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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, August 8, 2003

## PDA Days Scheduled for August 14 & 15

All classified, faculty and management employees are encouraged to participate in the Fall 2003 PDA Days scheduled for August 14 and 15 on both the Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses. The two-day program will kick-off with coffee and conversation at 8:00 a.m. and the President's address at 8:30 a.m. in Burbank Auditorium on Thursday. The address will be teleconferenced to the Petaluma campus. More than 20 workshops are scheduled during the two days, with a Friday focus on "Creating Respectful Communication on Our Campuses," providing an opportunity to spend a day in deep listening and dialogue. Also on Friday there will be an all district lunch and welcome of new faculty and staff from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. under the oaks near the outdoor stage, just north of Burbank Auditorium.



Detailed information is available online at [www.santarosa.edu/src/pda-index.html](http://www.santarosa.edu/src/pda-index.html)

## Make Reservations Now for August 28 Chamber Breakfast!

SRJC faculty and staff are urged to make reservations as soon as possible for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Education and Business Partnership Breakfast scheduled on Thursday, August 28 from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the Flamingo Resort Hotel. Attendees should forward checks for \$25 per person to **the Public Relations Office by August 19** made out to the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce. The Flamingo is located at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Farmer's Lane in Santa Rosa.

This important event recognizes exemplary teachers from kindergarten through university level in Sonoma County. This year's nominees for the Excellence in Education Award are **Gina Lord**, Business Administration; **Becky Brown-Watson**, Biology; and **Terrence Kelly**, P.E., Dance & Athletics.

Since all nominees are honored at the event and one teacher from each educational level will be selected to receive the award, please support your colleagues by attending this community recognition event.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 545-1414 or the Public Relations at 527-4266.

## Reservations for Harvey Hansen Barbecue Due August 14!



Mark your calendars and send in your checks for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvey Hansen Barbecue scheduled for Friday, August 22, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at SRJC's Shone Farm. This event gives us the opportunity to welcome new people to the college and reconnect with others we know and work with. A hayride, farm tour, and dancing to live music by the Steve Morris and Mike Farrell Band (with Joel Rudinow sitting in) will add to the festivities.

The menu will include barbecue tri-tip and turkey breast, salad, vegetarian beans, garlic bread, pesto pasta, and dessert. An educational wine tasting will be part of the evening, but please remember that no outside alcohol or children are allowed at the event.

The cost is \$12.50 per person, although new permanent SRJC employees who were hired within the last 10 months enter free as the evening's special guests. A small portion of each ticket will be donated to the Harvey Hansen Political Science Scholarship Fund. Reservation forms have been distributed through campus mail and are due by August 14. Checks can be made out to SRJC. Contact Susan St. Clair in Business Services at ext. 1532 for more information.

## We Tip Our Hats

**Tatjana Omrcen**, SRJC Dean, Science and Applied Technology, placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in women's foil in the 40-49 age group at the Fencing National Championship held in Austin, Texas over the July 4 weekend. Tatjana also competed in the Pan Pacific Masters Games in Sacramento August 2-3, and received a silver medal in women's foil in the over 40-age group. Congratulations, Tatjana!

SRJC's **Agriculture/Natural Resources Department** received the California State Most Outstanding Community College Agriculture Program Award at the California Agriculture Teachers Association Conference at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo held June 23-26.

CIS Department instructor **Claire Romero** earned the Microsoft Office Specialist Master Instructor designation in June. She has been an instructor at SRJC since 1996 and is now conducting some of the new Weekend Workshops on campus, which are eight-hour intensive computer classes for BOT. She is also the Skills Trainer for the Sonoma County Office of Education, teaching computer classes for K-12 teachers and other school employees. The master certification is the highest-level credential that instructors can obtain from Microsoft earned by passing a series of comprehensive exams on Microsoft Office software programs, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook. The exams require instructors to demonstrate their skill and hands-on ability using the programs. Individuals who obtain certification are authorized to deliver instruction as Microsoft Office Specialist Master Instructors.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to SRJC Physics instructor Lynda Williams and her partner, Robert Duncan, on the birth of their son. The baby, whose name is still to be determined, was born on August 5 and weighed 8 lb. 12 oz. Mother and baby are doing fine.

### **Sympathy - Ken Aaron Jaquish**

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to family and friends of Ken Jaquish who died on July 23. Ken served as a Library Technician in SRJC's Cataloging Department at Plover Library from 1989 to 2000. He was 48 years old. Ken grew up in Texas and Washington where he attended Washington State University. He was a world traveler who loved art, movies and his dog, Sarah. For several years he was a partner in a nursery business that specialized in roses.

Coworker Caitlin Downing commented, "His sparkling eyes and sharply observant wit will be missed." Ken is survived by close friends and a loving family, including his mother, Rose Parker of Yakima, Washington, and his brothers, Dean and George, as well as nieces and nephews.

Donations in Ken's memory may be made by check, payable to "Face to Face" in care of:  
Ken Jaquish/SRJC Library, 1501 Mendocino Ave.,  
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