



January 2008

Greetings from Orange Coast College!

The new year is off to a great start here, with more improvements to the campus, finishing touches on some great projects, and a variety of opportunities to get involved. We invite you to spend some time getting to know the campus again—she may have had a facelift, but her heart and soul are the same college that you helped make into one of the finest in the nation!

The most dramatic addition to Orange Coast College is the stunning new **Library**. It is the largest building on campus (88,777 square feet), with a capacity of 128,000 volumes of books and other media. Group study rooms, computer work stations, individual study carrels, and media viewing rooms are just some of the amenities. There is also an Archives room where Emeritus volunteers will continue their important work preserving the heritage of the college. Formal dedication will take place on **February 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** Join us for the festivities and see for yourself what a great resource we have to offer our students. The OCC Foundation, along with Friends of the Library, is raising funds to expand the book collection and increase student access to technology. More information about this campaign is available from the Foundation office at 714-432-5126.

Getting your house ship-shape after the holidays? The School of Sailing and Seamanship would love to have your gently-loved nautical books for their reference library. You may bring them to the Emeritus office any time or contact Doug Bennett at 714-432-5126 for more information.

### ***Memorial Concert for Richard Raub***

Orange Coast College choir alumni will perform a memorial concert to honor former director Richard Raub, who passed away October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 after battling lymphoma. The performance, titled "The Legacy Lives On," will take place Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore theatre. For more information, call (616)-662-1304 or access the website [www.raubconcert.myevent.com](http://www.raubconcert.myevent.com).

Additionally, a memorial service will be held Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Spurgeon Methodist Church, 1025 W. Memory Lane, Santa Ana.

### ***Information Tables***

Yes, we are looking for volunteers to host the information tables during the first two days of the semester! This is a great way to help new students as they try to navigate the campus. Call Mary Roda at 714-432-5726 to sign up for your favorite time and place to work. We will offer an orientation meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Admin. 108 conference room.

Emeritus Institute polo shirts are still available to any volunteer who wishes to dress in style!

**Save the Date...**The Staff Development office is organizing a trip to Griffith Observatory for May 1, 2008. Steve Lattanzio, Professor of Astronomy, will lead the group. Tour will include bus transportation, lecture, no-host lunch, and a dazzling look at the stars! Contact Kye Daniels at 714-432-5920. Space is limited to 45 persons.

### ***Senior Day***

Thousands of high school seniors will have their first look at Orange Coast College during Senior Day on **March 18, 2008**. You can help them discover all the exciting choices that OCC has to offer! We need enthusiastic volunteers to help with table set-up, bus arrivals, welcome tables, and various other activities. If you can lend a hand between 8:00 and 2:00, please contact Mary Roda at 714-432-5726 to sign up.

### ***Emeritus Institute Scholarship Award***

The Emeritus Institute is sponsoring a scholarship to be awarded at Honors Night in the spring. The recipient will be a student who believes in preserving the culture and traditions of the college through volunteer service. If you would like to contribute an additional amount towards this scholarship, please send your donation to Doug Bennett at the OCC Foundation office and indicate that it is for the Emeritus Scholarship. Many thanks to all of you who give so generously to enhance our students' quest for education.

## ***Holiday Luncheon***

We enjoyed a large turnout for the December 14<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon. Special guests included *Faculty and Staff Member of the Year* award winners Michael Olds, Ann Harmer, and Julie Clevenger. Also attending were Cornelius Steelink, who taught chemistry at OCC in the early 1950's, and Lynn Edwards Taber, a Coastline retiree. President Bob Dees reported on the state of the campus, and brought us up to date on the latest accomplishments of students and faculty here at Orange Coast College. Dr. Ricardo Soto presented several talented students from the OCC choral group for our entertainment. The delicious feast for 130 guests was prepared by OCC's award-winning culinary department. Special thanks to the Friends & Family Committee for their help with decorations and to Arlene Karr-Powell for her devoted attendance at the check-in table. It was a great reunion for the Emeritus Institute!

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