Bartels Awards recognize staff past and present

NANCY DOOLITTLE

The seventh annual Bartels Awards for Custodial Service Excellence, held Dec. 16 in Bartels Hall, recognized this year’s recipients of the Bartels scholarships and gave six housekeeping and custodial staff members Bartels Awards.

Opening the event, Maria Cimilluca, senior director of facilities management, paid tribute to one of the first Bartels awardees, Terry Hamilton, who died in August. Hamilton worked at Cornell for 31 years, was kindhearted and calm, and received Building Care’s biannual Excellent Attendance Award 40 times, Cimilluca said.

Former director of Building Care Rob Osborn told more than 400 Building Care staff in attendance, “Retirement has been very good, but there is not a day when you are not in my thoughts.” Osborn recalled that in June 2006, he received a letter from Phil Bartels ’71 that told how Building Care staff member Craig Beaver helped Bartels’ daughter, Katie ’06, and her friends while they were studying for finals. That fall, Bartels and Osborn developed the Bartels Award, which is now given to six custodial staff members each year. The Bartels endowed the award in 2009.

Recipients of the 2013 Bartels Award for Service Excellence are:

• Dana Bevins has worked at Cornell for more than 26 years, 22 of them including at the SouthEast Asia Program on Stewart Ave. He is known for his dedication, cheerfulness, efficiency and loyalty, and for always being willing to help.

• Kay Danby, known for her humility, work ethic, customer service and attention to detail, is responsive to her building’s occupants and performs her duties “with exemplary skill.”

• Roxanne Hills, a “tremendous” second-shift leader for Gannett Health Services, has responded to numerous emergencies, some involving specialized cleanups. She balances production with compassion; her area is known to be spotless.

• Michele Hostrander, known for her exceptional work quality, superior customer service, poise, quiet professionalism and character, currently works at the College of Veterinary Medicine in a lab environment.

• Khann Lach came to Ithaca from Cambodia in 1985. Lach has worked at Cornell nearly 24 years, showing “unfailing dedication and commitment to the students and their well-being.” She is known for her friendliness, rapport with students and ability to make co-workers laugh.

• Sue Welch, who began working at Cornell in 1988, has a positive attitude, excellent attention to detail and a caring and compassionate nature. She has helped students obtain medical assistance and “goes above and beyond to ensure that the students are adjusting to campus life.”

Two staff members – Tyler Howland and Scotti Slocum – and six children with a parent who is a Building Care staff member received Bartels Scholarships, established and endowed by the Bartels to help Building Care staff members with the cost of college. The six children were: Shenandoah Fellows (parent Ted Fellows), Samantha Berry (Brandon Berry), Kaylean Conklin (Brenda Conklin), Joshua Miller (Lisa Miller), Steffanie Marshall (Gordie Marshall) and Marguerite Delong (Anne Delong).

With a red Building Care jacket in hand, Phil Bartels said the coat reminds him of when he was a first-year student and the custodian of his residence hall provided him guidance; when Beaver showed kindness to Katie Bartels; and when the Bartels arrived at Cornell close to midnight for Phil Bartels’ 40th Reunion and were welcomed by five staff members.
New budget management tool launched

The Division of Budget and Planning announces the launch of a new Budget Management Tool (BMT) – Longview. BMT Longview will completely replace the Budget Construction Module in Kuali Financial System starting with the FY15 operating budget planning cycle and the capital planning budget in late spring of 2014.

With BMT Longview, employees with budget and forecasting responsibilities will have enhanced capacity to perform the following functions:
- Budget forecasting and “what-if” analysis
- Salary planning by position and incumbent
- Same-day updates for reporting to review and verify information
- Importing budget data for non-salary objects codes only
- Providing a dynamic rollover for submitted data (low-level data up to the college/unit level)
- One centralized Longview database to be used for reporting, containing actual, budget, forecast and key performance indicator (KPI) data
- Ability to input comments, attachments and documentation, to generate reports
- Creating and retrieving detailed information on planned transfers.

Overview sessions will be offered in preparation for the roll out of this new budget system in G10 Budget Construction Module in Kuali Financial System. Hands-on training will start in late January in 140 East Hill Office Building, including an online user guide and best practices. This information will be updated as needed throughout the budget cycle and can be found at http://bmt.cornell.edu/ or at Gannett [http://www.gannett.com/search/“pertussis”].

Regardless of your vaccination status, any time you or your child develops a cold with a cough that becomes severe after 1-2 weeks especially with the telltale “whoop” or when accompanied by vomiting, contact your doctor. Early treatment can lessen the severity of the illness and prevent spread to others. Learn more about pertussis signs and symptoms, treatment options, and prevention measures from Gannett [http://www.gannett.com/search/“pertussis”] or the CDC [http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Pertussis].

Gannett advises employee booster vaccines for pertussis

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the respiratory tract. It spreads through droplets coughed or sneezed into the air, and can be contracted at any age. Though it is still a relatively uncommon illness, the number of cases reported in Tompkins County has continued to increase in recent years. Although Cornell students are most strongly affected, people of all ages can become infected, and children under five are especially at risk. The best way to prevent pertussis is to get vaccinated. However, immunity following vaccination or infection is not lifelong. Older children, adolescents and adults can become infected again, and the infection can cause severe illness or complications in this group. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provide information about vaccine recommendations for children and adults. [http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Pertussis]

At Cornell, employees of all ages are encouraged to talk to their primary care provider or at Gannett Health Services (call 255-5155 for an appointment) about the importance of staying up-to-date with pertussis booster doses. A recent update from the CDC has found that while there is no data proving that booster doses improve immunity, many clinics are offering the booster for those who are at risk of exposure, especially those who have been in close contact with infants. The cost is $20 for each dose.

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Tech Training Spotlight

Whether you want to learn the basics, manage data, work with charts, pivot tables or graphs, or create dashboards – basic, intermediate and advanced classes in Excel are available in a classroom or via WebEx in January and February.

To receive training announcements, send an email with the subject: Jan to IT-Training-request@cornell.edu.

For a complete listing, see www.it.cornell.edu/training. Email questions to workshop-info@cornell.edu.
Take precautions against the flu, Gannett advises

Influenza is widespread throughout New York state and is making its presence known at Cornell. Gannett Health Services advises taking the following precautions:

Avoid the flu
• Get a flu vaccine now to reduce your own risk of getting sick (and help protect those most vulnerable). This year’s flu vaccine is well-matched to the flu strains in circulation and is free at Gannett for Cornell students, staff, faculty and retirees. Call Gannett for an appointment (607-255-5155), or stop by during business hours through Jan. 13.
• Take precautions. Wash your hands frequently and clean shared surfaces with disinfectant. Cover coughs and sneezes. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Protect others
• Remind others to keep workspaces healthy. Post flu information on bulletin boards, public spaces, restrooms.
• If you develop a flu-like illness, take good care of yourself: stay home to recover and minimize close contact with others.

For more information about flu and flu vaccine, visit the Gannett website: http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/topics/flu/

EMPLOYEE CELEBRATION for staff, faculty, retirees, and their families

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014

Tickets are on sale through Jan. 17 for Cornell’s Winter Employee Celebration, to be held Jan. 25. The discounted $5 per person ticket for Cornell staff, faculty, retirees and their families includes a community dinner, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the Ramin Room, Bartels Hall, and a variety of activities and athletic events.

One ticket provides entrance to men’s basketball vs. Columbia at noon; wrestling vs. Brown at 2 p.m.; and women’s basketball vs. Columbia at 2:30 p.m. Show your ticket at the gate and keep it for later games. Free parking at Hoy Garage with Cornell ID. Purchase tickets through the Athletics Ticket Office in Bartels Hall, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., or call 607-255-4247.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serving and clean up and receive an Employee Celebration t-shirt and a complimentary meal/game ticket for the day’s events. Contact emp-celebration@cornell.edu.

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Call for new Employee Assembly members

Bring your voice to the Employee Assembly (EA). The 2014 elections will be held Feb. 12-19.

Anyone interested in running for EA membership is encouraged to come to one of two information meetings: Jan. 22 or Jan. 28 (time and location TBA). Materials to submit will be available Jan. 20. For more information, see assembly.cornell.edu.

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WORKPLACE BIAS AND “MICRO-INEQUITIES”

Ernest Hicks, retired manager of corporate diversity at Xerox Corporation, will discuss ways to proactively address bias and microinequities in the workplace, Jan. 15, 1-2:30 p.m., G76 Goldwin Smith Hall. The program is part of the new Inclusive Excellence Academy, supported by the University Diversity Council to advance the Toward New Destinations initiative. All staff are welcome with approval from their supervisors. Register by Jan. 10 at https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_BkuKPKOnHyXHG

SPECIAL TICKETS TO ATHLETIC EVENTS

Wrestling: Cornell employees and immediate family can receive free tickets to the Jan. 12 wrestling match vs. Lehigh at 2 p.m. If Cornell wins, fans will receive coupons valid later that day for a free burger and fries at the Boatyard Grill.

Men’s ice hockey: Cornell employees can purchase tickets for the Jan. 10 men’s ice hockey game vs. Umass at 7 p.m. for $10 ea.

Purchase tickets at the Athletic Ticket Office in Bartels Hall (10 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F), online at CornellBigRedTickets.com, or by phone 255-4247.

PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

Gently worn professional clothing, business casual, shoes and accessories will be offered at no cost, Jan. 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 163 Day Hall. Clothing includes suits, dresses, skirts, dress coats, pants and shirts, accessories, dress shoes and socks. Sponsored by the Employee Assembly, Division of Human Resources and Safety Services, The CARE Fund and the Cornell Wellness Program.

‘SOUP AND HOPE’

The biweekly Soup & Hope series, free and open to the public, begins Jan. 16 at noon in Sage Chapel with a personal story of hope from Alexis Santi. Cornell Abroad program coordinator. Hot soup and bread are provided by Cornell Dining.

Upcoming benefits support the United Way

‘Surf and Turf’ benefit

A portion of the price of special ‘surf and turf’ dinners Jan. 15-18, at 6 p.m., at Jack’s Collegetown Grill, 250 Dryden Rd., Ithaca, will benefit the Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes and support the United Way Community Campaign. See www.uwtc.org for information.

Cornell women’s hockey, Jan. 18

Cornell women’s hockey takes on Harvard Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. in Lynah Rink, featuring a center-ice shoot-out, with $500 for the winner and $500 for the United Way of Tompkins County. The winner will be chosen through a name drawing to take the center-ice shot.

Special admission for the Jan. 18 game: free to CFCU members and their families.

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