

FCC NEWSLETTER

Fontbonne Community Connection – A Women's Giving Circle -- April, 2010

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WELCOME!

Exciting and wonderful things are happening throughout the FCC and our PR Committee is delighted to share all the good news by introducing this quarterly FCC e-newsletter. We plan to include the feature sections listed above, as regular entries. We also welcome your input and suggestions. In addition, the Committee is currently working to further enhance the FCC web page, already on the Fontbonne website. In the meantime, it is our hope that this newsletter will be a timely online “connection” that will truly serve to strengthen our ever-growing “circle” of giving and friendship!

Message From The Chair



Karen Gedera
FCC Chair

Dear Fellow FCC Member,

This has proven to be quite a productive year so far. We have formalized our Mission and Vision, refined our Awards process, increased our maximum grant amount, grown our membership, enjoyed several fun and enriching events and improved our communications and marketing. We can all be proud of these accomplishments! And now we are entering the most exciting part of our annual cycle – the review and selection of our 2010-2011 Grant Recipients. I hope each of you will have the opportunity to take part in one of the several planned Roundtable Discussions – it is a great way to understand the grant proposals, learn about what is going on at Fontbonne, and meet many of your sister FCC members. As always, if you cannot attend any of the roundtables, please feel free to call any of the Awards Committee members or FCC Officers to discuss them.

Karen

News Notes

It will soon be time for our FCC members to vote on the grant proposals for our next funding cycle. With this in mind, the Awards Committee has again set the dates for three Roundtable Discussion events which were so successful last year in helping us determine our choices. You won't want to miss this opportunity to attend at least one of these meetings, all of which will be held on campus in The Caf^e on the second floor of the Dunham Student Activity Center.

Thursday, May 13, 2010, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 12, 2010, 10:00 – noon



Roundtable Discussions

Watch for more details from the Awards Committee to arrive in your e-mailbox soon!

Fontbonne Day

April 30, 2010 has been designated as **FONTBONNE DAY**. Dr. Golden will be sending FCC members a personal invitation to join Members of the Board of Trustees, Council of Regents and CSJ Leadership to participate in this special day of community service. The day will begin and end on Fontbonne's campus, starting with Registration and Coffee at 8:30 am and ending with an Ice Cream Social and Slideshow, concluding at 3:30 pm. We hope you will check your calendar and consider joining in this day of service -- and fun! This would be a good opportunity for the FCC to increase its awareness level on campus. Look for further information to follow.

“Capture the Moments”

In this first issue of our Newsletter, we are pleased to present updates from three of our current grant recipients who are eager to share their enthusiasm for their projects and the benefits being realized as a result of FCC funding.

The **ARCHIVES DIGITIZATION** project was spearheaded by archivist, Sr. Jane Hassett whose report included the following comments: “The archives digitization (about half of Fontbonne's old school newspapers--1926-1946) was completed so quickly—within three days—that it seems almost impossible to appreciate what a valuable project this is. Twenty years of newspaper is compressed into four compact discs that are filed in a drawer and the original deteriorating materials need not be handled again.” The remaining issues of equally fragile papers still await digitization as soon as additional funding can be obtained. Note: **Online viewing** of these digitized newspapers is now possible simply by opening the Fontbonne website (www.fontbonne.edu) and clicking on *Library* at the top of the page. A list of options appears on the right-hand side—just click on *The Font...(digitized)*.



Michelle Hand (left) and Rory Lipede
(photographer: John Lamb)

MUSTARD SEED THEATRE, under the auspices of Deanna Jent, used FCC funding to create an educational component of their *Fires in the Mirror* production by offering free tickets to all students for any performance and also by adding two matinee performances to the schedule. (The initial plan to take the production “on site” to various schools became impractical, mainly because of security issues at the schools.)

85 non-Fontbonne students and 45 Fontbonne students attended from 35 different zip codes. Students and teachers received a five-page education guide and participated in post-performance discussions of the difficult questions raised by the show.

Because of this success, three similar student matinees have been added for each of the four productions next season. Deanna commented that the experiences with this pilot project “have given us the impetus to move forward with our goal to involve area students in our mission of discussing ‘our relationship with God and our ethical responsibility to the world’.” For details of next season’s production schedule, go to: http://www.mustardseedtheatre.com/10-11_season.html

An FCC grant was awarded to the Office of Alumni Relations, under the direction of Carrie Wenberg, for a project entitled **CASE AFFILIATED STUDENT ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS (ASAP) CONFERENCE**. CASE ASAP is comprised of student alumni associations and similar organizations at more than 300 CASE member institutions. Its goal is to foster student involvement in all areas of advancement—alumni relations, communications, fundraising, marketing, etc. and increase leadership skills for student leaders. Thanks to FCC funding, the newly-elected president and vice-president of the Student Alumni Assn. (both long-serving SAA members) will be able to participate in the CASE ASAP Network Convention to be held Aug. 5 –7, 2010 in Kansas City, MO. Both officers are very excited and appreciative to have this unique learning opportunity.



2010 Conference Logo
Theme: “Show Me How to Lead”

Our Committees' “Wish List”

This section showcases a number of important ways in which you, or someone you know, could help us a great deal by volunteering time to share knowledge and/or expertise in our areas of need as described below:

- ~ Web page editing assistance (contact: Marcia Quint—mquint@fontbonne.edu)
- ~ Refreshment Donations (desserts/appetizers) for special events (contact: Eleanor Ferry—eah.ferry@gmail.com)
- ~ Help with mailings (contact: Doris Wilson— grizzie2@aol.com)
- ~ Hosting event in your home (contact: Eleanor Ferry— eah.ferry@gmail.com)
- ~ Videography assistance (contact: Marcia Quint—mquint@fontbonne.edu)
- ~ Newsletter formatting assistance (contact: Doris Wilson—grizzie2@aol.com)



Featured Upcoming Event

Friday, April 16, 2010 – Member Benefit Event
The Don Wiegand Gallery and Home Tour offers a unique opportunity for all of our FCC membership. For details, please refer to the special e-mail reminder sent on April 8th.

Full FCC Events Calendar

Friday, April 30, 2010

Fontbonne Day - Invitation from Dr. Golden along with further details will arrive soon.

Thursday, May 6, 2010

FCC Preview of the Pottery Sale – 6:30 – 8:00 pm PLUS the Mustard Seed Theatre's presentation of *Tartuffe* – 8:00 pm

You will find all the exciting details of this special evening in your soon-to-arrive invitation!

**"IT'S A
DOUBLE
FEATURE!"**



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Friday, June 18, 2010

5:00 pm Deadline for Receipt of Member Ballots

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Annual Members Meeting—9:00 – 11:00 am, Grant Awards Announced & Officers Changeover

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Campus Awards Ceremony, time TBD – Presentation of FCC Awards to Recipients and Barbeque