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*Newsletter of the  
Gettysburg College  
Support Staff*

## From Alumnae to Retirement

by Rose Taylor

Two special ladies and one great place!!

Have you ever wondered what makes Gettysburg College great? There are a lot of special people on this campus who have already retired, or are about ready to retire who just happen to be alumni. One of the nicest, friendliest people you could meet here at the College is our very own Dr. Janet Morgan Riggs. As a student Janet met Ed, the love of her life, who also happens to be an alumnus from 1977. Janet graduated from Gettysburg College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, she then went on to graduate from Princeton University with a Master's Degree and PhD in Social Psychology. Janet was offered her first position as a faculty member, a one-year position, by Dr. Mudd (chair of the Psychology Department at the time). Who knew then that history was in the making?!

Over her tenure at the College, Janet has served as a professor of Psychology, Interim Provost, Provost, Executive Assistant to the President, and currently as our 14th President of Gettysburg College. Janet and Ed raised their three children (now grown) in Gettysburg while juggling their careers. Janet recalls in the early days being mistaken as a student as she was trying to put materials on reserve in the library.

When asked what advice she would give to support staff, Janet replied, "Staff have a huge impact on our students, and in the way they interact with them. Every person matters. You can't overstate the value of kindness." What Janet will miss the most is the camaraderie and the "energy of our students."

When asked about her plans post-retirement, Janet said she is looking forward to some unscheduled time without commitments. She and Ed will be renovating their own house, going on a beach vacation, and planning additional travel. Janet is looking forward to having time

to read and volunteer in the community. One of Janet's classmates described Janet the best, "No matter if you are a Board of Trustee member or a lecturer, Janet always treats you the same." When I asked staff members across campus to describe Janet, responses came quickly, such as: unique, friendly, special, a true listener, sweet, understanding, helpful, supportive of the support staff council, knows you by name, and will be missed.

Another very special alumnus is our very own Carolyn Tuckey, Class of 1975, in none other than the Psychology Department. Carolyn, recalling memories as a student told me "the first time I stepped on campus in 1970, it has always been a friendly, welcoming, and inviting place where everybody says hello."



*Janet Morgan Riggs, '77 and  
Carolyn Tuckey, '75*

Carolyn liked "J" term back then. You could take a class just for fun, or one towards your degree in the month of January. Carolyn loved Biology and Art. One of her best times in college was being in the college choir and going on tours around the country. After graduation, she and a group of college friends decided to stay in Gettysburg for the summer and get jobs. Carolyn thought it would only be for the summer. She landed a job at the Lamp Post Restaurant where she met her husband Marty, who was the manager. They now have three grown children. After all these years Carolyn is still asked about the Lamp Post's French toast recipe, which was never written down. People have tried to duplicate it and always comment it's not the same. Carolyn's response, "it's all about the consistency."

Carolyn started in the Admissions Office at Gettysburg College in 1994. She later applied for a job in the

Psychology Dept. Can you guess the Chair who hired her?! You got it! Our very own Dr. Janet Morgan Riggs.

Carolyn is described as “wonderful, friendly, amazing, awesome, and an understanding person” by staff and faculty. Carolyn’s advice is to have a listening ear and to try to be a good resource to others. She will miss the faculty in the Psychology Department, other administrative assistants, housekeeping staff, and others she has interacted with over the years.

Carolyn’s retirement plans include enjoying her 10 grandchildren and hopefully some traveling. She also hopes to volunteer with Samaritan’s Purse, helping with their disaster relief efforts, Wounded Warrior project, and Operation Christmas Child.

These two Alumnae have climbed the ladder to greatness and will be graduating again in 2019!

CONGRATULATIONS to two special ladies.

Remember, no matter what rung on the ladder we are on, we can all climb to be Gettysburg great!!

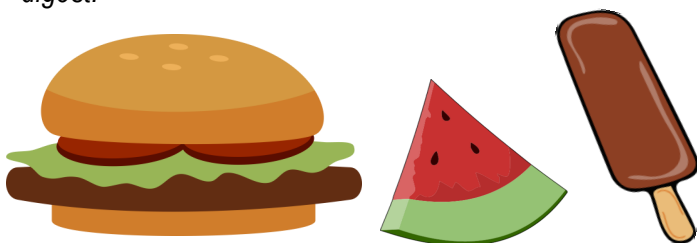
## All-Campus PICNIC

**Monday, June 3**

To be held in the CUB Ballroom

VOTING FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS DURING PICNIC.

*Watch for time and additional details to appear in the digest.*



### President's Post

*Janet Morgan Riggs*



Over the years, I’ve used this column to share information about topics of importance to our College community. As I write this last column, I want to offer a simple, but heartfelt, message of gratitude to all of you who are members of our support staff.

In the many years I’ve been at Gettysburg College, I’ve consistently been impressed by the talent, hard work, and dedication of our staff, who contribute mightily to the College’s health and well-being. Equally impressive is your impact on our students through the relationships you build with them and your kindness to them when they need a helping hand. These acts might seem small, but they are significant. Collectively they make our community a very special place for students to get an education.

In fact, our support staff really are the backbone of our College. You provide the support for the College body—binding us together, keeping us strong, and moving us forward. Having had some back issues myself, I never take a healthy backbone for granted!

As I get ready to retire, let me offer my sincere thanks to every one of you for what you do every day to keep that Gettysburg backbone strong. Your support of Gettysburg College and Gettysburg College students is simply extraordinary. My hat is off to you!

Thank you, and keep up the great work!



## President's Dinner for Support Staff 2019 January 12, 2019

[Click here to view additional dinner photos on Flickr.](#)







*Michael Arendt, Debra Small, President Riggs, Joyce Sprague, Deborah Rinehart, Linda Miller*

## Retirees

Michael Arendt  
Jane Cookson  
Gary Hummer  
Linda Miller  
Jan Pasco

Deborah Rinehart  
Debra Small  
Linda Sponseller  
Joyce Sprague  
Jillane Unger



## Support Staff Council

*Derek Brenneman, President Riggs, Janey Breighner, Carol Coon, Kathy Ambrose, Rose Taylor, Amanda Whitcomb, Renee Weikert, Mike Redding*  
Not present: Kristi Waybright





## 5 Years

ROW 1: Amy Smith, Jesse Mains, Ashley Welty, Janet Spangenberg, George Eller  
ROW 2: Bonnie Plank, Walner Edmund, Jenna Showers, President Riggs

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Walner Edmond  
George Eller  
Michael Hochard  
Scott Keller  
Jesse Mains  
Amy Oleksak  
Bonnie Plank  
Lisa Rynkiewicz  
Denise Shaffer  
Jenna Showers  
Amy Smith  
Janet Spangenberg  
Sherrie Stiltner  
Michele Stoner  
Ashley Welty



## 10 Years

Noll Slaybaugh, Sally Hill, Duane Staub, Olga Smith, Pamela Eisenhart, President Riggs

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Dal Do  
Wendee Dunlap  
Pamela Eisenhart  
Rosemary Goodman  
Sally Hill  
Timothy Krapf  
Jeffrey Miller  
Phomma Phanthy  
Noll Slaybaugh  
Vikki Slaybaugh  
Olga Smith  
Duane Staub



## 15 Years

Sladana Zigic, Kathy Ambrose, President Riggs, Tammy Wiseman, Lori Walton

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Kathy Ambrose  
Catherine Bain  
Brandy Briggs  
Stephen Coldsmith  
Michael Schallhorn  
Lori Walton  
Joseph Wheeler  
Tammy Wiseman  
Sladana Zigic



## 20 Years

President Riggs, Helen Menges

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Michele Klunk  
Helen Long  
Helen Menges  
Stephanie Rye



## 25 Years

Wanda Shank, President Riggs, Mickey Lingg

## 25 Years

Mickey Lingg  
Wanda Shank



## 30 Years

Janet Riggs, Jan Sharrah

## 30 Years

Michelle Albert  
Monya Guise  
Tamara Mayers  
Jan Sharrah  
Carl Yeingst



## 35 Years

President Riggs, Diane MacBeth

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## A Safer Campus Community

By Lynn Garskof

Watch out! Heads up! Whoops! Oops! Uh-oh! Ouch! Those are just a few things we catch ourselves saying when we make a mistake that leads to an accident. Whether intentional or not, accidents happen and sometimes they happen in the workplace. Occasionally our need for shortcuts and efficiency can lead us right into harm's way with serious consequences of physical injury, illness, or a fatality.

Established in 2006, Gettysburg College created the Safety Committee to assist in educating, implementing and promoting safety and health awareness throughout the college. The mission of the Gettysburg College Safety Committee is *"to further the institutional strategic initiatives through providing a safe and healthful living, learning, and working environment."* The committee is comprised of delegates from across campus who meet monthly and serve as liaisons to share departmental safety issues and concerns as they relate to: procedures, policies, environmental health, and specific workplace incidents. The committee also spends time reviewing on-going or recurrent safety issues and makes recommendations or conducts safety audits on how to change behavior and implement safer practices. Help us keep each other and campus safe by learning how to incorporate safety rules and procedures into your work environment. If you have a [safety suggestion](#) or a concern you would like addressed, please contact a committee member: Regina Campo; chair, Becky Biesecker, Lynn Garskof, Kelly Jones, Jeremy Kuhar, Travis Mathna, Coltt Nelson, Eric Richardson, Carrie Small, Dave Taylor, Cheryl Vogel, or Ron Wiafe.

## Employee Enrichment Day

Join us for a fun morning of professional and personal development activities including a behind the scenes tour of our campus facilities, learning how to vacation on a budget, climbing the rock wall in the Jaeger Center, experimenting with Ancestry.com, setting up your own Bullet Journal and many other exciting activities.

Employees are encouraged to bring one item to the picnic as a donation to the **Mosaic Cupboard**. The Mosaic Cupboard is a program housed in the Office of Multicultural Engagement to support our Gettysburg College students in need. As a thank you, your name will be entered into a drawing for a nice prize. Please drop off your donation at the entrance to the picnic to enter our drawing. Thank you!

**Suggested items for donation include:** Mouthwash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Floss, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving cream, Razors, Soap, Hand sanitizer, Deodorant, Tissues, Baby wipes, Brush or Comb, Lotion, Vaseline, Lysol wipes, Laundry detergent, Dryer sheets, Cough drops, Chapstick, Sanitary napkins.

Sessions will be 45 minutes in length and will run from 8:30 – 11:15am, leading up to the all-campus picnic.

Registration will be open from **April 29 to May 24, 2019**. Each session will have limited seating. In order not to miss out on your top choices, please register soon!

Watch the digest for information, including the link to register for your sessions of interest. For each session you participate in, you will enter your name into a drawing to win some fantastic gifts.

## New Support Staff Hires

*since January 2019*

Kelly Brainard	Administrative Services Assistant
Christina O'Brien	Food Service Worker
Derek Tate	Food Production Worker
Christine Kerns	Food Production Worker
Robert Ohler	Project Crew Member
Cynthia Lindsay	Facilities Services Worker I

## Staff Transfer to Administrative Position

*since January 2019*

Jesse S Mains	Budget and Faculty Employment Data Coordinator
Jan M. Sharrah	Administrative Services Assistant

## Support Staff Retirees

*since January 2019*

Susan Moyer	Orange & Blue Club
Theodore Rosenberger	HVAC Services
Virginia Rinehart	Dining Services Office
Nancy Bernardi	Library User Services

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## Accepting nominations for 18-19 Support Staff Council

### We're looking for representatives from all areas of Support Staff!

One open position in each field with a required 2-year commitment and mandatory attendance at regular monthly meetings.

Email Janey Breighner at [jbreighn@gettysburg.edu](mailto:jbreighn@gettysburg.edu)



## Looking for Upcoming Professional Development Events?

Visit the [Human Resources](#) website at for a list of all events.