



The Pilot

GERMANNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S INFORMATION BULLETIN

Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Everyone looks forward to Thanksgiving—the turkey, the pies, the celebration. However, thanksgiving isn't complete without a moment of reflection.

In recognition of the upcoming holiday, I wanted to include an appropriate "thought for the day" in this issue. I had difficulty choosing just one, so I decided to share some favorite quotes pertaining to gratitude and thanksgiving.

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- electronic submission, PREFERRED;
— OR —
- LGC mailbox - please include your name as the source should there be questions pertaining to your submittal.

Germanna Historical Legacy Series Now Four Years Strong

Now in its fourth year, the Germanna Historical Legacy Series (GHLS), which features free monthly presentations on the rich history around the Locust Grove campus, has just finished its third presentation of the fall 2006 semester.

Rob Sherwood, the series' sponsor, began this semester's series on September 21st with his PowerPoint show, "Germanna: A National Treasure," a guided virtual tour through the sites and significance of Germanna history around LGC. Sixty folks attended.

Rob Sherwood is an English instructor at GCC who has made learning about the saga of Germanna history his passion since his arrival in 1993. He has an office full of materials to share—including more than 40 DVDs he has made of the GHLS presentations since 2002.

He is fascinated by "the Germanna saga" which includes the founding of Fort Germanna, two colonies of skilled and successful German immigrants, and an "enchanted castle." Rob joins Thom Faircloth, President of the neighboring

Germanna Foundation, whose headquarters is just off the LGC parking lot, in considering this history to be of national significance—especially when its story is fully told (yes, Rob is thinking of writing a book!!!).

The second GHLS presentation was October 19, 2006, and featured Marc Wheat discussing the legacy of "Henry Haeger, Spiritual Leader of the First Germanna Colony." Mr. Wheat is the Chief Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, a Germanna Foundation Board Member, and a descendent of Henry Haeger. His PowerPoint examined the extant historical record of the pastor of the First Germanna Colony, a man who, at the age of 70, led 42 hardy German immigrants to make their stand at Fort Germanna on the then-westernmost point of settlement of the New World. Forty people were in attendance.

On November 16, 2006, Ann L. Miller, presented a slide show about "Early Architecture in and around Germanna" which was attended by 47 people,

one-third of them GCC students, staff, and faculty. Ms. Miller is a Senior Research Scientist for the Virginia Transportation Council and is one of only a handful of experts on Germanna history. Her presentation drew on both physical evidence and documentary sources for the 18th and 19th centuries, and examined what the early town of Germanna, which flourished in the 1720s just across the street for LGC, would have looked like.

She had slides of what Germanna's humbler structures such as farm buildings, small dwellings, taverns, shops, and churches would have looked like, as well as speculation about Germanna's "Enchanted Castle" where Governor Spotswood lived from 1730 until his death in 1740. Forty-seven folks attended.

On March 15, 2007 the GHLS will feature Don Tharpe discussing "Fauquier County's German town and its Great Place in History." Avid historian, preservationist, collector, and author, Don Tharpe is the Founder of the Liberty Heritage Society, a group dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of historic

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- Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day. —*Robert Caspar Lintner*
- Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others. —*Cicero*
- If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice. —*Meister Eckhart*
- The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts; nevertheless, they set aside a day of thanksgiving. —*H. U. Westermayer (paraphrased)*
- As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. —*John Fitzgerald Kennedy*
- The best kind of giving is thanksgiving. —*Chesterton*
- Gratitude consists of being more aware of what you have, than what you don't. —*Unknown*
- In the past, I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy. —*Henri J. M. Nouwen*
- We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. —*Thornton Wilder*
- Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. —*William Arthur Ward*

sites in the "Great Neck" region of Virginia's Piedmont.

Mr. Tharpe is arguably the most knowledgeable person about the history of the First Germanna Colony once it relocated from Fort Germanna to land that comes to be called German town in what is now Southern Fauquier County. He will be presenting excerpts from his new book-in-progress on Germantown history.

Don Tharpe has recently opened the Liberty Heritage Society Museum on Main Street in downtown Warrenton. This features his extensive collection of Civil War memorabilia, which is among the best collections in private hands. The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays, and by appointment: call (540) 347-7785.

Then on April 19, 2007, Thom Faircloth will present "Spotsylvania and Brunswick: A Fine

Solution." Thom Faircloth is President of the Germanna Foundation. This is a group of around 2,500 folks, mostly descendants of the two Germanna colonies, who are dedicated to telling the Germanna story and honoring their heritage. He will present the next installment, the fourth, in his description of the sweep of Germanna history.

Here is his précis: "King George I admonished Alexander Spotswood and Robert Byrd to make friends or he would intervene to stop the feuding between them. Their solution was the formation of two new counties which would benefit them both greatly. Both new counties contributed to the idea of small family farms to secure the frontiers. Both new counties made their sponsors wealthier. And both new counties advanced the westward migration that would end finally at the western edge

of Hawaii, Guam and the Alaska." Thom offers the next chapter in his scholarly thesis that the pattern of settlement at Germanna was the beginning of American Civilization as we know it.

Saturday, April 21, 2007, is the grand finale of the GHLS 2006-07: THE GRAND WALKING TOUR OF GERMANNA HISTORY SITES. This special day starts at 10 a.m. at the Germanna Visitors Center, just off the entry road to the Locust Grove campus, includes a box lunch, and concludes around 3 p.m. at Salubria, in Stevensburg, six miles to the west of the Visitor's Center right on Route 3. Tour guides to most of the spots of importance in Germanna history include Thom Faircloth, Ann Miller, and Rob Sherwood.

For more information contact Rob Sherwood at rksherwood@gcc.vccs.edu or (540) 727-3062

(source: Rob Sherwood)

Congratulations to Lynn Lineberger on her Purchasing Certification

Lynn just completed a 3-day certification course in Richmond given by the Department of Purchasing and Supply. The VCA program objective is to train and certify employees in procurement regulations

of the Commonwealth governing small purchases. She took the exam on Friday, October 20 and passed! She is now a VCA (Virginia Contracting Associate). She wants to go for her VCO (Virginia

Contracting Officer) in May or June of next year. Please join me in congratulating Lynn on her accomplishment. We are so glad she is here!

(source: Terri Givler)

Welcome Janelle Callaway

The Center for Workforce and Community Education welcomes Janelle Callaway to the Germanna Center for Advanced

Technology in Culpeper. She will be working with Karen Calvert and Dianne Condon on the various contracts for business

and industry as well as for events.

(source: Kathleen Habel)

Welcome Gwendolyn Wormley

I am pleased to announce that Gwendolyn Wormley has joined the library staff at FAC. Her hours will be 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other Saturday. Gwendolyn is a graduate of VCU.

She worked as a library assistant in VCU's library for twelve years. She also has experience at the Library of Virginia, Norfolk State, and a law library. For the past few years, she has been a middle school teacher in Westmoreland County

and has worked with disadvantaged youth in a mentoring program called Touching Our Youth. Please stop by and welcome Gwendolyn to Germanna

(source: Rosemary Blankenship)

Middle College Graduate Receives Honor from the American Council on Education

In October, Middle College graduate, Trevor Scott Parker, received special recognition from the American Council on Education for his outstanding achievements as an adult learner.

In order to receive this distinguished honor, Trevor submitted an essay telling his story of overcoming personal struggles and his choice to create a positive change in his life by attending the Middle College program. A letter of nomination was also submitted by Carolyn Bynum on Trevor's behalf outlining

his accomplishments and perseverance in completing the Middle College program. Trevor excelled in the program by earning a Gold Career Readiness Certificate, successfully completing the SDV 106 course, and obtaining his GED. Trevor scored a perfect 800 on the Math portion of the test and earned an average score of 712 overall. In addition, Trevor met with state legislators in July of this year to share his positive experiences during his time with Middle College at Germanna Community College.

Trevor is currently enrolled in the General Studies program here at GCC and plans to transfer to Virginia Tech after the completion of his studies here. Everyone at Middle College congratulates Trevor on his accomplishments. He is truly a great Middle College success story and a much appreciated ambassador for the Middle College program

(source: Carolyn Bynum)

Cynthia Hill Attains ALS Certification

Congratulations to Cynthia Hill who recently completed a twelve-month Paralegal Certificate program consisting of 34 semester credit hours of study with a focus on legal principles and concepts including ethics, civil litigation, bankruptcy law, estate planning and

probate, criminal law and procedure, family law, legal research and writing, technology in the law office, and law office accounting. During her course of study, she also earned a Paralegal Certificate of Westlaw Proficiency in legal research. Most recently,

Cynthia was awarded the ALS designation by passing a four-hour, three-part certification exam.

(source: Judy Napier)

Congratulations Dr. Sarah Nielsen

Sarah Nielsen completed her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Tennessee

(source: John Donnelly)

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- Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. —*Melody Beattie*

- ...we are all of us from birth to death guests at a table which we did not spread. The sun, the earth, love, friends, our very breath are parts of the banquet... —*Rebecca Harding Davis*

- I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers. —*Kahlil Gibran*

- If you count all your assets, you always show a profit. —*Robert Quillen*

- Nothing purchased can come close to the sense of gratitude for having family and friends. —*Courtland Milloy*

- Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul. —*Henry Ward Beecher*

- Some complain that roses have thorns—others rejoice that thorns have roses! —*Unknown*

For the poets among us:

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
For flowers that bloom about

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our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Now, lest we get too serious...

For you football fans:
Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare.
They are consumed in twelve minutes.
Half-times take twelve minutes.
This is not coincidence.
—Erma Bombeck

For those who count calories—a reprieve:
What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving? —another Erma Bombeck

And, finally, for dessert:
But see, in our open clearings,
how golden the melons lie;
Enrich them with sweets and spices,
and give us the pumpkin pie!
—Margaret Junkin Preston



Happy Thanksgiving!

News from VCCS Foreign Languages Peer Group Conference

On October 19 and 20, the VCCS Peer Group Conference for Languages met in Norfolk. At the end of the conference, Mr. Miguel Lechuga was elected to serve as Chair of the next two conferences. He is very proud of being selected

to serve in this capacity because it will afford him the opportunity to coordinate Foreign Language initiatives for the next four years, and he notes that Germanna shares this opportunity with him. One of Mr. Lechuga's goals for next semester is unification

of foreign language placement testing; currently, different tests are used across the VCCS.

(source: Miguel Lechuga)

Note: A submission was also received from Bill Fiege, Dean of Instruction, congratulating Miguel for assuming this leadership role at the State level.

Business Office Welcomes Ginny Stanley

Please welcome Ginny Stanley to the business office. Most of you know Ginny already from the instruction office. Ginny started

her new position as the evening receptionist on Monday November 13th. Welcome Ginny!!

(source: Terri Givler)

Deb Leeper Elected President of Virginia Assessment Group

At the 2006 Virginia Assessment Group Fall Conference held in Staunton on November 13-15, 2006, Deb Leeper was elected to serve as President the next twelve months. The organization's mission is to continue to develop its status as the premier

association for the ongoing promotion of *networking, collaboration, and education in the areas of institutional effectiveness and assessment to institutions of higher education.*

(source: Deb Leeper)

A Note of Thanks to Tina Parker

Following the Health Technology Fair held at the Germanna Center for Advanced Technology on October 11 and 12, the following words of appreciation were extended by Eugene Sullivan from the University of Virginia, regarding Tina Parker's contributions to the event's success: "...I must thank Tina Parker for an outstanding performance. Whatever was asked of her, she did with a smile and completed the task in a timely and satisfactory manner. I would want her on my team."

(source: Jacque Hirsch)

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign Caring + Sharing = Hope

What a wonderful time of year it is... Thanksgiving!

While we have so much to be thankful for, many of our community families face scary times! Please remember to make your pledge

today to help a charity in your neighborhood help those who need it most!! An additional form is attached for your convenience. Also remember that you can make a one time contribution by attaching a check



to your form instead of making payroll deductions. Thank you!

Lend that helping hand by giving through the CVC.

(source: Barbara Hall)

Holiday Party Door Prize Donations Needed

The Holiday Party Planning Committee is asking for your help. Each department or work area is being asked if they are interested in putting together a gift basket or gift certificate to donate to the Committee. Donations will be given as door

prizes at the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9.

In previous years, some really creative baskets have been donated. Several departments are already planning their basket. Baskets can be theme related based on the work area,

or anything you wish to create.

If your department is willing to help, please e-mail Loretta Becker at lbecker@gcc.vccs.edu and let her know what your donation will be. If you donate a basket, please name your basket and provide

a list of the items to be included.

Donations need to be turned in by Tuesday, December 5.

Any support given is greatly appreciated!

(source: Loretta Becker)

New Payroll EPPI Card

Virginia has a new way to pay employees electronically. The all new Debit MasterCard or "Pay Card" as some may call it is the latest opportunity for all employees of the Commonwealth to be paid electronically and enjoy the following benefits:

- No more expensive check cashing fees
- No lost or stolen checks containing personal information
- No delays due to the mail or a natural disaster
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- If you lose cash, it's gone; if you lose your card, your funds are protected simply by making a call to report your card missing
- Confidential . . . the Commonwealth of Virginia does not know where you use your car or what you purchase with it
- Make purchases most everywhere MasterCard is accepted **no fee**
- Get cash back with purchases as most major retailers **no fee**
- Get cash worldwide at ATM machines **2 free withdrawals per month at Wachovia ATM's**

- Review your account activity online anytime

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http://www.eppicard.com/eppicard/vacard/ecard_geor2_enroll.jsp#payroll

(source: Barbara Hall)

A festive holiday-themed invitation graphic for Germanna Community College's 2006 Holiday Party. The graphic features a green border with red ribbons and a central green wreath with gold lights. The text is centered and uses a mix of red and black fonts. At the bottom, there is a green text box with a white background containing information about a reserved room at the Best Western in Culpeper.

**Germanna Community College
2006 HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Saturday, December 9
6:30 - 10:30 PM
at
GCAT**

**DINNER DANCING
DOOR PRIZES
Complimentary wine & beer**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

A block of rooms at a reduced rate has been reserved at the Best Western in Culpeper. They will hold the rooms at this rate (\$75) up until November 18. Call 540-825-1253 and mention that you are booking for Germanna's Holiday Party and they will extend this rate to you.

(source: Loretta Becker)

2006 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign

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STEP TWO: Choose whether or not you wish to designate your gift to a specific charity. Consult the CVC Charity Listing at www.cvc.vipnet.org or see you area coordinator for designation codes. There are 1,314 charities needing your help.

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| Code # | Annual Amount | Name of Charity | Code # | Annual Amount | Name of Charity |
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| | \$ | | | \$ | |

STEP THREE: Authorize your donation and chose whether or not you wish to be acknowledged. Date:

_____ I authorize this contribution to the CVC (signature of employee)

- I wish for my gift to be anonymous *OR*
 Please share my name, address, and amount of gift with the charities I have selected for acknowledgement purposes. I am providing my mailing address for this purpose.

Mailing Address:

STEP FOUR: Please print 3 copies of this form. Keep one for your records, Sign a copy and send two copies to your CVC Coordinator (one copy goes to payroll and one to the pledge processing center

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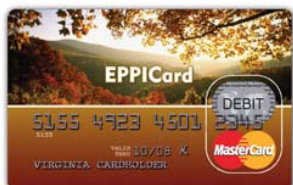
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