

## 6 OUR INSTRUCTORS – Fall 2008

**Dr. Brian K. Applebee** is a 3<sup>rd</sup>- generation Family Chiropractor. He is also a Clinical Nutritionist, in private practice in Danbury. He is one of only 150 Chiropractors Board Certified in Pediatrics. He has both a Master's Degree in Human Nutrition and Board Certification in Clinical Nutrition. Dr. Applebee is certified in the Webster Breech Technique and works extensively with children and pregnant women. He enjoys helping people learn about health so they will be able to make the best choices to live a wonderfully healthy life.

**John DeBenedetto** has been an American Red Cross CPR and First Aid Instructor for over 30 years. He teaches CPR and First Aid courses as an Adjunct at WestConn and as a Corporate Instructor for the Red Cross. John was a NYS Emergency Medical Technician where he worked on Volunteer Ambulance Service and is currently a volunteer firefighter with Mill Plain Fire Department in Danbury.

**Michael Dutton** is a full time EBay seller, buying and selling on EBay since 1998. He is an EBay Trading Assistant, certified to sell for others. As an EBay Power Seller, he has consistent selling performance & customer satisfaction with a feedback score over 1350. He continues to buy items on EBay then resell the same item for a healthy profit with better listing & timing.

**Holly Gundolfi** is known to local parents as a seasoned instructor for their youngest dancers, but she first started by teaching Ballroom Dancing. She received her Certification as a Ballroom Instructor in 1978. Holly has taught thousands of beginners through advanced students in the 30 years she has conducted private & group lessons.

**John Hiteshew** has been a member of the Professional Golfer's Association for 18 years. He has over 24 years experience teaching the game of golf. Currently he is the PGA Teaching Professional at the Golf Club at Oxford Greens in Oxford, CT. He has worked with all levels of students from beginner to LPGA tour professionals. Prior to his golf career John was an All American Swimmer in college and played water polo. He lives with his wife and 4 children in Sandy Hook.

**Raj Juskiwicz** is the Video Production Coordinator for Educational Access Television –TV CH 17. This channel is seen only in New Fairfield. Almost all programming is produced by CH 17 for New Fairfielders. You will see him at school and community events when he is not editing in the production room at the high school. He looks forward to having residents assist him after they learn videography.

**Jayanthi Joshi** is an Architect by profession, but is taking time off to be with her young kids. Cooking and teaching Indian Cuisine is her passion. She also teaches Indian Cuisine at the Danbury Continuing Education Program.

**Michele Kwiatkowski** has been sewing for many years. As a Trained Certified Educator she is an experienced seamstress. Her concentration is on apparel & home décor. She continues to educate herself in the field of garment construction and fitting the female body. Michele is a member of the American Sewing Guild.

**Jean Mann** is a working studio potter who also teaches in her studio *The Kick Wheel* in New Fairfield. Her porcelains are in the permanent collections of 12 museums internationally including The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and The Smithsonian in Washington, DC. She has been teaching for over 3 decades. Although she spent a 4-year apprenticeship in pottery, she is also trained in Chinese Brush Painting, Anatomy & Life Drawing, Sculpture and Music. Now she is a Master Craftsman / Educator, awarded by the Society of Connecticut Crafts and featured in the *Citizen News* over 10 years ago.

**Bev Nathan** is a successful business person for over 20 years. She presently runs her full time business in an office complex.

**Rick Nathan** has been buying and selling real estate for the past 20 years. In his popular seminars, he shares his knowledge with others. Mr. Nathan is not a realtor, but a consumer advocate who has taught this seminar in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Connecticut. His sole purpose is to protect you, the consumer.

**Fiona Nicholson** programmed at Apple, Digital and other large firms in Europe before moving to the USA in 1996. She enjoys showing people how to utilize PC Office tools for the home and small office. Over the last 10 years, she has given classes when her product released (in the corporate world), been an instructor for evening adult Ed and has volunteered her time teaching to senior citizens.

**Theresa Obert** is a former teacher of art, reading & elementary classes who particularly enjoys working with adults & senior citizens. A graduate of Ladycliff College and Fordham University, she has also worked in the field of graphic arts & publishing. Currently, Mrs. Obert is working with a retirement community, teaching adult education classes, tutoring, and coordinating this Continuing Education program.

**C. P. Occhuizzo** is a certified financial planner with over 20 years experience in the securities industry and investment management. He has been an investment advisor and holds several professional licenses. He has been a regular market commentator on radio stations in Fairfield County. For several years he has been lecturing on financial strategies for retirement in continuing education programs in Connecticut communities.

**Catherine Pappas** is a published writer who has presented her work and taught writing for over twenty years. Many of her students have published their work read in bookstores and libraries in Connecticut and New York. Ms. Pappas has also written successful grant proposals for national programs and local projects across the country. She has taught grant writing for foundations and government agencies.

**Toni Presti** has been a certified teacher of English for ten years and is a lover of literature. She has performed Shakespearian plays in community and professional settings.

**Larry Waters** has a M.S. in Computer Science/Information Systems. He taught various math and science classes from primary grades through high school in New York State before becoming an Assistant Dean and Professor at the college level. As he begins a new career, he will share his knowledge of popular computer programs with fellow residents of New Fairfield.

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