



# N E W S L E T T E R

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

MATC's 5 Star Dinner and Wine Event was a smashing success!

The Culinary Arts Department sold almost 500 tickets and still had to turn people away.

The room was packed, the food exceptional, especially the blackened halibut, and the wine flowed. I've been told we raised almost \$12,000 for student scholarships!

Congratulations to the faculty, students and staff who organized this outstanding event. It was a great example of what happens when all of MATC's stakeholders work together!

Faculty took the initiative planning the event, our employer partners contributed food, wine, beer and auction items, and Rich Busalacchi, the Associate Dean, supported the department's efforts. Board member Colon enlisted the support of two of Milwaukee's most prominent restaurateurs and issued a press release to promote the event. Provost Martin was on hand to welcome our guests and VPs' Barry, Hartung, Sargent and Stilp were seen imbibing. Six of MATC's 9 board members also attended.

The events public relations benefit was priceless. A \$10,000 radio or TV buy could not have bought us this kind of positive exposure! Congratulations to all of those who pulled this together.

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Please don't forget to vote on April 1st!

We often take the right to vote for granted or worse, view elections as a hassle in our busy lives. It's worth remembering that millions have fought and died for this basic democratic right. And many millions more have left their loved ones behind, immigrating thousands of miles from their homes, often with little but the clothes on their backs, to be part of a government that derives its "just powers from the consent of the governed..." When I vote, I think of my father serving in Anzio. We owe to all of these folks to cast our ballots on April 1, 2008!

You can go to the 212 web site [www.local212.org](http://www.local212.org) and print out a copy of Local 212's latest voter guide to help you make sense of all the local races.

I hope everyone has a fun, safe and restful spring break. See you in April!

**MICHAEL ROSEN**  
PRESIDENT

## PART-TIME FACULTY CORNER



Greetings, Part-Time Faculty,

### **Letters of Availability – Due April 1st:**

You should have received your Letters of Availability for the Summer and Fall semesters. If you did not, please contact

Labor Relations.

Neither the summer or fall course listings were listed on Infoline at the time of this article. I have written an email to the Provost, VP of Human Resources, and Director of Labor Relations asking for additional time if the summer and fall courses are not listed on Infoline by March 14th. They have yet to respond. Check Infoline daily please to see if they are listed. Just as soon as administration responds to my email, I will inform you via GroupWise as to when the courses will be listed and if they have agreed to an extension of time.

Please fill out the Letters of Availability carefully and print neatly!

- List the courses in priority order that you are certified and qualified to teach. List specific classes...not..."All the classes in Marketing" for instance. Furthermore, if the class is taught in the traditional and online format, and you are qualified to teach online (by having taken a Blackboard class or by prior experience) you may want to list traditional and/or online format after the class as well. You may include an attachment of additional classes also.
- Check only the range that you want please. Do not check all the ranges.
- Number, in priority order, the campuses where you are willing to work.
- Check only the days and times that you are available to teach please. Leave the remaining times blank.

Finally sign and date the form. Don't forget your social security or COSMO ID number! Make sure you make a copy of the Letters of Availability for your own records. Turn the form in, on time to Labor Relations!

Administration has assured me that all emergency phones in all rooms on all campuses are functional.

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### PART-TIME FACULTY CORNER...CONT.

Please check to see that your phone in your class room does work. If it does not, again email me immediately. In case of emergency, you need a workable phone.

**Emergency Situations: Need to Update Infoline:** MATC is implementing the Xerox Stream Alert® software as a solution for delivering critical information to faculty and staff quickly during an emergency situation, such as a snow closing or power outage. Stream Alert® delivers information via telephone, cell phone, email and pager.

In order for this system to be effective, they are asking that you update your telephone numbers (home, cell, work) in COSMO. You may update this information via INFOnline .

- From the MATC home page at [www.matc.edu](http://www.matc.edu), find the MY MATC box on the left-hand side of the page. Click on the INFOnline link. Then,
- If you have used INFOnline in the past and remember your user ID and password, click on the LOG IN tab.
- If you do not have or have forgotten your user ID and/or password, use the links near the bottom of the page: INFOnline – Getting Started or What's My User ID? or What's My Password.

Once logged in, click on Employees (a picture in the middle of the page), then Address/Phone Change. From this screen, you can maintain your home address and your telephone numbers. Note that at present, the email address field displays a student-formatted email address that does not apply to employees; therefore, you cannot maintain your email address at this time. Questions regarding this process can be addressed to the MATC Help Desk at 76541.



**Medical Insurance Refund:** According to our new contract, those of us who had the MATC medical health insurance last year should have paid a reduced amount for November and December because of the 1% raise that went into effect on November 1, 2007. Lynn Fugina, the MATC Director of Compensation and Benefits has determined that if Humana charged the participant the same as the previous months for Nov and Dec. 2007, she is going to have the health insurance that we are now taking be reduced for the next couple of months. It is a relatively small amount of \$\$\$\$ , but rather than simply add it to our salary (which would make it subject to taxes) she decided to do it this way. She promised she will be sending out info on this. Watch for it!

In solidarity,

**SALLY A. LINDNER**  
6<sup>TH</sup> VP, PART-TIME FACULTY

### TAX NOTICE REGARDING PORTION OF 2007 DUES THAT ARE DEDUCTIBLE

Local 212 does not have the ability to keep track of the total dues paid by each of our more than 1400 members. The total dues paid during 2007 should appear on your final check stub for the year. Please save that for your income tax filing purposes.

In accordance with Internal Revenue Service code section 633 (e)(1)(A) we are required to report the amount of dues paid by members that relate to lobbying and certain political expenditures. Please be advised that 16.68% of the dues paid by you during 2007 related to lobbying and certain political expenditures and are non-deductible pursuant to Internal Revenue Service code section 162(e)(1). Please consult your tax advisor regarding your individual reporting requirements.

**JIM BENEDEUM, 2ND V.P. – FINANCIAL**

### CONDOLENCES TO...

The friends and family of **Nancy Broad**, PT ESL Instructor who passed away last month.

**Ter Her**, Student Services Specialist on the loss of his mother.

**John Lopez**, Student Services Specialist, on the passing of his father.

**Yvonne McDonald**, Communications Instructor, on the loss of her mother.

**Barb Fischer**, PT Nursing Instructor, on the passing of her mother.

**Lia Maxwell**, Financial Aid Specialist, on the loss of her husband.

Friends and family of **Dewey Coerper**, retired Graphic Arts Instructor, who recently passed away.

### AFT-ER&D Summer/Winter Workshops

Five members of local 212 participated in the ER&D summer Institute and returned in January 2008 for the second part to the Maritime Institute of Technology, Linthicum Heights, Maryland. The winter Institute allowed them to present to their colleagues the learning that took place earlier with a presentation from their week of learning. They all took part in the “*Delivering Effective Professional Development*” course. The following four, Phyllis Holder, Pattie Kielpinski, Yolanda Radford and Melba Redmond, took part in “*Instructional Strategies That Work for All Disciplines.*”. Janet Nortrom finished a course called “*Thinking Mathematics for Middle School-Journey to Algebra.*” Watch ER&D courses that will be offered by these instructors or give them a call, they will be happy to share.

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