



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Summer 2020

From the President

Kathy Dupuis



What a difference a year makes. Last year Frank and I were travelling through Australia and New Zealand. Who would have thought at this time last year that non-essential travel would be declared closed for both international travel and amongst our provinces? Living in

a border city, we are very much aware of the impact the pandemic has had on front line workers who travel daily to and from the United States. I want to acknowledge all of the people who have done their part to take care of all of our needs during these trying times. The pandemic has significantly altered our lives. Like most of you, I never imagined that I would experience this in my lifetime.

The Retirees' Association (RA) launched several initiatives to keep in touch with our members. An email was sent out to the members encouraging them to share how they were coping with Covid-19. The responses were humorous as well as inspiring. On page 8, John Lawrence shared how he and his wife Lorna are coping. The RA Social Committee also reached out to all members by sending out "Thinking of You" cards.

Although the Executive Board was unable to meet in person, we did manage to have a virtual meeting using Zoom. One cannot predict when in-person meetings will resume. If you are planning on visiting the College, you will be required to follow certain protocols outlined in the article on page 8, "Contractor and Community Members Pandemic Prescreening and Access Protocols". Members of the RA Association fall under this category.

Due to the pandemic, RA activities and events came to a complete halt. The newsletter generally would include articles about these activities and events. In this issue of the newsletter, you will find articles about the contribu-

tions by St. Clair College to our communities during Covid-19, the recipients of the SCCRA Scholarship Award, Meet your Treasurer, progress of the College Sports Park, Summary of Correspondence from President Patti, and other tidbits that may be of interest to you.

We congratulate our new retirees and welcome them into the enchanted land of the never-ending coffee break. I invite them to join the SCC Retirees' Association. We are a fun-loving, friendly group of retirees who enjoy a good laugh and great company.

This past May, JoAn Dale, one of our long-time RA Executive Board members lost her battle to cancer. She will be dearly missed. JoAn's passing leaves a great void in our Executive Board. The Board is in need of another representative for Chatham, details are described in "SCCRA Executive Board Chatham Representative" on page 3 in the newsletter.

In June, our association suffered the loss of Keith Brown. Keith was a faithful member of our Archive Group. On most Monday mornings, one could find Keith in our "club room" with his Archive Group colleagues working away at his specialty of cataloguing photos of former College faculty and staff. We shall miss Keith's quiet unassuming efforts on behalf of our association.

On Canada Day, we lost John Zangari. John was the co-editor of our newsletter for a number of years with his late wife Del who was a St. Clair College retiree.

The Pandemic has given me time to ponder what is important in life; health, family, friends and a good haircut. Stay Healthy. ✨

Kathy Dupuis

**Watch your e-mails for our Fall event.
You're going to love it!**

Your Social Committee

Notice Re: Retiree Member Contact Information

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association collects, compiles and maintains basic membership contact information. This information is intended **ONLY** to meet the needs of the Association. On occasion, the Association has received requests for access to the information pertaining to members, therefore, a policy was developed and approved in March, 2019 to define the conditions under which personal information would be released. The information compiled by the Association is primarily collected for the purpose of communicating with the members of the Association, and every effort is made to collect and retain accurate, current data.

Policy:

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association shall not disclose personal information in its custody or under its control except:

- (a) for the purpose for which it was obtained or compiled or for a consistent purpose;
- (b) where the person to whom the information relates has identified that information in particular and has consented to its disclosure;
- (c) for the purpose of complying with an Act of the Legislature, an Act of Parliament, or a Court Order;
- (d) in compassionate circumstances, to facilitate contact with the next of kin or a friend of an individual who is injured, ill or deceased.

Contacts for Health Benefits and Pension

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Kim Bode, 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

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

Help Wanted

A. Position: Archive Project Volunteer

B. Skills:

The successful candidate will:

- i. Have an interest in the history of St. Clair College.
- ii. Be prepared to enjoy the companionship of fellow retirees.
- iii. Continue to contribute to the College in a meaningful way.
- iv. Be able to work independently and with other retirees, working on a very loose and flexible schedule / duties.
- v. Have willingness to use their creative ability in the design and implementation of display material in the Retiree Display cabinet in the Main Lobby. (Not required but would be a definite asset.)

C. Duties

- i. Assist with the collection of photos, documents and objects.
- ii. Assist with the identification and categorization of the collected items.
- iii. Assist with the organized, permanent retention of the collection.
- iv. Carry out all duties with a casual and fun attitude.
- v. Organize, design, and implement displays/presentations for retiree gatherings, meetings/parties using existing collection.

D. Time Commitment

- Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to (your choice?)



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!

SCCRA Executive Board Chatham Representative

We are in need of Chatham representation on the SCC Retirees' Association Executive Board. In the past, we have had three Executive Board members representing Chatham's retirees - Jay Ertel, JoAn Dale, and Elizabeth Barr. Jay retired from the Executive Board last year after many years as an active member. Recently in May, we suffered the sad misfortune of losing the late JoAn Dale, whom we miss dearly. JoAn's passing leaves a great void in our Board with Elizabeth Barr as the only Chatham representative. We are eager to have other members from our Chatham colleagues to represent Chatham with their ideas. Please consider this! We have very interesting meetings!

We currently meet every third Wednesday of each month except for July. A meeting in December is scheduled only if required. The June meeting takes place in Chatham. Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. and run until 11:30.

Those attending the meeting from Chatham are reimbursed for mileage. In the past, folks coming from Chatham have carpooled to Windsor.

The Board is considering teleconferencing meetings on days that are not suitable for travel. We are also considering rotation so that a few people could take turns attending meetings.

Why not come to a meeting and see how the Executive works for our members?

Kathy Dupuis



Bill Jones is marking his **90th Birthday** Congratulations. We wish Bill blessings of peace, health, and happiness.

***Happy Birthday Bill
Many Happy Returns***

SCCRA Golf



To SCCRA Paid up Members - If you are a golfer and want to get in some **FREE** practice or if you are currently a non-golfer and want to give it a try for **FREE**, now is the time, because Woodland Hills Golf is scheduled to be open from July 1st to October 31st.

Where - Woodland Hills - Belle River Road & Hwy 401
When - Any time between July 1st to Oct. 31st
What - **Unlimited Golf** and/or 1 bucket of balls for the Driving Range
Cost - **No charge** for St. Clair Retirees with **paid-up current SCCRA card**

Note - If you have not yet paid, please e-mail **Marilyn Portt** at sccramembership@gmail.com

Recommendation - Please call 519-975-4653 before heading out to the golf course to **book a tee time**.

Contributed by **Jim Chambers**

Travel Trivia Quiz

As retirees, many of us have experienced the joy and wonder of travel. Unfortunately, COVID-19 usurped the March Trivia event; so here are a few questions to tease your little grey cells and hopefully evoke a few happy memories. Let's have fun! **Answers are on Page 7.**

1. In which city would you find Casa Batlló, Casa Mila (la Pedrera) and the Sagrada Familia?
2. Name the famous bridge crossing the river Thames at the Tower of London.
3. What makes the water blue in Iceland's famous Blue Lagoon?
4. Canada and Russia are the only two countries that are bordered by 3 oceans, but only one has the highest tides in the world. Which one is it?
5. In which county would you ride on a felucca or see the Alabaster Mosque?
6. In which country would you find the Celsus library and the underground cisterns?
7. In which country would you find Petra?
8. Where would you find Rosslyn Chapel?
9. What is hidden inside the Rock of Gibraltar?
10. Where did General Brock serve as a Captain in the late 1700's, which is also the only foreign country ever visited by U.S.A. President George Washington in 1751?

CMHA Fundraiser Spinathon at College Sportsplex

On Saturday, February 29th, SCCRA Secretary Lyn Medler participated in the Spinathon for CMHA, which was held in the spin room at the College's Sportsplex. Three, one hour spin sessions were held throughout the morning and Lyn was among many other "spinners" who raised funds by sweating through a session or two. ✨



SCCRA Secretary Lyn Medler (right), on the "spin" bike with other volunteers at the event. Photo: SNAPD Windsor

Contributed by **Lyn Medler**



SCCRA Members And Their Loved Ones Coping With The Covid-19 Pandemic



College Retiree John Lawrence reports that as a hospice volunteer, his wife Lorna has been in "i-sew-lation" producing

gowns for use by people who visit residents at the Chatham-Kent Hospice. John reports that Lorna recruited him to press, pin, and measure. John states that the photo proves that one can teach an old dog new tricks. Lorna and John donned their Hospice Hike shirts for the accompanying photo to promote their virtual hike this year. We congratulate John who on July 22 was honoured with the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism.. ✨ Photo: John Lawrence

Congratulations To The 2019 SCCRA Scholarship Recipients

The recipients of the SCCRA Scholarships for 2019 are Shantel Patterson at the Chatham Campus and Mackenzie Perry at the Windsor Campus. Shantel is enrolled in the RPN Program and has a 4.0 GPA, and Mackenzie is in the Social Service Worker – Gerontology Program and has a 4.0 GPA.

To qualify for consideration, applicants must be enrolled in a Health Science Program, in particular one that is geared towards helping seniors, and carry at least a 3.0 GPA.



Chatham Scholarship recipient Shantel Patterson being congratulated by Jim Chambers of the SCCRA Executive Chambers Photo: Jim Chambers

After the applications are short listed by the College's Scholarship Selection Committee, those short listed applicants are then invited to write a short article on their personal interaction with seniors. These articles are then reviewed by the SCCRA Scholarship Selection Committee that makes the final selections. The SCCRA Scholarship

Selection Committee is composed of Bill Totten, Pat Hallahan, Bill Jones, and Jim Chambers.

I had the privilege of personally presenting the scholarship to Shantel on February 27 2020 at the Awards luncheon in Chatham (see accompanying photo). Unfortunately because of the serious nature of Covid-19, the Awards presentation in Windsor was cancelled and I therefore did not have the opportunity of presenting the Scholarship to Mackenzie.

This year's recipients each received a \$500 scholarship, with one coming from the SCCRA General account and one from monies donated to the St. Clair College Foundation's SCCRA Scholarship Fund. ✨

Contributed by **Jim Chambers**
Chair, SCCRA Scholarship Selection Committee

St. Clair College Makes A Major Contribution During Covid-19

St. Clair College has certainly stepped up as a community leader during the Covid-19 crisis. Early in April, at the height of the crisis, St. Clair College announced several initiatives.

When it appeared that the hospital might be short of beds and respirators, the College transferred all of the needed equipment from the Toldo Health Sciences Centre at the Windsor campus to the Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) for their use as needed.



Then an agreement was reached with Windsor Regional Hospital to transform the school's SportsPlex at the College – a stand-alone athletic facility on the main campus – into a field hospital for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The agreement provided WRH with the additional space it needed to accommodate patients in case there was a surge of patients with COVID-19. Through a phased-in approach, the team transformed the building into an off-site hospital with the capacity to treat up to 100 low acuity patients in the recovery phase of their treatments, including patients recovering from the virus. On Saturday, April 18, 2020, thirty of the patients were moved into the SportsPlex field hospital. All of these patients had

tested positive to Covid-19 in Long Term Care facilities. The last of the 50 patients treated for COVID-19 at Windsor Regional Hospital's field hospital on the grounds of St. Clair College were released on June 15, 2020.

A few days later, St. Clair College and the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (CKHA) also reached an agreement to turn the HealthPlex at the Chatham Campus into a Chatham-Kent Health Alliance field hospital for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The agreement provided CKHA with the additional space it needed to accommodate patients in case there was a surge of patients with COVID-19.



It was also announced that Student Government groups and Alumni Associations from both St. Clair College and the University of

Windsor had partnered with their institutions to donate \$100,000 in support efforts for front-line healthcare workers at Windsor Regional Hospital. The University and College each donated \$50,000 to help WRH with the purchase of new ventilators in the immediate fight against COVID-19.

It makes us proud, as St. Clair retirees, to be a part of this institution. ✨

Contributed by *Bill Totten*

St. Clair College
actively supports the communities of
Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent Counties

A Summary Of Some Correspondence From College President Patti

Considering our current pandemic situation, it is unfortunate that this year we were unable to meet up with everyone for a brunch/luncheon before everyone headed off to their summer breaks. In lieu of our regular “Goodbye for the Summer” gathering from our St. Clair College President, Patti France, sent out a recent memo to all Staff summing up where we stand as a college fiscally for the year ending March 2020 as well as various matters pertaining to college updates. We thought that some of you might be interested in the highlights of this communication:

2019-20 fiscal years ended in extremely solid shape with a surplus of \$31 million. That surplus was created, in large part, by considerably higher-than-expected international enrolment/tuition revenue (including Ace Acumen’s contribution), coupled with conscientiously restrained expenditures across the board.

During its June 23rd meeting, the Board of Governors endorsed the deposit of \$20 million of that surplus into the long-term “sustainability reserve fund”. Coupled with a similar amount placed into that new fund last year, the College is now well positioned to deal with any significant financial/operating crisis that might affect the College in the near or distant future. Also, \$5 million of that surplus will be earmarked for deferred maintenance expenses, to chip away at building repair and renovation projects that have been outstanding on the “capital wish list”.

Patti extended her deepest gratitude to each and every one of the staff for this fiscal situation. She expressed that they have all contributed to the Colleges’ enrolment growth during the past several years (making the revenue increases possible) and by abiding by conscientious spending policies (which, on the other side of the ledger, have kept costs under control).

Of special note – Patti indicated that if the ongoing impact of the global pandemic does severely impact the financial position in 2020-21 ... and that may not occur, but if it does ... the sustainability reserve created by the recent surpluses will allow St. Clair College to weather such a budgetary storm quite successfully.

St. Clair College has now been given permission by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, to resume program delivery in July, in “pilot project” format, to allow “stranded” final-year students to finish their educations. This will include, in some circum-

stances, a degree of “in-person/on-campus” instruction, especially in the form of “essential” labs, workshops, clinics and work-placements”. Patti expressed her gratitude to the staff for working through July and August, and as well and more importantly, the fact that their efforts will now allow students who will soon be eligible - to graduate! She also anticipates that this hybrid format of delivery will be a precursor for what could happen in the fall of 2020 (online delivery as well as required labs, workshops and clinics) to take place in a safe-and-healthy “in-person/on-campus” manner.

Patti emphasized that the physical health-and-safety of staff and students is their administrations paramount concern. Through innovative human resources agreements it is expected and hoped that they can continue to respond to the financial well-being and employment status of St. Clair College staff.

A number of projects are currently underway and will hopefully be completed by fall. Among those, at the Windsor Campus, you’ll see: the Sports Park nearing completion, ongoing construction of the new student residence and structural steel (and maybe some exterior walls) erected for the new Zekelman Centre of Business and Information Technology/expanded Student Centre. ✨

Contributed by *Sue McLelland*

“When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it’s a sure sign you’re getting old.”

– Samuel Clemens aka Mark Twain

Mandatory Face Masks Required at St. Clair College

In compliance with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit’s direction on mandatory face coverings in all commercial establishments, effective June 23rd, face coverings will be mandatory at St. Clair College in common areas. This means hallways, stairwells, lounges and food service areas. While we are not a commercial institution, we felt it is important to be consistent with public health guidelines. This requirement will be in addition to the specific requirements for PPE outlined in labs/shops.

Meet Your Treasurer Jim Chambers



I begin my story by acknowledging the two locations that are near and dear to me. One is Windsor, the place where I live, where I was born, raised, educated and worked. The other being the farm community where I spent many a summer helping on the family farm and where I had my first official summer job working

as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at a nearby resort. After selling the farm in 2004 and wanting to stay connected to the area, my wife and I purchased a year round vacation home at Ipperwash Beach.

For 4 years after graduating from the University of Windsor with my MBA, I worked for Green Giant Foods of Canada as the Accounting Supervisor at the Canadian Head Office in Windsor. During that time, I earned my professional accounting certification. I left Green Giant when the late Dewey Grant made me an offer that I could not refuse and that was to join the Accounting Studies Department at St. Clair College as a faculty member.

During my 30 years at the College, I spent 25 years as an Accounting Studies professor and 5 years split between being a Chairperson and the Registrar. I retired as Faculty in 2004. While at the College, I was involved in several committees and activities including being the MC at a number of Convocations. For two years in the early 1990, I was honoured to be a member of the committee whose task it was to convert the existing College accounting system to a newer computerized system.

After retiring as a full-time employee, I had the opportunity to stay connected to the College through three different activities, one being with the College hockey team for which I was the Assistant Equipment manager and skate sharpener for about 5 years. I had many a great trip with the team including to West Point, Arizona State University, Penn State University and Iowa State University to name a few. Another connection was through the Learning Centre where for approximately 4 years I was able to continue my love of teaching by helping students struggling to understand various

Accounting concepts. My most lasting connection has been through the SCCRA Executive of which I have been a member directly or indirectly for about 14 years. I am currently the Treasurer, the Chair of the SCCRA Scholarship Selection Committee and the RA Liaison with Woodland Hills Golf Course.

Of my personal activities the one that gives me a great deal of satisfaction is being a volunteer at J.R. Park Homestead - 34 years and counting. In my role as a heritage centre interpreter, a caricature whittler and as a blacksmith, I have a chance to interact with the visiting public from whom I always garner a great deal of new and interesting trivia about the Homestead.

Of course, nothing can beat our vacation home on Lake Huron for all-round enjoyment. Even as I struggle to plant approximately 25 Dahlia and 25 Canna-lilies each spring, I know when the flowers are in bloom the work will have been worth it (if anyone would like a few dahlia or canna-lily tubers, let me know).

My most significant post retirement move was to join a Masonic Lodge in Windsor, becoming a member in 2005. I am now a member of several different Masonic bodies, with some in Windsor, some in Chatham and in London. I am also a Shriner, the organization that supports the Shrine Hospitals for Children and I am a member of the Ausable-Port Franks Optimist Club.

I have been married to my lovely wife Cathy since 1970. We have no children but have had a couple of loving dogs along the way. We have been fortunate to be able to indulge our desire to travel, from Alaska to Australia and a fair amount of the territory in between. I even became an Honorary Maori Chief in New Zealand and as I wrap up this part of my story I wish you all good health "Hauora Pai Ki A Koe". **

Contributed by *Jim Chambers*



Answers to Travel Trivia Quiz (Page 3) 1 - Barcelona, Spain. Antoni Gaudi designed each one. 2 - Tower Bridge. 3 - It's high Silica content. 4 - Canada. 5 - Egypt. 6 - Turkey. 7 - Jordan. 8 - Scotland. 9 - Thirty miles of tunnels built as a base by the British and their allies in WWII. 10 - Barbados. **

Contributed by *Pat Taylor & Mimi McPhedran*

Contractor and Community Members Pandemic Prescreening and Access Protocols

We welcome you to St. Clair College. In an effort to keep our campus community safe, please follow the safety protocols noted below.

1. Contractors must be cleared to access the campus through the Associate Vice President (AVP), Safety, Security and Facilities Management. Community members must be cleared to access the campus through either an AVP, Vice President or the President's Office. In either case, an email of authorization must have been sent to Security ahead of your arrival.
2. You must only enter through the main lobby. Upon entering the main lobby, you are to sanitize your hands with the supplied hand sanitizer.
3. You will be screened by Security at the Security Check-In Desk. They will ask the following questions
 1. Do you have any of the following symptoms?
 - Fever or feeling feverish
 - New onset of cough
 - Worsened chronic cough
 - Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?
 2. Have you had close contact with anyone with acute respiratory illness?
 3. Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?
 4. Have you been tested for COVID-19?
 5. Do you have a confirmed case of COVID-19?
 6. Have you had close contact with a COVID-positive person?
 7. Do you have any of the following symptoms?
 - sore throat
 - runny nose/sneezing, nasal congestion
 - hoarse voice
 - difficulty swallowing
 - decreased or loss of sense of smell or taste
 - chills
 - headaches
 - unexplained fatigue/malaise
 - diarrhea, abdominal pain
 - nausea, vomiting
 - pink eye (conjunctivitis)
4. If you are cleared to enter the campus, Security will then clear you with the Security desk to ensure that permission to enter the College has been approved.
5. Security will have you sign in to the "Contractor/Visitor Log" and call your College Contact to meet you in the main lobby.
6. You must wear a mask in all common areas including hallways, stairways, lounges, food service areas and anywhere else that 2 meters of physical distance between you and someone else cannot be maintained.
7. You must follow all directional signage and safety postings.
8. When you leave campus, please sign out with Security in the main lobby.

****Please remember to always maintain physical distancing while at the College and to wash or sanitize your hands frequently.****

From the Social Committee

Hello everyone. Well, it's been a long five months for everyone and your Social Committee has been wracking its collective brain to come up with ideas for socially distanced activities. If you didn't receive the "*Thinking of You*" card that we mailed out in July, please let us know. This is very important, as it is our means of keeping in touch, getting feedback, and ensuring that we have your current address for our mailing list. You can reach us at sretiree@stclaircollege.ca. Thanks to Kathy, Sue, and Marilyn for giving us a hand with messages, labels, envelope stuffing and plenty of laughs to keep our spirits up. We did social distance and wore masks.

Keeping in touch is so important during this incredible time of change. We have had to stretch ourselves in ways that many of us have never experienced during our lifetimes. We applaud the strength, courage, determination and ingenuity that our families, friends and all Canadians have demonstrated during this moment in history.

Activities will resume as soon as the government gives us the all clear, but in the meantime, we would love to hear what you've been doing to get you through these unprecedented times. We will be providing reminders from time to time that we are still working towards our next event and the camaraderie we have missed over the last months. Keep safe, keep healthy, and above all, keep smiling, it increases your face value. ✨

Contributed by *Patricia Taylor and Mimi McPhedran*



Smile, It's Good For Your Health

The synagogue was totally empty, not a soul in sight, when Rabbi Samuel Perlman walked in. He sat at a pew as he sobbed uncontrollably. Suddenly, a great voice echoed through the building saying, "Rabbi Samuel, why are you weeping so mournfully?"

The rabbi looked around in astonishment, and seeing no one asked, "Who is that? Is that you Lord?"

"Yes, it is I." was the reply, "Why are you so sad? What is the matter?"

The rabbi replied, "Oh Lord, I am broken-hearted and mortified. My son, my only son has forsaken the faith of his forefathers and became a Christian."

"What? Your son too?" came the reply.

Major Changes at South Campus

Unless you have made a special trip to the St. Clair College South Campus lately, you would probably be amazed at the major changes to the College facilities. There are three projects which are making a big change to the College skyline – the new Sports Park, the Zekelman School of Business addition, and the student residence.



Photo: Tony Ellul

The SportsPark is an exciting project which will provide students and the community with state-of-the-art facilities for soccer, softball, beach volleyball courts, and indoor tennis courts. Located at the south end of the campus, this project will see the complete rejuvenation of the College's current outdoor sports facilities which formerly included the ball diamond, soccer field and tennis courts. The Sports Park will boast 1,500 seat soccer field complete with artificial turf, digital score board and press box, a 400 seat softball diamond with artificial turf, team rooms and scoreboard, concession stands, and four lighted beach volleyball courts with a lounge and an indoor tennis facility. There's a stylish beacon entrance to the park, a pond and multiple areas for students to gather. The project will be overseen by the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the Student Athletic Association. Support from the community has been unparalleled thanks to the generous sponsorship from the Barry and Stephanie Zekelman Foundation and Michael Schlater, CEO of Dominos Canada. In addition, the College also is grateful to the WFCU Credit Union, Fortis Group, Architecturra Inc., the City of Windsor, and Town of Tecumseh for their continued support.

Plans for a new residence at St. Clair's main/South Windsor campus are pushing ahead. Construction has begun on a new 512-bed residence to the north of the existing dormitory building, and is being constructed and, subsequently, managed on the College's behalf by a private-sector partner: the Global Education Mihome (GEM) Corporation. The construction methodology for this residence involves another "corporate friend and partner" of the College, the Zekelman family. A subsidiary company of Zekelman Industries is named Z-Modular. It sees the Zekelmans in the construction business, using the modular assembly of block-ish units to create large structures. Production of building commences with the construction of the room suites at the Z-Modular Kitchener plant. This building format will allow the new residence to be built in stages, as required by tenancy demands, with modular sections added from year to year.

At long last, the construction of the proposed Academic Tower has been approved, with a long-awaited letter from provincial Finance Minister Rod Phillips, approving the College's plan to construct a new Academic Tower atop the existing Student Centre. This project has been in the works for several years, but required approval under the Financial Administration Act to confirm that no provincial government funding would be required to bankroll it. The College will build the tower – chiefly housing Business and I.T. classes in the Zekelman School of Business & Information Technology – with its own funds, student fees administered by the Student Representative Council/SRC (because part of the project will include an expansion of the Student Centre and housing for the SRC-managed Saints e-Gaming program), corporate donations, and a contribution made by the school's Alumni Association.

Now that it has received that thumbs-up, the construction schedule is set. It was originally hoped that the erection of the structural steel of the new building when there wouldn't be quite so many students around who will be inconvenienced by that first building phase. The pandemic has forced adjustments to that plan. ✨

Contributed by *Bill Totten*

In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
February 19, 2020 - August 19, 2020*



Jack Richard "Rick" LUMB passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 81 years of age. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Ruthann (nee Renaud) and sons David (Tammy) and Kevin (Mary). Rick was a retired St. Clair College professor in the IT department.



Donald ROBERTS passed away on Wednesday, April 1st 2020 at 85 years of age. Don was the husband of the late Patricia (nee Stewart) (1999) and the father of Robin Roberts (Dave Weaver) and Tammy Percy (Jason). Don retired from St. Clair College after many years of service as an electronics technologist.



Dr. Roy F. GIROUX passed away on March 14, 2020 at age 83. He leaves his wife of nearly 60 years, Madonna (Renaud); father to Mary Beth (John St. Louis) and Jennifer (Martin Simon). Roy dedicated his life to education, life-long learning, and helping others achieve their goals. He spent several years at St. Clair College as Dean and Vice President, retiring as Vice President of Staff and Student Development at Humber College.



Ivan Jack BASTIEN passed away in Toronto on April 22, 2020 at age 83, and was predeceased by his wife Dolores. Ivan was father to John, Ted, and Kate. He was the Chair of Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics at St. Clair College.



Anna Marie LENNIE passed away on Thursday, March 26th 2020 in Windsor at 69 years of age. Predeceased by husband Bob (2010) and survived by sons David and Brian (Lorene). She was a nursing instructor at St. Clair College.



Eris Pauline MacIntosh passed away on Wednesday, May 13th at age 92, rejoining her husband Bill (2003). She was the mother of Rand MacIntosh (Nicky), Beth (Steve) Fleming, Lori (Sandy) MacKay. Eris worked for several companies over the years and her last job with St Clair College as secretary to the Principal was her favourite.



Keith BROWN passed away on June 24, 2020 at the age of 88. Keith was the beloved husband of Denise Brown for 60 years, and father of Jo-Anne Doher (Sam), Mark Brown (Yvonne), and René Brown (Lisa). Keith was an Electrical Engineer and was a professor of Electronics at St. Clair. He was an active volunteer and travelled extensively. Keith was eager to help all his family and friends with whatever they needed repaired.

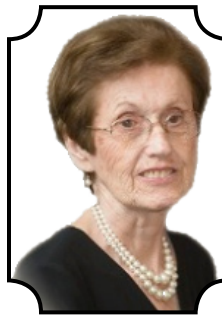


JoAn DALE passed away on Wednesday, May 20th 2020 at age 76, at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. JoAn is survived by four brothers and four sisters. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion and a deep sense of loyalty to her family, her Church and her Nursing profession. JoAn served as Director and Chair of the Nursing Program for St. Clair College at both the Chatham and Windsor Campus. JoAn was a Past President of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association.





Patrick James (P. J.) CASELLA passed away peacefully on June 29, 2020 at age 78. P.J. was predeceased by his loving wife Angy (2017), also a St. Clair Professor. He is survived by daughters Lara (John), and Sarah (Richard). P.J. was a professor of English in the Adult Retraining Program, then Curriculum Development.



Frances MURPHY passed away on Sunday, March 22nd 2020 at age 93. Fran was a long time employee of Versa Services at St. Clair College. She was predeceased by husband Graham, and was the mother of Patricia Boismier (Dennis), and Bruce Murphy (Joan).



John ZANGARI passed away on July 1, 2020 at 86 years of age. John was the husband of St. Clair College retiree **Del Zangari (2019)**. John served with Del as co-editor of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association newsletter for several years.



Sydney (Syd) NISHIZAKI passed away Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at age 62. He was the husband of Susan Larson, and father to Sara (Justin Kelley) and Mandy (Boris Maric). Syd worked at St. Clair College in the Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance departments for over 30 years.

In Memoriam

*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
February 19, 2020 - August 19, 2020*

Don Barten passed away on March 18, 2020 at age 86 in Bennekom Gelderland, Netherlands. Don was the brother of St. Clair College retiree **Hanno Barten**.

Gilbert Joy passed away on March 19, 2020 at age 83 in Chennai, South India. Mr. Joy was the father of St. Clair College faculty member **Ruth Susannah**.

Jan Huisman (Jeanette A. Huisman) passed away in Ridgeway on March 29, 2020 at age 96. She was the wife of St. Clair College retiree **Casey Huisman**.

Stanley Redko passed away peacefully on June 29, 2020 at 80 years of age. He was the father of St. Clair College Interior Design professor **Patrick Redko**.

Jan (John) Mankiewicz, passed away at age 88 on March 31, 2020. John was the brother of St. Clair College retiree **Mary Ann (Ken) Dafeo**.

Annette Keddie passed away on April 8, 2020 at age 77 in Windsor. Annette was the sister of St. Clair College retiree **Sue Garant**.

Paul McGrail passed away on May 30th, 2020 at 66 years of age in Chatham-Kent. He was the father of St. Clair College staff member, **Jordan (Chris)**. Jordan's grandmother, **Edmers Stanski** of Chatham, also passed away on July 1, 2020, and Jordan's Aunt **Jill Yvonne Stanski**, passed away on July 11, 2020.

Margaret Corriveau passed away in Windsor on July 1, 2020 at age 83. She was the mother of St. Clair College staff member **Kevin (Lori) Corriveau**.

James (Jim) St. Pierre, husband of St. Clair College retiree **Heather St. Pierre**, passed away on July 18, 2020 at the age of 75 years.



*Swing low sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home.
I looked over Jordan and what did I see?
A band of Angels coming after me,
Comin' for to carry me home.*

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Upcoming Events

We regret that in keeping with the current health directives issued by the Ontario Health Authorities regarding the Coronavirus pandemic there are no plans for upcoming events for the foreseeable future.

Plans for future events will be forthcoming and announced once the Ontario Health Authorities issue new directives.

**Until we can all meet again
stay safe and stay well.**

For the Retirees' Association
Quarterly Calendar of Events
and listing of activities
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