



THE MILE VIEW



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THE **MILE** BOARD 2009-2010



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Seated, left to right: Nean Tirone, Hospitality Co-Chair; Esther Beierle, Publicity Chair; Geri Shaw, Website; Ginnie Gumz, Secretary; Elizabeth Tischio, Chair; Nancy Jordan, Vice Chair and MxCC Diversity Committee Rep; Al Schumann, Treasurer; Barbara Freudenstein, Past Chair; Ellen Long, Member at Large, Exploritas Trip, and MxCC Foundation Rep; and Mary Dickes, College Council Rep.

Standing, left to right: Barbara Batt, Newsletter Chair; Rosemary McNerney, Membership Chair; Sue Delvecchio, Curriculum Co-Chair; Lorena Pulis, Member at Large; Carol Ricker, Telephone Chair; Marcia Judson, Hospitality Co-Chair; Ruth Armentano, Member at Large; Bente Pedersen, Curriculum Co-Chair; and Joseph Soja, Chair Elect.

Our officers have completed the second year of their second term. They appreciate all the hard work that was done by those who volunteered their time and effort to make this year so successful. **THANK YOU FOR GOING THE EXTRA *MILE*!**

2010 – 2012 Officers

Chair Joseph Soja
Vice Chair Elizabeth Tischio
Secretary Judy Cook
Treasurer Geri Shaw

OPEN HOUSE / ORIENTATION

September 16th, 2010

Starting **MILE's** 18th Year

12:45 PM, Chapman Hall

Middlesex Community College

MILE'S fall session begins with a meeting September 16th to introduce you to the classes planned for October 5 through November 12.

Refreshments will be served.

Remember to bring a friend!

MESSAGE FROM ELIZABETH TISCHIO

My theme as Chair of **MILE** for the past four years has been “Ancora Imparo.” On his death bed, the artist Michelangelo (1475-1564) is believed to have said these words. Translated from Latin, Ancora Imparo means “I am still learning.” Today, more than four centuries later these words continue to inspire countless people to keep learning at any age.

MILE has offered me the opportunity to learn more about new subjects and old interests while learning about other people as well as myself. A **MILE** member paid me the highest compliment on the day of our field trip to Cedar Hill Cemetery when she said, “You are doing a good job. **MILE** keeps getting better and better.” If this is true, then I have all of you to thank because everyone connected with **MILE** is responsible for its success. The other officers have done a tremendous job. My first vice chair, Betty Tichy, made innovative suggestions and brought new people into **MILE**. After her departure, Bente Pedersen was the interim vice chair while she also headed the Curriculum Committee. Two years ago Nancy Jordan was elected vice chair and has been keeping things on track. Ginnie Gumz has taken meticulous notes as secretary, and Al Schumann has kept track of the books as Treasurer. Dedicated volunteers on the Advisory Board and the Curriculum Committee meet monthly to provide the groundwork for our programs. Committee members do their part to ensure a smooth operation.

In four years **MILE** has doubled its membership from 150 to over 300. We have a website now and have begun to give annual scholarships to MxCC non-traditional students. We have a new agreement with MxCC and have increased our donation to the college. We also hold an annual volunteer appreciation lunch.

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to lead **MILE** for four years. This quote by Eleanor Roosevelt best expresses my feelings: “Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never ever the same.”

MILE AWARDS THREE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

For the second time, **MILE** participated in the annual MxCC Foundation Awards ceremony by awarding three \$500 scholarships to non-traditional students through the Foundation Awards Committee.

Brian Stiles, a Broadcast Communications Program student, is interested in investigative broadcast journalism. He is currently producing a documentary for shoreline soup kitchens.

Paul Studdard is enrolled in the General Studies Program and will apply for acceptance into the Radiologic Technology Program in 2011.

Catrina White is in the Human Services Program and wants to become a music therapist.

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Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of the incoming freshmen. People who are starting college this fall were born in 1992. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up. Their lifetime has always included AIDS. Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic. The CD was introduced before they were born. They have always had an answering machine. They have always had cable. They cannot fathom not having a remote control. Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show. Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws. They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are. They don't know who Mork was or where he was from. They never heard: “Where's the Beef?”, “I'd walk a mile for a Camel,” or “de plane, Boss, de plane...” They do not care who shot J.R., nor do they have any idea who J.R. is. McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers. They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

It is good to know people who know about these things!

VOLUNTEERS AT MILE

The Board, which consists of officers and committee chairs, meets on the second Tuesday of every month of the year except July.

The **Curriculum Committee**, headed by Sue Delvecchio, meets on the first Tuesday of every month except July. Other curriculum volunteers include: Doris Coster, Barbara Freudenstein, Ginnie Gumz, Debbie Hall, Nancy Jordan, Maureen Krekian, Mary Ellen Linderman, Rosemary Mc Nerney (Brochure), Bente Pedersen, Pat Rust, Joseph Soja, Nean Tirone, Elizabeth Tischio, Irene Tomassetti, and Judy Walsh.

Curriculum also includes **Trips**, and Ellen Long and Bruce Ricker planned this year's June Elderhostel Charter Trip to Richmond.

Class Monitors, organized by Bente Pedersen, arrive early and get everything set for class. Volunteers include: Dorothy Arden, Peggy Becker, Nicholas Cannata, Violet Cannata, Corinne Carmody, Dan Carmody, Doris Coster, Rosemary Donnestad, Barbara Faulstich, Alexa Flora, Ann Grace, Jim Grace, Helen Graham, Clare Hoover, Nancy Jordan, Beth Lapin, Marilyn Mapes, Cheryl Marcoux, Marilyn McGuire, Martha Moody, Gail Morris, Eugene Sestero, John Sevanick, Mary Sevanick, Nean Tirone, Irene Tomassetti, Vincent Tomassetti, Betty Wall and Judy Walsh.

Publicity has many facets. Esther Beierle does our newspaper articles. Barbara Faulstich coordinates distribution of posters. Other volunteers are: Ruth Armentano, Doris Coster, Barbara Freudenstein, Anne Grace, Helen Graham, Ginnie Gumz, Nancy Jordan, Ben Jordan, Pat Kobylenski, Mary Ellen Larson, Kathy McRae, Bente Pedersen, Carol Ricker, Pat Rust, Margaret Soja, Nean Tirone, and Elizabeth Tischio.

Clerical volunteers, organized by Lorena Pulis to do the mailings, are Jean Bonnier, Barbara Faulstich, Martha Gifford, Barbara Hass, Pat Kobylenski, Mary Ellen Larson, Kathy Mc Rae, Gail Morris, Helen Parker, Alyce Reardon, Carol Ricker, Margaret Soja, and Peggy Stumbers.

Volunteers (continued)

Hospitality, co-chaired by Marsha Judson and Nean Tirone, has provided us with gourmet food and coffee and delightful table arrangements. Other volunteers are: Sandra Ennever, Pat Hines, Diane Johnson, Mary Ellen Linderman, Cheryl Marcoux, Alyce Reardon, Marjorie Reid, Laura Shiembob, Cynthia Snow, and Margaret Soja.

Telephone is chaired by Carol Ricker. Volunteers who call when changes and/or cancellations happen are: Esther Beierle, Jean Bonnier, Eleanor Borkowski, Mary Colburn, Doris Coster, Kathy Flood, Maureen Krekian, Mary Ellen Larson, Cheryl Marcoux, Philomena McKinstry, Lorena Pulis, Ruth Purdy, Alyce Reardon, Sari Rosenbaum, Margaret Soja, Natalie Stewart, Nean Tirone, and Betty Wall.

Audio/Visual is managed by Klaus Gumz and Ben Jordan.

Presenters are often **MILE** members. This year they included Janice Albert, Barbara Arafah, Roberta Avery, Jean Chittenden, Sue Delvecchio, Gay Fialko, Diane Johnson, Mary Ellen Linderman, Rosemary Mc Nerney, Bill Small, Charles Steffens, Jolly Steffens, and Richard Wrubel.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

A special lunch for all the **MILE** volunteers, to honor and thank them for all their work this year, will be held on **Tuesday, June 8th** at noon in Chapman Hall, Room 808 C&D.

If you have read all of the names on these pages, you will realize that several have volunteered not just once but four or five times! New volunteers are always welcome, so plan now for where you would like to help next year. **MILE** now has 319 members of which there are just 83 volunteers. We need you!