



## A Decade - A Difference

### FONTBONNE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

*Embarking Upon Our Second Decade of Giving*



### *As It Is In Heaven Has Heavenly Reception*

On Sunday, March 25th, FCC members enjoyed an afternoon at Mustard Seed Theatre's production of *As It Is In Heaven*, directed by Fontbonne's own Deanna Jent. The play is about a Shaker community in 18th century America, where the women and men lived separate and celibate lives — believing, above all, in order and simplicity. And, while the Shaker lifestyle might be considered stifling in today's world, at the time, it was a safe haven for many women. When the younger women started to talk about seeing angels, that upset the status quo and chaos ensued. The community was shaken to the core, threatened by the changing beliefs. This play seemed an appropriate choice for a university that began as a women's college and has long fostered a strong sense of independence, along with responsible and thoughtful actions.

Following the play, FCC hosted a delightful reception, featuring an array of heavenly cookies baked by Sr. Audrey Goebel, CSJ. How could one resist cookies with names like Feathered Angel Wings and Heavenly Sunshine? Members mingled with guests in the reception area of the Fine Arts Building, which provided a bonus opportunity to view student work in the adjoining Art Gallery.

Mustard Seed Theatre has been the recipient of several FCC Awards over the years, including the very chairs the audience sits upon. Newly installed Hearing Loop Technology, funded this past year, makes listening easier for those with hearing difficulties and makes Mustard Seed Theatre the very first theater in St. Louis to offer this technology. Through FCC awards such as this, our women's philanthropic sisterhood does its best to help Fontbonne stand out as the unique treasure it is.





## Virtual Classroom Prepares Fontbonne Students For Real-Life Experiences

It looks like a video game, but it's not. It's a virtual classroom. On the screen, student-avatars sit at desks — fidgety, engaged, preoccupied. Each student is a graphic representation of unique behavior in the classroom. These avatars have been programmed to act and react as students would in a live classroom.

An FCC award makes Fontbonne the first school in Missouri with this classroom simulation technology. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is the first university in Illinois to use the advanced technology of this teaching program, which began at the University of Central Florida. Areas at Fontbonne already using the virtual technology classroom include Academic Affairs, Math/Computer Science, and Education/Special Education. Implementation and preplanning with Family & Consumer Sciences and with Instructional Design and Technology is now taking place — with more to come.

"We're offering our students and faculty an innovative environment where they can interact with virtual participants to simulate real-world situations," said Jo Ann Mattson, Director of eLearning. Research has found suspension of disbelief occurs within nine seconds and participants feel they are in real situations. "Our students can try new teaching strategies, receive immediate coaching/feedback and practice what they've learned."

The instructor can tailor the interaction, so each student has a personalized experience in the virtual classroom. A myriad of scenarios can be created. For example, the simulation lab allows a Special Education major to practice and run an Individual Education Plan (IEP) meeting with parents and school administrators — not possible in the real world because of confidentiality laws. Parent teacher conferences and classroom management scenarios can also be simulated. Instructional Design and Technology graduate students could practice interviews and project management with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).

Thanks to FCC funding, virtual technology opens the door wider, for both teachers and students at Fontbonne.



## Quench Thirst and Protect the Environment: Dorm's New Water Filling Station Is Ecologically Friendly

Reusable water bottles have become a staple for many — and certainly for students. Easy to transport, they are welcome almost anywhere, and many Fontbonne students bring water bottles with them to hydrate throughout the day. The only issue for students living in St. Joseph Hall was the challenge of trying to fill their water bottles from the traditional drinking fountain in the dormitory.

Last award cycle, FCC members voted to fund a proposal for installation of a water bottle filling station on the dorm's main floor. Now, this refreshing and environmentally healthy addition is quenching the thirst of many resident students. This installation has positively impacted St. Joseph Hall residents' lives AND the environment. No more plastic waste from bottled water!

"Small improvements like this show our students that we remain committed to their experience in St. Joseph Hall," said AJ Friedhoff, Fontbonne Director of Residential Life, who submitted the proposal.



## FCC Honored by “Connections to Success” Organization

FCC representatives were among several honorees present at the Connections to Success 20th anniversary luncheon, “A Celebration of Women Through Extraordinary Stories,” held Thursday, March 8th, at the Ritz Carleton. This event was attended by beautiful women who exhibit poise, tenacity and a heartfelt desire to serve people in our community. FCC women who attended the luncheon/program experienced the “connection” of the sponsoring organization, which believes in the “common good” model and strives to serve and build up society — by giving hope, providing resources and assisting people in developing plans that accomplish dreams/ideas to benefit not only themselves, but others as well.



We extend our appreciation to Cassandra Johnson, Director of Strategic Corporate Relations at Fontbonne (second from the left in the photo with FCC members) for inviting and nominating FCC as a group of women whose stories inspire others with passion, hope, collaboration and leadership.

## Award Season in Full Swing with 4 Roundtables in June

FCC Roundtables grow in importance and attendance each year. These well-structured conversations offer better understanding of how the proposals relate to University goals, as well as possible “ripple effects” they might offer. Discussions are never dull, and members say the process significantly aids their decision making and voting. Many members attend as many roundtables as possible, learning more each time, often changing their first impressions as they acquire more information and hear more discussion.

At this most exciting time of our FCC year, member participation is greatly valued and encouraged. It’s exhilarating to realize how much good is possible, through members’ financial contributions AND informed voting decisions. A special feature at the first Roundtable will be a brief presentation by Fontbonne’s Lisa Vansickle, on the state of the University from the view of the CFO. This short overview will be videotaped and available for FCC members.

Each member has received an email from Awards Committee Chair, Liz Glaser, with links to (1) full applications, (2) application summaries, (3) roundtable reservations form and (4) the official ballot for the ranked voting. As only electronic voting is available, an FCC Voting Buddy will assist any member who needs help in voting. The email gives contact information for such assistance.

**NOTE: Dates/times of this year’s Roundtables have been revised from those in the Winter Newsletter, so please refer to calendar on the last page of this issue.**



### FCC 2018 Proposal Statistics

27 proposals submitted

\$172,937 requested

17 proposals submitted by faculty

7 proposals submitted by staff

3 proposals submitted by students

## Joann Augsburger Jana — A Family Tradition of Giving

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Joann Augsburger Jana, R.D., L.D., is a leader in the field of community nutrition. She comes from a family with strong ties to Fontbonne University. She, her sister Susan and her mother are all Fontbonne graduates, each majoring in Dietetics in the Home Ec. Dept., as it was known then. Joann also has a major in Spanish. She has worked at both Barnes Hospital and St. Anthony's Medical Center, and she currently runs her own business, Food Service Consultants, Inc. She received a Founders Day Award in 1993 for her work in Dietetics and Health Care.

Joann says she's been going to Fontbonne since she was three years old, when she was in early fashion shows there as a child. Another childhood highlight was going to see Santa at Fontbonne every year at Christmastime. When asked for a favorite college memory, she laughingly describes one semester when Sr. Mary Carol Anth was the lone teacher for all four of Joann's classes. Joann says this was her "Year of Survival," paying tribute to Sr. Mary Carol's high standards and expectations of her students. It paid off, though. At Sr. Mary Carol's urging, Joann applied for an internship at Massachusetts General Hospital — and got it. Initially intimidated by the reputation of that place, and the varied backgrounds of her fellow students, she soon found that she was very well prepared by her Fontbonne classes. As she says, "You never know how much you've learned until you are out in the world."



While at Fontbonne, Joann was in the choir and traveled to perform during Spring breaks. After graduation, she joined the Archdiocesan Choir and now sings in her church choir. Joann is delighted that music is becoming part of Fontbonne's offerings once again.

Joann and her sister Susan made a very special gift to Fontbonne — a room in Anheuser Busch Hall is dedicated to the memory of their parents, who felt that giving each of their four children a Catholic education was very important. The Augsburgers have a tradition of giving to Fontbonne, and Joann's mother organized the first Phonathons, encouraging alums to consider giving to Fontbonne.

Joann has two children and five grandchildren and loves her time with them. Her love for Fontbonne is obvious, as well. She looks forward to meeting more FCC members, committed to the University and to funding dreams of faculty, staff and students.

## Jane Snyder Shows a Long-time Love of Fontbonne

Dr. Jane Snyder says she expects to feel right at home at FCC. For many years, Jane worked closely with Sr. Mary Carol Anth, who encouraged her to become a member of our women's group. And Jane already knows several members who are or have been Fontbonne faculty. Retired as Director of Fontbonne's Kinkel Center for Academic Resources in 2012, after 17 years in this position, Jane also taught Psychology at Fontbonne from 1999 till 2015. "During my career, I was an English teacher, guidance counselor, then spent 8 years as a federal grants manager before coming to Fontbonne." Clearly, she brought understanding and experience to her positions on campus.

In 2011, a student brought to Jane's attention the advantage of establishing a repository of textbooks for general education courses — which could save students considerable personal expense. Jane's "Textbooks on Reserve" proposal received FCC funding and supplied textbooks that students can use in the Library. A follow-up study by the student showed that these books have received even more use than anticipated. As an award recipient, Jane knows first-hand the satisfaction that FCC awards bring to those with ideas that are of benefit to the University, yet beyond department budgets. Jane looks forward to her own opportunity to review and vote on proposed projects, which can then be realized through FCC support.

Raised in Warren, Ohio, Jane graduated from Ohio State University with dual English and Psychology majors and then received a Masters in Psychology from the University of Connecticut. She earned her Ed.D. from the University of Missouri St. Louis and worked in education for a total of 50 years. After her "big university" experiences, Jane is very appreciative of the individualized attention and support that students receive at Fontbonne, as well as how personally rewarding this is for her as a teacher. She says she loves working with Fontbonne students and enjoyed every day on campus.

Jane, who has lived in St. Louis for 47 years, is glad that her two children and her grandchild also live here. Her home is in Creve Coeur, where she lives with her 2 dogs — and a 28 year-old cockatiel parrot. That sounds like a feature story in itself! We're anxious to learn more about you, Jane, and we extend to you our warmest welcome. We trust FCC will provide additional opportunities for you to continue your labor of love at Fontbonne.





## Message from the Chair



As spring is finally here with its wondrous display of life, it is such a delight to have two incredible women join this FCC Women's Giving Circle: Susan Augusburger and Jane Snyder. Jane is profiled in this Newsletter, and Susan will be profiled in the coming Summer issue. Another recent new member, Joann Augsburger Jana (Susan's sister), whom we welcomed in our Winter issue, is also profiled in this issue.

On Sunday March 25, approximately 40 FCC members and guests attended *As it is in Heaven* at Mustard Seed Theatre (MST) on the Fontbonne campus. After the performance, there was a generous assortment of heavenly cookies to enjoy with our guests and prospective new members. FCC has been a strong supporter of MST, and only a few weeks after this event the Theatre issued a press release, announcing MST as the first Theatre in St. Louis to introduce Hearing Loop Technology — sponsored by FCC. This is another great example of FCC supporting our mission.

There is excitement in the air, as we are now in the Awards season for our 11th year. Wow! Roundtables where members discuss the submitted proposals, voting by our members to determine which proposals receive funding, and the announcement of awards at the Annual Meeting on July 12 will all be here before we realize it.

As in the past, our joys are balanced by the impact of recent losses to our FCC sisters: Jan Reilly with the loss of daughter Erin Reilly Logan, and Sr. Mary Charity with the loss of her brother Jack. We extend the condolences and prayers of FCC members.

Finally, I want to thank you for all you do in support of the FCC mission and being part of this organization of incredible women.

*Joan*

Joan Kelly, FCC Chair

### ♥ ♥ ♥ Thank You Letter from an Awardee ♥ ♥ ♥

*Joanne Smith, Ph.D. (Dept. of Education) and I submitted a proposal that was accepted and we presented at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) in Baltimore, MD, on March 2. Our title was "Discovery Day: Helping Urban Schools Plant the Seed Early for College."*

*This is a huge annual conference and AACTE represents all universities in the country with teacher certification programs. In our PowerPoint presentation, we outlined our two "Discovery Day" events and information from the pre- and post-surveys of elementary and college students, along with benefits for both Fontbonne students and students in the Jennings School District.*

*We thought you would be pleased to know that our FCC award has achieved national prominence and interest! My best wishes for many more successful awards in the years ahead.*

*Judith W. Failoni, Ph. D.  
Professor, Department of Education/Special Education*

## Coming Events

Note: EAC (Executive Advisory Committee Meetings)  
Open to All Members; second Wednesday

### May 2018

FCC Members Review Applications

9 — EAC Meeting, Stroble Rm, Library, 9:00 a.m.

### June, 2018

FCC Members Review Applications

7 — Roundtable Discussion, DSAC, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

9 — Roundtable Discussion, Library Board Rm, 10-noon

11 — Roundtable Discussion, Virtual, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

12 — Roundtable Discussion, DSAC, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

15 — Deadline to submit ballots—5:00 p.m.

### July 2018

12 — FCC Annual Meeting, DSAC, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

(Announcements of FCC Awards and Leadership)

25 — EAC Year End Meeting, Stroble Rm, Library 9-11

### August 2018

8 — All Member Planning Meeting, DSAC, 8:30-noon

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