

# COLLEGE *Crossings*

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE...EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

*Thought for the week...*

**Never does nature say one thing and wisdom another.**

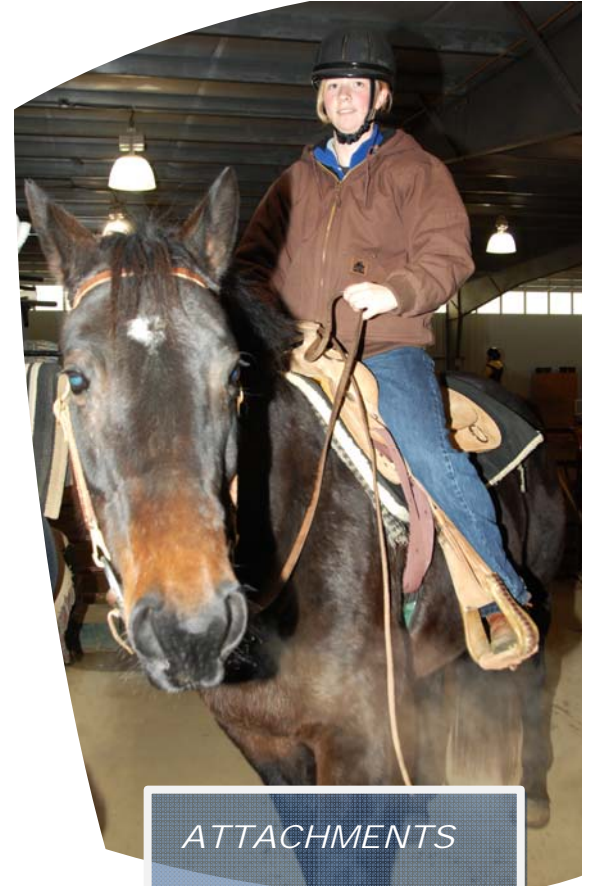
*~Juvenal, Satires*

## Retirement Reception Wednesday

Please join us at a reception to honor RCTC's 2008-09 retirees: *Jerry Asleson; Marcia Connelly; Jim Kehoe; Sharon Nichols and Gary Schattschneider*. Join us as we recognize our retiree's many years of dedication to RCTC and our students on Wednesday, April 29th from 2:00 to 4:00pm in CF206/208. A brief program will be held at 2:30pm.

## ABWA Award

Congratulations, President Supalla, for being a recipient of the Business Associate of the Year Award by the American Business Women's Association. The award recognizes a co-worker, partner, boss, or a coach/mentor who has encouraged or supported ABWA or one of its members. President Supalla was nominated by Rose Conway, for all of his support on- and off-campus for Rose to hold fundraisers that support scholarships. These fundraising activities have resulted in awarding \$4,000 in scholarships to students attending regional colleges. In addition, congratulations, Rose Conway, for being recognized as this year's ABWA Top 10 Candidate. Rose now qualifies and will compete in a national Top 10 competition.



## ATTACHMENTS

**CLICK BELOW TO BRING UP  
ATTACHMENT ON SCREEN**

*Ganza: Music Makes You Smart*

*Horticulture Plant Sale Hours*

*Admin. Professionals Conference*

*College For Kids*

*Student Life/Foundation Golf*

*Guatemala Trip Info*

*May Basket/Bake Sale Fundraiser*



## UCR Regional Sports Complex

### Upcoming Events at the Regional Sport Center

5/1 & 2 - MN/USA Kids State Greco & Freestyle Wrestling Tournament  
5/8 - Just For Kix  
5 9 & 10 - Rochester Cup Volleyball Tournament

### Upcoming Events at the Rochester Regional Stadium

4/27 - John Marshal Lacrosse Game  
4/28 - John Marshal Girls Lacrosse Game  
4/30 - Mayo Lacrosse Game



## Outstanding Educator Reception

All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the Outstanding Educator Reception (formally known as faculty-of-the-year) reception honoring full-time faculty members Jean Marconett and Don Baldus and part-time faculty member Richard Jordan. The event will be held on Thursday, April 30 from 2:00-3:30pm in CF206/208.

## Summary of Incident Reports (3/25/09 - 3/31/09)

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, UCR Security was notified about a window on a door being broke in the performance court of the sports center. A report was filed to document the event.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, UCR Security was notified of a students' vehicle that had been keyed in the East Parking Lot. A report was filed to document the event and Rochester Police Department was notified of this event.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, UCR Security was notified of a student who had a flip knife in their jacket, in a Health Science class. A report was filed to document the event and RPD was not notified. A copy of the report was forwarded on to Alex Kromminga for possible student conduct violation.

## Commencement – May 14, 2009

Mark your calendar to attend RCTC's Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the UCR Regional Sports Center. This is an exciting milestone in the lives of our students and a realization of completed goals! The students did their part . . . now you can do your part by giving your support at the ceremony which is extremely appreciated by your students. Please consider joining your colleagues (faculty, staff, and administration) in the celebration by walking in the processional. A gown is not necessary, but if you'd like to borrow one "gowns-to-loan" are available in the Office of the Vice President in SS220. Simply come by and pick one out. If you have a family member graduating from RCTC and you would like to present the diploma, please contact Roxy Roadway at 285-7127 or [roxy.roadway@roch.edu](mailto:roxy.roadway@roch.edu). This is a great way to expand the meaning of RCTC "family" by demonstrating pride in academic accomplishments and bring a nice personal touch to the ceremony.



## EQUINE SCIENCE HORSE SHOW

May 8, 2009  
College Stables  
1:00-5:00pm

This is the end-of-the-semester horse show. You are welcome to bring your family (no dogs). For more info, contact Julie Christie at (507) 398-2326.

## Environmental Science Program

Come and find out more about the Environmental Science Program at RCTC.

Monday May 4th  
noon in AT102

Learn more at:  
<http://www.rctc.edu/program/es/>

or contact  
[Jennifer.Rubin@roch.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Rubin@roch.edu)



# SUPALLA'S SCRIBBLINGS

I wish all of you could have been with me at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention and felt the pride I did for the great work of Shamil Mirzoev, RCTC Student and PTK International Vice President, and the conduct of the entire Omicron Chapter delegation. Shamil was clearly the favorite international officer with the more than 3,500 convention attendees. He did a masterful job presiding at a number of meeting events and joined more than 500 PTK members from around the country in a community learning project to spruce up a Grapevine, Texas park. The RCTC delegates conducted themselves as true professionals. The international convention is an all-star production and included keynote presenters Robert Kennedy, Jr. and Fareed Zakaria.

Congratulations to Shamil on receiving both a Guistwhite and Cocoa Cola scholarship. Special thanks to Allan O'Bryan, Omicron Chapter Adviser, and Peter Moehnke, Chapter President, for their good work. I was honored to join President Terry Leas, Riverland Community College President, and be recognized with a Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. If you'd like to learn a bit more about Phi Theta Kappa, I encourage you to attend Monday evening's spring semester induction ceremony in the Heintz Center Commons.

Congratulations to Rose Conway who was recognized as this year's American Business Women's Association "Top 10 Candidate." She now qualifies and will compete in national Top 10 competition. Rose is a tireless worker, coordinating ABWA's Business Associate Banquet and the chapter's fundraising efforts, organizing her St. Charles High School class reunions, co-leading a Brownie Troop, working in RCTC's Counseling/Advising Center, and enjoying lots of family time. Rose caught me totally off-guard by inviting me to the Business Associate Banquet where I was surprised with the chapter's Business Associate of the Year Award. Thanks, Rose (and all who sent congrats)!

Thank you to all who played a role in making the campus just a "Litter Bit Better." Special thanks to the grounds and maintenance staff who braved the cold and wind to pick up trash (sometimes more than once) across the entire campus.

The legislative activity in St. Paul continues at a feverous pace. Funding bills are working their way through committees in both houses and then onto the floor for a vote. The Senate has passed the Higher Education Omnibus Bill and we're awaiting similar action in the House, expected to come late this week. Once the House finishes its work, a conference committee will be appointed and charged with working out the differences. When a single bill is finalized, it will have to be approved by both the House and Senate and then delivered to Governor Pawlenty to either sign or veto. All this activity must be concluded by May 18 to avoid having to call a special session. Stay tuned for future updates as the Legislature closes in on the deadline.

Listed below are some highlight from the recently released report, *Times Are Changing...Gender and Generation at Work and Home*, by the National Study of the Changing Workforce.

- For the first time, young women and young men don't differ in their desire for jobs with more responsibility.
- Today, there is no difference between young women with and without children in their desire to move to jobs with more responsibility.
- Women's labor force participation has increased substantially and significantly in recent years.
- The current recession has increased women's prominence in the labor force.
- In the 2005-06 academic year, women earned 58% of all bachelor's degrees and 60% of master's degrees.
- By 2016, women are projected to earn 60% of bachelor's, 63% of master's, and 54% of doctorate degrees.
- The gender gap in earnings is slowly narrowing. The average full-time employed woman earned 80% of what men earned on a weekly basis, a big increase, but still a large gap.
- Fathers are spending more time with their children today than three decades ago. Men are taking more overall responsibility for the care of their children in 2008 than in 1992, according to themselves and their wives/partners.
- Men are taking more responsibility for other family work as well, according to themselves and their wives/partners. The percentage of men who report they do most or an equal share of cooking has increased substantially since 1992, from 34% to 56%.

You can find more information about the survey or read the entire report at the Families and Work Institute Web site.

## Thought for the week...

*Authority is 20% given and 80% taken...so take it!*

-- Peter Ueberroth, Organizer of the 1984 Summer Olympics and former Commissioner of Major League Baseball

~ Don

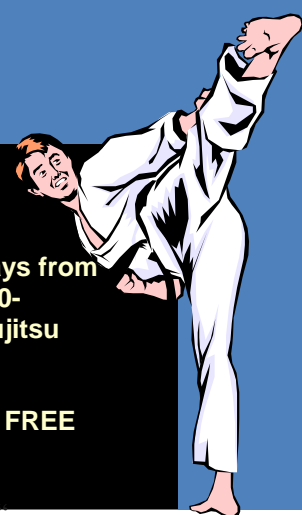
## Faculty Lecture Series

Mark your calendars for the final FLS presentation: Economic and Geographic Morocco, by Darlene Voeltz (Business, Economics, RCTC) and Laurel Panser (Geography, RCTC) on Wednesday, April 29 at 10:00 in the Hill Theatre. Their presentation is based on their Fulbright-Hays Fellowships to travel to Morocco. We will also be announcing the next FLS season!

## Martial Arts Club

RCTC Martial Arts Club meets on Mondays from 6-9pm in SC108 and Thursdays from 8:00-10:00pm in SC108. Learn kickboxing, jujitsu and more. No experience needed.

Come trail with us for a month and get a FREE club t-shirt!



## Snapshots at jasonlove.com



Before becoming the legend that he is today, Nostradamus first enjoyed a pretty good living at the tracks.

## Women's Self-Defense Class

FREE Women's Self Defense Class! Sponsored by RCTC's Martial Arts Club, this five-week class will make you feel safe, confident, and in control. We meet Friday afternoons from 12:00-2:00 in SC202 so you can come in over your lunch hour. Come early or stay late; we don't mind. We ask a \$5 donation, 100% of which will go to a local women's shelter. The next date is 5/1. Questions? E-mail Dr. Steve Bein at [steve.bein@roch.edu](mailto:steve.bein@roch.edu).

## Horticulture's Spring Bedding Plant Sale

Plant sale hours are attached to this week's Crossings and are also available online at:

<http://www.rctc.edu/program/hort/>

## CROSSINGS CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** Used 2-bike rack for one inch trailer hitch. \$15 or BO. Sharon Nichols e-mail or 289-3453.

**GIVE AWAY:** Recumbent exercise bicycle. Audrey Lidke 285-7469.

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** Run For The Horses - 5 mile run/walk on Saturday, May 9, check in at 7:00 a.m.; run at 8:00 at Chester Woods Park. \$25.00 preregister (includes cute t-shirt) before May 1st; \$30.00 thereafter. 6 age groups...trophies to first place men and women in each group. This is a fundraiser to build a permanent equestrian center. Donations are welcome even if you cannot run in the race. For registration forms go to <http://www.rrec.info> or contact Audrey Lidke at 288-8726 or x7469. Get a college group together and have some fun!

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bluebell Festival at Carley State Park in Plainview on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Friday night kick-off featuring a Lion's Club Pork Chop Dinner on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, **CLICK HERE**. Jon Krusmark x7499.

## New Library Catalog Interface – Summer 2009

Summer 2009, Goddard Library will be replacing our current MnPALS library catalog interface with MnPALS Plus. Upgrading our catalog to MnPALS Plus will offer a more up to date search engine design and provide additional features such as :

- Allowing you to search from a basic search box and then to be able to narrow the results by clicking on the various facets (format, author, topic, language, genre, era, region) of the results.
- Offering a current "Googlized." current internet search engine friendly format.
- Offering you suggestions of resources that are similar to the current resource you are viewing. ("Similar Items" resource suggestions.).
- Integrating outside Internet links such as Author Biographies, provided by Wikipedia: where you can learn more about the author by clicking on the author's name, as well as see all of the books by that author in the library.
- Automatic searching of word stems that produce more results, e.g. tree and trees; clown, clowns, clowned, clowning

More information can be found on the MnPALS website at: <http://www.mnpals.org/sections/mnpalsplus.html>. To test the new interface on the library website, click on MnPALS Plus (Try It!)Link within the Library Catalog section on the library homepage.