

Welcome to **SACTIVITIES**, the quarterly newsletter for the CWRU Staff Advisory Council (SAC)! Here you can learn about ongoing projects and initiatives of the Council, and find out how you can get involved.

Committee Spotlight: Community Service



SAC Community Service Committee has been involved with the following Community Service Projects throughout the years:

- The initial proposal for time off to enable staff to provide community service on a regular basis. The first year of this endeavor began as "Case Cares" and allowed all interested staff members to donate a half day of service to specified projects. This event has grown over nine years to include staff, faculty, and students, and is now known as "Case for Community Day (CFCD)." The committee just finished its third year of collecting school supplies.
- The Annual Basket Raffle is in its 13th year. We have collected \$54,800 dollars, which has been donated throughout the community and the country.
- Community Volunteerism has included Ronald McDonald House, Holiday Caroling at Judson Manor, Cleveland Food Bank, Clothing Drive for Dress for Success, City Mission, MedWish, and Cultural Gardens. We are currently partnering with "Hands On," an organization that coordinates volunteer opportunities in the community.

We are fulfilling community service with activities designed to improve the quality of life off-campus for community members (residents, organizations, municipalities, etc.). We are very proud to help better our community through service and outreach to our neighbors. For many decades, Case Western Reserve University has played a pivotal role in improving the quality of life for others throughout Cleveland and the Northeast Ohio region. CWRU strives to be the most powerful learning environment in the world. We constantly challenge ourselves to create a culture of transformation so engaging that students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and even visitors to the campus become passionate about moving beyond themselves to express creativity, pursue innovation and discovery, and serve humanity.

SAC Recap

SAC holds six Council meetings per year, which are open to both elected and non-elected members. A typical meeting includes the call to order, minutes approval, special reports from campus officials, general announcements, committee reports, a review of unfinished business, a discussion of new business, recommendations, and adjournment. At the August 10, 2012 meeting it was reported

that over 750 people attended Party on the Quad with a special acknowledgement of appreciation to the Staff Recognition Committee and SAC. At the October 25th meeting, Jamie Ryan and Elizabeth Click (Case's new Medical Director) spoke to us about changes to the 2013 health benefits and the new Health Assessment Survey. The complete Council minutes can be found online at: <http://www.case.edu/sac/councilminutes.html>. The next general Council meeting will be held on Friday, December 7th, from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Toepfer Room in Adelbert Hall. All Case staff are invited to attend. Elected members are expected to attend every meeting unless the Council Chair has been notified.

Member Spotlight: Theresa Grigger



Theresa Grigger will be celebrating 25 years at CWRU this year in July. She wants it made clear that she started when she was twelve!!! She has been in the same department since she began at CWRU; the department has changed a lot over the years and so has she. Requisitions are no longer typed in triplicate. Yes, she does admit to using a typewriter. Currently she holds a position of Department Assistant in ITS. Theresa Grigger was elected a SAC representative in 1995. She is the oldest—no, wait, the longest standing member of the Staff Advisory Council.

Theresa ran for SAC when it was first started but did not get elected. With perseverance, she did finally get elected in 1995. "I remember getting my letter from the President Agnar Pytte; I was so proud and excited. I went to new member orientation and heard about the Committees and decided that the Elections Committee was the best fit for me. Little did I know this was the start of my career in Staff Advisory Council." She served as the co-chair and chair of Elections from 1996-2004. She took a break in 2004 to marry Bill

Grigger, also a CWRU employee, who has worked in Facility Services for the last 34 years. The two of them have spent a total of 59 years working at CWRU!

Theresa serves as the Chair of the Community Service Committee, and is also a member of the Staff Training and Development Committee. Here are some highlights from her colorful past with SAC: Theresa and two other past and previous SAC members created a video recounting the history of SAC and celebrating its 20-year anniversary in 2011. Last year, she received the President's award for Distinguished Service. She says she secretly shines her nameplate in Adelbert Hall and has come close to busting open a button or two when she sees it. Theresa says, "SAC to me is part of my job at CWRU and my life. I have had the pleasure of getting to know some wonderful people and formed lifelong relationships because of it. I hope everyone gets the pleasure of serving on SAC during their career at CWRU."

How To Get Involved

Any non-faculty employee of the University with at least six months of service is eligible to be a SAC representative. Representatives serve a two-year term and are asked to attend all General Council meetings, and to serve on at least one Council Committee. For more information, please visit <http://www.case.edu/sac>.

