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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Before you know it the Christmas season will be here. The Windsor Christmas lunch will again be in Chez Talbot, again catered by the St. Clair Centre for the Arts staff which last year many said was the best ever. Plan on reserving your ticket early as seating is limited. At Dr. Strasser's direction a ticket to the annual Christmas show performed by the Theatre Arts students will be included with the purchase of your Christmas lunch ticket. Show times are

Thursday and Friday Dec. 15 and 16 at 7:30 and a matinee on Saturday Dec. 17 at 3:00. The Thames Christmas lunch is again at the Countryview Golf Club where we always have an excellent buffet lunch.

For those of you who missed the Fall BBQ and the tour of the new Health Sciences building you missed a fabulous tour. From the beginning of the college most of the Health Sciences were crowded down in the basement of the college. The nurses were squirreled away in small labs. This building has the latest design, the latest equipment, the latest computer hardware and software. If you get a chance to take a tour of the building don't miss it.

Special thanks to Stephanie Nagle for her informative tour of Cooper's Hawk Winery. Once a teacher, always a teacher. Stephanie explained to our group of 24 how to taste wine like a professional wine taster. We all had a healthy taste of the four wines produced by this new winery.

Mary Loncke told me that she and Dan plan on having a winter Birds and Breakfast outing, probably in January. Dan notifies by e-mail, so sign up with Dan at danloncke@yahoo.ca if you didn't do so last fall. If you don't have e-mail give me a call at 519 776 6747 and I will notify you of the outings.

After our last Annual Meeting Del Zangari informed the Executive that she would no longer be able to continue as Editor of the newsletter due to health reasons. Del has been our only editor. She and her husband John have faithfully produced the best retiree newsletter in the province. This was a real blow to the Association. Fortunately John informed us that he would be willing to continue producing the newsletter. And the best news of all, Del's health has improved so she will continue to edit the articles we send to them.

Anita Blair, President

PREScription DRUG COVERAGE

Should we continue to pay for this coverage after age 65?

Continuing to maintain Extended Health Care coverage after age 65 is a decision College retirees have to consider because of its cost and because, at age 65, retirees become eligible for the Ontario Drug Benefit Program (ODB).

In my case, this Extended Health Care coverage, which also includes vision and paramedic care, aids and appliances, private duty nursing, orthopaedic shoes, etc., costs my spouse and me \$280 per month or \$3360 per year with the CAAT Sun Life Benefits Plan. Once we are both aged 65, the question becomes: if the majority of this cost is related to prescription drug coverage and we are now both covered by the ODB, why should we continue to pay out so much money?

A few years ago, the Retirees' Association held an educational seminar to help deal with this question. We invited four pharmacists to give us their opinion and answer questions. They unanimously agreed that we should continue to maintain the coverage because the Province was regularly "delisting" drugs from the coverage provided by the ODB.

Recently, I read an article in "Renaissance" the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) Magazine. I'd like to share some of the information in this article:

- The Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) covers approximately 20% of the medications available in Ontario.
- Of this 20%, many are covered on a "limited use basis," meaning a particular drug is required

and specific clinical criteria must be met.

- Of the top 20 drugs paid under the RTO Plan, seven are not covered by the ODB and six are covered on a limited use basis.
- In 2010 almost half of the paid RTO drug claims were for participants aged 65 or over.
- In 2010 over half of the total RTO claims paid for all benefits under the Extended Health Care coverage were for this age group.

At this time, comparable data for the CAAT Sun Life Benefits Plan is not available.

For those of you with CAAT Sun Life Benefits, you should be aware that your Plan provides unlimited prescription drug coverage, unlike the RTO Plan, which, although somewhat more affordable, caps its coverage at \$2500 per person.

Obviously, everyone's situation is different. There is no one answer as to whether or not to maintain prescription drug coverage. I have always, found, however, that it's best to have as much information as possible. This particular question has frustrated me for some time, especially since I have found it very difficult to get good information from the government.

This submission is FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY and neither an endorsement nor recommendation of any kind.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

COLLEGE CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

The *College contact* person for retirees seeking information on **pensions and benefits** is Kim Bode, Ext. 4687. Amy Lam, the **CAAT Pension Plan** analyst dedicated to St. Clair College can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9012 or alam@caatpension.on.ca

NOTE: If you will require a receipt indicating premiums paid for income tax purposes, call Shelley Armstrong at 519 972-2727, ext 4286. If you had made a request in previous years, one will be sent to you automatically

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$20,480 to date, 68% of our \$30,000 goal.

Thank you to the retirees who have already made their contribution to the HealthPlex Campaign. The retiree pledges made during the Brick Campaign ranged from \$100 to \$5,000. **The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with the last Newsletter.** If **95** further retirees participate by pledging \$100 for 1 brick we would meet our committed goal. **Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign.** The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. **It's time to send in those forms that may be sitting on home desks.**

The HealthPlex Campaign is now well underway. The Executive advised Dr. Strasser of our support by unanimously passing two motions at an emergency meeting in the Fall'08:

- That the Executive Support the College's HealthPlex Fundraising Campaign and that the support be recommended to the SCCRA general membership.
- That the SCCRA Executive agrees to support the HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of \$30,000 (\$3,000 for 10 years)

Be part of the Retirees' Campaign by pledging your support to the College's HealthPlex Campaign.

Members interested in helping with fundraising through their contacts with small business or helping with a fundraising event are asked to contact Jay Ertel, Coordinator for Retiree Fundraising. The SCCRA HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of \$30,000 could be met for example through member donations (eg. 300 retirees @ \$10/year for 10 years) or a combination of fundraising and donations.

Many thanks to Jim Chambers, Bill Jones and Brian Labombard for organizing the Retirees' Association Golf Outings as fundraising activities.

We thank JoAn Dale for running the HealthPlex draws at our social events.

Memorial donations of \$25 are being made by the SCCRA in the name of deceased retirees to the HealthPlex Campaign. This fall SCCRA made an additional donation of \$1,500.

At the request of Bob Woods who is recently deceased memorial donations were made in Bob's memory to the Retiree HealthPlex Fund.

The Executive is discussing ideas for future fundraising activities and we would welcome suggestions from the retirees.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

ANNUAL FALL BBQ

This year, the annual Fall Barbeque was preceded by a tour of the new Applied Health Sciences building, scheduled to open in September, 2011.

Following the very informative and interesting tour of the new Applied Health Sciences complex, between 50 and 55 retirees and partners gathered in Chez Talbot to enjoy renewing acquaintances as well as the barbecued sausage and hamburgs, ably prepared – as they have been for several years - by

Keith Brown and Shirley Dzudz, our BBQ chefs supreme.

Prior to our meal, Dr Strasser brought us up-to-date with the latest St. Clair College news. He noted the imminent start of the HealthPlex at South Campus; the acquisition of an additional building near the MediaPlex in Downtown Windsor; the impact of the new Parkway on the South Campus property; and the enrolment picture for the 2011-2012 academic year.

OUR WEB SITE

There are probably many of you who have never looked at our retiree web site at www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees/ This is maintained by Brian Agar, a Thames retiree, with in-college assistance from Tom Williams. If you go directly to the College's website it is on the left under College Board & Staff, Retirees' Association.

On our home page Brian has a list of updates added to the website. Along the side of the page is a lengthy list of web pages.

Annual General Meeting - the minutes of the AGM's going back to 2001.

Bylaws and Policies - the by-laws past and present.

Executive - the current Executive with their phone number and e-mail address

Membership - how to become a member of SCCRA

Calendar of Events - All the retiree events for the year.

Social Activities - a list of the ongoing activities offered by the Association

Projects -work done by the Association for the College and retirees

Newsletters - past issues of our newsletters

Pensions and Benefits - who to contact at the college, the Pension Board and the Council for benefits. Additional information includes PowerPoint presentations from officials at the Pension Board and the Council. Also includes articles and communiques.

Picture Gallery - from our social events

Web Links -other websites of interest to retirees
We have received many compliments on the thoroughness and organization of our website. Many thanks to Brian.

Submitted by Anita Blair

WINTER TRIP 2012

The cold winter months will soon be here. In the dark days of winter it is nice to get away to a warm and sunny climate for a week.

This year we are going to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. The resort is the Ocean Blue and Sand Resort a fairly large, all-inclusive resort with 748 rooms. Our accommodation is a junior suite with a separate living area, cable TV, a mini fridge, coffee maker and safe. There are 8 restaurants and 8 bars.

The price has been fluctuating between \$1475 and \$1560 so you must call Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel 519 258 5404 for the price. Because we are a group we are entitled to a \$50.00 per person discount

off the quoted price . We are flying on a regular scheduled, non stop Delta flight from Detroit, not a charter.

lv Detroit 8:45 arr Punta Cana 2:22 Sat. Jan. 21,
2012

lv Punta Cana 3:17 arr Detroit 7:12 Sat. Jan. 28,
2012

We have already chartered a bus to pick us up from two locations in Windsor and take us to the Detroit airport and to pick us up and bring us home at the end of the trip. This is the most convenient way to get to the Detroit airport.

Submitted by Anita Blair

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters will visit me twice a week!"

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

AUGUST 26, 2011

It was a beautiful Friday afternoon, when John Fairley, VP College and Community Relations, introduced Dr. John Strasser, President St. Clair College, Jim Martin, Health Science Retiree, Mary Jo Haddad, President of Sick Children's Hospital (and an alumni of the College Nursing program), Sandra Pupatello, MPP, Windsor-West, Dwight Duncan, MPP, Windsor-Walkerville, Jeff Watson, MP Essex, and Fulvio Valentini, Councillor, City of Windsor and welcomed about one hundred and twenty-five attendees. All of the dignitaries spoke about the magnificent new Centre and its value to our community. Dr. Strasser expressed thanks to the representatives of the Provincial and Federal governments for the significant amount of funding provided by them (\$16M from each government) to support the cost of establishing the building.

The three above ground levels (there is no basement) of the new Centre are fully equipped, and ready to go. The building was built on time and on budget. Three new programs are to start this fall, diagnostic medical sonography, cardiovascular technology, and respiratory therapy. All were oversubscribed, and will be at maximum enrolment at their start. They will be joining the dental assistant, dental hygiene, nursing, practical nursing, personal

support worker, medical laboratory technician, medical laboratory technology, pharmacy technician, and paramedic students in using this new facility.

It was clear from what all said that providing skilled, qualified, health care professionals for the community and the province was a major function of St. Clair College. This new facility was opening almost exactly forty-two years after the first Health Science program (Dental Assisting) began to operate. It was fun to be able to introduce Sadie Hearn to all. Sadie was the first full-time faculty member hired to teach in a health science program. It was also wonderful to be able to introduce Mrs. Majda Bah (Majda was there with her daughter Cathy (an alumni of the Dental Assisting program), and Cathy's two sons). Majda was the wife of the founder of the School of Health Sciences, Dr. Stanley Bah, who passed away last year. Dr. Strasser also took an opportunity to introduce all past and current Health Science administrative staff, to everyone.

After the official cutting of the ribbon, all were invited to have refreshments. If interested, anyone was welcome to take a tour of the Centre.

Submitted by Jim Martin

It's time to sign up for TRIVIAL TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 8th, 1 p.m. at Roseland Golf Club, Windsor

Join your fellow retirees and friends as teams compete to answer a number of trivia questions. Good workout for your brain and lots of fun as well. Sign up as individuals and we draw for teams. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Entry fee is \$5

(covers costs and prizes). Please sign up before October 31st Reply to danloncke@yahoo.ca or call 519-948-2906.

Submitted by Mary and Dan Loncke

Tour of Centre for Applied Health Sciences – Fall General Meeting of SCCRA – August 24, 2011



Fr. Row - Alice Bonin, Gary Portt, Len Jobin, Gwen Gatt, Mary Marchini, Majda Bah, Cindy Wheeler, John Charlesworth, Marilyn Portt

Second Row- Penny Rivait, Ruth Hicks, Pat McMahon, Odette Callegher, Maria Carlini, Anita Blair, Mansell Blair, Dick Grolman, Sadie Hearn, Jim Robinson, Eunice Robinson, Jana D'Andrea

Third Row Left – Jay Ertel, Frank Harnadek, Richard Wheeler, Elizabeth Barr, Louella Surgent, JoAn Dale Pearl Roberts

Fourth Row Right – Dan Roberts, Dr. Ken Blanchette

RETIREES' TOUR OF THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES AUGUST 24, 2011

At 1p.m., on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon, about forty-one retirees were shown the amazing new Centre for Applied Health Sciences on the South

Campus of St. Clair College. This was forty-two years after the first health science program (dental assisting) started. Dr. Ken Blanchette, Chair of Applied Health

Retirees' Tour continued:

Sciences, and recently retired Chair of Nursing, Cindy Bissonnette, led two groups of retirees on a tour. It was clear from the start that the facility was full of new, technologically based equipment, all housed in bright, clean, naturally lit clinics, labs, workshops, garages, and offices. We met a technician installing new sonography equipment, some staff getting the nursing clinic prepared, other college staff who greeted us, and some faculty in their cubicles who welcomed us, and who were working on their coming courses. Anita Blair noted the following: "I was impressed that an ambulance can be driven right into the building - the 2 apartment labs for the PSW program, and the nursing area was impressive - the life like mannequin that gives birth, the number of computers everywhere - how the faculty can change the circumstances for a nursing student through a computer, etc. The equipment is state of the art and much of it donated or purchased at cost - the 24 station state of the art dental lab, the pharmacy lab with all the drug containers." Dean Jamie Wilson (who was having a meeting with a faculty member) also gave us wave and welcomed us.

The three above ground levels (there is no basement) were fully equipped, and ready to go. The building was built on time and on budget. Three new programs were to start this fall, diagnostic medical sonography, cardiovascular technology, and respiratory therapy. We were advised that all were oversubscribed, and will be at maximum enrolment at their start. They will be joining the dental assistant, dental hygiene, nursing, practical nursing, personal support worker, medical laboratory technician,

medical laboratory technology, pharmacy technician, and paramedic students in using this new facility.

A magnificent covered walkway connects the new Centre to the main building of the campus. The students will be taking their lectures in the main building, and will be in the Centre for almost all of the hands-on clinics, and labs.

Plans to permit graduates, and associated professionals, in the above fields to be able to take refresher, and upgrading courses in this new facility are in the works. We were also advised that the capability of delivering some of these courses over the internet is also possible.

As a special treat, the wife, and daughter of Dr. Stan Bah, who initiated the College Health Sciences programs were present. Mrs. Majda Bah, and Mary Marchini were introduced and welcomed. Sadie Hearn, the first faculty member in health sciences, (and her husband George) were also present. As another special note, Len Jobin, former faculty member in Architectural Technology, let us know that the building was designed by two of his former students, who had completed their Architecture education at Lawrence Tech University.

When the tour completed, we were all invited to attend the Retiree BBQ which was being held in the Chez Talbot.

It was clear that the Centre for Applied Health Sciences will have a major role in preparing health science professionals for our local community. It was a wonderful afternoon, which brought back great memories for many of us, and gave all of us the opportunity to re-connect with former colleagues.

Submitted by Jim Martin

*A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the expressway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!
Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!"
"NO!" the blonde yelled back, "IT'S A SCARF!"*

MEET YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITORS!



Delfina Sartori was born and raised in downtown Windsor. While residing on the outskirts of Windsor she attended a number of different one-room schools before eventually graduating from Gilmore Elementary School. Her family consisted of a father who was a labourer who worked in the cement industry and a mother who worked for a TV manufacturer. She also had a sister Lena, who has since passed away and two brothers, Victor and John.

As a daughter of immigrant Italian parents, “Del” was not encouraged to pursue formal education. After a few years at Kennedy Collegiate, she began looking for work, riding her bike “all around” the city filling out application forms. Not yet sixteen, few would even consider hiring her, but she eventually wore down one employer who referred her to International Playing Cards, where she worked as a “card inspector.”

Undeterred by her father's lack of encouragement, Del took night classes in secretarial training at W.D. Lowe and was subsequently hired by Keith Studman at WOIT. She also worked as a secretary for Bill Geraedts in Technical Arts and Trades and for Doug Austin in the Business Programs Department. She also worked for a short period of time for Dr. Q as his secretary. Dr. Q encouraged her to get her University Degree and to apply for a teaching position at the College. It was in the late 70's that Del began teaching in the Secretarial Department reporting to Toli Sapoleff, where she remained until her retirement in the late '90's.

She has three children and six grandchildren. Sadly, Del's first husband passed away in 1976. This loss motivated her to volunteer with the Canadian Mental Health Association's Widow/Widower Support Group. She subsequently chaired this group for a

number of years and, even more importantly, met a most gentlemanly and professional widow there! She married John Zangari in 1987.

John Zangari was also born and raised in the downtown Windsor area. He graduated from Dougall Avenue School and Patterson Collegiate before attending Teacher's College. John taught elementary school and special education for about ten years with the Windsor Public Board before working as the Academic Director at King George Boy's Vocational School and Vice-Principal at the Alicia Mason Girl's Vocational School.

This background qualified John to successfully apply for the principal's position at Western Secondary School with the Essex County Board. John remained in this position for eighteen years before he retired. While working as an educator John also obtained a Bachelor's Degree in History/Psychology from the University of Windsor and a Master's of Education from Wayne State.

For over 25 years, through his position on the Board, John has been very active with the John McGivney Children's Centre and School. Encouraged by Joe Mencil, former Dean of Adult Retraining, John also became involved with the Royal Canadian Air force and most recently the Military Institute of Windsor which promotes military activities with current and former armed services officers.

John has four children, John Richard, David and Jean, and six grandchildren and has been married to Del for 24 years!

Del is the first and only editor of the St. Clair Retiree's Association newsletter. Together she and John have produced the best College Retiree Newsletter in the province. The Retirees' Association is most indebted to them for their service to the Association, and look forward to many more years of fruitful collaboration!

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

He who laughs last, thinks slowest!

THAMES CAMPUS HEALTHPLEX OFFICIAL OPENING

The ribbon was officially cut on Friday, August 26/11 for the new facility and those on hand had a chance to tour the new building. The state-of-the-art \$11.5 m HealthPlex provides 54,000 square feet of academic and recreational space.

Taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremony were Dr. John Strasser, President, Board of Governors Chair, Deborah Livneh, Chatham-Kent Essex MP Dave VanKesteren, Mayor Randy Hope and President of Thames Students Inc. Lauren Bultje. The federal government contributed \$7.8 m towards the project and the municipality contributed \$1.2 m. Andy Faas a major contributor to the project was in attendance for the ribbon cutting.

The 54,000 sq. ft. HealthPlex offers:

- 5,000 sq.ft. fitness facility
- cardiovascular & weight training equipment
- double gymnasium featuring the new green play floor (1st in Canada)
- suspended 2 lane track
- aerobics performance centre
- fitness appraisals & personal programs
- meeting/class rooms
- rental spaces available

The auditorium has been sponsored by the McGeachy Foundation in honour of the late Neil McGeachy who was the original Building Committee Chair for Thames Campus. The HealthPlex accommodated the June '11 Convocation.

Submitted Jay Ertel

IDENTITY THEFT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Multi-purpose Room

(Adjacent to the Hangar)

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Additional time is available for group and individual questions.

Cst. Lori Timpson, Criminal Investigation Branch, Chatham-Kent Police Service will be making the presentation. Our last workshop was presented by the Windsor Police Service and they have been invited to participate again.

OVERVIEW

Identity theft - the theft and use of personal information for a criminal purpose is one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada...and it could happen to you! Learn how to guard against personal fraud and

ensure your identity remains safe. Also learn what to do if you discover that you have been the victim of identity theft and/or personal fraud or suspect that your personal information has been compromised.

Please confirm with: Jay Ertel (519)436-0589

Jertelchtm@gmail.com

Submitted by Jay Ertel

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

AGAWA CANYON TRIP

Thirty seven retirees, spouses and friends met in the college parking lot on the morning of Thursday, October 28, in the care of Kathleen Warren of Allison's Travel and our usual bus driver Phil Martins. We cleared US Customs very quickly and efficiently and were soon on our way up Interstate 75 headed north to Sault Ste. Marie, with several rest stops along the way. The trip was uneventful, aside from the gradual colour changes as we proceeded north. At Sault Ste Marie we were required to clear Canadian Customs, which went smoothly and we arrived at our hotel in late afternoon. In spite of weather forecasts which had been predicting rain for all three days of our trip, we arrived in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario to warm temperatures and sunny skies. The ideal conditions held throughout the morning of the canyon train trip and we didn't see rain until the return from the canyon.

Thursday morning was an early call as we had to board Algoma Central's Agawa Canyon Train in the station which was close to the hotel. Dawn was bright and cool, and we departed at 8:00am, moving slowly through Sault Ste Marie and suburbs, increasing speed for the 114 mile trip to the Agawa Canyon. We travelled through a veritable wonderland of colour as the sun shone on the reds, yellows and greens of the Canadian Shield, some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable.

We arrived at the Canyon at noon and had a 1 ½ hour stop for lunch and hiking. Several of the hiking trails took us past scenic waterfalls and lookout sites. As we departed for the return trip it began to cloud up and about halfway back it began to rain. This presented a serious

problem when we came to a complete stop about thirty miles from our destination. We were informed that, because of wet tracks covered with slippery leaves, the train was unable to gain enough traction to climb the long hill. The train then reversed for about three miles and "...took another run at it...: In so doing, they burned out one of the engines which provided power to the cars. The rest of the trip was made on two instead of three engines, causing disruptions in electrical power to the cars. In spite of that we arrived safely back in the Sault, albeit about 90 minutes late. Most of the group then met for a group dinner at a local restaurant.

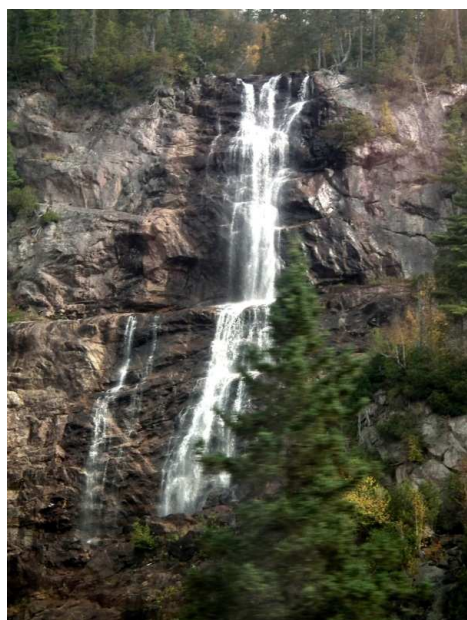
Friday morning saw an early departure by bus from our hotel, proceeding to the border where we were required to individually pass through the customs office and were soon on the road again. A short stop (at a Tim Horton's where the manager was from Windsor) and we were on our way to Frankenmuth where we enjoyed a wonderful fried chicken dinner at world famous Zender's Restaurant. The rainy weather put a damper on our shopping in town but we did have a stop at Bronner's Christmas store before proceeding on to Detroit where we crossed the border and again had to clear Canadian Customs, which was fast and simple.

We arrived back at the college parking lot at 5:00pm. We had a wonderful trip, being exposed to some of the most beautiful scenery in North America, but it was still the company of 37 folks that was a highlight.

Submitted by Bill Totten



Agawa Canyon Trip Pictures



UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN 2011

Over the years, for many of us, giving to the United Way has been a way of financially contributing to the betterment of the community through one umbrella agency. We would give an amount per year, as a lump sum or as a monthly donation, to United Way, which would consolidate all the funds and redistribute them to many, many agencies serving the local area: kind of “one stop charitable giving”.

Over the last several years, the total campaign donations per year to United Way have declined significantly (from about \$8.6M (2005) to \$4.8M (2009)). As a result of the reduction in total donations, the United Way has had to re-think its operation in order to more effectively target the agencies that fit newly defined community development priorities. For 2011 these priorities are:

1. Ensuring that residents of Windsor-Essex County have access to food, shelter and other necessities that support and transition individuals and families towards greater independence.
2. Providing opportunities to develop positive social skills and cognitive skills and to educate and support

parents and kids to build stronger families.

3. Inspire residents to participate in and contribute to their neighbourhood, and create a sense of ownership that improves neighbourhood conditions.

By contributing to the United Way Campaign, we would all be investing in the twenty-five strategies that will help to meet the above priorities. As a note, United Way recently confirmed that in 2010, St. Clair Retirees raised \$4,429 with 8.2% participation and an average gift of \$164.00.

If United Way is something you are interested in supporting, then you might want to look at the following web page.

<http://www.weareunited.com/donate>

Other ways of donating (credit card donations or pre-authorized bank withdrawals) can be arranged by calling 519-258-0000 x1145. If you make a donation, please state that you are a member of the St. Clair College Retirees Association. If you are interested in finding out about volunteering please contact Maria Hamilton at 519-258-0000 x1154.

Thanks for your interest and support.

Submitted by Jim Martin

ARE YOU AN “OLDTIMER”?

Are You an “Oldtimer”? If so, you can be of assistance if you have a few hours to contribute. The Retirees’ Archive Project is badly in need of some retirees whose memories haven’t faded completely to help with the identification of photos – people, events, buildings, etc., and the cataloging of these photos and materials. We also could use some creative skills to help with the design and creation of displays in our new Archive display cabinet which is prominently located in the Main Lobby at South Campus.

If you have some spare time and want to have some fun, send an email to Lea Garber (lgarber@cogeco.ca), Hanno Barten (hanno@kelcom.igs.net), Keith Brown (kede@primus.ca), Bill Totten (wtotten@sympatico.ca), Anita Blair (ablair4@gmail.com) or Pat Hallahan (phallahan@cogeco.ca) to arrange a time and place.

Submitted by Bill Totten

COOPER'S HAWK WINE TOUR AND TASTE

On October 20, some twenty-four retirees and friends ventured out to Harrow to visit Cooper's Hawk Vineyard, Essex County's newest winery.

We were greeted by fellow retiree Stephanie Nagle, a wine lover and graduate of Niagara College's Master Taster Certificate Program, who both instructed and entertained us with her knowledge of the wine-making process while providing many tips on wine tasting.

The vineyard is the brain-child of Tom O'Brien a former Chair of the Board of Governors. The land was originally intended to be a retirement getaway, but, with some courage, vision and lots of energy, it has emerged as yet another of Essex County's burgeoning wine-producing venues. So much for a sleepy, uneventful retirement!

The group tasted the Vineyard's four major wines, which included a riesling, cab/franc merlot, chardonnay and rose, the latter of which is already

an award winner. The group also met with the winery's chief wine maker, Rory McGaw, who discussed some of the nuances of the wine-making process, including an explanation of the different types of soil necessary for successful wine production.

The winery is still a "work in progress" but the wine tasting bar and events room at the front are looking very promising. This may be a stop you will want to make when wandering about in Essex County.

The day concluded with a visit to the "retail shop" to purchase some wine and jams available and a stop at "Drifter's" in downtown Harrow for lunch.

Many thanks to Stephanie for making us all feel so welcome!

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

On Wednesday, October 26, 2011 fifteen retirees attended the RM Classic Cars Tour in Blenheim, ON and the luncheon at Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant in Chatham which followed. The retirees toured the new museum and then were joined by ten others for lunch. For three decades, RM Auctions has offered the world's finest motor cars to clientele. RM Classic Cars is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales that have exceeded \$300 m. The local company has realized unprecedented growth in the auction business contributing to the development of a world-class, award winning restoration division that continues to earn accolades at international concours events. Auctions now take place in Toronto, US, UK and Italy.

RM has had four Best of Show winners at the Pebble Beach Concorde d'Elegance: '33 Duesenberg Model SJ Murphy Beverly Sedan, '33 Delage D8S Roadster by De Villars, '31 DuPont Model H Dual Cowl Phaeton, '38 Horsh 853A Erdman & Rossi Sport Cabriolet.

Highlights of the tour included several vintage classics and an excellent selection of 50's and 60's classic vehicles. The museum was jam packed with exquisite cars.

Again, this year the St. Clair College Retirees group fully enjoyed their day.

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tited by Jay



Ertel

'32 Stutz Bearcat,, Michael, RM Tour Guide, Brian Agar

*'60 Plymouth Concept Car, John Payne,
Glenda Lansens, Ron Morris*

Row 1 - Ron Morris,
Glenda Lansens, Judy
Agar, Brian Agar, Jim
Martin



Row 2 Elsie
Hallahan, Karla
Ertel, Ida Totten

Row 3 - Bill Totten,
Pat Hallahan, Jim
Robinson, Gord
Crompton

In Memoriam

LORNE CLARKE



Born November 26, 1931, Lorne passed away peacefully on August 8, 2011 surrounded by his loving family. Lorne was the loved husband and best friend of Pauline (nee Gemus) for 54 years. He was the devoted father Lorne, Jerome, Charlie, John, Paul, Chris, Greg, Madonna, Diane, Mary Jo, Matthew and Cathy. Lorne was a devout Catholic and was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. He was a professional engineer and was a St. Clair College pioneer, beginning as an instructor at the Western Ontario Institute of Technology. He moved to Administration in the early developmental years of the college, eventually serving as Dean of Continuing Education. He completed his 35 years at the college as a professor in Technology.

CASTLE, James Robert "Jim"



Born July 19, 1936, of LaSalle, peacefully passed away on October 19, 2011 at WRH-Met Campus. Jim is survived by his beloved and devoted wife, Kathy (nee Jackson) and his son and "best friend" Jeffrey Castle and fiancée Lesley McNally of Mississauga.

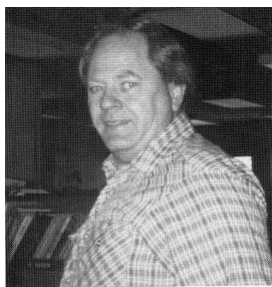
Jim worked for the Windsor Board of Education,

predecessor institution of the Adult Retraining Program which was eventually transferred to St. Clair College. Jim was a Chair in the early years beginning in the late '60's and during the time when the Program was housed at both the "bus barns" on Kildare Road and on Erie Street.

Jim remained in this position as the Program moved to the South Campus until his retirement.

Jim was best known for his unparalleled sense of humour and storytelling. He is truly one of the College's most memorable personalities.

RAYMOND "TED" RIGDEN



Ted Rigden

November 7, 1930 - October 14, 2011

Raymond "Ted" Edward Rigden, age 80, of Chatham passed away on Friday October 14, 2011.

He was born in England in 1930. He was the beloved husband of the late Eileen (Ashby) Rigden (2006) He is survived by a daughter

Michelle Rigden of Chatham and 2 sons; Christopher (Pat) of Courtwright and Adam (Leigh)

of Perkinsfield. Sadly missed by grandchildren Beau, Phillip, Greg and Lorraine. Dear brother of Peg Mitchell of England, David of Kitchener, Steven of England and Pete of Edmonton. Predeceased by 2 brothers Riss and Brian and a grandson Cory Rigden (2005).

Ted Rigden taught Business at Thames Campus. His specialty was Marketing. He enjoyed many Project Learning activities with his students such as "Man and His Leisure" which became a major campus event for many years.

NORMA HARRISON

Norma Harrison worked for many years at the College in a support staff position.

She had many different jobs over the years, including work in Human Resources reporting to Gary Docherty and in Professional Development

reporting to Tom McCarthy and Carol Libby, as well she was the secretary to Dr. Quittenton.

Norma was a very pleasant, attractive and ageless person. She will be missed by a son, daughter and three grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

*Alice Bonin's daughter Cathy Lamothe's fiancé
William (Bil) Benoit*

Wife of William (Bill) Waldron, Thelma Helen

May They Rest In Peace!

RON AND JOYCE SMITH'S 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Ron and Joyce Smith of Chatham on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, September 1st, 2011. Ron and Joyce were married at St. James Church in Colchester, Essex, England, September 1st, 1951. They and their daughter, Gina immigrated to Canada and settled in Chatham in September 1967. Joyce retired from the Continuing Education department, Thames Campus in 1990.

Best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.



YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES'
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2011

**LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
HWY. 40 NORTH**

TIME: 11:30 AM - LUNCH: 12:00 PM

**COST: \$16.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)
Alcoholic refreshments are extra**

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:

EUNICE ROBINSON at 519-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net





WINDSOR CAMPUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 14, 2011

**TIME: 11:30 AM - Meet
12:00 PM - Lunch**

PLACE: CHEZ TALBOT, SOUTH CAMPUS



BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON MENU
(Catered by St. Clair Centre for the Arts)

House Salad

Sliced turkey with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, stuffing, chef's vegetable choice, cranberry sauce, rolls/butter
Pumpkin crème brûlée dessert

Coffee and tea

TICKETS

\$25.00 (includes taxes, gratuity and show ticket)

This package includes a Student Performance Christmas Show ticket – value \$15.00

1. Tickets must be paid for in advance.
2. Please call or e-mail Marilyn Portt (519)969-0693, mportt@hotmail.com for ticket reservations **before November 30, 2011.**
3. Mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees' Association and send it to Marilyn Portt or give it to any other Executive member.

Marilyn Portt
715 Morand Ave.
Windsor, ON
N9G 1G1

4. If you already have your ticket, please bring it with you. If your ticket is paid for and reserved you can pick it up at the door.

5. Since seating is limited there will be no walk-ins. **Reservations must be made by November 30.**

PARKING

The regular Retiree Parking Passes will be recognized in the visitor Lot T or any other student lot. If you need a Parking Pass please stop by and see Kristen Loscher before the party. You will need your SCCRA Membership Card. Parking should not be an issue at this later date in December.

COME OUT FOR SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS CHEER!



OJIBWAY NATURE CENTRE TOUR

On October 13 a hardy group of retirees and friends, some with well-worn hiking boots, braved the “wilds” of LaSalle's recently renovated Ojibway Nature Centre.

The day started with a “skull” session in the demonstration room where the group, led by Mary our tour guide, instructed us on the finer points of the eco-system, divided into three parts: forests, ponds and prairies.

It was surprising to most that there is so little prairie land left in Ontario, most of which has been supplanted by farm land, roads, and various forms of development. The largest single tract of prairie land in Ontario is right here at the Ojibway Centre.

Annual burning of the prairie is critical to its survival.

The lecture portion of the day was followed by a walk thru a portion of the Centre's trails where many interesting tidbits were shared about the local flora and fauna.

The last part of the tour included a talk about local snake species with a “live” demonstration. Petting the snake was optional!

Most convened at Seasons Bistro for a very tasty lunch. Many thanks to Gary MacLeod for organizing this activity.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

Fox Snake



PARAPROSDOKIANS

Paraproisdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprisingly or unexpected; frequently used in a humourous situation.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Bridge and Trivial Tuesday Dates

Bridge Club:

November 22

December 6

Trivial Tuesday: November 8, 2011

2. Identity Theft Workshop - November 16 - Check page 9

3. Thames Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 7 - Check page 17 Countryview Golf Course

4. Windsor Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 14 - Check page 18 Chez Talbot - Windsor Campus

5. St. Clair Retirees and Friends Winter Trip - Check page 4 January 21 to January 28, 2012

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