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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Faculty/Staff Holiday Party

Invitations for the annual Faculty/Staff Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 18, are in the mail now! If you wish to attend, please respond to casey.etzel@marymount.edu or ext. 1540 by Friday, December 7.

The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., then dancing with live music.

At the dinner, several prizes will be awarded to individuals who have supported the Faculty/Staff Scholarship by donating to the Campus Fund between July 1 and December 18. Prizes include three month-long reserved parking spaces on the Main Campus or at the Ballston Center, a gift basket, a Marymount University Bookstore (Barnes & Noble) gift certificate, and gift certificates to a variety of local restaurants. If you'd like a chance to win one of these prizes but haven't yet made a gift, visit the secure online giving site at www.marymount.edu/support. You need not be present at the holiday party to win.

The procedure for presenting Service Awards to those faculty, staff, and administrators celebrating milestone years of employment is changing this year. A list of the Service Award honorees will be included in the Christmas Dinner program, but the actual awards will be presented at the Spring Semester University Assembly on January 25.

FYI

Payroll Reminder

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, December's pay dates will be on the 14th and 21st. The next pay date will not be until January 15, 2008. Please plan accordingly. If you have any questions, call the Payroll office at ext. 1485 or 6992.

Year-end is a good time to make sure that your HR and payroll records are accurate. Please take a moment to verify the accuracy of your name and address as they appear on your paycheck or payroll

advice. If you relocated to another state during the 2007 tax year, you must fill out a new withholding form to ensure that taxes are being withheld for the correct state.

Faculty Quiet Hours

Do you need a quiet place where you can grade papers and exams? If so, the Center for Teaching Excellence has the solution! From December 10 through December 18, the center will provide refuge, refreshments, and Marynet access in room 407 at the Ballston Center. This room will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 10 and 11, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. thereafter. Faculty can also make arrangements to gain additional access to the room by calling the center at ext. 5761.

Bookstore Discounts

The Bookstore will offer faculty and staff members a 25% discount on purchases of clothing, gift items, and reference books from December 3 through December 15.

Volunteers Needed!

Marymount faculty and staff are invited to help serve a late-night breakfast during a prefinals study break for commuter and resident students on Thursday, December 6, from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Gerard Dining Hall.

The event, sponsored by Auxiliary Services, is intended to be a morale booster for students before they come face-to-face with their blue books. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact **Upen Malani**, ext. 1491, by December 4.

Designer of the Year Announced

Save the date! Veteran fashion designer **Cynthia Rowley** will visit Marymount to accept the University's 2008 Designer of the Year Award at *Portfolio in Motion* on April 25. Watch for more details in an upcoming issue of *InsideMU*.

InsideMU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *InsideMU*, e-mail: insidemu@marymount.edu or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

Crèches on Display

Are you in need of a little inspiration to help you get into the spirit of the season? Then stop by the Reinsch Library to view 20 nativity scenes from countries around the world, including Ecuador, Lithuania, Togo, Nepal, and the United States, on display near the circulation desk and in the corridor outside the library. The crèches are part of a collection owned by James and Emilia Govan. They represent a small fraction of the more than 400 scenes the couple collected over many years of travel. Librarian **Margaret Margeton**, who arranges for the display at Marymount each year, attends the same church as Mr. Govan.

Christmas Card Drive

Campus Ministry is partnering with the Diocesan Prison Ministry Office to provide religious Christmas cards and money for stamps for incarcerated men, women, and youth in local prisons, jails, and juvenile detention centers. Please bring unused or new religious Christmas cards or your donations to the Campus Ministry Office in the Lodge by Friday, December 7.

Dollar Dinner

You are invited to join Campus Ministry for the last Dollar Dinner of the year on Friday, December 7, at 5 p.m., in the lobby of Gerard Phelan Hall. **Sr. Clare Hunter**, director of the Arlington Diocese's Respect Life Office and a popular speaker in its Theology on Tap program, will be the featured guest. Faculty and staff are encouraged to stop by for good food, fellowship, and a chance to "stump the nun."

PLAUDITS

Sr. Patricia Helene Earl, IHM, Ph.D., coordinator of the Catholic School Leadership Program and assistant professor of Education, published a chapter titled "Challenges to Faith Formation in Contemporary Catholic Schooling in the USA: Problem and Response" in *International Handbook of Catholic Education: Challenges for the School Systems in the 21st Century*.

Sr. Patricia also gave presentations at the Arlington Diocesan Educators' Institute in October on "Faith Formation and Virtue" and at the Arlington Diocesan Catechetical Institute in November on "Faith Formation and Living the Beatitudes."

Gail Flatness, librarian and associate professor, and **Ellen Smith**, reference librarian and assistant professor, presented "Buddy to Buddy: Setting up an IM Service in Your Library" at the Virginia Library Association's annual conference in November.

Dr. Cynthia Knott, assistant professor of Management Science, and **James Ryerson**, dean of the School of Business Administration, presented "Using the Analytic Hierarchy Process to Weight Attribute Criteria Across Industries and Products" at the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) annual meeting in November.

In addition, Dr. Knott and **Dr. Diane Murphy**, chair of the Department of Information Technology and Management Science, presented "Computer Crimes and Their Prosecution: Examining Questions Surrounding These Issues" at the INFORMS annual meeting.

Dr. Kristi Planck Johnson, professor of Education, delivered an interactive presentation titled "Educating Refugees and Immigrants in Denmark and Sweden: History and Future Trends" to a Scandinavian Civilization class in the History Department at the University of Maryland, College Park in November.

PEOPLE Transitions

Wilson Nyah, student accounts representative, has been promoted to manager, Student Accounts.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marymount freshman **Margaret Dibble**, who died on November 26.

EVENTS

December 3 — Penance Service and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Chapel, 9 p.m.

December 7 — Christmas Tree Lighting, the Lodge, 6 p.m.

December 8 — Women's basketball vs. Wesley, Verizon Sports Arena, 2 p.m.

December 8 — Men's basketball vs. Wesley, Verizon Sports Arena, 4 p.m.

December 9 — Christmas Dinner, Gerard Dining Hall, 5 p.m.

December 9 — Candlelight Mass, Chapel, 7 p.m.

December 18 — Faculty/Staff Holiday Party, Rose Benté Lee Center, 6:30 p.m.