Retirees Hit The Bridge

On Friday, September 24th, a group of 20 KCC Honors students and retirees (Barbara and Arnie Sadownick, and Rachelle Goldsmith) accompanied professor emeritus John Manbeck on a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge. The walk started on the Manhattan side of the bridge with John providing a detailed background of life in New York before the bridge, and the people and politics that shaped its building.

The group then leisurely strolled across the bridge, admiring the views and enjoying the gloriously warm and sunny fall day. We stopped at a plaque on the west tower that paid tribute to Emily, the wife of Mr. Roebling and the critical role she played in the bridge's construction.

We concluded with more discussion of life in old and present-day New York at a post walk snack in Bubby's restaurant in DUMBO. John said that time he spent with the students helped restore his faith in the next generation's ability to carry on the task of making the world a better place.

Active Retirees

Dr. Delores Friedman had a book: “Creating and Presenting An Early Childhood Education Portfolio: A Reflective Approach” published this past January by Cengage.

The book encourages and guides students through the process of organizing and creating a portfolio.

Professor Friedman says the book can be used by pre-service and in service teachers as a guide to how to construct either a binder portfolio or an e-portfolio, which is now the state of the art.

A full description of the book, as well as ordering info, is available at www.cengage.com or on Amazon or Barnes and Noble websites. Just enter Delores Friedman in the search box.
Richard Cockrell came to Kingsborough Community College in November of 1973. His first job was with the KCC Security Department and he was a proficient worker and well liked by all who came into contact with him.

Some 12 years later he transferred to the Office of the Registrar and worked primarily with student records. Here, too, Richard was a team player and got along quite well with everyone. Richard retired this year with 37 years of service and died just after his retirement.

Faculty/Staff Spotlight
Prof. Ellen Fine - Foreign Language Department

Professor Fine, of the Department of Foreign Languages, taught French and Literature of the Holocaust. She taught at Kingsborough from 1964 to 1995.

Dr. Fine is a prolific author on the Literature of the Holocaust. She has authored a book, a number of essays in books, and journal articles on the topic. In 1980, Dr. Fine was among the first of Holocaust scholars to offer a college course on the Literature of the Holocaust. She has also lectured widely on Holocaust literature in colleges throughout the country and abroad.

President Regina S. Peruggi has announced a $10,000 gift from Dr. Ellen S. Fine, Professor Emerita, to endow the Professor Ellen S. Fine Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in the Field of Research in Nazi Holocaust Studies.

The scholarship was created by Dr. Fine for the purpose of encouraging and supporting students in further exploration and research in the field of Holocaust Studies.

Students will be evaluated based on specific criteria. Once students are deemed eligible, they will be invited to participate in a competition, in which they will submit a proposal for a research project. The proposal that is submitted should include citations and references to the works that were consulted in the project. In addition, the final project may take the form of a video, a film, a taped interview, or an internet site.

The selection committee will select the project with the most promise and upon completion of the research project, the yearly scholarship of $250 will be awarded.

Peter Hanssen, age 76, died on March 20, 2011. He was born in Brooklyn. A graduate of Poly Prep Country Day School and the Pratt Institute, Peter taught painting, drawing, and art history for 35 years at KCC, Pratt Institute, and Marist College. He was a veteran of the Korean War, & served from ‘52-’56. Peter was known for his abstract expressionist paintings, satirical drawings, and digital photography. His work has been exhibited widely.

He is survived by his wife, Daria, 5 children and 12 grandchildren. Peter was much loved by students and his colleagues.

On February 16, 2011 a group of Kingsborough retirees gave up a day in the sun to come together to recount the wonderful years that they had experienced during their careers at Kingsborough Community College. We met at a restaurant in Boca Raton. We talked laughed, remembered the good times and brought everyone up to date on what we were doing currently. It was great to see everyone looking well and enjoying their retirement.
New Retirees: Fifty people took a recently-offered early retirement incentive; twenty-two professors and twenty-eight professional and other staff. (See pictures on P. 2)

Professors

Marcia Babbitt
Carol Bierman
Eleanor Cory
Ronald Forman
Delores Friedman
Richard Graziano
Oliver Klapper
Gail Levine
Rose Litvack
Fred Malamet
Theodore Markus
Edward Martin
Rebecca Mlynarczyk
Andre Montero
Susan O’Malley
Jennie Roman
Gary Sarinsky

Samuel Scherek
Delores Shrimpton
Franceska Smith
Richard Staum
Judith Wilde

Richard Cockrell
Eileen Cummingham
Catherine Dachtera
Aston Giles
Shereen Grossman
Linda Hellow
Robert Ingenito
Marsha Kelly
Barbara Ladman
Janet Leslie-Pierre
Marie Attianese
Frank Becker
Lucy Bursztyn
Clement Castle
Michael Cohen
Joseph Constant
Barbara Fitzgerald

Staff

Linda Magee
Vincent Grue
Rosalie Helfant
Linda Magee
Henry Rivers
Lillian Rosenberg
George Sappleton
Maureen Sharkey
Levi Springer
James Tortora
Fannie Winfield

UPCOMING

On April 29, 2011 we will host our first travelogue luncheon. This first luncheon will feature Shelly Friedland and Rachelle Goldsmith discussing traveling to China, Tokyo and Hong Kong. I am sure that any one who is planning a trip to these countries or would like to plan a trip to these countries will gain valuable information. If you would like to come and share your own experiences and information please do so. There is limited seating and you MUST make a reservation to attend. The lunch is prepared and served by the students in our Culinary Arts Program. Future luncheons are being planned so if you would like to present an interesting travel experience let us know.

On May 19, 2011 we will be hosting a seminar on Estate Planning. This is a topic of interest to all of us. Kathleen Higgins, Esq. is an attorney who practices law in the areas of estate planning, real estate and elder law. We are fortunate to be able to have a speaker who is so knowledgeable in this area. Have you thought about your estate? What are you going to do with it? Do you want to make the decisions or do you want the State to do so? The seminar will be held in room A212 (the tapestry room) at 3:00PM.

For information and to RSVP for any of the above programs call Prof. Augie Tuosto at 718-368-5801. Leave your name and number if he is not available and he or I will get back to you.