

First Monday



From the desk of: Marilyn Miller, President and CEO
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Two Alumni Leadership Dinners were held last month. Bernie Harrington ('84), Chancellor Ron Sexton, and I had a great time visiting with alumni in Portland and the Seattle area.

In Bellevue, Washington, on June 18, we enjoyed a fabulous dinner and spectacular view at Daniel's Broiler while we caught up on "the good old days" and heard news about MSU-Billings today. Attending were:

- **Carol ('70) and Ron Blake**
- **Teri ('77) and John McLachlan**
- **Kate Oliver ('80)**
- **Shelly Thompson ('90)**
- **Rita Zoanni ('85)**

Also in attendance were our Seattle hosts who arranged the event:

- **Janet Aldrich Jacobs ('82) and Bernie Jacobs**
- **John and Kathy Harnish**
- **Scott ('82) and Liz Tidyman**

In Portland, Oregon, on June 19, we savored delectable food and old-world atmosphere in the Wine Cellar at Pazzo Ristorante. There was a lot of reminiscing about favorite professors and college pranks, and, once again, Dr. Sexton talked about the amazing progress that's occurred at MSU-Billings and the promise of this fine university's future. Those attending were:

- **Dr. Arlene ('74) and Byron ('73) Hett**
- **Dr. Joyce Ley ('66 & '77)**
- **Terri Ward ('90) and Kerry Benedict**
- **Shaun Harrington ('81 & '88)** (*Shaun lives in Billings, but happened to be in Portland for a conference, so we asked him to join us, including our campaign events chair, Bernie Harrington, who is his identical twin.*)

And, our hosts for the evening:

- **Michelle ('78) and Kirk ('79) Peterson**

Many thanks to our hard-working hosts and to all who attended these two dinners. They were wonderful evenings.

Campaign Gifts. Several individuals made gifts and pledges to the People, Pride, & Promise Campaign during June. I'd like to thank these generous donors:

- **Dr. Robert (Bob) Carbone ('53)** has pledged \$20,000 to the People, Pride, & Promise Campaign for Excellence to be used in areas of greatest need. Dr. Carbone and his wife Suzanne live in Silver Spring, Maryland, where he has retired from a long, illustrious career as university professor and administrator. Bob is a member of our National Campaign Leadership Council (NCLC).
- **Chato Hazelbaker**, Marketing Director at Montana State University-Billings, confirmed his pledge of \$7,500 for the Chancellor's Excellence Awards Endowment. The Chancellor's Awards are four-year scholarships available for students who have excelled both in academics and leadership. Before MSU-Billings fortunately secured Chato's services, he worked for Dickenson State University in North Dakota.
- **Janet Aldrich Jacobs ('82) and Bernie Jacobs** have committed \$2,500 to the art department. Jan graduated with a degree in art from "Eastern" and is the director of planned and endowed gifts for the Seattle Symphony. Her husband, Bernie, works with Artech, an art service company providing conservation, preparation, and installation of fine art for museums and private collectors throughout the Northwest.
- **Keith Cook ('72)** donated \$20,000 to the campaign effort, with \$18,000 designated for endowed scholarships and \$2,000 for immediate needs. Keith, who is president of First Interstate Bank of Commerce in Billings, has been honored as an MSU-Billings Outstanding Alumnus, has served on the Foundation and Alumni Boards, the Annual Drive for Excellence Special Gifts Division, and is currently a member of the NCLC.

Dr. Ernie Randolphi, Health and Human Services Professor, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to Cyprus to work with the Center for Education on Drugs and Treatment of Drug Addicted Persons and the Turkish Cypriot community as a lecturer/researcher on health promotion and drug abuse prevention programs.

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