

# ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNICATOR

Atlantic Cape Community College's Information Source

Oct. 24, 2008

## NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **Child Care Center Trick or Treaters in J Building due Oct. 31**

About 15 children in Barbarito and Beyers Preschool on the Mays Landing Campus will trick-or-treat in J building offices on Friday, Oct. 31. Please, no peanut butter cups or candy with peanuts due to allergies.

### **Adding Dependent Children Up to Age 30 to Your Insurance? Due Today!**

If you're re-enrolling your children who had previously "aged-out" of insurance coverage, today is the deadline. Members will be billed the monthly premiums. There is no other payment option.

To be eligible, your children must be age 30 or younger at the time of application, be unmarried, have no dependent(s) of their own, be a resident of New Jersey or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited public or private institution of higher learning, have no other coverage, and provide proof of previous credible coverage. If these requirements are met, your child is eligible to enroll in your medical/prescription plan.

To enroll, contact **Bart Musitano**, Benefits Coordinator, [bmusitan@atlantic.edu](mailto:bmusitan@atlantic.edu), or call him, ext. 5611, today!

### **Reminder: Changes in State Health Benefits due Oct. 31**

If you need to make changes in your State Health Benefits insurance, make sure you get your paperwork to Human Resources by Oct. 31. Any change(s) made now will be effective Jan. 1, including changing health plans, adding eligible dependents not previously enrolled, removing dependents from coverage or enrolling in benefits if you have previously waived coverage.

For more information, e-mail **Bart Musitano**, Benefits Coordinator, [bmusitan@atlantic.edu](mailto:bmusitan@atlantic.edu), or call him, ext. 5611.

### **'Pearls and the City' Fundraiser Benefits Student Aid**

Treat yourself or that special someone to dazzling baubles, while helping a student train for a health career, with "Pearls and the City," 4:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20. The ACCC Foundation partnered with Iridesse Pearls of Atlantic City for a unique demonstration and holiday shopping experience in a high roller suite at Caesars Atlantic City Hotel and Casino.

Iridesse, with exquisitely elegant locations across the United States, is a division of Tiffany & Co. that specializes in fine pearl jewelry. Pearls at all price points will be available that evening.



The fundraiser benefits the Tuition Assistance Fund at ACCC's Health Professions Institute.

Champagne and canapés will be served, and 15 percent of all purchases will go to student scholarships. Space is limited, so reservations are required.

To reserve your spot, make a donation or for more information, contact **Sean Fischer**, Advancement Office, ext. 5674, or e-mail [sfischer@atlantic.edu](mailto:sfischer@atlantic.edu).

### **\$4,000 Pledged So Far Toward \$15,950 Public Employee Charitable Campaign Goal**

The PECC began three weeks ago and 30 ACCCers pledged \$4,000. To those who donated, thank you so much for the great start. We appreciate your generosity and know that it will benefit many who are in need. This year is especially important because of existing economic problems.

With just 11 more weeks to reach our goal of \$15,950, help is needed. Those of you who are able to give and have not yet done so, please make a pledge. The minimum donation to designate to a specific organization is \$52.

Those who donate more than \$156 will be entered in a drawing for first, second and third prizes: First prize: Helicopter to NYC for the overnight stay, dinner and show; second prize: three-day getaway to Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla.; Third prize: Membership to AtlantiCare Life Center/Tilton Fitness.

One time donations may be made by all employees, by cash or check. Payroll deductions may be made by full-time faculty, full- and part-time staff and administrators. Faculty payroll deductions can be taken from 20 pay periods, staff and administrators from 24 pay periods.

If you have any questions or need additional forms, please call **Janet Brenner**, ext. 4858, or e-mail [brenner@atlantic.edu](mailto:brenner@atlantic.edu).

### **METLIFE Retirement Planning Luncheons Set; Make Reservations Now**

Keith Bermeo, Financial Services Representative for METLIFE, will conduct retirement planning workshops on Thursday, Nov. 13; and Wednesday, Dec. 10. Workshops will be held at noon and again at 1 p.m. in J-207 on the Mays Landing Campus. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Keith, (800) 492-3553, ext. 28036, or e-mail [kbermeo@metlife.com](mailto:kbermeo@metlife.com) to make an appointment. METLIFE is one of the vendors in the NJ Alternate Benefit Program (ABP) and the Additional Contributions Tax-Sheltered Program (ACTS).

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Studio Arts Workshops' Art Exhibit and Sale Nov. 4; Reception Nov. 9**

ACCC's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Studio Arts Workshops' Art Exhibit and Sale opens Tuesday, Nov. 4 and runs through Dec. 10. A reception to meet the artists will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9. For more information, call **Buddy Jacobs**, Art Gallery Coordinator, ext. 5346.

### **Last Chance to Reserve Collegewide Book for Spring Semester**

If you plan to use the Collegewide Book, "The Glass Castle," in your spring course, reserve your books now. Send an e-mail to [cwbook@atlantic.edu](mailto:cwbook@atlantic.edu) with your name, course name, number and section for each class using the book and maximum class enrollment for each class by noon, Thursday, Oct. 30.

## **‘Rewrites’ Literary Magazine Accepting Submissions for 2009 Book**

“Rewrites,” ACCC’s literary magazine, is accepting submissions for its 2009 publication. Send to **Elinor Mattern**, Assistant Professor of English, [emattern@atlantic.edu](mailto:emattern@atlantic.edu).

## **TIAA-CREF Counseling Dates Announced; Make Appointment Now**

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Benjamin Venturo has appointments available on the Mays Landing Campus on these dates:

- Thursday, Oct. 30, room J-207
- Wednesday, Nov. 5, Benefits Office, Human Resources
- Tuesday, Dec. 2, room J-207

Call (800) 842-8412 to schedule an appointment or visit <https://ais2.tiaa-cref.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects.exe/ARS.woa/3/wo/gNW71JosC3nI29a5uGt1jTm8bOz/0.0.14.1> to schedule online.

## **Submit Ideas for Next Fall’s Collegewide Book by Oct. 30**

Have you read any books lately that seem like a good fit for the Collegewide Book program? Recommended books must contain fewer than 250 pages, be available in paperback format, be accessible to students at all levels (including students in developmental courses) and have multiple themes that are applicable to a variety of disciplines. Please include the title of the book, name of the author, and a few thoughts on why you believe this would be a good choice. Send recommendations to facilitators **Leila Crawford** and **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli** at [cwbook@atlantic.edu](mailto:cwbook@atlantic.edu) by Oct. 30.

## **Just One Week Left to Join Tilton Fitness for Free**

ACCC employees can enjoy reduced-price membership and access to all four Tilton Fitness locations at no extra charge. All are invited to join Tilton Fitness for free during “Open Enrollment” in October, a savings of \$199. Each membership includes two free personal training sessions to help get you started the right way, an additional savings of more than \$120. Enjoy unlimited group exercise classes, racquetball, swimming and much more. Tilton Fitness has clubs in Northfield, Galloway, Mays Landing and Stafford Township. Call (609) FITNESS for details or go to [www.TiltonFitness.com](http://www.TiltonFitness.com). Offer ends Oct. 31.

## **Best Practices ‘Call for Proposals’ Due Nov. 28**

The Call for Proposals for the 2009 Best Practices Conference just went out. The eighth annual event is scheduled for April 23 and 24 at Hudson County Community College. The form is available at [www.njccc.org](http://www.njccc.org) or [download the form here](#). The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, Nov. 28.

## **CMCC Ambassadors Collecting School Supplies for CMC School Children in Need**

The Student Ambassadors Club at CMCC is collecting school supplies for needy children in Cape May County, grades K-12. Items needed include:

- Backpacks
- Binders
- Pencil pouches and dividers for binders
- Pocket folders
- Lined composition paper
- Pens and pencils
- Small packs of tissues
- Scissors
- Glue, glue sticks
- Index cards
- Sticky notes
- Paper clips
- Little pencil sharpeners
- Rulers
- All sorts of art supplies: crayons, colored pencils, markers

For more information, call **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, Club Advisor, ext. 3619. If you’re not going to be visiting CMCC, send her the items interoffice. All donations are appreciated.

## **Follett Bookstore Announces Annual Faculty/Staff Appreciation Event Date**

Mark your calendar for the ACCC Bookstore's Annual Faculty and Staff Event, 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4. The bookstore invites all ACCC employees to celebrate the partnership. The event will be held at the Mays Landing and Cape May County campuses. Light refreshments will be available and discounts and prizes will be offered. Mark your calendar!

## **Rutgers' 242nd Birthday Celebration Planned Nov. 10; All Invited**

The ACCC Community is invited to attend a celebration in honor of Rutgers University's 242<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10. The Rutgers Open House event will include a tour of Q building (by ACCC's gym), light refreshments and a commemorative gift. For more information, contact **Elizabeth Moore**, ext. 5619 or ext. 2092, or e-mail [emoore@atlantic.edu](mailto:emoore@atlantic.edu).

## **Sabbatical Leave Apps Due Nov. 1; Tuition Reimbursement Apps Due Nov. 5**

The Sabbatical Committee will soon hold its fall meeting to review sabbatical leave applications (due Nov. 1) and all staff and tuition reimbursement applications (due Nov. 5) for ACCCOSAP, ACAFA, Education Association and exempt employees. The Sabbatical Committee does NOT review tuition reimbursement applications for Support Staff. Support staff should contact **Kathy Fritz** for information and deadlines.

Applications for courses being taken during fall 2008, spring 2009 or summer 2009 may be submitted. The Committee will consider applications received before, during and up to 30 days after the last day of classes.

Please forward completed tuition reimbursement applications to **Laura Campbell** in the Senior Dean of Academic Affairs office. Applications received after the deadlines will be reviewed at the committee's spring meeting. If you have any questions, contact Laura, ext. 4909, or e-mail [lcampbel@atlantic.edu](mailto:lcampbel@atlantic.edu).

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP**

Welcome aboard to **Harold Harris**, Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball.

**Bill Dougherty**, Associate Professor, Computer Information Systems, was named Academic Advisor for Athletics.

**Lauren Birdsong**, English Adjunct, part-time LAC Online Tutor and part-time Testing Office Assistant in Mays Landing, is proud to announce the birth of her nephew, Sean Thomas Burke. He was born Sept. 16 with a full head of black hair! She is pictured with Sean and his big sister, Lilly. Congratulations!



*At right, Lilly, Lauren and Sean*

The Mays Landing Campus celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on Oct. 7. Student Activities sponsored a Student Coffee House with coffees from Puerto Rico, Central and South America and Colombia and pastries typical in the Latin culture, such as Mango, Coconut, Pineapple and Guava. Fruit juice samples were also offered. There was a PowerPoint demonstration and lots of Salsa, Merengue and other Spanish music. Brazilian Martial Artist Brian Morini and his students demonstrated the art of Brazilian Capoeira.

Deepest sympathy to **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, Arts and Humanities Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Art, and her husband, John, on the loss of his mother. Cards and other expressions of sympathy can be sent to Cheryl at 107 Lombard Ave., Milmay, N.J. 08340.

If you'd like to drop a card or note of encouragement to **Electra Stulak**, who recently retired, you can

send them c/o **Lisa Apel-Gendron**, CMCC, and she'll forward them to her. "Give my love to my friends there," she said in a recent note.



*Far left, Brazilian Martial Artist Brian Morini and his students demonstrated the art of Brazilian Capoeira. At left, members of the troupe pose with Cynthia Correa, Assistant Director, Student Activities, and Lisa Givens, Student Life Center Specialist.*

All are invited to attend the Veterans Day ceremony, noon, Tuesday, Nov. 11, in cafeteria B on the Mays Landing Campus.

The Student Government Association will hold a College Alcohol Awareness event, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Mays Landing Campus cafeteria. There will be guest speakers, games and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks.

Adjunct **JoAnne Barbieri** is running in the Walt Disney World Marathon to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. You can help by donating at her Web site: <http://pages.teamintraining.org/snj/wdw09/jbarbieri>.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School in Atlantic City is celebrating its 100th Anniversary, Sat., Nov. 15, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Mass will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a reception, 6-7 p.m. and a dance, 7-10 p.m. , with music by the Sweetwater Band. Cost is \$65 plus cash bar. For more information go to [www.olssparish.com](http://www.olssparish.com) and click on OLSS Regional School 100th Anniversary Information or e-mail [OLSS100THEREUNION@aol.com](mailto:OLSS100THEREUNION@aol.com).

November is Advisement Month. Encourage students to see their advisor!

During October, the Collegewide Book facilitators will collect non-perishable goods for donation to the Community FoodBank of South Jersey in Egg Harbor Township. Items needed include peanut butter, jelly, powdered milk and drink mixes, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, pasta, mayonnaise, canned fruit, baked beans, baby foods and formula, canned vegetables, Ensure, soup, instant potatoes, spam, rice and meals in a can, such as beef stew or ravioli. Drop your donations in the designated bin outside room B-148 by Thursday, Oct. 30. For more information, e-mail [cwbook@atlantic.edu](mailto:cwbook@atlantic.edu).

The Collegewide Book facilitators will lead a group of ACCC community members in a volunteer day on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Community FoodBank, 6735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township. The event will run 8 a.m.-noon, beginning with an overview of the site followed by volunteer work. Interested students, faculty and staff should e-mail [cwbook@atlantic.edu](mailto:cwbook@atlantic.edu) for information or to sign-up. Participants must register by Thursday, Oct. 23, and provide their own transportation to and from the food bank. Only participants who have registered will be allowed to partake in the event's activities.

Happy birthday to **Tom DiPietro**, Oct. 24; **Kim Oliveto**, Oct. 25; **Kathy Corbalis**, **Patricia Gentile**, Oct. 28; **Gene LoPresti**, **Effie Russell**, Oct. 29; **William O'Shea**, Oct. 30; **Nicasio Rabino**, **Thomas Innocente**, **Alissa Wolf**, Oct. 31; **Thomas Borucki**, Nov. 1; **Gorgianne Giordano**, Nov. 5. Adjunct birthdays: **Kenneth Drake**, Oct. 26; **Myrna Rodriguez**, **John Percy**, Oct. 28; **Dawn Renee Warner**, **Susan Chew**, Oct. 29; **Buddy Jacobs**, Oct. 31; **Sally Anderson**, **Robert Ferris**, Nov. 1; **Raymond Gibson**, Nov. 3; **Karin Mandradjieff**, Nov. 4; **James Kirk, III**, Nov. 5; **Gemma Van Epps**, Nov. 6.

## NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

### Greetings from the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by **Dr. Alice Rainey**

Get well wishes to **Daymis Alicea**, Student Services, who was out with a bug this week.

The new Digital Photography Club is up and snapping away with **Daymis Alicea** advising with assistance from **Lizette Cabrera**. Check out their bulletin board across from the cashier's desk.

College representatives visited WACC on Oct. 15 and were warmly greeted by students looking to transfer. Brightly-colored balloons added a festive atmosphere. Several colleges also took advantage of their proximity and visited Cape May on Oct. 16 and Mays Landing on Oct. 14. The events were coordinated by **Dr. Alice Rainey** and **Renee DeAngelo**.

A successful workshop on "Understanding the Transfer Process" was held on Oct. 22 by **Dr. Alice Rainey** in the testing room, which allowed students to follow along with Internet research. Student Services is continuing registration for the next phase of the ESL courses scheduled to begin on Monday, Oct. 27.

Latin Experience Club members raised \$125 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation by selling cupcakes, pink ribbons and door hangers with the breast cancer logos. "Our club's treasurer, **Scott Dorn**, did an excellent job in getting students, faculty and staff to donate to this worthy cause," said **Carmen Cabrera**. Cabrera and **Daymis Alicea**, club advisors, were pleased with the participation of club members and the general student body.



*Members of the Latin Experience Club, from left, Karla Rosado, Secretary; Brenda Ulloa; Rosalyn Henriquez, Vice President; Scott Dorn, Treasurer; Annicys Viola, SGA representative; and Norma Mejia, President.*

The Worthington Atlantic City Campus hosted a meeting of the Atlantic City Business and Community Association (ACBCA) Oct. 16. Guests included Ralph Triboletti, Economic Development Director of AC SID and Atlantic City Councilman Steven L. Moore.



*Pictured at the ACBCA meeting at WACC, left to right: Minyee Ji, Blanche Stowe, Askia Abdussalaam, Audrey Hart, Vivian Cheng, Councilman Steven Moore, Carol Drea, Dean Bobby Royal, Mohammad Sardar and Janet Brenner.*

### Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by **Lisa Apel-Gendron**

October's been a busy month at CMCC with a bevy of special events filling the calendar. Nancy Fiedler of Stockton's teacher education office visited Oct. 2 to address an audience of students and members of the community about teacher certification. The Transfer Fair on Oct. 16, with approximately a dozen four-year institutions attending, attracted great interest among students and faculty. The Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (CARA) T-shirt display, which runs all month, and candlelight vigil Oct. 22 has focused attention on domestic violence and its effects on individuals and communities.

Contests to guess the score of each Phillies playoff and World Series game continue as long as the Phillies continue playing. Winners can choose from a variety of Phillies merchandise displayed in the first floor lobby. And finally, breast cancer awareness is front and center with an information table on the first floor

and a fund-raising table on the second floor. The CMCC Ambassadors Club is raising money through Oct. 31 to support student **Melissa Zarharchuck**, who participated in the Komen for the Cure Three Day Walk in Philadelphia Oct. 17-19. Melissa walked in memory of her great-grandmother, who passed away at age 45 from breast cancer. To contribute, go to [http://www.the3day.org/site/TR/Walk/PhiladelphiaEvent?px=1746977&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1186](http://www.the3day.org/site/TR/Walk/PhiladelphiaEvent?px=1746977&pg=personal&fr_id=1186)

*Security Supervisor Sgt. Al Jayne drops a contribution in the pink bucket to support breast cancer research. Helping out at the table is Joan LaRocca, CMCC Customer Service Representative.*



A second student club is forming at CMCC. Under the gentle guidance of **Fran Rauscher**, English Adjunct Instructor, students interested in creative writing, the visual arts, photography and music are meeting to establish a formal club. For more information, contact Fran at [frausche@atlantic.edu](mailto:frausche@atlantic.edu).

PTK meetings are televised to CMCC, Room 113, each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. SGA Senate meetings are televised to Room 113 each Thursday at 12:30 p.m. All students are invited to attend the SGA Senate meetings.

Customized training continues with half-day classes for bank employees covering supervision, team building and business writing.

We encourage all Cape May County residents to take advantage of the free, County-sponsored drive through flu clinics Oct. 26 and Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Kindle Auto Plaza, exit 10 off the Parkway, in Cape May Court House. For more information, call 463-6581 or visit [www.cmchealth.net](http://www.cmchealth.net).

Security officer **Scott Conklin** has some happy news to share. He and his wife, Colleen, are expecting twin boys Feb. 13. The Conklins have a two-year-old daughter who will no doubt be a great help in nurturing the twins when they arrive.

**Joann Taylor**, Faculty Support, is enjoying a well-deserved week away in New England with husband, Steve.

**Valerie Crawford**, Business Office, likewise is taking a well-deserved fall vacation. She is visiting her daughter and her family in Columbia, S.C.

**Tammy DeFranco**, Counseling, is now working at CMCC full time. Her office is Room 127, and her extension is 6823. Her e-mail remains the same. Please let students know they may contact her at CMCC Monday through Friday.

**Tim Cliggett**, Facilities, snagged a ticket and attended the Oct. 10 Phillies-Dodgers game at Citizens Bank Park. Hey, Tim, any chance of getting a World Series ticket?

Congratulations to longtime math tutor **Javad Razzizad**, who became a U.S. citizen earlier this month. Javad has been with us since our storied days in Rio Grande. Although he is now a full-time Rowan student, he still finds time to tutor math twice a week at CMCC. We're very pleased for you, Javad!

Congrats to **Denise O'Connor**, CMCC Customer Service, for raising the most money among ACCC Heart Captains during the May 2008 Heart Walk. Denise has been a Heart Captain for several years now, and this year she drew on all the resources she could think of to exceed her mark. Outstanding job,

Denise! We understand that **Terri Hamby**, Science Labs, was a close second. Great job, Terri!

Have a worry-free weekend and GO PHILLIES!

## CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

By Sherwood Taylor

**A Message from Sharon Kretmar** – “As I begin my retirement, I would like to extend an enormous thank you to all the colleagues I’ve had contact with during the last seven years. It has been a source of continuing pleasure to interact with the ACCC family. My husband and I are looking forward to a new adventure and a move to California to be closer to our children and grandchildren. Even though I’m beginning a new phase of my life, I will always remember the positive experiences I’ve had throughout my career here at ACCC.”

**Jeff Wenzel** was promoted to Senior Manager of Grants and Compliance. He is working on his master of science degree in higher education at Drexel University. Jeff will be assuming responsibilities for both coordinating CE workshops and his new senior manager duties while we begin the process of replacing him as a program coordinator. Sharon will be working part time to help Jeff transition into his new position.

Congratulations to **Jeff Wenzel** and two of his friends who will be inducted into the White Castle Hall of Fame in Ohio on Nov. 13. In one day, they visited 26 White Castles in New Jersey, eating burgers at every stop. Jeff and his friends will be flown to Ohio, and provided with a free weekend including accommodations and a banquet. We are looking forward to seeing the plaque when he returns.

**Nonprofit Board Development Speaker Series:** Members of nonprofit boards will benefit from this dynamic speaker series designed to address the timely issues of interest to nonprofit board members, executive directors and senior management. Participants will enjoy dinner, networking and a presentation on a topic that is germane to building a superior board. Topics include: Legal Responsibilities and Board Ethics for Nonprofit Boards; Building Culturally Competent Organizations; Developing Board Leadership: Building a Better Board; Fund Development and Successful Fundraising. The Atlantic Cape Safe Youth Partnership (ACSYP) is a collaborative project of Stockton and ACCC. The project is funded by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Compassion Capital Fund Communities Empowering Youth program. Visit <http://www.atlantic.edu/conted/institutePrograms.htm> for current schedule.

**On the Road Again:** **Carol Drea**, **Erica Hoskins** and **Sonia Cruz** represented CE programs at the recent Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival held at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

**Career Advancement Program:** ACCC, in conjunction with the Atlantic Cape May Workforce Investment Board, will train eligible 18- to 21-year-olds looking for entry-level positions as certified nurse aides, patient care technicians, phlebotomy technicians, slot technicians and retail, sales and service associates. The training will be held in Atlantic and Cape May counties and is free. Please refer anyone who is interested to **Erica Hoskins**, ext. 5682.

**Information Sessions:** Continuing Education has expanded the offering of its information sessions on Career Training programs held at our Mays Landing East location (building T), room 103, every Thursday at 1 p.m. and the Cape May County Campus, every Thursday at 1 p.m., Room 103. Two additional locations were added: Worthington Atlantic City Campus, room 216A, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6 p.m., and the Institute for Service Excellence, Hamilton Mall, room 122, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 1 p.m. Please encourage anyone interested in our programs to attend a session.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Cedarwater Painters are featured in an art exhibit, 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, at “Cook” in the Shop Rite Plaza in Somers Point. Refreshments will be served. Cedarwater Painters include ACCCers **Cathie Skinner**, **Paula Demarest**, **Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan**, **Judi Cresenzo** (Adjunct), **Diane Griffith** (Adjunct and **Doug Hedges**’ wife), Mary Ann Kline, Dorothy Lodovico, **Rita Michalenko** and **Bonnie Rand** (Kip’s wife).

**Bobby Royal**, Dean, WACC and Community Affairs, serves as President of the Main Street Atlantic City Board of Directors. The group’s Downtown Revitalization Plan was awarded the Outstanding Comprehensive Plan Award by the N.J. American Planning Association. The project was submitted for the award jointly by Karabashian Eddington Planning Group, LLC and the MSAC Board.

**Sondra J. Dublinsky**, Senior Adjunct, was appointed by Governor Corzine to the N.J. Task Force on Adolescent Substance Abuse.

**Jean McAlister**, Associate Dean of Continuing Education, was appointed to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board by Dennis Levinson on Oct. 9. The Advisory Board focuses on reducing the recidivism rate at the Atlantic County Justice Facility. Education is a major component to reducing prisoner re-entry. Jean serves on the Atlantic County Parole Board’s Employment and Education Taskforce, which consists of community and faith-based organizations, WIB, parole and probation on the local and state levels. Their main focus is to identify services available to ex-offenders including, but not limited to, education, drug and alcohol treatment, employers and law assistance. The Taskforce is developing a County Smartbook and a centralized system to which ex-offenders report upon release from prison.

Former ACCC Counselor **Ed Marshall**, now Coordinator of Recruitment and Special Programs at the University at Pennsylvania, will be honored at Stockton’s Council of Black Faculty and Staff as a Distinguished Stockton Alumni, Thursday, Nov. 13. The event will be held at the Carriage House in Galloway. Cost is \$75 per person, \$70 if purchasing two or more tickets. Dress is cocktail/business. For more information, call (609) 652-4523 or purchase tickets online at [www.stockton.edu](http://www.stockton.edu), keyword: black council.

**Jean McAlister** served on the Community Colleges and Re-Entry Panel at the “Raising the Bars: Technology Based Education from Prison to Community” Conference on Oct. 17 at Rutgers University. The conference was coordinated by the Center for Women and Work and The Sloan Center on Innovative Training and Workforce Development and sponsored by The Nicholson Foundation.

Adjunct **Iona Sochynsky** is the featured artist at a major solo exhibit at the Noyes Museum in Galloway Township. The reception to meet the artist will be held 5-8 p.m., Nov. 14. The show, titled “Abstract Intrigue,” runs through Nov. 30. Hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and noon-5 p.m., Sundays. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. Call (609) 652-8848 or visit [www.noyesmuseum.org/exhibitions.htm](http://www.noyesmuseum.org/exhibitions.htm).

**Maggie Sterling**, an educator at Shore Memorial Hospital and a member of ACCC’s Health Professions Institute Advisory Board, was elected to the Board of Directors of the N.J. State Assembly Association of Surgical Technologists. The organization is dedicated to educating the public about the role of certified surgical technologists in surgical care.

Senior Art Adjunct **Cheryl Crews** is teaching free portrait classes at the Cape May County Library. The classes are held on Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Upper Cape Branch Library. Call the library for more information or visit [www.cmclibrary.org](http://www.cmclibrary.org).

## **English Dept. Co-hosts English Association Northeast Conference in Atlantic City**

ACCC's English Department co-hosted the Two-Year College English Association Northeast Conference in Atlantic City, Oct. 16-18 with Brookdale and Bergen.

The department began planning for this event in July, and one of its responsibilities was to collect items for a "welcome bag" that was distributed to attendees upon their arrival. **Sean Fischer**, Advancement Office, and **Sherwood Taylor**, Director of the Institute for Service Excellence and Continuing Education Marketing, were instrumental in helping the department collect items for the gift bags. **Elinor Mattern**, **Gene LoPresti**, **Maryann McCall** and **Denise Coulter** worked with representatives from Bergen Community College to assemble the gift bags.

**Matt Hagar** and the staff at the college's Follett bookstore donated a beautiful bag of gifts for a door prize.

**Denise Coulter** recruited volunteers to work at the registration table and serve as ambassadors to new visitors in Atlantic County. Assisting with registration were **Denise Coulter**, **Maryann McCall**, **Vickie Melograno**, **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli**, **Jay Peterson**, **Effie Russell** and **Rich Russell**. **Effie Russell** and **Elinor Mattern** hosted a welcome dinner for 10 attendees on Thursday night. Adjunct faculty member **Mary McKee** offered historical tours of the Atlantic City Boardwalk on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Two of the conference's outstanding presentations were made by members of the English Department. **Stephanie Natale-Boianelli**, **Leila Crawford** and **Vickie Melograno** spoke on "Innovative Ideas for Online Discussions," and former Adjunct Faculty **Jamie Gallagher** presented his paper, titled "Letting the Outside In: Teaching Atlantic City in the Community College."

The English Department is grateful for the college's commitment to loaning computer equipment and technical support for the conference. The services of **Nick Ganaway**, ITS, were invaluable.

All in all, it was a very successful event, thanks in large part to the assistance of members of our college community.

## **ACCC IN THE NEWS**

A news release on the ACA open house dates appeared in The Press and local weekly newspapers.

A story on the ACA continuing education workshops appeared in Atlantic County weekly newspapers.

A news release on ACCC's record enrollment appeared in The Press and local weekly newspapers.

## **ALUMNI**

English Tutor and Communication Graduate **Erin O'Kane** '07 was quoted in a Gloucester County Times article on Internet etiquette. O'Kane wrote a weekly "Geek Speak" column for Rowan University's student newspaper "The Whit," that explained the phenomena like chat-speak and other aspects of cyber-culture.

**John Rellah Jr.**, '89 ACA and executive chef at Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone, was a semifinalist in the prestigious Bocuse d'Or USA culinary competition in September. The Florida contest was a pre-qualifying event for the international Bocuse d'Or in Lyon, France. Rellah has worked at the Lespinasse Restaurant in the St. Regis Hotel and Le Bernardin Restaurant in New York City. Eight teams competed in the two-day event at the Epcot International Food & Wine Festival. He prepared elaborate

fish and meat platters for a panel of judges before a live audience.

**Tim Hand** '93 ACA opened Capt. Tate's Tackle Box and Seafood Market in Dennisville. The eatery is open seven days a week and offers a full take-out menu, which features fresh sandwiches and, of course, seafood. Hand formerly worked at The Washington Inn and took time off from his culinary career after a kitchen injury.

**Robert Nolan** '94 is running for a second term on Lower Township Town Council. Nolan is a captain in the Cape May County Sheriff's Office.

Alum **George Hallett** of North Wildwood is the Democratic candidate for Cape May County Sheriff. He is a Vietnam veteran and former Secret Service officer. From 1999-2008 he investigated insurance fraud for the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office. He told the Ocean City Sentinel he is running for office because he has the leadership skills "to ensure the safety of the citizens of Cape May County and the officers in the correctional facility and the sheriff's deputies in the court house."

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

On Oct. 10, Dr. Mora hosted a "Thank You Celebration" for the 2008 Heart Team Captains in Careme's Restaurant. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the 19 heart captains with special recognitions noted. As the "2008 First Place Heart Captain Fundraiser," **Denise O'Connor**'s name was placed on the perpetual plaque to be displayed at all three campuses. **Danays Alvarado** and **Connie Liciardello** were personally thanked for their efforts in raising funds and were signed up as new recruits for 2009.

Heart captains include: **Aline Bennett**, Counseling and Support Services; **Tom Borucki**, Students and Recreation; **Kathy Fritz**, Library (T-shirt design first place award); **Dr. Joyce Grohman**, Faculty; **Terri Hamby**, Campus Outreach (second place fundraiser); **Pat Heller**, Information Technology Services; **BettyAnn Hines**, Company Leader; **Michael Kammer**, WACC and Co-chairperson; **Susan Lee**, WACC; **Pat Kubaska**, Co-chairperson (honorary fundraiser); **Marge Mettelle**, Business Services; **Dom DiPietro**, Maintenance; **Charita McClain**, Human Resources and Co-chairperson (historian); **Gail Mischlich**, Finance; **Denise O'Connor**, CMCC (first place fundraiser and AHA \$1,000+ Club); **Anna Simmons**, Community Outreach; **Electra Stulak**, Retired Counselor, CMCC; **Jo-Ann Volpe**, Administration (promotion coordinator); and **Jeff Wenzel**, Mays Landing East.



*Those who attended the AHA thank you luncheon included (seated, left to right) Aline Bennett, BettyAnn Hines, Gail Mischlich, Connie Liciardello. Standing, left to right, Dr. Mora, Mike Kammer, Terri Hamby, Jeff Wenzel, Anna Simmons, Marge Mettelle, Charita McClain and Danays Alvarado.*

The "AHA Heart Teams T-Shirts Quilt," designed and created by a volunteer from Cape Regional Medical Center, will be on display in the Daniel Leeds Library beginning next week through the end of November. The quilt will be on display in various locations throughout the tri-county area and will be raffled off in 2009.

The 2009 heart walk campaign begins in January and runs until May.

As a member of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, ACCC employees are invited to participate in NISOD's inaugural Webinar Series. To view the schedule on the Webinar topics, as well as archived Webinars and for info on how to connect to the Webinar via Adobe ConnectPro, visit <http://my.adobe.acrobat.com/nisodevent>.

Kudos to **Sara Turner**, MSN, Health Specialist, for her assistance in organizing the Atlantic County Division of Public Health's clinic here Oct. 4. More than 430 flu shots and nine pneumonia shots were administered, 30 more than last year.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

The calendar is updated regularly at <http://www.atlantic.edu/calendars/index.php>. Be sure to add your events. Go to [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu) and at the top right, click on calendars. Scroll down and at the bottom left, select Add Event Form and submit your event!

## **Next CommuniCator Nov. 7**

The next issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator* will be Friday, Nov. 7. Deadline is noon, Monday, Nov. 3. E-mail your submissions to [mcgowan@atlantic.edu](mailto:mcgowan@atlantic.edu).

**--Kathy McGowan**, editor