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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Another year has passed and 2013 has begun. I trust everyone had a good holiday season with family and friends and is ready to take part in the activities the Executive is planning for you. We are planning a trip to Petrolia's Victoria Playhouse in the spring. More information will follow as details are finalized.

The data from the Survey is being compiled and other outings will be planned for the group. A fall trip is being planned and Chicago seemed to be the number one suggestion

Thank you to Dan Lonke for doing a presentation on the War of 1812 this fall. About 45 retirees and friends attended the session after having dinner at Chez Talbot. As always, Dan shared much information in a unique way

The Winter Trip to Cuba has taken place and 33 retirees and friends enjoyed the warmer weather. More information and pictures of the trip are included later in the newsletter

Thank you to all who have paid their membership dues for 2013. Last year we had 270 paid members and we hope to exceed this number for 2013. If you haven't paid there is still time. PLEASE SEND \$10 and if you can, include another \$10 for OCRA MEMBERSHIP.

Send your membership to Gayle Harrick. **Gayle has a new address**, it is:

Gayle Harrick
102 Riverfront Park Cres.
Amherstburg, ON N9V 0B7

The Christmas Parties at both the Windsor and Thames Campus were a success. A good time was spent visiting with colleagues and enjoying the good food. We were pleased to honor the members of the first executive and present them with a life membership to thank them for the work they did to establish the Retiree Organization at St. Clair College.

Margaret Goodman, our Social Convenor, is planning a Euchre Tournament on February 26 at Roseland Golf Course. If you would like to attend, please contact Margaret Goodman at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca.

Don't forget to check the RETIREE'S Web Site www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees for upcoming events.

The AGM for the Retirees group will be held in May. We hope you will attend to find out what we have been doing and give us input on the activities you would like to see happen in the next year. We are always looking for new ideas for events and would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help with these activities.

We also appreciate you informing us of any celebrations and honors that our fellow retirees experience. If you know of these events please don't hesitate to let one of the executive know so a card can be sent and /or recognition given in the next newsletter.

Be careful in these winter months, it won't be long until spring is here and we can enjoy the flowers and better weather

MOST OF ALL BE GOOD TO YOURSELF.

JoAn Dale, President

ONTARIO COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (OCRA)

10th Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2012

Seneca College, Markham, Ontario

At 10:30am, about ninety-five members of OCRA were welcomed to this historic meeting by President Linda Choptiany. In addition Bob DeCosta (E.D. of Human Resources), and Krishan Mehta (E.D. Advancement and Alumni) from Seneca College, and Bill Riddell (Pres., Seneca Retirees Assoc.) welcomed all. We were reminded that many of us were present from the start of a new educational system, and that one of the obligations of Retirees was to make sure the current system “did not drop the ball”.

Reports from the OCRA Officers were presented, and can be found on the OCRA website (www.ocraretirees.ca). OCRA is financially solvent, active, and has seen its membership grow to about two thousand retirees.

Presentations from Julie Cays (Chief Investment Officer, CAAT Pension Plan), Mary Hofstetter (Dir. Benefits and Compensation), and Stephen Lee Cam (H.R. Consultant) of the College Employers Council, and Ellen Roseman (Consumer Advocate and Columnist with the Toronto Star) were excellent. Julie clearly stated that the CAAT Pension Plan is sound; Mary and Stephen, expressed some concern about a slightly declining membership, and mentioned that additional benefits are being investigated; and Ellen referred to many publications that would be valuable for a retiree looking for financial planning and lifestyle information.

Because this was the 10th Annual Meeting of OCRA, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to past Executive Officers who were present, recognition of past Executive Officers not present was made, and Certificates were presented to three Founding Members who were still active on the Executive and were present (Linda Choptiany, Joan Cunningham, and Derrick May).

One change to the Constitution was approved. The Past President is now eligible to be a member of the Executive with full voice, and voting rights.

Over the delivery of the meeting, quite a few door prizes were won by lucky members. Thanks to Joan Cunningham for organizing this.

We were treated to a very nice salad and sandwich lunch, provided by Seneca College. In addition, the facilities, and arrangements for the meeting were excellent. Over lunch, representatives of about eight different Retiree Associations shared their activities with each other.

At the time of the meeting, OCRA had received about 140 replies to our Annual Review. These will be summarized and reviewed by the Executive.

In summary, shortly before 3pm, a very interesting and productive meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jim Martin

DOWNSIZING- A FEW HELPFUL HINTS

The old song says that “ Breaking Up Is Hard To Do,” but downsizing is a close second. If you have not already done this for yourself or someone else, perhaps a few ideas from those of us who have been through the process would be helpful. Most of the places mentioned below have a presence in both the Windsor and Chatham areas though the phone numbers listed are in Windsor.

Initially, people think of the problems related to

getting rid of stuff, but before that, decisions have to be made on what to keep, what will fit in new living space (if that’s a factor), and have all the family members or close friends been invited to take or even purchase some item or another. This process may be more important than you realize.

There are also professionals who, for a fee, help with sorting, selecting, donating and selling items when a major downsizing is necessary. One such team of

Downsizing continued...

advisors is Welcome Home Move Management. (wecomehomemmyahoo.ca). Another approach is to call a local senior centre to inquire about any special workshops or presentations related to moving. The centre may also have information from a previous session.

The first things that may present a disposal problem are the large items of furniture and appliances. You may or may not have listed some things for sale or tried to interest second-hand dealers and still have pieces left. Two organizations that need serviceable furniture and large appliances are Habitat for Humanity (519-969-3762) and the Refugee Office of Windsor (519-256-0506.) It is best to give either one a call and tell them what you have to offer.

With large items of furniture, it is also wise to call Goodwill if they are on your list. Goodwill Industries (519-946-0990) will be glad to tell you right away what they are accepting at any given time and it ranges from furniture to clothing. When it comes to clothing and small appliances, the Canadian Diabetes

Association (519-253-1797) will pick up on a regular schedule for the different neighborhoods. A final suggestion for all things that aren't noted above such as books and toys, Value Village has a drop off outside of their store that serves both them and the Diabetes Association. Also there is Bibles for Missions Thrift Store(519-250-9625), the Salvation Army Thrift Store (519-258-6938), and Saint Vincent de Paul with 4 locations in Windsor. Additional services are under "second hand stores" in the yellow pages.

One last note of interest to anyone who has a large collection of business papers of a confidential nature such as one would have from accounting or financial services of some sort run from the home, Crimestoppers (519-258-8877) provide paper shredding at low cost.

Your retirees association hopes these ideas are useful.

Submitted by Owen Klein

DAN LONCKE'S PRESENTATION ON THE WAR OF 1812

The St. Clair Retirees were treated to an excellent presentation on the War of 1812 by Dan Loncke on Monday, November 5, 2012. Most retirees met for an excellent dinner prepared and served by the St. Clair Culinary students. Then, the retirees moved to the staff lounge for Dan's presentation.

Dan Loncke's presentation was titled, "The Summer of 1812 with the Journal of Lydia Bacon". The power point presentation covered the major events in the Detroit River and Mackinac areas during the first summer of the War of 1812. It tied together the involvement in the war of four individuals with quotes from the journal of Lydia Bacon, the wife of an American officer in General Hull's Army of the North West. The other people were Porter Hanks, the American commander at Fort Mackinac, Frederick Rolette, a French

Canadian with the British Porvincial Marine, and Adam Muir, a captain with the British 41st Regiment. The intertwining of these four characters ended with Issac Frock's capture of Fort Detroit on August 16, 1812.

Dan completed the presentation with the story of the "Ghost of Moy Hall" and a video, "The Capture of the Cuyahoga Packet" which features a song he wrote with Peter Boyer.

All the retirees would like to thank Dan and his wife Mary for taking the time out of their busy schedule to plan, set up, present, and take down equipment for Dan's presentation on The War of 1812.

Thank You

Submitted by Margaret Goodman

REMEMBERING ...GERRY GAUGHAN

The following is an edited version of an article published in The Saint in January 1980 by Art Woofenden, Saint editor and St. Clair Adult Retraining and Journalism Program graduate. The purpose of the submission is to continue reminding ourselves of the College's most colourful and interesting characters.

While complacency may have a strangle-hold on most of the working population, one of our St. Clair instructors keeps charging straight ahead. Operating on the axiom "You can't keep a good man down," Gerry Gaughan is at it again.

The sociology and psychology instructor feels there is a pressing need for more variation in the topics of electives offered at the College. Gaughan, who's been teaching at the College since 1968, is working on creating a new elective to be called, "Music as Communication." The new course would cover the sociology of music, music as an expression of the feelings of a given time period, and pop culture and its impact on youth. "There's a great deal to be said for song lyrics," Gaughan added. "Some people say that today's youth are more interested in making money and looking good and don't really care about what's going on around them, but, there are song writers like Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen whose lyrics have a lot of meaning and they have quite an audience.

In order to appreciate Gaughan's love of music and need for musical expression, it is helpful to understand his background. He was born and raised in Northern Ontario and, at the age of 16, made a decision to attend the Canadian Institute of the Blind (CNIB) in Brantford.

"I knew the only way I was ever going to get ahead was to go to school. So, I packed my bags and headed off to Brantford." Gaughan encountered a few problems at CNIB. "They segregated the girls and boys even in the

dining room. I think they were afraid we were going to propagate our own kind." He worked hard during those years and attained a grade 12 diploma in six years. Then it was off to the University of Windsor where he received a B.A. and a Master's degree in sociology in 1968.

Throughout his scholastic endeavors he never forgot his love for the blues. He formed his own band, Blind Child Blues Band, and performed in the early 70's with many legendary black artists, including Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon, James Cotton, Hound Dog Taylor, Albert King and Bobo Jenkins. He was also the first white blues singer to appear at the Afro-American Blues Festival in Detroit and recorded a live album with some of the Motor City's top blues groups. For the past year, he has been hosting his own blues show on the University of Windsor's radio station CJAM (91.5). On more than one occasion, Gerry began a sociology class with a recorded blues selection that said something about the topic at hand, setting the period for the lecture and discussion. Having a talent and personality on campus like a Gerry Gaughan is a plus for any college. And if his idea of starting a new elective works out it will be a feather in St. Clair's cap and a great opportunity for students who are interested in learning a little more about how blues affects their lives.

(Ed. Note: The elective was never approved.)

Edited and submitted by Pat Hallahan

Gerry Gaughan with his Band!



Gerry & Band Members

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$23,754 to date, 79% 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 a recent Newsletter.** If 63 further retirees participate by pledging \$100 for 1 brick we would meet our committed goal. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. **Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign.**

Submitted by Jay Ertel

EXECUTORSHIP WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 14, 2013

1:30 pm

Multipurpose Room

Come and learn about the responsibilities and duties of the Executor
of an estate.

There are new changes which come into effect January 2013.

Submitted by Sue Bezaire

WANTED!!!

The Archive group is looking for copies of the **1972 Yearbook.**

It is our only missing issue.

If you have one you are willing to donate;

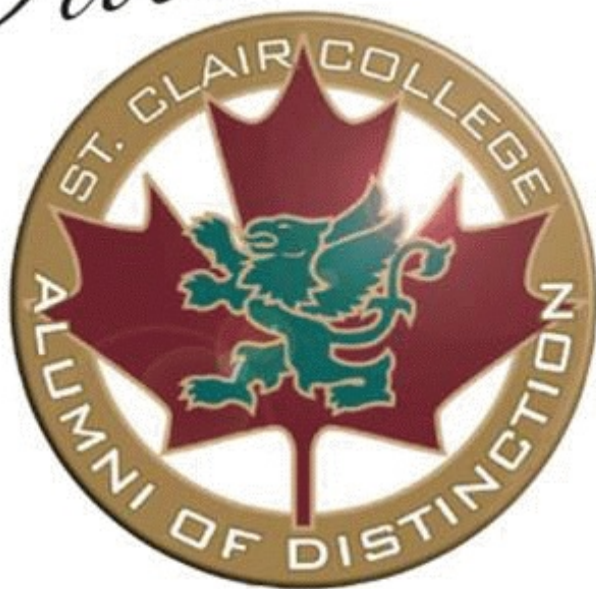
contact **Lea Garber** – lgarber@cogeco.ca

or

Bill Totten – wtotten@sympatico.ca

21st Annual

Alumni of Distinction Awards



Saturday, March 2, 2013

**Skyline Room
St. Clair College Centre for the Arts
201 Riverside Drive West
Windsor, Ontario**

Reception: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Cash Bar • Vegetarian meals available on request

Tickets \$60.00 • Tables of 8 or 10 available

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2013 Recipients

Robert Di Maio

Architectural Technology '78
President
Archon Architect Inc.
Windsor, Ontario

Jill Foster

Early Childhood Education '78
Executive Director
Story Book Early Learning Centres
Essex, Ontario

Edward Mady

Hotel Management '74
General Manager
The Beverly Hills Hotel & West
Coast Regional Director for the
Dorchester Collection
Beverly Hills, California

Meighen Nehme

Business-Marketing '99
President
The Job Shoppe
Windsor, London & Kitchener
Ontario

Dr. Andrea Steen

Nursing '75
Family Medicine Physician
Windsor, Ontario

ASSOCIATION FOUNDERS HONOURED

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association had its beginning in 1992, with a group of visionaries led by Mason MacDonald. It was the earliest recorded gathering of college retirees in the province. This turned out to be a big bonus in that the association was able to start collecting names and addresses of retirees at a time when the numbers were small and still traceable.

This group of pioneers were recognized at the 20th Anniversary Christmas Luncheon in Windsor on

December 12. In attendance were Dirk Grolman, Jeanne Ransome and representing Stan Bah, his wife Majda. Unable to attend were Mason MacDonald, Bill Waldron, Charlie Jackson, Diane Molyneaux and Willis Jacob. The group was recognized with Life Memberships. Deceased members of the founding group were also acknowledged: Vic Burgess, Fred Carruthers, Jean Trudell, Agnes Burrige and Dorothy Sawatsky.



Bill Totten makes presentation to founders Dirk Grolman, Majda Bah (representing Stan Bah) and Jeanne Ransome

HEINZ COMPANY STORE

St. Clair College Employees/Members,

Heinz Canada is pleased to offer you/your organization guest access to our *Heinz Company Store* on the date(s) listed below. Please understand that this “Store” is not open to the general public and contains a limited assortment which will vary in both variety and quantity from one visit to the next. We make no guarantee that specific products will be available on the day you or our other guests are there.

Furthermore, the products sold in the *Heinz Company Store* are ‘seconds’; that is, they are safe to eat, but may be close to their best before date or may have crooked labels, etc. It is for reasons such as this that they are offered at a considerable discount to products sold in regular retail stores. All products purchased at the *Heinz Company Store* must be considered by our guests to be ‘final sale’; we do not accept returns or offer rain checks.

You/your organization may visit the *Heinz Company Store* on the following days:

Jan 21, 22, 23, 26 2013

Mar 11, 12, 13, 16 2013

Apr 29, 30, May 1, 4 2013

Jun 17, 18, 19, 22 2013

Aug 26, 27, 28 (closed Aug 31) 2013

Oct 15, 16, 19 (closed Oct 14) 2013

Dec 2, 3, 4, 7, 2013

The *Heinz Company Store* is located at **85 Wilkinson Drive in Leamington (AMCO Storage Building).**

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No children under 12 years of age allowed in facility

Only one case per variety per person per day

Products cannot be re-sold, they are for personal use only

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All products are sold ‘as is’ and are net eligible for refund or return

Payment is by debit card only

Proof of employment/membership, in the form of an I.D. Card or pay statement, must be provided at the checkout

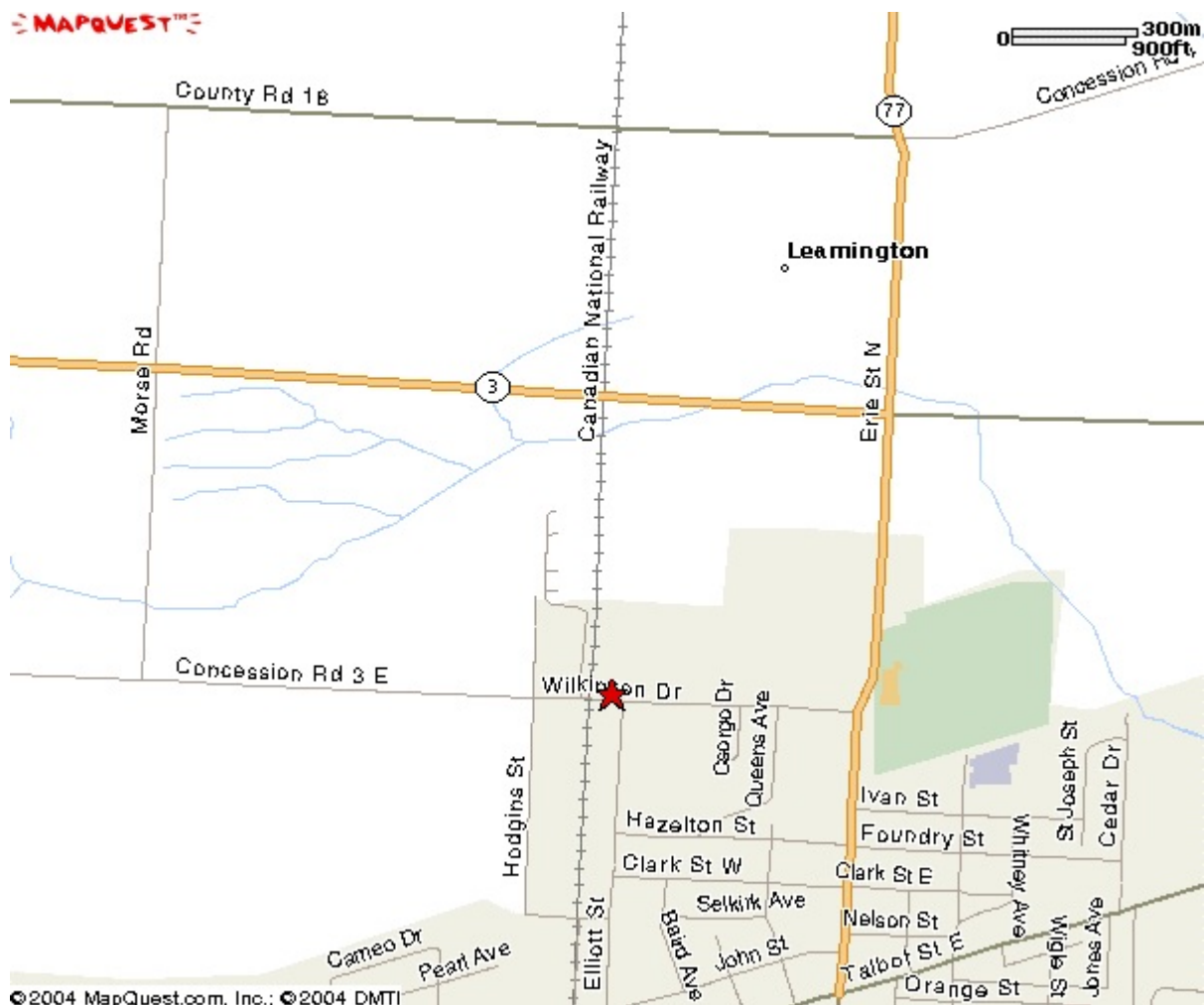
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- **Products Cannot Be Resold - for Personal Use Only**
- **Products Cannot Be Used in Public Establishments - for Personal Use Only**
- **Payment Is by Debit Card Only**



THE ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES OF 2012

The St. Clair College Retiree's Association extend their best wishes to all the retirees for 2012 listed below. We thank them for the many years they devoted to the college. May their years of retirement be filled with happiness and good health!

Wendy Lee Barber	Betty Beckett	Brian Boyd	Steve Bozanich	Dave Davis
Jayne Dillon	Linda Drouillard	Kathy Dupuis	June Egan	Tony Ellul
Elizabeth Green	Michelle Gulbransen	Irene Helinski	Louise Hillier	Bohdan (Mike) Huk
Mary Lee Hussey	Dan Leavoy	William Lukachuck	P. Joyce McNerney	Kathleen Murphy
Paul Myers	Kelly Robinson	Carol Sivers	Joanna Staudt	Patsy Trombley
Fulvio Valentinis				

ANDY FAAS RECEIVES QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL



On Saturday, February 9, 2013, Andrew J. Faas was presented with the QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL at an impressive ceremony at the HealthPlex at St. Clair College's Thames Campus.

The medal was awarded in recognition of Andy's ongoing support of St. Clair College, the Chatham-Kent Community and many charitable organizations around the world. Andy is a St. Clair College graduate of Business Administration – Marketing in 1972 and was active in Student government, serving as SRC president in 1971-72. He was employed at Chrysler Corporation in Windsor following graduation and went on to become Vice President of Loblaws and Executive Vice President of Shoppers' Drug Mart.

Andy was previously recognized as a recipient of the Ontario Premier's Award in 1992.

He has been an on-going supporter of St. Clair College, donating one million dollars toward the construction of the HealthPlex.

Andy is currently retired while continuing his charitable works through his Faas Foundation.

THAMES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Thames Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 05, 2012 at the Countryview Golf Club in Chatham. This was a beautiful sunny day for the kick-off of the Holiday Season. Forty-six people attended and enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon. Eunice Robinson and Elizabeth Barr were thanked for arranging the door prizes and organizing another successful Christmas Party. People enjoyed their social time especially with presentations being made by Santas Eunice and Jim Robinson. We wish to thank Bill Totten for setting up Tony Ellul's powerpoint presentation on the recent retirees' Social Activities.

Lynn McGeachy-Schultz, Principal Thames Campus and Christy Gatto, Executive Director of the Foundation joined the group for the luncheon. Lynn gave an update on the progress of developments at Thames Campus. The enrolment has doubled in the past 2 years to 1,300 students and the residence is full with a waiting list. The day care is now with the

College. The St. Clair Capitol Theatre is booking shows for the winter and next season. Upcoming shows include the College Performing Arts Students Spring Show as well as Stephen Lewis, Rick Mercer and Terri Clark. The HealthPlex has been hosting both student and community events and has added a Holiday Starter Package which includes a 3 month membership with a carrying bag, water bottle, towel and access to group fitness. Christy provided an update on the Windsor HealthPlex which is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in January 2014. It will be 85,000 sq. ft. for an estimated cost of \$23m.

The retirees were invited to attend the Christmas Pageant on Dec. 13,14 and 15 at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts and the President's Christmas Brunch on Dec. 18 at South Campus.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

SCCRA GIFT BASKET WINNER



Elwin Vince & Santa Jim Robinson



Dawn Finlin, JoAn Dale, Katie Taylor & Gayle Martin



Elwin & Linda Vince, Jim & Nancy Cameron, Dave & Andea Main, Tom McCarthy



Anita & Mansell Blair, Elsie & Pat Hallahan, Lynn McGreach-Shultz, Christy Gatto

2012 WINDSOR RETIREE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Windsor Retiree Christmas Luncheon was held on Wednesday December 12 in Chez Talbot. Attended by over 80 retirees and spouses/friends, it was almost a full house.

This year's celebration was earmarked by the 20th anniversary of the founding of the St. Clair College Retiree Association. As such, all local founding members were invited to the lunch. Although a number were unable to attend for a variety of reasons, the current Executive was happy to welcome Dirk Grolman, Jeanne Ransome and Mida Bah representing Stan Bah.

Greetings and an update on College goings-on were provided by College President John Strasser. Bill Totten presented commemorative certificates to the founding members in attendance. Additional certificates will be forwarded to those not in attendance, such as Bill Waldron, Diane Molyneaux, Charlie Jackson and Mason MacDonald.

An excellent lunch was provided by the College catering staff, (including a very quickly prepared dessert, necessary because the original was involved in a car crash enroute), the tables were festively decorated with different coloured poinsettias provided by the Landscaping Department, and numerous door prizes were handed out by Santas Jim Martin and Cindy Bissonnette.

Congratulations and thanks go to Jay Ertel and Gayle Harrick and Marilyn Portt for organizing this event which, once again, went off without a hitch. Thanks also to JoAn Dale, President, for acting as MC, to Bill Totten for his work commemorating our founding members and to Tony Ellul for his powerpoint presentation on the activities of the Association for 2012.

Submitted by P. Hallahan



*JoAnn Dale, Elizabeth Barr,
Blair, Ida Totten,*



*Pat Hallahan Mansell
John Payne*

2012 Windsor Retiree Christmas Luncheon Attendees continued...

Top Door Prize Winners



Bill Totten, Cindy Bissonnette, Dr. Strasser, Jim Martin



*Marian Crundwell, Tini Grolman,
Elizabeth Docherty*



Jim & Eunice Robinson, Lori Caba



Jim Martin, JoAn Dale, Mansell Blair

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

There will be a Retirees' Euchre Tournament on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. The euchre tournament will be held at Roseland Golf Club at 1:30.

The cost is \$5 per person.

There will be 10 rounds of euchre played. The losers will move and the winners will remain at the table. People will rotate partners. There will be no lessons, so people who want to play should know how to play euchre.

The money will be divided up with \$5 for the lowest score, and the remainder will be divided for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place highest scores.

In order to play in the tournament, you must register. Please e-mail me at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca on or before Friday, February 22nd.

Friends and relatives are welcome to come, but you must register them.

Submitted by Margaret Goodman

Dr. Strasser's Annual Christmas Appreciation Brunch

Once again, retirees showed up in large numbers to enjoy Dr. Strasser's Christmas brunch on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. The brunch, consisting of a wide variety of breakfast and lunch items and excellent desserts, was held in the Hangar, which was at capacity with current staff and retirees. There was ample opportunity for retirees to mingle with not only other retirees, but with old friends who are still on staff. It was particularly nice for many retirees to have a chance to talk with Andy Kovosi who, although in a wheelchair, has not lost any of his cheerful attitude.

Dr. Strasser detailed first term accomplishments and

especially thanked the retirees, upon whom these achievements were founded.

Those present were treated to several numbers by a trio of Jody Raffoul, Kelly Hoppe and Jeff Burrows who, in cooperation with St. Clair have produced a fundraising Christmas CD - "A Time For Joy".

Once again, this was a very pleasant kick-off to the Christmas season, and we extend our thanks to the college for once again including the retirees in this activity.

Submitted by Bill Totten



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

Bessie and Sam Siddall were married on November 10, 1962.

They have two children and three grandchildren.

Their Golden Anniversary was celebrated with their family and friends.

Happy Anniversary from the St. Clair College Retirees!

10TH ANNIVERSARY WINTER TRIP

This year's Winter Trip to Cuba was unique in several ways. It was our tenth consecutive trip to the Caribbean since our first trip in 2004 to the Dominican Republic. Since then we have travelled to Cuba three times, the DR twice and the Mayan Riviera on five occasions.

This year we flew from Windsor airport to Varadero, Cuba, a three hour flight, and travelled by bus from the Varadero airport to the Laguna Azul resort. Because of the large size of our group we were provided with a dedicated bus for travel between the airport and the Laguna Azul resort, thus eliminating usual stops at intermediate resorts on the way.

The Laguna Azul resort is a five star facility which is part of the Iberostar chain and is one of the larger resorts in Cuba, with 814 rooms. The size was not a problem since the resort is on a large property containing several large and small pools and a number of dining options. This seemed to disburse the many vacationers and didn't create any congestion.

This trip was also unique in that it was the largest number of participants on any of our trips - thirty one. Our previous largest number was 24. This resulted in the creation of smaller groups based upon common interests with some going to Havana for the day and others taking a catamaran trip. A group of this size has its advantages in reduced cost because the value of bonus seats was distributed across all participants. In fact, the price for this trip was about the same as our first trip in 2004. Also, another unique feature was the fact that, of the thirty-one participants, 16 were first-time travelers with the St. Clair retiree group.

The weather on the first couple of days was cooler than we would have preferred, but was still "shorts weather", although too cool to swim for most of us. This was followed by several days of ideal weather – high 20's (or high 80's if you prefer) and brilliant sun. Some of the hardier souls ventured into the sea while many others took advantage of the numerous pools.

A large buffet was available for breakfast, lunch and dinner and there were a number of specialty restaurants serving Cuban, Italian, Japanese and 'international' fare for the dinner hour. In addition, food was available at a beach restaurant for lunch.

This was a very successful and enjoyable trip and planning has already been discussed for next year's adventure.

WINTER TRIP HISTORY

2004	Iberostar Costa Dorado Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
2005	Copacabana, Mexican Riviera
2006	Riu Turquisa Varadero, Cuba
2007	Riu Yucatan, Mexican Riviera
2008	Riu Playacar, Mexican Riviera
2009	Santos Playacar, Mexican Riviera
2010	Sirenis la Selina, Varadero, Cuba
2011	Santos Playacar, Mexican Riviera
2012	Ocean Blue and Sand, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
2013	Iberostar, Laguna Azul, Varadero, Cuba

Submitted by Bill Totten

**Iberostar, Laguna Azul,
Varadero, Cuba**



IBEROSTAR, LAGUNA AZUL, VARADERO, CUBA

The pictures below show the happy people who attended this year's winter vacation at the Iberostar, Laguna Azul in Varadero, Cuba



Rear Isaac, Edna MacLellan, Cheryl Jensen, Nancy Cameron, Kelly Robinson, Ida Totten, Jo-Ann Robinson Ene Barsky, Shirley Freeman, Bill Jones, Laura Kennedy, Heather St.Pierre, Joyce Kennedy, Maria Carlini, Mansell & Anita Blair, Marge Preston, Del Zangari, Emma Ellul, Bill Totten, John & Carol Hackson.

Front Row Silvio Carlini, John Zangari, Al MacLellan & Tony Ellul

Absent: Jim Cameron



*Gayle Harrick, Nicki Forcellini, Elaine Womack,
& Lori Caba*

In Memoriam

The Period from November 2012 to February 8, 2013

Paul Ewaschuck

Sid Keen

“Young” John Payne

Joyce Dorothy (nee Lamb) Smith

Anna Summers

Webster (“Buzz”) Vaughn Stanley

David Barrette, husband of Katherine (Bah) son-in law of Majda and the late Stan Bah

Monica (nee Powers) wife of Dr. Gaston Franklyn

Evelyn Glendenning wife of Jack Glendenning

Susan Grech sister-in-law Jackie Robinson-Grech

Timothy “Tim” Hammel brother of Gerry Hammel

Joan Paulton mother of Joy Kemble

David Holden brother-in-law to Violet (Matt) Klepacki

Leo LaBombard father of Brian LaBombard

Barbara Marchini wife of the late Stan Marcini

Beverley McMaster wife of the late Rick McMaster

Ralph “Earl” Scofield husband of Mary Rose Barefoot J. Scofield

In Memoriam

PAUL EWASCHUCK

Paul is remembered for his long time service as a teacher in the Adult Training Program at the College.

SID KEEN

Sid Keen, Principal
Thames Campus - 1969 - 1978



Sid Keen passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at his home in North York, ON just short of his 93rd birthday. In his later years he was in ill health and was cared for by his devoted wife Margaret.

Sid was the first Principal, Thames Campus who joined the College in 1969 to establish a campus in Chatham-Kent. The 1970s was a decade of building physical facilities and defining the educational niche of the College. During Sid's years at the College, he was clearly a champion for establishing the Thames Campus in Chatham. While

employed with Imperial Oil as an engineer Sid served on the College Board. He shared Dr. Q's passion and vision for developing a premier College with a strong presence in our local communities. The Thames Campus was built in 1977 and today serves 1300 students.

Our condolences go to Sid's wife Margaret, his four sons, Robert, Andrew, Peter and Brian and their families. We wish to express our appreciation for Sid's contribution to the College, Thames Campus and our communities.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

"YOUNG" - JOHN PAYNE

"Young" John Payne passed away Dec 17/12 in Windsor at the age of 64. Although not a retiree John was known to many retirees from his work in Personnel (Human Resources) in the 1970's. He is survived by his wife Mary and son John.

SMITH, JOYCE DOROTHY (NEE LAMB) - REMEMBERED!

Joyce Smith passed away peacefully at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance on Friday, November 9, 2012. She was born in England 85 years ago, daughter of the late William and Florence Lamb. Beloved wife of 61 years, to Ronald Smith and loving mother to Gina Smith, both of Chatham. Dear sister of Jean Prince (Edward) of England and the late Joseph Lamb and Phyllis Lamb. Fondly

remembered by her brother-in-law, Percy Smith (Margaret) of St. Mary's, as well as, several nieces and nephews.

Joyce retired from St. Clair College, Thames Campus in 1992. She was employed in the Continuing Education and Apprenticeship offices.

In Memoriam - continued



Anna Grace Summers passed away on Saturday, January 5th 2013. She was a member of the Faculty of the Developmental Service Worker Program at Thames Campus in the late seventies. Anna was a graduate of the Public General Hospital School of Nursing and the University of Toronto. In addition, she was a faculty member at Humber College. After

leaving the College, Anna was the Director of Nursing at the Leamington Hospital. She was an avid golfer and loved the fellowship the game provided. Anna is survived by her husband Beverley, daughter Mary Lou and John Wright and grandchildren Gregory and Heather. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

VAUGHN STANLEY (BUZZ) WEBSTER



Vaughn Stanley (Buzz) Webster passed away on December 15, 2012, at the age of 83. Buzz an instructor at the College in the auto mechanics program.

He was well known for his driving and training horses in both Canada and the United States.

He was a member of the Bothwell Senior's club where he was an avid card player and especially games of "Pepper".

Buzz will be missed by both family and friends.

May they rest in peace!

TRIP SURVEY RESULTS

The executive was very pleased with the number of people that responded the future trips survey. Thank You!

The trips that received the most popular votes were: Las Vegas; Stratford; Niagara on the Lake; Petrolia; Explore Detroit; Rum Runners and Chicago.

The executive plans to investigate with various travel organizations in order to see what the most

cost effective way of providing various trips would be. We will report back to you as soon as definite plans have been made.

Again, thanks to all who took the time to fill out the survey and return it.

Submitted by Margaret Goodman

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Retirees' Euchre Tournament, 1:30 PM, Roseland - Page 13
2. Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Southside Tap & Grill
3. Bridge Club Dates:
 - March 5
 - March 19
 - April 2
 - April 16
4. Thursday, Mar. 14 - Executorship Workshop, 1:30 PM, Multi-purpose Room
5. Wednesday, Mar. 27 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Swiss Chalet Restaurant
6. Wednesday, Apr. 24 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Casa Bella Restaurant
7. Wednesday, May 1 - Annual General Meeting, 3:00 PM Meeting & 4:00 PM BBQ, Chez Talbot
8. Wednesday, May 29 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant