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## The Monthly Tattler

by Dr. Jim Burran



Happy Holidays! Whether your plans call for you to vegetate at home or hit the road for Grandma's house, I hope you will have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

While we're on the subject of holidays, don't forget the campus-wide Holiday Luncheon scheduled for 11:30 am on this Friday, December 7, in the Student Center. Scintillating banter, together with good food and merriment in general, are

in store. As last year, there will also be a dessert contest, judged by a team of individuals who know what they're doing. At least they act like they know. But remember that you must let us know you are coming and either pay a nominal fee or bring a dish. You can contact Dudd Dempsey in the President's Office for details.

Following the Luncheon, our December Faculty Meeting will get underway at 1:00 pm in Goodroe Auditorium. The announcement concerning this meeting and two agenda items, one as information and one for action, have already been circulated. Meanwhile, we will use this opportunity to say goodbye to two long-time colleagues, Dr. Norm Presse, Chair of the Division of Social Sciences, and Ms. Carol Burton, Elderhostel Coordinator in the Center for Continuing Education. Norm and Carol are retiring effective December 31, and they will be sorely missed around here. Both have given unselfishly of their energy and talent over the years, and they will be difficult to replace.

Congratulations are also due the Presidential Search and Screening Committee for its role in bringing Dr. John Schwenn to DSC as our next president. Now that he has been officially placed on the payroll, effective March 1, 2008, we can begin the transition in an orderly manner. I know you'll help welcome him to the DSC community as the occasion arises. He is uniquely qualified to lead the institution to the next level, and I am confident that he will do an accomplished job with your ongoing assistance. This is an exciting time in the development of Dalton State College, and Dr. Schwenn possesses all of the characteristics and experiences to make him the right person at the right time at the right institution.

In the meantime, I'll be hanging around until Dr. Schwenn's arrival, which means that February 29 will be my last day rather than the previously announced December 31. I look forward to our continued interaction between now and then as we work toward improving the quality, depth, and breadth of what goes on here. In addition, this seems like a good time to bring the *Monthly Tattler* to a close, so you may consider this the final installment. As circumstances and news items warrant, I'll email you on an as-needed basis.

I hope to see you at the Holiday Luncheon and/or the Faculty Meeting, and I trust that the fall semester will end without drama.

Be careful out there!  
Yours in Flower Power,

JAB

## December Birthdays

- 2 Rodney Bailey  
Leslie Collins  
Teresa Weimann
- 3 Carol Gavagan  
Micah Norton
- 5 Alice Spradley
- 7 Richard Collison  
Lelia Mullis
- 9 Linda LaChapelle
- 11 Billie Precise
- 12 Marilyn Fitzpatrick  
Judith McEntyre
- 13 Mike Doyle  
Janet Hayes
- 14 Benny Bridges  
Linda Wheeler
- 15 Shelia Croft  
Tricia Rafey
- 16 Don Mroz
- 17 Michael Masters  
Barbara Tucker
- 19 Mary Nielsen
- 24 Badella Ridley
- 25 Melissa Blevins  
Michael Gravitt
- 27 Kim McCroskey  
Sherry Riley
- 28 Kerry Dunbar  
Glenda Pileggi
- 29 Kim Crews
- 30 Felicia Smith
- 31 Monte Salyer



## Birthday Spotlight

**Teresa Weimann**  
Assistant Director  
of Student Activities

What do you like best about your job? I love the fact that I am able to help students find their passion and then figure where to go from there. That

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## Reminder:

College offices will be closed December 24 – 28 and January 1.  
*Have a safe and happy holiday!*



## Transitions

### Welcome to:

**Janet Hayes**  
Enrollment Services

**Charlie Mariney**  
Public Safety

**Rick Jackson**  
OCIS (part-time to full-time)

### A fond farewell to:

**Ben Hawkins**  
OCIS

**Scotty Martin**  
Public Safety

**Sheryl McDaniel**  
Enrollment Services

## Weimann (continued...)

is sometimes a difficult task but can make all the difference in motivating a student for success.

### What do people on campus not know about you or someone in your position does?

The fancy stall wall weeklies are one thing that I slave over each week!

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to watch movies, and I have a huge 80s movie collection.

### What is your home cooked meal?

I love Italian and homemade lasagna is the best!

### Whom do you call family?

My parents still live close by, and I have two older sisters, a younger brother, and two nieces.

### What are your job responsibilities?

As Assistant Director of Student Activities, I assist in providing campus programming, leadership programs, and volunteer services. I also work closely with all Registered Student Organizations and new student orientation.

### Of what are you most proud?

I am a first generation college graduate.

### What words of wisdom would you give to students?

Get involved. Extracurricular activities provide stress relief and can actually lead to being more successful in the classroom.

**If you were stranded on a desert island and could only take one item, what would it be?** My toothbrush. I don't want any cavities.

**If you were not working here, what would you be doing?** I would be a wedding coordinator. I would love to help others plan one of the best days of their life.

Faculty/Staff  
**Christmas Luncheon**  
Friday • December 7  
11:30 a.m.  
Contact  
Dudd Dempsey  
in the President's Office  
for information.

