

# TERRA Today

A Newsletter for Alumni and Friends

## Terra Breaks Ground for New Skilled Trades Center

More than 200 people gathered at Terra Community College on September 14 for a groundbreaking ceremony for the college's new Skilled Trades Center.

Terra President Marsha S. Bordner, Ph.D., welcomed the visitors and Helene Zielinski, chairperson of the board of trustees, presented a short historical perspective of Terra.

Featured speakers included Ohio Treasurer Kevin Boyce and Bill Russell, Associate Vice Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

The Skilled Trades Center will be approximately 23,225 square feet at a total cost of about \$3.5 million. Funding for the project is a combination of state and local funds. The building will house state-of-the-art labs including HVAC, welding, power technologies and truck driving.

This is the first new building on the Terra campus since the Early Learning Center opened in 1997.

Construction is expected to last a year. The building vacated by these labs will then be renovated into an allied health wing and a music wing.

Taking the first shovels of dirt were, from left:

**Helene Zielinski, Bill Russell, Kevin Boyce, Marsha Bordner and State Representative Dennis Murray.**



Ohio Treasurer Kevin Boyce

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## Alumni Focus

### Tom Wylie

received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Ohio Association of Community Colleges last spring.



Wylie is not only an alumnus of Terra, but he also served as an instructor and as the Executive Director of the Community and Industrial Development Center at Terra for four years.

The holder of two Terra degrees, Industrial Electricity in 1980 and Electronics in 1983, Wylie is currently the Vice President of Workforce Development at Northwest State Community College in Archbold.

Terra provided a strong base for Wylie's career.

"Terra helped me find my true interest and develop the skills to start my career," he said. "After many years in industry, I came back to Terra to teach. Terra once again helped me springboard into a new career."

"Looking back after all these years, I feel that I would have never gotten to where I am today without getting my two-year degree from Terra."

Wylie and his wife, Therese, live in Archbold. They have three children, Erica, Brian and Laura.



## Record Fall Enrollment

Terra Community College has a record number of students on campus this fall. There are 18.8 percent more students attending classes this fall than last year and 26.4 percent more Full Time Equivalency as compared to 2008.

“It has been an unbelievable start to the academic year,” said Terra president, Dr. Marsha S. Bordner. “Our staff and faculty have done a great job in transitioning more than 3,100 students into the Terra student body. It’s really been something to watch.”

Headcount this fall is 3,148 compared to 2,650 in 2008 and 2,562 in 2007. FTE is at 990.3 this year compared to 783.4 in 2008 and 746.7 in 2007.

Enrollment is measured both in the actual number of students on campus as well as FTE, which is the total number of credit hours for all students registered by the census day divided by 30 credits for campuses on a semester system and 45 credits for those on a quarter system. Ohio public colleges receive funding from the state based on annual FTE.



Jessica Hurst, student 3,000, receives “goodie” bag including, a backpack, notebooks, Terra sweatshirt and mug from President Marsha S. Bordner.

## Susan Kajfasz, Terra’s New Dean



The former head of the Nursing Department at Terra Community College has been promoted to dean of a new division in the college’s latest reorganization.

Susan Kajfasz is the new dean of the Allied Health, Nursing and Science Division.

She has a Master’s of Science of Nursing from Medical College of Ohio and is a Nurse Executive, Board Certified and a

Clinical Nurse Specialist in Community Health Nursing.

Kajfasz came to Terra more than a year ago having retired from the Ohio Department of Mental Health. Her last 19 years with the department she served as the Vice President of Nursing for three psychiatric hospitals in the Toledo-Cleveland area.

She and her husband live outside of Green Springs. They have two sons, Alex, who is serving in the military in Korea, and Tony, who is a student at the University of Toledo, and a grandson.

“I am honored to be selected to fulfill this position and I love challenges,” – Susan Kajfasz

The other two divisions, Liberal Arts and Public Services and Business, Engineering Technologies and Workforce Development, were slightly altered with the new structure.

“We chose to restructure the two divisions into three to meet the growing academic needs and the new programs being offered at Terra,” said Lisa Jozwiak, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Several examples of growth in the allied health arena include the Clinical Laboratory Science Technology collaboration that began this fall with Lorain Community College, a Physical Therapist Assistant program that will begin next fall with Owens Community College, and nursing classes that will begin not only in the fall but the spring as well.

“There’s been such an increase in our science offerings and a rapid growth in the allied health programs,” Jozwiak said. “We know that we must continue increasing opportunities in these areas to meet job demands.”

Other aspects of the restructuring include moving the Business department to what was previously the Engineering Technologies and Workforce Development Division under Dean Bruce Meyer and moving the sciences to the new division. Dr. Nancy Sattler will continue as dean of the Liberal Arts and Public Services division.

## *New Physical Therapist Assistant Program Agreement Signed with Owens*



Beginning in the fall of 2010, area students who want to pursue a career as a physical therapy assistant will be able to do so at Terra Community College.

Thanks to an agreement signed today (Aug. 13), Terra will collaborate with Owens Community College which already has a physical therapy assistant (PTA) program.

"We are so pleased to be working with Owens to bring this program to our area," said Terra president, Dr. Marsha S. Bordner. "This innovative partnership is just another perfect example of how both institutions are achieving the goals of the University System of Ohio."

Students can complete their general education coursework this year and apply to start the program next year. In the fall of 2010, Owens will deliver lecture courses to Terra via distance measures and lab classes will also be held at Terra.

Terra will enroll 10 new students in the PTA program each year based on available clinical sites in the area and job demands.

Dr. Paul Unger, Vice President and Provost at Owens, joined Bordner in signing the agreement while others from both colleges and representatives from area hospitals and physical therapy facilities watched.

## *Foundation Receives Donation from Old Fort Bank*

Keeping with its focus on community, the Old Fort Bank has donated \$50,000 to the Terra College Foundation.

"We are very appreciative to the people of Old Fort Bank for supporting our students," said Terra president, Dr. Marsha S. Bordner. "They certainly understand that education is an asset to the community."

It's just part of what the bank stands for, according to its leaders.

"As a local community bank, Old Fort Bank welcomed the opportunity to contribute to Terra Community College," stated Michael C. Spragg, President/CEO of Old Fort Banking Company.

"The college has provided students with a solid foundation to a successful career path. We are pleased that some of our own employees are graduates of Terra while many other employees have attended classes and workshops to further their education and expertise in the workplace. We look forward to the continued growth and success of Terra."



Officials from Old Fort Bank and Terra recently got together for the check presentation. Dianne G. Krumsee, Old Fort Bank's Chairman of the Board, noted that Terra offers an excellent academic program while providing the students in the community with the opportunity to improve their lives through education.

"Old Fort Bank is pleased to pledge our support to this fine college and the Fremont community," she said. "Terra provides a wide array of curriculum to build and enhance careers. Their faculty provides outstanding leadership as they prepare students from all walks of life for a brighter future. We are also pleased with the strides Terra has taken to offer affordable classes and services."

Established in 1916 The Old Fort Banking Company currently has eight full-service financial centers located

in Bettsville, Clyde, Findlay, Fostoria, Fremont, Old Fort, Tiffin Downtown and Tiffin Westgate. The bank offers an additional drive-up facility located in Fremont and a Loan Production Office in Centerville with a full-service financial center to be located on the corner of Wilmington Pike Road and East Briggs Road in Sugarcreek Township, near Centerville slated to be completed and opened in 2010.

## *Terra Hosts Area Math and Science Teachers*

Several area teachers went back to school Aug. 11, attending a day-long workshop at Terra Community College.

The Mathematics and Science In-Service, sponsored by the Arts and Sciences and Business Division at Terra, brought together area high school and middle school teachers and their college counterparts.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to update area teachers on new issues and standards, and help them see the next step their students will be making at the collegiate level," said Dr. Nancy Sattler, Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Business Division.

Guest speakers included: Joe Szafarowicz, Coordinator of Exploring Through Art Program at the University of Toledo; Peggy Kasten, Executive Director of the Ohio Resource Center; and George Viebranz, Executive Director of Ohio Mathematics and Science Coalition.

Two Terra staffers also presented. Michael Shirtz, Instructor of Fine Arts/Music, gave a glimpse of students today and what educators are facing in the future. Kathy Mussell, Academic Advisor/Faculty Assistant, spoke about cooperative learning opportunities for students.

The teachers also shared best practices with each other and with the Terra faculty.



## *New Trustee Joins Terra Board*

An elementary teacher from Tiffin is the newest member of the Terra Community College Board of Trustees.

Nancy Lee Grandillo was sworn in July 27.

Currently a sixth grade teacher with the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), an online charter school, Grandillo has more than 28 years of service and leadership in education, government and non-profit organizations.



She holds an Arts of Baccalaureate from Heidelberg University and holds an elementary teaching certificate from the State of Ohio. She is also an Ohio State University-certified Master Gardener.

Grandillo has served in a variety of educational positions from the elementary to higher education level. From 1980 to 1995, she held full- and part-time administrative positions at Mount Vernon Women's College in Washington, D.C. and at Heidelberg University in Tiffin.

Prior to her current position, Grandillo was a fourth and fifth grade elementary teacher at Charles A. Krout Elementary School in the Tiffin City Schools. She has also served the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library.

Grandillo served as president of the Seneca County Board of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities from 1987 to 1995. She was elected to the City of Tiffin's Charter Review Commission in 1989 and was an examiner for the Auditor of the State of Ohio.

She was twice elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, in 1988 and 1992.

Grandillo is active in numerous community and religious organizations and holds leadership positions in the Girl Scouts of Erie Shores and the Earth Literacy Center of St. Francis.

In 2007, she was appointed by the mayor of Tiffin to the Thomas Connor Commission and serves as their secretary. She is active in historic preservation, environmental issues and sustainable backyard gardens.

She has been married to Dr. Michael A. Grandillo for 25 years. They have two children, Vincent, 19, a sophomore at Hiram College, and Gina, 15.

## *Local Community Leader Joins Terra Board*



A long-time community leader in Fremont has been appointed by Gov. Strickland to be the newest member of the Terra Community College Board of Trustees.

Don Nalley, who recently retired as the Director of Adult Services for the Sandusky County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and CEO of Sandco Industries, will be sworn in during the next

trustee meeting on Aug. 26.

"I have always valued Terra Community College and have been involved in any way I can to support this tremendous educational resource," he said. "The development of our future workforce is a critical component of growth for our area communities."

Nalley, who also serves as a two-term Fremont City Councilman, has a Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University and has completed post-graduate coursework.

He has been involved in many organizations, including United Way, Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County, Fremont Kiwanis, Fremont Tree and Beautification Commission and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments.

Nalley has been active on many advisory boards, such as TRIPS Rural Transit, Memorial Hospital Community Advisory Board, Fremont City Schools Business Advisory Council, Terra's Applied Business Advisory Board and Tech Prep Advisory Committee.

In 2000, the local chamber of commerce named him its Citizen of the Year and the Sandusky County Bar Association honored him with the Liberty Bell Award. Nalley and his wife, Kathleen, have two children, Meg, 26, and Paul, 25.

## *Terra Trustees Say Farewell to One of Their Own*

A former chairman of the Terra Community College Board of Trustees was honored August 26 for his six years of service on the board.

Tom Smith, of Port Clinton, had served as chairman for several years during his tenure on the board which ended earlier this year.

"It was a marvelous opportunity to serve with the trustees and the administration at Terra," he said. "I have a lot of respect also for the faculty and staff."

Current board chair, Helene Horvath Zielinski, praised Smith for his dedication to the board.

"Tom has an inquisitive mind and he was always thorough in trying to understand all sides of an issue," she said. "And as chairman of the board, he dedicated himself even more to Terra by serving on the committee to search for a new Vice President for Academic Affairs which included many extra hours."

"I look forward to Tom's continued dedication to Terra for years to come."

Smith was presented with a digital photo frame loaded with pictures of the Terra campus.

## *Terra's Kern Center Offering Free Brown Bag Lunch Series*

The Kern Center of Community and Industrial Development at Terra Community College offers a variety of non-credit classes and seminars for individuals and businesses.

This fall, the college is offering a free Brown Bag Lunch Series. Here is a schedule:

- Oct. 16 – Wind Energy in Northwest Ohio with John Fellhauer
  - Oct. 23 – All About LEEDS Certification with Bill Hotz, Associate Professor at Terra
  - Oct. 30 – Office Ergonomics with Julie Reynolds, Bureau of Workers Compensation
  - Nov. 6 – Alternative Energy Choices with Donald Scherer, Professor Emeritus at Bowling Green State University
  - Nov. 13 – Recycling Revisited with Tim Wasserman
- Each seminar is from noon to 1 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

**For more information, call Marsha at 419-559-2255.**

## *Terra's Foundation Director Recertified by CFRE International*

CFRE International has recertified Dr. Sue Babione of Terra Community College as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).

Babione, the Executive Director of the Terra College Foundation and Resource Development, joins more than 5,300 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation. A Fremont resident, Babione has been with the college in a variety of positions for 37 years. She has been the foundation's director for 16 years. Babione describes her job as the best position in the world.

"I have the opportunity to work with a dedicated board and hundreds of community volunteers who are committed to assisting Terra's students as they move ahead in life," she said. "No job could be better."

Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of standards set by CFRE International, including tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated fundraising achievement and a commitment to service for not-for-profit organizations. They have agreed to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights. Initially, candidates must pass a rigorous written examination testing the knowledge, skills and abilities required of a fundraising executive.

CFRE recipients are awarded certification for a three-year period. In order to maintain certification status, they must continue to demonstrate on-going fundraising employment, fundraising results and continue their professional education.

CFRE International is an independent organization whose sole mission is dedicated to the certification of fundraising executives by setting standards in philanthropy. This single, universal, baseline organization works in cooperation with leading philanthropic associations. The organization is currently celebrating its Silver Anniversary – 25 Years of Voluntary Fundraising Certification and celebrating recognition of the credential in five nations around the globe.

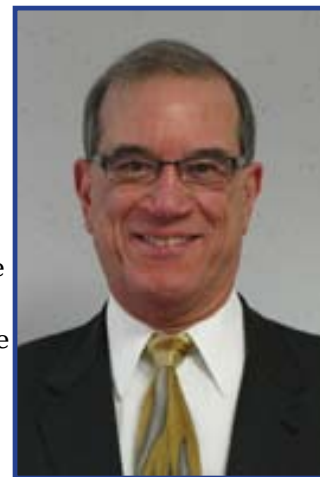


## *Terra Foundation Board Appoints Two New Members*

The Terra College Foundation Board at Terra Community College recently appointed two new members.

Tony Camilleri and Robert Woolf have joined 24 other members on the foundation board.

A 34-year veteran of the credit union industry, Camilleri has been at the Fremont Federal Credit Union for 11 years and currently serves as CEO. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is the Vice Chairman of the YMCA Board, the Vice President of the Northwest Chapter of Credit Unions of Ohio and he is also on the Area Financial Services Board and the Liberty Center Board. Camilleri is a member of the Fremont Rotary.



Woolf retired as Chairman, CEO and President of Chemi-Trol Chemical Co., a publicly traded (NASDAQ) company in Gibsonburg. Previous to that he worked for Arthur



Young, a CPA firm in Toledo and is a CPA. Woolf is a graduate of Kent State University with a bachelor's in business administration with a major in accounting.

He served in the United States Air Force with the rank of Captain and is a Vietnam veteran. Woolf spent nine years on the Terra Board of Trustees; one year as Vice-Chair and three years as Chairman. He has Hospital Board, five of those

also served six years on the years as Chairman.

Most recently Woolf has served as the co-chairman for "Investment in the Future," Terra's Major Gifts campaign. He, too, is a member of the Fremont Rotary.

The Terra College Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt charitable corporation. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the students and the educational programs of Terra Community College through fundraising initiatives.

## *Terra, Other Institutions Kick Off New College Access Organization*



Officials from several area colleges, school districts, economic development entities and employment centers gathered Sept. 24 at the Fremont Country Club to usher in a new Ohio College Access Network center.

The North Coast Center of Excellence, housed at Terra Community College, will place advisors in area high schools to assist students with decisions and procedures that will open college access for them.

The mission of the NCCE is to inspire, motivate and encourage all students, particularly those students who are first-generation, minority, underprivileged and underserved, to reach their individual educational goals by providing knowledge of career and post-secondary opportunities to all students and families.

The \$247,000 grant from the Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) and the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation will help support a regional effort in Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca counties to assist students with access to college, career planning and financial aid awareness.

The grant, funded at least through June 2010, includes not only Terra but also Bowling Green State University, BGSU Firelands, Heidelberg University and Tiffin University. It will fund two regional Directors of Advising Services who will be housed at Terra and BGSU Firelands and five College Access Advisors who will be located at the partnering school districts.

The districts involved include: Bellevue City Schools, Benton-Carroll-Salem Schools, Clyde-Green Springs Exempted Village School District, Danbury Local Schools, EHOVE Career Center, Fostoria Community Schools, Fremont City Schools, Lakota Local Schools, Port Clinton Local Schools, Sandusky Central Catholic Schools, Sandusky City Schools, Tiffin City Schools and Vanguard-Sentinel Career Centers.

Other partners include: North Coast Job Connection, North Point Educational Service Center, Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation, the Workforce Development Council Tech Prep Consortium and WSOS Community Action Commission.

The college access advisors will assist students and their parents in the following:

- Choosing a career and investigating the various career opportunities at career centers and colleges.
- Guiding students as they select a program or a college.
- Helping students understand the value in taking the appropriate academic courses and being successful in those courses.
- Doing what they need to do to apply to college (ACT or SAT tests, college applications, requesting transcripts, etc.)
- Helping students to be “college ready” through activities such as ACT preparation classes or bridge courses.
- Helping students understand the financial aid maze and how to research financial aid opportunities, complete the FAFSA and apply for “Last Dollar” or local scholarships.

Terra is joining an OCAN network in which currently nearly 175 Ohio school districts are being assisted by College Access Advisors. These college advisors work with Ohio students to directly supplement the work of guidance counselors.

## *ElderCollege Fall Session Schedule*

ElderCollege is a membership organization at Terra for adults age 50 and beyond who share a common desire to learn. The course schedule varies from term to term but usually includes such topics as computers, history, art and music. There are also several educational outing opportunities.

*Here is the 2009 fall term schedule:*

### **Educational Outings**

- The Christmas Story House/Museum – December 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Islamic Center – October 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Biltmore Estate & Surrounding Area – April 2010 Day Classes
- The History of our Area – Facilitator: Roy Wilhelm. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 29. Cost including lunch: \$25 members, \$30 non-members.
- Short Story Writing – Instructor: Acy Jackson. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays from Oct. 9 through Nov. 20. Cost: \$30 members, \$35 non-members.

- Painting with Watercolor – Instructor: Jim Andrews. 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays from Oct. 9 through Nov. 20. Cost: \$50 members, \$60 non-members.
- Sketching – Instructor: Larry Ameigh. 1 to 3 p.m. on Fridays from Oct. 9 through Nov. 20. Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members.
- Idols of Music – Instructor: Jean Vestal. 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays from Oct. 26 through Nov. 20. Cost: \$35 members, \$40 non-members.
- Native American Leaders – Instructor: Carol Repass. 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays from Nov. 5 through Dec. 12. Cost: \$30 members, \$35 non-members.
- Popcorn and a Movie – Instructor: Bob Gamble. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14. Donation to ElderCollege general fund encouraged.
- A Study of our Waters – Instructor: Dave Baker. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 4. Cost including lunch: \$25 members, \$30 non-members.
  - Lake Erie Watershed Issues – Instructor: Joe Conroy. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 1. Cost including lunch: \$25 members, \$30 non-members.
- Wood Carving. Instructor: Jim Andrews. 1 to 3 p.m. on Fridays from Oct. 9 through Nov. 20. Cost: \$40 members, \$45 non-members.
  - Literature Review: "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash". Instructor: Parm Boyer. Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members.



#### Evening Classes

- The Ohio Spirit Searchers. Instructor: Linda Goodwin. Oct. 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members.
- Ohio Ghost Stories – Instructor: Jeff Joerg. Oct. 19 and 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members.
- Environmental Science for Real People. Instructor: Steve Lonneman. 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays Oct. 14 to Dec. 9. Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

For more information, visit [www.terra.edu/learning](http://www.terra.edu/learning) or call 419-559-2255.

## Sound of Music Festival

The hills are alive once again with the Sound of Music Festival, October 11-18, presented by the Sandusky State Theatre and Terra Community College.

Featuring Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron Von Trapp, whose story inspired "The Sound of Music," this week-long festival features concerts, educational activities, meet-the-artists opportunities, and walks down memory lane.

### Sound of Music Festival Opening Concert:

**Sunday, October 11 ~ 4 p.m.**

The Essence of Influence: The Music of Bach & Brubeck! Featuring Bach Cantata No. 80 and choral selections by Dave Brubeck

Terra Arts Chorale and Special Guests

First Presbyterian Church

120 S. Park Street, Fremont

Admission Free

### Free Sound of Music Festival Seminars at Terra!

**Wednesday, October 14**

**4 p.m. - A Long, Long Way to Run** (Building E, Room E110)

Touring and Managing a Musical Career with Elisabeth von Trapp's manager and business partner, Ed Hall.

**5 p.m. - My Favorite Things** (Building B, Atrium) Community

Reception with Elisabeth von Trapp. Meet renowned singer and grand-daughter of the legendary Von Trapp family. Come and share your favorite Sound of Music stories as Elisabeth shares hers.

**7:30 p.m. - Climb Every Mountain, Search High and Low!**

(Building E, Room E110) How do you solve a "musical" problem? Join Elisabeth von Trapp in conversation and sharing of issues surrounding performance.

### Sound of Music Festival Gala Concert:

**Saturday, October 17 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

Rodgers & Hammerstein with Heart!

Featuring Elisabeth von Trapp and

Sound of Music Festival Chorus and Orchestra

Sandusky State Theatre

107 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky

Call State Theatre Box Office at 419-626-1950 or toll free 1-877-626-1950

Admission ~ \$20 per person

Dinner & Show Package \$42

Concert Sponsored by: Bettcher Industries, Inc.

### Sound of Music Festival Workshop:

Workshop with Elisabeth von Trapp

Sunday, October 18, 2009 ~ 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Sandusky State Theatre

107 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky

Registration Fee - \$35 per person