

# Dispatch from the



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## Eighth Annual Spring Picnic

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

6 - 8 p.m.

Home of Dr. and Mrs. Philip C. Williams

Entertainment by the *Steel Drum Band*



RSVP to Jennifer at  
337.562.4191  
or [jpitre2@mcneese.edu](mailto:jpitre2@mcneese.edu)

## HELP FUND A STEEL DRUM

If you enjoy performances of the Steel Drum Band at Outriders picnics, consider supporting its effort to purchase additional drums. The Band plays free-of-charge for McNeese-related events, including Outriders picnics.

Contributions may be made payable to the McNeese Foundation, Box 91989, Lake Charles, LA 70609, Memo: *Steel Drum Band*. Online donations may be made at [www.mcneesefoundation.org](http://www.mcneesefoundation.org).

## LETTER FROM OUTRIDERS PRESIDENT RAY CHAVANNE

Fellow Outriders,

How about that Christmas Party? I believe everyone enjoyed themselves. I certainly did. A big "thank you" to all who brought such wonderful food dishes! I know we also appreciate the beverages provided by the Foundation. Marianne and Jennifer did a great job in planning and coordinating the social. Beryl Romero, owner of *From Simple to Elegant Affordable Events*, did a superb job with decorations.

Speaking of the Foundation, if you are looking for some place to do good for McNeese, please give thought to making a contribution. There are many ways to help and contributions are appreciated. Call Marianne or Jennifer at 337.562.4191 to find out how you can make a difference.

At our last board meeting, we discussed Outriders members helping with mentoring or tutoring student-athletes. Members were polled to determine their interest and three raised their hands including Dr. Robert Hebert, Nancy Himel and Michele Martin. Jennifer will be coordinating the project this spring.

I hope your holidays were happy and that 2012 will be equally enjoyable. I look forward to seeing everyone at the spring picnic on April 24.

Sincerely,  
*Ray Chavanne*  
Outriders President



## HONORING LINDA FINLEY

Linda Finley was honored at the National Philanthropy Day celebration on Nov. 15, 2011, by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Southwest Chapter in recognition of her philanthropic contributions in SWLA.

Linda graduated from McNeese with a Bachelor of Science degree in business education and a Master of Education degree in counseling and guidance. She also completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish while working full time.

As a McNeese Foundation donor since 1987, Linda supports the general university endowment and Banners Cultural Series. She created the *Linda Finley Scholarship* and is a member of the President's Circle and the 1939 Living Oak Society.

The Calcasieu-Cameron Retired Teachers Association created a foundation scholarship with Linda's support. After 35 years at McNeese, Linda retired and was later awarded with the Registrar Emeritus status.

She is a master gardener, treasurer of the McNeese Federal Credit Union, an active church member and an avid traveler. You will often find her exercising at the McNeese Rec Complex or working in her yard.

## McNEESE WELLNESS PROGRAM

As an Outriders member, one of your benefits is access to the McNeese Rec Complex. Beginning in fall 2011, the Rec Complex introduced a new wellness program to promote a healthier lifestyle for students, faculty and staff, and alumni.

To view classes, dates, times and locations each month, visit [www.mcneese.edu/rec](http://www.mcneese.edu/rec) and click on **Wellness Program** on the bottom of the left hand screen. You may contact Kelly Darbonne, director of the wellness program, at 337.475.5277 or [spc-kdarbonne@mcneese.edu](mailto:spc-kdarbonne@mcneese.edu) for information.

To access the 2011 Outriders survey results, visit [www.mcneesefoundation.org/outriders](http://www.mcneesefoundation.org/outriders).

Did you know 117 Outriders have contributed a total of \$440,000 to the McNeese Foundation throughout their giving history.

Five Outriders have notified the McNeese Foundation that they have established a planned gift.

**You don't have to be rich to support McNeese. You just have to be WILLING.**

For giving opportunities, call Marianne White or Jennifer Pitre at 337.562.4191 or visit [www.mcneesefoundation.org](http://www.mcneesefoundation.org).

The Outriders  
extend sympathy  
to the family of

**Roy A. "Toddy" Moore**



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Are you involved in a club or organization that might be of interest to other members? Perhaps you are involved in a gardening club or are an avid bird watcher. If so, share those activities with your Outriders liaisons so that they can educate other members about those opportunities in a future newsletter.

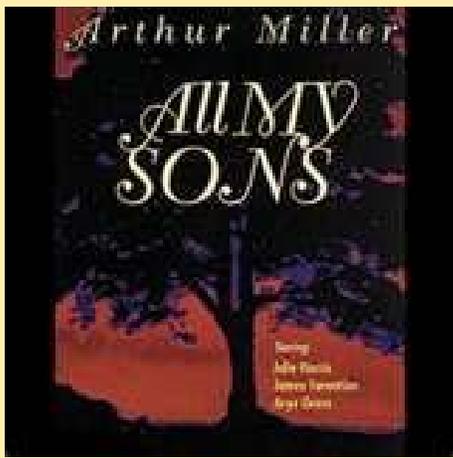
While you may be retired, you are never too old to learn !

*Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.*

*Albert Einstein*

## JENNIFER'S BACK IN SCHOOL

Jennifer enrolled in McNeese's graduate program in fall 2011 to pursue a Master of Science in instructional technology. Never fear, however, as she has no intention of leaving the McNeese Foundation and her position as co-liaison of the Outriders.



Join the Outriders at the McNeese Department of Performing Arts presentation of *All My Sons*. The 1947 Arthur Miller play is based on a true story which describes how a woman informed on her father who had sold faulty parts to the U.S. military during World War II.

The Outriders will attend the Thursday, March 15, performance. A wine and cheese social will start at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Shearman Fine Arts Annex, followed by the play at 7:30 p.m. Please call Jennifer at 337.562.4191 to reserve your seat. Tickets are free for Outriders.



#### A GLIMPSE INTO OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY



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