



# MCIU CONNECTION

## MCIU Recognizes 2010 Retirees



More than 50 friends, family and co-workers turned out to recognize the 2010 MCIU retirees during an Awards Ceremony at PaTTAN on June 10th. Altogether, there were 15 retirees this year; nine attended the awards ceremony which featured a social hour and awards presentation. Attendees also enjoyed an MCIU trivia match hosted by Howard Levy (pictured left) and Dr. Jeanmarie Mason. If a question

was answered correctly, Howard smiled! The retirees are pictured receiving a clock presented by (left to right) their division director, Marie Knox, Vice President of the MCIU Board and Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director/CEO. Not pictured are the following Special Education retirees: Sandra Day, Paul Derr, Dr. Carol Eten, Alicia Fuentes, Karen Kirk and Amy Shelby. Thanks and congratulations to ALL of our retirees!



Cathy Pregmon served as an educational consultant for PaTTAN from 1994 to 2009 .



Terry Johnson, Special Education Supervisor, joined the administrative team in October 2005. She supported students, staff and families in the Autistic Support, Emotional Support, and Early Intervention Programs.



Retiree Pat Cunnane worked as a teacher assistant at the Lynch Home for 24 years.



Georgie Carnevalino worked for the MCIU for 30 years, serving as a teacher assistant in the Multiple Disabilities Program and Hearing Support Program.



The Nonpublic School Services Division had five staff members retire this year. Pictured left to right: Dr. Tom Scherphorn (psychologist), Bob Gamache (psychologist who will retire this July), Anne Kauffman (psychologist), Dr. Kenneth Voss (NPSS Director celebrating with staff), Janet Selber (remediation teacher), Jeff Bellos (psychologist) and Tom Wuerstle (counselor).



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## Talk like a Techie

Did you know the meaning of these tech terms?

**Malware:** This is malicious software intended to damage or destroy your files and/or computer. Common examples of malware include viruses, worms, trojan horses, and spyware.

**Moodle:** An online learning management system similar to Blackboard, used to create online courses. Moodle is open-source and stands for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment.

**Network:** A group of interconnected computers, including the hardware and software used to connect them.

**Newsfeed:** This refers to the content available in RSS format.

**Newsgroup:** A newsgroup is an Internet-based discussion about a particular topic. Most often, users must subscribe or request to become a member of the group in order to post comments and responses.

## A Typical Meeting

### A Continuing Series on Teachings from the Jorgensen Learning Center

Dr. Ray Jorgensen explains that a quality “Check-In” at the beginning of a meeting requires the following from each staff member:

- ☺ Listen for Understanding
- ☺ Focus on the speaker
- ☺ Activate yourself into the Learning Conversation
- ☺ Bring yourself into the present
- ☺ Build upon the previous person’s conversation

Dr. Jorgensen teaches staff not to worry about their response; trust that it will unfold. If a response does not come immediately, respect the silence. Silence is a space in which to learn. It is good to S-L-O-W D-O-W-N.

## Growing SPIRIT



The SPIRIT garden is growing again with the help of MCIU staff and family/friend volunteers who helped clean up the garden and plant vegetables. Once the plants start yielding, the produce will be donated to an organization that provides the food to needy families. Thanks to everyone who is helping with this year’s garden!

The crop was fortified in the early spring by chicken manure, which was collected by Bonnie Neiman and her family from Holley Moyer’s farm; then it was spread and tilled by Meg Fagan’s significant other, and his friend.

The plants and seeds were planted over a period of one week by:

- \* Linda Bealer
- \* Carolyn Bergman
- \* Anne Draus
- \* Meg Fagan
- \* Keith Henley
- \* Holley Moyer
- \* Bonnie Neiman
- \* Kathy Piazza
- \* Dale Roberts
- \* RoseAnn Westerfer

Plants were donated by Tom Scherphorn, and Linda Bealer. Seeds were donated by Anne Draus and RoseAnn Westerfer (pictured top right with Kathy Piazza). All staff are encouraged to bring in extra produce from their home gardens over the summer and help weed the SPIRIT garden. Contact Bonnie Neiman at x199 to see how you can get involved.

## Summer Plans

While many staff look forward to a more relaxing schedule over the summer, PaTTAN staff are in full gear, organizing a whopping eight conferences and other professional development activities. “Summer is one of our busiest times for professional development since teachers are available to take continuing education classes,” said PaTTAN Director Janet Sloand.

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