Organizers look to increase success of food drive

By Stephanie Mostaccio

The Center for Multicultural Affairs and Community Service and Rider Campus Ministries are both currently conducting their annual Thanksgiving food collection project, which provides hungry families in Mercer County with a warm Thanksgiving meal.

Each year the Rider community is asked to donate food that is associated with Thanksgiving, which include potatoes, frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, fruit juice, cranberry sauce and a variety of desserts. However, additional items such as pancake mix, syrup, pasta and other non-perishable goods will also be collected. In past years, once these food items were collected they were divided into meals containing a turkey and other Thanksgiving trimmings and placed in baskets by student volunteers.

Help for homeless to be provided this Thanksgiving

By Randy Townsend

This Thanksgiving, Rider will continue a 15-year tradition of supporting the Loaves and Fishes Organization, a nonprofit group that serves hot meals to the poor and homeless of Trenton each month.

The Feed the Hungry committee, consisting of Rider students, faculty and staff and sponsored by Campus Ministry, will go to St. Mary’s Cathedral in Trenton and provide about 500 meals to the needy on Saturday, Nov. 20. Helen Carroll of the financial aid office, who has been a part of this program for about 10 years, said it’s a way to reach out and help the less fortunate.

“It’s a humbling experience,” said Carroll. “It’s giving without expecting anything in return.”

There is a wide range of volunteer opportunities that are available for those who want to get involved. More people are able to help with this volunteer service because it falls on a Saturday, said Christine DeFrehn of the College of Continuing Studies (CCS), who has also been a part of this for about 10 years.

Sometimes weekday things for full-time employees don’t work,” said DeFrehn. “There’s a lot of volunteering that you want to do from bringing in a box of cookies to literally rolling up your sleeves and cleaning, serving, or preparing the food.”

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H.A.H.A. also provides schedule of events for aid

Monday 11/15
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
“Hunger Arrest”
Dal’y Board Room
Tuesday 11/16
7:00-8:30 p.m.
HomeFront Speakers
(Rider’s official charity) and a Trenton Mosque.

Dean Emeritus, Dr. Dominick Iorio, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 31 at his residence.

By Cara Latham

Dr. Dominick Iorio, retired Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 31 at age 73 in his home.

Iorio joined Rider University in 1965 as a professor, and became the dean in 1973, while also remaining active in the classroom. His courses included Oriental philosophy and philosophy of religion. Iorio became a professor of philosophy in 1990 and remained Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences for 24 years until he retired in 1997. Along with his accomplishments, he was also holder of the Lindback Award for distinguished teaching, awarded to him in 1971.

In 1997, the Dominick A. Iorio Faculty Research Prize was established at Rider University, recognizing distinguished faculty scholarship and research, an award given each year at Rider’s Founders Day.

Born in Trenton, Dr. Iorio was a resident of Lawrenceville for the past 33 years. He graduated from Trenton Central High School and attended St. Lawrence Seminary in Beacon, New York from 1949 to 1952. He received his Bachelor’s Degree from Seton Hall University in 1955, his Masters from Fordham University in 1960 and then his Ph.D. in 1966, also from Fordham. Iorio began his teaching career as a professor at Trenton Junior College in 1957. He remained there before coming to Rider in 1965.

From 1970 until 1973, Iorio served on the Mercer County freeholder board. He also was a member of the Mercer County Parking Commission from 1974 until 1981.

Iorio is also an Army Veteran, as he served with the 4th Infantry Division in Germany from 1953 to 1956.

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