



**American Association of Women in Community Colleges**  
**Monroe Community College Chapter**  
Fall/Winter 2013

*Congratulations!*

***Winners of the 2011-12 AAWCC National Digital Media Award!***

### **A Message from the MCC Chapter President**

Dear AAWCC members,

Congratulations on an amazing Fall semester! All have been busy with service projects, professional development, networking, planning and program development- of which you will be reading about in this newsletter; a true testament to you and the accomplishments of the National Chapter of the Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider using AAWCC as an opportunity to mentor a student; our future leaders! Do you interact with a student that could benefit from networking with 120+ professionals, attending organized community service projects and professional development programs? Consider inviting that student to join AAWCC, or sponsor them for a one year membership (\$10.00 for currently enrolled MCC students) and bring them to our programming. Help build the bridge to our future members!

I would like to close by thanking everyone for a successful Fall semester! Please enjoy YOUR newsletter and I look forward to seeing you at our many Spring programs.

Sincerely,

*Juliana Frisch*

## Service Committee Highlights...

### Livonia School Supply Drive

Support from the community helped enable Livonia Central School to rebuild after fire damage in July 2012. A generator set fire to roofing materials and the school suffered much damage, thankfully no one was hurt. AAWCC held a school supply drive from August 30—September 14, 2012 as Livonia got ready to open their doors for the beginning of the school year. We collected school supplies to help the school with items that were lost in the fire. We collected 8 boxes/834 items in total. Thank you to all who donated to this great cause!



Virginia Geer-Mentry, Director of MCC Association, Inc. and her daughter.



### General Membership Meeting

AAWCC had a General Membership meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd. A networking opportunity was at the beginning of the meeting. Then, we were updated on the schedule of events for the academic year through AAWCC and gave accolade to some members who have been active in the organization over the past year. We also enjoyed being able to continue our celebration of being the Chapter of the Year.

### Blue Star Mothers of America Drive

Blue Star Mothers of America is an organization that provides support to veterans and their families both locally and overseas. They rely on donations and receive no government support. For more information, please visit [bluestarmothersny1.org](http://bluestarmothersny1.org). AAWCC's MCC Chapter's Blue Star Mothers Fundraiser was from October 8—October 19, 2012. We raised \$254 and we received 7 large boxes, 2 smaller boxes and some bags of items. We also invited members to their Uno's doughraiser to Victor Unos on Nov 10 and 11th. Two representatives from Blue Star Mothers were our guest speakers at the Holiday Luncheon in December. We would like to thank Joyce and Bonnie for their emotional presentations and for letting us know about the programs they offer.



## AAWCC Open House at Dr. Salvador's Home

On Tuesday, October 16th, Dr. Susan Salvador graciously opened up her home for us. We had a wonderful night getting together, celebrating all we have done and discussing plans for the future.



## Thanksgiving Drive for Catholic Family Center

On Monday, November 12th, we began our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit families through Catholic Family Services. We collected canned goods, boxed items and financial donations until Monday, November 19th. Donations of stuffing, corn meal, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, laundry baskets and macaroni were especially appreciated.



## Brown Bag Sessions:

We had two Brown Bag Sessions this Fall, starting out our sessions for the first year. They dealt with weight loss and healthy cooking.

### Weight Loss-Real Stories for Real Women

On November 13th at noon, our first brown bag session dealt with a sensitive and sometimes challenging subject to approach, weight loss. No one person has the "right" approach that will fit into every lifestyle. At this Brown Bag Session, we heard from our colleagues Yolanda Johnson, Kimberly Willis and Susan Bielinski on how they have achieved success in weight loss and what steps they have taken to overcome this challenge and achieve their healthy weight goals.

### Healthy Cooking-Pot, Pan and Spoon Basics

On December 13th at noon, this Brown Bag Session showed us what is new in culinary delights and dishes! Participants walked away with the basic tricks of the trade and new ideas on cooking on a budget for the family. This session was presented by Jennifer DiGaetano.



## Holiday Party

The Holiday Luncheon was held on Tuesday, December 4th and it was a hit. We had a total of 67 attendees (including our two speakers for Blue Star Mothers, Inc.). We always enjoy coming together for this yearly event!

## 8th Annual Book Drive

This book drive was held from November 26th through December 4th. We were able to donate 200 books and \$60 to the Kindergarten-3rd grade classrooms at Discovery Charter School. DCS is in its second year and is an Expeditionary Learning school; it serves students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.



## Kudos Corner...

- **Toni Custodia** was awarded the Latinas Unidas Career Achievement Award on November 2, 2012
- **Suzanne Fava-Flagg** was on the Fall Dean's List



## Upcoming Spring Events...

**Women's History Month Reception**  
March 7, 2013

**United Way Campus Campaign  
Kick-off Hosted by AAWCC**  
March 11, 2013  
Noon  
R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center

**Brown Bag Session:  
Finance: Way's to Stretch a Dollar**  
March 12, 2013  
Noon

**Lolly Pop Farm Drive**  
March 18- 22, 2013

**Brown Bag Session:  
Simple Household Projects & Basic Tools**  
April 1, 2013  
Noon

**Spring Clothing Drive**  
April 12- 26, 2013

**TODASTWD**  
May 2, 2013

**Brown Bag Session:  
Automotive-Knowing Your Mechanics**  
Applied Technology Center  
Date TBD  
Noon

**PINK the PAC   
and Atrium Breast Cancer Walk**  
May 10, 2013  
Noon

**Spring Open House  
at Dr. Glocker's home**  
June 5, 2013

**AAWCC—MCC Chapter Officers**  
Julianna Frisch, President  
Toni Custodio, President-Elect  
Amy Wright, Secretary  
Jody Torcello, Treasurer

**Executive Committee Members**  
Courtney Belluccio, Yolanda Johnson, Brigitte Martineau,  
Sue Rock-McCrossen, Melissa Santiago, Teresa Schichler,  
Julie Slate, Krista Tyner

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