The Bear Bistro restaurant opened on the MCC main campus on Monday, December 1, 2008 with a huge, day-long, fun-filled celebration, featuring a host of activities, a variety of food selections and prize drawings held every hour. An official ribbon-cutting and cake-cutting ceremony took place at 11 am, with live musical entertainment provided by several MCC musical ensembles, with special musical guest, Doug Hoppa, retired Associate Dean of Fine Arts at MCC. In addition, WRCL-FM radio station, "Club 93," had a live remote in the restaurant from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The Bear Bistro brings a new, full service food experience to MCC. Recent student and staff surveys have placed a full service restaurant near the top of desired changes to the MCC Flint Campus. The Bear Bistro will be operated by Frank Salvati and Douglas Graham. Salvati and his family have provided food service to Baker College of Flint for 22 years. “Our extensive knowledge of student’s wants and needs will enable us to provide MCC’s Flint campus with the best food experience possible,” Salvati said.

“The Bear Bistro has state-of-the-art equipment and surroundings, thanks to Mott College; we intend on delivering the very best in food quality and customer service to MCC’s staff and students,” says Graham, formerly with James Lumber Company.

The Bear Bistro will feature Italian and Mexican fare daily, along with affordable daily specials. There will be lots of fresh made, take-along salads, cold sandwiches and hot foods. A full line of beverages including soda, dairy, energy and tea drinks will be available. High-end and traditional coffees will be highlighted in the new coffee bar area of the Bistro. A hot soup bar, salad bar and a full line of candy and snacks will round out the selection. The Bear Bistro will have wireless connectivity, and four 50" LCD units (flat screen TVs) for customers to keep up with the latest news and events. The Bear Bistro will service MCC faculty, staff, students and visitors to the campus. The public will always be welcome.
Grant Development Executive Director Judith Cawborn has been selected to serve as Chair of the Council for Resource Development (CRD) Federal Funding Task Force (FFTF). The CRD is an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges. Each November, the FFTF visits dozens of federal funding agencies in Washington, DC in teams of three to five, composed of grant professionals from community colleges around the country. The purpose of the visits is to determine upcoming funding opportunities and to advocate for increased funding for community colleges. Judith has served as Co-Chair of the task force the past two years and will serve as Chair for 2009 and 2010.

Mott College Library's reference librarian Diana Hiles was awarded one of the four gift certificates for best virtual reference transcript submitted at the Research Help Now Annual Meeting. Research Help Now is a virtual reference service provided by 14 Michigan academic libraries. Of the 27 "best of" librarian - library patron online transcripts, Diana had four of hers submitted by her peers. For more information about Research Help Now, see the link on the Mott College Library's web page or go directly to research-helpnow.org.

Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez, Adviser to MCC Gardening Association (MCCGA), extends a special thank-you to Michael Tews for producing the flier to announce the MCCGA's Annual Art Poster Sale, and to Kathy Burton, Dan Boucher and Jackie Cuminns from Event Services for assisting with set up and breakdown. "The sale was a great success and we sure couldn't do it without you!" Rebecca said. "Thanks to everyone who made a purchase this year, we appreciate your business!

Baby News: Business Division Instructor Alana Ferguson and her husband welcomed their first child in October. Jake Sterling Ferguson was born on Monday, Oct. 27 at 2:35 am. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 inches long. Also, Jake is the grandson of Health Sciences Division Nursing Tutor/Mentor Coordinator Teri Hill. Jake and mom (and even dad) are all doing well at home.

Music Prof. Mary Procopio presented a paper entitled "Performing Vadou: Reflections of Haitian Cultural Identity Through the Performance and Composition of Mizik Savant Aisyen (Haitian Classical Music)" at the national meeting of the American Folklore Society in Louisville, Kentucky on Oct. 24. She also performed a recital of classical music by Haitian composers and presented a paper entitled: "Challenging Ambivalence Through Musical Performance: The Educational Contributions of Twentieth-Century Haitian Composers" at the national meeting of the Haitian Studies Association from Nov. 4-6 in Montreal, Haiti.

Printmaking Instructor Mary Birkmeier presented a two-day Solar Plate Printmaking workshop for printmaking students in October and invited area printmakers. Our guest artist was Darcy Bowden, a former MCC student. Darcy is a printmaker with expertise in the solar plate printmaking process. Eighteen printmaking artists attended. "The workshop was an outstanding success," Mary said. "We are planning a gallery show from this artwork in the near future."

MCC Fitness Center staff members Melissa Neifert and Pam Schafer attended the November YWCA of Greater Flint's luncheon "Circle of Women" at the Gateway Center. Keynote speaker Denise Brown discussed issues related to women and children in abusive situations. The Fitness Center staff supports the 3P Campaign at MCC --Prevent, Protect, Prosecute Against Violence, a prevention program operated through the MCC Public Safety Department, and assists students and Fitness Center members by providing them with information regarding services available through the YWCA.

MCC Livingston M-TEC Administrative Coordinator Mike Glynn lets us know that Livingston MTEC recently received a $500 contribution from W.W. Grainger Corporation to be used toward the purchase of supplies for the HVAC program. This contribution was in addition to a $6,500 scholarship award administered by the local Michigan Works office through the state's No Worker Left Behind initiative. The scholarship was divided between six students in the HVAC, Welding, and Machining programs.

English Prof. Christy Rishoi and English Prof. Larry Juchartz gave a presentation at the ETOM conference on "Grading Without a Red Pen." This will be offered again through the Center for Teaching and Learning in December. Christy Rishoi played Violet Bradman in MorrisCo Art Theatre's production of Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit, at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti.

Biology Instructor Lynn Wadrey, a member of the New Century Chorale, lets us know that the Chorale is presenting its 15th Yuletide Festival concert on Dec. 13 at 7 pm and Dec. 14 at 4 pm at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc. For information and to reserve tickets, go to www.newcenturychorale.org.

Foreign Languages Coordinator Carol Bueno-O'Donnell lets us know that a new course for anyone interested in learning Chinese is now being offered, and scheduled to meet Tuesday and Thursday at 4 to 5:25 p.m.

Flint City Theatre presents Hedwig and the Angry Inch, starring MCC Theatre Instructor Dan Gerics, a FCT production hosted by Flint Community Players, Dec. 11, 12, 13 at 8 pm at the Flint Community Players Workshop, located at 2462 S. Ballenger Hwy. in Flint. Tickets are $10, and can be reserved by calling (877) 449-6736 or at the door.

Public Information Executive Director Michael Kelly extends a thank-you to the "many people in the MCC community who were so helpful in the successful presentation of the Sixth Annual Global Issues Film Festival which was held last weekend in the RTC Auditorium. "We had excellent attendance from the community, as well as from students and staff. Special thanks are extended to the excellent team from ITS Media Services: Chris Bolla, Keith Frye, Jeff Harrison and Gary Tinnin; to MCC's Public Safety officers; to Sharon Campbell and John Tyler who assisted with the publicity needs. I'd like to extend special appreciation to Liz Murphy for coordinating the event with Kettering University and UM-Flint. Please watch for Part II of the Global Issues Film Festival which will be held January 28-31, 2009 at Kettering University."

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**Holiday Food Drive**

MCC has partnered with Baker College of Flint, Kettering University and the University of Michigan-Flint in the annual launch of the Holiday Food Drive, with proceeds to benefit the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. MCC, Baker, Kettering and UM-Flint are engaging in a friendly competition again this year to see which institution can donate the most money and items to the food bank. The school raising the most will receive a traveling trophy that will be handed off to next year’s winner. In addition to cash donations, suggested food drive items include non-perishable foods and personal care products. The drop-off points for donations are: Prahl College Center - Public Safety Mini-Station; Public Safety Department; Regional Technology Center lobby; the Continuing Education Office, Southern Lakes Branch Center, Northern Tier Center and the MCC Lapeer Extension Center. The MCC Athletic Department will again this year donate half of the admission proceeds from the Dec. 1 Women's and Men's Basketball games to the Food Bank. The last day for the Holiday Food Drive is Friday, Dec. 17. For more information, call MCC Public Safety Department at 762-0222.

**Cleary Announces Tuition Grant for MCC Employees**

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