



MCIU CONNECTION

The MCIU Celebrates Board Recognition Month

As part of Board Recognition Month this January, the MCIU recognized the MCIU Board of Directors for their service and dedication to the intermediate unit.

“We are so fortunate to have such an outstanding Board of Directors. Being an effective board member for an intermediate unit or school district is no easy task, particularly in today’s climate of change and challenge. Our members devote countless hours of their time and talent, without compensation, to provide high-quality educational opportunities for students and responsive, cost-efficient and effective services to school districts and nonpublic schools. I applaud their vision and voice to help lead the MCIU and those we serve,” said Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, MCIU Executive Director/CEO. The Board was formally recognized at its January Board meeting.

New officers were also elected during the January Board meeting as pictured below, left to right:

- * President - Marc Lieberson, School District of Cheltenham Township
- * Vice President - Marie Knox, Upper Merion School District
- * Treasurer - Daniel Sattler, Methacton School District
- * Secretary - Jeanette Maitin, Abington School District



The Board also appointed and welcomed three new board members pictured below, left to right: Louis Polaneczky (Hatboro-Horsham School District), Thomas DiBello (Spring-Ford Area School District) and Jennifer Allebach (Upper Perkiomen School District).



Congratulations to 25-Year Employees

The Board and Administration thanks and congratulates four outstanding staff members who have dedicated 25 years of service to the MCIU.

Joanne Buchanan

Joanne has truly been a team player for the Special Education Division. Since she began her employment with the MCIU in November of 1984, Joanne has worked in a variety of programs in just as many districts. Joanne has worked as Teacher Assistant with the Multidisabled, Autistic, Emotional, Learning Support and the Life Skills Support programs. She has worked in the Upper Dublin, Abington, Wissahickon, North Penn, and Lower Moreland school districts. Joanne is especially appreciated for her adaptability and caring way with the children with whom she works.

Pat Koos-Campo

Pat was hired by the MCIU in January 1984 as a teacher assistant in the Vision Support program. In 1985, Pat was assigned to the Physical Support Program where she remained through the 1993-1994 school year. In the 1994-1995 school year, Pat began her assignment in the Early Intervention Program where she continues to work. Pat has worked in MCIU classrooms throughout the county including Upper Merion, Colonial, Abington, and Pottstown school districts. We appreciate Pat’s loyalty and dedication to the schools and students we serve.



Pictured left to right: 25-year employees, Joanne Buchanan, Janet Ortiz, Dr. Jeanmarie Mason (Special Education Director), Pat Koos-Campo, Marc Lieberson (Board President) and Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director/CEO.



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Story Ideas?**

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Slow Down the Inquiry
A Continuing Series on Teachings from the Jorgensen Learning Center

Dr. Ray Jorgensen teaches five principles of the “Learning Conversation” which can enhance personal and professional relationships and improve desired results from conversation. The fifth principle is to “Slow Down the Inquiry”. Dr. Jorgensen explains this principle to mean:

- * Enabling silence as the members of the circle or group digest the previous speaker’s words.
- * Reflecting on how the words of the speaker(s) resonate with you.
- * Taking time for the conversation to develop and deepen.
- * Embracing silence as a means of deepening common understanding.

At a January 22nd workshop with Dr. Jorgensen, all MCIU Administrators had the opportunity to review the Learning Conversation principals as well as other techniques to ensure successful conversations and meetings. These other techniques will be highlighted in future issues of *Connection*.



**Volunteer for
Reading
Olympics**

Volunteers are needed to support the 12th annual Reading Olympics held this spring. Volunteers help greet and direct students and guests; man the registration tables and help with other organizational tasks. This year, more than 5,000 students are scheduled to participate. Volunteers are needed from 4:30 -8:30 pm on the proposed following dates:

- » March 15, 2010 – Elementary Teams, Welsh Valley Middle School
- » March 16, 2010 – Middle/High School Teams, Wissahickon Middle and High School
- » March 22, 2010 – Elementary Teams, Norristown High School
- » March 23, 2010 – Middle School Teams, Pottstown Middle School
- » May 5, 2010 – Elementary Teams, Hatboro-Horsham High School
- » May 11, 2010 – Elementary Teams, Colonial Middle School
- » May 17, 2010 - Elementary teams, Souderton Area High School
- » May 19, 2010 – Elementary Teams, Cheltenham High School

Volunteer forms are posted in the CIPD lobby or you may email Maria Johns to volunteer at mjohns@mciu.org.

25 year employees continued...

Gary Martin

Since he was first hired in September of 1984, Gary has been a Video/Digital Electronic Technician with the Technology and Information Services Division. Gary is one of the long-standing pillars in the division. The last twenty-five years have seen rapid changes in the areas of audio/video/digital technology, and Gary’s tasks have changed also. We are fortunate to have a man with Gary’s technical skills in this division.

Janet Ortiz

One might say that Janet Ortiz has “been around” the MCIU. Janet worked for us as a Speech Therapist in the 1970s, resigning in 1978. Janet returned to the MCIU in 1983 as a substitute teacher for one year. In 1984, she became a Teacher Assistant, a position she held through the middle of the 1990-1991 school year, at which time she was reclassified as a Teacher. There has been no turning back from that point for Janet. She first taught in the Multidisabled Support program and has been teaching in the Autistic Support program since the 1993-1994 school year. Janet has worked in the Montgomery County School, Norristown, Upper Merion, Wissahickon, and Methacton

**Tech Tip: Windows
Keyboard Shortcuts**

Use shortcut keys as an alternative to the mouse when working in Windows.

Press This	To Do This
CTRL+C	Copy
CTRL+X	Cut
CTRL+V	Paste
CTRL+Z	Undo
DELETE	Delete
F2	Rename selected item
CTRL+A	Select all
F3	Search for a file or folder
CTRL+ESC	Display the Start menu
ALT+TAB	Switch between open items