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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, March 17, 2006

## Highway 101 Forum March 22

The Student Senate and the Legislative Committee will host an informational forum about the Highway 101 construction and its impact on downtown Santa Rosa and SRJC:

Wednesday, March 22 Noon -1:30 PM Cafeteria, Santa Rosa Campus- Free snacks!

Speakers at the forum include: Jason Nutt, City of Santa Rosa Deputy Director of Traffic; Jay Carpenter, Director of Facilities Operations; Dr. Mary Kay Rudolph, Vice President of Academic Affairs; and others. Plan to attend this informative session, and invite others who may also benefit by the information that will be presented.



## Annual Classified Staff Dinner Set April 6

All members of the Santa Rosa Junior College community are invited to attend the Annual Classified Staff Recognition and Awards Dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 6 in the Doyle Café on the Santa Rosa Campus. The deadline for reservations is Noon on March 31. The cost of the dinner is \$15.50 per person, and will include a delicious full course meal.

Awards presented at the dinner include: Academic Senate's Outstanding Classified Staff Award, Outstanding Supervisor of Classified Staff Award, Outstanding Faculty Member, Outstanding Classified Staff Member, Outstanding Community Service by a Classified Staff Member, Above and Beyond Classified Staff Member, The Pat Tognozzi Student Scholarship Award.

### RESERVATION FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER • BY NOON MARCH 31!

RETURN TO: Marie Cuneo, Business Administration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.50 each/ Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks are to be made payable to the "SRJC Classified Senate"

## Tom Chown Employee of the Month March 2006

Congratulations to Tom Chown, Photography Laboratory Technician, for being nominated Santa Rosa Junior College's Employee of the Month for March 2006. Tom was introduced by his supervisor and Photography Instructor Renata Breth at the March Board Meeting, and was presented with an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT performance, vouchers to the Culinary Café, and other items from colleagues.

Soon after Tom first contributed his photographic skills to SRJC as a student volunteer the College hired him in 1979 as the Photographic Laboratory Technician in the Art Department. Working ten months a year in SRJC's photo lab, Tom "is consistently professional and helpful, and greatly enjoys working with faculty and students alike," Renata emphasizes. His key responsibilities focus on taking care of the facility's needs, keeping equipment in top condition, and maintaining a clean and safe photo lab. Since the safety of every individual who uses the lab is key, Tom does an excellent job ensuring that students and faculty are protected from any hazardous materials and that the lab is always in outstanding shape.

He is especially valuable at the College because he works so effectively under pressure to meet the many requests of students and faculty. According to his colleagues, he "brings insight and patience to the Art Department, especially during periods when we are under pressure and the workload is especially heavy," notes Renata. Former SRJC Photo Instructor John LeBaron recalls "Tom has been an invaluable asset to the college since we first set-up the photo lab when the Art Department moved to Analy Hall during the 1980s." Renata adds, "He is always a supportive colleague."

Tom's demonstrated commitment to his assignments and to the college is reflected in his ability to efficiently problem solve and make decisions. "Tom keeps the needs of the college in mind when making decisions of all kinds. He is always willing to help to make the photo area work for everyone, is very astute when working with equipment, and is always available and happy to fix cameras, the enlarger, or other equipment," Renata says.

While providing outstanding lab assistance in SRJC's Art Department, he has also worked for the Summer Repertory Theatre, worked as a presenter for Community Education and periodically provided freelance photography work to SRJC's Public Relations Office, producing high quality photos that captured students and instructors engaged in inquiry. "I appreciate Tom's professional approach to the subject matter and his ability to closely collaborate to achieve the creative vision of each assignment," emphasizes SRJC's Graphic Designer Mike Garcia. "His thoroughness when preparing for each photo shoot is impressive. He comes armed with the right equipment, while also offering the assistance of a professional photo stylist to help organize volunteer student models, set lights, and enhance the environment to ensure that the visual metaphor we hope to create well represents SRJC."

As a result of working for the Public Relations Office, many of Tom's photos have been incorporated in key college external publications. Garcia adds, "Tom is always great to work with! In our efforts to produce effective enrollment materials, I have had many opportunities to work with Tom. We created covers for the Schedule of Classes and incorporated many of Tom's images in college publications. He has conducted a variety

of professional location photo shoots that supported career training and certificate programs, as well as university transfer curriculum. One of my favorite photos he produced was that of two students working with Chemistry instructor Galen George. Tom captured the decisive moment when learning takes place."

Tom identifies his greatest accomplishment at SRJC as "working with enabling student services to identify and remove barriers that affect physically handicapped students in their photo lab work." He notes that his greatest challenge is "keeping the lab at top form during finals." Tom notes that what he likes most about his position is "working in a creative environment."

Born in Oakland, California, Tom grew up in Oakland, Sonoma, and Santa Rosa, graduating from Montgomery High School and Sonoma State University. Before joining SRJC's staff he worked as a freelance photographer and a woodworker. Outside of work Tom enjoys camping, hiking, music, and fine art photography, as well as community activities. He has owned his own business since 1980, Tom Chown Photography, primarily taking portrait and wedding photos. He spends much of his free time with his fiancée Lucy Shea and with his parents Norman and Jeanne Chown and sisters Shirley Maxey of Thousand Oaks and Heather Brandenburg of Santa Rosa. In 1988 his father established a nursing scholarship at SRJC to "thank nurses at Kaiser who gave my mom such wonderful care."

Congratulations, Tom, for being nominated Employee of the Month and thank you for your dedicated work at SRJC!

## March Events Scheduled

### A DOLL'S HOUSE

March 15, 16, 17, 18, 18\*, 19\* 8:00 PM and \*2:00 PM matinee • Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus • Directed by: Laura Downing-Lee

A powerful Norwegian drama that premiered in 1879 and shook Western theatre to its core and the aftershocks are still being felt today. Tackles volatile subjects such as gender and marital roles, nationalism, and personal responsibility, it continues to ignite heated discussions in classrooms and theatres around the world.

### DEFENDING OUR LIVES

Wednesday, March 15 • Noon - 1:30 PM • Room 182, Petaluma

Wednesday, March 22 • 12:30 - 2:00 PM • Room 1, Plover Library, Santa Rosa Campus

Film and discussion on domestic violence. Approved for 1.5 hours of RDA flex credit.

### MY LABYRINTHINE JOURNEY

Monday, March 20 • 12:15 PM • Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Monday, March 20 • 7:00 PM Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

Slide-illustrated Lecture by Alex B. Champion Biochemist, artist, and labyrinth maker leads the audience into his own experience with labyrinths. He presents permanent labyrinth installations as earthworks that are based on the simplest and most primal geometric forms and patterns of nature. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

### ST. PETERSBURG STRING QUARTET

Friday, March 24 • 8:00 – 10:30 PM • Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

One of the worlds leading string quartets, the quartet has won international chamber music competitions. Quartet: Mack McCray pianist; Alla Aranovskaya, first violin; Leonid Shukayev, cello; Boris Vayner, viola; David Chernyavsky, second violin.

### BEATING THE ODDS – SRJC WOMEN IN SCIENCE TELL THEIR STORIES

Monday, March 27 • 12:15 PM • Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

A panel of JC women faculty will explore how they beat the odds to succeed in math and science careers. While constituting over 46 percent of the U.S. workforce, women only hold 12 of the science and engineering jobs. More interesting information! Panelists: Lynda Williams, physics; Karen Frindell, chemistry; Kathryn Gerber, geography; and Sandy Nieto-Navarro, mathematics

### OPERA IN THE LIBRARY - ALESSANDRO STRADELLA, LA CIRCE

Thursday March 30 • 7:00 PM • Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

Circe, daughter of the sun, was a sorceress best known for her ability to turn men into animals with her magic wand. Circe comes to life through Stradella's 17th century opera.

The Skyflower Ensemble includes Gael Reed soprano, Beth Freeman soprano, Richard Stumpf bass, Felicia Mcfall and Muftiah Martin baroque violins, Sarge Gerbode lute, Gary Digman and Robin Easterbrook bass gambas. Sponsored by the Friends of the Petaluma Campus.

### WHITE SPACE: THE USES OF THE PAGE IN THE POEM

Friday, March 31 • 10:00 AM to Noon • Room 1588, Emeritus Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

Award-winning poet Gillian Conoley will lead a creative writing workshop on the different techniques for using white space in writing poetry. Learn how to use white space in writing poetry. English professor and Poet-in-Residence at Sonoma State University, Conoley will read from her sixth book of poems, Profane Halo in the aftermath of September 11. Bring notebook and pen. Funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc., with a grant from the James Irvine Foundation.

## Petaluma Campus April Events

The college community is invited to participate in events planned on the Petaluma Campus. Call Kimberley Kalember at 778-3827 with any questions:

### ESL NON-CREDIT OPEN HOUSE

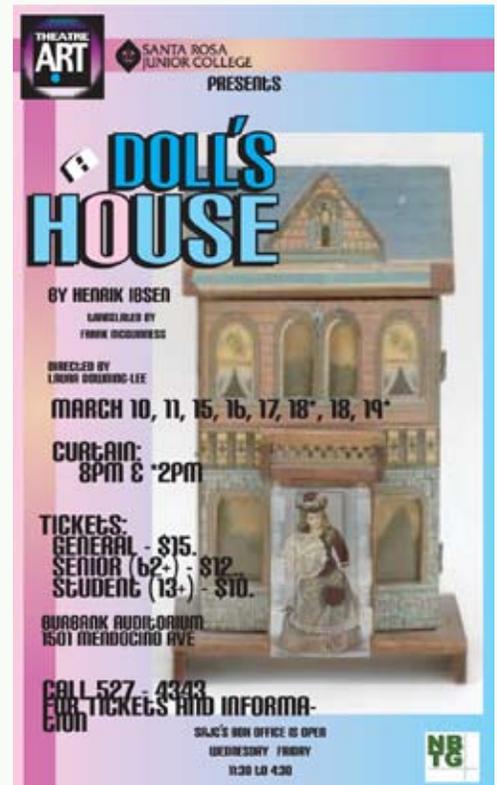
Wednesday, April 12 • 7:00 – 9:00 PM • Mahoney Library

### DIA DE LA FAMILIA – DAY OF THE FAMILY • ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 15 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Quad

### CAREER AWARENESS DAY

Thursday, April 27 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM Quad



## Vice Presidents' Spring Forum Set For April 5

On April 5 from Noon to 1:30 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus, the spring Vice Presidents Forum will address *The Immediate Future of SRJC: The Next Three Years*. The environment surrounding the SRJC, both physical and cultural, will be experiencing changes in the very near future that will affect almost every aspect of the college. What are these changes and how is the SRJC planning to adapt to them? Traffic, parking, and enrollment will all be impacted, so come ask questions, engage in discussion, and hear where our VPs see the College and their particular focus areas may evolve in the immediate future. This will be a fun, informative, and engaging session. Don't miss it!

## Work Shouldn't Hurt Workshop April 26

The Employee Crisis Assistance Team Committee will present the workshop "Work Shouldn't Hurt" on Wednesday, April 26 at Noon in the Oak Room. The program will include vignettes, and will introduce the ECAT team and their purpose and role at the College. Contact Charles Prickett, District Compliance Officer, at 527-4303 with questions.



## Library Offers Database Workshops

The Library has scheduled two spring PDA Flex Activity Workshops that offer broad information about online databases. The Library licenses over 30 online databases for use by the college faculty, students, and staff that give free access to millions of articles, ranging from books and magazines to scholarly journals and newspapers. There's something in the databases for just about every discipline.

New or experienced database users are encouraged to attend one of the following workshops in Room 2812 in Maggini Hall:

March 31, 10:00 AM – Noon April 28, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Some topics that the workshops will review include:

- Basic and advanced database search skills in various databases
- New database features, including content and search tools
- Methods to promote successful student use of information-rich resources
- Off campus use and setting up User Name and PIN for remote access, and much more

There will be adequate hands-on time to allow participants to search databases of choice, and one or more librarians will be available to assist and answer questions. Join us! We are sure that you'll learn something new and helpful.

The workshops are open to all SRJC faculty and staff and have been approved for PDA Day Flex Activity credit. Don't forget to submit your verification form to receive credit for attending one of the workshops at

at [http://www.santarosa.edu/src/PDF/flex\\_verification.pdf](http://www.santarosa.edu/src/PDF/flex_verification.pdf)

## EDI Spring Forum '06 Scheduled April 7

JC faculty members are urged to attend the Economic Development Institute's Spring Forum '06 on April 7, which will feature tools for dealing with change.

Through discussions that will focus on effective information collection, dynamic instructional strategies, and useful techniques to improve student success, the aim of the forum is to help create a unique opportunity for faculty across all college programs to reconnect with friends and colleagues working in other disciplines and to explore a variety of possible solutions to large challenges the College faces and ways to adapt college curriculum and programs to the changing demographics and economy of Sonoma County.

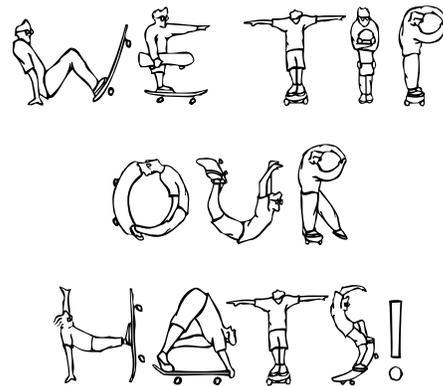
### Friday, April 7, 8 AM – 1 PM (Seating limited) North Coast Business Exchange

Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Kay Rudolph will open the forum with an overview about the emerging global economy and the changing Sonoma County population and the implications for the College.

The forum will be held in a comfortable, spacious, new headquarters North Coast Builders Exchange facility on the western border of Santa Rosa at 1030 Apollo Way. Lunch is free, and you can receive PDA credit! To reserve your place, please contact Chuck Robbins: [crobbsins@santarosa.edu](mailto:crobbsins@santarosa.edu) or 527-4498.

## Youth All Sports Camp Scheduled June 12-16

An All Sports Camp will introduce children 8 to 12 years old to various sports, including soccer, tennis, volleyball, swimming, baseball, and basketball, and welcomes all levels of skill. Campers participate in three sports a day in 90-minute blocks with snack and lunch breaks. Registration is \$160. Register early, as space is limited. Directors Marty and Kim Kinahan along with six coaches will provide top instruction and guidance. Call 524-1814 for more information or [www.santarosa.edu/athletics](http://www.santarosa.edu/athletics).



## Area Safety Leader Training March 22 & 29

Don Silverek, SRJC Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, will present classroom trainings for Area Safety Leaders. Intended for individuals who want to serve as their department's ASL or backup ASL, the training is also for those with an interest in emergency preparedness principles in an academic setting. Participants will learn simple guidelines to direct staff and students during an emergency or crisis situation.

Topics range from ASL responsibilities and earthquake tips to assembly points, emergency response kit contents, emergency phone numbers, and ASL resource Web links. In addition, participants will learn how to reduce the potential for injury, loss of life, and post-traumatic stress, while minimizing personal and district liability, and build a reference guide that includes floor plans, evacuation charts, staff directories, and resource phone numbers specific to your area.

Choose one of the following to register:

### **Petaluma Campus - PC 182**

**Wednesday, March 22**

**Noon – 1:00 PM**

### **Santa Rosa Campus -**

**Lark Hall, Room 2004**

**Wednesday, March 29**

**Noon to 1:00 PM**

Faculty: This workshop is approved for flex credit. A Flex Verification Form must be submitted on completion of the workshop/activity for credit to be applied to your hours of obligation. Information and forms can be accessed via the Staff Resource Center Web site at: <http://www.santarosa.edu/src/wks-smn.html>.

If you are a classified employee, please get your supervisor's approval to attend. Call Toni Chase, EH&S, at 524-1654 to register. Call Don Silverek, District Police, at 535-3789 if you have any questions about this training.

## Work in Britain Meetings Scheduled In March

The Work In Britain Program's fall 2006 Informational Meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

**March 17, 2:00 PM, Bussman Hall, 1440**

Contact Kathleen Simmons at 522-2748, e-mail [ksimmons@santarosa.edu](mailto:ksimmons@santarosa.edu), or [http://buswww.santarosa.edu/instruction/jtwd/wei/work\\_abroad/](http://buswww.santarosa.edu/instruction/jtwd/wei/work_abroad/).

## Student Photography Exhibit

The Work Experience Department proudly hosts an exhibit of photography by students in Renata Breth's classes. The engaging and intriguing images self-portraits may be viewed in 1440 Bussman Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus.

CIS Instructor **CAROLE BENNETT**, Ed.C., has been published again. "Including Business Etiquette in the Business Curriculum," was published in the Business Education Forum, the official publication of the National Business Education Association, February 2006.

Congratulations to Academic Senate President **KIMBERLEE MESSINA** and Director of Vocational Programs **STEPHANIE THOMPSON** who were selected to attend the Asilomar Women's Leadership Skills Seminar held in Pacific Grove. The seminar is in its 20th year, and is sponsored by The Community College League of California. Over 30 women from SRJC have participated in Asilomar since its inception.

This year the intensive four-day seminar focuses on the issues facing women who have made a commitment to community college administration, either in their current position or as a future goal. Its purpose is to provide information, strategies, contacts, and opportunities for personal and professional growth. Congratulations, Stephanie and Kimberlee!

## Baby News

Warm congratulations to Robert and Amy Ethington for the birth of their daughter **ANNELISE REID ETHINGTON**, born January 23, 2005, and weight in at 7 lbs 9 oz, 20.5 inches long. We are celebrating Annelise's arrival with Robert, Amy, and brother Jake, 7, and sister Emma, 5.



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