

NEWSLETTER

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Dr. **Pam Eddinger** was named the college's ninth president in May. She began her tenure as president on July 1st. Pam has been Executive Vice President since 2005.

Prior to Moorpark College she served in a variety of executive positions at Massachusetts Bay Community College. Dr. Eddinger holds a Ph.D. and Master's degree in Japanese Literature from Columbia University and a Bachelor's degree in English from Barnard College.

All President's Circle members will meet and have breakfast with the new president on September 19th at the annual President's Circle Briefing Breakfast. Details to follow.



President's Circle member **Tim Weaver** was honored in June by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as the Financial Services Champion of the Year for the region.

Weaver, a Vice President for Celtic Bank in Thousand Oaks, was honored for career achievement that includes obtaining \$175 million in SBA loans for 1000 small business owners. Fifty percent of his SBA clients have been women-owned businesses and 25 percent have been minority firms. In addition to his job, Weaver is vice chair of the Moorpark College Foundation board and a member of the Business department faculty at Moorpark College.



Pictured (l to r) are: Lydia Etman, Julie Abulafia, Mariah DiCecco and Hayim Abulafia.

Julie and **Hayim Abulafia** were guests at a "thank you" reception June 26th. The pair were honored for their tremendous generosity in funding the Abulafia Family Scholarship. Since its inception in 2000, the scholarship has paid third year tuition for 70 students transferring to state colleges in California and majoring in Humanities or the Arts. Julie was an English professor at Moorpark until the early 1980s.

Among the attendees at the reception was Lydia Etman who received the Abulafia scholarship in 2002 to study art history. After earning a master's degree she began teaching at Moorpark College. In 2008 she nominated her student Mariah DiCecco who will use her Abulafia scholarship to study art at San Diego State University in the fall.

The Moorpark College Theatre Department and The Moorpark College Foundation Present



BAT BOY

THE MUSICAL

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Performing Arts Center, Moorpark College

Cocktail Reception 6 - 7:30 pm, Bat Boy begins at 8 pm

Call (805) 378-1431 for tickets.

2008-2009 is The Year of Democracy at Moorpark College

In this historic and ground-breaking political year, college staff, faculty and students will engage in dialogue to develop a deeper understanding of the democratic process in the United States and around the world. During the Fall semester, the Year of Democracy (YoD) will focus on the American democratic process. In the Spring, the emphasis shifts to a global perspective.

Journalism Professor Joanna Miller

"The Year of Democracy will help students make a solid connection between their roles as informed, involved citizens and the future of our country. YoD events will engage our campus community so students will understand, cherish and guard the Constitutional freedoms and rights they enjoy as citizens of the United States." joannamiller@vcccd.edu

Political Science Professor Lee Ballestero

"During the Year of Democracy I want to provide opportunities for students to observe candidate debates and to listen to speakers discuss state and local issues. The creation of the Political Science Club will encourage students to become active both on campus and in the community. Interested in politics? Join the Club!" lballestero@vcccd.edu

The YoD opens on September 17, Constitution Day, with a Free Speech Fair and Voter Registration Drive. On September 29, Ventura County Deputy District Attorney Michael Lief, author of *The Walls Came Tumbling Down*, will speak on important civil liberties trials. On October 13, Historian Klaus Fischer will discuss student revolts during the Vietnam War period as detailed in his book *America in Black, White and Gray*. On November 3, Emmy award-winning actor Arthur Burghardt will speak on the political life of Frederick Douglass. On November 13, an Election Wrap Party will be held. All YoD events are free and open to the public. Details will be available in August at www.moorparkcollege.edu/yearof

President's Circle Member Rewards

Call Jeanne Brown at (805) 378-1431 or email jmbrown@vcccd.edu for your complimentary tickets to: **Raider Football Games**, **President's Circle Breakfast**, and **America's Teaching Zoo**.



Sarah Kitabjian was awarded the James Walker Scholarship. She will attend UCLA to study math and become a teacher.

Students Receive \$122,000

The Moorpark College Foundation, community groups and college staff members funded \$122,830 for 140 scholarships this year at the annual May reception. Thanks to President's Club members **Jodi Bagwell, Ruth Hemming, Tom Henry** and **Tim Weaver**, for reading scholarships or hosting at the event.

The Moorpark College Scholarship office is open year-round in the Administration Building to assist students and potential donors. For more information on scholarships contact Margaret Ramos at 805 378-1418. email mramos@vcccd.edu

Staff and Friends Respond to Challenge

To honor the College's 40th anniversary July 2007-June 2008, the Foundation matched all donations made to scholarship funds during that time.

Among the new scholarships established as a result of this campaign were: the Psychology and History department scholarships, the Sullivan Family scholarships for broadcasting and interior design and the Karkare Family scholarship for Biotechnology.

At year end, staff and friends of Moorpark College had donated \$66,000 to scholarship funds. This is the most successful campaign the Foundation has ever run. **Thanks to all!**