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an update for donors and friends of Seminole Community College

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Seasons Greetings from
SCC President
Dr. E. Ann McGee



Dear Foundation Donors, Partners and Friends:

As we approach the end of 2005, it's exciting to reflect on the many changes the SCC Foundation has experienced this year. Not only are there many new faces in the Foundation's offices, but as you can see from this newsletter, the Foundation's image is in midst of a transformation. Under the creative direction of SCC's own Community Relations and Marketing Department, the Foundation brand is being enhanced with new vibrant printed materials, more varied events and additional communications for Foundation friends like you.

Seminole Community College has also experienced significant changes in 2005. In October we broke ground for a new Center for Economic Development in Heathrow, and construction for the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus' long-awaited Professional Automotive Training Center is happening as you read this. In February 2006 we will continue our physical expansion with a ground breaking for our Altamonte Springs Campus. Each one of these projects has come to fruition through the tireless efforts of our industry and government partners, as well as so many caring, engaged Foundation friends. On behalf of the College and Foundation, I thank you for your continued dedicated support.

Wishing you and yours a healthy 2006 filled with joy, peace and happiness!

Sincerely,

E. Ann McGee
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Local hospitals partner with SCC to address nursing shortage

\$750,000 donation to benefit Center for Nursing and Healthcare Professions

In response to the region's severe nursing shortage, Central Florida Regional Hospital, Florida Hospital Altamonte and Orlando Regional South Seminole Hospital recently partnered to donate \$750,000 to SCC to benefit the College's future Altamonte Springs Campus Center for Nursing and Healthcare Professions.

The funding, which is expected to reach \$1.4 million with a state match, will be used to purchase new equipment and hire full-time nursing faculty in order to reach an annual goal of training 250 nurses.

According to the College, the \$1.4 million contribution from the three hospitals is the first donation in a \$5 million Altamonte Springs Campus private support campaign.

"SCC is proud to be a part of such a critical partnership," SCC President Dr. E. Ann McGee said. "This contribution will allow the College to provide the best faculty, curriculum and facilities to our students so they can make an instant impact in the workforce. We greatly appreciate this generous donation and the opportunity it



(from Left to Right): SCC President Dr. E. Ann McGee; Central Florida Regional Hospital CEO Rodney Smith; Florida Hospital Assistant Director of Human Resources, Seminole Division Tammy Fowler; Orlando Regional South Seminole Hospital President Steve Glazier, and SCC Foundation, Inc. Chair Billy Raley

provides SCC to meet the needs of our Central Florida community."

Slated for a spring 2007 opening, the Altamonte Springs Campus will be located on a 13-acre site in southwest Seminole County. This 100,000 square foot building will house the Center for Nursing and Healthcare Professions which will be equipped with computer technology and working labs to support simulations and experiential learning.

SCC breaks ground for new Center for Economic Development at Heathrow

SCC recently broke ground for its new "Center for Economic Development" at Heathrow. The Center, located in the heart of Heathrow's high tech corridor off AAA Drive, is scheduled to span 65,000 square feet and open in 2007. Created to meet the demands of the Central Florida workforce, the facility will offer relevant programming for the emergent workforce and professional, continuing education and lifelong learning opportunities.

"We envision the Center for Economic Development at Heathrow to be a collaborative space for the College and community to converge, learn and create," said



Pictured left to right are: Seminole County Commissioner Brenda Carey; Seminole County Commissioner Randall Morris; Seminole County Commission Chairman Carlton Henley; Rep. David Mealor; The Pizzuti Companies President/CEO Ron Pizzuti; SCC President Dr. E. Ann McGee; SCC Board of Trustees Chairman Verdell Pugh; SCC Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Richard H. Lee; SCC Board of Trustees Member Sid Miller; Rep. David Simmons; Rep. Sandy Adams; SCC Board of Trustees Member Dede Schaffner; and SCC Board of Trustees Member Dr. Charles W. English.

Dr. E. Ann McGee, SCC President. "Working with community and corporate leaders, we are planning the facility and curriculum to train tomorrow's workforce today."

Pursuing a goal to create "business partnerships for a

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Billy Raley enjoys cookin' up a storm

By: Michael and Sheila Kramer – Reprinted with permission of Lake Mary Life



SCC Foundation Board Chairman Billy Raley has been interested in food preparation for more than 20 years.

A graduate of Georgia Tech, with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, Billy attributes his background as the main reason for his love of cooking.

"I'm an engineer," he says. "Lots of engineers like to cook." But while Billy has always felt at home in the kitchen, creating everything from veal dishes to full-blown

breakfasts, he has become passionate about his new discovery—the Big Green Egg®. When Billy and some of his friends saw the smoker/grill at Swim-N-Style Pool and Spa Store in Longwood, they were bowled over.

"I now cook everything on it," says Billy, who uses Hardwood Charcoal when preparing his specialties.

One of his favorites is his beef tenderloin (see recipe). His home in Heathrow is often the locale for large parties where Billy takes off his professional hat—he is regional vice president for Progress Energy—and dons his culinary hat. Many of the get-togethers involve his three daughters, whose friends just happen to stop by when Billy is doing the cooking. And if he isn't using the Big Green Egg®, he feels just as comfortable putting together one of his specialties on his Dacor duel-fuel range.

Billy and his wife Melodie live in Lake Mary with their three daughters: Malia, Bethany and Eden. Although Billy has lived in our community for only four years, he has become one of our most involve citizens. He currently serves as a trustee of Stetson University and sits on the Foundation Board of the University of Central Florida, in addition to SCC. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Kids House of Seminole County, Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Central

Florida, Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Blood Centers. Billy was most recently awarded "Business Person of the Year" for Seminole County. This year he was honored by both Lake Mary and Longwood, each proclaiming January 14, 2005 as "Billy Raley Day."

"It was a total surprise," says Billy. It's just as well. Had he known about the proclamations, Billy probably would have had a huge cook-out for the entire community!

Billy's Marinated Beef Tenderloin

- 1 – beef tenderloin, 5-7 lbs. trimmed
- 1 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice

Combine all ingredients and marinate in a sealed bag for 45 minutes at room temperature. Place on a red hot (700 F) Big Green Egg for three minutes on each side. Reduce heat to 350 F for 45 minutes turning after 20 minutes. Cover and let stand for 30 minutes. Slice and serve.

Salad Dressing

- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 1 – T parsley flakes
- 1 – tomato diced
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 – T Lawry's seasoning salt
- 5-7 green onions chopped
- Toasted pita bread torn into small pieces.

Wash and pat dry lettuce leaves. Mix dressing and add tomatoes and green onions. Add pita bread pieces to lettuce. Pour dressing over lettuce and toss.

Our thanks and appreciation to Chick and Lisa Gregg for graciously hosting the Foundation Board Holiday Party at their home December 1, 2005.



Lisa Gregg and Chris Sylvester



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competitive advantage," SCC has reached out to local business and community leaders to develop the new Center and its programs. The spirit of this collaborative partnership was born in 2002 from a \$1.5 million, 6.1-acre property gift from The Pizzuti Companies, owner and developer of Heathrow International Business Center (HIBC) and lender Newport Partners XIV, Ltd. Since this initial gift, SCC has received additional private donations including \$300,000 from Colonial Properties Trust.

Partners helping the College to realize its Center for Economic Development vision include the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Seminole County Economic Development Council, Florida High Technology Corridor Council, Metro Orlando EDC and the University of Central Florida.

For more information about SCC's Center for Economic Development at Heathrow visit www.scc-fl.edu/ced.



SCC's future Center for Economic Development at Heathrow



Donor Profile:

Professor Robert Rapalje SCC's resident "master" mathematician

By student contributor: Joe Hendricks

"I don't play golf and I never will. I like teaching math and I like solving math problems." These are the words of SCC math instructor Dr. Robert Rapalje. There are few things in life as grand as knowing one's purpose, living a life doing exactly what it is you were meant to do. Dr. Rapalje has accomplished such a feat. A young Bob Rapalje arrived at SCC in 1971. After 16 years at the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Dr. Rapalje took up residence at the Hunt Club Center in 1987. On June 30th, 2007 the good doctor of mathematics will complete a 36 year run at SCC.

Given his love of math, it's hard to imagine Dr. Rapalje retired. One can easily envision him as an old man sitting at a computer, logged in as a tutor at algebra.com, smiling as he explains the beauty of the quadratic equation to a math student on the other side of the world. Dr. Rapalje discovered algebra.com when a recent Intermediate Algebra student mentioned the Web site as a possible late night resource for those in need of emergency math support. The struggling math student asked Dr. Rapalje to check the Web site for accuracy and legitimacy, unaware that this was the equivalent of turning a shop-a-holic loose at the mall with a brand new credit card.

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SCC math instructor – Dr. Robert Rapalje

After his initial visit to algebra.com, Dr. Rapalje wrote to the Web site's founder and offered his services as a volunteer tutor. With a new and never ending source of unanswered math questions, Dr. Rapalje was soon joking in class about the need to join A.A. (Algebra Anonymous) to get help with his math addiction. While some mathematicians prefer the company of other math wizards, Dr. Rapalje gets his biggest kick from helping the mathematically challenged. "I love seeing people succeed who never thought they could do it," Dr. Rapalje said. During his 34-year career at SCC, Rapalje has earned a reputation as the math teacher for students who struggle with algebra. "I tend to attract those kind of students, many of those students have been told to seek me out," Dr. Rapalje said. Using humor, anecdotes, and layman's terms, Dr. Rapalje brings a sense of fun to a subject matter that often frightens and frustrates students.

During his time at SCC, Dr. Rapalje has authored three versions of his *One Step At A Time* text books - basic, intermediate and college algebra. The no-frills books are published by the SCC Print Shop. Proceeds from the book sales cover production costs and a small profit margin for the campus bookstores. By his own choosing, Dr. Rapalje makes nothing off his books. Instead, he asks that \$10 from each book sale be donated to the SCC Foundation for math scholarships he awards to deserving students at the end of each semester.

A future generation of math students would do well to follow in Dr. Rapalje's footsteps. The world can always use another good math teacher and someone needs to carry the torch of higher math for the non-math types when Bob Rapalje retires.



Presidents' Club mini-grant helps turn classroom into crime scene lab

Whether she is climbing mountains or teaching her students about the animals living around them, showing classes how to dust for fingerprints or leaving hers on areas of the world virtually untouched by humans, Professor Barbara Hunnicutt's passion for learning and science shines through all aspects of her life.

Hunnicuttt graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a double major in math and biology and continued at the University of Georgia where she received her master's in science education. It was at the University of Texas where Hunnicutt first discovered her passion for teaching.

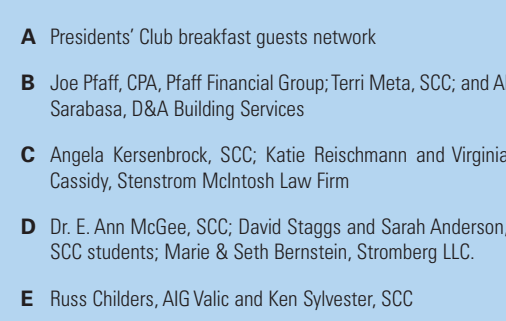
Hunnicuttt joined SCC in the late 70s and during her more than 25 years at the College has taught a variety of classes including General Biology I and II, Honors Biology, Anatomy I, Zoology, Environmental Biology and a crossover class with humanities and science. The most recent class Hunnicutt added to her repertoire is Biology of Forensics, which was awarded a 2005 Presidents' Club mini-grant.



"This course has been a powerful learning experience for its students. Even I am amazed by how much science the students learn when they see that science is interesting and pertinent. The Foundation mini-grant allowed me to purchase much needed equipment and supplies that will help me to reach even more students," Hunnicutt explained.

Hunnicuttt won a Florida Association of Community Colleges' Innovative Teaching Award for her Biology of Forensics course, which is the only class of its nature in the nation. She wrote the lab manual herself and uses a criminalistics textbook as a guide.

Presidents' Club Breakfast



- A** Presidents' Club breakfast guests network
- B** Joe Pfaff, CPA, Pfaff Financial Group; Terri Meta, SCC; and Al Sarabasa, D&A Building Services
- C** Angela Kersenbrock, SCC; Katie Reischmann and Virginia Cassidy, Stenstrom McIntosh Law Firm
- D** Dr. E. Ann McGee, SCC; David Staggs and Sarah Anderson, SCC students; Marie & Seth Bernstein, Stromberg LLC.
- E** Russ Childers, AIG Valic and Ken Sylvester, SCC

Introducing... SCC Foundation Assistant Director of Development Sarah Balas



With more than six years of experience in university resident life and alumni relations, Sarah Balas recently joined the SCC Foundation as the new assistant director of development.

A graduate of Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio and Bowling Green State University, Balas most recently served as Director of Alumni Relations for Heidelberg College. This summer Balas traveled to Tianjin, China to serve as a visiting English instructor for the International Educational Training Center at Tianjin Normal University.

As assistant director of development, Balas will be responsible for assisting Executive Director Matt Hodge in the operation, direction and implementation of the Foundation's resource development program. She will also oversee the Foundation's scholarship and stewardship programs and facilitate event activities.

Foundation News Briefs



Thank you **Darryl Perry**! At the request of SCCs Florida Association of Community Colleges members, Darryl presented the financial seminar "Achieving Your Retirement Vision and Building Your Wealth" at SCC on October 25. **Darryl**, a financial consultant with the Global Private Client Group of Merrill Lynch, is a Presidents Club member and a member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

Presidents' Club member **Vernice Atkins-Bradley**, **Turner Construction Company**, was awarded the Central Florida Women's Resource Center 2005 Salute to Women Summit Award at the awards dinner on October 24.

Presidents' Club member, **John M. Finnigan**, **Gray Robinson Law Firm**, has been included in the 2005-06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Presidents' Club member **Steve High's** company, **H. J. High Construction Company**, received the Associated Builders and Contractors "Excellence in Construction" Eagle Award in the Schools/Education category, \$5 to \$10 million range for the Clark Advanced Learning Center, Indian River Community College, Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida.

Presidents' Club member **C. T. Hsu**, Founder and President of **C.T. Hsu + Associates**, received the 2005 Hilliard T. Smith Silver Medal Award from the Florida association of the American Institute of Architects.

SCC President **Dr. E. Ann McGee** was elected to the board of trustees of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Presidents' Club Member, **State Representative David Meador**, received the Vern Feddersen Award for service above self from the Lake Mary Rotary Club.

Presidents' Club member **Al Sarabasa**, President & CEO of **D & A Building Services**, is celebrating 20 years in business in 2005.

Presidents' Club member **Bruce Skwarlo**, General Manager of the **Orlando Marriott Lake Mary**, received the Don Jackson Rotarian of the Year Award from the Lake Mary Rotary Club.

This year, Presidents' Club member **Kevin Spolski's** company, **Spolski Construction**, is celebrating its 25th year in business.

Sid Miller, an SCC District Board of Trustees Member and Presidents Club member, was named Florida's Trustee of the Year by FACC. He is now eligible for the national honor.

Denny Bowman, President of Florida Business Interiors, Presidents' Club member and a member of the Dream Auction Host Committee, has been named chair-elect of the board of Kids House of Seminole, Inc.

Marie Bernstein, Presidents' Club member and Dream Auction Host Committee member, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Kids House of Seminole, Inc.

In Memory... Architect **Fred Pryor Jr.**, a Presidents' Club member and a great supporter of SCC, passed away suddenly December 4, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Angela and three sons, Fred, Owen and Evan.

Congratulations to **Larry Dale**, President of the Sanford Airport Authority, former SCC Board of Trustee member and Presidents' Club member, on graduating first in his class in CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Academy on December 7.

Congratulations to **George Smith**, Chairman of the Board, Wharton-Smith, Inc., and Presidents' Club member, for being named the top business leader in Seminole County by the Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce.

SCC Foundation Presents *Connie May Fowler as the Presidents' Club Dinner Guest Speaker, Jan. 12, 2006*

Connie May Fowler is a novelist, memoirist and screenwriter. Her most recent work, *The Problem with Murmur Lee*, was published by Doubleday in January 2005. She is the author of four critically acclaimed novels including *Remembering Blue* which was awarded the Chautauqua South Literary Award and *Before Women had Wings*, recipient of the 1996 Southern Book Critics Circle Award and the Francis Buck Award from the League of American Pen Women.



Fowler adapted *Before Women had Wings* for Oprah Winfrey. The result was an Emmy-winning film starring Ms. Winfrey and Ellen Barkin. Her seventh book, *This Experiment I Call My Life*, is due out by Doubleday in 2007.

Ms. Fowler is the Irving Bacheller Professor of Creative Writing at Rollins College and director of the college's writing series, Winter with the Writers, A Festival of the Literary Arts. She is a Florida native.

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- Presidents' Club Dinner - January 12, 2006, Heathrow Country Club
- 2006 Dream Auction - February 11, 2006, Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
- Altamonte Springs Campus Ground Breaking - February 2006, 850 South State Road 434
- Mulligan Masters Golf Tournament - April 3, 2006, Tuscawilla Country Club

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