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Child Center Celebrating 40 Years

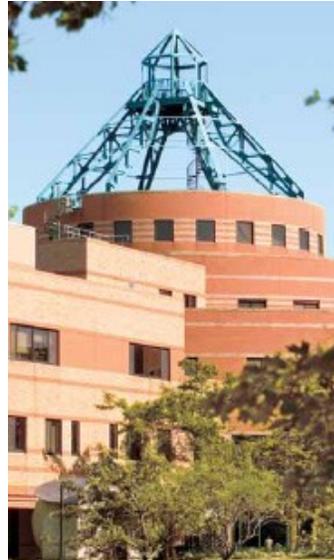


The Child Development Center Celebrates 40 Years of Learning

Forty years ago, a group of students at Kingsborough Community College met together to solve a common problem: how to balance the needs of their young children with their own desires to stay in school and finish their degrees. Today, the Kingsborough Community College Child Development Center thrives – offering high quality early care and education opportunities for children of KCC students, as well as parent education and academic support for student-parents. Providing on campus childcare enables student-parents to attend classes and focus on completing their college degree.

This academic year marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of KCC's Child Development Center, which for the past four decades has provided outstanding on-campus childcare for the children of student-parents. To recognize this milestone, the college has launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 to help support the installation of a toddler playground; the endowment of a scholarship fund for student-parents; and the creation of a new Child Development Center Fund to enhance teaching and learning resources.

To learn more and to support this initiative, please visit www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cdc40. We will also be celebrating this milestone with a special anniversary party on the evening of **Thursday, November 1, 2012**. www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cdc40



Active Retirees

Adele Schneider wrote the introduction to "Count Me Still Among You: the Complete Poetry of Ruth Bermant Scult."

Circulating copies of the two volume compilation may be borrowed from the Kibbee Library at Kingsborough.

Adele was also an editorial consultant for the commemorative "History of the Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges: 125 Years of Serving Our Communities 1885-2010," published by Heritage Publishers.

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Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, May 3rd, 2012. We hope to see you there.

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Florida Luncheon Meets Again



Picture

Front seated : Norma Glassman

Front row: Rachele Goldsmith, Ruth Oaklander, Gail m ,Lori Lederhandler, Richard Adelman, Mel Levine, Bobbie Edwards, Sheila Teitlebaum Levine, Marilyn Chernin.

Back Row: Ollie Klapper, Marc Wiskoff, Barry Goldsmith, Dave Berger, Ralph Edwards, Sharard Karkanis, Mort Tannenbaum, Elizabeth Basile.

The room was filled with laughter and conversation as a group of Kingsborough retirees met to celebrate their retirement years as well as their years at KCC. The event took place in Florida on February 15, 2012 at a luncheon at the St. Tropez restaurant in Boca Raton.

During the afternoon we shared information about what we were doing with our lives and talked about the wonderful memories we had of the college. Dean Elizabeth Basile joined us this year to bring us up to date on what was happening at Kingsborough. The group was pleased to know that the college continues to grow and fulfill its mission in educating and assisting students in their quest for a better life. Rachele Goldsmith gave us an update on the Retirees Scholarship.

It was a terrific afternoon affording us the opportunity to reminisce about the college, appreciate anew how great our working days had been, and to see former colleagues and friends

Faculty/Staff Spotlight

Prof. Gail Levine - Dept. of HPER

I have joined the ranks of the "New Retiree" which is to say, that I'm doing retirement "my way". For me, it's about rebalancing my life; shifting the allocation between work and other things I've wanted to do but for which I didn't have time. So, this semester, I'm teaching two courses I love at KCC: "Therapeutic Recreation" and "Exercise for the Mature Adult." I'm really enjoying my classes and the students and still have time to get in my workouts; swim; powerwalk and cycle with my husband (who retired from his full-time high school teaching position two years ago and who also teaches as an adjunct part-time). In addition to

teaching at KCC, I also teach Hatha Yoga at a local "Y" two nights a week.

I've been refining my language skills by taking French intensives at the New School. We were in Paris and Nice this summer and I was pleased that my French received compliments from native speakers.

Currently, Bob (my husband) and I are taking a course in Conversational Yiddish at the Workmen's Circle in Manhattan. We enjoy going to the Yiddish theatre and being more familiar with "The Mother Tongue" will enhance the experience for us.

We spent a month during the Winter in San Diego. We've been going there during the Winter recess for the past three years and like it so much, we decided to stay

Folk Music with my Club. Bob and I love to travel and will be planning a trip to Italy for the Spring or Summer.

I co-presented a workshop on "Creating Community Through the Group Sing-a-Long" on Wed. Nov. 16th at the Downstate Recreation Conference in White Plains, N.Y. My co-presenter was Professor Juan Franquiz who is the new full-time Professor in "The Program in Physical Education, Recreation and Recreation Therapy" (i.e., the PERRT Program).

I hope to become more involved with the Retirees Chapter at KCC and contribute to the various functions.



Gail and Husband Bob

Travelogue Luncheon

The Retiree Group had another Travelogue luncheon on December 18, 2011. This was held in the VIP room and the entire lunch was prepared and served by students in the Culinary Program at Kingsborough.

The program featured the wonderful city of Paris and Professor Shelly Friedland and others contributed their knowledge and experiences of this beautiful city. Professor Friedland distributed his "famous" A to Z Guide to Paris, in which he describes many sightseeing and dining tips garnered in over 20 visits to the city. Anyone desiring a digital copy can email him at shellyf@aol.com and he'll send a copy in MS Word.



Do join us at our next Travelogue luncheon at noon, Friday, May 18, 2012 in the Oceanview (VIP) room. This luncheon will feature Uda Bradford and Marilyn Chernin discussing their Humanitarian trips to **Cuba**. Please plan to attend if you would like to learn more about these trips and gain some information about how to plan your own trip to this island. You must make a reservation to attend and there is limited seating. The lunch is prepared and served by the student in our Culinary Arts Program. We have found these luncheons have been informative, delicious and lots of fun. Call Professor Tuosto at 718-368-5801 for reservations.

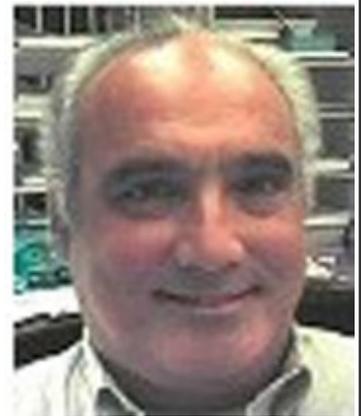
Student/Faculty Pairs

Dr. Richard Maraia/Professor Theodore Markus

By 1975, Richard Maraia had dropped out of three high schools before finally graduating. He was a cab driver for 4 years before taking a few courses at Kingsborough. In one of his classes, he met Prof. Ted Markus who got him hooked on science and thus changed his life. Maraia went on to get a B.S. from Columbia University and received an M.D. from the Cornell University Medical College. As he would write, years later, to Biology Department Chair Dr. SArthur Zeitlin, "I am writing to reflect on the remarkable impact that Dr. Markus had on my life and career. Dr. Markus was inspirational. ...I had found my thing."

Today, Dr. Maraia is a pediatrician and, as a research scientist, is at the forefront of studies in genetics, biochemistry and cancer research at the National Institute of Health and Human Development in Washington, D.C.

In the June, 2008 graduation ceremonies at Kingsborough, Dr. Maraia was honored by receiving the President's Medal from President Regina Peruggi, and was the Commencement speaker.



Dr. Richard Maraia



Prof. Ted Markus

Who is YOUR Dr. Maraia?

(Student/Faculty Pairs is a new feature of the Newsletter, in which we honor the inspirational and motivational activities of faculty and the consequences these can have on students. We invite our retirees to send in similar experiences about themselves or a colleague, in which a student was sufficiently motivated by a faculty member to become successful in any realm.)

Birhtday Party for Connie Goldfarb

Connie Goldfarb celebrated her 80th birthday at a party in her honor at the "One if by Land.."restaurant in Greenwich Village on December 18th, 2011. Many family & friends helped in the celebration.



Connie and Dave



A younger Connie

Sydell Basile

A longtime office administrative assistant, Sydell Basile died in January.

Sydell came to KCC as a college assistant in 1983, and was with the Department of Biological Sciences for almost 15 years; then, she handled administrative responsibilities in the Department of Behavioral Sciences for another 10 years.

Our deepest sympathies to Sydell's entire family and her friends, especially her two sons Michael and James.

