



# THE MILE VIEW



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## MESSAGE FROM the CHAIR

The Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education will be starting its 24th year, and I want to thank all of those who have joined, attended, and volunteered through all the years.

Last year our membership totaled 370. Please know that your membership fees have enabled the Advisory Board to present one \$500 scholarship for every one hundred members. Also, 30% of the total yearly membership fees goes to MxCC. The college provides MILE with classroom space and accounting at no charge. This money helps defray the cost of the clerical help they provide plus the maintenance assistance (setting up and breaking down) and numerous other jobs that other organizations pay individual companies to do for them. MxCC also has a staff of professors who come forward and volunteer their time to present. MxCC provides the Advisory Board with a liaison, Kim Hogan, who is an invaluable asset to the Board.

The Board is given an abundance of information regarding the goings-on at the College. One piece of information was eye-opening: 85% of the students attending MxCC receive financial aid. The fact is that there are still expenses that may prevent some of them from continuing their education. Therefore, last year MILE introduced *The Extra MILE Fund* through the MxCC Foundation. With your tax deductible donations totaling over \$1,500, we will be able to disperse emergency funds for those students in need. The amount will not exceed \$200 per student and can be used for transportation, child care, and/or books. These out-of-pocket costs won't interfere with their scholarships but might help them continue their education.

**We hope you will voluntarily give a tax-deductible donation to *The Extra MILE Fund* this year by bringing it to the open house, or you may mail it.**

~ Judy Cook

## 2016 – 2017 Officers

**Chair Judy Cook**  
**Vice Chair Joanne Rocznik**  
**Secretary Lorena Pulis**  
**Treasurer Bruce Ricker**

## **OPEN HOUSE / ORIENTATION**

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Refreshments at 1:00 PM**  
**Program at 1:15 PM**  
**Room 808, Chapman Hall, MxCC**  
**Introduction to Program and Presenters**  
**Bring a friend!**

## **THE MAGIC FOOD BUS**

MxCC now has *The Magic Food Bus*. This is an actual bus that has been converted into a food pantry run by Students for Students and their kids.

### **Non-perishable foods are needed.**

You are requested to bring a donation to Orientation. Some suggestions include canned items such as tuna, chicken, other fish; cereals, granola bars; canned vegetables such as beans or tomatoes; etc.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mile gave three \$500 scholarships this year:

**Elisabeth Baudis:** Elisabeth is a returning student and is enrolled in the Radiologic Technology Program. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. Elisabeth is very successful both at work and in her studies, and also makes time to be a Special Olympics volunteer.

**Debra Kennedy:** Debra is a returning student enrolled in General Studies. She became a Licensed Practical Nurse several years ago, but now has a career goal of becoming a Registered Nurse and a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. Debra is active at her church and in her community.

**Lynette Lindner:** Lynette is a returning student enrolled in Accounting. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. Lynette returned to school to be an example to her son and to update her skills. She volunteers for VITA and her church; and has participated in MADD and Best Buddies.

## Meet MILE Secretary Lorena Pulis

*“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You may vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”*

*Author Unknown*

Lorena Pulis has begun her second two year term as MILE secretary. A MILE member for the past six years, she got involved when approached by MILE member Bente Pedersen who zeroed in on her bulk mailing experience. With the help of other volunteers, Lorena has been mailing out the brochures ever since.



A New Jersey native, Lorena earned an Associates degree from the Montclair campus of Katherine Gibbs College. She moved to Connecticut when her former husband accepted a position with Colt Firearms during the Vietnam War and raised her three children in Higganum. Two of her children live in Connecticut while one daughter braves the winters of Rochester, New York. Lorena also has five grandchildren to spoil. She has lived in Wesleyan Hills in Middletown for the past 30 years.

Career experience as an office manager for a group dental practice and later as client service manager for a laser printing company makes Lorena a great asset for the MILE Board of Directors.

Volunteering is in Lorena's DNA. She has been an active member of her condo association since she moved in, currently serving as its treasurer and chair of its Landscape Committee. She encourages MILE members to volunteer for any one of the positions on the board or for the routine assignments that keep the programs running smoothly for its 370 members.

Lorena has high praise for the Curriculum Committee and the diversity of the programs offered each semester. She considers it a perk that she is one of the first to see the new semester scheduling in print when getting the brochures out.

Reading, traveling, and some gardening are favorite activities of this busy volunteer. A recent trip to Australia and Tasmania proved to be an amazing adventure. And Lorena finds there is nothing like the warmth of the Caribbean sun in midwinter for rejuvenating the spirit.

Congratulations Lorena on your second term as MILE secretary and for your commitment to volunteering.

~ Kathleen Amoia

**FALL SEMESTER PROGRAMS**  
**Don't forget to bring your brochure  
to Open House**  
**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**OPENING PROGRAM**  
**TUESDAY, OCT 4, 2016**  
**1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**AMY GALLATIN & STILLWATERS**

### **Off Site:**

Great Decisions – Village at South Farms  
Thursdays: 10/13,20,27 and 11/3, 10

**Lotteries:** Wednesday, September 21  
Food & Fiestas of Spain (60)  
The Art of Zentangle (15)

### **Books to Read:**

*The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey* by Rinker Buck on Tuesday, 11/1

### **Trips:**

Salem, Massachusetts  
Wednesday, October 26 or  
Thursday, October 27

We hope a lot of you will check “either” so we have people to fill each bus.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sign-up sheets for committee volunteers will be available at Orientation along with Monitor sheets. We are also looking for someone to provide backup in updating our website when needed.

