President's Message

Dear Kingsborough Retirees:
I’d like to dispel a myth. It used to be said that nobody ever really retired from Kingsborough. Apparently, people were so happy here that they never wanted to leave. Well, this is obviously not true! Though I’m sure people were happy here, many did actually retire. In fact, in the time that I have been at Kingsborough, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting many Kingsborough retirees – former faculty, staff, administrators and deans – who not only have left the college but also are happy and engaged in new, productive activities in their retirement.

It’s encouraging to note, however, that so many KCC retirees still have an interest in our college. I use the word “our college” with the utmost respect, because the efforts of so many of you contributed to the growth of this fine institution. It’s a tribute to our outstanding community, which you helped establish, and to your dedication that you still feel a connection to Kingsborough.

I want you to know that your desire to remain “connected” has not gone unheeded. We’ve taken a number of steps to assist in maintaining that relationship. Recently, we have identified an office space for retirees, we have created a retirees’ identification card that permits the use of college facilities, and we have provided retirees with college email addresses. We have also solicited a $10,000 matching grant that will provide a dollar-for-dollar match for any contribution to the KCC Retirees Scholarship Fund.

The publication of this newsletter is another measure in linking Kingsborough’s past to its present and future. I congratulate those of you who are beginning this new initiative. I encourage all of you to read it as regularly as it is published and to submit information that you think may be of interest to your colleagues. It’s my sincere wish that you will continue to feel a part of Kingsborough and will want to play a meaningful role in our important work.

Warm Regards,

Regina S. Peruggi, President

Welcome To Our First Issue

We hope this will be the first in a series of newsletters that will be of interest to our readers.

To make this a successful endeavor, we are asking for your input. Please be a contributor to the newsletter. You can send in such items as remembrances of your times at KCC, a short article about a colleague who worked with you, how you made the transition into retirement, and what you’re doing now.

These are only a few of the items we are looking for. Anything that you think other retirees would enjoy is fair game.

Please write your article as a MS Word document and send it as an email attachment to me at shellyf@aol.com.

We would also like to display any noteworthy pictures you have. You can also send those to us via email. Make sure the pictures are in JPEG or GIF format. You should include your name, email address and the subject of your submission. If you have pictures but no scanner, I can scan the pictures and give them back to you after scanning.

We look forward to your active participation as we strive to make the newsletter representative of all the wonderful folks who made Kingsborough what it is today.

Thanks for your input.

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A publication of the KCC Retirees Group
Our Get-together of Last Spring
This was a great celebration of friendships and collegiality mixed with the fond memories of our times at Kingsborough.

Please join us this Spring for another Faculty/Staff luncheon sponsored by your Retiree Group.
This event will take place on Thursday, May 31st at 12 noon in the Rotunda of the MAC building, 2nd Floor.
You should receive your invitation shortly.
We look forward to seeing you there.
Faculty/Staff Spotlight — Connie Goldfarb

After retiring from Kingsborough last year Connie found herself on the other side of the desk. As she explains:

“My career at Kingsborough lasted 35 years, 35 wonderful, productive and meaningful years. I was a professor in the Behavioral Sciences and Human Services department, and was director of Early Childhood Education for the past 15 years. I worked with some great people, administrators and colleagues alike, and of course students. One of the messages I hoped would come across to my students was the importance of life long learning. This importance starts in Early Childhood - the stage is set there. Now that I have retired I am putting this into practice. Aside from the continuation of my interest in Opera, - Dave and I have always shared this love and traveled far and wide to indulge our addiction - we now have the leisure to continue traveling all over the world to see old favorites and new ones that we hope will become favorites.

“However I now have the opportunity to pursue an interest that has always been part of my life, but on a more dedicated manner. I have enrolled in a program in Art History at Hunter College - hence being on the other side of the desk. I did audit some courses while I was still teaching, and actually got some new and interesting pedagogic ideas; but now I am a student again.”

Connie retains her youthful vigor and interests and continues to expand her horizons while enjoying retirement. She’s a role model for all of us!

KCC Prof. Plays the Legends of POP

Ron Forman, a Professor in the Mathematics Department, has concluded his eighth year of The Sweet Sounds on WKRB 90.3 FM and WKRB.Org on the Internet on Oscar Night, February 25th with a special two hour broadcast. The program featured the 30 singers whose voices were heard most often on the program, singing songs that were featured in films. Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Judy Garland, Al Jolson, and Herb Jeffries were just some of the voices heard.

In addition, Ron has done in-depth interviews with legendary vocalists Herb Jeffries, David Allyn and cabaret star Andrea Marcovici, among others. Each week Ron dedicates an hour to a special them, some of which have been a Tribute to Italian-American vocalists, Baritones of the Forties and Your Hit Parade, 1936.

Listeners to the show are very positive in their praise as Ron’s the only program playing this type of music on the radio. They also appreciate his interesting historical and musical comments about the recordings played on the show.

Check out his program on 90.3 FM each Sunday from 5 – 7 PM.

Retirees Gain Benefits

The KCC administration has listened to some of the suggestions of recent retirees and has implemented the following benefits: 1. An exit interview by a senior administrative officer upon retirement

2. A retiree ID card that entitles retirees to park on campus and to use the campus facilities

3. A chat site and a KCC retiree e-mail address

4. A designated office space on campus for retirees. (L806A)

These benefits help to strengthen our attachment to Kingsborough and provide easier access to the campus and its facilities.

We also hope to improve our communication between the College and retirees and among the retirees themselves by providing web addresses of all retirees. If you look on the following page, you’ll see that we have begun listing retiree web addresses. We hope you take advantage of this by providing your own web address for listing. If you would like your address listed, please send an email to shelly@aol.com with your full name, campus affiliation while you were here, and your web address.
Foundation Works for Students

"I have been experiencing financial hardships for quite some time, especially upon returning to school. I have the utmost gratitude to the ...Foundation. I am deeply humbled by this generosity and am even more determined to return this compassion and benevolence to those whose lives I will affect by becoming a nurse.

"This semester I cannot afford to pay my tuition, and I am also not eligible for financial aid due to the level of my husband’s income. My husband does not support my attendance in college. I will greatly appreciate if I can receive any financial assistance from the college to pay my tuition in Spring, 2007.

"...as a student with financial needs, receiving this scholarship has not only been a source of pride for my family, but a form of relief. Having to pay tuition, buy books and cover the costs of transportation places an undue amount of stress on me and my family. This monetary award makes things easier for all of us and helps to guarantee that I can continue to follow my passion.

"It is both an honor and a surprise to receive the grant money from the Foundation scholarship. As an award winner I feel that it is my duty and privilege to continue to meet the standards that contributed to my qualifying for this aid."

What unites the writers of the above letters is that they have all received direct financial aid from the Kingsborough Foundation within the last year. They and hundreds more have benefited from the generosity of our donors. Jack Bode, who oversees the fund and writes the checks, states that every dollar collected goes to students. It does not go to salaries or fancy trips or parties; all of it goes to needy students!

We have over 350 retirees and we have started a scholarship fund within the Kingsborough Foundation to provide aid to deserving students. If each of us gave ten or twenty dollars or more or whatever you can afford, it would be matched by a matching grant and that sum total would provide thousands of dollars to assist students, like those represented above, to achieve their dream of a solid education leading to a career.

We hope we can count on your support for this worthwhile endeavor.

Please make your tax deductible contribution out to:

Kingsborough Foundation and mail to:

Office of College Advancement (Mail code D)
Kingsborough Community College
2001 Oriental Blvd. Brooklyn, NY 11235

Thank you.

Recent Retirees

The following is a listing of faculty and staff who have retired. We wish them the best of luck and health in their new lives and hope they will join us with our Association to remain a part of the College

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(Note: This list comprises those who have officially retired from January, 2006 through April, 2007.)