



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** on Thursday, April 17, 2014, **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH BEGINS AT 9 A.M.**, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the County Administration Building, in the Commissioners' Board Room, Mount Clemens.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

1. Correspondence from Executive
2. Confirmation of John Schapka as Corporation Counsel (page 1) (attached)
3. **Appointments:**  
  
Chair Appointment with Board Concurrence
  - a) Building Authority (page 8)  
1 vacancy – 2 year term, upon appointment through 12-31-15  
(memo from Board Chair and 1 application is attached)**\*Interview with Arnold (Butch) Hassig**  
  
Executive Appointment with Board Concurrence
  - b) Regional Transit Authority (page 15)  
1 vacancy – 3 year term, 4-1-14 to 3-31-2017  
(memo from OCE and 1 application is attached)
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a) Government Operations, April 14 (to be provided)
  - b) Justice & Public Safety, April 15 (to be provided)
  - c) Infrastructure, April 15 (to be provided)
  - d) Economic Development, April 16 (to be provided)
  - e) Finance, April 17 (to be provided)

## MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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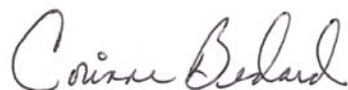
Veronica Klinefelt – District 3  
Fred Miller – District 9

Robert Mijac - District 5  
Bob Smith – District 12

James Carabelli – District 6  
Joe Sabatini – District 13

5. 2013 Macomb County Art Institute Authority Report/Chair Stan Simek and Annemarie Erickson, Executive Vice President and COO of Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) (page 21)

**(attached)**



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**Corinne Bedard  
Committee Reporter**



# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**Resolution Number:**

**Full Board Meeting Date:**

## RESOLUTION

**Resolution to:**

Confirm the appointment of John Schapka as Corporation Counsel.

**Introduced By:**

Kathy Tocco, Chair, Government Operations Committee

**Additional Background Information (If Needed):**

**Committee**

**Meeting Date**

Government Operations

4-14-14 (interview only)

Full Board

4-17-14




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## Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel

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Mark F. Deldin  
Deputy County Executive

TO: David Flynn, Board Chair, and Members of the Commission

FROM: Mark A. Hackel 

DATE: March 21, 2014

RE: Corporation Counsel Appointment

As you know, John Schapka began serving as Interim Corporation Counsel in August of 2013. Since that time he has performed very professionally and effectively in that role. Still, the vacant position needs to be filled with a regular status employee in the near future.

This period of interim service has allowed all of us to watch how John has functioned in the lead position as Corporation Counsel and I have come to believe that he is very well suited to continue in that role on a permanent basis. Therefore, as prescribed by Section 7.5.2 of the Charter, I am hereby appointing John Schapka as Corporation Counsel and submitting this appointment to you for confirmation. This appointment will become effective on the first day of the pay period following your confirmation of the appointment with compensation to be set within the salary range that previously existed for the position.

Attached for your information is a copy of the Position Description and an updated resume for Mr. Schapka. All other pre-employment background and credential checks were performed and satisfactorily completed at the time he was hired for the Assistant Corporation Counsel position.

I am very pleased to be able to appoint Mr. Schapka to this very important position and hope that you share my enthusiasm for him and will confirm his appointment. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 04/26/13

**MACOMB COUNTY**

**CLASSIFICATION/POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**CLASSIFICATION TITLE:** Corporation Counsel

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Corporation Counsel

**F.L.S.A. STATUS:** Exempt

**APPOINTING AUTHORITY:** County Executive

**CONFIRMING AUTHORITY:** Board of Commissioners

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

As chief legal counsel to the County, Corporation Counsel provides advice and counsel to County officials and staff concerning legal matters; directs and supervises the Office of Corporation Counsel; represents the County, the Executive, the Commission, Department Heads, and agencies in civil legal matters affecting the County; represents the Countywide Elected Officials in the manner provided in Article VI of the County Charter; directs managerial, professional and support staff; performs related duties as assigned.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

Advises department heads and other staff on matters pertaining to programs, contracts and legal questions.

Plans, directs and administers the Office of Corporation Counsel on planning, budgeting and operations including the development of goals, objectives and performance measures.

Acts as the Legal Advisor to the Retirement Commission.

Reviews and oversees litigation involving the County.

Assists in the development and presentation of legal updates and information to the County Executive.

Reviews and recommends approval of contracts affecting Macomb County Government operations.

Represents the County at various meetings of local government units, State agencies or legislative committees.

Facilitates the accomplishment of tasks for the County Executive, Countywide Elected Officials, Commissioners and Department Heads.

Directs and supervises the work activities of Corporation Counsel staff.

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**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (continued):**

Operates an automobile while performing assigned job duties.

**ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS:**

The statements contained in this position description are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this position. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all job duties performed.

**EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:**

Possession of a Juris Doctorate Degree from an accredited college or university.

Current membership in the State Bar of Michigan.

A minimum of eight (8) years of experience in civil law practice.

Previous background and experience in governmental/municipal law preferred.

Be physically able to perform the essential functions of the position, with or without reasonable accommodation.

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Comprehensive knowledge of government law, particularly as it applies to county government operations, including Macomb County Charter.

Comprehensive knowledge of contracts, labor laws and election laws.

Comprehensive knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

Ability to present legal findings in a clear and concise manner.

Ability to direct, manage and organize the work of professional and support staff.

Effective written and verbal communication skills including the ability to conduct meetings and make group presentations.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with elected officials, administrators, department heads, staff, external organizations, community groups and the public.

Possession of a valid Michigan driver's license and an operable insured automobile for authorized travel.

Ability to conduct oneself with tact and courtesy.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOR RELATIONS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:**

NAME: Eric Herppich SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: Director, Human Resources and Labor Relations DATE: April 26, 2013

## RESUME

John A. Schapka  
39241 Canterbury Drive  
Harrison Township, Michigan 48045  
(313) 237-3062 (days) (586) 466-4396 (evening)  
[jas36731@wowway.com](mailto:jas36731@wowway.com)

### Employment Experience

August 2013 to present - Interim Corporation Counsel, Macomb County, Michigan

- Chief Legal Counsel to the County
- Direct and supervise the office of the Corporation Counsel
- Represent the County, the Executive, the Board of Commissioners in civil legal matters
- Advisor to Civil Service Commission
- Advisor to Retirement Commission
- Author legal opinions as requested
- In-house litigation focusing on law enforcement, jail, and auto related matters
- Review contracts for legal sufficiency

August 2012 to August 2013 – Assistant Corporation Counsel, Macomb County, Michigan

- Appearances before various Boards and Commissions
- Advisor to Civil Service Commission
- In-house litigation focusing on law enforcement, jail, and auto related matters
- Review contracts for legal sufficiency
- Draft Freedom Hill festival contracts

June 1994 to August 2012 – Litigation Supervisor and Senior Trial Attorney, City of Detroit Law Department, Detroit, Michigan

- Supervised 13 subordinate litigation attorneys and supporting staff members
- Conducted all new case intake and assignment functions
- Acted as primary settlement authority on all personal injury and civil rights litigation matters
- Responsible for administrative functions and litigation record keeping
- Represented the City, the Mayor and Council, department chiefs, and employees in civil legal matters
- Maintained full personal case load of litigation matters; conducted all substantive litigation functions from case preparation and discovery through trial and post-trial actions.



January 1985 to October 1993 – Attorney and Commissioned Officer, United States Army Judge Advocate Generals Corps

- Criminal Defense Counsel, US Army Trial Defense Service, Schweinfurt, Germany
- Criminal Prosecutor, 21<sup>st</sup> Theater Army Area Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany
- The Judge Advocate General's School, Army, LLM Program, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Senior Criminal Defense Counsel and Officer-in-Charge, US Army Trial Defense Service, Fort Ord, California, Field Office

Trial Experience: 251 jury trials to date (state and federal courts combined)

Education

Western Michigan University (BS - April 1978)

Thomas M. Cooley Law School (JD - April 1984)

The Judge Advocate Generals School - Army (LLM - May 1992)

Bar Admissions

All Michigan Courts  
United States District Court - Eastern District of Michigan  
United States District Court - Southern District of Texas  
United States Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit  
Supreme Court of the United States

## **APRIL 2014 – Summary of Boards & Commissions Appointments**

- **Building Authority – Board Chair Appointment with BOC concur**

1 vacancy remaining

(all other positions from term expirations as of 12-31-13 were filled last month)

Application received for 2-year term beginning upon appointment to 12-31-15:

Arnold (Butch) Hassig (appointment)

- **Regional Transit Authority – OCE Appointment with BOC concur**

1 vacancy

Concur memo and application submission materials received from OCE for 3-year term beginning April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017

Don Morandini (appointment)



Application forms and submission materials should be sent to:  
 Macomb County Board of Commissioners  
 1 S. Main Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Mt. Clemens, MI 48043  
 586.469.5125 [www.macombBOC.com](http://www.macombBOC.com)

Seven vacancies created by term expirations. Applications are due by **5pm on Friday, Feb. 28, 2014**. Public interviews to be held on **Monday, March 10, 2014 at 12pm** at the **Government Operations Committee meeting**. Applicants are encouraged to attend this meeting. Appointment will be made at the March 20 Full Board meeting.

<b>Name of Board/Commission</b>	Building Authority
<b>Origin</b>	PA 31 (1948); PA 149 (1911); PA 94 (1933)
<b>Appointment Authority</b>	Board Chair appointment with concurrence of Board of Commissioners
<b>Function</b>	The Building Authority was incorporated as a non-profit Authority for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and maintaining a building or buildings and automobile parking lots or structures and necessary site or sites therefore for the use of the County of Macomb. 1) In acquiring property, it may do so by purchase, construction, lease, gift, devise or condemnation. 2) In addition, it may issue self-liquidating revenue bonds provided that such bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues of such property.
<b>Membership Composition</b>	7 community leaders
<b>Term</b>	2 years



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April 7, 2014

TO: Honorable Commissioners  
 FROM: Dave Flynn, Board Chairman *DF*  
 RE: Building Authority Appointment

I request you concur with my appointment of the following individual to the Macomb County Building Authority. The term begins immediately upon appointment and extends through December 31, 2015.

- Arnold (Butch) Hassig (appointment)

An application is attached.

Please note: Mr. Hassig is unable to attend the Monday, 04-14-14, Governmental Operations Committee meeting, however, he will attend the Thursday, 04-17-14, Full Board meeting which follows the 9am Finance Committee meeting that same day.

Thank you for your concurrence in this matter.

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### Application for Appointment or Re-Appointment to Macomb County Board/Commission

TO THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
)ss  
COUNTY OF MACOMB)

Name of Board/Commission to which appointment is being made:

Building Authority

Term:  years; from  (date/year) to  (date/year)

1. Applicant Information

Name: ARNOLD (BUTCH) HASSIG

Residence Address: 37363 FIORE TRAIL

City, Zip Code: Clinton Twp MI 48036

County of Residence: MACOMB

Mailing Address (if different than above):

Preferred Phone: 586-899-7920

Email: BUTCH@HASSIG.NET

Best method of contact: EMAIL

2. I am at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No

3. I am currently registered to vote:  Yes  No

4. Citizenship: USA

5. Employer: OWNER HASSIG + SON'S

Employer Address: 237 CHURCH Mt. CLEMENS MI

Nature of your work: PLUMBING + MECH CONTRACTORS

Position: PRES.

6. Educational level, degree(s) received, other relevant certification or endorsements:

HIGH SCHOOL, VOCATIONAL TRAINING,  
LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER MI + LA.  
LIC. BUILDER  
LIC. MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR

7. I presently hold the following appointments and elected positions:

Title/Board-Commission: BOARD OF APPEALS city Roseville

Appointment/Election Date: CURRENTLY SERVE

Title/Board-Commission:

Appointment/Election Date:

Title/Board-Commission:

Appointment/Election Date:

8. Previously-held appointments and/or elected positions:

Title/Board-Commission:

Dates Served:

Title/Board-Commission:

Dates Served:

Title/Board-Commission:

Dates Served:

9. Have you been convicted of a felony?  Yes  No

If yes, list each – provide date, nature of offense or violation, name and location of court, penalty imposed (if any) or the disposition of the case. A conviction will not automatically bar you from appointment.

[Empty box for listing convictions]

10. Do you have a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest such as a financial or business interest in any contracts, grants, permits, etc., with Macomb County? \*

If so, please explain. \*Please reference the Macomb County Ethics Policy at [www.macombBOC.com](http://www.macombBOC.com).

I HAVE NO CONTRACT WITH MACOMB COUNTY. IF A CONTRACT EVER ARRIVES I WILL OBTAIN MYSELF.

11. List any family members who are, or have been, employed by Macomb County or who have been elected to County offices.

MY SISTER-IN-LAW WORKS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT UNDER JUDGE MACERONI

12. Is this an application for re-appointment?  Yes  No

If yes, how many years have you served on this board/commission?

Please indicate your attendance record for term(s) served:

Number of meetings attended  Number of meetings held

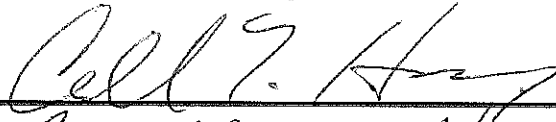
Comments/Clarification (if necessary)

13. Briefly indicate your qualifications for appointment to this specific board and the reason you believe your appointment will benefit Macomb County:

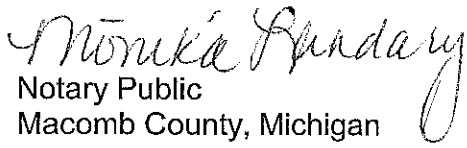
I WOULD USE HELP / BE A PART OF THE SYSTEM TO BETTER THE BUILDING AUTHORITY AND PROMOTE A RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY.

14. Statement of Application to Board/Commission

I hereby apply for appointment and do swear or affirm that, (1) if appointed, I will comply with all statutory and other requirements and obligations of my appointment; (2) if I cease to comply with such requirements, I automatically forfeit said appointed position; (3) I hold no position or appointment which is a conflict of interest with the appointment position applied for; and (4) to the best of my knowledge and belief, I possess the requisite qualifications for the office I am seeking:

Signature:   
Printed Name:   
Date:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  day of ,

  
Notary Public  
Macomb County, Michigan

MONIKA L. ANDARY  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI  
COUNTY OF MACOMB  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Nov 17, 2017  
ACTING IN COUNTY OF *Macomb*

My Commission expires:

Note to Applicants: You may – but it is not required – attach additional information pertaining to this Application for Appointment as long as attachments do not exceed the maximum for each item listed below:

- Resume – up to one page
- Letter of Reference – up to two pages
- Letter of Intent – up to one page





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## Macomb County Executive

### Mark A. Hackel

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Mark F. Deldin  
Deputy County Executive

TO: David Flynn, Board Chair

FROM: Pamela J. Lavers, Assistant County Executive *PJL*

DATE: March 31, 2014

RE: **Agenda Item – OCE, RTA BOARD APPOINTMENT**

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As provided under the Regional Transit Authority Act (Public Act 387 of 2012), this memorandum serves as notice of the Executive's appointment of Donald Morandini to the Regional Transit Authority as presented to you for Board confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this item and please feel free to contact the executive office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

PJL/smf



# MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**Resolution Number:****Full Board Meeting Date:**

## RESOLUTION

**Resolution to:**

Concur in the recommendation of the County Executive and approve the appointment of Donald Morandini to the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Board for a three year term from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017.

**Introduced By:**

Kathy Tocco, Chair, Government Operations Committee

**Additional Background Information (If Needed):****Committee****Meeting Date**

Government Operations

4-14-14 (interview only)

Full Board

4-17-14



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION**  
(Please note: Only legible applications can be considered)

I, Donald Morandini hereby make application for appointment to the Regional Transit  
(Name - Please print legibly)  
Authority (RTA) for Three (3) from April, 2014  
(Name of Board or commission - Please print legibly) (Number of Years) (Exact Dates of Appointment)  
to April, 2017

TO THE MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE:  
STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
                                  )SS  
COUNTY OF MACOMB)

I reside at (Present Address): 41435 Janet Circle	Since: 2013	Citizen of: USA
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City: Clinton Township	State: MI	Zip Code: 48038
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Home Telephone Number: (586 ) 263-4069	Work Telephone Number: (    )	Cell Phone Number: (586 ) 306-5492
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E-mail Address: don.morandini@gmail.com	I am at least 18 Years of Age: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Mailing Address (if different than above): 41435 Janet Circle	I am currently registered to vote: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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City: Clinton Township	State: MI	Zip Code: 48038
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Employer: Macomb Community College	Telephone: (    )	Title: Adjunct Faculty
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City: Warren	State: MI	Zip Code: 48088	Nature of Work: Teaching
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**Education – Graduate from High School?:**  Yes     No

Degree Received: Univ. of Mich.-BA Economics	Degree Received: Wayne State-Masters Urban Planning	Degree Received:
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**I presently hold the following appointments and elected positions:**

Title:	Appointment or Election Date:
Title:	Appointment or Election Date:
Title:	Appointment or Election Date:

**Previously held appointments and/or elected positions:**

Title:	Dates Served:
Title:	Dates Served:
Title:	Dates Served:

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, list each below:**

Date of Offense:	Nature of Offense/Violation:	Name/Location of Court:	Penalty Imposed (if any) / Disposition:

Do you have a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest? Such as a financial or business interest in any contracts, grants, permits, etc. with Macomb County? If so, list the interest (except where required for the appointment):

None
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List any family members who are or have been employed by Macomb County or are or have been elected to County Offices:

None
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Is this an application for reappointment?:

Yes    No

If so, how many years have you served on this board?:

# of Meetings Attended:	# of Meetings Held:

Please indicate your attendance record for the term(s) served:

Comments/Clarification *(only if necessary)*:

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Briefly indicate your qualifications for appointment to this specific board and why you believe your appointment will benefit Macomb County:

I have been involved with planning and economic development issues in Macomb County and southeast Michigan for the past 41 years. We all recognize that a vibrant social and economic environment is enhanced by an efficient public transportation system. Base on my professional experiences, I can knowledgeably contribute to the strategic planning discussions aimed at developing a system that serves the reseidents and businesses of Macomb County, as well as the Detroit Metropolitan Region.

I hereby apply for appointment to: the Regional Transit Authority

Board or Commission

and do swear or affirm that (1) if appointed, I will comply with all statutory and other requirements and obligations of my appointment; (2) if I cease to comply with such requirements, I automatically forfeit said appointed position; (3) I hold no position or appointment which is a conflict of interest with the appointed position applied for; and (4) to the best of my knowledge and belief, I possess the requisite qualifications for the office I am seeking.

I further certify that I can and will upon request substantiate all statements and information provided by myself on this application and that all statements are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I also understand that any false statements or erroneous information provided in connection with this application may be cause for rejection of appointment.

3/24/14  
Date

Donald Morandin  
signature  
DONALD MORANDIN  
Name (Print or Type)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, Macomb County, Michigan

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires:

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:  
  
**PAMELA LAVERS**  
  
**C/O MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**1 S. MAIN, 8TH FLOOR**  
**MT. CLEMENS, MI 48043**

Note: Applicants may - but it is not required - attach additional information pertaining to this Application for Appointment. Attachments may not exceed the maximum for each of the listed below:

- Resume - Up to one page
- Letter of Reference - up to two pages
- Letter of Intent - up to one page

The following is for Office use only:

Appointment:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Personnel

Approved  Denied

**DONALD MORANDINI**

**1 S. MAIN, 7<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043  
P: (586) 306-5492  
E: [don.morandini@gmail.com](mailto:don.morandini@gmail.com)**

**PRESENT POSITIONS**

**Adjunct Faculty** Macomb Community College School of Business

**Adjunct Faculty** Macomb Community College Center for Workforce & Continuing Education

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1972-2014** Deputy Director - Retired  
Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development
- 1984-2012** Director of the Macomb County Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC)
- 1988-2014** Adjunct Faculty, Macomb Community College School of Business, Marketing
- 1988-2014** Adjunct Faculty, Macomb Community College Center for Workforce & Continuing Education, Entrepreneurship

Featured speaker in small business workshops and seminars addressing business start-ups and operations, business planning, management, marketing, sales and finance

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Development and implementation of Macomb County's Small Business Assistance Programs including the development of new initiatives, grant applications, budgets and training programs. Both State and national organizations have recognized the public/private sector cooperative component of this program as a model approach to effective economic development.

Implementation of Macomb County's Home In Macomb Business Retention Program which is coordinated with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Automation Alley, Macomb Community College, Michigan Works, the Macomb-OU Incubator and the Michigan Small Business Development Centers (SBDC).

Development and implementation of the Macomb Community College Entrepreneurship Certificate Program including five of the seven core classes: Starting a Business, Business Plan; Roadmap to Success, Cost Effective Marketing, Financing Your Business and Getting Started.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of Michigan  
Masters in Urban Planning, Wayne State University  
Certified Small Business Consultant  
Certified NxLevel Trainer  
Certified FastTrac Trainer  
Fiscal Fitness Facilitation Training  
Strategy Matrix Training  
Strategic Needs Assessment Training

**AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS**

Macomb County - 2014 Beacon of Economic Excellence Award  
Leadership Macomb – 2012 Leadership Award  
National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development (NISOD) – 2007 Excellence Award  
Macomb Foundation - 2004 Athena Award  
Michigan SBTDC Leadership Award - Outstanding Partner - 2005  
Michigan SBDC Leadership Award - Outstanding Regional Director - 2000  
Michigan SBDC Leadership Award - Outstanding Regional Center - 2000  
Michigan SBDC Leadership Award - Outstanding Program - 1996 - Macomb Business Weekly

Leadership Macomb – Business Day Planning Committee  
Global Trade Mission Advisor and Evaluator  
Parade Company Volunteer

April 17, 2014

TO: Members of the Macomb County Commission

FROM: Annmarie Erickson  
Executive Vice President, COO  
Detroit Institute of Arts

RE: DIA Services to Macomb County Residents – 2013

We are delighted to present this report to the members of the Macomb County Commission and to share with you the range of wonderful programs that occurred in Macomb over the past year. It is no exaggeration to say that Macomb was a most enthusiastic first-year partner and the DIA was warmly welcomed by students, educators, arts organizations and senior groups. We feel that we have accomplished a great deal this year, and have established a strong foundation for moving forward in Macomb County.

As with all new initiatives, we learned some valuable information about our Macomb constituents that will help us do an even better job moving forward. We have some new programs planned for 2014 to help ensure that we reach our goals for Macomb County participation this year and in the remaining years of our agreement.

The DIA is currently moving through a complicated time regarding its position in Detroit's bankruptcy. We remain hopeful that the effort to help secure Detroit pensioners and move the DIA building and collection to independent ownership will ultimately succeed. We are committed to keeping you informed throughout this lengthy process, and to maintaining and, hopefully, exceeding your expectations for engagement in the years ahead. We appreciate deeply the confidence and support of the members of the Macomb County Art Authority and the county's elected leaders, and look forward to working with you to ensure continued high-quality art experiences for all Macomb County residents.



## Macomb County Art Institute Authority Report – 2013



**2.3–Governance**–Arts Authorities shall have the right to appoint two voting members to serve on the DIA’s Board of Directors.

- Macomb County Art Institute Authority appointed Donald Ritzenhein and Lillian Demas to the Detroit Institute of Arts Board of Directors.
- In 2013, Mr. Ritzenhein served on the Development Committee and Ms. Demas served on the Education and Interpretation Committee.
- In 2014, Mr. Ritzenhein has agreed to serve as vice chair of the Development Committee and will also join the Governance and Nominating Committee. Ms. Demas will serve as the vice chair of the Education and Interpretation Committee.

### **2.4.1–Privileges to County Residents–Free admission**

- Upon approval of the millage on August 8, 2012, the DIA immediately implemented free general admission to all residents in the tri-county area.



### General Admission – August 2012 – December 2012

Comp-Macomb County Resident-Adult	11,309
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Youth	2,939
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Schools	2,901
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Adult Group	94
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Senior	195
Member Scans-Macomb County	2,177
Macomb County General Admission 8/12 - 12/12	19,615

- Total general admission for Macomb County residents during the period of 8/12 – 12/12 was **19,615**.
- The value of general admissions to Macomb County residents during this period is **\$115,754.00**.

### General Admission 2013

Admission Category	# guests	\$ Value
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Adult	29,361	\$234,888
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Youth	9,664	\$38,656
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Schools	9,351	\$37,404
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Adult Gro	1,175	\$9,400
Comp-Macomb County Resident-Senior	2,545	\$15,270
Member Scans-Macomb County	7,334	\$0
Total Macomb County General Admission	59,430	\$335,618

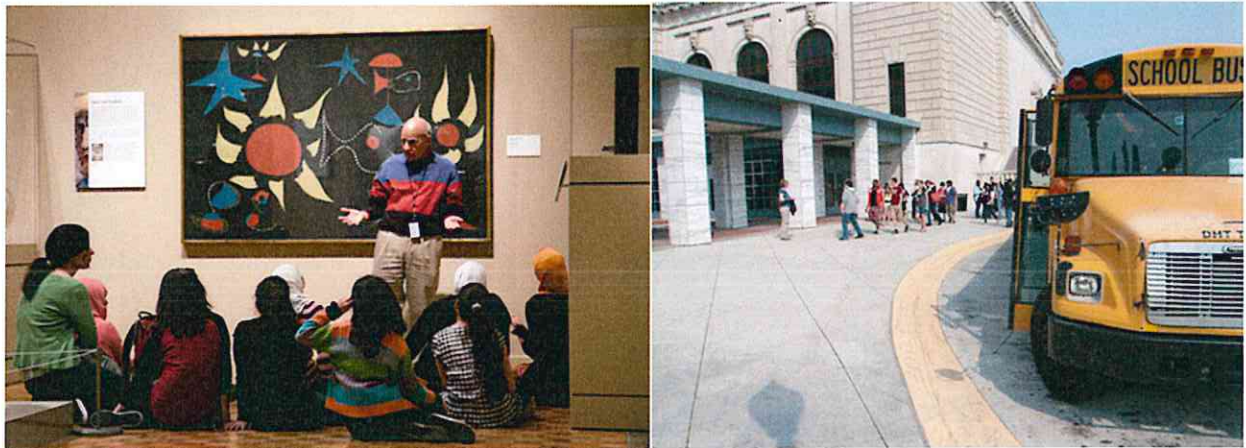
- Total general admission for Macomb County residents during 2013 is **59,430**.
- The value of general admissions to Macomb County residents for 2013 is **\$335,618**.

\*Admissions represent general museum admission and do not include members, special exhibitions, special on-site events or off-site events.

#### 2.4.2–Student Services and Curriculum Development

Since passage of the tri-county millage, the DIA has substantially increased services to students in Macomb County. Macomb participation in DIA field trips jumped 58% between 2011/12 and 2012/13 for a total of 9,000 students. The DIA began opening on Tuesdays to accommodate additional school groups and hired a part-time dedicated staff member to ensure that all schools are aware of the free bus transportation program and other DIA school services. A new graphic identity for DIA school programs

now unifies print and electronic materials so teachers can readily identify relevant museum programs. The graphic identity theme, “Welcome to Your World,” reinforces the idea that all students belong at the DIA, and the museum is a place where students can explore cultures from all over the world. The additional communications to schools has increased the number of field trips throughout the school year, most notably in the summer. Between summer 2012 and 2013, field trips by students from summer school and summer camps increased 170% across all three counties. We expect this trend to continue and are taking steps to ensure we can accommodate summer groups with quality programs.



### Student Field Trips

- A total of 9,778 students participated in field trips to the DIA during 2013. Complimentary transportation was provided to all student groups. The goal of bringing in 8,000 students on free field trips was met.
- All third graders in the Warren Consolidated Schools participated in *Thinking through Art* field trips to the DIA in 2013.
- The DIA welcomed four classes from Black Elementary in Warren Consolidated Schools for the Art Discovery Program. Students participated in the first of a series of five visits that included Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) discussions in the galleries and learner-centered art making in the DIA studio.

### In-School Programs

- 1,172 students and teachers from Macomb County participated in DIA classroom talks about art in 2013.

- In August, DIA teaching artists led a series of art-making sessions at the Assumption Nursery School Summer Camp in St. Clair Shores. Students also participated in art discussions led by DIA teaching volunteers and then came to the DIA for a tour of the museum.

### Curriculum Development

- Progress continues on collaboration with the InsideOut Literary Project, an independent program, which will make DIA images and writing prompts available to teachers through the DIA website (dia.org). This program will be available in mid-2014. This program will help teachers meet Common Core Standards for writing.
- DIA staff met with administrators from the International Academy of Macomb (IAM) and brought a group of IAM teachers to the museum to discuss ways of connecting the DIA with the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. As a result, the DIA will test adjustments to the field trip program to promote students' Visible Thinking skills. This effort will help teachers meet both IB and Common Core Standards.
- DIA educators met with science teachers and the Detroit Climate Action Collaborative to develop a new school tour to help students learn about the environment and climate change through DIA art. The new tour will be offered to students in fall 2014. This effort will help teachers meet Common Core Standards for science.

### Programs for Homeschool Educators and Parents

- DIA Vice President of Learning & Interpretation Jennifer Czajkowski taught a class on Creativity and Early Learning for parents in Macomb County as part of the CARE Conference at Macomb Intermediate School District ISD in March.
- DIA staff promoted the museum's school programs at the annual HomeschoolingWorks "NOT Back to School Picnic" in September 2013. This event attracted more than 300 homeschool educators and their families from across Southeast Michigan, including from Macomb County.
- The DIA held its inaugural Homeschool Day in October 2013, which provided homeschool families with the opportunity to talk with Learning & Interpretation staff, learn about the collection from teaching volunteers in the galleries, and participate in an art workshop. This event attracted 370 people from across Southeast Michigan, including 99 homeschool educators and their children from Macomb County.

## **3.0 Professional Development for Teachers**

### Teacher Enrichment and Communications

Macomb teacher participation in professional development and other educator programs more than doubled between the 2011/12 and 2012/13 school years, totaling more than 300 individuals during the past school year. The DIA created the new position of School Relations Coordinator to increase communication with schools in the tri-county area and ensure that all teachers and administrators know about DIA school and teacher services. In 2013, DIA School Relations Coordinator Stacey Simmons met with more than 175 Macomb school administrators, both in the museum and at schools, sharing information about museum programs and gathering information about school needs and interests. Teachers now benefit from a stronger relationship between the DIA and the Macomb Intermediate School District.



- The DIA reached school administrators or teachers in every Macomb school district through professional development workshops, educator events, and DIA school program informational presentations in 2013.
- The DIA developed a new electronic newsletter for teachers, debuting November 2012, notifying them of upcoming programs and professional development opportunities, promoting free field trips, and providing links to free educator passes and teaching resources. The Macomb Intermediate School District distributes the newsletter to teachers and principals.
- Teachers from Macomb County participated in monthly “Let Us Introduce You” teacher open houses in 2013. These events offer teachers the chance to sample tours that are offered to students and give them the opportunity to discuss issues with their colleagues and DIA educators. A different area of the DIA’s collection is featured each month.
- Macomb teachers also participated in the DIA’s Fall Educator Open House in October, where DIA staff gave tours, hosted discussions, and sought educator feedback on future school projects.
- Art teachers from the Anchor Bay School District participated in a half-day workshop on Visual Thinking Strategies in March.

- The DIA provided free meeting facilities for 38 administrators from the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) in August, including tours of the museum and presentations about DIA school and educator programs.
- DIA staff gave presentations about museum school services to all Macomb school superintendents at their monthly MISD meeting in September.
- DIA staff presented the Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) program at Marygrove College to students enrolled in an online school leadership course. Program attendees included participants from Macomb County Schools.
- The DIA developed and hosted on-site professional development workshop on Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) for teachers from Trinity Lutheran School in Clinton Township.
- In August, “Welcome to Your World” postcards were sent to all Macomb district administrators and principals with information about DIA school and educator programs.
- DIA staff gave a presentation on museum school and educator programs at the Macomb Association of Curriculum Administrators meeting in September.
- DIA staff gave presentations on DIA programs to principals at L’Anse Creuse and East Detroit Public Schools staff meetings in the fall.
- The DIA’s free educator pass program was restructured in 2013 to accommodate increased demand. It now offers new benefits, including a monthly newsletter and Classroom Connections teachers can use to introduce students to some of the DIA’s finest works of art.

**Total Spending on School Programs:**

Category	Value
Transportation	\$29,533.85
Admission (K-12 students)	\$39,112.00
Staff Time - Group Reservations, Learning & Interpretation	\$25,556.89
<b>Total School Program Spending</b>	<b>\$94,202.74</b>
Service Agreement	\$75,000.00
Variance	\$19,202.74

#### **4.0–Senior Programs**

In support of the service agreements, the DIA has developed a new senior tour program called Come Wonder Around, which includes complimentary transportation to and from the DIA, a guided tour or talk about the permanent collection, and a hospitality station offering a complimentary snack. The program was marketed beginning in February 2013 through direct mailings, personal calls, and advertising in local publications.



- The total number of Come Wonder Around trips for Macomb County in 2013 was 28, totaling 1,025 seniors. The total number of Macomb seniors visiting the museum in 2013 was 2,545. Although the goal was not reached, plans are in place to achieve the goal of 35 groups in 2014.
- The DIA participated in the Assumption Cultural Center’s Senior Expo, hosting a table as well as making a presentation to the group, ultimately reaching more than 350 residents of Macomb County and surrounding area.
- The DIA has developed marketing pieces promoting the new program and distributed them to senior centers, organizations, and residential living facilities.
- The DIA expanded advertising in several markets focusing on our senior program, including in the *Macomb Daily* and *Macomb Now* magazine.
- In 2013, Behind the Seen (formerly Speakers Bureau) volunteers conducted more than 20 art-based talks at local libraries, community centers and senior centers at a reduced cost.

### Gallery 2 Gallery:

- The DIA partnered with the Anton Art Center to pilot the “Gallery 2 Gallery” tour in January 2013. The event began at with a tour and talk about the current Anton Center exhibition followed by motor coach to the DIA for a tour of the exhibition *Faberge: The Rise and Fall* exhibition. This has become a model for future collaborations with art centers around the region.



### Minds on Art:

In April 2013, the DIA began a three-year partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association of Michigan in the Minds on Art Program. This program brings individuals from across the SE Michigan region who are living with memory loss and dementia (including Alzheimer’s disease) and their care partners to the DIA for six-week sessions that include gallery discussions and a hands-on studio workshop. The participants are selected by the Alzheimer’s Association in Southfield and are divided into two groups, early-stage and mid-stage memory loss and dementia. The six-week sessions is repeated four times each year. Up to 20 participants (10 with the disease and 10 care partners) are included in each six-week session.



**Total Spending on Senior Programs:**

Category	Value
<i>Come Wonder Around</i> Program, Marketing, Expos	\$33,146.23
<i>Behind the Seen</i> in kind value, admissions	\$7,125.00
Staff Time - Community Relations, Group Reservations	\$3,267.80
Total Senior Program Spending	\$43,539.03
Service Agreement	\$50,000.00
Variance	\$(6,460.97)

**5.0 Community Collaborations**

The Detroit Institute of Arts is bringing framed reproductions of eighty of its most famous works to the main streets and landmark outdoor spaces of Metro Detroit, including a number of Macomb communities. By reimagining area cities and suburbs as a grand, open air gallery, the project aims to connect with audiences outside of traditional museum walls.

Inside|Out (I|O) 2013 communities included:

- Utica, Fraser, New Baltimore, Shelby Township, Sterling Heights, and Warren.
- The DIA installed more than 30 reproductions throughout Macomb County over the spring and summer of 2013.



- Inside|Out programming in 2013 included a community-led bike tour of the installation in Warren, guided tours of the installation in Sterling Heights as part of SterlingFest, and art making at the Old Mill Festival in Utica.



- Senior centers in each of the I|O communities were invited to take advantage of free bus trips. Groups from Utica, Fraser, New Baltimore, Shelby Township, Sterling Heights, and Warren have all taken part in this program.

#### Fairs and Festivals:

The DIA studio and teaching artists have provided art-making activities at fairs and festivals throughout Macomb County, reaching people young and old with hands-on creativity:

- Art in the Park—Warren
- Shelby Township Art Fair—Shelby Township
- Art on the Bay—New Baltimore
- Festival of the Senses—Clinton Township



#### Macomb County Community College:

The DIA and Macomb Center/Lorenzo Center Partnership developed a number of programs for the 2013 calendar year including a curatorial speaker series at the Macomb Center, bus trips in concert with

speaker talks to the DIA, and a trip to the DIA for exhibitions. Transportation was provided free and speaker fees were waived.

#### Anton Art Center (ACC) & DIA Inspired:

The Anton Art Center piloted the *Things I See* project with the DIA. *Things I See* is part of the DIA Inspired, a project with local art centers and community groups to view and respond creatively to the DIA's collection and exhibitions. Through *Things I See*, community groups were welcomed to the DIA for a tour of the Ellsworth Kelly exhibition with curator Nancy Sojka and provided information and suggestions to create a work of art based on the exhibit. DIA staff then participated in a number of "fireside chats" with community participants about their thoughts on the exhibition and planned creative responses. The AAC hosted an exhibit of participants' works of art in fall 2013.



*Things I See* gallery show and work of art created by community member as part of the program.

- The response was impressive. More than 50 community members created works of art that were then shown in exhibitions at local art centers.
- The Macomb Media Center picked up the exhibition where it was on view for visitors to their facility to enjoy.
- <http://www.macombdaily.com/arts-and-entertainment/20131014/anton-art-centers-things-i-see-challenges-local-artists>

#### Anton Art Center

- DIA Curator Yao Fen You worked with Anton Art Center staff to jury the Anton Art Center's Annual Michigan XL exhibition held January 23–February 23, 2013.

**Assumption Cultural Center & Hellenic Museum:**

- The DIA collaborated with the new Hellenic Museum for their grand opening, in Midtown Detroit, in April, 2013.
- Specialized DIA staff members worked with the Hellenic museum and its board to help develop collections policies and establish standards of care.

**Leadership Macomb**

- Kathryn Dimond, director of community relations and graduate of Leadership Macomb (LM), worked on the organization's program committee to produce "Arts and Culture Day" for the new LM class. She has been invited to become a full member of the program committee.
- Annmarie Erickson, chief operating officer, participated in the "Arts and Culture Day" panel on the importance of regional arts institutions.
- DIA studio staff hosted an art-making experience for the LM class.

**Total Spending on Community Programs:**

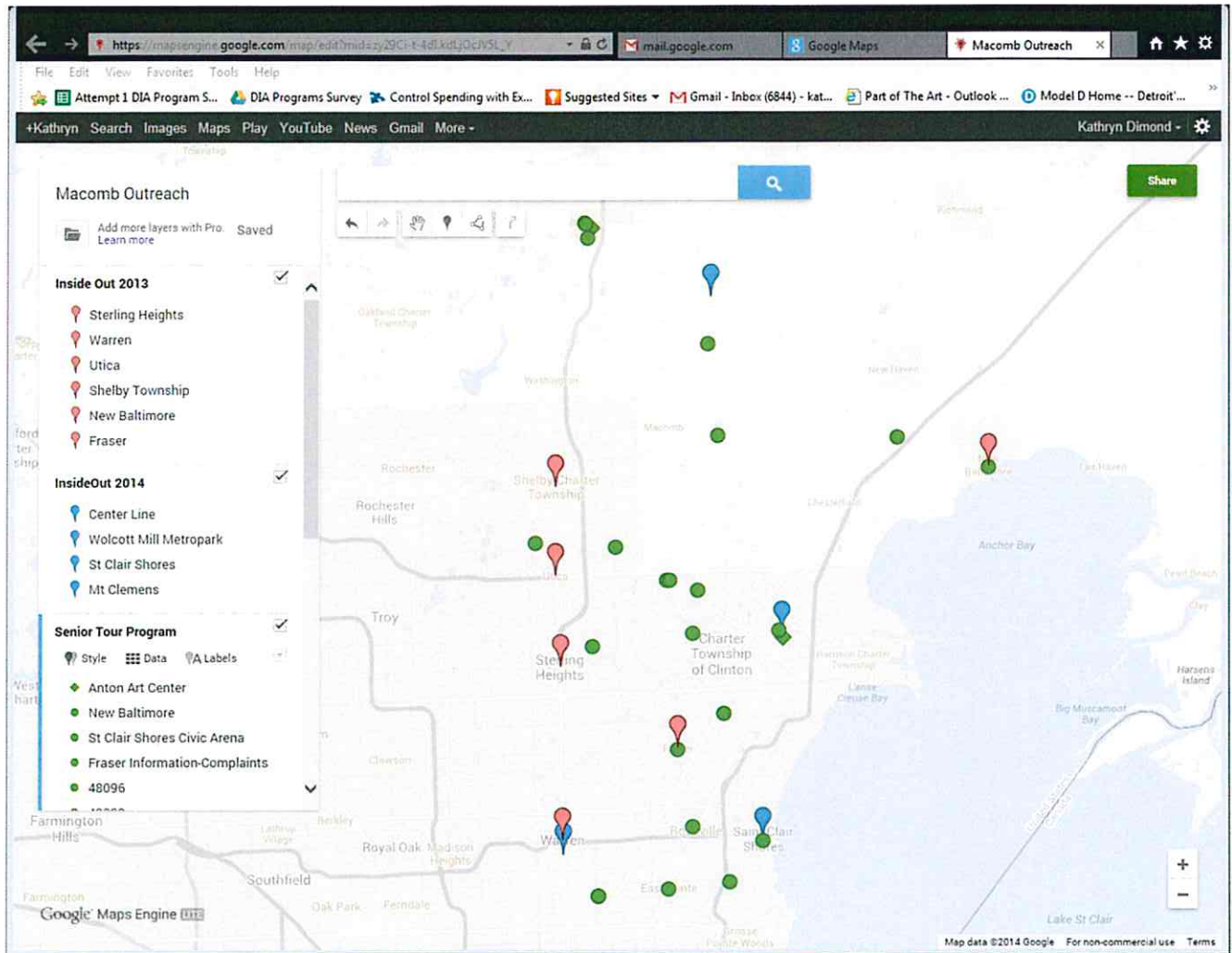
<b>Category</b>	<b>Value</b>
Inside Out, Gallery 2 Gallery, Things I See, Community group programs from Macomb	\$25,557.60
Curator talks, consulting, donations, other in kind contributions	\$3,827.85
Staff Time - Community Relations, Group Reservations, Public Programs	\$24,575.82
Total Community Partnership Spending	\$53,961.30
Service Agreement Goal	\$75,000.00
Variance	\$(21,038.70)

## Appendices

### Senior "Come Wonder Around" from Macomb County:

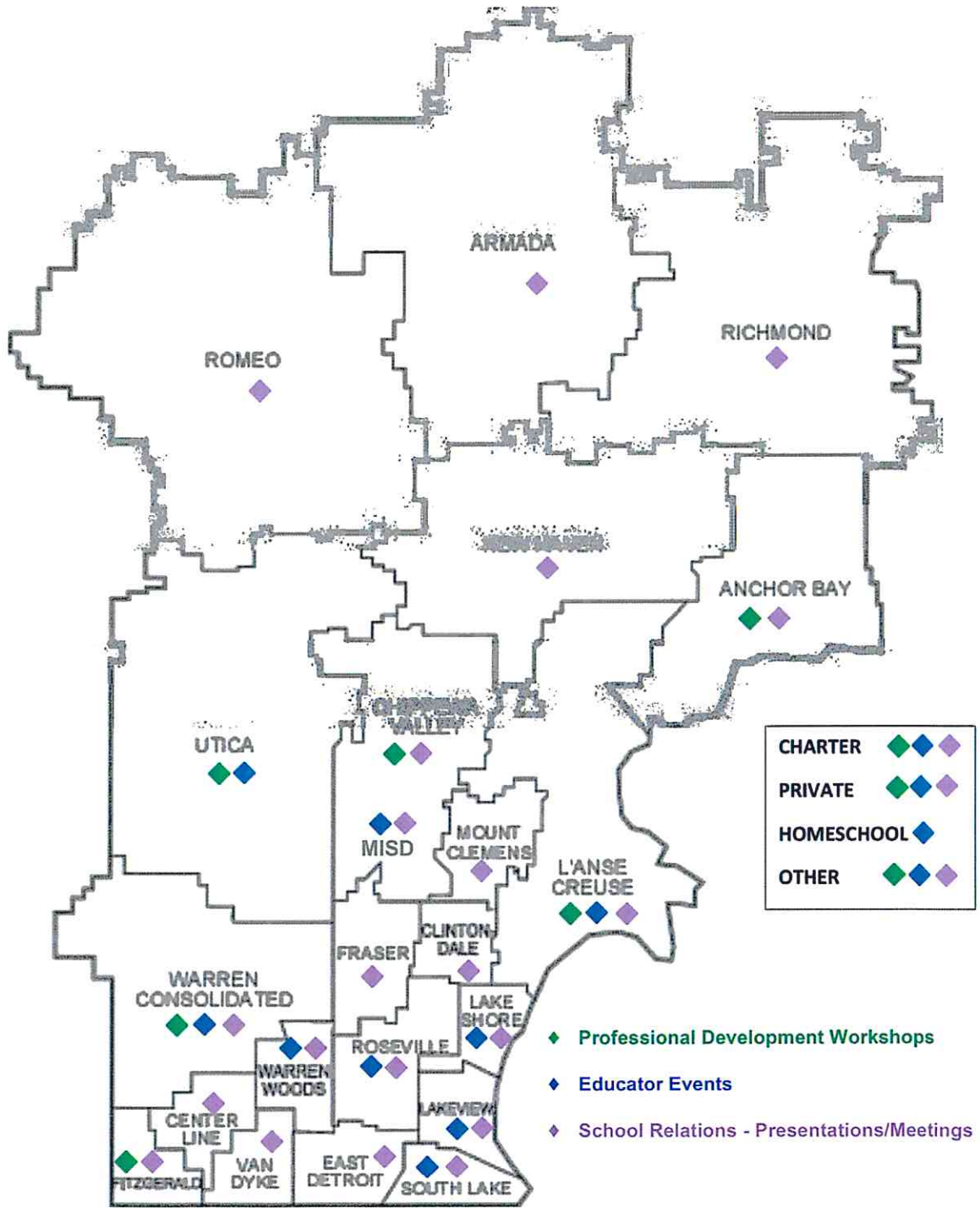
GROUP NAME	CITY
ANTON ART CENTER	Mount Clemens
NEW BALTIMORE SENIORS	New Baltimore
NEW BALTIMORE SENIORS	New Baltimore
ST. CLAIR SHORES ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION	St. Clair Shores
FRASER SENIORS BUS TRIP	Fraser
RAY, RICHMOND & LENOX TWP. SENIORS	Ray
OWEN JAX RECREATION CENTER	Warren
UTICA PIONEERS	Utica
WARREN SENIOR HOUSING	Warren
PINE RIDGE OF GARFIELD	Sterling Heights
AMERICAN HOUSE EAST II	Roseville
ANTON ART CENTER (THINGS I SEE TOUR)	Mount Clemens
MACOMB EDUCATION CENTER	Clinton Township
STARKWEATHER ARTS CENTER	Romeo
CANE & ABLE STROKE RECOVERY GROUP	Sterling Heights
SHELBY CROSSING HEALTH CAMPUS	Shelby
STERLING HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER	Sterling Heights
EASTSIDE HOUSING COMMISSION	Eastpointe
MACOMB TOWNSHIP SENIORS	Macomb Township
CHESTERFIELD SENIOR CENTER	Chesterfield
STARKWEATHER ARTS CENTER	Romeo
ROMEOPARKS & RECREATION SENIOR CENTER	Romeo
MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE - LORENZO CULTURAL	Clinton Township
ROMEOPARKS MONDAY CLUB	Romeo
ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER	Clinton Township
ST. CLAIR SHORES ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION	St. Clair Shores
ST. CLEMENTS OF ROME CATHOLIC CHURCH	Romeo
PARTRIDGE CREEK SENIOR VILLAGE	Clinton Township

### Map of Macomb Outreach (InsideOut and Senior Programs)

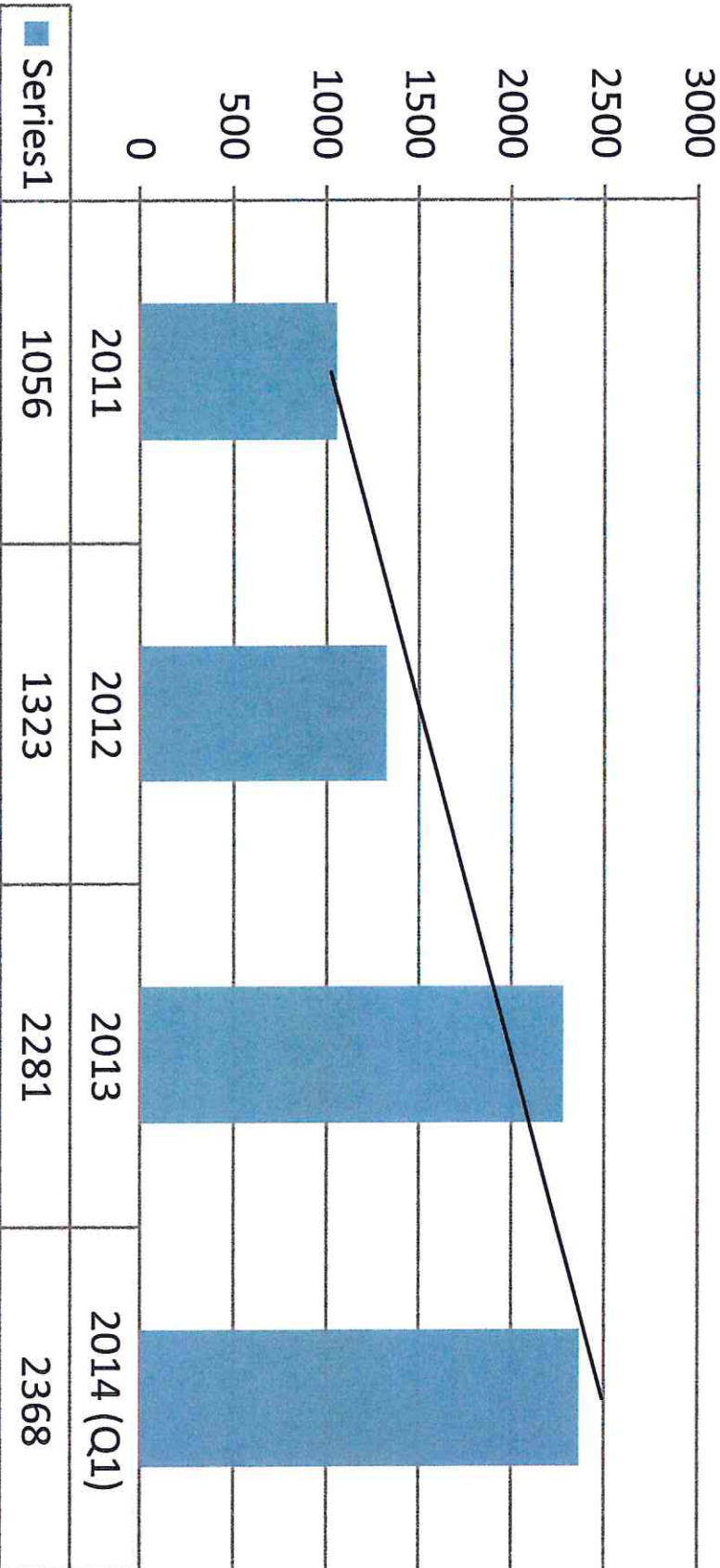


# Macomb ISD

## 2013 Professional Development, Educator Events, School Relations



## Macomb County Membership Detroit Institute of Arts



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Stanley Simek, Chairman, Macomb County DIA Arts Authority  
Authority

From: Lillian Demas, DIA Board member from Macomb County

Date: October 22, 2013

Re: Committee Work

As a newly appointed Macomb County representative to the DIA Board of Directors, I have been assigned to the Learning & Interpretation Committee. This assignment aligns with my professional qualifications as an educator and my desire to advance the DIA's mission through my professional contacts in Macomb County.

Serving as an ambassador for Macomb County/ DIA, I have attended numerous events including the Inner Circle Dinner Series, the Associates Spring Soiree, the Shirin Neshat exhibit, the Jalen Rose Academy documentary film, etc. In each instance, I have invited guests hoping to introduce or re-introduces my colleagues, friends and acquaintances to the extensive DIA resources.

Through the assistance of DIA staff, I have initiated group tours to the DIA for the Macomb Literacy Program's tutors and students, community college/technical schools' presidents from China, the Romeo Monday Club and the Romeo Ministry to the Sick Organization.

DIA staff is working diligently to fulfill the Art Institute Services Agreement as it pertains to Article 2.4 : A. Free Admission B. Student Curriculum Development and C. Professional Development for Teachers. They have developed PowerPoint presentations and packets of information detailing the resources available to administrators, teachers, students and parents. They have contacted schools, arranged field trips and provided teacher in-service opportunities.

To assist in this regard, I was able to arrange several meetings for DIA representatives with members of the Macomb County educational community. The purpose of these meetings was to "put out the welcome mat" and remind administrators that free admission and transportation is available, that student curriculum development is in the works, and that teacher professional development opportunities abound.

The vice-president of the DIA Learning & Interpretation Department, and the School Partnership Coordinator met with the Macomb County Schools superintendents, Macomb Intermediate Schools consultants, the Dean of the Macomb County Early College Program, and the principal of the International Academy of Macomb, an International Baccalaureate World School. All administrators appreciated these informative meetings and expressed a sincere desire to enhance their relationships with the DIA.

It is readily apparent that members of the DIA's Learning & Interpretation Department understand the significance of the Art Institute Service Agreement and are working industriously with Macomb County Schools to increase field trips, to develop student curriculum and to promote professional development for teachers.



## MEMORANDUM

To: Stan Simek, Chairman, Macomb County DIA Arts Authority Board

From: Don Ritzenhein, DIA Board member from Macomb County

Date: October 18, 2013

RE: Update on DIA Endowment Campaign

As you know, I was nominated by the Macomb Arts Authority Board under article 2.3 of the operating agreement between the Authority and the DIA as one of its two delegates to the DIA's Board of Directors. I, along with Lillian Demas, was subsequently appointed by the DIA to its Board last winter. Lillian and I have been participating as Board members since then. Each of us was also appointed to a committee related to our current or past professional qualifications. Based I suppose on my sixteen years of fundraising at Wayne State, and my continuing commitment to my *alma mater* as a volunteer fund raiser, I was asked to join the Development Committee. I have been attending meetings and workshops, and meeting with DIA development office staff since last February. This memo is an update on the DIA's fundraising activities.

A major rationale for the millage campaign that the DIA successfully waged in the tri-county area was that proceeds from the millage (approximately \$23 million annually) would provide relief to the museum's annual operating funds and therefore allow it time to conduct an endowment campaign that would, by the end of the ten year period of the millage, generate funds sufficient to replace those provided by the millage. The Development Committee, the DIA staff, and the Board have all been actively engaged in planning for and beginning to conduct such a campaign.

As you know, campaigns of this size (hundreds of millions of dollars) are organized in stages, beginning with a so-called "quiet stage." The quiet stage is the time when organizations 1) acquire the necessary resources to conduct a campaign, and 2) raise early, lead gifts which are then announced when the campaign enters its "public stage." We are engaged in the quiet stage of the campaign.

In terms of resources, there are some budgeted but unfilled positions in the DIA's development department, but there are no plans to go beyond what's budgeted, at least at this point. The staff and the Development Committee are preparing orientation, motivational, and training materials to energize and deploy key volunteers as solicitors of major gift donations. A video highlighting the campaign has been produced pro bono by the chair of the Development Committee's communications firm, Bassett & Bassett. In addition, training materials (which I have been helping develop) are being prepared for key volunteer solicitors. Campaign goals are being set, and lead prospects are continually being identified. Based on my experience I think the DIA is well ahead of the normal timeline in terms of its campaign preparations.

As for lead gifts, as you know, these are not announced until they accumulate to a level sufficient to launch the public phase of an endowment campaign. I can tell you, however, that millions have already been raised for the campaign. That's millions, plural. Again, as with campaign preparation, I believe early results, notwithstanding the recent financial challenges facing the City of Detroit, with their potential impact on the DIA, are very encouraging and are on track.

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To: Stan Simek, Macomb Art Institute Authority  
 From: Anne Lilla, Executive Director, Anton Art Center  
 Re: Partnerships between the DIA and the Anton Art Center  
 Date: December 5, 2013

When the DIA and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners entered into its 2012 contract, free museum admission for county residents, transportation to the museum for senior citizens and students, and special community activities were agreed upon in exchange for the voter-approved property tax millage. This brief memo highlights the 2013 senior citizen programs and community activities held between the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Anton Art Center.

The *Gallery to Gallery* program links senior citizens with local art centers and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Mount Clemens seniors met at the Anton Art Center in January and viewed the *Michigan Annual XL* before going to the DIA. Chesterfield Township seniors came to the Anton Art Center in October and toured *Monstrous* and the *Juried Group Show* before going to the DIA. While most Mount Clemens seniors had been to the Art Center previously, most Chesterfield Township seniors had never heard of the Art Center, let alone been here. People enjoyed themselves looking, thinking and arguing about the art, appreciating the 1904 historic building and visiting the gift shop. Transportation and coordination were keys in making these cultural trips possible.

The *Things I See* program links local groups with a Detroit Institute of Art exhibit to inspire people to create artwork. In July, forty people from the Anton Art Center, Lakeside Palette Club, Mount Clemens Art Association and Warren Tri-County Fine Arts Association toured the Art Center's *Black/White Group Show* and then travelled to the DIA's Ellsworth Kelly exhibit. They heard a curator discuss the show and viewed a video about the artist. Later in the summer, DIA staff met with interested people for a "fireside chat" to discuss Kelly and their progress in creating art inspired by the exhibit.

*Things I See*, held in October at the Anton Art Center, crackled with excitement and controversy as the exhibit was alive with different ways of viewing and thinking about the world. People created thirty-five works inspired by Kelly's use of color and shapes, his river series, plant drawings and military service. Some artists did not like Kelly's work and thought him to be an opportunist – their creations reflected that opinion. Others were grateful that the exercise challenged them to leave their comfort zone of realism and explore other ways of expression. The DIA is holding a December reception at the museum to celebrate the Macomb County and downriver groups that participated in *Things I See*.

*The Macomb Daily* carried online and print stories about the exhibit completed with pictures of the work. *Things I See* has moved to *The Macomb Daily* offices for an extended show in their media lab with a January 23<sup>rd</sup> artist reception.



# COME WONDER AROUND.

SENIOR GROUP TOURS AT THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

## FREE BENEFITS FOR SENIOR GROUPS

*from Wayne, Oakland & Macomb Counties:\**

General admission

Transportation

Reception featuring baked goods and coffee/tea

Art-making (*available Saturday mornings only*)

Docent-led tour of the collection

Guided tours and self-guided visits can be scheduled for groups of 15 or more.

**Call 313-833-1292 or email [grouprequest@dia.org](mailto:grouprequest@dia.org)  
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# MACOMB COUNTY DAY



at the  
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS



## SATURDAY, MARCH 15

### LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!

Free bus transportation for Macomb County residents will be provided from six different county locations to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Buses will return to each location in the afternoon.

Browse the museum's collection, take part in a free drop-in art making workshop or visit one of our exhibitions. General museum admission is free for residents of Macomb County. *(Please note: There is an additional ticket price for our current special exhibition, Samurai: Beyond the Sword.)*

**Reservations for free bus transportation are required.**

Please call 313-833-4005 or register online at [tickets.dia.org](http://tickets.dia.org) (Click on March 15).

#### DEPARTURE LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

##### Kezar Branch Library

9:30 a.m.  
107 Church St. Romeo, MI 48065

##### Clinton-Macomb Public Library-Main Branch

9:30 a.m.  
40900 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township, MI 48038

##### New Baltimore Parks and Recreation Center

9:30 am  
50976 Washington, New Baltimore, MI 48047

##### Marvin Blank Senior Center

9:45 a.m.  
19925 23 Mile Rd. Macomb, MI 48042

##### Eastpointe City Hall

10:00 a.m.  
16101 E. 9 Mile Rd. Eastpointe, MI 48201

##### Sterling Heights Public Library

10:00 a.m.  
40255 Dodge Park Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48313

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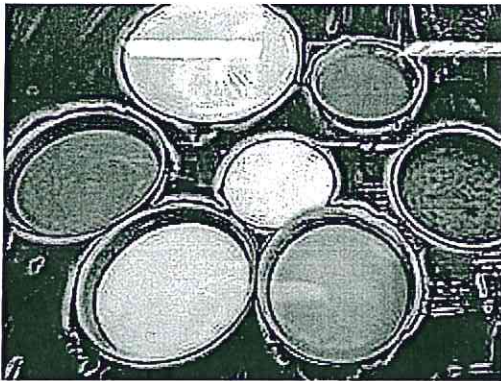
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The Macomb Daily (<http://www.macombdaily.com>)

## Macomb Media Lab treats visitors to fine art show via Anton Art Center

By Maryanne MacLeod, The Macomb Daily

Wednesday, December 11, 2013



What inspires you?

The Detroit Institute of Art's new community program "Things I see" asked Macomb County residents that simple question.

Visitors to The Macomb Daily's Macomb Regional Community Media Lab, 19176 Hall Rd., have the opportunity to appreciate their colorful expressions firsthand thanks to a new partnership with the Anton Art Center in Mount Clemens. The "Things I See" show is the second in a series of quarterly exhibits that travel from the Anton Art Center to the media lab on an ongoing basis. The purpose of the art show partnership is

to enhance the experience of media lab visitors by exposing them to locally-produced, fine art and providing artists with a celebrated, local showcase.

After viewing a 100 piece exhibit of artist Ellsworth Kelly's work at the DIA, Macomb County residents were challenged to produce their own, Kelly-inspired masterpiece.

Kelly's work is often described as refined abstract shapes arranged on paper -- visual paradigms of his unique way of interpreting the quotidian object or surroundings.

From collections of primary-colored shapes to lush black and white nature silhouettes, three-dimensional, tissue paper botanicals and voluptuous nudes, the 32-piece "Things I See" exhibit, on display Macomb Regional Community Media Lab through January, is a local salute to all things Ellsworth Kelly.

The Macomb Regional Community Media Lab is a public outreach of The Macomb Daily, The Daily Tribune, the Advisor/Source Newspapers and The Voice Newspapers. We provide training on social media promotions, press release writing and news writing, and other topics relevant to Macomb County residents.

In November, more than 100 individuals visited the lab, including marketing students from Chippewa Valley and Dakota High School. Our workshops, "Self-Publishing 101" and "Corporate Recruiter reveals who gets Hired and Why", by Kelly Smith, attracted standing room only crowds.

Macomb Regional Community Media Lab support services are available, free-of-charge to individuals, non-profit, business owners, and members of the public sector. For more information, call (586) 783-0263 or email, [maryanne.macleod@macombdaily.com](mailto:maryanne.macleod@macombdaily.com)

Look for the Macomb Regional Community Media Lab on Twitter and Facebook.

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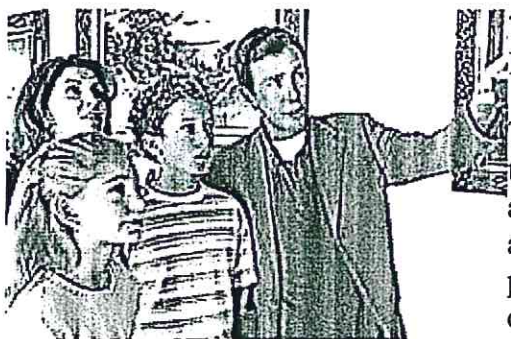
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## DIA says thank you Macomb County with free transportation

By Gina Joseph, The Macomb Daily

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This Saturday there's no excuse not to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The DIA will be providing free bus transportation to and from the museum for Macomb County residents. Visitors taking advantage of the offer can browse the collection, partake in an art-making activity and for a discounted group rate of \$12 per person see the amazing "Samurai: Beyond the Sword" exhibit or two other exhibits for free.

No need to drive.

And no need to pack a lunch.

The museum's Café DIA and Kresge Court offer visitors everything from grilled salmon and chicken tenders to burgers to beer, wine or coffee and lattes. On the way out, visitors who might want a reminder of their special day or their own work of art can stop by the museum gift shop. "The Samurai: Beyond the Sword" exhibition also has an adjacent shop featuring samurai-inspired gifts.

Why is it free?

The DIA says this special Macomb County Day is "provided thanks to support of Macomb County residents who voted to support the DIA through last year's millage." The museum will also host an Oakland County Day on March 29 and a Wayne County Day on April 5.

When and where to catch a ride in Macomb County? Check out the following list to find a location near you:

\* Kezar Branch Library, 107 Church St., Romeo

Bus departs library at 9:30 a.m.; bus departs DIA at 2 p.m.

\* Clinton-Macomb Public Library's Main Branch, 40900 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township

Bus departs library 9:30 a.m.; bus departs DIA 2 p.m.

\* New Baltimore Parks and Recreation Center, 50976 Washington, New Baltimore

Bus departs recreation center 9:30 a.m.; bus departs DIA 2 p.m.

\* Marvin Blank Senior Center, 19925 23 Mile Road, Macomb Township

Bus departs senior center 9:45 a.m.; bus departs DIA 2:30 p.m.

\* Eastpointe City Hall, 16101 Nine Mile Road, Eastpointe

Bus departs City Hall 10 a.m.; bus departs DIA 2:30 p.m.

\* Sterling Heights Public Library, 40255 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Heights

Bus departs library 10 a.m.; bus departs DIA 2:30 p.m.

Reservations for free bus transportation are required. Call 313-833-4005 or register online at [DIA](#) and clicking on March 15.

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