Diana Hubbard Retires

Diana Hubbard began working at Gettysburg College for Dining Services in October 2000 as a part-time employee. By May of 2001, she was promoted to a full-time Food Service Worker and retired from the same position in February of 2012. Her major duties were to staff all areas of the Dining Center including the salad bar, entrée and grill lines, and dessert and yogurt bar. Diana always greeted customers with a warm smile, whether students, alumni, or conference guests.

Diana was married to Franklin Hubbard, Sr. for 38 years until his passing in March of 2011. Together they raised three children—Lisa Ann, Jane, and Franklin, Jr.—and have five grandchildren. Diana now lives next door to Lisa Ann and her husband, John, who are planning to install a swimming pool. Diana has a gazebo that she enjoys sitting in and it will be placed near the pool so she can relax and take part in family swimming parties. She enjoys reading and has just finished *The Secret Garden*, which she recommends.

Diana was raised in Littlestown, but would like to visit Hawaii someday. She and Franklin honeymooned in Myrtle Beach and she would like to return there. She would also like to visit North Carolina, specifically Grandfather Mountain where her husband was raised.

If Diana had one wish, she would like to go back to high school to finish her senior year and graduate with her class. Diana’s advice to those of us looking forward to retirement is to enjoy life, do what you want to do, and take a trip!

Anna Fair Retires, sort of

A favorite face at the Bullet Hole will be seen a bit less these days. Anna Fair, who has worked at Gettysburg College in the Bullet Hole for the past 12 years, has retired. However, she recently accepted a part-time position in the same area. Anna says leaving the College would make her go entirely crazy!!

Before working at the College, Anna worked for 10 years at Zerfing’s Hardware store, which was located on Baltimore Street. Prior to that, she spent 21 years working for a local dentist.

Anna likes working at the Bullet Hole and enjoys being around and working with the students. She is a hard worker and laughs at her nickname "Slacker," which John McNally jokingly calls her when they get really busy. Anna enjoys spending time with her Yorkshire terrier, Benji, and doing word-search games. She has two daughters, four grandsons and seven great-grandchildren. She hopes to take a trip to Chicago this summer to visit one of her grandsons.

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Buying Local  

by Cathy Bain

An exciting new era has come to Gettysburg. Bill and Maggie Baldwin, owners of Slant-T Enterprises, Karen and Matt Re, owners of Breezy Acres Produce, and Oyler’s Organic Farms are teaming up to bring a Farmer’s Market to campus on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. They will set up in Stone Lot, next to the Growing Place, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. All three farms will be taking individual orders every week as well. They will be offering a variety of fruits, vegetables, and fall décor throughout the season. The Gettysburg College Farmer’s Market kicked off on Thursday, July 12. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Slant-T Enterprises is located about 5 miles from campus. Having a small farm is really Bill’s passion, but Maggie is enjoying it as well, as it gives her some quiet time. It is also a fantastic way for their two young children to grow up. Maggie says she also plans to make some packaged items available—a bag of the ingredients needed for salsa, one with the ingredients for tomato sauce, etc.

Breezy Acres Produce has been providing locally-grown fruits and vegetables on campus for the past two years from their 84-acre farm located about 4 miles from campus. Karen and Matt along with their four children enjoy providing fresh, delicious and affordable produce.

Oyler’s Organic Farms is owned and operated by Bill (’77) and Mary Ann Oyler and family. Their farm is located about 7 miles from campus, and they look forward to providing apple cider, applesauce, certified organic apples and possibly certified organic peaches.

Janet’s Post  

by President Riggs

Five years ago Gettysburg College established a set of four strategic directions to guide our planning and decision-making: Engagement, Distinction, Access, and Connection. At that time we described Access as our aspiration to “increase the diversity of the student body and create a campus environment that is accessible and welcoming to a diverse student body.” Next year I will ask the Gettysburg College community to engage in thinking and discussion about how we might update our approach to this strategic direction.

The year is likely to be one of questions. Should we focus on concepts of diversity and/or inclusion, rather than access? What do we want our college community to feel like? Perhaps most importantly, what kind of community will best support our goal of preparing our students for professional and civic lives of impact in this rapidly changing, multicultural, globally interconnected world?

These conversations about current realities and aspirations for the future will be both engaging and challenging. We must be willing to talk openly, to listen carefully, to allow each other to make mistakes. I hope you will be willing to participate in conversations and programs that will help us to develop common goals as a community. I also hope that as you consider your work here at Gettysburg College, you will give some thought to the role you play in helping to assure that ours is a welcoming community.

Our mission statement includes as a core value “the worth and dignity of all people.” We must establish goals and strategies that will help us to strengthen ourselves as a community that truly welcomes, embraces, and celebrates the worth and dignity of all people and the diversity that this implies—diversity of ideas, interests, abilities, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious beliefs, geographic background, and socioeconomic level.

We all come with different personal histories, with different perspectives. But I hope that what will unite us is a willingness to engage with difference, a belief in the worth and dignity of all people, and a sincere dedication for building a community that will best support the learning and development of tomorrow’s leaders.
Council Election Results by Linda Miller

Support staff voted for open Council positions at the picnic in June. The Council welcomes Kim Breighner and Sue Holz from paraprofessional/clerical, Amy Donahue from the Department of Public Safety, and Chad Brodbeck from Dining Services. Thanks to all those who ran for Council positions; we had such a strong pool of nominees! Returning to Council for 2012-13 will be Cathy Bain, Jim Baer, Brian Herrell, Linda Miller, and Karla Swinn.

Kim Breighner
ITT Digital Center Coordinator

Kim has worked at the College for 37 years and seen many changes—from computers that used punch cards to the present. Her department’s recent move to the West Building has been a new adventure. She can’t imagine working anywhere else. Kim has been married for 38 years to her husband, Jack. They have two children and four grandchildren, with whom she is extremely close. In her spare time, Kim conducts computer classes at the Public Library in Gettysburg and is the secretary of a national organization and helps organize their annual conference. Her weekends are spent on Friday “date nights” with her husband, Saturday nights with friends, and on Sundays with the kids and grandkids.

Chad Brodbeck
Dining Services

Chad has been working as the Front of House Manager in Dining Services for six years. He was in the Army for six years, at which time he was stationed at Ft. Lewis in Seattle and Honduras. Chad did his internship with Dining Services in 2004. When he returned in 2006 from a deployment, they hired him on as full time. Chad just celebrated his fifth year anniversary with wife Brenda. They have a 2½ year old black lab named Bella. He loves to run, go kayaking with Brenda, and play intramural basketball on the Servo team (who won last year!). Chad is planning to run two half marathons this year -- the Rock n’ Roll Half in Philadelphia and the Baltimore Half. Wish him luck!

Amy Donahue
Department of Public Safety

Amy is a Communications Officer for the Department of Public Safety and has worked at Gettysburg for over three years. She really enjoys working in this College community. Her job is always presenting new challenges, training opportunities, and learning experiences. She lives in Adams County with her husband of five years and two sons, ages four and one.

Susan Holz
Department of Economics

Sue began working at Gettysburg College in October 2000 as the Academic Administrative Assistant in Economics. She has been a member of the Wellness Committee since its inception and serves as a “Welcome Ambassador” for the College. She is a single mother of three sons. Michael recently married an alum, Leah Sigle Holz, and is living in Colorado. Justin is a Research Professional at the University of Chicago. Jon will graduate from IUP in December. Sue loves to learn (currently enrolled as a student here), and her hobbies include jewelry-making, ceramics, gardening, and reading. She also enjoys using our fitness center and taking long walks in the sunshine.

Did you know that the Support Staff Council was formed in 1990 with the help of the President’s Commission on Women, whose members were appointed by President Charles Glassick? Interim President Charles (Chuck) Anderson gave the go-ahead, and President Gordon Haaland’s support made the creation of the Council a reality.

To learn more about the Support Staff Council and the many ways they help you as a support staff member, please go to http://www.gettysburg.edu/staff/support_staff_council/

This is serious stuff!
Jeff Stiffler and Sharon Reever vote for Council positions at the summer picnic.
How Today’s Low Mortgage Rates Can Help You Boost Your Retirement Savings

Today’s low interest rates can be a bane for savers, including retirees relying on interest income. But there’s another side to this coin: those same low rates may also be a positive for folks saving for retirement.

Imagine if today’s low rates give you an opportunity to move into retirement mortgage-free. Take a look at this scenario to see the possibilities.

Say a 50-year old couple has an $185,000 balance on a $225,000, 5.75% 30-year mortgage on a home purchased five years ago. Principal and interest payments are $1,080 a month and, as things stand now, they’ll still be paying off the loan when they’re 75. That $1,080 could put a real crimp in their retirement cash flow.

Instead, let’s assume they refinance the balance with a 15-year, 3.00% loan (subject to credit approval). Despite the lower rate, cutting the term will result in a higher payment. The payment will rise $198 a month, hiking up their out-of-pocket cost by about $35,640 over the next 15 years.

But the benefit is significant. They’ll retire the loan and own the house free and clear ten years earlier than with the first loan. Plus, they will be mortgage free at age 65, whereas with the old loan, the couple would still owe more than $130,000 at that point. That’s the power of today’s low interest rates.

While interest rates are not expected to increase in the near future, since the Federal Reserve Board recently indicated that rates would stay low until at least mid-2014(1), the sooner you refinance to take advantage of today’s low interest rates to reduce your monthly payments or shorten the life of your mortgage, the sooner you can begin to take advantage of today’s low rates. Give your nearest PNC Bank a call today so we can work together to help you achieve your retirement goal.

(1) Source: Federal Reserve, January 2012.

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Photos from the Summer Support Staff Picnic

Thank You For Your Time!
from the Pillars Staff

The Pillars staff sends a special thank you to each of you for your hard work and dedication to Gettysburg College. We hope this revised version of Alabama's country song “Forty Hour Week” says it all.

There are people on this campus who work hard every day
   Not for fame or fortune do they strive
   But the fruits of their labor are worth more every day
   And it’s time that they were recognized

   Hello Housekeeping staff, let us thank you for your time
   You work hard to make our offices and buildings shine
   Hello Dining Services workers, let us thank you for your time
   You work a whole lot of hours to send our food on down the line

This is for the ones who keep us warm, or hammer home the nail
   For the ones behind the helpdesk, listening to us wail.
   For the ones who print our stuff, the ones who bring the mail
   For everyone who works behind the scenes

   Hello Library workers, let us thank you for your time
   You keep those books and movies coming on down the line
   Hello Finance & Admin let us thank you for your time
   You work hard every day to get our bills paid on time

This is for the ones who drive the campus vans up and down the road
   For the ones out in the warehouse moving heavy loads
   For the bookstore workers, the mechanics, the officers on patrol
   For everyone who works behind the scenes

   Hello Refuse collectors, let us thank you for your time
   You collect our trash and litter, sending it on down the line
   Hello mowers and snow movers and planters of flowers of all kinds
   You work in all types of weather just to make our grounds sublime

This is for the ones who repair our phones, the ones who schedule events
   For the ones in the Health Center, the ones who put up tents
   For the administrative assistants, the DPS workers who answer phones
   For everyone who works behind the scenes

   Hello Computer techies, let us thank you for your time
   You work a hundred hour-week just to keep us all on-line
   Hello Payroll people, let us thank you for your time
   You work hard every day just to get us paid on time

This is for the ones in Admissions who keep those students coming
   For the ones in Development who keep those donors humming
   For the ones in HR, the ones who work for Janet
   For everyone who works behind the scenes