
What an exciting start to the new school year! Much is happening and everyone has been busy taking care of our campus and community. I want to devote this special “Did You Know?” edition of the newsletter to some of the interesting and significant accomplishments of our staff. It is important to highlight the good things we are all doing, whether as part of our work or on our own time.

Mike Newman’s New Book

Did you know that Mike Newman is sometimes referred to as the “father of BACnet?” This stands for Building Automation Control Networking Protocol. Building automation systems are microprocessor-based computers that monitor and control a range of building functions, including heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, refrigeration, lighting, fire and smoke alarms, utilities, elevators, access control, and intrusion detection. This system is used in virtually every building on the Cornell campus. Mike literally wrote the book on BACnet when he chaired a group of fellow ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers) members in pioneering the development of this very important technology. BACnet is even more critical today as building systems become more sophisticated and increasing emphasis is placed on energy conservation and sustainability. Mike’s most recent book is available online at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

Greg Crossett is Now a Certified Construction Manager!

Did you know that as part of the Facilities, Utilities and Reserves initiative (an effort to streamline and better integrate facilities support operations across campus), project managers working on large capital projects will be required to be certified by the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)? Well, Greg has taken the lead by attaining his certification. This is a major achievement which included a very challenging application process and a rigorous written examination. Many of us are aware of Greg’s wealth of knowledge regarding construction because he demonstrates it in his work every day and is willing to share it freely – something that I surely appreciate.

Insourcing Campus to Campus

Did you know that when you ride on the Campus to Campus service, the driver is an outside contractor hired to operate a Cornell bus? Starting October 1 that will no longer be the
case. We have made a decision to hire our own drivers and insource the C2C operations completely. Given the popularity of the bus service, we feel the reliability of drivers, their sense of stewardship of the equipment, and their care for our passengers have become even more important. We need bus operators who demonstrate the values of trust, respect, excellence, teamwork and integrity. Please welcome our 7 new bus operators to the team!

**United Way**

Did you know that the most recent Stephen E. Garner Day of Caring event held at Stewart Park last Friday attracted a record number of volunteers and exceeded last year’s donations by more than a **ton** (2000LBS)? This was a great turnout, with more volunteers than ever before taking part. Our Cornell Ambassadors worked hard to make this event a success by placing donation boxes all around campus and getting the word out. I was very encouraged to see these boxes overflowing with donations and by having so many more people aware of the event. Facilities Services’ Ambassadors Debra Howell, Brian Goodell, Cindy Lockwood, Robert Morris, Juliet Parsons, Jaimi Shoemaker, Alexa Varricchio, and Suzanne Kern Wilkins did a great job supporting this event - and even baked homemade brownies to thank donors!

You can also support the United Way by participating in sponsored events. We have two major events coming up:

- The *A Cappella United* concert on September 27, 7 p.m. at Bailey Hall. This event features outstanding vocal performances by our students.
- The Cornell women’s hockey team's first game of the season, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. vs Northeastern, Lynah Rink. Please come and enjoy the great camaraderie, raffles, and prizes at the hockey game and show your BIG RED spirit!

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to United Way. There will also be great raffles and prizes at the hockey game. Information about volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.

Annually, Cornell staff, faculty and students provide nearly 40 percent of the county’s campaign goal with their gifts to the United Way. This year, Cornell’s goal is $815,000.

Please look at the FS website (www.fs.cornell.edu) where you will see a thermometer keeping track of our participation rate within Facilities Services. Although unofficial, my challenge to the division is to strive for a participation rate of at least 20%. In addition to other United Way news on the page, you’ll find a very nice video showing how United Way of Tompkins County touches all of us in so many ways.

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