Daffodil Days – 2013
Stonehill Employees Raise Money for American Cancer Society

Daffodil Days is one of the American Cancer Society’s oldest and most beloved fundraising programs. As daffodils are the first flowers of spring, they were chosen by The American Cancer Society to be the symbol of hope that cancer will be beaten. Since 2007, Stonehill College employees have contributed annually to the success of this program. This year alone Stonehill collected more than $650 for cancer research. Thank you to those who have contributed to this cause.

Monday March 11th – Campus Conversations on Diversity

Are there employees at Stonehill you have never met? Do you feel there are fewer and fewer names and faces you recognize over the years? Are you new to Stonehill and haven’t met many other employees yet?

Join us for a get-to-know you program just for Stonehill employees and come together for an interactive dialogue about diversity in our lives and in our work. This is a wonderful way to meet other employees at Stonehill and to make meaningful connections in our community! These co-sponsored sessions are a partnership with the Office of Human Resources and the Office of Intercultural Affairs. The three part series will be presented as follows:

Session I - Monday, March 11th, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Martin Auditorium
“Creating Safe Spaces”
In order to honor diversity, safe spaces must be created in and out of Stonehill College’s Community. This will be a dialog to discuss what we can do as faculty and staff to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

Session II - Monday, April 22nd, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Martin Auditorium
“What Difference Can I Make?”

Session III - Monday, May 13th, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Martin Auditorium
“Developing Action Plans”
Employee Benefits/Wellness Fair
Wednesday - April 3, 2013

Stonehill’s Annual Benefits/Wellness fair will be Wednesday, April 3, 2013 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm in Alumni Hall.

Here is a list of some of the vendors who will be in attendance:

- Aflac
- AT&T
- BJ’s Wholesale Club
- Community Partners 24
- Costco Wholesale
- Crescent Credit Union
- Crosby Benefits
- Delta Dental
- Denette Family Chiropractic
- EyeMed
- Harbor One Credit Union
- Kindercare
- Liberty Mutual
- Wireless
- Mass Higher Ed Consortium
- North Easton Savings Bank
- Prudential Life
- Sodexo Catering
- Sodexo Nutrition
- Sprint
- Stonehill Athletics
- Stonehill Touch of Kindness Program
- Stonehill Wellness Committee
- TIAA CREF
- Tufts Health Plan Verizon Wireless
- Verizon
- Wellness Corporation

There will be great benefit information available, food, door prizes, giveaways and a wellness gift for all who attend. Be sure to add it to your calendar, it’s an event you won’t want to miss.

**Note:** All employees will be receiving a personal postcard invitation which will gain you admittance to the fair and enter you into several prize raffles, so don’t forget to bring the postcard!

**Woman’s History Month – March Events in the Area**

March is Women’s History month! The Office of Human Resources would like to highlight a couple of events happening in our community to recognize this time. The 2013 Women’s History Month national theme honors the Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination - Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

**Friday, March 8, 2013 – 7:30-9:30 am**

 International Women’s Day Breakfast Women and Hunger: Putting Food on the Table

Simmons College – 300 The Fenway - Linda K. Paresky Conference Center, Boston, MA 02115

Suggested donation: $6.00 Includes light continental breakfast

Public transportation is highly encouraged (E train on the Green Line, Museum of Fine Arts stop) Limited parking will be available at Simmons for $6.00 with a Visa or MasterCard.

R.S.V.P., Contact: Diane Hammer - Simmons Institute for Leadership and Change 617-521-2480

**Woman’s History Month (continued)**

**Saturday, March 9 – 2:00 pm**

Hyde Park Main Streets’ 3rd Annual Women’s History Month Celebration Tea

This year’s program will center on the notable Grimke Family of Hyde Park. Sisters Angelina and Sarah Grimke were among the earliest pioneers of the women’s suffrage movement in the United States. 2013 marks the 175th Anniversary of Angelina Grimke’s speech before the Massachusetts legislature as the first women in the US to speak before a governing body. Seating will be limited and an RSVP is required. Suggested donation is $22. For more information and tickets, contact the HPMS office: 617-361-6964 or info@hydeparkmainstreets.com.

**Saturday, March 16th - 12:00pm to 4:00pm**

Celebrate Women’s History Month [FAMILY FRIENDLY]

Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History Weston, MA

Members and children under 5 are free Adults $8.00, Seniors and students $5.00 Children age 5 to 16 $3.00 - Free packet of stamps for each child http://www.spellman.org/core/schedule/

**Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – 6:00-7:30 pm**

**Talk: “The Women of the Saturday Evening Girls Pottery”**

The Victorian Society presents “The Women of the Saturday Evening Girls Pottery” c/o Museum of Fine Arts, Boston at The West End Museum

Cost: $15 (VSA/NE and West End Museum members $10)

This historical talk explores a philanthropic off-shoot of the Paul Revere Pottery in Boston, which saw poor immigrant girls decorating earthenware in the early 1900s.

Speaker: Nonie Gadsden: Carolyn & Peter Lynch Curator of American Decorative Arts and Sculpture, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

**Thursday, March 21 – 6:30 pm**

Reinstallation of the “Nine Notable Women” Mural and Author Talk

Boston Public Library, Copley Branch - Cost: Free

The Nine Notable Women Mural created in 1980 by public artist Ellen Lanyon recognizes the accomplishments of nine Boston women.

**Friday March 22, 2013- 4:30-6:30pm**

“**And the Women Gather**” 2nd Annual Women’s Leadership Summit

Stonehill College - Alumni Hall Auditorium

Cost: Free ... more details to follow.
Woman’s History Month
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Saturday March 23rd - 10:30 am

Walking in their Shoes: Women of Uphams Corner
Uphams Corner Branch Library
500 Columbia Road, Dorchester
Cost: Free

Women leaders once led civil and health reform from Uphams Corner. Join Boston Women’s Heritage Trail members at six sites. Learn about women like Elida Fowle. Seventeen-year-old Elida Rumsey went to Washington during the Civil War to become a nurse. When told she was too young, Elida sang to soldiers in the wards. With the help of Mrs. Walter Baker, Elida organized a soldiers’ library. She eventually became the youngest member of the Massachusetts Army Nurses. After the war, Elida and her husband John Fowle moved to Upham’s Corner, where she raised two emancipated slave children and did local civic work. We will start and end at the Branch. If rain/snow, there will be indoor PowerPoint instead.

Saturday March 23 - Performances at 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM

Celebrate National Women’s History Month: Meet Clara Barton:
Angel of the Battlefield and Founder of the American Red Cross
The Discovery Museums Acton, MA
Cost: Free
Character actress Jessa Piaia will present a first-person interpretation of Clara Barton (1821-1912). Piaia uses drama to reveal the accomplishments, struggles, and contributions of Ms. Barton, the first president of the American Red Cross.

Tuesday, March 26 – 7:00 pm

The Women of Jamaica Plain
Cost: Free and open to the public
Loring-Greenough House
12 South Street Boston 617-524-3158

Learn about these special Jamaica Plain women: Rose Finkelstein Norwood, labor activist, Emily Greene Balch, winner of the Nobel Peace prize, Mother Mary Rogers, founder of the Maryknoll Sisters, Maud Cuney Hare, musician

Panel of Presenters include: Helaine Davis, Elizabeth Quinlan, Mary Smoyer, Linder Stern, Sandee Story and Marie Turley

Touch of Kindness Program
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A sample of this month’s kindness:

Recently when the parking lot was filled with snow and ice, I was fearful of falling. This employee went above and beyond to help me with care and offered assistance to ensure I did not fall. I was grateful for the assistance.

Thank you to all who submitted nominations this month, have you recently observed an act of kindness and caring? Recognize it today at A Touch of Kindness webpage.

TIAA-CREF Reminder

Have you reached or soon will reach your one year anniversary with Stonehill College? If so, please make sure you sign up with Human Resources for the retirement benefit offered to eligible employees. For more information, please click the link below:

http://www.stonehill.edu/x11525.xml

If you have questions about your eligibility or the program itself, please contact Lisa Conroy, Assistant Director of HR, ext. 1336

Supplemental Benefit

Sullivan Tire:

Stonehill Employees receive a 10% discount off any services provided by Sullivan Tire. Call for an appointment or quote at 508-584-6247. They are located at 1320 Belmont Street in Brockton and often provide transportation to the college after dropping your car off for service. See what services they offer at www.sullivantire.com
Spotlight On:
Jean Hamler, Associate Director of Planning and Institutional Research
Story by: Lisa O’Donnell

Pictured above is a recent photo of Jean (center) celebrating with her family as a 2012 Gaudete recipient with her Daughter Danielle (class of 2004) and her granddaughter Monica (Class of 2016).

As Jean Hamler prepares for a milestone birthday later this year, she reflects back fondly on her time at Stonehill College. Jean joined Stonehill in October 1992 as the Director of Intercultural Affairs, later taking on the role of Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Director of Intercultural Affairs which she held until 2007. The college established the Director of Intercultural Affairs position as a way to focus a strong effort on increasing diversity on campus, supporting diverse students on campus, and supporting the continued efforts across all of campus. Jean accepted this role at Stonehill with an understanding that it was a much larger effort than one person could accomplish on their own. Jean knew it would require the efforts of the entire campus to be successful in this endeavor. Jean partnered with many people on campus and worked hard to continue the diversity efforts at Stonehill until 2007 when she joined the Office of Planning and Institutional Research (OPIR) team as the Associate Director.

Prior to coming to Stonehill College, Jean worked at Boston University as the Assistant to the Dean of Student. As the Assistant to the Dean she developed an interest in working with students and worked hard to ensure their success. Prior to her work at Boston University, Jean worked for two social service agencies that assisted adolescent teens which guided her into the work of college age students.

In her current role as the Associate Director of Planning and Institutional Research, Jean enjoys the analytical component of her work. She is a forward thinker and strives for efficiency in all that she does, including enhancing the presence of OPIR and bringing user friendly data to life. Jean enjoys providing data to leaders of the college. Which she feels is a reflection of transparency on campus. Throughout her tenure at Stonehill, Jean has helped others to understand the concept of “value-added” by offering different, creative thoughts and ideas across all areas of the College Community.

As Jean reflects on her 20 years at Stonehill College, she continues to remain positive, engage colleagues and serve as a mentor to staff and students. Jean has many proud moments at Stonehill, but her “proudest” moment was when one of her ALANA students came back to campus for employment. Jean continues to remain diligent, about making sure that opportunities like employment are extended to people of color at Stonehill.

On a personal note, Jean is a single mother of three: two sons and one daughter. As a single parent, Jean has always fought against the unflattering view that society has on the role of single parents. Jean feels that the perception of others who believe that children who come from “single parent” homes are the reason for societal ills, is somewhat short-sighted. She is proud of the family she has raised as a single parent and stated that she knows many children from single-parent homes who are productive in society. Jean is also the grandmother to six grandchildren, two of whom are in college.

She is very active in her home town of Brockton, where she is a theatrical director and educational consultant for the Messiah Baptist Church. Jean wrote and will direct the play, “And the Angels Danced” which will be performed in April. In her quiet time, she enjoys being a liturgical dancer and singer, Zumba and being a community advocate. Performing as an artist, allows her to keep a healthy mind and body and provides her peace.

In closing, Jean has enjoyed her time at Stonehill and is proud of what she has contributed in her 20 years of service. If you wish to learn more about Jean Hamler, her office located in Merkert Tracy Hall, Room 241.

Welcome to New Hires
2/01/2013 – 2/28/2013

Finance Division
Christine Collins, Systems Administrator
Eric Robbins, Electrician

Farewell to Employees
2/01/2013 – 2/28/2013

Academic Affairs Division
Carole Calo, Professor of Art History/Department Chairperson Visual & Performing Arts.

In February, the college lost a respected member of the community. Human Resources would like to extend our sincerest sympathies to the family of Carole Calo.

Enrollment Management & Marketing Division
Alexis Sneff, Graphic Designer

Finance Division
Chip Coletta, Lieutenant Detective
Jacquie Gouveia, Manager of Business Processing & Finance
Nick Precourt, Campus Police Officer

Student Affairs Division
Elise LaMotte, Academic Advising/Leadership Development & Support
David McKenna, Athletic Equipment Intern
Mark Pizziferri, Assistant Football Coach