



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



From the President

Susan McLelland



I hope you have all had a lovely Easter Season and are now enjoying a beautiful Spring.

Your Retirees' Association Executive continues to meet on a monthly basis in room A0216 (room 45J) at the main campus. Yes – in case you're wondering - all the room numbers have been changed at all of St.

Clair College's campuses. So if you are coming on campus, don't be afraid to check in with security if you need to find a room location. It could be a bit of a challenge at first but they tell me this will make it easier for everyone in the end. Change is always a bit uncomfortable at first, but I'm sure we will adjust.

Our Social Committee Co-ordinator, Pat Taylor has been able to set up an interesting event on Tuesday April 18th with Mary Anne Adam talking about a 200 year old house. I'm sure that you've all seen the Belle Vue House out in Amherstburg while driving along the water front. Mary Anne is the Secretary Treasurer of the Belle Vue Conservancy, a non-profit group dedicated to restoring the Belle Vue house as a National Historic site. She will be providing some history on this beautiful mansion and the Medicine Bag – a publication of her own, discussing the Indigenous history in the area. Also included in this is the "Freedom Train" that assisted escaped slaves across the border, Irish Immigrants, and the limitation put on women at that time in history. This retelling of history should provide us with a fascinating afternoon.

We also have Marilyn Portt to thank for organizing what should prove to be a fun day in Petrolia. We have a busload of retirees heading there for the afternoon on May 6th for lunch at Crabby Joes and for a show at the Victoria Playhouse. I hope that you saw this in your email and if you were interested, you contacted us to join in! If not – sorry – the bus is full. Keep watching your e-mail for more fun events coming up this year.

In this issue of our newsletter, we refer to a couple of interesting reunions coming up. The first one is on March 29th at the Fogular Fulan Club in Windsor for everyone that has worked in the **Employment Services Department** - an **Employment Ontario** funded program - that for the most part, was run at

off-site campuses in Windsor, Chatham, Wallaceburg, and Amherstburg from 1987 until March 31 of this year. That's a 36-year long program which has now come to an end. Certainly an end of an era for many of our staff. Thankfully, any of the full-time staff members that were still working there currently have now been re-established into other full-time positions at the College. This is a real tribute to the College Administration and the Union Executive for being able to take care of these folks and ensure they all still have jobs at the College. Another reunion coming up is the Adult Retraining Reunion on May 17th at Walkerville Brewery. See the announcement for this on page 5. For those that have worked in these departments, it should be fun to get together with colleagues from the past to reminisce great moments in our history and the wonderful impact we have made on our community and our clients/students. We expect to have some photos for you in our next newsletter.

Please keep in mind that on Thursday May 4th 2023, we will be having our Annual General Meeting at the Sportsplex in Windsor. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Pizza will be served at 1:00, and the meeting will start at 2:00 pm - see the announcement in this publication and watch your email. Please mark your calendars. This is our **first in-person** AGM since the pandemic.

This is also the time of year that we like to remind you that we are always looking for fresh faces to join our Executive Board. If you've ever considered joining the Executive Board or want to be on a committee, feel free to drop me a line, call or e-mail if you would like to join us. We have a great team and it's fun.

Just one more item I wanted to bring to your attention. CAAT retirees and recipients of our CAAT Pension will receive a Pension Payment Confirmation Document along with the 2022 Annual Statement, which will be mailed out or available in the member portal this spring. Please watch for this in your mail. You need to fill this out and send it back to CAAT. If your confirmation is not returned to CAAT by mail, e-mail, via the portal, or a telephone call to the CAAT Pension office to confirm your information, (and basically confirm you still want to receive a pension cheque) a follow up letter will be sent to you in the summer.

Take good care everyone. Cheers to a terrific spring and summer ahead. ✨

Sue McLelland

Around The College

1. Starting this fall, the College is launching an Electric Vehicle Technician Program. It will be a two-year diploma program that includes a work placement in the third semester. After the first year, however, students will receive a certificate in Electric Vehicle Fundamentals and can enter an apprenticeship.
2. President Patti and the Senior Operating Group hosted a gathering of Essex County Mayors and Municipal CAOs where she outlined the College's strategic plan.
3. Construction on the South Campus continues with the building of a "one stop" Student Welcome Centre which will centralize services for students, making it as convenient as possible for students.
4. Outdoor pickleball courts soon to be available adjacent to the tennis facility.
5. The Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County (MCC) has announced this year's recipient of The Herb Gray Harmony Award, which recognizes individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to building a more welcoming community for all in Windsor-Essex. The 2023 award was presented to **Dr. Patti France, President of St. Clair College**.
6. St. Clair College has been selected to host the Ontario Federation of School Esports Associations (OFSEA) Provincial Rocket League High School Championship on May 13.
7. The annual Alumni of Distinction Awards will be presented on April 15 to: **Bob Bellacicco, Christine Knights, Fil Grado, Dan Janisse, Julia Lane, and Cheryl Sprague**.
8. The St. Clair College Saints have won the OCAA Men's Basketball championship. The St. Clair Saints defeated the George Brown Huskies 106-77. The win qualified the Saints to participate in the National Championship tournament in Calgary in March, where they placed fourth.
9. The College was proud to host the Hon. Filomena Tassi, Federal Minister of Development who came to Windsor in January to hold a roundtable discussion on Automobility.
10. The College held a part-time faculty recruitment night to recruit instructors in the fields of engineering and skilled trades. The event was well attended.
11. St. Clair College participated in a trip to Poland to tour the LG automobile battery manufacturing operation. St. Clair College currently offers numerous programs that will meet the outcomes desired in the new battery plant.

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

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Bursary Presentations By Our Association

Chatham Campus - Elizabeth Barr

The recipient of the SCC Retirees scholarship at the Chatham Campus was Constintina Bialkowski-Peluso. Unfortunately, Constintina was unable to attend the event as she had a mandatory placement to attend. I did present awards to recipients who received the St. Clair College Student Achievement Scholarship, Savana Wiebe, Registered Practical Nurse program, Juliette Chimienti, Child and Youth worker program, Caitlyn Guyer, Early Children Education program, and Amanda Shill, Police Foundations who received the Friends of St. Clair College Scholarship. Thank you for the opportunity to attend and make the presentations on behalf of the Association.

Windsor Campus - Sue McLelland

I had the pleasure to meet and present a \$750 SCC Retirees scholarship to one of our 1st year Practical Nursing Students, Elisabetta Lizzy, on Thursday, March 23, 2023. The event



took place at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts and was beautifully organized and delivered to over 120 scholarship recipients that evening. Elisabetta also received a second scholarship from Student Services. She accredits this to being able to maintain good grades. She is a lively, vibrant young woman who should go far in the health services field. She is certainly an amazing young woman and very deserving of this award. We wish her much success in her future endeavors as a nurse! ✨

Contributed by **Elizabeth Barr and Sue McLelland**
Photo courtesy of **St. Clair College**



Thank you and Bon Chance to Lori Caba

Lorraine (Lori) Caba started with the Retirees' Association in 2007 as Recording Secretary and moved on to Goodwill Coordinator. Lori began her career at St. Clair College in 1971 as a secretary at W.O.I.T on Mercer Street and retired in 2006 as a professor in the Office Administration Department/School of Business.



Lori's title as Goodwill Coordinator with the Retirees' Association mainly entailed sending cards to College retirees- Congratulations on Your Retirement, Get Well Soon, Sympathy, Thinking of You, and others. So, if you have received any type of card from the Retirees' Association over the last few years, it would have been considered, signed and mailed, from Lori. She consistently reminded the group at meetings, always to make sure that she was notified of situations for retirees, where sending a card was appropriate. When sending a sympathy card, she was like Sherlock Holmes when she was looking for family addresses, using every resource she could to ensure losses of loved ones were acknowledged.

Lori always has a smile and hello for the group in our meetings. Her input was measured and thoughtful and her laugh infectious.

Lori says, "It has been an honour and a privilege to have served on the SCCRA Executive for the past 16 years and to have worked with such professional and dedicated fellow retirees. I'm looking forward to attending as many social activities as possible."

We wish you well Lori, and hope to see you at our social events throughout the year. You will be missed. ✨

Contributed by *Lyn Medler*

Trivia Quiz By Lyn Medler

1. What was the first mobile tornado tracking device called?
2. What does Dorito actually mean?
3. What is 'canola' an abbreviation for?
4. This singer's heritage is Armenian and her birth name is Cherilyn Sarkisian, but we know her as....
5. What TV series showed the first interracial kiss on American network television?

Answers on page 6

Rise up my love, my fair one,
and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle
is heard in our land.
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

From the *Song of Solomon*



Spring Song

When daisies pied and violets blue
And lady-smocks all silver-white
And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
Cuckoo; cuckoo, cuckoo: Oh word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!



When shepherds pipe on oaten straws,
And merry larks are plowmen's clocks,
When turtles tread, and rooks, and daws,
And maidens bleach their summer smocks,
The cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
Cuckoo; cuckoo, cuckoo: Oh word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!

From *Love's Labours Lost*
William Shakespeare



Introducing Dale Jarrell Representing the Chatham Campus Retirees

Having retired in 2021, after 30 years full time at St. Clair College in Chatham, I look back and reflect on how fortunate I was to work at such a great campus and with so many wonderful people, some of whom have become like family to me.

I was born in Chatham but moved 8 times over the course of 16 years having lived in Leamington, Brantford (twice), Byron, Sudbury, and 3 times in Chatham to which I returned for the final time in 1968. My Dad was a manager for Canada Bread and as the company grew, transfers were common.

I went to high school in grade 9 at Confederation High School in Val Caron (Sudbury) and grades 10-12 at Chatham Kent Secondary School in Chatham, where I was in the Newspaper club, a cheerleader, and a gymnast. I received the Most Outstanding Gymnast Award in 1968, which by no means compares to today's gymnasts abilities, but it is something I am proud of and treasure.



I met Rick, my husband and the love of my life, in 1969. We had an amazing and wonderful life together for 50 years before his passing of cancer, 4 years ago in 2019. We have a beautiful daughter, Sheri, who graduated from the St. Clair College Nursing Program in her 40's and worked as a nurse till her cancer diagnosis in 2018. She is a remarkable and beautiful woman, and there are no words to express how extremely proud I am of what she has overcome. I am happy to say she is cancer free today. We also have a wonderful, handsome, and extremely talented son, Steve, who is a project manager for a restoration company. I have handsome twin grandsons, Hunter and Brodie who are 25, a beautiful 17-year-old granddaughter, Marin, and adorable 10-month-old great grandson, Tatum.

In 1987 I received two certificates in Fitness Training and have been teaching fitness classes for this my 36th year. A few of these remarkable women have been with me for those 36 years. This amazing group of women is like family, and we have been there for each other through good times and bad. Teaching fitness is a passion of mine and I will keep doing so until they have to pick me up off the floor!

I was the Team Co-coordinator for the MS Society Super cities Walk for 10 years, and am proud to say that the people I worked with at the College were always my biggest supporters when it came to making pledges. Many of them knew that my Mom was diagnosed in her early 20's and was in a nursing home at the age of 58 until her death in 2006. With the generous support and pledges from my family and friends, I am proud to say that over the course of my 10 years with the MS Society, I was able to raise more than \$20,000.00 for this very worthy charity so close to my heart.

I had a home daycare for 4 years when my children were younger before I decided to return to work. I worked at Pioneer Hi-Bred from 1980-1988 as a receptionist and in the mailroom until the company downsized.

Shortly after that, OMAF (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food) hired me to conduct an extensive 4-month financial survey of greenhouse operations in Leamington.

Shortly after my contract with OMAF ended, I got a call back from Pioneer Hi-Bred who hired me to do data entry at their Ridgetown location. I was there for a short time until I received the call that a part time position was available in the print shop at the College. I also worked on the switchboard and as a receptionist at the North Forty Adult Education Program through Con-Ed.

The College hired me full time in 1991 working switchboard. When the opportunity came up, I applied for and got the full-time position in the print shop/mailroom where I worked until my retirement in June 2021.

Working at St. Clair College was one of the best times of my life where I met the most amazing people who I am proud to call my friends. I can honestly say that I loved every second of every minute of every hour of every day for 32 years.

I thank you all ✨

Contributed by ***Dale Jarrell***

SCCRA Golf

Time To Start Thinking About Golf



Once again this year, thanks to Ron Seguin, V.P. of International Relations, Campus Development, & Student Services, your SCCRA Executive is pleased to announce that SCCRA Members, by showing their 2023 Membership Card*, will receive free Golf and Driving Range privileges at the Woodland Hills Golf Course.

Where - Woodland Hills - Belle River Road & 401

Telephone -- 519-975-4653

When – Any time from April to October 31
(weather permitting)

Cost - No charge

Please Note: SCCRA Members holding a paid-up 2023 membership card may play golf or use the Driving Range, at no charge, by simply calling Woodland Hills (telephone number shown above) to book a tee-time (no tee time needed for the Driving Range) and showing their 2023 SCCRA Membership Card when they sign in at the course.

As in the past ... For those non-golfing SCCRA Members, this is a great opportunity “to give golf a try” at no cost.

* **Note:** - If you do not yet have your 2023 Membership Card, please Contact Marilyn Port at sccramembership@gmail.com

Contributed by **Jim Chambers**

Extended Health Care Improvements Announced

The College Employer Council (CEC) announced enhancements to the Sun Life Extended Health Care Plans, **effective February 1, 2023:**

Extended Health Care Plan 1

- The limit under Paramedical services will increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per covered individual per calendar year, for all practitioners combined.

Extended Health Care Plan 2

- The limit under Paramedical services will increase from \$750 to \$1,000 per covered individual per calendar year, for all practitioners combined.

Adult Retraining Program Reunion

There will be an Adult Retraining Reunion on May 17/23 from 1-4PM at the Walkerville Brewery on Devonshire Rd. in Windsor. All former retraining staff members (including former ARP students who became staff) are invited to attend.

Former Retraining staff members include those in BTSD as well as ESL and the skill programs, such as Secretarial, Bookkeeping, and Electronics.

Maxine Jones and Uta Costello will be hosting this event, which will include memory boards with photos of both the deceased and those still with us as they looked some 50 years ago!

Come join us and have some birthday cake as we toast Jean Simmonds, who will join us from across the pond in England.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Dear SCCRA E-mail recipient.

Over the last few months there has been a plethora (relatively speaking) of Unsubscribe requests to leave the Campaigner SCCRA e-mail group.

Many of those requests have been reversed through the following paragraphs. From what I've found, a simple click on the Unsubscribe button at the bottom of a broadcast does not unsubscribe you. You are required to click on a Confirm (Unsubscribe from All) button.

Unsubscribe

Click on the "Unsubscribe From All" button below to stop receiving email from us, to the following email address:

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If you realize it's an OOPS moment, just close the message/window or go to the preferences option, and the unsubscribe will not go through.

If the request is successfully processed, and you change your mind, I cannot re-establish your connection; you have to do that on your own. If you find that you unsubscribed in error and want back in, send me an e-mail at secretirees2018@gmail.com, and I can send a command to Campaigner, which will trigger an e-mail to you to respond to in order to re-subscribe. When received, all you need to do is reply to it.

If you've gone through the request to me but you don't see the message within a short time, check other folders in your mailbox to see if the message fell into another folder. ✱

Contributed by **Ken Garber**

Hold The Date

St. Clair College Retirees' Association Annual General Meeting Thursday, May 4, 2023 Pizza at 1:00 pm Meeting at 2:00 pm

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers; approve the 2023 budget; consider bylaw changes; receive committee reports.

Newsletter by E-mail or Snail Mail?

The newsletter is distributed four times a year – on the third Wednesday of February, April, August and November. It is distributed to approximately 550 persons on our snail mail list via Canada Post. In addition, it is distributed via e-mail to approximately 415 retirees as well as to all College staff.

We are often asked why we send it both ways. The answer is that we have not had the ability to separate those who want only to receive it by e-mail.

Well folks, we can now accommodate your preference – receive the newsletter by both e-mail and hard copy, or, by e-mail only.

If you prefer e-mail only, send a message to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca **indicating your preference**, or when you renew your annual membership, you are provided with an opportunity to indicate your preference.

Attention All Retirees

If you believe that you are not receiving e-mails from the Retirees' Association, please send an e-mail with your name and phone number to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca

Notice

The St. Clair College web site has recently been updated at <https://stclaircollege.ca/>

The Retiree Web site is accessed by clicking on “**About Us**” and then clicking on “**Retirees' Association**”. This will provide access to Folklore, Picture Gallery, Minutes, Schedule of Events, etc. ENJOY!

Membership Update

Here we are in April, and many of our retirees have already renewed their membership and are looking forward to participating in our upcoming events. Please remember that you need to present a current valid SCCRA membership card in order to acquire a Parking Permit at the College. Now is a good time to do so. If there are no changes to your SCCRA membership status, you do not need to fill out the membership renewal form.

You can e-transfer your SCCRA membership dues to scramembership@gmail.com - the security answer is “Retirement”. If you prefer to pay by cheque, you can mail it to my address - 208-5831 Newman Blvd, LaSalle, ON N9J 0E1.

Marilyn Portt
Membership Secretary

OCRA Membership

We highly recommend taking a membership in OCRA (Ontario College Retirees' Association) when renewing membership in our association. The cost is \$10.00 annually (or a lifetime fee is available).

The link to the OCRA website is ocraretirees.ca. There, one can find information about the CAAT Pension Plan, health benefits and health providers, websites of other retiree associations of other Ontario colleges, and a membership application form. Access to other Retiree Association newsletters can also be available.

Contacts for Health Benefits and Pension

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Laura Carcelen, 519-972-2727, Ext. 4687 located in Human Resources, room 274C.

The CAAT Pension can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9000, or Fax: 416-673-9028.

For general inquiries: contact@caatpension.on.ca

Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. TOTO (Think *Wizard of Oz*)
2. Dorito is Spanish for ‘little golden things’
3. Canadian oil
4. Cher
5. Star Trek

In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
January 26, 2023 - March 29, 2023*



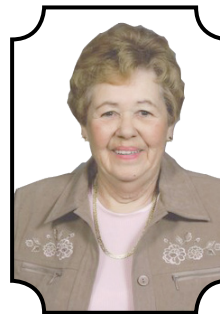
Janet Humphreys passed away on January 28, 2023. Wife of the late Duane Humphreys and mother of sons, Terry (Velda), Brian, and Kim. Janet's passion was the game of golf, and she enjoyed numerous courses throughout the county. Jan was a long time secretary at St. Clair.



William "Bill" Bering (Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario) passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the age 88. Beloved husband of 58 years to the late Catherine Bering. Loving father of Laurie Tansey (Jim) and Jim Bering (Ankica). Bill dedicated many years as a teacher of horticulture at St. Clair College. He loved woodworking, hunting, fishing, the outdoors, and his grandkids.



Lynn McGeachy-Schultz passed away on February 13, 2023 in Chatham. She was predeceased by her loving husband Rev. Dr. David Williamson (2018). At St. Clair College she was Principal of Thames Campus where she was instrumental in the building of the HealthPlex, the



Cherie Patricia McGuire passed away on March 7, 2023 one week shy of her 94th birthday. Mother and mother in law of Mark (Michele), Sarah, and Melissa. Cherie trained and nursed at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham and taught in the **Developmental Service Worker Program** at St. Clair College from 1975 to 1994.

Residence, the Mary Uniac Nursing Centre, and numerous expansion projects for the Thames campus.



William "Bill" Smith passed away at Chatham-Kent Hospice on Friday, March 3 2023 in his 76th year. Survived by his daughter Amanda "Amy" Smith (Nick). Bill worked at the Chatham Campus of St. Clair College for over 20 years, and was well loved amongst his coworkers. In his spare time, Bill was an active volunteer.



Sandra "Sandie" Volkes-Hommel, passed away on March 13, 2023 at the age of 71. Wife to **St. Clair retiree, Gerry**. Mother of Kyle (Andrea) and step-mother to Christopher (Nessa), Joel (Kyla), and Brian (Paige). Sandie had a long career as a Registered Nurse in Windsor and Detroit. She taught in the **Nursing Program** at St. Clair College.



*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
January 26, 2023 - March 29, 2023*

Milton Byrd passed away on January 27, 2023, at the age of 82. Milton is survived by his wife, **St. Clair retiree Darlene**, and his sister-in-law, **retiree Gail Murphy**.

Debra Lynn Marie (Michaud) DiLallo passed away at the age of 58, on January 28, 2023. She is survived by **her parents, St Clair retiree Betty-Ann Michaud** and Louis Joseph Michaud.

Shirley Monforton passed away peacefully on January 18, 2023. She is survived by her **sister, St Clair retiree Judith Harris (David Nagy)** of Kelowna, BC.

Ronald Johnson passed away on February 15, 2023, at the age of 86, Ronald was the **father of St. Clair staff member Noreena Johnson (Mike)**.

Patricia Ann "Pat" Service passed away on February 15, 2023, at the age of 90 years. **Predeceased by her beloved husband of 60 years, St. Clair retiree Don Service**.

Donna Jean Sorrell passed away on March 30, 2023, at the age of 89. Predeceased by her husband **Fred Sorrell**, and mother of **St. Clair staff member, Mike Sorrell**.

Executive Board 2022-2023

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Coming Events

Mondays @ 9:00	Archive Group	Room A0216
May 4	Retirees' Association AGM	SportsPlex 2nd Floor Classroom
May 17	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
April 1 (Weather permitting)	Retiree Golf	Woodland Hills G.C.
June 15	Executive Meeting	Chatham Campus
TBA	College President's Appreciation Brunch Check your e-mail for announcement	
TBA	Fall Social Check your e-mail for announcement	

For the Retirees' Association
Quarterly Calendar of Events
and listing of activities
visit our calendar webpage at
<https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar>

Have you changed your address?

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We **do not share** your contact information with anyone.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Street/Apt. City Postal Code

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E-mail to: sretiree@stclaircollege.ca