Genettis to chair community phase of annual fund effort

Gus and Valeria Genetti have been named co-chairs of the Community Phase of the King’s College 2008 Annual Fund.

The comprehensive goal of the 2008 Annual Fund, consisting of an Alumni Phase and Community Phase, is $1 million. The 33rd annual King’s College Phonathon, a major component of the Alumni Phase of the Annual Fund campaign, was held in September and raised more than $611,000.

Contributions to the four-week Community Phase, which will kick-off in March, help King’s to build scholarship and faculty development funds, construct new facilities and renovate existing buildings, purchase equipment for classroom support, and provide for campus expansion and beautification.

Gus and Val are owner, president and vice president, respectively, of Genetti Hospitality Group, which includes the Best Western Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre, Genetti Hotel and Suites of Williamsport and Genetti Manor in Dickson City. Gus is also director of Genetti Hotel of Hazleton and a member of the board of directors of The Luzerne Foundation, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts and the Luzerne County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. Valeria is a member of the board of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Hospital Auxiliary and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary.

The couple has six children and five grandchildren. Both have been named Paul Harris Fellows by the Wilkes-Barre Rotary.
Haden named Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

King’s College has appointed Laura Haden assistant director of alumni relations. In addition to fundraising programs like the Alumni Phonathon, Haden’s primary responsibilities include assisting the director in planning, developing, organizing and coordinating alumni events, including Homecoming and Reunion.

“I am extremely excited and happy to be back on campus,” said Laura. “I feel very blessed and fortunate that I have the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make many new ones.”

A resident of Millville, Haden comes to King’s from FASTSIGNS International Inc., a signs and graphics center, where she assisted clients in customer service, served as graphic designer, managed the bookkeeping, and supplies.

Haden was an academic scholarship recipient and graduated from King’s with honors earning a degree in mass communications and a minor in psychology in 2004. She was active on campus, serving as writer and assistant news editor of The Crown, and a performer and stage manager for a number of plays with the theatre department. She was also awarded a Service Award for her role in the design of a DVD for the Capital Campaign.

Haden is an actor and set designer for Millville Community Players, where she directed a play to benefit a local food bank.

“Working at King’s is truly like a dream come true for me,” said Laura. “The wonderful aspect about King’s is that people care about one another, both academically and personally.”

King’s welcomes
Laura Haden, Alumni Relations
Jason Kelly, Athletics
Rebecca Laughman, Admissions
Christine Price, Residence Life
Bonnie Scutch, IITS
Jacob R. Thompson, Safety and Security

Share your News with the King’s Community

If you would like to include an event in the next issue of Monarch Notes, please send the information by March 21.

Questions? Please contact Assistant Director of Public Relations Joseph Giomboni at ext. 5957.

McKeown to present on Irish immigration, March 11

John McKeown, a noted expert on Ireland and administrator of Allied Health Programs at King’s, will be presenting a history of immigration from Ireland to Northeastern Pennsylvania at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the Moreau Room of the J. Carroll McCormick Campus Ministry Center.

McKeown will address the Irish immigrant’s transition from the conditions of Ireland to their working in the local coal mining industry. Other features of the coal mining era will be presented and music of the time will be played live.

King’s faculty, students, staff, and administration is welcome to attend this presentation free of charge. The presentation is a part of King’s College’s Ethnic Community Outreach.

Calendar of Events

**Daily Mass at the Chapel of Christ the King**
Monday-Friday: noon • Sunday: 11 a.m., 7 and 9 p.m.

**Reconciliation Service**
Tuesday, March 11 • 7:30 p.m.

**Taize Prayer**
Wednesday, March 12 • 9 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross**
Friday, March 14 • 4:30 p.m.
Prayer booklets available.

**Palm Sunday Mass**
Sunday, March 16 • 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Monday, 3/10**
Tai-Chi, Fitness Room Wellness Center, noon (Mon. and Fri.)
Yoga Classes, Moreau Auditorium, 4:45 p.m. (Mon. and Wed.)
Aerobics Classes, Wellness Center, 4:45 p.m. (Mon., Wed., Fri.)

**Tuesday, 3/11**
Toning, Fitness Room, Wellness Center, noon (Tue. and Thurs.)

**Wednesday 3/12**
Baseball vs. Marywood University, home, 4 p.m.
Men’s lacrosse at Susquehanna University, 4 p.m.
Women’s lacrosse at Misericordia University, 4 p.m.

**Saturday 3/15**
Baseball vs. Arcadia University (DH), home, 1 p.m.
Men’s lacrosse at Moravian College, 1 p.m.
Women’s lacrosse vs. FDU-Florham, home, 1 p.m.

**Sunday 3/16**
Baseball at Arcadia University, 1 p.m.
Women’s lacrosse vs. Fitchburg State College (MA), home, 1 p.m.