WHAT DO YOU READ TO STAY IN THE KNOW?

The College has begun a series of “meet-ups” for interested members of the NYUCD community. A meet-up is an informal meeting that provides participants the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual interest in a relaxed, casual setting. Meet-ups differ from formal meetings in that there usually is only a loose agenda and instead of a one-way "presentation" style of dialogue common in meetings, group participation and input are the norm. Typically meet-ups provide a forum where people learn from one another and improve the ways in which they communicate. Meet-ups require a facilitator to get the ball rolling, but since interested people voluntarily attend, it is natural for a good discussion to develop organically.

At a recent meet-up called “What Do You Read to Stay in the Know?” facilitated by Rhonda Alphonso, Assistant Director, Finance & Business Operations, 22 NYUCD colleagues met to talk about what they read, who they follow and how they read to stay in the know. Avid readers attended the meeting, as did skimmers and individuals who really wanted to soak up something new. Everyone was encouraged to participate, ask questions, and share ideas. Over lunch, the group discussed the credibility of our news sources and the switch from pure to editorial journalism. They also shared a list of favorite publications, books, columnists and authors. Those who travel abroad suggested keeping up with international publications for a world view.

One message was clear, however. No one has enough time to keep up with everything! For that reason, almost everyone named electronic publications of professional journals as a way to stay updated. Twitter, LinkedIn, and Flipboard were also mentioned as good sources and talk radio was highly recommended for those unable to take the time from other priorities to sit and read.

More meet-ups are in the planning stages. Stay tuned.

Welcome, PeopleSync!

PeopleSync officially becomes NYU’s human resources information system on March 31, 2014. While most employees won’t experience any change in their work, for the HR and Faculty Services team and the Finance and Business Operations team, PeopleSync is a whole new way of doing business. NYU has invested considerable time and effort in creating a state of the art system and in training its users. Stay tuned for additional information.

The Service Awards ceremony is a well-attended and popular event that includes faculty, staff and administrators. This year, the Service Awards for the College of Dentistry and the College of Nursing will take place on May 1, 2014, at 3:30 PM in the Dr. Michael C. Alfano Commons. At last count, 120 members of our community will be celebrating a milestone—from 10 to over 50 years! Invitations have been emailed to award recipients. Managers of recipients are highly encouraged to attend to show support.
More About Reading: 
the NYUCD Mentoring Group Book Club

The NYUCD Mentoring program for staff and administrators has an active book club. Recently, mentors and mentees chose a book to read together and then met with other mentoring program participants in March to discuss what they had learned. The book list included the following titles:

- The Art of Selling Yourself: The Simple Step-by-Step Process for Success in Business and Life
- Developing the Leader Within You
- Fish! A Proven Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results
- The Princessa: Machiavelli for Women
- Success Through a Positive Mental Attitude

At the meeting, mentors and mentees shared thoughts and recommendations and talked about ideas in the readings that apply to the workplace. It was a learning experience for all. If you want to get in on the fun, contact Els Eerdekens in HR, who facilitates the Mentoring program.

HR HAS STARTED A LENDING LIBRARY
ON BUSINESS & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

For your reading pleasure and for professional development, HR has extra copies of the following books that can be signed out.

Choosing Civility: The Twenty-five Rules of Considerate Conduct
Decisive: How to Make Better Choices in Life and Work
Delivering Happiness: A Path to Profits, Passion, and Purpose
Developing the Leader Within You
Dialogue: The Art of Thinking Together
Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us
Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ
Fish! A Proven Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results
Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In
Good to Great
Lean In
Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change
No More Excuses: The Five Accountabilities for Personal and Organizational Growth
Now, Discover Your Strengths
Reframing Organizations: Artistry, Choice and Leadership
Success Through A Positive Mental Attitude
The Art of Selling Yourself: The Simple Step-by-Step Process for Success in Business and Life
The Leadership Challenge
The Princessa: Machiavelli for Women
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
The Unfinished Revolution: How a New Generation Is Reshaping Family, Work, and Gender in America
The Write Approach: Techniques for Effective Business Writing
Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life

If you have an interest in borrowing one of our books, please contact Els Eerdekens.

First Time Homebuyers Program
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If you are a first-time homebuyer and a faculty or staff member, alumnus, retiree or a family member of NYU faculty, staff, alumni, or retiree, you may be eligible to apply for a $7500 grant for first-time homebuyers. Please check the NYU Federal Credit Union website www.nyufcu.com for more information about this financial opportunity.
The Friday Focus Schedule through June 2014 is as follows:

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**UPCOMING CHAT WITH A CHAIR: Pediatric Dentistry**

Come listen to Dr. Amr Moursi who will shed light on the great work being done at the department of pediatric dentistry and the people who make it all happen.

**When & Where:**
Friday, April 11, 2014, at 1 PM in room 11CF.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT RETIREMENT PLANNING?**

Whether retirement is years or decades away, it is never too soon to plan for it. NYU offers administrators a generous retirement plan. Do you understand how our retirement plan works and are you taking full advantage of it? Please come talk with the experts at a special retirement planning seminar for administrators on May 13, 1:00 – 2:00 pm in room 614.

**NYC ORAL CANCER WALK: Sunday, April 27**

Mark your calendar for the 9th NYC Annual Oral Cancer Walk led by NYU dental, hygiene, and nursing students. This year’s walk will take place on Sunday, April 27, 2014, starting at Tompkins Square Park on Manhattan’s lower east side. Registration begins at 9 am, followed by welcoming ceremonies at 10 am, and the walk at 11am (rain or shine). For details, please go to [www.oralcancerwalknyc.org](http://www.oralcancerwalknyc.org), where you can pre-register for the event. All proceeds will help increase awareness of oral cancer and help promote early detection and prevention.

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