



THE MILE VIEW



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THE MILE BOARD 2013-2014



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Seated, left to right: Robb Evans, Treasurer; Elizabeth Tischio, Vice Chair; Joseph Soja, Chair; and Judy Cook, Secretary.
Standing, left to right: Elizabeth Tirone, Hospitality Co-Chair; Rosemary McNerney, Website/Email; Marsha Judson, Hospitality Co-Chair; Ruth Armentano, College Council Rep; Ellen Long, MxCC Foundation Rep, Member-at-Large, Road Scholar Trip; Carol Ricker, Telephone Committee Chair; Lorena Pulis, Member-at-Large; Al Schumann, Membership; Nancy Jordan, Diversity Committee; Sue Delvecchio, Curriculum Chair. Missing: Joanne Rocznik, Publicity Chair.

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!

2014– 2016 Officers

Chair Judy Cook
Vice Chair Joseph Soja
Secretary Lorena Pulis
Treasurer Al Schumann

OPEN HOUSE / ORIENTATION

September 12th, 2014, 1:00 PM

Starting MILE's 22nd Year

Chapman Hall

Middlesex Community College

MILE's fall session begins with a meeting September 12th to introduce you to the programs planned for September 29 through November 14.

Refreshments will be served.

Remember to bring a friend!

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 included Doris Coster, Barbara Edelstein, Nancy Jordan, Sue Kulesza, Rosemary McNerney (brochure), Pat Rust, Marge Sadinsky, Shirley Schloss, Gene Sestero, Joseph Soja, Nean Tirone, Elizabeth Tischio, Irene Tomassetti, and Judy Walsh (brochure).

Curriculum also includes **Trips**, and Ellen Long and Bruce Ricker planned this year's June Road Scholar Charter Trip to Cleveland, but the trip was cancelled.

Newsletter. Rosemary McNerney and Elizabeth Tischio published this year's newsletters.

Membership Chair Al Schumann was aided this year by Sue Kulesza, Lorena Pulis, Pat Rust, and Irene Tomassetti.

Class Monitors coordinated by Marge Sadinsky, arrive early and get everything set for class. Volunteers included Ruth Armentano, Eva Bardwell, Janice Burrill, Corinne Carmody, Dan Carmody, Judy Cook, Nancy Dagle, Ruth Dorman, Barbara Edelstein, Sandy Ennever, Ginny Evensen, Barbara Faulstich, Richard Gault, Donna Iwanski, Nancy Jordan, Sue Kulesza, Pat Kupcho, Joan Kuzminski, Peg Lewis, Marilyn Mapes, Martha Moody, Burl Noyes, Pat Noyes, Carol Ricker, Joanne Roczniak, Nancy Rogalsky, Cora Rodenhizer, Laura Schiavone, Shirley Schloss, Gene Sestero, Sandy Sievers, Mary Simon, Pia Smith, Sue Swol, Irene Tomassetti, Vincent Tomassetti, Eleanor Trudelle, Bob Walsh, Judy Walsh, Joel Wilks, Lynne Wilks, and Alma Zygo.

Publicity has many facets. Joanne did our newspaper articles. Barbara Faulstich coordinated the distribution of posters. Other volunteers were

Ruth Armentano, Lynn Bacon, Esther Beierle, Doris Coster, Anne Grace, Ginny Gumz, Nancy Jordan, Ben Jordan, Pat Kobylenski, Mary Ellen Larson, Kathy Mc Rae, Carol Ricker, Pat Rust, Margaret Soja, Nean Tirone, and Elizabeth Tischio.

Clerical volunteers, organized by Lorena Pulis to do the mailings, were Lynn Bacon, Jean Bonnier, Jean Giardina, Martha Gifford, Pat Kobylenski, Helen Kuzina, Mary Ellen Larson, Beverly Manwaring, Kathy Mc Rae, Margo Roberts, and Eleanor Trudelle.

Hospitality, co-chaired by Marsha Judson and Nean Tirone, provided us with gourmet food and coffee and delightful table arrangements. Other volunteers were Sandra Ennever, Delores Ferraro, Pam Hartz Miller, Diane Johnson, Kay Kestermont, Patti Loewenthal, Shirley Pattavina, Marie Reid, Joanne Schilke, Laura Shiembob, Cynthia Snow, and Lynne Wilks.

Telephone was chaired by Carol Ricker. The volunteers who called when changes and/or cancellations happened were Janice Burrill, Corinne Carmody, Linda Chaffee, Mary Colburn, Ginny Evensen, Beth Hartke, Barbara Hass, Mary Ellen Larson, Marilyn McGuire, Philomena McKinstry, Carolyn Neely, Mary O'Brien, Lorena Pulis, Ruth Purdy, George Pytlik, Nancy Pytlik, Marie Reid, Nean Tirone, Eleanor Trudelle, and Betty Wall.

Audio/Visual, managed by Klaus Gumz and Ben Jordan, also included Jim Swol.

Presenters are often **MILE** members. This year they included Steve Akerley, Kathy Amoia, Jay Keiser, Kay Kestermont, and Patti Anne Vassia.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

A special lunch to honor and thank the 99 Volunteers for all their work will be held on **Tuesday, June 10th** at noon in Chapman Hall, Room 808. Several members have been on three or more committees! New volunteers are always welcome so plan now to help next year.

If we have left your name out, please contact us at mileatchapman@gmail.com.

REMARKS FROM JOE SOJA

It has been my pleasure to be your chair these past four (4) years. As you know Judy Cook will succeed me as your new chair. Judy has a great deal of business experience, and I know she will keep **MILE** moving forward. She has a nice sense of humor, a great personality and is fun to work with.

As I look back these past four (4) years, **MILE's** popularity continues to grow with adult learners. The baby boomers are now joining the retired ranks and looking for things to do and stay active. People have said to me how much they enjoyed our programs and are looking forward to attending each semester. So, what is it about **MILE** that keeps people coming back? I think it is the variety of programs **MILE** offers to its members. We try to touch on all the disciplines of education: history, science, literature, music, dance, art, along with day trips and Road Scholar Trips. In other words we have something for everyone to enjoy.

Look at the summary of programs this year. All of this for \$60 which equates to less than \$1 per program. Even the college is amazed at how we do this. However, it's not without its challenges. Since our enrollment and MxCC's has grown so much we have had to move many classes off campus. We are conducting the smaller classes at the Village of South Farms. We are using St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall for the larger classes when the college cannot accommodate us. Covenant Village in Cromwell is also interested in offering us class space.

Other adult learning groups in Connecticut are experiencing some of the same problems we are having sharing class space with the host college and working under the rules of the college and the State of Connecticut. ALP in Bloomfield has chosen to incorporate under a 501c3 non-profit status so they can have full control of their program yet have some affiliation with UConn. I know many of our members would like to stay where we are and have an affiliation with MxCC. However what ALP has done could also be an option for **MILE** to consider some time in the future if class space continues to be a problem. Over 50% of **MILE's** classes were moved off campus this past year.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

MILE 2013 – 2014 STATISTICS

Membership: 321 (30 without email)

275 females and 46 males

(includes 34 couples)

from 34 towns

99 volunteers

Curriculum:

14 weeks (73 days)

86 programs

57 presenters

Field Trips:

Three in-state and two to NYC

MILE AWARDS

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

For the fifth year, **MILE** participated in the annual MxCC Foundation Awards ceremony held on May 9. **MILE** voted to award three \$500 scholarships to non-traditional students. The Foundation Awards Committee reserved \$1,000 for next year and awarded \$500 to Ebony Beal of Middletown, a returning student who plans to pursue a career in the music industry.

Strange Minds

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Have a great summer, everyone!!



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September 6th 6 – 9:00 PM

\$50 per person

Contact: Corey Martell

FREE PIANO

Upright piano, manufacturer: Cable, estimated date of manufacture: 1940's to 50's. The piano stands approximately 45" tall and is normal piano size depth and length, 20" by 53". Action good. Needs tuning. Case in good condition. Offered free to good home. Contact Joe Soja (860.529.4539) or Robb Evans (860.860-346.4552).