Debbi and Jim Guthrie’s beautiful home provided a perfect setting for the RCCD Foundation’s 2010 Annual Meeting held on June 22. Outgoing President Tom Kenney passed the gavel to 2010-11 President Kerry Pendergast, who will be joined in leadership by Vice President Judy Carpenter and Secretary Jamil Dada. In addition, seven new members were welcomed to the Foundation board, and outgoing members Bob Brown, Nita Grantham, Frank Hall, Ricki McManuis, and Benita Roberts were recognized for completing six year terms of service.

The Riverside City College family and the entire community were saddened by the passing of Reverend Jerry Louder, Pastor of the New Jerusalem Church and 2010 RCCD Alumnus of the Year. Jerry lost his battle with cancer on July 2, the day after his family and friends gathered to celebrate his 63rd birthday.

Jerry was widely known for his service to the community and his faith, and for his incredible energy and passion. His lifelong ties to the community included a dedication to feeding and caring for the homeless. In 1979, Jerry founded the Riverside Opportunities Center and its Lord’s Kitchen Ministry which to date has provided over one million meals for the homeless. Jerry’s commitment to the community and his faith were among many attributes that saw him elected as president of the United States Pastor’s Association in 1996.

Louder’s legacy at Riverside City College was equally strong, and at this year’s Annual Recognition Awards event where he was honored as the 2010 Alumnus of the Year, he credited his preparation at RCC for his success. “I learned to juggle a lot of things, serving on President Harper’s Council and as president of the BSU. Whoever says RCC does not prepare you for university work, they are just missing it.”

Nearly $600,000 Awarded in Scholarships for 2010-11

More than 700 students at Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College will receive a record breaking amount of scholarship assistance this coming academic year. In May and June, more than $594,000 in scholarships was awarded at four separate scholarship ceremonies and through the federal Gear Up program.

“Thanks to the generosity of the community, we were able to award more scholarship support than ever before,” said Foundation Director Amy Cardullo. “With the current economic woes and the additional struggles faced by so many of our students, this additional support could not have come at a better time. Our students truly appreciate the support.”

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As the newly elected president of the Riverside Community College District Foundation’s Board of Directors, I am excited to be working with an impressive group of individuals who are committed to the idea of making a college education possible for everyone in our communities.

The RCCD Foundation has a long history of achievements. Twenty-five years ago, we were the first community college foundation in California to launch a $1 million scholarship campaign. Today, we are one of a select number of California community colleges to raise more than $15 million in a major gifts campaign. In addition, each year the Foundation awards nearly $600,000 in scholarships to more than 700 students.

Our successes are really your successes. As friends, supporters and donors your interest, commitment and contributions make it possible for the Foundation to support students and programs at RCCD’s three institutions—Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College. As president, I know I speak for my board colleagues and Foundation staff in thanking you for the difference you’ve made in students’ lives.

The great thing about success is that it has a multiplier effect—much like compound interest on investment accounts. And the greatest secret about success is that it leads to opportunities. So if someone were to ask my main goal as Foundation board president, my answer would be simple: new opportunities.

In 2010/11, the RCCD Foundation is poised to become an even stronger supporter organization for our colleges. This is the first year that we will be supporting three separately accredited colleges—colleges that are still growing with new construction underway or planned for academic and student facilities. Each college has distinct academic programs and needs. The District also has a new chancellor, Gregory Gray, who recently completed his first year leading RCCD. Chancellor Gray believes in the power of friend-raising and fundraising in helping good colleges become great colleges. I share his belief and am impressed by his record at Miami Dade and Penn State. Working in concert with the Chancellor, the RCCD Board of Trustees, and the three college presidents, the Foundation will identify new opportunities and launch new support initiatives this year.

As Foundation board president, I encourage you to be involved with RCCD during what promises to be a landmark year. It doesn’t matter where you place your support. Your contributions may be general, focused on scholarships or centered on a specific program or RCCD college. Anything and everything you do here helps students succeed and strengthens our communities.

Kerry L. Pendergast
President
RCCD Foundation Board

OSHER SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Another highlight of the RCCD Foundation Annual Meeting was the announcement of three new endowed scholarships which will be immediately matched 2:1 thanks to a generous grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Lea Petersen, Public Affairs manager with The Gas Company, announced a $25,000 gift to the RCCD Foundation to establish an endowed scholarship. RCCD Foundation was one of 10 foundations statewide to receive support as part of a gift of $250,000 from Sempra Utilities to help provide a trained workforce for the future.

Tracy Mauser, president of the Soroptimist Club of Corona, announced the creation of the F.M. Doss Endowed Osher Scholarship, named in memory of a former member of their organization.

RCC Alumna Kathy Wright established the Martha Jane Wright Art and Design Osher Scholarship in honor of her mother, whose many artistic talents were displayed in the home and in the daily life that she and her late husband, Colonel Ralph M. Wright, shared with their 10 children.

The Osher Challenge provides an exceptional opportunity for individuals thinking about establishing an endowment. This Challenge was announced in May of 2008 by the Bernard Osher Foundation, which until June 2011 will provide matching funds to help every community college in California grow their scholarship program. Your gift of $15,000, for example, would be matched with an additional $7,500 from the Osher Foundation. Not only would you receive an immediate 50% return on your investment, but your increased endowment would provide additional support for students.

We are grateful to Sempra Utilities, Soroptimists International Club of Corona, and Kathy Wright for making such an excellent investment in the future of our communities. For more information about the Osher Challenge, please contact the RCCD Foundation at 951-222-8626.

$600,000 AWARDED . . . cont.

Scholarship support remains at the heart of the Foundation’s mission. One student wrote, “I’ve struggled to get money for books and other essential materials for my classes since enrolling in 2008. Now, thanks to my scholarship, this year is going to be different. I can’t thank you enough for bringing me one step closer to reaching my academic goal of becoming an architect and engineer. I won’t let you down. Thank you!” Scholarship support for students truly touches and changes lives. Thank you!

Establishing a scholarship provides a wonderful way you can help students achieve their academic goals while recognizing your commitment to the college or memorializing a friend, colleague or loved one. Matching funds for your gift are available through the Osher Challenge until June 2011. (See article above.) For more information on establishing a scholarship, please call Nancy Melendez at 951-222-8282 or email her at nancy.melendez@rcc.edu.
HELPING DISABLED STUDENTS ATTEND COLLEGE: A WOMAN’S VISION COMES TRUE

The Molly Adams Scholarship Fund, established through The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, will provide scholarships for students enrolled in RCCD’s Disabled Students Programs and Services.

Fortunately for RCCD, Molly Adams was a woman who liked to help the community and those around her. Although married to a Hollywood movie executive, her life was not always glitz and glamour, and her modest upbringing and economic struggles growing up in West Virginia certainly played a role in her inspiration later in life to help others overcome hardships.

In 2006, Molly bequeathed The Community Foundation its largest gift ever at the time—over $4 million in real estate, including houses in Apple Valley and Beverly Hills. In developing her estate plan, Molly told her financial advisor that she wanted to give most of her money to charity and also help disabled students go to college, but did not know how to fulfill her vision. Her advisor was familiar with The Community Foundation, and suggested she establish an endowment that could be distributed to students at several area colleges. Community Foundation staff worked with Paula McCroskey, director of RCC’s Disabled Students Programs and Services, to develop a distribution plan.

Today, Molly’s vision has come true through the Molly Adams Scholarship Fund, a permanent endowment that will support students beginning this year. Daniel Foster, President/CEO of The Community Foundation, says, “We are very pleased to distribute nearly $17,000 of funding this year from the Molly Adams Scholarship Fund, a permanent endowment that will support students beginning this year.

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RAISE THE ROAR!
Riverside City College is Bringing Back Football Home Game Tailgates!

September 11 vs San Bernardino Valley College • Supporting our Veterans & Military Personnel
September 18 vs Victor Valley College • Celebrating Youth Sports
October 9 vs Citrus College • Honoring Community Officials
October 16 vs Orange Coast College • Homecoming
November 6 vs College of the Desert • College Appreciation

Riverside City College invites you to join us at our five themed home football game tailgate celebrations being held at 4pm on the practice field adjacent to Wheelock Field. (Kick-off at 6pm) Hot dogs, chips and lemonade are FREE to RCC friends and supporters. Come help us RAISE the ROAR for the RCC Tigers!
**Grand Opening Celebration**

*Mark your calendar now for this community-wide event!*

**Saturday, January 22**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Poolside at Riverside City College**

Construction continues on the Riverside Aquatics Complex 10-meter dive tower. The Complex is expected to be completed in December 2010, with the official ribbon cutting scheduled in January.

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**150 Students Awarded Owen Locke Memorial Scholarships**

The RCCD Foundation and students from Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College greatly appreciated the Owen Lock Memorial Foundation’s $75,000 gift for scholarships this past Spring. Pictured at right are 75 Riverside City College students crowding the stage in celebration of this very generous award.