

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE RETIREE NEWSLETTER

September 24, 2014

Join DVCRA Fall Luncheon Thursday, Oct. 16

To kick-off the 2014-2015 academic year, DVCRA has scheduled an opening potluck luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Martinez Yacht Club.

The Board planned this mid-day event following a number of members' requests for day-time meetings. The social hour will begin at 12 noon and will be followed by lunch. Activities will conclude about 2 p.m.

Please RSVP, as soon as possible, to Jeanne Hymer by phone (925)825-6400 or via email at sjhymer@yahoo.com or to Linda Robbins via email at larobbins1962@gmail.com.

Retirees whose last names begin with A-J are asked to bring a salad or side dish; those with last names beginning with M-Z are asked to bring a main course; and those with last names beginning with K-L are asked to supply a dessert.

John Nahlen, DVC Interim Vice President of Business and Administrative Services, Chris Leivas' former position, will speak on facilities. He will discuss DVC's plans for use of the Proposition E bond money from the last election and of the new buildings on campus.

The DVCRA Board had hoped to meet in the Hotel Restaurant and Management's fantastic, new facilities for this meeting, but because of building activities in progress, it decided to wait for upcoming events to meet there.

If you are into long-term planning, the Board has tentatively planned luncheons for Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, and for Friday, April 24, 2015. Mark your calendar! More details will be forthcoming.

For now, we look forward to seeing you soon at our first event of the academic year in Martinez!



DVC students campaign at the DVCRA spring meeting for Proposition E, which successfully passed.

MAKE A RESERVATION

DVCRA FALL POTLUCK

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014

Martinez Yacht Club

Social Hour at 12 noon

Lunch at 1 p.m.

RSVP:

Linda Robbins

larobbins1962@gmail.com

Or

Jeanne Hymer

Phone: (925) 825-6400

Email:

sjhymer@yahoo.com

Bring a salad or side dish if your last name begins with **A-J**

Bring a main course if your last name begins with **M-Z**

Bring a dessert if your last name begins with **K-L**

Celebrate the Emeritus College's 23rd year of short-term, affordable classes and events for those over 50, with no stress, no tests, no kidding!

There is still time to sign up for classes in the Emeritus College Fall Session.

Pre-registration is necessary for all classes and events. Courses are held at JFK University, Rossmoor, and Diablo Valley College. The 2014 fall session, which started the week of Sept. 15, is packed with nearly 50 different interesting, thought-provoking classes on a wide variety of subjects including photography, astronomy, writing, history, and philosophy, to name a few.

Tours of the Niles Silent Film Museum, the USS Hornet, and history walks of Walnut Creek are also available.

Emeritus is the place to expand your mind without the stress of homework and tests.

To receive a brochure by mail, call (925) 969-4316, *or* view the entire 2014 fall brochure online at www.dvc.edu/emeritus.

In memorium

Barbara Fuller

Barbara Fuller died Dec. 7, 2011 in Portland. She was 84.

Born in Loda, Illinois, on Feb. 16, 1927, she grew up in Loda and earned a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe College, graduating in 1948. She was an active community volunteer in the schools, the Democratic Party, a trip leader with the Sierra Club, and a frequent blood donor.

As a member of the DVC library staff, she maintained the card catalog and repaired damaged books. An early adopter of computer technology, she was involved in the library's conversion to an electronic card catalog.

After 16 years at DVC, Barbara retired from the library in 1986. In retirement, she traveled the world, including archeology digs and walking tours in England, classes at Oxford, and mountain treks to the Matterhorn and Mt. Everest.

Remembrances may be made to Nature Conservancy, local libraries, or high school music or choir programs.



Letters from near and far:

It was so nice to hear from some of you.

Jean Kennedy wrote from Boise, Idaho:

“As a vintage member of the DVC Retirees, I am wondering if perhaps I am the oldest! My tour of duty ended in October 1983, not as a professor but as Faculty Senate Secretary for seven years, then three as the English Division secretary.

“If the distance to Idaho were not a deterrence, I would offer to be your proofreader.”

Jean Kennedy

Response from the editor:

I, or my technician, probably both of us, claim responsibility for that spelling error in our first edition when we wrapped up about midnight! I would happily accept your offer. As I always told my journalism students, “every writer needs an editor.” I proved my point! Any volunteers closer to home?

Thanks so much for your letter, Jean. I welcome other letters.

Barbara Sawyer

Jeanne Hymer describes Chuck Cottril’s Workshop presented exclusively for DVC retirees!

On a lovely summer day in August, seven DVC retirees took advantage of Chuck Cottril’s invitation to meet at his workshop for a wood carving demonstration.. We had a great time and enjoyed his hospitality.

We arrived at his workshop in Walnut Creek before 10 a.m. He surprised us with juice and doughnuts and then proceeded to show us his fantastic workshop.

Chuck has developed a very efficient workshop, filled it with professional equipment and has created a safe, clean, work and storage area.

He explained how he obtains his wood, showed us samples of all types wood, and explained how different pieces react differently. Then he carved a piece of wood and demonstrated how he molds wood into a bowl.

He showed us different finishes and explained how a piece can change while it dries. In just two hours, he presented very complete and fascinating basic instruction of wood working.

Afterward, he joined us for lunch at the Pasta Primavera Restaurant, several blocks from his workshop. We all appreciated the demonstration, and, following lunch, we enjoyed his expert instruction.

Jeanne Hymer

**DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE RETIREE ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET**

SIMPLE SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SINCE 04/10/14

RECEIPTS TO DATE

\$ 10,911.95	Beginning bank balance as of 4/10/14
\$ 200.00	Scholarship money collected
\$ 16.00	Membership dues and directory fees collected
\$ 355.00	Raffle monies collected 05/22/14
\$ 40.00	Returned Cash for attendant on 05/22/14
\$ 300.00	Return Deposit from Martinez Yacht Club
\$ 11,822.95	TOTAL CASH PROCESSED TO DATE

EXPENSES TO DATE

\$ 6,000.00	Scholarship monies to DVC Foundation
\$ 12.92	Paper Placemats for 5/22/14
\$ 120.00	Cash for Attendants at MYC on 5/22/14
\$ 17.99	Cake from Costco for 5/22//14
\$ 6,150.91	Total Expenditures to date 09/15/14

BANK BALANCE AS OF 09/15/14

\$5,672.04

Diablo Valley College Retiree Association

Dues and Membership Information for 2014-2015

→Your dues establish your family membership in the DVCRA for 2014-2015; a part of your dues goes towards creating \$1,000 DVCRA scholarships for six or more of our students.

→If your current directory entry is fine, then just print your name below. If there are changes to any of your contact information, please PRINT them below. The information you supply below will appear in the directory exactly as you have written it.

Name _____ Spouse/partner (optional) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ email: _____

→I've some time to help with DVCRA activities Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what could we ask you to do?

Dues per retiree family for one year: \$20

Additional scholarship contribution: \$_____ (\$30 suggested to reach our goal; *any* extra will help.)

Total \$_____

→If you cannot pick up your copy of the directory at the fall luncheon, it will be mailed to you *unless you check here*: [].

→Enclose your check, made out to DVCRA, with this form, and address your envelope to to:

DVCRA
321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Your return address on the envelope helps us sort.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you soon!