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SCEC PIE WALK A SUCCESS

by **Saundra Daniels**

The Staff Council Executive Committee Pie Walk at Family Fest 2008 was a success! We had 776 individuals that participated based on our tickets sales. However, if we include the runners-up for the 6-inch pies, our totals would come to 986 individuals that took part in playing the game. All the pies were gone by the end of Family Fest. No one seemed to mind that it was a "Pie Walk" instead of a Cake Walk. There were a total of 130 pies that were given away that day. If someone did not win a pie, they were offered a lollypop or tootsie roll.

SCEC would like to say THANK YOU to all the individuals who were part of the Pie Walk Team. Your participation (rallying up, energizing, dancing, and singing) with the families really helped to make the Pie Walk a huge success. Great job TEAM! We hope to see you all next year.

LCCC Staff Council Executive Committee Pie Walk Team:

Juanita Baker
Karen Bennett
Chris Callahan
Ken Collins
Saundra Daniels
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Laura Krupelak
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Rosaline Vitalie
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Lynda Barnett - Student
Brianna Holland - Student
Christina Hood - Student
Son Phan - Student
Francesca Weeden - Student
Tre'Von Jackson - Community Help
Taiwan Jackson - Community Help



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STAFF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Staff Council meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m., Wednesday, September 10. Members in attendance included Ken Collins, Saundra Daniels, Andrea Lyndes, Fran McCaffrey, Dan Carrero, Miguel Rivera, Celeste Baker, Liz Garcia, Tracey Maxwell, Gina Maxwell, Ray Pagan, Mike Mielcarek, and Cheryl Miltner. Staff Council's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12.

September meeting highlights are as follows:

- Ken Collins, Saundra Daniels, Andrea Lyndes, Dan Carrero, Tracey Maxwell, Melissa Siwinski and Rochelle Lappis will serve on the Staff Council Salary Benefits Committee for the 2008-09 academic year.
- The committee has begun the process of updating and clarifying the staff council bylaws and will continue to bring one to three items they believe need updating or clarification to each SCEC meeting. The first item discussed was the order of business. It was decided that SCEC members representing staff council on other committees around campus will have a place on the agenda to report out progress on those committees to SCEC. Language will also be inserted in the order of business under Attendance/Quorum allowing for attendance via conference call. The second order of business revision will be to designate a space on the agenda for a financial report from the president on the SCEC budget. Other recommendations from the bylaws committee were a job description for SCEC representatives and that changes made to the procedures and documentation recommendations in the bylaws do NOT change the duties or purpose of SCEC but will need to be approved by the staff.
- Ken Collins will work to identify potential candidates for the vacant group three representative position. An ad hoc committee was formed to take a look at the bigger issue of the make up of Staff Council Groups and make recommendations to balance the number of employees in each group and to address the communication issues that have arisen due to staff council groups and representatives being isolated from one another as offices have moved over the years.
- Dr. Church and Operations Council have approved a new Six Sigma team to explore the idea of flexible work schedules, virtual work (telecommuting) and their affect on the College's carbon footprint. The team will meet soon and begin the process of recommending strategies for flexible work practices that could be implemented successfully at LCCC.

- Interest in the subcommittees for the Green Campus Task Force has grown after the presentations at Convocation. The gardening subcommittee is now considering sensory, culinary and shade gardens and updates to the landscape master plan.

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EDITORS

by Lisa Elliott and Barb Armstrong

Have you ever decided to commit to something in an instant? Sometimes those are the best decisions. Not a chance to *out* think, *out* analyze, *out* talk your way out of your decision to just go for it. This summer, Ken Collins decided to submit an "everyone" e-mail requesting an editor for the *Bell Tower Review*. I responded and now here I am, along my partner Barbara Armstrong serving as co-editors for the *Bell Tower Bulletin*. With Peggy Nesbit guiding us along, we are creating new ideas, keeping what works and counting on all of you to commit *in an instant* by reading, responding and helping to create community through the *Bell Tower*. I thank Staff Council for allowing me to serve as co-editor.

I have served on the Bell Tower Bulletin for the last seven years. I have written, taken photos, edited, and proofread for that long. I find that writing for a publication is fun and fulfilling. I have learned from each news article and interview that I have done. I am looking forward to serving as co-editor for the next year with Lisa. Together we will try to implement some changes and attempt to report on the type of information that SCEC would like to present to the LCCC campus. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as editor.

Quick Movie Review

by Barb Armstrong

Secret Life of Bees: If you have read the book, you will LOVE the movie. It is exactly like the book! If you have not read the book, you will love the movie any how, because it is a heartwarming, emotional story about a 14-year old girl, struggling to find peace within herself. Set in the early 60's when civil rights was just beginning to catch on in the south, Lily (Dakota Fanning) runs away from an abusive father and the fuzzy memory of accidentally shooting and killing her mother. She takes Rosaleen (Jennifer Hudson), the housekeeper, with her

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CAKE DECORATORS HONORED BY SCEC by Barb Armstrong

On Thursday, October 23, the Staff Council Executive Committee held a luncheon for all the volunteers who have decorated cakes for the cake walk at past Family Fests. Around 20 volunteers showed up for the lunch of pizza, salad, and - what else - cake for dessert! Volunteers relived memories of cake-decorating days. They remembered when crumbs in the frosting were covered up by sprinkles, and roses were put in places to hide mistakes, andwell, maybe they shouldn't divulge all of their secrets. In the past, volunteers brought their own bowls, spatulas, large spoons, and aprons. Five gallon buckets of frosting, purchased from Giant Eagle, were emptied in three hours. Those were the good old days.

This year the cake walk was replaced by a "pie" walk. Mamma Jo supplied the pies for the SCEC Pie Walk. The choices were cherry, apple, and pumpkin. The procedure was the same - \$1.00 for a ticket; walk around the grid to music; stop on a number; spin the wheel; whoever is on the number that the wheel stops on wins a pie. Was the pie walk a success? Read the article by Sandra Daniels to find out.



(Ed.: We had nothing to do with the spelling on the cake!)

CALLING ALL RETIREES!

If you are retired from LCCC or know someone who is, let us know what you are doing. Just email us at bell.tower@lorainccc.edu.

WANTED

The Bell Tower Bulletin is always looking for article ideas, recipes, and people who like to write. You don't need to be an English major! If you can't write, the Bell Tower staff is willing to help you put together any article ideas you may have.

Just email us at bell.tower@lorainccc.edu.

Welcome to the Bell Tower Bulletin, a monthly newsletter for Lorain County Community College Staff. We hope you enjoy this issue. Send comments, suggestions and feedback to BTB to bell.tower@lorainccc.edu. Next deadline for article and/or image submission is due November 21.

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Election Trivia Compiled by Peggy Nesbit

Political cartoonist Thomas Nast first depicted Democrats as donkeys and Republicans as elephants in the 1870s, but then the donkeys were considered liars and cheats and the elephants weak and timid based on the scandals of the day. Later, the Democrats chose to see the jackass as a clever and courageous donkey and the Republicans to see the elephants as the sign of strength and intelligence, keeping their animals symbols to this day.

Chicago's mayor Richard Daley Sr. is the one attributed with saying: "Vote early and vote often." Obviously something that used to be an issue in Chicago and with other big city politics.

Cooping was the name for a form of voter fraud where a man would be shanghaied by a group of party workers and taken from polling place to polling place to vote repeatedly. The voter was often placated with drink to vote as directed. One of the theories about the death of Edgar Allen Poe was that he was the victim of cooping. Another theory suggests he died of rabies!

November was chosen as the month for the national election because it was after the fall harvest but not so late into the year that the weather was too bad to travel to the country seat to vote.

Tuesday was chosen as the day to vote because most people (men) would have to travel at least a day or more to get to the county seat by horseback or foot power and to arrive on Monday to vote would require traveling on Sunday, the Lord's Day, when you only ever traveled to church.

Gerrymandering is a term referring to the convoluted creation of congressional districts to rig seats for specific political parties. It was named for the 1810-1812 Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry who got a bill passed into law that allowed just that.

It's just a myth that Pres. William Henry Harrison died after giving a two-hour inaugural speech on a cold and rainy March day in 1841. Actually he caught a cold a month later but back then the doctors didn't know about viruses and assumed it was from his foolhardy two hours in the cold and rain at the age of 68.

There have been six amendments to the US constitution affecting suffrage or the "right to vote."

14th Amendment (1868): removes the counting of slave as 3/5ths of a man

15th Amendment (1870): removed the barriers to race, color, or the previous condition of slavery

19th Amendment (1920): removed the barrier of gender

24th Amendment (1964): removed the requirement of a poll tax or other tax to vote

23rd Amendment (1961): provided that residents of the District of Columbia can vote for the President and Vice-President

26th Amendment (1971): set the voting age at 18.

In the November 2008 issue of the National Geographic magazine, a voter turnout graphic shows the percentage of voters participating in the most recent presidential and parliamentary elections in their countries. The three highest countries reported: Turkmenistan (99%), Rwanda, and Russia were all considered compromised elections by various international voting groups. Australia was next highest at 95% but as the graphic explained, non-voting in Australia is accompanied by a \$20 fine so most people respond by casting a blank ballot. (You gotta love the Aussies!) The US comes in at 89%, well above most larger European countries like France, Germany and the UK.

TURKEY TROT THE POUNDS AWAY

Penton Memorial 10K set for 9 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day

The Penton Memorial Annual Turkey Trot 10K takes place on Thanksgiving morning on our beautiful Lorain County Community College campus. The morning's festivities will attract more than runners and walkers, with the winners dashing off with some great prizes. To get you into the spirit of the Holiday, flap on down to a Thanksgiving Day tradition, and don't forget to pre-register at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jim Powers at jpowers@lorainccc.edu or the download a registration form visit <http://www.lorainccc.edu/NR/rdonlyres/38EF6457-7BE9-4D6D-BF12-133542C27E1B/3998/PentonTurkeyTrot.pdf>.





Fifteenth Annual Family Fest

Watch LCCC's Eye On Campus to catch the highlights of this year's Family Fest, visit http://www.lorainccc.edu/eoc/15th_Annual_Family_Fest.htm.



Photographs by: Paul Modic, Sandra Daniels,
and Ron Rybarcyk

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Question of the Month

Compiled by Barb Armstrong

This year's Family Fest had quite a turnout. With more things to do and see for all ages, the Bell Tower Question of the Month is this:

What was your favorite event or activity at Family Fest this year?

I enjoyed the Trick-or-Treating for the Children. I have a 6-year-old daughter, and she also enjoyed it. I also enjoyed the food that was provided at the Family Fest—very good. The crowd was amazing—big turn out.

Jamesha Amerson

Allied Health and Nursing

Zumba and the rock wall.

Kristin O'Brien

I really loved the Festival Tent (which I worked) because I got the opportunity to talk with so many people interested in all the great things going on at the college!

Lena Knight

Outreach Services

Personally, I loved that Diane Papp was painting masks in the Stocker Center. It's not often that you can have someone of her talent level paint your 3-year-old a masterpiece!

Heather Robinson

Library

There were many events, but one stands out to me. The "Salute to Veterans" was my favorite. The ceremony was lovely. As the VA Certifying Official at LCCC it gave me great pleasure to be a part of giving recognition to the men and women who have chosen to serve our country on our behalf. I met some of the WWII veterans who totally enjoyed the event. I shook the hand of each veteran student as they walked on the platform. I've seen their joys but have also witnessed their pain. As the ceremony ended the remaining veterans were asked to stand. As I looked at them I noticed one face. The look on his face felt like heavy weights on my heart. All I could think of was making sure I spoke to him. I almost lost him in the crowd but found him. I introduced myself and we spoke for awhile. I shared information with him about the soon-to-be Veterans Club and support system for our returning soldiers. He nodded and smiled. He was receptive to any help. Reaching out to the community is what it's all about. The Family Fest did just that. It brought moms, dads, grandparents, children and our soldiers to our LCCC family celebration.

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Dear Reader:

By Peggy Nesbit

Tony Hillerman

One of Mystery's Best

Last week, mystery lovers lost one of the greats of the genre. Tony Hillerman, author of a 17-book series of mysteries featuring Navajo police officers Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee, passed away in Albuquerque, NM at the age of 83.

As I wrote in last month's Dear Reader, I didn't read a lot of mysteries until I took Sue Luck's Detective Fiction class in 1988. She introduced me to Hillerman's mysteries and mentioned to the class that LCCC History professor Howard Ellis, also an expert on American Indians, knew Hillerman personally, which to me just seemed like the coolest thing in the whole world.

Hillerman's mysteries broke ground because the genre tended to fall into pretty typical subtypes - British cozies, private eyes, police procedurals, legal/court room scenarios, medical mysteries, etc. You can probably think of a detective or a TV show to go with each of those. Some were in exotic places but most of them had recognizable detectives with a common understanding of western (as in European) culture.

Hillerman's detectives came from a different culture and while both Leaphorn, the elder and less connected to his Navajo roots, and Chee, University-educated but training to become a shaman, know Anglo culture, they know and respect their own culture and see what the reservation system has done to their people.



And, besides the great mysteries that I could never seem to figure out, I think that this is what drew me to his books. His descriptions of the land and of the people and his growth of his characters through the books (Leaphorn's wife dies of cancer and Chee always seems to have girlfriend issues) also appealed to me because I got to learn something of the Southwest and about the Navajo. I will miss not seeing Tony Hillerman's books on the best seller's list, will miss buying them, and reading them. Nowadays there are many more mystery writers who have jumped on the cultural/ethnic bandwagon, but there will only ever be one Hillerman.

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Computer Tips By Diane Nott

Canned Air

What is canned air? Well, it's basically air that is sold in a pressurized can that is used to clean out dust, dirt and any other grime that may exist in hard to reach places. It's mostly used on sensitive electronic devices, including the insides of computers and between keyboard keys.

Canned air comes with a long nozzle that shoots out a blast of air, which blows out all of the debris found in tight areas. A good rule of thumb is to use canned air whenever you have a spot to clean that a vacuum or a piece of cloth cannot reach. Now, the air used for canned air is not the same as the air we all breathe. The mixture is often made up of nitrogen and other harmless gases. It is also known to be ozone safe, which is always good.

Even though canned air is safe to use on your computer, etc., you do need to pay attention to the kind you buy. There are two types of canned air: flammable and non-flammable. The can will clearly say whether it's flammable or not, so make sure you read the label closely. If a certain propellant in the canned air mixes with a high voltage from your computer, it could cause flames. So, even if you think air is non-flammable, don't be so sure. Read the label and just be as careful as possible when working with canned air. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Source: worldstart.com

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to Tiburon, South Carolina, a city that was penciled on the back of a honey label - one of her keepsakes from her mother. In Tiburon, she finds three sisters who run the Black Madonna Honey business out of their home. Here Lily finds solace with the three sisters, August (Queen Latifah), June (Alicia Keys), and May Boatwright (Sophie Okonedo). They teach her the honey business and she starts to make a home for herself far away from her controlling father. The journey to forgiveness is long and painful for Lily, but the movie brings out her suffering as well as her joy. The only thing different from the book is the last scene where she asks her father a question. In the book it's "Did I kill my mother?" In the movie it's "Did my mother come back for me?" Nevertheless, the movie is one of the most memorable ones that I have seen recently.

Friendship APL Upcoming Fundraisers 8303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria Submitted by Diane Nott

November 8 & 9 -Paws and Claws Procrastinator's Sale at the APL

November 19: Applebee's Elyria, "Dinner for the Dogs", 15% of proceeds will benefit the APL, Go to the APL Website for a coupon.

(www.friendshipapl.org)

December 6: Petsmart, Elyria, "Pet Photos with Santa", 11-4

January 2009: Annual Pet Photo Contest

Ongoing fundraisers: They have 4 containers for paper recycling located in front of the APL in the parking lot. They are also accepting aluminum cans (located in the back) and used cell phones for recycling also.

Green Tips by Barb Armstrong

With the emphasis lately on reducing the amount of paper used on campus, why not try online bill paying? Many banks and credit unions offer this service now. You can receive email reminders of when bills are due and schedule automatic payments to be deducted from your account. You can include automatic transfers from your savings to your checking also. No more stacks of bills, writing out checks, or postage stamps to buy. Contact your financial institution to see if they have this service and register today!

If you are using the college credit union, School Employees Lorain County Credit Union, then they do offer Bill Pay, which is an online bill paying program. Go to selccu.org for more information.

Key Link for the Month

Campus events, visit <http://apps.lorainccc.edu/calendar/eventcalendar/>

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The Recipe File



Apples and Onions

submitted by Barb Armstrong

- 4-5 small apples
- 1 large onion
- 1/4 c. raisins
- 2 t. butter or oil

Peel, core, and slice the apples. Set aside. Peel and chop the onion. Heat up the butter or oil in a frying pan. Add the onions and cook until translucent. Add the apple slices. Cook for about 10 minutes. Add the raisins and cover the pan. Cook for 10 minutes or until apples are tender and raisins plumped up. Serve with pork or chicken as a side dish.

Maple Walnut Apple Topping

submitted by Barb Armstrong

- 1 T. unsalted butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled and sliced thinly
- 1/4 c. pure maple syrup
- 1/4 c. walnuts, chopped coarsely
- 1/4 c. raisins

Melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the apples and let cook until slightly browned, but still crisp, about 4 minutes. Add the maple syrup, walnuts, and raisins and cook for 4 more minutes. Serve warm over ready-made or homemade waffles.

Bread Pudding

Submitted by Peggy Nesbit

- 2 loaves Rhodes Sweet Dough Bread, baked and diced into 1-inch squares (can trim crusts)
- 1/2 c. raisins
- 1/2 c. walnuts, finely chopped
- 8 eggs
- 2 c. half-and-half
- 1 c. brown sugar, packed
- 1 t. ground cinnamon
- 1 t. ground nutmeg
- 1 t. grated orange peel (optional)

- Caramel ice cream topping
- Non-dairy whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Arrange bread cubes evenly in the baking dish. Sprinkle with raisins and walnuts. In a large bowl, mix together eggs, half-and-half, sugar, spices, and orange peel; pour over bread.

Bake uncovered for 15 minutes. Cover with foil and bake for another 30 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

Remove from oven. Cool for 20 minutes, serve in bowls with caramel and whipped topping. Also good next day with milk, microwaved for 1 to 2 minutes.

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her service**

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