



# COSAC

## *College Office Support Advisory Committee*

**Welcome** to the fall 2008 issue of *The Calliope*! Some of you may be wondering where the name came from. Many moons ago (1984, actually), when COSAC was still getting off the ground, we decided to publish a newsletter and held a contest among office support staff to name it. The winning entry, *The Calliope*, was submitted by Judy Seever (who since moved to Albion, transferred to the correctional facility's accounting office, and is now enjoying retirement). Judy won a submarine sandwich for her winning entry (we were big spenders in those days and Judy was so thrilled with her sub!). Judy noted that Calliope is not only a musical instrument — a steam-whistle musical organ — but it also means “beautifully voiced,” which is what we were hoping our newsletter would be. The instrument’s name originated from Greek mythology. Calliope, daughter of Zeus, was chief of the Muses (a sisterhood of goddesses who embodied the arts and inspired the creation process with their graces through remembered and improvised song and stage, writing, traditional music, and dance). Calliope is always seen with a writing tablet in her hand.

It’s been a *long* while since we’ve published *The Calliope* (you know what they say about good intentions). Life certainly has gotten busier these days and with the technology we now have available, we are better able to communicate with each other, so the need for a regular newsletter may not be there as much as in the “olden days.” In any case, enjoy this issue and I hope to get on a regular schedule for the future.  
—Joani Martin



## A Brief History

COSAC was established in the early 1980s by President Emeritus John E. Van de Wetering in order to provide a response to the unique concerns of office support staff. COSAC’s primary responsibilities are to provide suggestions for communication and morale improvement, make suggestions for in-service training, and coordinate functions and social gatherings to bridge communication gaps among various areas on campus. Members of the committee are representatives of the office support staff across campus...we try to have at least one person from each vice presidential division, including BASC and the EOC, serving on the Committee. If you have questions about COSAC or are interested in participating on a COSAC Committee, please let us know!

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**VISIT**

**THE COSAC WEB SITE!**

<http://www.brockport.edu/cosac/>



# Getting Cozy with Common Threads

Common Threads is a COSAC-sponsored knitting and crochet group created for the purpose of enjoying each other's company as we work together to create charity projects for those in need. Keeping in mind that participants would be at all levels of experience and in the spirit of *Warm Up America*, we chose an afghan as our first project. Afghanes will be created with sections of 7"x9" squares that have been knitted or crocheted and then joined together. Our first creations will be given to the Lakeside Beikirch Care Center at Lakeside Hospital in Brockport. COSAC has donated yarn, knitting nee-

dles and crochet hooks, which are limited to participants working with us on the charity projects. Anyone interested in joining us who would prefer to knit or crochet personal projects using their own supplies are most welcome as well. The group has been getting together every other week during the summer.

What an amazing experience this has been! Everyone's generous donations of time, effort and additional yarn has been overwhelming and we're thrilled to have over 115 squares made so far (and even a beautiful handmade quilt donated by Dori Widger's mom!).

## Spring 2008 Schedule

*All are 12-1pm. Feel free to bring your lunch with you.*

September 19 — B115 Seymour

October 3, 17 and 31 — Drake Library Special Collections Room (SCR)

November 14 — B115 Seymour

December 12 — Drake SCR

January 9 and 23 — B115 Seymour

February 13 and 27 — Drake SCR

March 13 and 27 — B115 Seymour

April 10 and 24 — Drake SCR

May 8 and 22 — B115 Seymour

## *"Look what I made!!!" (Common Threads continued)*

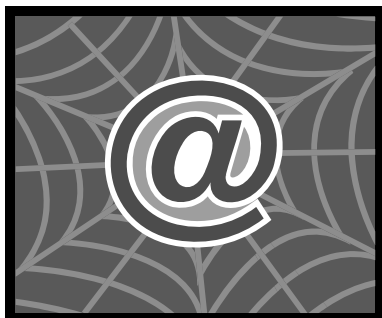
It has truly been a joy to see how Common Threads has come together. The experienced knitters and crocheters have so willingly shared their skills with those who are novices and it's been fun to watch the inexperienced participants learn a new craft. We are all so proud of our accomplishments!

This program has also helped us to get to know one another better in a relaxed setting and we're looking forward to future projects. Contact Linda Hartmann, Joani Martin or Julie Pruss if interested in participating.

*Just a sampling of what we've accomplished so far. Aren't they BEAUTIFUL!?!?*



## Join the COSAC Listserv



The COSAC listserv is a quick and convenient way for us to share information with office support staff and provides you with an avenue to do so as well. It's a great way to learn about COSAC events, share office supplies with each other, etc.

### To subscribe:

Send a blank e-mail (no text in the body) to: [join-cosac@list.brockport.edu](mailto:join-cosac@list.brockport.edu)

### To send a message to the listserv:

Address your e-mail to the following: [cosac@list.brockport.edu](mailto:cosac@list.brockport.edu)

If you have questions or have difficulty with joining, please contact Joani Martin at [jmartin@brockport.edu](mailto:jmartin@brockport.edu) or x2129.

## Upcoming Events

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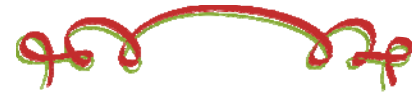
October 20, 2008

2:30-4pm

Alumni House

Enjoy the wonderful scents and flavors of fall! Let's celebrate together this glorious season with a fall teas and desserts tasting!

See your flier or the COSAC Web site for details.



Crafters get ready for the fifth annual COSAC Arts & Crafts Sale! Space is available to faculty, staff, students, and outside crafters. Items must be homemade but no food allowed. The cost for space is reasonable. Whether you're selling or shopping, this is a fun day! The date and further details will be announced soon.

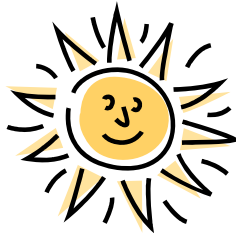


## Spreading Sunshine & Keeping Us Up-to-date

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Your help is much appreciated in helping us to keep in touch with our office support staff!

If you know of someone either in need or celebrating a happy occasion, please let us know so that COSAC can send a card. Please contact Linda Hartmann, Academic Affairs, x2504, or [lhartman@brockport.edu](mailto:lhartman@brockport.edu).



If you or someone in your office changes jobs or leaves the College, please let us know so we can update our mailing lists. Contact Joani Martin, Administration & Finance, x2129 or [jmartin@brockport.edu](mailto:jmartin@brockport.edu).

If your office has hired an office support staff member new to the campus, let us know so we can include that person in a COSAC welcome lunch and short tour of the campus. This is a great way for a new employee to learn about COSAC, make contact with others, see the campus and enjoy good food! Contact Cindy Krautwurst, Arts and Performance, x2394 or [ckrautwurst@brockport.edu](mailto:ckrautwurst@brockport.edu).

## Representation on Campus Committees

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There are several office support staff serving on campus committees as representatives of COSAC. We thank them for their continued service and look forward to any updates as activities get under way for the semester. If you have questions or input for any of these committees, please contact these representatives.

**Brand Council**, Joani Martin, Administration and Finance

**Campus Safety Committee**, Pam Rowles, Intercollegiate Athletics

**College Technology Council**, Anne Canale Stalneck, Public Administration

**Employee Health & Wellness**, Diana Grzywacz, Payroll; Sheila Myers, ITS; Phyllis Romano, Communication.

**Professional Training Advisory Committee** (a new committee being formed), Cherise Oakley, Advancement

**Quality Service Strategic Team**, Julie Pruss, Office of the President.

## ***COSAC Committee***

Joan Consler, Welcome Center & Parking Services, x2799  
Betty Drennen, BASC, x2497  
Carolyn Everett, Department of Art, x2206  
Connie Graves, Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, x2772  
Linda Hartmann, Academic Affairs, x2504  
Cindy Krautwurst, School of Arts & Performance, x2350  
Karen Lingle, Rochester EOC, 232-2730  
Joani Martin (Chairperson), Administration & Finance, x2129  
Sandy Mullin, School of Professions, x2510  
Cherise Oakley, Development Office, x2667  
Raquel Quinones, Foreign Languages, x2269

## ***Networking Subcommittee***

Joan Consler, Welcome Center & Parking Services, x2799  
Jackie Deats, Anthropology, x2682  
Connie Graves, Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, x2772  
Cindy Krautwurst, School of Arts & Performance, x2350  
Joani Martin, Administration & Finance, x2129  
Sue Ann Smithson, Sociology, x2619

## **Odds & Ends**

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- Remember that you can print the campus directory if you'd like right from the online directory page. The printable version will be updated again this month. Keep in mind that the online directory itself is the quickest way to locate the most up-to-date information! Save trees and use the online campus directory!
- If anyone would be interested in organizing or helping to organize a COSAC book club, please contact Joani Martin.
- Faculty and staff receive a 20% discount at the Barnes & Noble College Bookstore EVERY DAY (textbooks and convenience items excluded). Bring your ID. Check out the beautiful new apparel and merchandise with The College at Brockport logo!

### **RECIPE—Hot Mulled Cider**

1/2 cup brown sugar  
2 quarts pasteurized cider  
1 tsp whole allspice  
1-1/2 tsp whole cloves  
2 sticks cinnamon  
Orange slices

Put all ingredients in a crock pot. If desired, tie whole spices in cheesecloth or put in a tea strainer (if spices are added loose, strain before serving). Cover and cook on low 2-8 hrs.

Enjoy! This will fill your home with its' wonderful aroma and tastes just as delicious!

