

Creative Retirement Institute's (CRI) 25th Silver Anniversary

Thank you, Dr. Keppler for your telephone call, and congratulations to the CRI members and guests at your Summer Social and kick-off event for the 25th Silver Anniversary of CRI.

Several of you were instrumental in helping me learn about the history and importance of CRI in our community. Many of you heard me say, "Edmonds Community College is where community is our middle name." CRI represents the best that our college has to offer in supporting our thriving and engaging community.

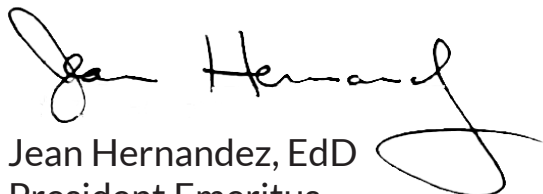
I continue to be most impressed by the large number of volunteers who do everything from create and publish the quarterly newsletter to the rigorous review and high standards that each term must pass, and all the volunteers who assist with the audio and media setup. I have no doubt that 100s of volunteer hours are clocked each month. Of course, the CRI quarterly luncheons have always been a highlight for me. I especially enjoy seeing everyone and listening to the dynamic informative speakers.

The co-founders of CRI, Dr. John Terry and Ms. Pam LeMay, were innovative and forward in thinking when they created CRI 25 years ago, and they have helped Edmonds Community College serve a need which included engaging the mind through intellectual conversations and building new friendships with individuals who had similar interests. I am sad Dr. Terry is no longer with us, but I know that his spirit continues to watch over us and you must know he is very proud, along with Ms. LeMay, knowing that CRI has served our community for 25 wonderful and enjoyable productive years.

I also want to acknowledge the volunteers who serve on the CRI Advisory Board and have provided outstanding leadership to this important program. I won't mention names because I know I will leave someone out, but please know that you are the reason CRI is still a vibrant, valued service in our community. In addition, our past and current staff have served as a bridge between CRI and Edmonds Community College. I know we will continue to see CRI luncheons and workshops providing rich learning opportunities for our community.

Thank you to each and every one of you, and CONGRATULATIONS on achieving this great milestone.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Jean Hernandez, EdD
President Emeritus