

COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CRA President's Message:

It's difficult to believe another year has gone by. The College Retirees' Association has had another successful year thanks to the efforts of all of our board members. Our October meeting was enjoyable and informative with a presentation about orchids by Patt Lindsey, and the Holiday Luncheon in December at the Atlantis Country Club was festive and fun.

I hope you are all well and looking forward to attending our Spring Meeting on Friday, May 6. Once again board members have planned an entertaining and informative meeting program for your enjoyment featuring Mr. Becker, Vice President of Administration and Business Services and Dr. Ginger Pedersen, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Our meetings are a wonderful opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new people and share your retirement experiences with others.

Please feel free to contact me or other board members with suggestions for activities and meeting topics. I would also like to encourage you to share your travel and other experiences with other members through our newsletter. Submissions may be made to Marie Reddy at: marie-reddy@comcast.net.

Nancy's Notes

Nancy Buhl Communications Coordinator

Although it has taken a couple of years to accomplish, I am happy to report that the archive mission has been completed. Very special thanks go out to the PBSC Archivist, Ms. Janet Devries for taking on the project of scanning the first 18 years of the Emeritus Faculty Newsletters for us. When all of those newsletters were scanned on to a single flash drive, it was turned over to Mr. Jeff Nowak who then uploaded them to the link on our webpage within the PBSC website. I must give credit where credit is due to Jeff who has always been there to help me out with the challenges of our webpage as well as Janet for this particular project. If you happen to have newsletters for the missing dates, please send them on to me to be added. I had been told that newsletters were not always published due to a lack of submissions from the members to the newsletter editors. This is still a problem for our current newsletter editor, Ms. Marie Reddy. She really needs input from our members to complete a newsletter so please don't withhold the stories of your retirement travels and family milestones from her and the rest of us. We all appreciate your stories as much as you do ours. Just click on the CRA Archived Newsletters link listed on the right of our webpage at www.palmbeachstate.edu/CRA/newsletter.aspx to view the EFA newsletters from December 1992 through August 2009. The first five of our current faculty and staff organization, the College Retirees Association newsletters are also there for you.

Best wishes go out to our College Liaison, Ms. Shannon Whitman, who has begun a new business as a professional development consultant. Ms. Whitman was very much involved in working with us to get our CRA email, id cards, and other services provided to us by the College in place. She was always willing to help out and always with the a smile. Good luck Shannon!

Contact me at buhln@palmbeachstate.edu for the application form for PBSC email and PBSC Retiree ID cards.

Our annual spring luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. It will be held in the College's Bachelor Programs Building in Room 103. As previously noted, Mr. Dick Becker and Dr. Ginger Pedersen will be our guest speakers substituting for our College President, Dr. Ava Parker who is unable to attend as planned due to a scheduling conflict. Please call me at 561-793-3802 or email be at buhln@palmbeachstate.edu and tell me you will be joining us so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone. Remember, members lunches are free and guests are welcomed for a \$10 fee.

On another note, you may have been seeing ? marks at unusual places within my emails to you. The marks appear after I send out my emails and I don't see them until someone replies and points them out to me. They are a glitch in the College's external email system. If any of you with College email are experiencing the same problem with a ? or an alphabet letter, please let me know. The Help Desk has not been able to fix this problem for me and therefore, I stopped calling them about it. Perhaps we can have someone look into it if others are experiencing the same problem.

Member News

Peggy Adams King

In my retirement we have continued to travel often. In January 2016, Allan and I went on one two week ski trip to Salt Lake City and Breckenridge Colorado. In addition to ski vacations, we are now going on more cruise and fly/drive vacations. Last summer we went to Colorado, Maine and the Central California Coast. In Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 we went on cruises to the Southern Caribbean. We have several trips planned for the future including a Rhine River Cruise for August 2016. It is our first river cruise, so we are really looking forward to it.



When we are not traveling we spend time with our family. The grandchildren are now getting married and graduating from high school and college. Unfortunately we do not spend as much time with them as we did when they were younger, but we enjoy the fact that most of them live close by.

Seymour Samuels



On April 7, 2016 Cy and Flo Samuels celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Time sure goes fast when you are having FUN!

Betty Dente

I worked at Palm Beach State for 15 years, starting out as a part-time administrative assistant at the Eissey Campus then moving to fulltime in the Nursing Department for 4 years and finally settling in at the Lake Worth Campus in Academic Services for my final 10 years. I retired in 2012 and for the next year and a half it was wonderful being off the time clock! But then.....I got bored! I was looking for a part-time job when the opportunity arose to fill in temporarily in the office of the vice president for academic affairs at the college. Now, three years later, I am again a full-time employee working as the administrative assistant to the vice president for student services. Although on some days I miss sleeping in, I am enjoying my "second time around" at Palm Beach State.



Betty & Joe Dente celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18th with their family and friends at the Atlantis Country Club.

Dan O'Connell

Ruth and I continue to travel; recently focusing on two favorite states--Hawaii and South Louisiana, in particular New Orleans (We became honorary Cajuns this year). ALOHA! We plan to take granddaughter Emily out west this summer for a tour of National Parks on the Centennial of the National Parks Service.

I decided to downsize our garden in order to cut my dermatologist and other doctor bills; and save energy for other pursuits; in particular listening to some of The Great Courses on audio while stuck in South Florida traffic.

The course, "Redefining Reality: The Intellectual Implications of Modern Science" shows how much of what we learned in our lifetimes has changed or been amended. This is not to say we have become obsolete; but we do have to learn new skills, such as this texting vocabulary:

- BFF: Best Friend Fainted
- BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth
- CBM: Covered by Medicare
- FWB: Friend with Beta-blockers
- LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out
- GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!



WORK

RETIREMENT

Patricia Shalvitz

My good news was that I was able to donate a real human skeleton to the college. I had gotten the skeleton as a gift from my husband when I first started studying osteology in the early 1980's. I was unable to travel to Turkey this past year, instead had knee surgery. Hopefully, I will get back to Turkey the end of this year to continue research with my colleague in Istanbul.

Joseph Schneider

Rumor has it that Joe Schneider is a grandfather again! Joe's son, elementary school Principal Joseph Schneider III, from Boynton Beach is the proud daddy. Let's see some pictures, Joe!!

Ernie Parbhoo

Ernie Parbhoo is out of commission. He suffered a minor stroke in mid-February is now recuperating at home. Probably will not attend May's meeting.

George Matsoukas

On June 12 I will be traveling to Greece and arriving on the Island of Crete in the town of Hania on June 17. I am going to witness the opening of the Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church which dominates the lands of the Eastern Portion of the ancient Roman Empire. This is a historic and consequential event for Orthodox Christianity. This is the first meeting of 300 bishops representing the Patriarchates of Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem, Russia, Syria, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, and the autonomous and autocephalous Churches of Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Albania and the Czech lands and Slovakia. The last such meeting was held 1200 years ago. The previous seven Ecumenical Councils 325-787 were meetings of bishops of the SINGLE unified Christian Church which included Rome, hundreds of years before the Great Schism between East and West in 1054. After the events of 1054, 1204 and 1453 the Orthodox world became increasingly under the captivity of Islamic rule and then communist control. Today the bishops in these lands are weary but freer to resume their legitimate functions which were interrupted for over a millennium. The world has changed in 1000 years and many of these ethnic churches have roots in the lands outside of the old boundaries of Eastern Rome. How will these bishops come to grips with these changes? This meeting is the first step in efforts to bring unity to Orthodox Christians living USA, Australia, Canada and South America as well working with the divided Christians community that has emerged since 1054. I am a member of an educational advocacy group, Orthodox Christian Laity, that is educating Orthodox Christians to understand that working in parallel ethnic jurisdictions in the USA is counterproductive. I will also tour other parts of Greece while I am there and hope to sail in the Sporades islands.

Editor's Note: We expect pictures when you return, George!

Nancy Buhl

Nancy Buhl joined her daughter and son-in-law for a trip to Phoenix, AZ in November for the National College Soccer Championship tournament. Grandson, Austin plays on the University of Central Florida Club Soccer team and they were invited to apply their skills at the national level. They returned home after placing 4th with the goal of returning in 2016.

While there, we spent one day driving up to Flagstaff to play in the snow and watch the first weekend of skiing for the 2015 season. On the way, we stopped to enjoy the beauty of Sedona and to buy a few gifts from the native American's in that area. The weather was absolutely perfect and the scenery breath taking.



Celeste Beck

I visited with Mavilene Prentice at the Oak Hammock at University of Florida Retirement Community. She has moved into the assisted living area. Although she is very weak, she is in good spirits and was delighted when we called Ethel Fowler and had a good chat. Mavilene, Ethel and I taught home economics classes at the central campus in the early eighty's.

Also have a new grand baby, Sophia Beck, born on September 19, 2015. I play grandma one day a week. The rest of the time I am teaching and bust with all my art groups.



Passings—Our Sympathy to the Families

Professor Rosemarie Lowrey died Feb. 19 at the age of 80. She served as a full-time reference librarian at the Lake Worth Campus from October 1985 until her May 2003 retirement. She later rejoined the College as a part-time librarian at the Palm Beach Gardens campus from July 2004 to July 2015.

Ruth W. Dooley, 95, died Jan. 26. Mrs. Dooley joined then-Palm Beach Junior College in 1958. She served for a time as reference librarian at the College's Palm Beach Gardens satellite location on 45th Street. When the Palm Beach Gardens campus was established in 1982, she became its first reference librarian. She retired from the College in 1991.

Dr. Norman McLeod, former Palm Beach State Assoc. Dean of Academic Affairs at LW & Boca Campuses died on Saturday, February 6, 2016 of complications from Alzheimer's.

Quote from Barb McLeod "At 1:55 this morning, Norm passed peacefully with all of us encircling him for the last moment. He fought such a valiant fight against Alzheimer's and I was always so proud of him. My heart is broken, but I'm happy that he is in the spiritual realm and whole again where there are no more struggles to haunt him."

Received an e-mail from Celeste Beck: Sorry to pass this on but Mavilene Prentice passed away on April 18, 2016.

George Matsoukas sent this article in to share with our members.....on Community Colleges, of course.

How Community Colleges Changed the Whole Idea of Education in America



New York Daily News Archive/Getty Images Michael Annick, aero-mechanics instructor, teaches a class of air cadets at Dickinson Junior College in 1942

Community colleges have been at the forefront of nearly every major development in higher education

In January of 2015, President Obama unveiled his [“American College Promise” program](#) – a plan to make two years of community college education available free of charge to [“everyone who’s willing to work for it.”](#) In offering the proposal, the president did not just venture a partial solution to the student debt crisis. He joined [a growing community of thinkers](#) who see the community college as central to solving a wide variety of problems in higher education, from cost and inclusivity to career-preparedness and community engagement.

The role of problem-solver is one that community colleges are well-equipped to play. Just over a century old, community colleges have been at the forefront of nearly every major development in higher education since their inception. To appreciate the role that community colleges can be expected to play in reforming higher education today, Americans would do well to consider their long history of innovation.

Community colleges, the United States' unique contribution to higher education worldwide, were the humbler half of the wave of late-19th and early 20th-century innovation that brought America the modern research university and revolutionized [the dusty classicism of the country's existing colleges](#). Born at the heady crosswinds of Gilded Age and Progressive Era politics, two-year institutions of higher learning were designed to address two very different sets of problems in postsecondary education.

Just what were these problems? For creative elitists, the foremost bugbear of higher learning was one of quality. True, Gilded Age America had been blessed with a raft of new institutions, from [land-grant universities](#) like [Penn State](#) to private research institutions like the [University of Chicago](#). But these universities, in reformers' eyes, were prevented from realizing their true potential by an outmoded institutional model that compelled them to teach generalist subjects to freshmen and sophomores and specialized topics to juniors and seniors.

Instead, they advocated a new model, based on [the German system](#), in which the first two years of college would be separated from the final, research-oriented years of postsecondary study. This model would 'purify' research universities, helping these new schools achieve their mission of stirring the Ivies and other old colleges from their classical obsolescence. It would also guard the gates of the budding research universities, with the new junior colleges, as they were then known, allowing only their finest students to transfer credits to four-year institutions.

To sell the idea of a comprehensive junior college system to taxpayers, however, advocates like University of Chicago president [William Rainey Harper](#) had to tailor the system to public concerns. The foremost of these, for the populist-minded public, was not quality but access. While the 19th century had witnessed the creation of a large number of new institutions – including the public, land-grant universities noted above – many were far from the small towns and urban neighborhoods that anchored turn-of-the-century life, and the majority were incredibly expensive, with yearly tuition typically in excess of the average worker's annual income.

Clamoring for both physical and economic access to college learning at a moment when advanced education was becoming key to social mobility (sound familiar?), Americans of a populist persuasion were responsible for the egalitarian streak of the junior colleges that opened beginning in 1901. Inexpensive, often publically funded, and open to a wider cross-section of Americans than many of their four-year counterparts, these junior colleges were celebrated as "people's colleges." Though a far cry from full inclusivity, these male-dominated, majority-white schools nevertheless catered to a broader swath of working-class Americans than nearly any other contemporary educational institution.

Accessibility was not junior colleges' only innovation, however. They were also instrumental in expanding the practical training offered by early land-grant colleges. This function became particularly important as the comprehensive system of junior colleges envisioned by William Rainey Harper and other elitist boosters failed to materialize. Forced to compete with better-known and better-funded institutions for liberal arts students, junior-college educators began to look beyond their role in preparing students for transfer, and instead imagined a position for themselves as vocational trainers.

Junior colleges' embrace of vocational training began in earnest during the 1930s. Though present in many institutions' curriculum from their earliest days, vocational instruction assumed a profound new importance against the backdrop of the Great Depression. Confronted with thousands of unemployed students who had entered junior colleges when hard times struck, administrators and educators rapidly expanded their 'practical' offerings. These vocational training programs included not just handicrafts and manual arts, but white-collar courses of study like business, accounting, finance, civil engineering, nursing and marketing.

Though these vocational programs anticipated several of the 21st century's [fastest-growing college-level courses of study](#), they were rejected by a many students as a distraction from their goal of attaining a B.A. and [deplored by scholars](#) as an effort to moderate students' ambitions. More recently, however, students have warmed to vocational programs, as new research shows that associate degree holders in these fields not only out-earn their counterparts in the liberal arts, but transfer to four-year institutions at a higher rate as well. Vocational training, in other words, has been shown to offer students both security *and* flexibility – while foreshadowing the trajectory of undergraduate learning as a whole.

In the decades following the Depression, junior colleges – which were quickly renaming themselves community colleges to reflect their intimate relationship with their surrounding regions – underwent a period of unprecedented growth and innovation. Stimulated by [favorable notice from educational policy makers in the Truman administration](#) and a flood of World War II and Korean War veterans eager to use their [G.I. Bill benefits](#), two-year schools grew dramatically during the 1940s and 1950s. But their most impressive period of growth arrived in the 1960s. Opening at an average rate of one per week during this decade, community colleges not only absorbed and educated a considerable portion of the Boomer generation; they also inaugurated many of the core features of the 21st century college while pioneering a revolutionary open-doors admission policy.

An even more extraordinary innovation during this period was community colleges' embrace of a diverse student body. Though haunted by a lackluster early record on minority admission, community colleges desegregated more fully and more aggressively than their four-year counterparts, incorporating members of minority groups into a student body that already included large number of young, white working-class men and women; non-traditional adult students; and returning combat veterans. Thanks to these efforts, community colleges now board African American, Latino/a, and immigrant enrollment rates that roughly parallel these groups' representation in American society as a whole.

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To support and accommodate this diverse community, colleges pioneered everything from innovative course formats to campus social services. Indeed, from summer classes and distance learning programs to campus counseling centers, much of the infrastructure that now supports four-year institutions' diversity campaigns was first tested in the community college crucible.

And more recently, two-year institutions have added another kind of diversity, too. Confronting a quickly changing economy, many community colleges turned their attention to adult education and workforce retraining. Community college enrollees in the latter half of the 20th century came to include everyone from curious retirees eager to learn a new skill, to victims of mid-career layoffs in need of a new skillset.

Community colleges are not, of course, beyond reproach. Chronically underfunded, they rely even more heavily upon [exploitative adjunct labor arrangements](#) than B.A.-granting institutions. And, in their earnest desire to ensure positive career outcomes for students, many schools have risked becoming publically funded training centers for private concerns.

But thanks to these institutions' long history of innovation, they are well-positioned to redress many of higher education's most pressing problems today, including heightened institutional inequality, skyrocketing student debt and waning undergraduate interest in subjects that do not promise financial rewards. In response to these issues, community colleges offer diversity and affordability—and are thus among the last places in America where students can afford to take a class just because they want to.

Once more, then, community colleges may prove the saving grace of college-level learning in America.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING FOR APPROVAL

..COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (CRA) MINUTES OF OCTOBER 09, 2015 MEETING, 11:30 A.M.

Held in the Bachelor's Building CBP 103

A Board Meeting was held at 11:00 A.M. prior to the General Meeting.

Discussion: "By-Law" Change (as mentioned in the May 08, 2015 meeting) - "Spouse or domestic partner to be welcomed as a CRA member and would pay annual dues." **(Board Approved)**

Discussion: The immediate past President of the CRA continue to be on the Board until new President of the CRA goes off the Board. **(Board Approved)**

Discussion: The Editor of the "COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER" to be put on the CRA Board. **(Board Approved)**

Discussion: Suggested that Dr. Dennis Gallon (past PBSC President) be waived of any annual CRA membership fee. **(Board Approved)** (Nancy Buhl to let Dr. Gallon know)

Lunch and Socializing 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Peggy Adams-King, CRA President, welcomed all to the General Meeting.

- Introduction of each person (members and guest)
- A moment of silence was held for our lost members of the CRA.
- Treasurer's Report: Mary Taylor reported the check balance had been 1726.82. The new balance without today's deposit is 2506.37.
- CRA Minutes from May 8th as reported in the CRA Newsletter were approved
- Introduction of Board members
- Peggy went over with the general membership what the Board members approved prior to the CRA general meeting.
- Holiday Luncheon to be held on Friday, 12/04/2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Country Club at \$25.00 per person.
 - ✓ gift exchange will be between \$10.00 to \$15.00
 - ✓ A discussion on the time and cost of the piano player for the CRA Holiday Party was held. He will be paid \$100.00 for playing and the time will be 11:15 a.m. for set up and will play until 1:30 p.m.
- Committee needed to decorate for the Holiday Luncheon. Jeanette Sanders and Bobbi Marsh volunteered.
 - ✓ Suggestion to auction off Holiday Decorations.
- Please turn in your name tags at the end of each meeting.

Virginia Brooks, Program Chair introduced the guest speaker, Patt Lindsey from the Mounts Botanical Garden and the Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches.

- A spectacular Power Point presentation on "Orchids" was given. Q & A followed.

- Bobbi Marsh thanked Shelly Hill for her past 4 years as the CRA President.
- Nancy Buhl reminded everyone of the new membership list and the Lion Country Safari coupon.
- Spring Meeting will be on Friday, May 06, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

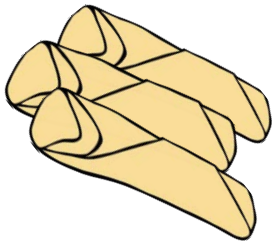
Respectfully Submitted By Susan E Goehring CRA Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAY MEETING

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE RETIREEES ASSOCIATION

Spring Luncheon Meeting
Friday - May 6, 2016 - 11:30 AM in CBP103

Special Guest Speakers:
Mr. Richard Becker, VP Business Affairs
Dr. Ginger Pedersen, Interim VP Academic
Affairs



MENU

Assorted Wraps:
Ham, Turkey, Tuna

Fresh Fruit Salad
Mixed Sodas, Water

Potato Chips

Assorted Cookies

RSVP

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Members: No Charge
Welcomed Guests: \$10.00 each

REMINDER

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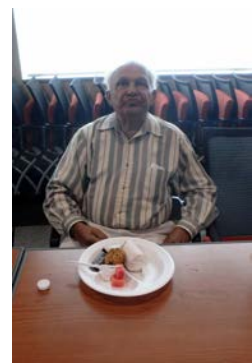
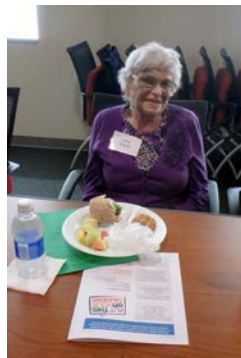
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