NEW LIBERAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Frances Kraljic-Curran has made a significant contribution to The Kingsborough Community College Foundation, Inc. to establish The Dr. Frances Kraljic-Curran Liberal Arts Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Kraljic-Curran is a retired Professor and Chairperson of the History, Philosophy and Political Science Department. She served as Co-Director of Women’s Studies and the first Director of the Liberal Arts Program.

Each year the Fund will recognize the top two graduating students majoring in Liberal Arts. To receive a $2,500 scholarship, a student majoring in Liberal Arts, must:
1. Be a graduating student with highest and second highest GPA in Liberal Arts,
2. Plan to attend a four-year institution, and
3. must meet CUNY regulations and guidelines as it pertains to receiving financial support.

On November seventeenth the retiree group took a virtual trip to Africa. We were fortunate to have President Farley Herzek, Kingsborough’s new president and Professor Richard Graziano the retired chair of the Travel and Hospitality Department share with us their experiences on their adventures on that continent. President Herzek had decided that he wanted to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and he did. We heard about the high points and the difficulties. It was a wonderful sense of accomplishment. Professor Graziano took us on a safari. We learned about what to do and how to do it. We learned about the terrain and the animals indigenous to the region. It was very exciting. We thank both presenters for their enlightening presentation.

HAPPENINGS

Dr. Cliff Hesse just completed playing in Ivan-Menchell’s comedy, The Cemetery Club, and will be appearing in the Rockaway Theatre Company’s production of the Broadway classic, Guys & Dolls, from June 26th – July 19th (check web site www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org), and he has been asked to join the cast for Trajectory Films upcoming feature film, Hide the Sausage, which will be shooting in June.
Dear Colleagues, What a lovely lunch we had at the Prime Catch restaurant in Boynton Beach, FL this past February. Good food, great conversation, and the time to sit and reminisce about our time at Kingsborough. A special thanks to Lori Lederhandler for putting the lunch together, Ollie Klapper for serving as MC, and Linda McGee for driving all the way across Florida from Springhill on the West Coast to attend the luncheon. And, congratulations to the business department for having the largest number of Retirees in attendance. Stay well, and looking forward to seeing you all again at next year's luncheon… Rachelle Goldsmith

DONOR RECOGNITION RECEPTION

The retirees of Kingsborough Community College attended the donors reception on April 16 at the MAC Rotunda. The theme of the evening was “Thanks to you our students shine”. It was wonderful to hear about the accomplishments of the scholarship recipients. The evening was enhanced by performances by students from our theater department.
Kingsborough Spotlight
John Manbeck—English Department

Manbeck taught English and Journalism at Kingsborough for 32 years. Prior to that, he received a Fulbright Teaching Grant to Helsinki University, Finland, where he taught English Philology for two years.

Before his university teaching, he taught English in New York City secondary schools and worked for the American Broadcasting Company.

He is a graduate of Bucknell and New York universities.

He is the author/editor of over nine books on Brooklyn. For over eight years, he served as the official Brooklyn Borough Historian. While professor of English at Kingsborough, he founded the Kingsborough Historical Society. His weekly newspaper column, "Historically Speaking," ran in The Brooklyn Daily Eagle for eight years. He lives in Brooklyn Heights, the setting of his novellas. (See p. 4) His weekly column, "Historically Speaking," appeared in "The Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in print and on line (manbeck@brooklyneagle.net) from 2003 until 2012. It deals with Brooklyn neighborhoods, historical events, individuals and places. His latest book, "Chronicles of Historic Brooklyn," is a collection from those years.

In addition to his writings, he has appeared in television, radio, and podcast documentaries about Brooklyn and has spoken at the Smithsonian Institution about Coney Island. Manbeck has been giving talks on Brooklyn subjects for the New York Council for the Humanities for over 20 years. He is a member of the Kingsborough Community College Foundation board and former member of the advisory board of the Wyckoff Homestead, and the board of Friends of Thirteen (PBS).

Currently, he lives in Brooklyn and East Stroudsburg, PA. In his spare time, he is working on his new Brooklyn Heights Crime Series novellas, a memoir and a profile of historic Coney Island.

Healing Waters Around the World by Uda Bradford

On April 21st retirees and guests enjoyed a presentation on “Healing Waters Around the World” by retired Kingsborough professors Dr. Gail Levine and her husband Dr. Robert Fried. They shared their experiences with hot and cold waters in Iceland, England, Costa Rica, and Mexico among other destinations. Most enlightening were the availability of healing waters in the United States. One such example was Warm Springs, Georgia where President Roosevelt went regularly to treat his disability from polio. The audience also learned of the availability of Kingsborough’s wellness program, the benefits of aqua-exercise, and examples of the Department of Health Physical Education and Recreation’s commitment to holistic health.
In Memorium

It is with a profound sense of loss that we celebrate the lives of our colleagues who left us in the past year. We offer sincere condolences to their families.

Mildred Wang Bookkeeping March, 2014
Samuel Jaffe Physical Science April 24, 2014
Joyce Socolof Nursing October, 2014
Frances Corazza B&G December, 2014
Isaiah Benathen Biology December, 2014
George Buchman Business Dept December, 2014
Rosalind Depas English January, 2015
Rosalie Helfant Payroll/acc;t March 24, 2015
Beverly Strassberg HPER Spring, 2015

BOOK REVIEW

By Shelly Friedland

Skeleton in the Attic - An historic Crime Novella
Number 3 in the Brooklyn Heights Crime Series
Author: John B. Manbeck

Manbeck weaves a tale taking place in the 30’s involving a police lieutenant, his niece and her friend, both of them college students and doing research at the Long Island Historical Society.

And, yes, there is a skeleton, found in the attic of that Society, along with a worker who plays a mysterious role. This novella provides a glimpse into the slave trade and how New York and Brooklyn, in particular, were places of tyranny and opportunity. Lt. Lewis directs the investigation into the mystery surrounding the skeleton and uncovers some intriguing facts which are all exposed in the final scene.

The author paints strong characters that you can easily recognize throughout the story, and brings the reader along several levels of complexity as the story unravels. Chapters are tightly constructed and flow easily into one another. This is an easy and enjoyable read. It also comes in a Kindle version, all on Amazon.

The first 2 books in the trilogy are Death on the Rise and The Disappearance of Patricia Murphey.

Though not a retiree, Abe Ginsberg was a fixture at Kingsborough for more than 25 years. He worked with students on student publications and was an expert photographer. He taught many students about photography and how to shoot and develop pictures. Abe passed away recently at 96.

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