



GLOBAL AWARENESS! - The International e-Newsletter of Muskegon Community College

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The Global Awareness Festival 2008 is coming! February 11 – 15, Focus on Asia

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS AND FACULTY!

I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer. OK, I know that probably didn't happen but at least you did something different and maybe had a chance to stretch your mind and body. I do hope that your semester is off to a great start.

Along with all the changes happening this semester, there have also been changes in the international area. Dr. Sharon VandenHeuvel has retired. Thanks to her tireless efforts, the groundwork for international education was laid at MCC. We wish her all the best and thank her for her hard work and enthusiasm. In order to continue internationalizing the curriculum and offering global opportunities, I have been asked to serve as your international coordinator. I will try my best.

We here at MCC will have many opportunities to travel literally or intellectually beyond the boundaries of West Michigan this year. The **International Panel**, comprised this year entirely of MCC's international students, will share their stories and experiences on October 22. On November 5, Keith St. Clair, political science instructor at Grand Rapids Community College, and his wife Alice will present a **Travelogue** of amazing images and observations from their recent trip to Egypt. Opportunities for travel to **Stuttgart, Germany** in May of 2008 and **Thailand** during Winter Semester Break are waiting for you and each day new travel and study opportunities from the Midwest Institute for International and Intercultural Education arrive. The **Rosetta Stone Language Learning** courses are installed in the Library Commons area and the College Success Center so you can teach yourself Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, or English. On February 11-15 the **Global Awareness Festival** will focus on Asia to bring the sights, sounds, tastes and stories of that area of the world to Muskegon.

These are just a few of the possibilities this year. So come along and join me in learning more about our neighbors in this ever shrinking world.

Kathy



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



INTERNATIONAL PANEL DISCUSSION **Monday, October 22, 6 - 8:30pm**

Plan to attend the seventh annual International Panel discussion on Monday, October 22, from 6 - 8:30 p.m., at Muskegon Community College in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100. Participants on the panel will be from Gambia, Bosnia, Poland, China, Mexico, Iraq and Jordan. This year's event is being co-sponsored by the International Student Club.

EGYPT: A CULTURAL JOURNEY! **Monday, November 5, 6-7:30 p.m.**



Keith St. Clair, from the Social Sciences Department at Grand Rapids Community College and his wife Alice will share amazing images and observations from their recent trip to Egypt. They will speak on their perceptions of this fascinating country and its history. From Abu Simbel in the south to Alexandria in the north, pictures will help tell much of the story of this fantastic journey through the land of the Pharaohs. There will be a time for questions, followed by an informal reception. Come

explore this fascinating nation's rich history at Muskegon Community College in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100.



MCC CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Calling all international students! MCC has a new International Student Club beginning this semester. They have a constitution, officers and a plan.

Regular meetings will begin near the end of September and the club plans to meet biweekly throughout the fall and winter semesters. The club hopes to hold presentations on various countries' cultures, foods, and other interesting facts. The ESL Corner in the third floor Student Success Center will be their meeting place and a place for students to gather and socialize as well as study together.

The officers and advisors are as follows:

- Aleksandra Schab – President
- Young Guk Kim - - Vice President
- Rosella Lombardi – Secretary
- Maimuna Jarjue – Treasurer
- Arun Datta - Club advisor
- Cathy Rusco – Club advisor
- Lynda Ferry – Club Advisor

For more information contact either Lynda at ext 406 or Cathy Rusco at ext 472.

Model United Nations Program

Plan to join MCC Political Science instructor Kurt Troutman to celebrate United Nations day on Thursday, Oct 25th at 4:45pm. The MCC Model United Nations team will conduct a diplomacy simulation in Gerber Lounge. The program will entail acknowledgement of the day and a brief introduction to the United Nations. 16 MCC students will demonstrate a 30 minute parliamentary procedure simulation of resolution presentation, discussion and voting procedures.

Global Awareness Festival! February 11 – 15, 2008 Focus on Asia.

The Global Awareness Festival at Muskegon Community College is a week-long event bringing the world a little closer to Muskegon. It includes lectures, discussions, a film festival, ethnic foods, an information fair, global entertainment, artifact displays, 200 flags, and much more! Global Awareness Festival 2008 will be held from February 11 - 15 and will focus on Asia. If you would like to participate, please contact Kathy Tosa at 231-777-0376 or at: katherine.tosa@muskegoncc.edu .



MCC EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES



Exchange Program to Germany 2008!

Each May MCC students and faculty from MCC participate in an exchange program with the technical college, Kaufmännische Schule Nord, in Stuttgart, Germany. Last year's 2007 participants (pictured left to right) were Michael Diep, Lacey Tober, Joshua Pickel, Kathy Tosa, Jennifer Bates, Ian Thomas and Andy Wible. They are preparing to hike in the Alps.

Next year it could be YOU!

The Exchange includes visits to cultural and historical sites as well as local businesses such as Daimler, Porsche and Ritter Sport. Each participant is hosted by a German student or faculty member of the Kaufmännische Schule Nord.

For more information join us for a **German Exchange Information Meeting on Wednesday, November 14 from 6-8pm in room 230**, check out the International Opportunities Folder in room 124 or contact Kathy Tosa ext. 376 for details.



Andy Wible and MCC students Lacey Tober and Jennifer Bates inspect the market in Stuttgart.

Andy Wible and Kathy Tosa with MCC students take in the view from the roof top of the Kaufmännische Schule Nord in Stuttgart, Germany.



If travel to Germany is impossible for you, then how about a **hosting opportunity!** German students and faculty will arrive in Muskegon for eight days in June 2008 to visit area businesses and experience many tourist attractions. If you are interested in hosting a German faculty or student in June, please contact Kathy Tosa at extension 376.



Travel to Thailand

Enjoy and experience the friendly people, ancient culture, incredible food, and tropical landscape of Thailand, February 28 to March 10, 2008, with MCC instructor and frequent Thai visitor, Harry Brown. For more information call Harry Brown at extension 320.



OTHER EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Through Muskegon Community College's membership in **The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE)** other opportunities are also available.



From London to Edinburgh March 19-29, 2008. Tom Cardwell, 402-288-1220, tcardwel@southeast.edu Rose Suggett, 402-437-2464, rsuggett@southeast.edu Nikki Isemann, 402-437-2674 nisemann@southeast.edu



Spend A Spring Break in **Russia**. March 21-March 28 or 31, 2008 for more information contact: Holly Norton, Ph.D. Assistant Professor University of Northwestern Ohio 1441 N. Cable Road Lima, OH 45805 419-998-3242 hnorton@unoh.edu



Discover the world of the Maya by joining Hocking College in their Central America 2008 Study Abroad Program. Scholarships and financial aid may be available. For more information contact Rebecca Wood, 740-753-6261

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE) is organizing the following activities and projects for 2007-2008:

1. A three-year curriculum project (2007-2010) that will involve **90 faculty** and 12 colleges.
2. Summer 2008 Workshops: July 27-August 1 (Japan), August 4-8 (Human Rights and Cultural Diversity). August 11-15 (Global Healthcare Issues)
3. Fulbright Group Project Abroad (GPA) to Armenia-Georgia, China, India, Japan-S.Korea, Malaysia, for the summer of 2008

MIIE is a self-funded consortium of two-year colleges located in the Midwest region. Its primary objective is to support curriculum and professional development by organizing curriculum workshops, fall and spring conferences, overseas projects for faculty and students and to assist with grant development, provide faculty mentoring and professional networking. **For more information contact Theo Sypris at 269-488-4283 or at tsypris@kvcc.edu.** The website for MIIE is located at: <http://orgs.kvcc.edu/midwest>.

For more details about all these opportunities, please see the International Opportunities Folder found in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), the Student Life Office in room 200, or the Business Department in room 142.



CONFERENCE/PROGRAMS

Plan to attend the 15th Annual **Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE)** Conference, April 18-19, 2008 at Bluegrass CC, Lexington, Kentucky. Details to follow in the next issue of Global Awareness.

Roanne State CC, in Harriman, Tennessee is sponsoring its 2nd annual International Education Conference. The registration fee is \$50 and the conference would be October 5th and 6th. The main themes are: Study abroad programs: sharing experiences, Immigration: Social and Academic issues and Internationalizing the curriculum. More details can be obtained from its website at:

<http://www.roanestate.edu/keyword.asp?keyword=INTERNATIONAL%20EDUCATION&keywordSub=EVENTS>



Rosetta Stone Language Learning... Coming End of October!

Muskegon Community College has recently purchased Rosetta Stone self-study language courses in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic and English. Information Technology is in the process of installing these courses and hopes to have them available for students, faculty and staff, and community members by October 26.

The Rosetta Stone company market their product as "The Fastest Way To Learn A Language. Guaranteed". These courses are used by the military, NASA, and the US Diplomatic core. The process involves using pictures to teach you how to listen, speak, read, and write, rather than teaching by translation, as virtually all other language programs do. So as you learn your new language you associate the new words, phrases, and grammatical structures directly with the pictures rather than mentally translating through your native language. Using this method, most people can use a Rosetta Stone program regardless of native tongue, cutting out a major limitation of the translation-based language programs.

If you are planning a trip or just want to talk to your neighbors, be sure to try one of these courses and see how it works for you!



The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is now available to all MCC faculty. CTL was created to inspire faculty through opportunities for intellectual growth and enable faculty to enhance their effectiveness to improve student learning. Visit us soon. For

more information contact **Don Bogema**

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Visit the Christkindlmarkt in Chicago Friday, November 30, 2007

Join a group from the college and visit the Christkindlmarkt in Chicago. The Christkindlmarkt is designed after the famous Nuremberg Christmas Market in Southern Germany. At the market is a large selection of seasonal holiday products ranging from handmade glass or straw ornaments to wooden toys and nutcrackers to music and lace to candles and silver jewelry to scarves and sweaters.

The Chicago market also offers European delicacies including brats, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, meat loaf, or ribs and, of course, the traditional Gluhwein (hot spiced red wine, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). For more information visit their web site at www.christkindlmarkt.com. The group will also visit the Goethe Institute for a presentation about German Christmas markets and we will enjoy international food at world class restaurants. There will also be opportunity to Tour the Art Institute of Chicago or to visit The Field Museum.



Schedule: Leave MCC at 7:00 a.m. Friday November 30. Pick up at the MCC Main Entrance, also in Grand Haven and Holland. Return to MCC 12:00 a.m. Midnight. For more information contact Kathy Tosa 777-0376. The cost is approximately \$35, which covers transportation and morning snack. Please make checks payable to MCC.



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Deadline for German Exchange to Stuttgart Application is December 19

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We welcome your input. Send us your information about international topics - your ideas, thoughts and travel stories with pictures to:

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Also, visit our new website at: <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/301.asp>.

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