



**ST. CLAIR  
COLLEGE  
RETIREES'  
ASSOCIATION**

# NEWSLETTER

FALL 2013

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The fall season has started and we have had several new events planned. A

group of 15 enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas exploring the sites, shows and playing some games in the casinos. I didn't hear of anyone who can now afford to give up their pensions based on his or her winnings.

With this newsletter, membership forms for 2014 are being included. We thank you for your membership in the past year and hope you will renew this next year. If you haven't joined our group, please consider doing so. The membership fees allow us to offer more events for you and give us the opportunity to plan these events at a reasonable cost for your enjoyment

Last year, we had 290 paid members and we would like to see this number grow to at least 350. If you have any ideas for events or programmes do not hesitate to talk with one of the executive. Memberships can be mailed in or given to us at the Christmas Parties.

We were glad to welcome over 15 new retirees this year and hope you will enjoy some of the activities planned.

If you are at the College in Windsor, take a moment to view the display in the front lobby dedicated to events that have taken place at the College over the years. Thanks to the Archive Committee for putting this display together. The Archive

Committee spends a great deal of time and effort cataloguing the materials used for these displays to record the history of the college and the retirees' association.

There are about 15 people who are planning to take the Winter Trip to Punta Cana. We are pleased to have some new retirees and their friends join the group. This will be good way to beat the winter blahs and begin to think of spring.

With the Christmas Season fast approaching us, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at one of the Christmas Dinners. The Thames Dinner is on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the Windsor Dinner is on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Details for these dinners are included in the Newsletter. Let's use these events as an opportunity to renew acquaintances and start the celebrations of the season.

Some of our retirees were instrumental in starting Food Banks at each campus site. There are many students who are in need of assistance so I am asking you to consider bring in some canned goods or packaged food to share with the students when you come to the College or we could collect these items at the Christmas parties. The well being of the students has always been your concern and this is one way we can continue to help them and restock the cupboard for the Winter Semester.

There are many events planned for the fall and winter seasons and I hope there is something you will find enjoyable.

I want to wish you and your family greetings and best wishes for the Holiday Season and trust that the New Year will bring you health and happiness.

Thank you for all your support of our events

JoAn Dale, President

## HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX FUNDRAISING

**St. Clair College retirees have raised \$35,354 to date, 118% of our \$30,000 goal.**

We were pleased to advise Dr. Strasser that the retirees have now surpassed our fundraising Target.

We thank Ron Morris for his generous \$10,000 donation which has given our fundraising efforts a significant boost. When we thanked Ron at the Fall Social he said "He has been using the gym facilities free of charge since his WOIT days and he plans to use the new SportsPlex for many years into the future".

The SportsPlex is expected to be closed in by December '13 and to be open by April 2014.

We are in year 6 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Dr. Strasser that the SCCRA

will continue to support and contribute to the College's fundraising initiatives.

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 \$10,000. **The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with the Summer Newsletter.** The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for each Thames and Windsor.

**Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign.**

*Submitted by Jay Ertel*



### **RON MORRIS MAKES A GENEROUS DONATION TO THE HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX**

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## **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT – September 24, 2013**

The St. Clair College Retirees held a euchre tournament at Roseland Golf Course on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. There were 20 people who participated in the tournament. The entry fee was \$5, so there was \$100 to give in prizes. First place prize of \$50 went to Grace Ingram; second place prize of \$30 went to Rick Wheeler; third place prize went to Sylvia Crozier; and boobie prize of \$5 went to Cindy

Wheeler. The group shared many laughs and fun was had by all. Some of the group went upstairs to have a nice dinner and more laughs.

Thank you to Marilyn Portt for keeping track of the money and dividing up of the prizes.

Thank you to all who attended and helped to make this day a successful one. *Margaret Goodman*

## BAYSIDE BREWERY TOUR AND LUNCH

### September 25, 2013

On a beautiful sunny Fall day, the combined College Retirees luncheon was held at the Bayside BrewPub, Erieau, Ontario with 39 in attendance.

Colin, our tour guide explained the process for brewing their handcrafted beers from natural ingredients of grain, barley, hops (for bitterness) and a second hops to balance out sweetness and add a citrus flavor. They brew 2000 – 3000 litres per week, 200 kegs per month. It takes 3 weeks to brew the beer. Fifty percent of their beer is sold to pubs/restaurants within 100 kms; the other fifty percent to restaurants in Chatham-Kent. There are 4

craft breweries in Southwestern Ontario. The building used for the brewery is one of the oldest in Erieau having been built in 1902. During Prohibition, Al Capone had frequented the building. Erieau was a point of entry for rum running at that time. During the 1960's – 1970's, the Tilt N' Hilton was located here.

Thank you to Eunice Robinson for arranging the tour and lunch which was enjoyed by all.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Barr*



*Colin from Bayside Brewery, Nancy Cameron*



*Jo-An Dale, Colin, Jean Trudell, John Lawrence*



*Elvy Deline, Walter S., the Robinsons, Eris M., Lena, Roy Deline*



*Elizabeth Barr, Jo-An Dale, Lena Robertson*





*Karla's Sister Leone, Janet & Gord, Jim & Sheena Bedard  
Karla, Elsi Hallahan*



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Jim Huisman*



*Luella Surgent, Mansell & Anita Blair, Liz Green,  
Helen Hanak*

## **CONTACTS FOR *HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS***

The ***College contact*** person for retirees seeking information on **pensions and benefits** is Kim Bode, Ext. 4687. To contact the **CAAT Pension Plan**, call **Member Services** at 416-673-9000, or Toll Free at 1-866-350-2228, and press 1 for Member Services. Or, email, [member@caatpension.on.ca](mailto:member@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 and you need not make a request this year.

## RETIREE PROFILE - ISAAC BARSKY



Growing up in Depression-ravaged Winnipeg was difficult for young Isaac Barsky. He vividly remembers shopping with food stamps and buying clothes at government stores. The clothes all looked the same so everyone knew who the poor kids were. When World War II began, Isaac's father found work in the burgeoning railway industry. His mother, typically for the times, stayed home and raised Isaac and his two siblings.

Isaac worked summers at a gun powder plant, a job which helped him afford to attend the University of Manitoba where he obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Although offered a job with Ford in Windsor, he opted instead to work for Avro Aircraft designing fighter jets with former College staffer Mike Gretes. After three years, he was correctly advised the company was in trouble and chose to join the still-interested Ford Motor Company in Windsor, where he stayed for about 10 years working as a design engineer.

During that time, Isaac volunteered at the local YMCA where he had stayed when he first came to the City and where he first realized he found helping people very satisfying. He even contemplated pursuing a social work degree. However, a confluence of life experiences interfered: he found private sector work unsatisfying, got married, and instead of going to school, embarked on a mind-boggling odyssey around the world!

Isaac and Ene's first destination was a dirt-cheap, flea-bitten hotel in Honolulu. A chance encounter led to a \$50 and 8 day boat ride to Yokohama, Japan, where they did some bicycle touring and EASL teaching before working as translators during the '64 Olympics. Isaac even taught high school for a while. Living in youth hostels was an adjustment, but they met some wonderful people and even climbed Mt. Fuji!

After numerous trips back and forth to Hong Kong, they took a 12 day boat trip to Brisbane,

Australia before settling in Sydney where Isaac found work at a biscuit company and subsequently Australian Aluminum, a subsidiary of Alcan. Their stay there lasted about one year.

It was then back to Hong Kong before heading to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Angkor Wat, the Lost City of Cambodia. Ene was as now pregnant and opted to return to Winnipeg; however, they agreed Isaac would continue to travel. It was on to India where he did some work for the International Labour Organization before continuing on to Jordan and Israel, after which he flew to New York City.

Isaac had heard that developers wanted to build a swanky new retail outlet in Toronto called the Eaton's Centre, so he bussed there, applied and was offered work immediately. However, he needed to return to Windsor to retrieve his belongings. While there he ran into Peter Jaffray who asked him to help start up an Industrial Engineering Program at WOIT. After returning to Winnipeg for the birth of his child and some serious discussion with Ene, Isaac opted to accept the WOIT offer at considerably less money. The year was 1966.

Isaac remained at St. Clair for the remainder of his career, finally retiring in 1992. In the '80's, however, while doing some graduate work, he collaborated on some research at the University of Windsor. This resulted in obtaining a position as an acting adjunct professor, work which continued until 2010.

Isaac insists he never regretted his decision to work in education as opposed to the private sector. He very much enjoyed sharing an office with Bill Klein who went on to work as a counsellor. They were on the same wavelength. He also enjoyed working with creative and innovative staff as well as those sensitive to the needs of students and faculty.

Isaac has also been active as a volunteer with the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO) for whom he did some work in both Belize and Bolivia. He continues to help with Engineers Without Borders, sending students to help developing countries in Africa.

Isaac's family is also quite accomplished. Ene worked as a Director of Immigrant Services at the local YMCA where she was in charge of the EASL Programs and helped immigrants to settle. They also have two children, a daughter who is a self employed ergonomist and a son who is a programmer for WestJet. Both are located in Calgary. Isaac's siblings include a sister now living in Maryland and a brother who splits his time

between Montreal and Mexico.

It's hard to ignore Isaac's contribution to education and extraordinary wanderlust, but his underlying sense of humanity and desire to help overshadow both. We are all the better for Isaac's decision to choose St. Clair College.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*



## Report of the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA) General Meeting Held October 24, 2013 At St. Lawrence College, Kingston, Ontario

At 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14/13, the General Meeting of OCRA convened with about 90 members present.

OCRA President, Linda Choptiany, introduced St. Lawrence College President Glenn Vollebregt, who welcomed all. The second speaker from St. Lawrence was Gord MacDougall, Senior V.P. Advancement. He took the opportunity to let us know that St. Lawrence had recently formalized the relationship between the College and the Local Retiree Association in a "Memorandum of Understanding". Dick Tindal, the retirees' Communications, and Publicity Officer was the third speaker and welcomed OCRA members to the college on behalf of the St. Lawrence College Retirees' Association. President Choptiany thanked them for their generous support of the General Meeting, which included the provision of facilities, parking, refreshments, and a/v resources.

President Linda Choptiany, Treasurer Lorna Plunkett, Membership Coordinator Jennifer Moore, and Communications Officer Joan Cunningham presented the officer reports. Some highlights were: a) an overview of OCRA's relationships with the CAAT Retirees Group Insurance Advisory Committee, the Financial Services Commission of Ontario

and the College and University Retirees Association of Canada, b) membership and financial information, and c) a summary of OCRA's 2013 communication activities. When the regulations governing Pension Advisory Committees are developed in 2014, OCRA believes this could be an opportunity to have more formal retiree input with the CAAT Pension Plan. Currently the Plan invites OCRA to participate in the CAAT Pension Plan Stakeholders meetings.

Four OCRA directors were re-elected. There is one vacancy to be filled. Please let OCRA know if you are interested in serving as a director on the OCRA Board.

Mr. Kevin Rorwick, Chief Financial Officer of the CAAT Pension Plan, presented feedback from the Plan. When he asked the audience if they were worried that the Pension Plan was not secure, no one raised their hand. The Plan had an 11.8% return on investment last year. The cost of living adjustment for 2014 will be 0.68%. There is some concern about public attitude towards defined benefit plans. We were reminded that we, and our employers, paid for our pensions. The taxpayers of Ontario did not pay for our pensions. OCRA must do what it can to protect the plan from damaging



*OCRA continued...*

legislation and defend the plan when necessary. Mr. Rorwick did a very nice job of explaining the current indexation situation. Very simply, for pre-1992 service, employees made no financial contributions towards indexation. Ad hoc indexation was paid to them if the Pension Plan had a fund surplus. Ad hoc indexation ends Jan. 1, 2014. For 1992 to 2007 service, employees paid an additional 1.6% premium which guaranteed an indexing benefit. For post-2007 service, indexation will occur only if the Plan is at level 2 or greater of their 6 level Funding Policy. We were reminded that there is a freeze on public sector pension plan benefits until the end of 2017. It was clear that this is a risky time for pensions, and that we should do whatever we can to protect ours.

In the afternoon, featured guest speaker, Sir John A. MacDonald accompanied by his wife Lady Agnes (Brian Porter, and wife Renee) dropped into our meeting. Sir John presented many anecdotes of the political, economic, and international realities of life in Canada between 1845 and 1890. The detailed research that went into these stories was awesome

Mary Hofweller, Director of Benefits and Compensation, and Stephen Lee Kam, Human Resources Consultant, College Employer Council, presented a brief report on retiree benefits. The Council is the policyholder for the colleges' group benefit plans and meets regularly to review benefits and premiums. Information regarding the plans is on the Council's website [www.thecouncil.on.ca](http://www.thecouncil.on.ca). If anyone is having difficulty with their benefits, they are invited to contact Mary or Stephen at the Council offices (647-258-7703 or -7705).

Notices of any upcoming premium changes will be sent to you. Please remember to contact the St. Clair College Benefits Administrator, Kim Bode (x4687), if you need assistance. If you want to make any changes to your benefit plan for 2014 you must do so before Feb. 1, 2014.

and entertaining. They were both dressed in the style of that period, and were approached by several St. Lawrence students, who were quite curious about who they were. It was certainly a reminder of how far Canada has come since Sir John was the first Prime Minister.



It was a successful General Meeting with valuable input from members. OCRA appreciates members' support as we advocate on issues of importance to CAAT retirees.

*Prepared by: Jim Martin*

## ST. CLAIR COLLEGE THAMES CAMPUS OPENS THE NEW MARY UNIAC HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION CENTRE

**Friday, October 18, 2013 ~ Chatham-Kent:** St. Clair College Thames Campus is pleased to announce the opening of The Mary Uniac Health Sciences Education Centre. The new Centre has been renovated to provide labs and simulation suites for more than 400 students studying in the Collaborative Nursing, Practical Nursing and Personal Support Worker programs.

The 7,500 sq. ft. centre provides a full simulation lab, an OB GYN birthing lab, two large nursing labs complete with patient care beds and a classroom.

“This facility will greatly enhance the student experience and serves as the cornerstone facility for the advancement of health sciences education in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent”, says Dr. John Strasser, President of St. Clair College. “We have always had a high level of faculty expertise in this program and when you combine that with the state-of-the-art simulation equipment and this fabulous new facility, it continues to cement our reputation as the largest provider of health care education in the Province of Ontario”.

This facility is a tribute to the Uniac family who are proud to support Health Science education at Thames Campus.

Frank Uniac came to Chatham to play hockey where he met his life-long companion Mary. They enjoyed 56 years together. They were committed to the community and enjoyed young people. They travelled extensively, had lots of fun and many happy memories together. They believed in working hard and investing well.

Mary loved her chosen profession and this building will allow those with similar passion to enjoy learning in a “state of the art” facility.

*Lynn McGeachy Schultz  
Principal, Thames Campus*



*Alexandra Fraser, Student Gov't President,  
Dr. Strasser, Frank Uniac, Lynn McGrady-Schultz*



*Donor Frank Uniac gave all Nursing Students  
Pink T-Shirts*



*Health Sciences pictures continued:*



*Students in OB GYN birthing Lab*



*Students in Nursing Lab*

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## INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES



Jack Costello volunteers at the baseball venue  
at the International Children's Games

The International Children's Games were hosted by Windsor from August 15 to August 18, 2013. Arriving from 32 countries, 1500 athletes between the ages of 12 and 15 were accompanied by approximately 3500 coaches, delegates, family and friends. The event had 1200 volunteers which were described as :...the heart and soul of the games...".

St. Clair was heavily committed to the games. Athletes stayed in the Quittenton Hall Residence and were fed in the cafeteria. The gym was the site of the volleyball competition and many St. Clair staff and retirees contributed as volunteers at various venues.

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## ***THE SENILITY PRAYER***

*Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones I do,  
and the eyesight to tell the difference.*

## RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

On Wednesday, October 30, 2013 fifteen retirees attended the RM Classic Cars Tour in Blenheim, ON and the luncheon at T'Bones Restaurant in Chatham which followed. The retirees toured the new museum and then were joined by nine 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 hundreds of million dollars. 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 a number of Best of Show winners at the Pebble Beach Concorde d'Elegance.

Highlights of the tour included several vintage classics and some of 50's and 60's classic vehicles. RM is moving more towards the vintage classics as we saw many '30s high-end vehicles. The museum was jam packed with exquisite cars. During the tour we saw '31 & '32 Duesenbergs, a '38 Bugatti, '39 Lagonda, '30 & '32 Dalages plus some Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Jaguars and cars 80 to 100 years old that still work and have modern features. There was also an extensive collection of motorcycles. Again, this year the St. Clair College Retirees group fully enjoyed their day.

*Submitted by Jay Ertel*



*Owen Klein with '32 Deussenberg*



*Ron Morris with '38 Bugatti*



*1st Row Leone Callander, Jean Klein, Karla Ertel, Janet Crompton  
2nd Row Jay, Jack Callander, Marilyn sinclair, George Davos, Gorg Cropton  
Back Row Ron Morris, Jim Marin Bill & Liz Green*





*Marilyn Sinclair, George Davos, Jack & Leone Callander, Ron Morris, Karla Ertel, Owen & Jean Klein*



*Helen Hanak, Elizabeth & Mary Barr, Ron Smith, Liz Green, Jim Martin, Jim & Eunice Robinson, Eris McIntosh, Jean Trudell, JoAn Dale, Janet & Gord Crompton*

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**ANDREA MAIN is presented the QUEEN'S JUBILEE MEDAL  
by the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario command President  
Andre Paquette**



I started working with Branch 243 Ridgetown's Executive in 1976 and have held the positions of Executive Committee, Chair of Youth Education, Public Relations Officer, Membership, and 1st. Vice-President. I was elected as President and served two terms, thus receiving my President's medal and bar. Subsequently I went on to be the Public Relations Officer for Zone A-3 (11 Legions in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent) and then the Chairman for the Zone. Following two years as Chairman, I was elected to be the Deputy Zone Commander and then elected to be the Zone Commander. Currently, as immediate Past Zone Commander, I have accepted the position of District A Honours and Awards Chairman (District A extends from Windsor to London to Sarnia to Pelee Island). Being part of this great organization of the Royal Canadian Legion has been a wonderful experience and everytime I get into uniform; I know my Father (a Veteran) would be proud of what I have accomplished.

Andrea retired from Thames Campus as the campus counselor,

*Submitted by JoAn Dale*



## FALL SOCIAL 2013

On August 28/13 the Retirees' Association Executive hosted its annual Fall Social and it was very successful.

Jo An Dale, President, took time off from her new responsibilities (she was recently appointed interim Chair for the Windsor Nursing Programs) to welcome everyone.

This year's event included senior management from Central Michigan University who were on hand to present plaques to the College for its collaboration dating back some 35 years. Much praise was accorded to Dr. Quittenton; Dr. Roy Giroux, Vice President Emeritus at Humber College, who was also very instrumental in developing this relationship, attended the event addressed the group. This topic will be explained in greater detail elsewhere in the newsletter.

Dr. Strasser also addressed the retirees and

updated everyone on the College's most recent initiatives, including the Sportsplex, the Schlegel Nursing Home at the south end of the property, the adjacent Herb Gray Parkway adjacent to the west end of the property and enrollment which will reach an historical high for Fall 2013. Approximately 8500 students are expected this year.

Jo An Dale gave an overview of the Retirees' Association's most recent and upcoming activities, after which everyone enjoyed a bountiful BBQ.

Many thanks to Margaret Goodman and Cindy Bissonnette for their leadership in organizing this year's event and to Tony Ellul for his most professional slide show of last year's International Trip.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*

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## CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

Thirty five years ago Central Michigan University offered a Master's degree program in Community College studies as a staff development activity for St. Clair College staff. Coordinated by Dr. Roy Giroux, who was a St. Clair College Vice President at that time, CMU offered the entire program at the South Campus location of St. Clair College. This was the first of many programs offered by CMU in Ontario. Since the inauguration of that first program, CMU has gone on to offer 70 cohorts at 16 different colleges, to over 1200 college staff in Ontario.

In recognition of St. Clair's role as the 'Pioneer College', and in recognition of Dr. R.C. Quittenton's leadership, Central Michigan University presented a plaque and a framed letter of recognition to Dr. John Strasser on the occasion of the 35<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the initiation of CMU programs in Ontario. The presentation was made at the Retirees' Association Fall Social on August 28, 2013 in Chez Talbot. Presenting the plaque, Dr. Peter Ross, CMU Vice President, Academic, highlighted the role played by St. Clair College in what is now a very successful program for college staff throughout Ontario.

Prior to the Retirees' Association Fall Social, the CMU representatives had an opportunity to meet with the St. Clair Senior Management Team to discuss possible opportunities for staff development and for enhanced educational opportunities for St. Clair students through online degree programs, international opportunities for students and articulation possibilities for St. Clair students.

# Centres for Seniors Windsor Active Living Guide



## Fall/Winter 2013

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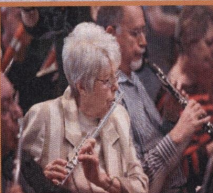
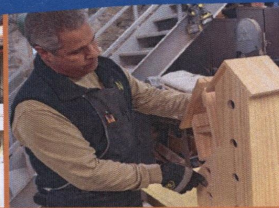


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## Recreation Centres for Adults 50 +

### West Side Centre

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Windsor, Ontario N9B 2E9

Fax: (519) 254-1869

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\* Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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8787 McHugh Street  
Windsor, Ontario N8S 0A1

Fax: (519) 790-0079

Hours: Monday—Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm

**519-254-1108**

[www.centresforseniors.org](http://www.centresforseniors.org)

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## VIVA LAS VEGAS

The retirees' trip to Las Vegas turned out to be a great success. The flights were all on time. The weather in Vegas was gorgeous. We experienced near 80 degree temperatures during the day with lots of sunshine. The evenings were a bit cool at around 55 degrees but clear starlit skies.

Most people went to at least one show and some went to three. Everyone seemed to enjoy all their meals at various places. Some of the group met for Happy Hour to discuss their winnings, losses, or adventures around the Vegas strip.

On day, a group decided to hop the city bus and go out to the High End Outlet Mall. Everyone found at least one thing that they just could not resist.

One person won big on Keno while others were quiet, but not complaining. One "non-gambler" won \$7 to bring home and save while another one lost \$7.50.

The price for this trip was a great bargain and everyone had a great time!

*Submitted by Margaret Goodman*



*The group stayed at the Flamingo Casino & Resort*



*Del & John Zangari*



*Owen & Jeanne Klein, Del Zangari, Lillian French, Judith Harris, Anita Blair, Margaret Goodman, Bill Jones  
Norma Currie, JoAn Dale, Donald Hardstone, Ann Anderson, Jean Hardstone, Lori Caba, John Zangari*



## RETIREMENT: A NEW BEGINNING

One of the greatest rewards of my experience with the St. Clair College Retirees' Association has been the opportunity to see beyond the facades created as a result of our former College positions and to engage a genuinely real person unencumbered by titles or roles. We are no longer either faculty, support staff, admin; union or management; academic or non-academic. Retirement is the great equalizer. We are all simply retirees enjoying the freedom of our new lifestyle and the opportunity to renew our relationships on a level playing field.

Given that, participating in Retiree Association activities, or even becoming involved as a member of its Executive, can be both a refreshing and enjoyable experience. Although the mission of the Association is to provide service to our members, its unofficial mantra is that if it's not fun we ain't doin'

it! Whenever there are people politics will follow, but you can be sure we actually work very hard to keep the politics to a minimum.

All of which is to say that if you enjoy serving others and the company of others, you should give serious thought to becoming active with your College Retiree Association. It offers a real variety of activities, both social and educational, large and small. We enjoy each other and reuniting with former colleagues and friends. Being involved is kind of like grandparenting: you get to do the fun stuff without having to do any real work.

If you think you might want to get involved, don't be shy. Anyone on the Executive would be glad to talk to you. We're glad we did.

Pat Hallahan & Bill Totten

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## WINTER TRIP 2014

This year's trip is back to Punta Cana to the Ocean Blue and Sand Resort in the Dominican Republic. It is a large resort with 748 rooms, 8 restaurants and 8 bars. Our accommodation is a junior suite with a separate living area, cable TV, a mini fridge, coffee maker and safe. We went to Ocean Blue and Sand in 2012 and it was one of the better resorts that we have been to.

We are flying again with Delta out of Detroit on a regular scheduled, non-stop flight, not a charter.

lv Detroit 9:15 am. arr Punta Cana 3:03 pm  
Sat. Jan 25/14

lv Punta Cana 3:38 pm. arr Detroit 7:50 pm

Sat. Feb 1/14

Call Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel at 519 258 5404 or e-mail at [warrenkathleen@hotmail.com](mailto:warrenkathleen@hotmail.com) for more information.

The price for the trip at this time has gone up extensively over trips in previous years. Right now it is about \$2,000 per person. Kathleen thinks that agents have booked for groups and there could be cancellations that could lower the price closer to departure time. If you want to go on the trip call Kathleen and get your name on her list.

*Submitted by Anita Blair*

# *In Memoriam*

*The following retirees passed away during the period from April 9, 2013 to August 9, 2013.*

## *RETIREES/FULL TIME STAFF*

### **DIANE JOAN MOLYNEAUX**

Diane died peacefully with her family by her side on August 25, 2013. She was the beloved wife of 57 years to her husband Clifton

Diane worked many years as a supervisor at the St.Clair College Bookstore.

Diane also held executive positions in the Canadian and American Booksellers Association.

Diane will be truly missed.

### **SANDY STEVENS**

Sandy was a faithful and respected worker in the Technology Department.

Sandy's death is a loss to the department and college.

*The following friend and or family of a retiree passed away during the period from August 9, 2013 to November 8, 2013.*

### **JAMES (TED) EDWARD BICKNELL**

Ted left us peacefully on June 29, 2013 at Riverview Health Centre.

He leaves behind a loving wife Mary Ann (nee Ostashand), his sons Karl and Justin.

He studied Theology at St. Peter's Seminary at the University of Western Ontario in London, ON and on his Christmas vacations he enjoyed playing with the Brandon Wheat Kings. After leaving the priesthood, Ted studied at Loyola University in Chicago, obtaining his Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology. He then worked as a counsellor and administrator at St. Clair College in Windsor.

During this time, Ted and Mary Ann married and started their family. He returned to Winnipeg in 1981 to enter into the Boston Pizza business with his brothers where he continued until his retirement six years ago.

We will miss him.

**LEE-ANNE VENUS'S husband Don "Donny" Venus**

## ***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!***



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



**DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 2013**

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

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

**COST: \$17.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON  
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)  
Alcoholic refreshments are extra**

**Please note: Payment for your meal will be made prior to lunch  
this year.**

**Please bring a non-perishable item to give to the  
Food Bank.**

**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE**

**CONTACT:**

**EUNICE ROBINSON at 519-351-3670 or [robsan@mnsi.net](mailto:robsan@mnsi.net)**



**ATTENDING THE WINDSOR RETIREE CHRISTMAS PARTY?**

Help us to make Christmas a little easier for needy St. Clair College students. This year we are supporting the Student representative Council (SCR) as they prepare food baskets for those students who are less fortunate.

We are asking those attending the Annual Retirees' Christmas Party to bring a donation of one item of non-perishable food per person.





# WINDSOR CAMPUS CHRISTMAS PARTY



**DATE: Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

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

**PLACE: CHEZ TALBOT, SOUTH CAMPUS**

**JOIN US TO HONOUR THE FOUNDING RETIREE EXECUTIVE**

***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 Christmas in Vegas show ticket)

This package includes a Student Performance Christmas Show ticket – value \$10.00

1. Tickets must be paid for in advance.
2. Please call or e-mail Marilyn Portt (519)969-0693, [mportt@hotmail.com](mailto:mportt@hotmail.com) for ticket reservations **before November 30, 2013.**
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. **Write on your cheque your preferred show date: Dec. 12 – 7:30 PM, Dec. 13 – 7:30 PM, Dec. 14 – 3:00 PM.** Tickets will be distributed on a first come basis.

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 and ungated student lots D,N,S & V. 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.



## **BITS 'N PIECES**

**Ron DiMenna** has recently been elected President of the Roma Club in Leamington.

**Gaston Franklyn** has recently assumed the position of Chairman of the Board of the Alzheimer's Association of Windsor-Essex County.

**JoAn Dale**, President of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association has returned to the college as Acting Chair of the Nursing program following Jamie Wilson's retirement.

**Becky Queen** has recently returned from a tour of France.

**Nino Marion** has taken on an active role with the Centre for Seniors in Windsor.

**Mary Ann Crundwell** and husband Al recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Congratulations to Geraldine and Frank Pomajba who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 9, 2013. Geraldine worked in the Registration/Financial Aid department at Thames Campus.**

New retiree from Thames Campus , **Lillian Addely-Darel** and her husband Fleming have recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. We wish you many more years of happiness as you enjoy your retirement.

*Submitted by Bill Totten*

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## ***DATING ADS FOR SENIORS***

### ***Mint Condition***

*Male, 1932 high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves.*

*Isn't in running condition, but walks well.*

### ***Foxy Lady***

*Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty,  
80's, slim, 5'4" (used to be 5'6"),  
searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion.  
Matching white shoes and belt a plus.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. Bridge Club Dates

November 12, 26

December 10

January 7, 21

February 4, 18

### 2. Heinz - December 2, 4, 7

### 3. Thames Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 4 - Check page 17 Countryview Golf Course

### 4. Windsor Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 11 - Check page 18 Chez Talbot - Windsor Campus

### 5. President's Christmas Brunch - TBA

### 6. St. Clair Retirees and Friends Winter Trip - Check page 15 January 25 to February 1, 2014

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## ***PARAPROSDOKIANS***

*Paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation.*

*"Where there's a will, I want to be in it," is the type of paraprosdokian.*

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put DOCTOR'

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

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

Light travels faster than sound. that is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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