replaced. Victims may have pale, clammy skin and sweat profusely. They may feel tired, weak or dizzy and have headaches or sometimes cramps, but body temperature will remain close to normal. Heat exhaustion may require hospitalization.

Here are precautions to help beat the heat:

- Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic beverages.
- Reduce physical activity or reschedule it for cooler times.
- Wear loose and light-colored clothing.
- Use sunscreen on all exposed skin and wear a hat or head covering.
- If you do not have climate control at home, take advantage of air-conditioned shelters such as libraries, movies, malls, schools or other publicly accessible buildings.
- Check on elderly relatives and neighbors.
- Don't leave a person or pet in an enclosed car as temperatures can quickly climb to dangerous levels.
- Talk to your health care provider about medicine or drugs you are taking. Certain medications -- such as tranquilizers and drugs used to treat Parkinson's disease -- can increase the risk of heat-related illness.

For more information, visit the DHSS Web site at <http://nj.gov/health/chs/monthlyfactsheets/may05heat.pdf>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar is updated regularly at www.atlantic.edu/about/monthlycal.shtml.

Editor's note: The *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* is available online at www.atlantic.edu/~mcgowan/communicator/news.pdf

Atlantic City Free Public Library Celebrates 100 Years of Service To Atlantic City with a ‘Party in the Park’

The Atlantic City Free Public Library celebrates 100 years of service to the Atlantic City community, schools and residents with a “Party in the Park.” The free community event will be held 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, in Center City Park, on Atlantic Avenue between North and South Carolina Avenues. NOTE: In the event of rain the entire party moves indoors at the Main Library Building 1 N. Tennessee Ave.

Party in the Park will include entertainment, music, dance, activities for young and old as well as over 20 local nonprofit organizations showcasing their programs and services. The celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the original home of the library, The Carnegie Center, on Martin Luther King Boulevard, where 1900s-era library benefactor Andrew Carnegie will meet and greet Father of Atlantic City Dr. Jonathan Pitney and other local dignitaries. Participants will be transported through time to Center City Park where they will be greeted by Atlantic City dignitaries, Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank and members of the library board of trustees and foundation.

After a brief ceremony, the party will begin with a terrific entertainment lineup including Tony Day and Friends; the Dancin’ Divas (a senior dance troupe from Cape May County); Latino dancers Amor por Colombia and the Hispanic Alliance’s Sovereign Avenue School Cultural Dance Group; a Capoeira demonstration of Brazilian Martial Arts; a book sale conducted by the Atlantic City Library Foundation; presentations for children by the Brownstown Bears Puppet Theatre; Patti Harris dance troupe and a visit from Splash, the Atlantic City Surf mascot; plus games, food, fun and much more.

“Party in the Park is a great time to see what’s new at your library, while we celebrate our successes within the community,” said Frank. “There are lots of things to explore at the Atlantic City Free Public Library, from Internet access to the latest bestseller, compact discs and DVDs. We are excited at the community’s participation and look forward to a great day.”

For more information about the Party in the Park or to become a library member, visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library at 1 N. Tennessee Ave. in Atlantic City, call 609-345-2269 or visit the Library’s Web site at www.acfpl.org.

--Kathy McGowan, *editor*