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Grant Recipient Updates

This month's issue features the first of the grant recipient updates from our 2010 – 2011 funding cycle.



Pre-Renovation

FINE ARTS GALLERY RENOVATION

The photo on the **left** appeared in the **October 2010** issue of the FCC Newsletter when the FCC funded the first ever Juried Art Exhibit in Fontbonne's Gallery. The photo on the **right** shows the dazzling results of the FCC's \$10,000 grant for the renovation during the 2010 – 2011 Funding Cycle.



Post-Renovation

The renovation of the Fine Arts Gallery significantly expanded the exhibit wall space and added new professional gallery lighting. Following the announcement of this second Fine Arts Gallery grant last year, Ellen Gochnour, Gallery Director commented on how these improvements would greatly enhance the reputation of both the Fine Arts Department and the entire University as well as make it easier to attract the interest of prominent artists hoping to exhibit their work in such a desirable setting. Now, the *dream* is the *reality*!

MEMORY SYMPOSIUM

From October 21-23, 2010, Fontbonne University hosted an academic symposium, entitled "**COLLECTIVE ST. LOUIS: RECOLLECTION, FORGETTING AND THE COMMON GOOD.**" This conference explored two complex phenomena – the dynamics of memory, and especially collective memory, and the history of St. Louis – from a rich interdisciplinary perspective, bringing into conversation philosophers, historians, American studies scholars, theologians, social scientists, artists, museum curators, undergraduates, and graduate students, among others. In addition to two keynote addresses from Dr. Shawn Copeland – Boston College and Dr. Robert Archibald – Missouri History Museum, more than thirty presentations were given by various conference participants. Dr. Archibald's address on Friday evening was the highlight of a banquet that exemplified Fontbonne's hospitality. The members of the planning team want to express their immense gratitude for the generous grant from the dedicated women of the FCC, who made this exciting conference possible. **Note:** The recently mailed March issue of *Tableaux* contains a very informative report on the significance of this impressive FCC-funded project, so be sure to read "the rest of the story!")

Fontbonne Board Room



Missouri History Museum



On Saturday, August 28, 2010, the soothing music of the Beach Boys welcomed a group of 16 student leaders—Senators of the 2010-2011 **FONTBONNE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**—to the FCC funded **SENATOR TRAINING RETREAT** at Cedar Creek Convention Center in St. Ann, Missouri. Because these senators exhibited excellent leadership qualities, they were selected to serve as student representatives to each of the academic departments or student activities groups on the Fontbonne campus. During the school year, they are meeting regularly at SGA meetings to address the needs and concerns of their constituents and the university's student body.

“Be true to your school” was the motto for this two-day learning excursion led by the five executive officers of SGA and the organization advisor, Chris Gill. Seminars and activities educated the senators in the areas of student government constitution, mission and vision, servant leadership, parliamentary procedure and goal setting. Between trainings, the group enjoyed ice-breaker and group bonding activities. The final activity of the weekend was a team ropes course, which challenged the senators and officers to work together to achieve a series of physical feats.

SGA President, Rachel Hanson said, “We planned the entire weekend to engage the senators and inspire them to be the best possible student leaders and representatives. This experience foreshadowed a successful year ahead and we feel so lucky to have received the FCC Grant to make it all possible!”



Weekend activities included seminars and workshops focused on servant leadership, exercises in team bonding and goal setting



Voting Details for the 2011-2012 Grant Awards



Join a Roundtable Discussion Group
Every Member is encouraged to attend!

Applications Available for Review – Friday, April 29, 2011

Morning Roundtable – Tuesday, May 17 9:00 – 11:00 am

Evening Roundtable – Tuesday May 24 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Weekend Roundtable – Saturday, June 4 10:00 – 12:00 noon

Voting Deadline – Friday, June 17, 2011 5:00 pm

All Roundtable Discussions will be on campus in the Caf' located on the 2nd floor of the Dunham Student Activity Center.

Important Voting Notice:

This year we have received 26 grant proposals requesting approximately two-times the amount of funding we will have available to award. When you vote, it is important that you rank each of the 26 proposals in priority order on your ballot (“1” as your highest ranking or favorite proposal and “26” as your lowest ranking proposal). If you feel any of your lowest ranked proposals are not a good fit for FCC funding, you have the opportunity to indicate “No Funding” on the second section of the ballot. We each have a sense of the types of projects we would like to see the FCC fund. The “No Funding” section allows you to voice that sentiment. For a proposal to be denied funding, it will require a minimum of 50% of the voting FCC members to select “No Funding.” If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact a member of the Awards Committee.

Grant Award Announcements: At the **Annual Membership Meeting** on **Thursday, July 14, 2011, 9-11am.**

New FCC Officers and Committee Chairs will also be presented.

Campus Celebration and Ceremony: Presentation of Grants Awards to Recipients – **SAVE THE DATE** – Monday, September 12, 2011, at Medaille Meadow during lunch. Time to be confirmed.



In continuing our series featuring the work of a different FCC committee in each edition of the FCC Newsletter, our Committee Spotlight shines on the Events Committee.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The **Events Committee** is the activity-planning arm of the Fontbonne Community Connection whose responsibilities include determining the dates, times, places, speakers, catering, pricing, and event agendas while working in conjunction with other related FCC Committees. Members of this high spirited and fun-loving group are: Eleanor Ferry (Chair), Nina Bryans, DeDe Caspari, Sr. Rita Schmitz, Karen Castellano, Trish Sinner, Marcia Quint, Marilyn Sheperd and Vickie Logston.

In addition to specific “recruitment” and “member benefit” events each year, this Committee is also involved in the planning of the Annual Membership Meeting in July, featuring the election of officers and announcement of the winning grant proposals, as well as the Campus Celebration of these winning proposals in the fall. In the past 2½ years, our events have focused on showcasing the grant recipient projects, including an opening night production at the Mustard Seed Theatre, a special FCC reception during the juried art exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery, a private tour of Don Wiegand’s studio with lunch at Annie Gunn’s, and the recent tour of the Carondelet Motherhouse. Eleanor commented that all of these events have provided fun, social experiences with an added educational treat!

NEWS NOTES

MOTHERHOUSE TOUR



On April 8, the Events Committee hosted one of its periodically scheduled “benefit” activities for FCC members and their guests. Sr. Kate Filla, *Tour Guide Extraordinaire* at the **Carondelet Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph**, served as our personal guide through this beautifully restored and renovated historical building. While moving from one room to another, attendees were enthralled by Sister Kate’s vast knowledge and enthusiasm for sharing amazing detailed histories of both, this building and of the CSJ Sisters who made it their home. Sr. Marian Cowen [gave the reflection in the Chapel](#)

In recent years, the Sisters have opened the Motherhouse to the public by creating a dynamic Hospitality Center, which offers numerous meeting room facilities of various sizes as well as sleeping accommodations and a spacious dining room for guests, serving freshly prepared meals daily. In our role as luncheon guests following the tour, everyone attending agreed that the delicious lunch definitely made this FCC event a double “benefit” activity!

ZEBRAFISH PRESENTATION



The Van Lear Black Classroom on the second floor of Anheuser-Busch Hall (formerly the Science Bldg.) seemed to be abuzz with anticipation on Saturday morning, April 16 as the FCC Membership Committee hosted its **Spring Membership Recruitment Breakfast**. Committee members provided a delicious array of fresh fruit and baked items to begin the morning as FCC members and their guests visited with one another while browsing the attractive, well-stocked information table and viewing numerous photo display boards featuring some of our previously funded grant projects. Following breakfast, Dr. Rebecca Foushee, Ph.D., Chair of the Dept. of Behavioral Sciences, captured everyone’s attention with the detailed explanation of her fascinating FCC funded research project titled: *Zebrafish: How a Tiny Fish Can Shed Light on Autism and Other Human Developmental Mysteries*. Following the presentation, Membership Chair, Sandra Lehrer commented on the wonderful opportunity for life-long learning that FCC membership offers as well as the feeling that, through our funding, we can consider ourselves “part of the research team!” Dr. Foushee then invited anyone who might be interested to “sneak a peek” at the first colony of Zebrafish, currently living in their darkroom “home” in one of the state-of-the-art science labs on the third floor of the newly-renovated Anheuser-Busch Hall. What a fun, captivating two hours!



Breakfast time was buzzing!



Rebecca Foushee, Ph.D.



A captivated audience!

FROM A GRATEFUL FATHER--The FCC recently received the following e-mail note:

Dear Members of the FCC—In the “old days,” this would have been a card in the mail. Times have changed, haven’t they? Forgive “the new way” of thank you notes...April 10 was the second time my son has benefitted from the FCC. The first time was the Stuttering Conference—on both counts, I’d like to say THANKS!

This acknowledgement reminds us again of the “magic” being created and spread as a direct result of FCC Grant Awards! (**The Freshmen Honor Society Installation** and the **Stuttering Workshop** are both funded projects in the 2010-2011 Cycle. Be sure to watch for featured articles on each of them in the *Grant Recipient Updates* section of our future issues!)

FCC Tribute Gifts assist with our operating expenses. When you’re looking for a unique way to mark any occasion, please consider a *Tribute Gift* to the FCC. A card will be sent, noting the person and event you are honoring with your personalized message included and informing the recipient of your tribute gift to Fontbonne University, designated for the FCC. (*Amount not disclosed.*) Tribute gifts help offset our operating costs so that we can continue to allocate 100% of your membership donation to fund grant awards. Many of our members have used this opportunity to honor fellow FCC members or their friends and family. Contact Kathy McDermott: kmcdermott@fontbonne.edu

After appearing in the January Newsletter’s *Honors/Recognition* Section as a recipient of the Fontbonne “Founders Award,” we are proud to again recognize **Karen Clark Castellano** in this issue for her selection as one of the 2011 *KMOX Women of Achievement* in the area of Community Service. She will be receiving her award at the *Women of Achievement Luncheon* on May 10 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. You can listen to the wonderful Carol McDaniel audio interview, with Karen offering prominent mention of Fontbonne and the FCC! (Search KMOX Women of Achievement)

Message From The Chair



Dear Fellow FCC Member,

*As we all know, for the FCC, the season of spring brings with it the excitement and curiosity to learn the final details of the creative grant proposals that have been presented for our consideration and eventually, for our vote. As we contemplate the rapid growth and financial success of the FCC giving circle during our short three-and-a-half-year existence, we certainly want to acknowledge two very dynamic women for their **vital** contributions in getting us “off to such a flying start!” Marilyn Shepherd has served as Vice President, Institutional Advancement and is responsible for bringing the giving circle concept to Fontbonne from her former position at the University of*



Marcia Quint & Marilyn Sheperd

Toledo. Marcia Quint has been Fontbonne’s Major Gifts Officer and worked tirelessly with continuing enthusiasm while serving as the administration’s liaison to the FCC and ALL of its Committees! (For now, Kathy McDermott will be assisting us in many of these areas.) I know I speak for each of our members, as well as myself, in expressing sincere gratitude to Marilyn and Marcia and in wishing them well in their future endeavors. We will miss their presence greatly but their pioneering FCC spirit will always be with us!

Karen

Welcome New Members!

Dyanne Anthony
Theresa Jeevanjee
Mary Pat Quinn, CSJ '64
Jaimette McCulley
Kathy McDermott

Inspiring quotes from remarkable women...

“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.” Mother Teresa