

# FCC NEWSLETTER



FONTBONNE COMMUNITY CONNECTION – A WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

## Grant Awards

It was an exciting place to be as the Lewis Room of the Jack C. Taylor Library was filled to capacity with faculty, staff and a few students.

On Monday, August 29, at the Fontbonne University All-Campus meeting, the Fontbonne Community Connection presented awards to the 2010-2011 grant recipients. Mary Ann Hogan, Awards Committee Chair, was introduced and she read the name of the Grant, the award amount, and the recipient. Barb



Atteln, Recording Secretary, presented each recipient with a certificate. The attendees cheered on the recipients and were amazed to hear the

amount of each grant award. Hopefully this will inspire more individuals, departments and organizations on campus to participate next year.

## Special points of interest:

- **Save the Date...**
- **FCC Officers and Committee Chairs**
- **Calendar of Events**
- **Did you know?**
- **Grant Updates**

## Membership Recruiting Event

Friday morning, October 28, the Membership and Events Committees sponsored a membership recruiting event that included updates from two grant recipients and a campus update from Dr. Dennis Golden, President.

Two of our grantees presented their projects; Dr. Lynne Shields, "Friends & Family Day –

Workshop for Children Who Stutter" and Dr. Margaret Gray, "Interdisciplinary Community Connections—Autism." Dr. Shield's presentation of interviews of participants in the workshop was especially moving. Dr. Gray took us on her

journey to foreign countries where she met and collaborated with other professionals in the field of Autism research and therapy.

Dr. Golden shared an excel-



lent presentation using his catch phrase "Everything is Working Perfectly." He shared changes that have taken place at Fontbonne – some out of necessity and some according to the long-range plan that Fontbonne University has designed and revises every three years, as needed.

We were all so impressed with where the University (Continued on Page 4)



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## Grant for the Stuttering Workshop

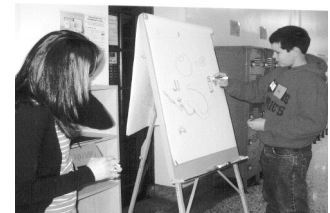


Fontbonne University Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Speech-Language Pathology, Dr. Lynne Shields, reports enthusiastic success from the 2010 FCC grant for **“Friend & Family Day: One-Day Workshop for Children Who Stutter; their Families and the Professionals Who Serve Them.”** Held on February 19, 2011, the program attracted well over 100 participants and included children, teens and their families, as well as professional speech-language pathologists and graduate

students from Fontbonne and three other universities.

Dr. Shields organized and developed the workshop, along with Dr. James Panico of SIUE, Susan Short from the Edwardsville School District, and Fontbonne alum Rhonda West from Special School District. Participating children and families explored new strategies in dealing with stuttering and met others with similar interests/challenges. Speech-language pathologists and graduate students gained new

insights and perspectives to use in working with their clients. The FCC grant provided benefits to all program attendees, as well as extending Fontbonne's outreach and reputation in the field of speech-language pathology.



## Grant for Specialty Software for the Graphic Design Lab

Although Fontbonne's Graphic Design Lab has been using Adobe's Creative Suite and its predecessors for years, the 2010 FCC grant for **Specialty Software** allowed Fine Arts Department Chair and Associate Professor Mark Douglas to purchase much-needed upgrades (from Version 3 to Version 5) and to outfit *all* computers in the lab with the Suite. Considered the current gold standard among design professionals, the Suite includes: Photo-



Shop the leading image Application, and In-Design, the premier layout application.

These upgrades deliver hi-tech excellence for courses in Introduction to Graphic Design, Graphic Design, Digital Imaging, and Designing for the Web. The software also benefits students in other courses – for projects as varied as designing sculpture, producing posters for theatre productions and

## Grant Writing Workshop ~ “Free Money”



The Grant Writing Workshop was held on October 31.

A campus announcement was sent in early October and read: **“Free Money” for your Department or Student Organization.** The date is set for Monday, October 31, and will be held in the Lewis Room of the Jack C. Taylor Library from 12:00-1:00p.m.

FCC Members shared tips on applying for grants and there was a Question & Answer time.

## Save the Date



The Events and Membership Committees of the FCC will be happily combining their efforts in planning two very special activities in 2012 for members. Non-member friends are encouraged to join, also. Mark your calendar early—invitations will be sent after the first of the year.

In **February**, a *Lunch and Learn* event (probably beginning mid-morning) will feature an informative presentation describing the impressive activities related to the University's Dedicated Semester program on campus. This year's focus is *The Disability Experience: Quest for Empowerment*. In our newest round of grant awards, the FCC voted to provide generous fund-

ing assistance for bringing highly acclaimed speakers to the University for this program. (Check your inbox for an e-mail dated 10/3/11 and sent through [VLogston@fontbonne.edu](mailto:VLogston@fontbonne.edu) which provides details and an invitation to all related events).

On **Thursday, April 12**, there will be an opening night cocktail party (wine/hors d'oeuvres) prior to the Mustard Seed Theatre's production of *A Winter's Tale*. We are hoping to have Mustard Seed's Artistic Director, Deanna Jent, update us on the progress of her new FCC grant-funded project, the *New Play Contest*.



## Consider a Tribute Gift...

FCC tribute gifts are designated to support the operation of the FCC in its work to fund financial awards to faculty, staff, or students to help them achieve goals, dreams, and ideas that would otherwise not be met or pursued within a current budget year.

Consider a tribute gift to honor or in memory of a

friend or loved one; to remember a birthday or special occasion; to celebrate an award or significant recognition in your life. You could even ask your family and friends to donate a gift to the FCC as a gift to you for your birthday or a holiday gift.

Recipients of tribute gifts receive a lovely note on

## Interdisciplinary Community Connections: Supporting Autism

The FCC Grant for this project initiated important program enhancements at Fontbonne while also establishing critically important connections within our community and beyond. Grant recipient, Margaret Gray, Ph.D., directed the project that included the funding of a Graduate Assistant, Paula Gross, who worked side-by-side all year in planning, implementation, community outreach and information documentation. A few highlights among the long list of activities and outcomes include visits and conferencing with local school leaders and agencies focusing on autism services; the opportunity for Margaret and Paula to present their project at the *Missouri Council for Exceptional Children Conference*; the development of an extensive database for continuing networking opportunities and the offering of several on-campus forums for information gathering/sharing purposes. Online "feedback opportunities" were also available. Through the use of varied techniques, the ICC project participants clearly determined a strong local support for Fontbonne's efforts to increase autism-specific programs, particularly at post-graduate levels.

In summary, Dr. Gray stated that "This year's project has 'lit a flame'; autism is a critical issue to be addressed through Fontbonne and community partnerships. Without FCC funding, we may still be 'looking for matches!'"

our FCC stationery (the amount of the gift is not disclosed) and an acknowledgement is sent to the donor.

Checks for tribute gifts should be made payable to Fontbonne University and mailed to Fontbonne University, Advancement Department - FCC, 6800 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105.

*"When women unite for a common purpose, the possibilities are boundless."*  
Carol Spehr, '63

## Fontbonne Community Connection

### Meet Your Officers

The following are the FCC Officers for the 2011-2012 year:

**Karen Gedera**, Chair

**Kathy Ann Murphy**,  
Vice-chair

**Liz Glaser**, Treasurer

**Mary Ann Capellupo**,  
Corresponding Secretary

**Barb Atteln**,  
Recording Secretary

The Committee Chairs are:

**Kathy Von Minden**,  
Awards Committee

**Kathy Ann Murphy**,  
Bi-Laws Committee

**DeDe Caspari**,  
Events Committee

**Kathy Coco**,  
Membership Committee

**Carol Spehr**,  
Nominations Committee

**Sue Wallace**,  
Public Relations Committee



### Membership Recruiting Event

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is going and how it has built on what we have always been proud of, especially our spiritual foundation—the thing that makes us unique and different. Dr. Golden singled out the Special Education department for its



accomplishments and excellence in its fields of study and service. Looking toward our future we must maintain our mission, ministry, mystery, management and money.

Our event was truly a morning of enlightenment and fellowship.



### Did you know?

- Many thanks to our newest members — *Katrina Sommer, '05, and Jeanette Wamser, '70.*
- All the 2011-12 Grants Proposals are now posted on Blackboard.
- The Award Fund for this year has received \$17,299.
- DeDe Caspari, FCC member, received a 2011 Founders Award for Distinguished Service to Fontbonne University.
- The Tribute Fund has collected \$650 for the 2011-2012 year.
- We currently have 90 in our membership.
- Mustard Seed Theatre's production of Deanna Jent's new play "Fallen" received critical acclaim and will become an Off-Broadway production in 2012.
- We have members in five states: Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Idaho and Oklahoma.

### Message from our Chair



Dear Fellow FCC Member,

I am sure many of you have read about the challenges universities face in keeping up with the explosion in technology, and Fontbonne is no different. The FCC has funded several technology-related projects, but the need never ends. Fontbonne faces many budgetary limitations, particularly in today's economy, so our gifts make a real difference. Our focus on increasing membership this year will give us even greater impact, which makes *now* the perfect time to work on securing those new members. Our fall Membership Recruiting Event was well-attended. Thanks to all those members who came, especially to those who brought a friend as a prospective member. If you were unable to be with us but know of someone who might be interested in learning more about the FCC, please let us know.

One of our most effective recruiting methods is to have a couple of members get together for coffee with the prospective member and explain what we do. Our record of funding highly successful projects is very impressive and often results in convincing a new member to join us. With everyone's help, I am sure we will reach our membership goal of 100 purposeful women who are united in the mission of the FCC.

*Karen*

Chair, Fontbonne Community Connection