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MAACE is a professional association for practitioners providing quality and enriching adult and continuing education programs throughout the State of Michigan. Our members are characterized by their unfailing enthusiasm about the field of lifelong learning as well as their willingness to share new ideas and innovations with colleagues. These beliefs and attitudes, found in our members, were very evident in the busy year we had in 2005.

With that said, I can hardly believe it that it has almost been a year since we gathered for the 2005 **MAACE** Conference in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The Conference was held March 17 - 18, 2005 and attracted over 100 practitioners and educators throughout the State of Michigan. We also held elections which brought a new President Kelli Pugh from Wayne State University, Vice-president Julie Brockman from Michigan State University, and Secretary Ruthie Flowers from Wayne State University. We added additional members to the **MAACE** Board of Directors; Shenita Brokenburr from Michigan State University and Edna Jackson from Focus Hope.

In order to continue strengthening **MAACE** we held a retreat to develop our strategic plan over the next 3 years. From that we have worked hard

to increase participation and membership base in **MAACE**, paying special attention to all facets of adult and continuing education. We are truly ready for 2006!

We are actively working our 2006 Conference which will be held November 2 – 3, 2006 at the Soaring Eagle Casino Resort and Conference Center. The theme of this year's conference is "***Focusing on the 3R's: Resources, Revitalization, Results.***" The participation of our members is important to the overall success of the conference. We encourage you to check out the conference information online at our website www.maace.org and review the Call for Proposals and Conference Registration materials. Please consider submitting a proposal to present or register to attend the day and a half long conference. We also encourage you to share the information with your colleagues in Adult and Continuing Education.

The strength on **MAACE** as an organization is only as strong as our members and their commitment to adult and continuing education. We look forward to seeing you in November and I thank everyone for their continued support. 2006 is off to a great start!

Kelli E. Pugh, President
MAACE

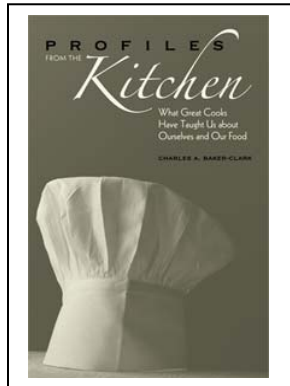
Talking about Board Members...

Charles Baker-Clark

Charles A. Baker—Clark, Director and AAACE Liason for MAACE, and assistant professor of hospitality and tourism management at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan will be publishing his first book! Congratulations, Charlie!!!!!!!

In Profiles from the Kitchen, Charles A. Baker--Clark offers a collection of portraits of well--known culinary figures who have worked in different ways to shape our relationship with food. Despite their diverse personalities, backgrounds, and interests, Baker--Clark's subjects are a testament to the fact that both cooking and eating are endeavors well worth learning and sustaining. Profiles from the Kitchen includes well-known food writers such as M.F.K. Fisher, Eugene Walter, Elizabeth David,

and John T. Edge; famous cooks such as Julia Child and James Beard; and contemporary chefs such as Rick Bayless and Susan Spicer. Each individual has offered different views of food and cooking and has encouraged us to appreciate good cooking while considering other facets of our food, including how food relates to issues of social justice, spirituality, and sustainability.



Profiles of the Kitchen is published by University Press of Kentucky, www.kentuckypress.com. It is scheduled for release in June, 2006.

Member News

MAACE members! Please feel free to send information and material you would like to share with other MAACE members! You can send information electronically to Julie Brockman at brockma4@msu.edu or by mail to: 110 Linton Hall, The Graduate School, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824.

Committee Reports

- *The MAACE Options Committee* is being reorganized as an electronic journal that has a strong research to practice orientation. Charlie Baker-Clark is currently assembling an editorial board and is seeking articles from both practitioners and scholars.
- *The MAACE Topics Committee* is seeking input from MAACE members to help this newsletter become an important site for news about adult education in Michigan. Please feel free to send information and material you would like to share with other MAACE members! You can send information electronically to

Julie Brockman at brockma4@msu.edu or by mail to: 110 Linton Hall, The Graduate School, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824.

- ***The MAACE Scholarship Committee*** plans to offer a partial scholarship at the Annual conference, the selection process and criteria for recipients has not been decided as of yet.

MAACE Officers and Directors

Kelli Pugh	President
Julie Brockman	Vice President, Conference Co-Chair, and Editor of Topics
Ruthie Flowers	Secretary and Conference Chair
Cynthia Ward	Treasurer
Sandra E. Alford	Director and Chair of Membership
Cheryl Aubuchon	Director
Charles Baker-Clark	Director and AAACE Liaison
Darrell Brockway	Director
Shenita Brokenburr	Board Member and Graduate Student Representative
Julie L. DeRose	Board Member
Diane Duthie	Director
Howard Finley	Director and Chair of Scholarships
Lois Hazell	Director
Edna Jackson	Board member
Ken Walsh	Director and Chair of Nominations and Elections and MACAE Liaison
Katrina Vanderwoude	Past-President

Editor's Choice

I recently received this excerpt from a fellow adult educator. It seems to me, that, as adult educators, our "work" is never done- so much need for education in the world! Because of the unending opportunities to teach, I find myself spinning in circles. This excerpt reminded me that, every so often, I must keep the whirling in check. I hope you like the passage as much as I do.

An Excerpt from *Crossing the Unknown Sea: Work as a Pilgrimage of Identity* by David Whyte

David Whyte's book is, as he puts it, "a midnight conversation" on the union of work and soul, yearning and satisfaction. Here is a cogent passage on how speed can become an obstacle to expressing the best that is in you.

"Speed in work has compensations. Speed gets noticed. Speed is praised by others. Speed is self-important. Speed absolves us. Speed means we don't really belong to any particular thing or person we are visiting and thus appears to elevate us above the ground of our labors. When it becomes all-consuming, speed is the ultimate defense, the antidote to stopping and really looking. If we really saw what we were doing and who we had become, we feel we might not survive the stopping and the accompanying self-appraisal. So we don't stop, and the faster we go, the harder it becomes to stop. We keep moving on whenever any form of true commitment seems to surface. Speed is also warning, a throbbing, insistent indicator that some cliff edge or other is very near, a sure diagnostic sign that we are living someone else's life and doing someone else's work. But speed saves us the pain of all that stopping; speed can be such a balm, a saving grace, a way we tell ourselves, in unconscious ways, that we are really not participating.

"The great tragedy of speed as an answer to the complexities and responsibilities of existence is that very soon we cannot recognize anything or anyone who is not traveling at the same velocity as we are. We see only those moving in the same whirling orbit and only those moving with the same urgency. Soon we begin to suffer a form of amnesia, caused by the blurred vision of velocity itself, where those germane to our humanity are dropped from our minds one by one. We start to lose sight of any colleagues who are moving at a slower pace, and we start to lose sight of the bigger, slower cycles that underlie our work. We especially lose sight of the big, unfolding wave form passing through our lives that is indicative of our central character. On the personal side, as slaves to speed, we start to lose sight of family members, especially children, or those who are ill or infirm, who are not flying through the world as quickly and determinedly as we are. Just as seriously, we begin to leave behind the parts of our own selves that limp a little, the vulnerabilities that actually give us color and character. We forget that our sanity is dependent on a relationship with longer, more patient cycles extending beyond the urgencies and madness of the office."