

# SMCM Staff News

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## FA12 Staff Senate events...were you there?



**Brad Newkirk**, Chemistry Lab Coordinator, was at the River Rendezvous on Oct 18.



Some of the beautiful and delicious cookies made by Beth Byrd that were delivered, along with various other yummy treats made or donated by Staff Senate & Social Connections Committee members, to Campus Offices during the Holiday Cheer Tour on Dec. 6.

**The end of the fall semester is here.** It came with without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. But it came to a close none the less. As I write this I reflect on the hard work of the senators this semester and how proud I am of the group.

Our Professional Development Committee has created several workshops that to help further the professional experience of our staff. Including how to pursue a college degree while working full time and how to "manage up", a workshop on developing successful relationships with your supervisor. Our Social Connections Committee hosted a River Rendezvous at the River Center with fresh baked goods and lots of fun. They also hosted a trivia night at the campus pub with David Sushinsky as our trivia master.

The Awards and Recognition Committee has highlighted the Joe Carroll award with a beautiful plaque on the second floor of the campus center near the J. Frank Raley Great Room. Look out for the nomination forms for the this year's Joe Carroll award in addition to the new Monthly Staff Recognition Award.

The Senate and I are excited for what the spring semester brings. We hope you enjoy the holiday season, your well deserved break and that you get to carve the roast-beast.

Derek M. Young  
Staff Senate President



[From L to R] **Faye Graves** (HR Specialist), **Jim McGuire** (Resident Inspector/Project Manager), **Richard Wagner** (Director of the Campus Store), **Clayton Hartley** (Assistant Director of Institutional Reporting) and **Mary Grube** (Operations Manager, Campus Store) shared their experiences with continuing education during "How to Pursue a Deferred Dream: Balancing College Classes and Your Full-time Job" on Oct 23.



[From L to R] "The Library team" of Louisa Michie '16, **Kat Ryner**, **Pamela Mann & Rob Sloan** was at the Pub for Trivia Night on Oct 25.



## Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

**Joanne Goldwater**, Associate Dean of Students/Director of Residence Life/Sign Language Instructor, is actively involved in two civic causes and her professional housing officers association. In Jan 2013, she will become the chair of the Research and Educational Foundation of the Association of College and University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I). She is also serving as the Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Arc of Southern Maryland (an organization that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities). However, what has touched her heart more than anything in the past two years is her volunteer work for the American Cancer Society (ACS).

A 2 year (& counting!) breast cancer survivor with a strong desire to provide education and support to others, Joanne is involved with the College's Relay for Life event (March 2-3, 2013 in the MPOARC). She serves on the planning committee for the county-wide Relay for Life (June 8-9, 2013 at Leonardtown High School) and she served on the committee for St. Mary's County Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC) event on Oct 7.

If you have any questions, worries, fears, concerns, or a desire to go for a cup of tea, please feel free to contact Joanne at x4207, GL 150, or [jagoldwater@smcm.edu](mailto:jagoldwater@smcm.edu).

**Mandy Reinig**, Director of International Education, and **Caitlin Ginter**, Associate Director of IE, went to the NAFSA [Association of International Educators] Regional Conference which took place Nov. 15-17 in Alexandria, VA. Mandy presented "Pin It! Tweet It! Post It! Engaging Diverse Audiences" and "I Speak English, What Else is There to Know: Orientation for Study Abroad". Caitlin presented "The NAFSA Academy Experience"

## Staff Spotlights



### Meet Steve Hanlon, Area Coordinator for Late Night Programming

**How long have you been at SMCM?** I started August 1, 2012 making it 4 months.

**What path led you to St. Mary's?** After I completed my graduate Assistantship at Arkansas Tech University, St. Mary's filled a few different qualifications. I wanted a small school. In a small school, it is easier to get to know the staff, faculty, and most importantly the students. It also gave me the chance to supervise more than one residence hall. I am able to supervise three residence halls and hold a collateral position which gives me a chance to work on skills that are outside the realm of residence life. It also gives me a warmer climate than my native land of Michigan.

**What do you do by day?** My daily position includes supervising the residence halls of Caroline, Prince George, and Queen Anne. I supervise the residence hall coordinators and indirectly supervise the resident assistants of those buildings. I manage the programming, daily operations, and serve as an on-call professional. I also work on putting together a late night programming platform that the students will be interested in. I also am in meetings and try to do various activities that will advance my development as a professional in the field.

**What do you do with your evenings/weekends?** I am an avid sports fan. My favorite sports are football and baseball. I do enjoy video games as well which are usually related to sports. I do enjoy a few different TV series which involves the food network...now if I could only cook like them! When it is nice out, I will get out and enjoy the weather but that will be in a few months.

**What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?** I have not left campus for lunch yet, but am willing to try new things.

**What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?** I have a wide range of interests. I like to collect a wide range of items. I am a numismatic or collector of coins, particularly the quarters sets. I collect little plastic ducks, rocks and gems, and cards particularly in baseball. I enjoy country music with an emphasis in Taylor Swift music. One more shocking fact is that I have mentored a high school robotics team in some facet over the past four years.



### Meet Sandy Robbins, Office Associate for Kent Hall

**How long have you been at SMCM?** I have been here in the same position since July 1995.

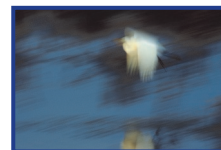
**What path led you to St. Mary's?** I had been commuting to DC and wanted to get closer to home. I did home care for a year for an Alzheimer's patient before being selected for the position here.

**What do you do by day?** Provide administrative support for Kent Hall (the old History & Social Science Division) which includes receptionist duties, event planning, ensuring all components of the building and classroom media are operational, making travel arrangements, being part of Kent's Emergency Response Team, and a variety of other tasks.

**What do you do with your evenings/weekends?** Lots of playtime with my dog every day. Weekends - normal household chores and go out looking for photo subjects. Winter evenings - edit those photos if necessary, read, crochet, genealogy, admin on several Facebook pages and a Yahoo! Group, and attend the St. Mary's Camera Club meetings every Wednesday ([www.smccc.org](http://www.smccc.org)). I have been the Membership Director/Treasurer for the last three years and was recently re-elected for 2013. Summer evenings I am chasing sunset shots and everything else that I do during the winter evenings.

**What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?** Courtney's!

**What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?** My youngest grandchild just turned 18 on Thanksgiving Day and I am a great-grandmother of a one-year-old. Also... Early in June, the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomon's Island, Maryland announced a call to artists for a juried exhibition celebrating National Lighthouse Day on August 5, 2012. My photograph of the Piney Point Lighthouse was accepted for the exhibition and displayed in the museum lobby gallery August 3, 2012 - September 4, 2012, along with about 40 other pieces of 2-D wall art depicting U.S. lighthouses. In August, I won first place in our camera club's "themed" portion of the monthly competition with a shot of our very own Lady Seahawks and third place for a shot of a white heron. The theme for August was 'motion'.



# Welcome to St. Mary's!

Athletics and Recreation	Jennifer A. Robertson, Assistant Athletic Trainer
Conferences & Events	Linda Turner, Director of Events and Conferences
International Education	Caitlin D. Ginter, Assistant Director of International Education
Public Safety	Mark A. Clark, Public Safety Officer/Non-Commissioned

## Now That's Service!

Congratulations to the following staff who have served the College for 5 to 30 years (and more!). If you see these folks on campus or in town, stop and say "Thanks for a job well done!"

### 30 Years of Service:

Joseph S. Goddard – General Trades Mechanic, Office of Physical Plant  
Lucy H. Myers – Fiscal Associate II, Kent Hall  
Gail A. Wood – Fiscal Administrator, Montgomery Hall

### 25 Years of Service:

Margaret R. Slaughter – Caretaker I, Physical Plant

### 20 Years of Service:

Brian P. Ganz – Artist in Residence  
Stacey L. Goddard – Data Manager, Admissions  
Celia E. Rabinowitz – Director of the Library/Faculty/Librarian  
Frances B. Titus – Fiscal Associate II, Schaefer Hall

### 15 Years of Service:

Daniel S. Branigan – Director of Design and Construction, Planning & Facilities  
Lee W. Capristo – Director of Publications  
Symaria A. Enoch – Fiscal Associate II, Human Resources  
Kathy J. Grimes – Assistant Vice President for Board Relations  
Carol L. Morris – Evening/Weekend Circulation Supervisor, Library  
Irene Y. Olnick – Senior Accountant, Business Affairs  
Joan E. Pickett – Executive Assistant, Office of VPAA/Dean of Faculty  
Jack D. Short – Computer Programmer/Analyst, Information Technology  
Elizabeth N. Williams – Dean of the Core Curriculum/First Year Experience

### 10 Years of Service:

Deborah M. Brooks – Office Administrator, Information Technology  
Rachel E. Brooks – Caretaker I, Physical Plant  
David V. Groupe – Technical Director/Lighting Designer, Montgomery Hall  
Judy L. Johnson – Office Associate II, Planning & Facilities  
Jeffrey E. Smith – Associate Director of Admissions/Coordinator Recruiting  
Jennifer A. St. Germain – Animal Caretaker/Departmental Technician, Psychology Department  
David M. Sushinsky – Director of Alumni Relations, Office of Advancement

### 5 years of Service:

Elizabeth A. Byrd – Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Office of Advancement  
Kathy I. Cheek – Caretaker I, Physical Plant  
Robert E. Clements – HVAC Mechanic, Physical Plant  
Thomas W. Fisher – ARC Director/PE Coordinator, Athletics & Recreation  
Joyce C. Goodwine – Fiscal Administrator, Physical Plant  
Laura J. Gordon – Caretaker I, Physical Plant  
Juliet M. Hewlett – Caretaker I, Physical Plant  
Susan K. Mazuc – Office Associate II, Schaefer Hall  
Melvin A. McClintock – Assistant Director of Human Resources/AA/EEO Officer  
Chris D. McKay – Groundskeeper I  
Nairem Moran – Sports Information Director, Athletics & Recreation  
Amanda L. Pilkerton – Accounts Receivable Specialist, Business Affairs  
Eric J. Reed – Groundskeeper I  
J. Sara Slaff – Legal Counsel  
Stephanie M. Somerville – Caretaker I, Physical Plant  
Derek M. Young – Associate Director of Residence Life

## Off to the Wild Blue Yonder with Our Best Wishes

Can't imagine ever leaving this place? The following staff and faculty made the leap to retirement during 2012:

Nancy Abell (19 yrs)  
Lisa Crowe (37 yrs)  
Darlene Defibaugh (11 yrs)  
Arthur den Hartog, Jr. (8 yrs)  
Laraine Glidden (35 yrs)  
Joseph Milburn (31 yrs)  
Robert C. Sloan (31 yrs)  
Joe Storey (33 yrs)  
Merideth Taylor (22 yrs)  
George Waggoner (8 yrs)  
William Williams (24 yrs)

## Congratulations!

**Ashley Taylor**, Graphic Designer, was married on Sept 28 at Jefferson Patterson Park in St. Leonard, MD. She has changed her name to Stopera.

**Linda Russell**, Library Day-time Circulation Supervisor, and her husband Sheldon, welcomed the birth of their first grandchild on Oct 6. Born to Brian and Elizabeth Russell (both '08 alums) Alyssa Lynn, was 7lbs, 15 oz and 20".



**Anthony Guzman** of the Registrar's Office and his wife Linda welcomed a son, Alex Thomas, on October 1. He was 8lbs, 15.5 oz and 21"

**Beth Bryd** and her husband Jeff welcomed the birth of their first grandchild on Nov 13. William George, born to Andrew and Amy Byrd, was 6 lb, 14 oz and 20".



## Let Us Hear From You!

Email your suggestion, question, concern to [dmyoung@smcm.edu](mailto:dmyoung@smcm.edu)

## St. Mary's by the Numbers:

**375**

The approximate number of delicious crepes served up during any given week at the Campus Center Great Room by "**Big T**" **Anthony Evans**, a cook for Bon Appétit.

**463**

The number of candy corn pieces in the jar at the October River Rendezvous. **Alan Lutton**, Office Administrator in the Library, won the game with an amazingly close guess of 464.



**500**

The number of dollars that were anonymously donated to the Staff Senate so that the Awards & Recognition Committee could give out monetary "Staff Employee of the Month" awards. Award winners will receive 5 lunch tickets. See Campus Offices and/or Senators for nomination forms and more details.



## Staff Senate Committees

### Professional Development

Cindy Dale (co-chair), Clinton Gilbert (co-chair), Bob Brown, Elizabeth Clune-Kneuer, Mary Grube, Janet Lawrence, Francis Raley, Linda Wallace

### Elections

Beth Byrd (chair), Cheryl Colson, Clinton Gilbert

### Communications

Angie Draheim (chair), Lee Capristo, Katie Lange

### Awards & Recognition

Beth Byrd (co-chair), Clinton Gilbert (co-chair), Cheryl Colson, Kelly Smolinsky

### Bylaws

Derek Young (chair), Dana Van Abbema

### Social Connections

Katie Lange (chair), Kristen Bergery, Rachel Brooks, Dana Cullison, Cindy Dale, Mandy Reinig, Marsha Wilcox

### Finance / Government Relations

Irene Olnick (chair), Lee Capristo, Angie Draheim, Clinton Gilbert, Mandy Reinig, Adam Werblow

## Staff Senate Mission Statement

St. Mary's College of Maryland is committed to developing and recognizing the contributions of the full range of its professionals as they work toward achieving the college's mission. The St. Mary's College of Maryland staff senate shall be the official representative body of the college staff. The senate offers a voice for all staff, endeavors to enhance the day-to-day work environment, and promotes a sense of community and respect across campus by fostering open communication with the college president, senior administration, faculty, students and the board of trustees.

## Upcoming Events

**Every Tuesday at 12pm the Wellness Committee** welcomes your company on the Michael P. O'Brien outdoor track.

**The Staff Book Club** meets a month at 12pm in the Library Board Room. **Contact Cheryl Colson** at x4261 or [cicolson@smcm.edu](mailto:cicolson@smcm.edu) for more info.

See <https://oit.smcm.edu/display/oit/OIT+Training+Registration> for **Training Sessions offered by the Office of Instructional Technology**. A number of sessions are offered in early January for Google Mail, Google Calendar, and Google Docs and Drive.

**Jan 7, 2013:** "Time Management" with Tom Botzman at **Time and Location TBA**. (Professional Development)

**Jan 8, 2013:** "Professional Writing on Campus" with Dr. Ben Click at **Time and Location TBA**. (Professional Development)

**Feb 19, 2013:** "FAFSA Training for SMCM Employees" with Caroline Bright. 10-11AM @ Learning Technology Center, Baltimore Hall

**Mar 3, 2013:** 4th Annual American Cancer Society SMCM Relay for Life; 6pm @ Michael P. O'Brien Athletics & Recreation Center. **Contact** one of the Student Event Co-Chairs, **Colleen Hughes '12** ([cshughes@smcm.edu](mailto:cshughes@smcm.edu)) or **Teresa Padgett '14** ([tmapdgett@smcm.edu](mailto:tmapdgett@smcm.edu)) for more information. **Sign up online at** <http://relay.acsevents.org/site/R?i=jByO6TftZyH7O63KaWecJg>

