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The 2017 PSS Appreciation Luncheon took place on Friday, March 17. PSS enjoyed lunch, prize drawings and a keynote speech from President Haas. Over 70 prizes were raffled off, in addition to 2 grand prize drawings this year. The PSS Development Committee would like to thank all PSS for their dedication to the Grand Valley community! Grand Valley State University is a better place because of each and every PSS's contributions and efforts. THANK YOU!



Bonnie Hudson - Here is a photo from her trip to Vegas for Spring Break with her daughter, Amber.

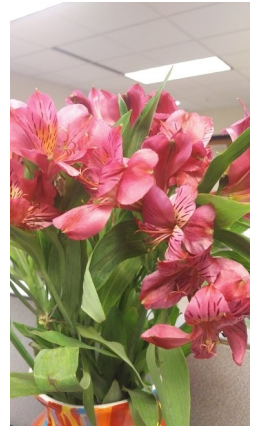


From a PSS - Recently Joyce Bodbyl saw a huge garbage bag of yarn offered by Cheryl Lillibridge on the Barter Board, to anyone who could put it to good use. Joyce's mother-in-law and a group of her church friends knit and crochet blankets and things for babies in the hospital. Joyce saw an opportunity to do a good deed and facilitated getting all of the yarn from Cheryl to her mother-in-law. Joyce shared with me pictures of the group of women knitting with the yarn, and many of the items they will be donating. I just thought it was a really neat human interest story and may spur other PSS to use the Barter Board in this creative way.

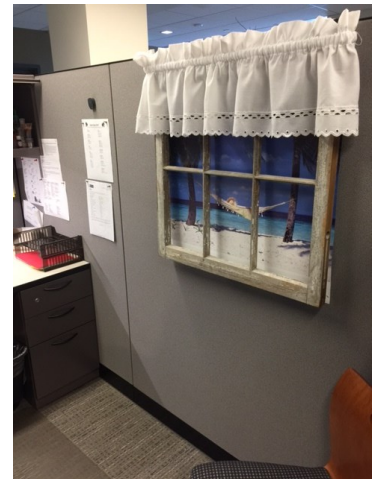


Cubicle Decorating Ideas!!

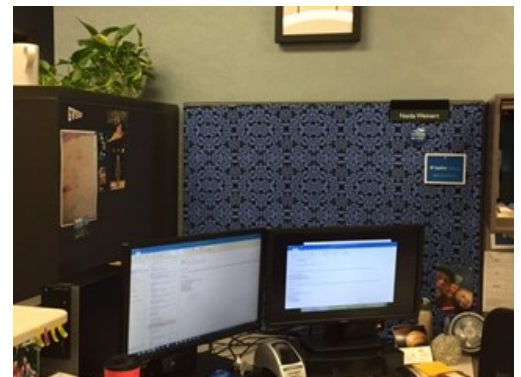
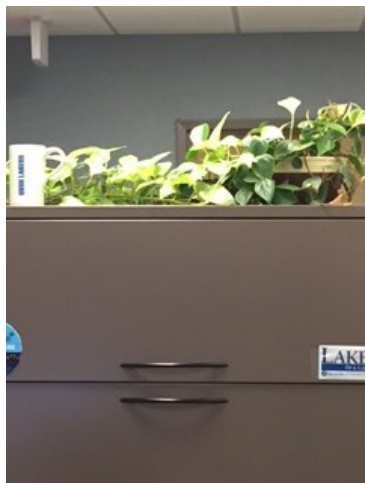
Jenn Palm - I like to bring in fresh flowers, nothing fancy but just something bright and colorful for my workspace.



Deb VanderWal - Since I have a back corner office without an outside view, I made my own window with a wonderful relaxing view!! I close my eyes and this is my go to place!! Just an old window frame, and extra curtain valance from home and a poster cut to size. I have a couple of different posters so I can switch out with the different seasons. After winter though, I am so ready for this!!



Naida Weinert - I use material to cover my cubicle space bulletin board. It makes it a little more original. I have also brought in plants to help bring some welcoming feeling into my space. It breaks up the file cabinets, desk, and computer.



PSS WORKSHOPS

Culture & Coffee: Navigating India

Join GVSU's Van Andel Global Trade Center's 2017 Culture & Coffee series! Each Culture & Coffee training session will cover how-tos and best practices for doing business abroad along with cultural nuances business professionals face while traveling. Fresh coffee and a continental breakfast will be served during each training as VAGTC believes some of the best conversations take place over a good cup of coffee!

Topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to:

BUSINESS MEETINGS - GIFT GIVING - COMMUNICATION - BUSINESS ATTIRE - NEGOTIATING TACTICS

Approved for PSS credit

Date/Time

Thursday, June 22, 2017

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location

201 Front Ave SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Non-Member Price

\$35.00

Member Price

\$25.00

Register at <http://www.gvsu.edu/vagtc/event-membership.htm?eventId=AEDC0F55-E433-922B-7ED59A4ADC70DC30>



HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION

GVSU Baby Shower!

If you are having a baby or thinking of having a baby then please join us for the first ever "GVSU Baby Shower!" Come and learn more about your benefits, leave, lactation, day care options and so much more. Enter to win door prizes. This 2 hour event will provide you with all of the information that you'll need. This is for adoptive parents as well. This event takes place April 11th from 12-2:00pm in KC2263. Come for part of the time or for the entire 2 hours. Please register by visiting www.gvsu.edu/Sprout.



Faculty and Staff Spring Group Exercise Registration Opens April 3rd

Spring session May 1-June 23: Registration open 8am April 3rd.

Summer session June 26-August 25: Registration open 8am May 29 (no classes week of July 3)

Register online: www.gvsu.edu/sprout

<https://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness/faculty-staff-group-exercise-100.htm>



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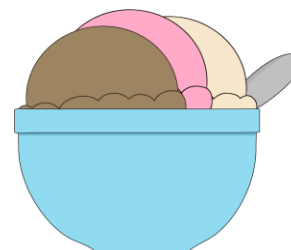
UNION NEWS

Each year our Union sponsors an “Indulge Day” for our student employees!

We are looking for volunteers to scoop ice cream during the following times for both campuses on Thursday, April 13:

- 11:30-noon
- Noon-12:30
- 12:30-1pm

If you are interested in scooping please contact: Becky Bakale at bakaler@gvsu.edu.



IMPORTANT DATES

Classes End for Winter Semester: April 22

Commencement: April 28-29

SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING ISSUE

Are you or a loved one graduating this semester? If so, please share a photo and a blurb of the person to me, [Erica](#) by May 2.

APRIL DATES

Birthdays

3 - Rodney Hawkins
6 - Judy Conroy
8 - Diane DeRyke
9 - Leah Thomas
17 - Michelle Holstege
20 - Janet Potgeter
21 - Tami John

GVSU Anniversary

9 - Julie Conroy
18 - Kellie Knight
24 - Julie Noto

Wedding Anniversary



Thinking of You Cards:
Do you know someone
who is off work because
of surgery, illness, or
accident? Please let
Deb Barko know. She
will send a card from
our Association.

If you would like your
birthdate, GVSU
anniversary, and/or
wedding anniversary
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