

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE RETIREES NEWSLETTER

March 31, 2015



Join us and get your own view of Mt. Diablo from the Diablo Room.

Photo by Bruce Reeves

April 24, 2015, Friday DVCRA Luncheon Diablo Room

**Hospitality Services and Food Court (HSFC) Building
Lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts Students**

Please RSVP by April 16, Thursday. After that date, reservations cannot be accepted. On April 17, we will give the final numbers for lunch to the Culinary Arts students, who need that lead time to order, schedule, and prepare the lunch.

Anyone who needs a ride should contact Irene Menegas at imenegas@comcast.net. While we may not be able to guarantee a ride, we'll do our best to find one.

MAKE A RESERVATION

**THE DVCRA SPRING
SERVED LUNCHEON**

Friday, April 24, 2015

Diablo Valley College
Hospitality Services and
Food Court Building

RSVP by April 16 to:

Irene Menegas
imenegas@comcast.net
or, Jeanne Hymer
(925) 825-6400

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Email your RSVP to Irene Menegas at imenegas@comcast.net
OR call Jeanne Hymer at (925) 825-6400.

When you RSVP, please indicate if you would like a vegetarian option.

BUFFET

Market Green Salad
Chicken with mushroom stuffing
Vegetarian option (indicate on your RSVP)
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Apple Berry Crisp
\$12 per person
Payable at the door

We'll gather at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

We hope to meet and congratulate our scholarship winners and welcome some new retirees. We will have a silent auction to raise money for future scholarships.

Please park in Parking Lots #7 or #8. Parking Lot #7 has the easiest access to the HSFC Building where the Diablo Room is located. Parking tickets will not be issued on Friday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in all lots.

Shuttle service from parking lot #7 will be offered from 11:40 a.m. for those who need it.

THANK YOU'S

Many administrators and staff made it possible for us to enjoy our two lunches in the Diablo Room.

President Peter Garcia
Vice President, Finance and Administration, John Nahlen
Julie Catalano, Sr. Executive Assistant
Lori Vickers and staff
George DelFabro and staff
Lt. Chad Wehrmeister and Susan Sedillo, Police Services
Cynthia Chavarria and the Culinary Arts faculty
Mercy Pono and the Student Ambassadors
Ashley Pearson from Media Services

In addition to the above for their help in facilitating both luncheons, thank you to the Culinary Arts faculty and students who will be preparing our buffet on April 24, especially Chef Brian McGlynn.

Freebees for retirees

Library access...

Feeling nostalgic for “The Godfather” trilogy—all 730 minutes plus bonus material?

No need to head to your nearest video store. Not when you're a DVC retiree and the DVC library is just a mouse click away.

Best of all: It's free.

“Retirees remain in our library system as patrons,” said DVC librarian Andy Kivel. “They can check out any book and also access all of our electronic content—subscriptions, data bases, eBooks, and films on demand, everything we make available through our website.”

All that's needed for authentication in the system is your last name and employee ID.

If you prefer to go in person, library hours this semester at the Pleasant Hill campus are: 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday; and closed Sundays and holidays.

Hours at the San Ramon campus are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday; noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and closed Sunday and holidays.

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...and Parking Permits

DVC retirees are eligible for a free, on-campus parking permit that allows parking in any space, except those reserved for people with disabilities. It does not come with an expiration date.

Police Services Dispatcher Rhonda Mims said the green and white decal is identical to the one issued to employees during their pre-retirement days. Anyone without such a decal should first pick up proof of retirement from the HR office in the Administration Building and then take it to the Campus Police building for processing.

“We won’t issue a permit without such proof,” Mims said. “We don’t just give them out to anyone.”

Mims said retirees are allowed only one such permit. Otherwise the fee is \$3 for a daily permit purchased at the machines in the lots.

Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis, with permits required at DVC from 6 a.m. Monday through 5 p.m. Friday. Permits are not required at the San Ramon campus.

Spring literary event at DVC, you are invited to attend

A trio of events is promised by the English Department’s Spring Literary Event, according to Jessica Barksdale.

Novelist Christian Kiefer will speak and read from his book *The Animals* on Tuesday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. At 11 a.m. he will discuss the writing craft and his life as a writer. At 12:30 p.m. he will read from his book.

For more information about him, consult his website at <http://www.xiankiefer.com>

Winners/honorees from DVC’s recent writing contest will be honored on Wednesday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Nine English Department faculty members will finish off the week with a reading, on Thursday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

All events are scheduled for the BLF Community Room. If you have questions, contact Jessica Barksdale at jbarksdale@dvc.edu.



**The five-year project has finally come to completion.
Please celebrate with us! Wednesday April 8, 2015**

3:30 p.m. – Student performances

4:30 p.m. – Ribbon cutting and acknowledgements

5:15 p.m. – Music, food, and fun! Celebrate everything the commons was designed to be:

- Take a tour of the two beautiful new buildings: Student Services Center and Hospitality Services and Food Court;
- Sample freshly made desserts from the state-of-the-art culinary arts kitchen;
- Learn about the sustainable features of our new outdoor commons area that helped us earn a LEED Gold Certification!
- Or just kick back on the grass and enjoy good food prepared in our new food service kitchen.

What would you say to this student?

A chance to have your say about joining the education establishment—or not

By Bruce Reeves

Just before I retired, a 20-year-old student asked, "Mr. Reeves, I'd like to become a teacher. Should I?"

30-40-50 years ago I would have said "absolutely" in an instant. But today? I'm a lot less sure: we *want* highly motivated, bright young men and women as teachers, support staff, administrators, regardless of grade level. But seeing public attitudes, and the way some of them are expressed? Man-O-Man: what does one say?

I'd like to ask you, each an experienced support staff, faculty, or administration, what *you* would say in answer to my student's question. With the writer's permission, I'll publish selections of the results in the newsletter as well as the overall vote. I hope each of you will express your opinion, with either a flat-out "yes-no-maybe," followed by a brief explanation [200 word max] of *why* you answered the way you did. Email your answers to me at brucethebald@astound.net before April 20. If you want to answer anonymously, email won't do it. Mail your thoughts to Bruce Reeves, 1025 Hacienda Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

In either case, *please* say whether you were support staff, administration, or faculty—and write "OK to publish in newsletter" if you're comfortable with that. I promise not to let any serious word gaffes damage your statement.



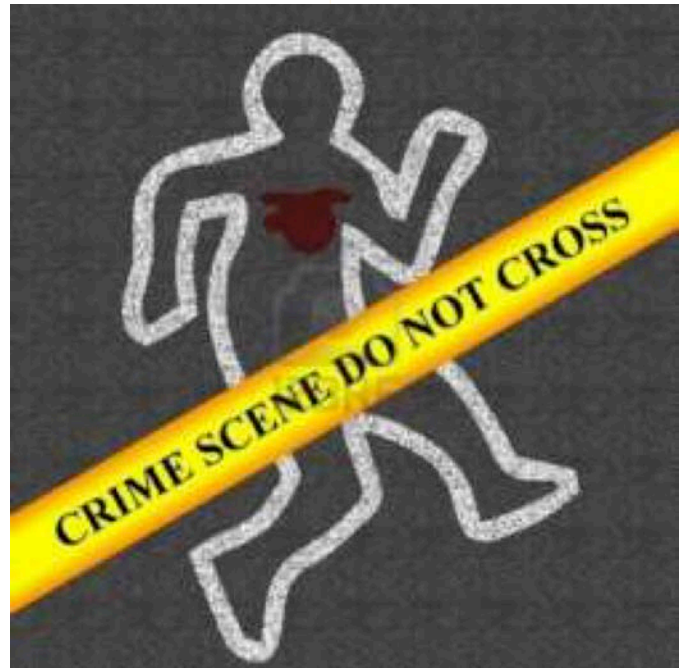
Gloria Gilmore, Ginny Kerr, Jackie Smith, and Jim Costa at the February luncheon.
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Emeritus College

Coffee, Cookies, and...Crime!

Four CRIME writers discuss their craft

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Guest Authors

Patricia Royal – Medieval Mysteries

Ann Parker – Silver Rush Mysteries (The Old West)

Pete Crooks – The Setup: A True Story of Dirty Cops, Soccer Moms, and Reality TV

Camille Minichino (aka Margaret Grace, Ada Madison, Jean Flowers) – author of 23 mysteries

What: Discussion with the authors followed by refreshments

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015, 1pm-3pm

Where: Diablo Valley College, Community Conference Room