

SMCM Staff News

Way to Work on Your Wellness, Folks!

"I had LASIK surgery in March 2013 and besides quitting smoking 20 years ago it was the best thing I did for myself." - **Cindy Dale**



Jackie Trenholm was the first person to "Reach the Beach" for the Wellness Committee sponsored program.

The program was 9 week challenge run Sept 26-Nov 17 and the goal was to "walk" from SMCM to "Ocean City" (186 miles) with 9 checkpoints along the way. 1 "mile" was earned for every 5 minutes of activity. 7 people participated and altogether logged 6,510 minutes of activity!

'Tis the Season for Giving!

Big thanks to our SMCM varsity athletes who did a great job organizing an Adopt-a-Family holiday collection for 9 families (7 SMCM staff & 2 from St. Cecelia's Church)! Gifts totaling \$3,250 were given to 30 kids ranging in age from newborn to 15 yrs.



Cheer was spread to offices throughout campus by way of treats, smiles and laughter on Dec 12.

We don't know about you, but with each passing year it seems to us the semesters go by quicker. FA14 has really been a whirlwind. We are ready to slow down a bit but will hit the ground running in SP15.

Here are some things you should know:

- The bylaws committee has reviewed the current bylaws and made minor revisions and clarifications. **The proposed amendments will be voted on at the next Staff Association Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2015 at 10 am in St. Mary's Hall. Please mark your calendars and be sure to attend!**
- Ratified amendments will then go to the President and the Executive Council for review before being brought to the Board of Trustees for approval at the May meeting.
- With the retirement of Dana Cullison in OIT and the departure of Steph Guzzo in Athletics & Recreation (she's going to travel with the Harlem Globetrotters), elections were conducted to find replacement senators. **We are excited for Chris Burch from OIT and Jim Cranmer from Athletics to join the senate starting in January 2015!**

In the meantime, we wish everyone a safe and restful break! Think happy thoughts and please be kind to each other so we can keep St. Mary's a special place to work!



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Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Did you know...

Sabine Dillingham recently published a scientific article, entitled "Environmental stress as an indicator of anthropogenic impact across the African Albertine Rift: a case study using museum specimens" in the journal *Biodiversity and Conservation* (Biodivers. Conserv. (2014) 23:2221–2237).

This publication is based on years of research with her former graduate student Melanie A. Askay, and former faculty colleagues John C. Kostelnick at Illinois State University and Julian C. Kerbis Peterhans at the Chicago Field Museum. Sabine says it was a fun project and her student was able to work at the Field Museum and in East-Central Africa, which was an experience of a life time.

Clint Neill has been selected to be on the leadership team for the 2015 National Association of Campus Activities Regional Conference Planning Committee. He will be the Education & Professional Development Coordinator.

Kelvin Clark wrote an article for the 2015 MD-DC Campus Compact Magazine: Model Program edition summarizing his efforts this summer on the "Bladensburg Outreach Project." For three-weeks, from May 16-June 6, Kelvin traveled to Bladensburg High School to help the eight DeSousa-Brent Scholars present a liberal arts seminar to 40 BHS students. The DB Scholars conducted, for the most part, a U.S. News & World Report session on all two-year and four-year schools in MD; they taught these BHS students about admission processes, financial aid, and of course SMCM.

Staff Spotlight: Susan Sullivan, Accounts Payable Representative



How long have you been at SMCM?

I started out in food service with the Wood Company; I was in the snack bar. I was there when the new cafeteria was built; I worked in the kitchen when we had blankets hanging for walls and the wind and snow blew in so I've been on campus for about eighteen years.

What path led you to St. Mary's?

I came to St. Mary's due to the location being ten minutes from my home.

What do you do by day?

I work in the Business Office. I pay bills that the College makes such as electric, phone, bookstore books and other items that are available at the bookstore.

What do you do with your evenings/weekends?

On the weekends and evenings I work in my yard, take care of my Mother, and spend time with my daughter and my dog.

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?

My favorite lunch spot is my backyard sitting in the sun.

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?

I'm pretty much what you see so there are no surprises.

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?

I was helping an older lady clean out her house and she had some of the most unique things and she could tell you when she bought or received them. In one closet she had a top hat, like the ones you see in the old black and white movies, that her husband wore to meetings. I liked to listen to her tell me about the old days and how they made a living and raised her children and educated them through school and religion. What an amazing person.

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Office of Information Technology

Ross P. Conover, Enterprise Support Specialist

Physical Plant

Tonya L. Ridgell, Groundskeeper I

Kudos to our incredible staff...continued

Kelvin was also featured in an article in *The Point News* newspaper! Did you see it?



Emily Jackson, Leonard Brown, Mary Grube, Lisa Coté, and Dan Schell were inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa on Oct 31. ODK is a national leadership honor society of students, faculty and administrators that supports and applauds superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character.

Now That's Service!

Congratulations to the following staff who have served the College for 5 to 40 years! If you see these folks on campus or in town, stop and say "Thanks for a job well done!"

40 Years of Service:

Anita F. Graves – Human Resources Specialist, Human Resources

30 Years of Service:

Thomas W. Ford – Caretaker, Physical Plant

25 Years of Service:

Donald E. Wince – Communications Systems Specialist, Information Technology

20 Years of Service:

Brenda F. Carter – Caretaker, Office of Physical Plant

Richard D. Long – General Trades Mechanic, Physical Plant

15 Years of Service:

Andre R. Barbins – Aquatics Center Director/Head Swim Coach, Athletics & Recreation

William J. Cranmer – Assistant Athletic Director for Operations & Compliance, Athletics & Recreation

James P. Ford – General Trades Mechanic, Physical Plant

Karen C. Raley – Senior Development Officer/Donor Relations & Communications, Advancement

Jennifer L. Sivak – Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs

Annamarie Speck – Office Associate, Academic Services

Lea G. Waldridge – Fiscal Associate, Goodpaster Hall

10 Years of Service:

Monica L. Armstrong – Office Associate, Residence Life

Curtis R. Barclift – Acquisitions Technician, Library

Patsy A. Bush – Caretaker, Physical Plant

Cordell V. Carter – General Trades Mechanic, Physical Plant

Frances D. Davis – Café/Convenience Store Manager, Campus Store

Angela R. Draheim – Departmental Assistant in Psychology, Goodpaster Hall

Anthony R.D. Guzman – Lifelong Learning/Registrar Associate, Registrar

Emily B. Jackson – Director of Advancement/Prospect Management, Advancement

William P. Nash – HVAC Mechanic, Physical Plant

Davielle S. Price – Caretaker, Physical Plant

Nancy L. Raley – Office Associate, Public Safety

5 Years of Service:

Jonathan M. Arakelian – Software Administrator, Information Technology

Tommy J. Cable – Disbursement Accounting Supervisor, Business Affairs

Kelly S. Hernandez – Assistant Director of Foundation Finance and Administration, Advancement

Christopher A. Kessler – Senior Public Safety Officer/Non-Commissioned, Public Safety

Leslie L. Moore – Director of Student Teaching/Professional Development School Coordinator

Bradley D. Newkirk – Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator, Planning & Facilities

Pamela A. Wood – Caretaker, Physical Plant

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 2014:

Barbara C. Beliveau (9 years) - Associate Professor

Paulina A. Ropshaw (14 years) - Office Associate, Student Activities

Dana Cullison (31 years) - OneCard Administrator, Information Technology

or provide your senator with an update to pass along!

Congratulations!

Stephanie Somerville welcomed the birth of her 6th grandchild, Brayden Thompson-McDade, on Oct 28. At birth, little Brayden weighed 3 lbs, 8 oz. As of Dec 2, he was up to 6 lbs, 4 oz.



Amanda Pilkerton is expecting her first baby (a girl) in February; Glendening offices threw her a surprise baby shower.



Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winner

November 2014

Peggy Aud, Event Coordinator in the Office of Events & Conferences

"Peggy is extremely knowledgeable and helpful and knowing Bon Appetit's menus and policies is very beneficial in planning events."
- Nominator

Nominate a worthy staff member today!

Winners receive 5 FREE tickets to the Great Room.

Nomination forms for the monthly award are available in department offices and online. They are due the 3rd Friday of every month to Beth Byrd eabyrd@smcm.edu or Alumni House).

St. Mary's by the Numbers

15 the number of trees planted by grounds crew, staff and student volunteers in conjunction with the **Office of Sustainability** on Nov 14.

40 the number of toys collected during the **Wellness Committee's** Toys for Tots Walk on Dec 3. **10** individuals braved the cold to walk the track.

109 the number of boxes (containing approximately **3,341** used books) shipped from the **Library** to **Better World Books** in Nov '14.

"Every time you purchase a book from **Better-WorldBooks.com**, we donate a book to someone in need. The books we donate go through hundreds of non-profit organizations - you can see them on our Impact Map. In particular, Books for Africa and Feed the Children partner with us to take large numbers of donated books and get them to people who need them."

200 the number of pounds of food donated by faculty, staff, and students and collected by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee during the month of November for donation to the food pantry at St. Cecilia's Church.



1200 the number of pairs of shoes collected from faculty, staff, and students throughout November for the Soles4Souls shoe drive primarily organized by the Men's and Women's Cross Country team.



Staff Senate AY14-15: Kyle Bishop, Dana Burke, Beth Byrd, Tommy Cable; Treasurer, Cheryl Colson, Kelvin Clark, Dana Cullison, Angie Draheim; Vice President, Faye Graves, Steve Gregory, Mary Grube; President, Stephanie Guzzo, Kelley Hernandez, Mary Johnston, Kathy Lewin, Alan Lutton; Secretary, Francis Raley, April Ryan, Dan Schell, Stephanie Somerville, Leslie Tucker, Adam Werblow, Marsha Wilcox

Staff Senate Committees

Professional Development

Tommy Cable (chair), Kelvin Clark, Stephanie Guzzo, Alan Lutton, Kelley Hernandez, Jim McGuire, Catherine Pratson

Elections

Angie Draheim (chair), Kyle Bishop, Kelley Hernandez

Communications

April Ryan (Chair), Angie Draheim, Kathy Lewin, Stephanie Somerville

Awards & Recognition

Beth Byrd (co-chair), Kyle Bishop, Dana Burke, Dana Cullison, Kathy Lewin, Sherrie Wooldridge

Bylaws

Dan Schell (chair), Cheryl Colson, Angie Draheim, Adam Werblow

Social Connections

Marsha Wilcox (chair), Dana Cullison, Faye Graves, Steve Gregory, Mary Johnston, Francis Raley, Dan Schell, Lisa Smith, Leslie Tucker



Upcoming Events

Staff Senate Meetings. Any staff member may attend Staff Senate meetings so mark your calendars and plan to join us! All senate meetings 10 am-12 pm in the Glendening Annex unless otherwise noted. **1/7 (Library Board Room); 1/28 (Staff Association Mtg - St Mary's Hall); 2/18; 3/11; 4/1; 4/22; 5/13; 5/20 (Staff Association Mtg - St. Mary's Hall); 6/3; 6/24**

Jan 26-27, 2015: Keith Merkey from the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights will conduct **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity training**. General sessions will be held in the Glendening Annex on Mon, Jan 26 at 1 pm and Tues, Jan 27 at 1 pm and 3 pm.



Sat, Feb 28, 2015: 6 pm-4 am; 6th Annual American Cancer Society SMCM Relay for Life. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 this year, so we need everyone's support! We'd love a stronger faculty and staff presence at this family-friendly community event. Create a team, join an existing team, plan to walk as an individual, and/or donate today at www.relayforlife.org/smcmd Direct questions to **Joanne Goldwater** or **Lisa Coté**.

Let Us Hear From You!

Email your suggestions, questions, or concerns to mkgrube@smcm.edu

OR complete the anonymous feedback form available on our google site.

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