

# First Monday



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*From the desk of: Marilyn Miller, President and CEO  
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**Many thanks to Naomi Gajewski of Alexander, North Dakota for her \$12,500 gift** to establish the L.R. Gajewski Endowed Scholarship for junior or senior music majors at Montana State University-Billings. Naomi and her daughter, Lorna Gajewski, a 2002 MSU-Billings music graduate, have been impressed with the excellence of the music department and want to help make a music degree accessible for other deserving MSU-Billings students. The name of the scholarship carries initials belonging to both Naomi's late husband and her daughter: L.R. Through the L.R. Gajewski Endowed Scholarship, Naomi has established a fund that will enrich students' lives in perpetuity.

**Welcome to Mike Hickey ('73)**, the newest member of the National Campaign Leadership Council (NCLC). Mike, formerly of Tractor and Equipment Company in Billings and NC Machinery Company in Seattle, and his wife Judy, have retired to beautiful, warm Scottsdale, Arizona. Mike will be working with Brenda Halpain ('82) to organize an alumni cultivation dinner and conduct follow-up contacts in the Phoenix area.

**Joel ('73) and Cindi ('75) Peterson** of Woodbridge, Virginia, hosted a Leadership Dinner for selected alumni on Saturday, April 26 in Arlington, Virginia. Cindi Peterson is a music specialist with Prince William County Schools in Virginia, and Joel, a retired Air Force Colonel formerly assigned to the Pentagon, is now working for the Air Force as a civilian, serving as Principal Advisor, Office of the Special Assistant for Air Expeditionary Force Matters. Attending the dinner in Arlington, in addition to the Petersons, Foundation Trustee and NCLC Events Chair **Bernie Harrington ('84)**, Foundation Campaign Associate **Joy Hayworth ('96)**, and me, were:

- **Robert "Bob" Carbone ('53)**, retired Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland, and his wife, Suzanne. Dr. and Mrs. Carbone live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

- **Mike ('69) and Diana ('69) Cajohn**, of Fredricksburg, Virginia. Mike, a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, works as Senior Systems Engineer for Logicon, a company that designs and operates computer systems for the United States government. Diana is Librarian at the Dependents School on Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia.
- **Delores Franz ('84)**, of Arlington, Virginia. Delores has wonderful memories of the MSU-Billings art department, particularly of her professors Connie Landis, Marcia Selsor and Ben Steele. Delores works in the not-for-profit sector in the DC area.
- **Mark "Jake" Jacobson ('87)**, of Alexandria, Virginia, a CPA with Potomac Capital Investment Corporation in Washington, DC. Prior to moving to the nation's capital, Jake worked for the Montana Department of Revenue. Accompanying Mark to the Leadership Dinner was Julie Lapeyre, a native of Bozeman, Montana, who works at the United States Department of Agriculture.

**Melony Griffith ('85)**, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, was unable to attend the alumni gathering, but met with Bernie Harrington, Joy Hayworth and me the day before. In addition to her professional position as Senior Program Officer for Health and Entitlement Programs at the Academy for Educational Development in Washington, DC, Melony is a Maryland State Assemblywoman.

While in Salt Lake City last month, Campaign Director Kathie Riggs had the opportunity to visit with **Rod ('75) and Sharon ('71) Hallsten**. Rod is District manager with Brenntag West, Inc., and Sharon is a junior high school teacher. The Hallstens live in Layton, Utah and have four children.

During his recent travels, Development Officer Dick Buckley has met with alumni **Steve Scanlin ('69)**, an attorney in Boise, Idaho; **Michelle Finch ('82)** and her husband Robbin, both attorneys in Boise; and **Delmar Fried ('63)**, a retired basketball coach living in Malta, Montana.

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