

# Highlights

## BROOKLYN COLLEGE FACULTY CIRCLE

### A Message from Faculty Circle Presidents

**W**elcome back to Brooklyn College, a new Spring semester with our new College President! We hope that being a member of Faculty Circle will enhance your campus life and bring some new friends and experiences your way.

The Faculty Circle Board has planned a variety of social functions. We've already enjoyed the welcoming party for new faculty, HEO's and CLT's, beer tastings and our popular holiday bash in December. We're now putting the finishing touches on plans for luncheon seminars, wine tastings and our End-of-Year party in May. On Valentine's Day we will celebrate with a chocolate tasting hosted by Professor Roseanne Schnoll. In the spring, we will be making a visit to an historic Brooklyn site to reinforce the Brooklynensis spirit! Fund-raising activities such as the annual raffle and auction result in money for scholarships for BC students and book funds for the library.

The new faculty welcoming party on September 22 was a success. Both Faculty Circle members and non-members came to meet and greet BC's new arrivals. President Gould, Provost Tramontano and Associate Provost Mirotznik mingled with the forty-five attendees as we all listened to members of our Campus

Community tell their personal stories about their reasons for coming to Brooklyn College. It was a great opportunity for our long time faculty and staff to network with their new colleagues and, perhaps, to begin collaborative scholarly projects.

The BC Faculty Circle Oktoberfest Beer Tasting featured native Brooklyn brews and California brews. Visitors stopped by for a convivial break in the late afternoon and to have a beer or two.

Faculty Circle oversees the lounge located at 1238 Boylan. The lounge offers free fresh-brewed coffee and tea by the cup in a comfortable place where you can meet colleagues or relax in a quiet atmosphere. We also have a PC in the lounge, for your research or entertainment.

Your suggestions are always welcome. Let us know what kind of events and activities interest you. (Cont. on page 4)



Co-President Denise Flanagan



Co-President Irwin Weintraub

### Welcome Party for Faculty, HEOs, and CLTs is a Hit

**O**n September 22nd, in conjunction with the Brooklyn College Chapter of PSC-CUNY, Faculty Circle hosted a reception for new faculty and new members of the non-instructional staff. We host a reception each year, and the celebration this year was just as much fun as those of past years. It gave everyone the opportunity to meet, and to welcome, the faculty, HEOs and CLTs who chose to join the Brooklyn College community. Seventeen academic departments were represented at the party, and twenty nine new faculty members were introduced by their Department Chairpersons. We enjoyed very much learning about their teaching and research interests and laughed as they shared personal anecdotes and stories. In addition, we welcomed seven HEOs and CLTs from Personal

Counseling, Human Resource Services, Athletics and Recreation, The Library, Student Affairs, Education and TV/Radio all of whom shared their backgrounds with us. Also, there to meet and greet were President Karen Gould, Provost William Tramontano and Vice President Steve Little. Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik spoke of the great contributions that BC faculty has made to teaching and research and expressed his confidence that our 2009 new faces will continue to follow the paths of excellence that have made BC an institution to be proud of.

All the members of Faculty Circle and the Brooklyn College Chapter of PSC-CUNY extended to our new colleagues our best wishes for a successful career at Brooklyn College!

*By Denise Flanagan and Irwin Weintraub*

# Faculty Circle Spring Program

2010	Event
Wednesday, Feb. 10	<b>Valentine's Day – Chocolate Tasting</b> Festival, 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. Faculty Lounge, 1238 Boylan Hall
Sunday, March 14	<b>Tour of historic site in Brooklyn</b> 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. (To Be Announced)
Thursday, April 22	<b>14th Annual Spring Wine Tasting</b> 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. Faculty Lounge, 1238 Boylan Hall
Thursday, May 13	<b>End-of-Year Party Elections, Scholarship Raffle</b> 12:30 P.M. to 3 P.M. Faculty Lounge, 1238 Boylan Hall

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## Wine & Dine

**W**ine tasting has always been a preferred pastime for Brooklyn College Faculty. Check out these photos of your favorite professors sampling vino from around the globe.





## Oktoberfest

### Faculty/Staff Samples Beers from Coast to Coast

**T**his year's Oktoberfest saluted the beers of both coasts with selections from California and Brooklyn. Marianne LaBatto, Hernan Sierra and Raymond Perez poured the libations while regaling the revelers with stories about the beers and the history of brewing.

A favorite amongst the guests was the Brooklyn Brewery's lager, the first beer produced by the home brewing entrepreneurs Steve Hindy and Tom Potter. Their Pumpkin Ale added some seasonal spice to the event, with hints of clove, harkening back to the use of pumpkins in ale by the American colonists. Of course, we had the Brooklyn Brewery's very own Oktoberfest variety brewed from the finest German malt and hops. The final Brooklyn selection was the Brown Ale which was fruity smooth and rich with a caramel, chocolate, and coffee background.

We also had a tasty and diverse selection from sunny California. Although California may be more famous for its wine, its breweries

produce a medley of beers pleasing to almost every palate. Anchor Brewery of San Francisco, credited by some to have started the craft beer movement in the late 1960's with Fritz Maytag of the famed washing machine family, has some wonderful varieties. We chose to include the dark Anchor Porter and Anchor's signature beer –the Anchor Steam. From Chico, California's Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, we sampled the Pale Ale and the Anniversary Ale both made with the company's distinctive Cascade hops.

Finally, the beer that had many detractors and few takers, the Arrogant Bastard Ale from Stone Brewing Company in Escondido, had a strong piney taste that was not for the faint hearted.

All who attended the 9th Annual Beer Tasting had a wonderful time sampling and comparing the many brews. We look forward to seeing more members next year at our special 10th anniversary Oktoberfest.

*By Marianne LaBatto*

## BC Faculty/Staff Mingle at Holiday Bash

**O**n Wednesday, December 2, Faculty, HEOs and CLTs came together for good food and good company, at the Faculty Circle Holiday Party. This year, the food was catered by Bassett Caterers and Hillel Cafe. Anselma Rodriguez made two punches, one with alcohol and one without, both were delicious. From 12:30 to 3 P.M., people kept arriving. President Karen Gould stopped by to partake of the food and merriment. Her presence made the party and everyone feel special. Provost Bill Tramontano, dropped by to visit and wish everyone a happy holiday. In the end, it could be said, that a good time was had by all.

*By Connie DiGeronimo*



*Brooklyn College Librarian Martha Corpus and BC President Karen Gould share a moment*

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONT.

You'll find the 2010 schedule of events in this issue. Make a note of your favorite events and volunteer to help arrange or run them. We have a website where you can find lots more information: <http://depthome.brookly.cuny.edu/facultycircle>.

So welcome aboard! Enjoy the lounge, the activities and the camaraderie!  
*By Denise Flanagan and Irwin Weintraub*

## Notes on Retirees

**A** memorial service for Peter Zanateas of the Classic Department was held on October 8, 2009 in the Brooklyn College Library. The following retirees were in attendance: Sol Amato (Associate Dean of SGS), Kenneth Bruffee (English), Hardy Hansen (Classics), Frances Hess (President's Office), Maurice and Elaine Kramer (English), Norman Weissberg (Psychology).

At the service Bruce MacIntyre, one of many speakers, spoke of the frequent participation of Peter and Florence Zanateas in Faculty Circle Highlights.

After the memorial service the Zanateas family sponsored a gathering of Peter's family and many collegial friends where food and drink was served.

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