Beloved friend and colleague, Gale Baker, passed away on January 20, 2015. She had more than 26 years of service at Gettysburg College. She joined the Musselman Library staff in 1997, after nine years with the campus Post Office. Over the years, Gale had various library job titles and job descriptions. In each iteration, certain things stayed constant — she knew the stacks inside and out, she could organize anything, and she wasn’t squeamish about going to the Knouse Building alone to retrieve books and journals from the offsite storage.

Gale had a skill set that others lacked. She could find missing books in the stacks when everyone else had given up. In our Missing Book Procedure, there was FIRST CHECK, SECOND CHECK, and then GIVE TO GALE. She was the last resort before we surrendered and purchased another copy.

Gale liked to work and to be busy. She volunteered for the things no one else wanted to do, and never took the credit, even when it was due. She was an excellent supervisor; her student assistants benefitted from her thoughtful approach and guidance. Many still stay in touch with the Library because of Gale.

Whether it was finding a lost book, staffing the circulation desk, processing reserve readings, chatting with faculty about their courses, or making sure the tablecloths were pressed before the Authors’ Reception, Gale cared about good service and making the Library shine.

In her quiet and unassuming way, she was a friend to all, spreading positivity and good humor. Gale was truly one of a kind. Nancy Bernardi declares Gale her best friend — both at work and outside of work. A fitting reminiscence of Gale comes from Lisa McNamee, a colleague who shared an office with her for many years. “She was a wonderful listener and a kind, loyal friend. I think of Gale and of her favorite things: Lucille Ball, Ocean City and fudge, Chicken Caesar Salad, So You Think You Can Dance, and collecting for the Salvation Army at Christmas with husband Ron. Gale was well loved and is really missed.”

Gale’s friends and colleagues at Gettysburg College send their condolences to her family. She will truly be missed in the stacks of Musselman Library.

Gale and library colleagues at the All-Campus Picnic in 2013.
Mary Ann Remaley to Retire
After 46 Years

Written by Wendee Dunlap

After 46 years of varied and considerable service, Mary Ann Remaley, of Human Resources & Risk Management and Facilities Services, will retire this September 4.

She started in the Business Office in Glatfelter Lodge — a space so tight that the Blue Books were kept in the bathtub. Mary Ann mastered the “spaghetti line” switchboard in a tiny basement room of Glatfelter Hall. She says, “It was fun, but I really wanted to be a secretary.”

Joyce (Fair) Williams (who retired in 2013) started in the Business Office with Mary Ann, and at the end of that first summer, their boss, F. Stanley Hoffman, kept Mary Ann in the Business Office and sent Joyce to the typing pool. In 1970, the Business Office moved to Penn Hall. Mary Ann worked for John Schlegel after Stanley’s retirement. On Fridays, he dictated correspondence to her as she typed — on a typewriter. Once finished, she pulled the letterhead out and he signed it on the spot.

In 1988, Mary Ann accepted a job as Safety & Security’s secretary, working for Timon Linn. She moved with him to the Office of Environmental Safety in the West Building. She later moved with Facilities to the Central Energy Plant, doing service response and continuing the insurance work for HR that she had started while working for Safety & Security. At one point, she spent half days working for HR and Environmental Health and Safety in the “bat cave” — the Science Center chemical room. Mary Ann laughs, “You had to go through two locked doors to get into the chemical room! No one knew I was in there; no one could get to me. On the other hand, I had no idea what was happening in the outside world until the end of the day. It [might be] nice when I went in, but when I left there could be six inches of snow on the ground!”

In 2009, Mary Ann began working two days in Conferences and three days in HR; however, now she works more for Facilities: answering the phone, dispatching workers, assigning and closing tickets.

Since she started in 1969, there have been five College presidents, countless office space changes and rearrangements, and construction of new buildings: Quarry Suites; Science Center; and The John F. Jaeger Center for Athletics, Recreation, and Fitness. She notes, “When I started, it seemed like the professors, administrators, and support staff stayed forever. Now, all of those people are retiring, or have retired, so there are lots of changes in staffing.”

Her husband, Bob, retired from teaching in 2010. She opted to keep working. She says, “But now, with a new grandchild on the way, it’s time to retire to become the full-time nanny!” Their daughter, Becca, and her husband, Tedd, live nearby and are expecting their first child. Their first grandchild, Jewelya, 15, is the daughter of their eldest son, Jason, and his wife, Denise, who live in North Carolina. Rounding out their family is their youngest son, T.J., and his wife, Megan, who live in South Carolina.

When not needed as a nanny, she and Bob will travel. “I don’t have any specific place that I’d like to travel, but I think I might like to try to fly. Neither my husband nor I have ever traveled by plane.” Other activities include playing piano, reading, singing in the Gettysburg Civic Chorus, volunteering with her church, and serving as secretary for the Fairfield High School Alumni Association — a position she has held since the year she graduated!

Mary Ann reflects, “Words of wisdom for someone looking forward to retirement: enjoy what you do as your job and don’t [be talked] into retiring before you are ready. Four years ago, I had no desire to retire, but now I have a good reason for retiring. And I’m ready!”
Edna Showers to Retire August 6

Written by Lin Myers

Edna Showers with husband Barry

Edna Showers likes to work. If fact, she likes working so much that she has been employed steadily for a total of 57 years, almost 60 if you consider her work as a young girl in the orchards of Buchanan Valley — the place she was born, the place where she grew up, and the place she still calls home. Edna also had a long career with Knouse Foods for 30 years, prior to coming to Gettysburg College 25 years ago, and she worked at the Carroll Shoe Factory in Arendtsville for two years.

“Working,” says Edna, “is what keeps me young.”

On August 6, 1990, Edna stepped into her housekeeping position in Weidensall Hall. She began working with her sister, Betty MacBeth, until Betty’s passing in 2003. Today, Edna splits her time in half, spending mornings in Weidensall Hall and afternoons in Christ Chapel. Once in a while, she spends time in Public Safety and Penn Hall when they need her help.

Edna’s long work history outside of the home is about to end. Although she would prefer to work a little longer, her husband Barry has some health concerns and needs assistance with daily living. Therefore, on August 6, 2015 — 25 years to the day she began working here — Edna will officially, and somewhat reluctantly, retire from Gettysburg College.

Over the past 25 years, Edna has seen a lot on campus, including “a lot of people (employees and students) coming and going.” She has seen skunks and bats in the campus buildings, and was stuck in a campus elevator once. Her most cherished memories, however, are the students. She says simply, “I love them.” Edna has been known to “mother” a student or two. Among her caring acts is baking cookies and pies for students and staff throughout the years. Baking is just one of her many hobbies, which include Bingo and working. How pleasant it is to meet someone who considers work a hobby and not drudgery.

Gettysburg College extends its best wishes for a fruitful retirement while thanking her for her service to our campus community. Job well done, Edna!

All-Campus Picnic

Wednesday, June 3, 2015
11:30 in CUB Ballroom

Voting for Council Positions in CUB 126.

Join us for Bingo after lunch.
Great gift card prizes!
Support Staff Dinner
Saturday, January 10, 2015

New Support Staff Hires
since September 2014
- Brandy Spangler  Custodial Services
- Crystal Null    Donor Relations & Stewardship
- Jacob Brintzenhoff  Library User Services
- Kimberly Smith  Facilities Services Office
- Leslie Casteel  Art & Art History
- Patricia Moore  Conference Services

Support Staff Transfers
since September 2014
- Cathy Bain  CWES to French, German, Italian
- Stephanie Rye  Student Rights & Responsibilities to Center for Global Education
- Stephanie Sanders  Infrastructure and Computing to Information Technology
- Jesse Mains  Financial Services to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Edith Pigeon  Donor Relations to Parent Relations
- Renee Weikert  Facilities Services to Infrastructure and Computing

We Want You!
Accepting nominations for 2015 Support Staff Council

Facilities  1 open position  2-yr term
Department of Public Safety  1 open position  3-yr term
Paraprofessional/Clerical  2 open positions  3-yr terms

Email Becky Best at bbest@gettysburg.edu
by FRI APR 24 with a nomination.

View all of the Photos!
To view all of the Support Staff Dinner photos, go to the Support Staff Council website at www.gettysburg.edu/staff/support_staffcouncil/, click on Photo Gallery, and choose the link for 2015 President’s Dinner. Enjoy!