Open Doors, Open Arms  
by Cindy Helfrich

This August, the College welcomed Dr. Jeanne Arnold as its Chief Diversity Officer, a relatively new role in higher education. With her own scholarly achievements grounded in social work as well as higher education, Dr. Arnold thrives on being an agent of change. Dedicated to the concepts of service, social justice, and the worth and dignity of all people, she has been working for nearly 20 years to compel the various bodies shaping higher education to be more responsive and welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds.

Dr. Arnold is excited about doing this work at Gettysburg because the College already holds key values that are important to her both personally and professionally. With the recommendations from Gettysburg’s 2013 Diversity Commission report in hand, she has been able to hit the ground running. She has already initiated a series of conversations with faculty, staff, administrators, and students, learning about their experiences at Gettysburg College. With a solid sense of our existing foundation and the building blocks we bring to the table, she will work collaboratively with members of our College leadership to build and enhance a structure of processes and policies that support inclusion. Grateful for this opportunity, Dr. Arnold knows that we can accomplish our goals by working together as a community.

Off the job, Dr. Arnold, a self-described introvert, enjoys quiet time and reading. She likes to go to the movies from time to time, and in the summer she loves going to the beach. Most of her free time is spent hanging out with family and friends or working with her sorority—in which she’s been active since her junior year at Penn State. She did pull herself way out of her comfort zone last year, though, by taking ballroom dance lessons, which was one of the things on her bucket list. Please welcome Dr. Arnold to Gettysburg if you see her on campus or around town!

Gettysburg College DPS: Always Ready  
by Andrea Switzer

On September 7, 2014, four members of Gettysburg College’s Public Safety Department were awarded the American Heart Association’s Life Saving Award for their outstanding performance in an emergency situation. The award was presented in September in conjunction with Heart Awareness Month. Life Safety Manager Ron Parr and Officers Tom Ahlers, Steve Curry and George Neely, along with three Gettysburg College students, Jadon Carr ’14, Aidan Caravan ’14, and Ryan Corbett ’16—who played a major role in assisting the officers—responded to a medical emergency that occurred during a class on May 2, 2014, when Professor Michael Wedlock suffered a heart episode while teaching. Students in his class reacted quickly and called DPS. Within minutes, Gettysburg College Public Safety officers arrived in the classroom and, along with help from the three students, hooked up an AED and began to administer CPR.

In addition to the award, each person received a Life Saving Medallion from Gettysburg College for their outstanding courageous efforts. The award ceremony was held on campus in the College Union Building at the request and in the presence of Professor Wedlock. President Janet Riggs and Executive Vice President Jane North were also present at the
Ron Parr wants the College community to know that the officers were simply doing their job. This is what the Department of Public Safety officers train for every day.

When College classes are on break, DPS takes advantage of the empty buildings on campus to run prepared readiness drills. The DPS officers are certified Medical Responders along with many other certifications, and many are instructors in various safety-related fields as well. DPS officers also train with external agencies to be prepared and medically-equipped at a moment’s notice. For example, DPS works closely with the Gettysburg Borough Police Department and local fire and paramedic units. Ron reminds us to always call 911 FIRST in a life-threatening emergency.

Getting to Know Lisa Snyder

by Lin Myers

After growing up in Gettysburg, Lisa attended college in Philadelphia at PCT&S, currently known as Philadelphia University. She spent a few years working in downtown Philadelphia and at the Oxford Valley Mall in Langhorn, PA. Eventually, however, Lisa returned to her hometown to help her family with the establishments they owned, the Lamp Post Restaurant and the Pub on Lincoln Square. Lisa managed the latter, noting that the upstairs portion of the Pub, which was named The Apartment, had a connection to the College, “It may seem surprising to some, but we had meal plans for Gettysburg College students back in the 80’s; if students didn’t pay their meal plans in full at the end of their educations, they didn’t graduate!”

Lisa’s family has additional connections to the College: Her father was the developer of Twin Oaks. She says, “My parents lived in a home on Artillery Drive. They moved in with my grandparents who lived across the street, allowing Gettysburg College’s president, Carl Hanson, to move into their home. We built a house next door and were neighbors for a short time. When the Hansons moved out, Dr. Wade Hook, a professor in the Sociology Department, and his family moved in. My mother, however, still refers to our former home as ‘the Hanson house.” One more family member shares a College connection: Lisa’s son Drew works in Catering Services.

Lisa says that her favorite thing about being employed at Gettysburg College “is that it feels like a community, not just a place to work. I’ve made so many good friends here over the years.”

In her down time, Lisa likes cooking at home. Her tastes lean to spicy foods. Supporting this preference Lisa notes, “Curry is good for us!” When sharing her fondness for Thai, Vietnamese, and Indian cuisine, she adds, “but don’t give me red beets; they’re about the only thing I won’t eat!” In addition to cooking, Lisa is also fond of baking, especially when chocolate is a main ingredient.

A lifetime member of St. James Lutheran church, where she is a greeter and flower deliverer, Lisa also serves as a Stephen Minister, which is defined as “an individual trained to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care to those who are hurting.” She also occasionally sings at weddings, but cautions, “Every time I’ve sung the song titled ‘Just you and I,’ that marriage has ended in divorce!” In the home she shares with her cat Sasha—who Lisa says “runs my life”—she enjoys reading, gardening, and making jewelry. Of her art she discloses, “I used to paint with acrylics, but I’m heavily involved in beading these days. I’ve sold some of my work at the Holiday Extravaganza in town—perhaps you’ve seen me there.”

Gettysburg College recognizes in Lisa a community-oriented individual with a lot of talent to share! We’re glad you’re with us Lisa!

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Jan. 8, 2015** – Bingo BBL (CUB 260)
- **Jan. 10, 2015** – President’s Support Staff Dinner (Eisenhower Inn)
- **Jan. 17, 2015** – Project Gettysburg Leon Auction (Hauser Fieldhouse)
- **Jan. 19, 2015** – MLK Celebration (Christ Chapel)
- **Feb. 21, 2015** – Winter Jazz Concert (Majestic Theater)
- **Feb. 22, 2015** – Symphony Orchestra Family Concert
Janet’s Post

Many say that colleges and universities are slow to change—and when they do, it’s at a glacial pace. However, I see constant change at Gettysburg—in our curriculum and in the way we teach, in the cocurricular opportunities available to our students, and in the way we work.

One of the challenges we currently face is the change in high school student demographics. As we seek to attract excellent students to Gettysburg, we do so in a context in which there are fewer high school graduates, particularly in the Northeast, many of whom come from families who face challenging economic issues. We do not want to turn away excellent students simply because they cannot afford a Gettysburg education. Clearly, we need to be able to offer increasing levels of financial aid. How will Gettysburg change to meet this particular challenge?

Of course, one answer to this question lies in our Campaign. Our largest fundraising priority is to provide scholarship support for students who need financial assistance to attend Gettysburg—and we are having great success in this area! However, we also know that our students’ financial need will continue to exceed the funds we are able to raise, and that a large proportion of the financial aid we award will have to come out of our operating budget. So the question becomes, how can we sustain excellence in the education we offer, while continuing to increase the amount of money we direct towards aid for our students?

To tackle this issue, we have begun to embark on a series of conversations that pose questions such as: What are the things at Gettysburg that are so important that we should never compromise on them? Are there things we could stop doing or do more cost effectively here at Gettysburg, while still sustaining excellence in our programs? Are there ways we can collaborate with other colleges that would help to contain costs?

These discussions have begun with our Board of Trustees and will continue over the next year. I have already had conversations on this topic with several groups on campus, including various faculty groups, the Administrative Advisory Council, and the Support Staff Council. If you have thoughts about how we might contain costs here at Gettysburg, please feel free to share them with me or with your supervisor. Every bit helps! And as we continue to work towards meeting this challenge, I ask that you help us to attract excellent students by greeting them warmly when they visit and by sustaining your great work in support of Gettysburg College. Thank you!

Dieting in the new year? Remember these rules:

1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are canceled by the diet soda.
3. When you eat with someone else, calories don’t count if you don’t eat more than they do.
4. Movie related foods such as milk duds, buttered popcorn, junior mints, red hots, and tootsie rolls do not have additional calories because they are part of the entire entertainment package and not part of one’s personal fuel.
5. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.
6. Foods with the same color have the same calories, e.g., spinach and pistachio ice cream; mushrooms and white chocolate.

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Cathy Bain  Lin Myers
Kim Breighner  Karen Re
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Questions:

1. The bell tolls here.
2. Gettysburg College colors.
3. Coin toss locale.
4. Gettysburg College team mascot.
5. Sesquicentennial artwork.
6. Quick fix for hunger pangs locale.
7. Vast source of information can be found here.
8. Hoops are scored here.
9. Little Blue Boy sighting (maybe).
10. Begin a guided tour at this locale.
11. Quick cash machine.
12. Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board (acronym).
13. Gettysburg College portal system.
14. Gettysburg College and Washington DC have this house in common.
15. Christian symbol tops this building.