



**ST. CLAIR  
COLLEGE  
RETIREES'  
ASSOCIATION**

# NEWSLETTER

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In this my first President's report, I would like to thank Jay Ertel for all the hard work he has done in the past three years. As Past President Jay will keep busy since he has agreed to coordinate the retiree fundraising activities for the College HealthPlex. Speaking of fundraising, I would like to thank Jim Chambers for organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Clair Retiree Par 3 Golf Tournament at Oxley on July 16. Jim has lots of prizes left, so hopefully this tournament is the first of many.

This newsletter issue goes to all staff in addition to all retirees. Accordingly for the first time we have printed the reports from the Annual Meeting held in May. For those not at the meeting take a look at the numerous activities and events reported by the various Executive members. Without the hard work of all of our Executive the SCCRA would not be the success it is.

I would like to welcome two new members of the Executive – Gayle Harrick who will take on the task of Membership Secretary, one I know well and JoAn Dale who has agreed to be the Education Coordinator. Thanks to everyone else who has agreed to give it another year.

### The Fall Social season starts this year with the:

- Annual Fall Social – Chez Talbot - Wed. Aug. 26 - 3:30
- Bridge Club – Multi Purpose Room -Tuesdays – Sept. 8 and 22, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 24, Dec. 8
- Canadian Black History Museum Tour – Amherstburg - Thur. Sept. 10 - 10:30
- Thames/Windsor Luncheon – Lighthouse Cove - Wed. Sept 30 - 11:30
- Education Workshop - date and topic to be announced
- RM Classic Car Tour and Lunch – Wed. Oct. 22 -10:00
- Trivial Tuesday - Tuesday Nov. 17 - 1:30
- Thames Luncheon - Chatham Bkst House and Grill -Wed. Nov 25 - 11:30
- Annual Christmas Lunch – St. Clair Centre for the Arts - Wed. Dec 2 –11:30
- Annual Christmas Lunch Thames – Countryview Golf Club – Wed. Dec 9 -11:30

Although nothing is finalized with the Education workshop, we were thinking of a session on “Keeping up with your grandchild: Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, Skype etc. what does it all mean? Notices will come out by e-mail if it is before the next newsletter.

Once again the SCCRA is planning a winter trip to the sunny south. This year we are going to Cuba. The flight leaves out of Windsor on Tuesday Jan 26 to Feb 02, 2010. We are staying at the Sirenis La Salina Varadero Beach Resort an all-inclusive resort. Kathleen Warren at Allison's is the agent for this trip and can be reached at 519 258 5404.

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*President's Report continued:*

Activities slow down in the summer months except for OCRA (Ontario College Retirees Association). Jim Martin and I are on the OCRA Executive and we have attended two meetings by teleconference. The 2009 General Meeting will be held at Fleming College on Thursday, October 29/09. It was decided to have the meeting during the week instead of the weekend as in past years. All paid up members of OCRA are invited to attend. Further information will be coming out in September. So far, Derrick Dobson the new head of the CAAT Pension Plan will be a guest speaker. The two main issues concerning OCRA are benefits and pensions and we hope to have sessions on both of these topics at the General Meeting.

**Anita Blair, President**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 2009

This year's St. Clair College Retirees' Association Annual General Meeting was held on May 6/09 at the South Campus in Chez Talbot and attended by about 50 members.

After the President's summary report, the various committee coordinators submitted their individual reports.

The last item of business was the election of officers. Anita Blair replaces Jay Ertel who did not run for reelection as President. Gayle Harrick has volunteered to replace Anita as Membership Coordinator.

The Association thanks Anita for assuming this very active position and welcomes Gayle into this very

important function.

Many thanks as well go to Jay Ertel who has served as our President for the last three years. Jay's very careful guidance and steady direction has served the organization very well. Anita presented Jay with a plaque for his good work.

And a final thank you to John Charlesworth for organizing the AGM. The food was good and plentiful and everything went like clockwork. Kudos to our chefs and kitchen helpers: Les Taffinder, Shirley Dzudz, Keith Brown, Elsi Hallahan and Ida Totten.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*

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## St. Clair College Retirees' Association 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Pat Hallahan, Education Coordinator**

This was another busy year for the Education committee. A seminar was held in the fall to better explain the services rendered by our local Community Care and Access Centres. Representatives from the Windsor CCAC and Western Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital participated.

In addition to educational seminars, information tours were also organized by both Gary MacLeod and Dan Loncke. They collaborated on a very well received bus tour visiting strategic locations which formed part of the War of 1812.

Gary also organized a tour of the Transportation Museum in Essex County and the Hiram Walker facility on Riverside Drive in Windsor. The latter featured "new" information from the distillery on their part in the sale of contraband alcohol during Prohibition. He also arranged a tour of the Caesars Windsor facility.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT- John Payne, Treasurer**

The annual financial report was reviewed by Jim Chambers and it was reported that the Association is in a solid financial position. Donations have been made to the college capital campaign and to the Foundation in memory of members who have passed away.

### **MEMBERSHIP – Anita Blair, Membership Coordinator**

At this writing (April 8) we have 234 paid up members and associate members for 2009. Membership renewals were sent out with the November newsletter and a reminder was sent to members who had paid their dues in the last two years but not for 2009. We will likely exceed last year's record number of 247 since membership monies come in throughout the summer. Our database has 433 names with full information; 27 names with no information; 32 associate members who are also in the main database, and 81 deceased members.

We collect membership dues for the Ontario College Retirees' Association, (OCRA) - 33 Life Members of OCRA and an additional 202 members who have an OCRA membership number.

### **SOCIAL CONVENER'S REPORT – John Charlesworth, Social Convenor**

Our retirees' social services are second to none, but we can always improve. This last year saw many people getting interested in the activities and providing valuable help by taking over some of the work. Names are too numerous to mention but are continually growing as many of you have pet interests that you would like to share with the membership for our benefit. Please do not be afraid to offer your ideas for us to either investigate or better still, to organize the idea yourself. Come on – give me that old St. Clair spirit of entrepreneurship

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT – Del Zangari, Newsletter Editor**

As in previous years we have produced four newsletters this year. We have produced these newsletters to inform you, the retirees of St. Clair College, of the various items of interest that are of concern to you. In each of our newsletters we cover topics *such* as pension news, financial concerns, OCRA updates, items of interest at Windsor and Thames campuses, persons whom we feature, social events (present and in the future) and a number of other items.

These newsletters are made possible by your contributions of articles, information and experiences and, I look forward to receiving articles from you. I thank you for the opportunity to be your newsletter editor.

### **CHATHAM-KENT REPORT – Elizabeth Barr, Thames Representative**

The Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon, usually with a guest speaker. Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a luncheon meeting in September at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Lighthouse Cove and for the RM Classic Cars Tour on October 22, 2008. The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 10, 2008 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Our February luncheon included a speaker from St. Andrew's Seniors Residence. The speaker provided us with information on the programs offered at the Residence and the available living accommodations. At the April meeting, a speaker from a local nursery shared points on happy gardening. All of these events were very successful. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2009/2010.

### **GOODWILL COMMITTEE – Carol Pratt**

The Goodwill Committee exists to support our members, members of the college community and "friends" of the Retirees' Association in times of bereavement, illness and achievement. This usually means that a condolence card, a thinking-of-you card, a get-well card or a congratulations card is sent to the individual or family. In 2008, 54 cards were sent out. Of these, 12 went to current staff and 2 went to "friends" of the Retirees' Association. These have been very well received, however, we are constantly aware that we could be missing someone who should be receiving a card. If you feel that someone should receive a card, please contact Carol Pratt or any member of the Executive. We would also like to institute a home/hospital visitation program but would need additional support to do so.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Jim Martin, Vice President**

#### Position

#### Candidate

#### Ex Officio Members

President Emeritus

Bill Totten

Past President

Jay Ertel

#### Officers Elected \*

President\*

Anita Blair

Vice-President\*

Jim Martin

## *2009 Annual Reports continued:*

Recording Secretary*	Lori Caba
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Thames Director*	Elizabeth Barr
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Social Coordinator	John Charlesworth
Newsletter Editor	Del Zangari
Archive Coordinator	- vacant
Fundraising Coordinator.	Jay Ertel
Director at Large	Gary Docherty

### **TELEPHONE COMMITTEE**

Sue Korchnak and Eunice Robinson have again served as a one-person telephone committees again this year. This communication with our membership is critical to the success of our activities. A huge “Thank You”, again, to Susy and to Eunice for their pleasant and conscientious work on behalf of the SCCRA.

### **MEMORIALS**

The Retirees Association continues to maintain the memorial plaques - one at South Campus and one at Thames Campus - remembering our deceased colleagues. Additional members are honoured each year at a brief dedication which takes place at the President’s Annual Staff Appreciation Day in June. All retirees are invited to attend St. Clair Day, scheduled for June 19 in the Hangar. Lunch is served and there is opportunity for socializing with former colleagues.

### **ARCHIVE PROJECT REPORT**

Archive material is growing almost weekly. In 2008 we focused on a number of projects: indexing of Saint and Journal items; identification and filing academic program material; identification and sorting of a large quantity of 35mm slides; identification and filing Convocation material; creation of an organized file of staff and former staff photos and documentation; creation and installation of displays for a permanent display case. These projects are worked on weekly (Monday mornings) by Hanno Barten, Keith Brown, Anita Blair, Pat Hallahan, Lea Garber, Dick St. John, Bill Totten. More help is always appreciated.

### **TRIVIAL TUESDAY REPORT**

It was the day before April 1<sup>st</sup>, but it was difficult to fool the eight teams at the latest Trivial Tuesday. The toughest question of the day was “In Britain what do “twitchers” do?” However, all teams did an outstanding job naming the seven dwarfs. The top team consisted of Ruth Hicks, Tom McMahon and Marg Dore, with Phil Eyraud, Elsi Hallahan and Ron Morris coming in a respectable second. After

three tie-breaker questions Patricia Taylor, Jim Chambers and Jocelyn Blair edged out Anita Blair, Gary MacLeod and Bill Totten (always the bride’s maid). Our next Trivial Tuesday is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. Email or telephone to sign up ([danloncke@yahoo.ca](mailto:danloncke@yahoo.ca) or 519-948-2906). By the way “twitchers” are bird watchers.

*Mary and Dan Loncke*

## HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

**St. Clair College retirees have raised \$4,900 to date, 16% of our \$30,000 goal.**

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:

1. That the Executive Support the College's HealthPlex Fundraising Campaign and that the support be recommended to the SCCRA general membership.
2. 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 in Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent 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 for organizing the July '09 very successful First Annual Retirees' Association Golf Outing as a fundraising activity. Brian LaBombard will be working with Jim on next year's golfing event. Jim Chambers is now planning to organize a Winter '10 golf outing at "On The Green", a simulated golf facility

The College HealthPlex Projects in Chatham and Windsor are planned for as early 2010.

*Submitted by Jay Ertel*

## PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

The College contact for all retiree questions on pensions and benefits is

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**Please Note:** "Retirees wishing to receive the detailed documentation on coverage for Extended Health Care Plan 1 (EHC Plan 1), Extended Health Care Plan 2 (EHC Plan 2) and Extended Health Care Plan 3 (EHC Plan 3) can contact Kim Bode."

Web sites to know:

[www.caatpensions.on.ca](http://www.caatpensions.on.ca) - For answers on pensions  
[www.thecouncil.on.ca](http://www.thecouncil.on.ca) - For information on the three plans and costs and coverage  
[www.sunlife.ca/member](http://www.sunlife.ca/member) - For information on your own benefit claims

## COLLEGE GETS \$32M FOR HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING AND \$4.4M FOR TECHNOLOGY AND TRADES ADDITION

Friday, May 29 was an exciting day at St. Clair College. A large group of students, staff, retirees and community representatives heard Jeff Watson, MP for Essex and Sandra Pupatello, MPP for Windsor West and Ontario Minister of Economic Trade and Development announce contributions of \$16M each (\$32M total) toward the construction of a brand new Health Sciences Centre at its South Windsor campus. Construction will begin this summer.

President Strasser said it was thanks to the co-operation of the two governments that the college would be able to take care of an overdue need to expand and modernize facilities and offer more training opportunities in the health sciences field, one of the fastest growing sectors of the emerging local economy. In his remarks, Dr. Strasser made a special

point to acknowledge the contribution of retirees in the development of the college and its programs. This exciting development will allow the college to offer a number of new programs in the health field.

The same day in Chatham, Dave VanKesteren, MP for Chatham-Kent-Essex and Pat Hoy, MPP for Chatham-Kent-Essex announced \$2.2M each (\$4.4 total) for a Technology and Trades Addition for Thames Campus.

Dr. Strasser said this is an exciting day for Thames Campus. He is confident the community will benefit greatly from the enhanced skills of graduates who will enter the work force after acquiring knowledge in a modern facility.

*Submitted by Bill Totten*

Pictured from left to right:  
Minister Dwight Duncan, M.P.P.  
Windsor Tecumseh, Minister of  
Finance; Dr. John Strasser,  
President, St. Clair College;  
Minister Sandra Pupatello, M.P.P.  
Windsor West, Minister of  
International Trade and Investment;  
Jeff Watson, M.P. Essex



Pictured from left to right:  
Randy Hope, Mayor Of Chatham;  
Pat Hoy, M.P.P. Chatham-Kent-Essex;  
Dr. John Strasser, President, St. Clair  
College; Dave Van Kesteren, M.P.  
Chatham-Kent-Essex



## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SERVICE

### PAT McMAHON



In our continuing effort to celebrate retirees who are active in community service, we focus in this edition on Pat McMahon, who retired as a Chair, Health Sciences.

Currently, Pat is Chair, Board of Directors for the Canadian Mental Health Association-Windsor Essex County Branch (CMHA-WECB). Recently this organization received a three year accreditation from Accreditation Canada, its first being in 2005. CMHA- WECB has provided mental health services to Windsor and Essex County for over 35 years and has a Workplace Health office which assists organizations with services such as retirement planning, work life counselling and referrals. Our City Health Centre, a satellite of the Teen Health Centre provides services to residents in the downtown core of Windsor who do not have a family doctor. This center also provides services to adults without a family doctor who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness and who live in Windsor and Essex County.

Pat has been with CMHA-WECB for 3 years. CMHA-WECB is presently working with the CMHA Chatham-Kent and CMHA Sarnia-Lambton re: collaboration and possible merger of the three organizations.

Prior to this appointment, Pat was a member of the Windsor Public Library Board for six years. Pat navigated the library through some difficult waters especially the last three years, when she chaired the board. She also served as a member of the Parish Council for the St. Anne's – Holy Rosary Parish cluster. Both of which were closed last year. If nothing else, Pat has had a series of crash courses in diplomacy.

To some degree, Pat attributes her interest in community service to her work at St. Clair College as a representative on local, regional, provincial and national committees. The Provincial Education Committee on SARS and the Conjoint Committee on Accreditation, a sub committee of the Canadian

Medical Association which accredits Allied Health Programs nationally are two examples.

Born in Kingston Ontario, Pat lived in Gananoque in the heart of the Thousand Islands, east of Kingston before the family moved to Toronto. She completed her nursing education at Toronto East General Hospital, School of Nursing and obtained a Bachelor of Science (Nursing Education) from the University of Ottawa. In 1973, she and husband Tom moved to Windsor when Tom, a Journalism graduate from Carleton University was hired by The Windsor Star. Pat obtained her Master of Education from the University of Windsor.

Once in Windsor, Pat started working at the College as a part-time faculty member before obtaining full-time status. She went on to become Chair, Nursing Department and Dean of Health Sciences. There were many college reorganizations, when she also was responsible for Creative Studies, Community Services, BTSD and Business for varying lengths of time in addition to Health Sciences. Pat feels very fortunate to have worked with excellent faculty, office staff and colleagues during her time at the college.

Prior to moving to Windsor, Pat was on faculty at the Vanier School of Nursing which was one of eight regional schools developed in Ontario and was planned as a bilingual school. Vanier School of Nursing eventually become part of Algonquin College. The Nursing Program was developed as a two year Nursing Program. Pat fully understood this model of education and applied it at St. Clair. It also assisted her to work with counterparts at the University of Windsor in developing the Collaborative Nursing Program. Pat is also a strong supporter of the local College – University Transfer Agreements.

Pat and Tom have one child, Matthew who lives in Mississauga Ontario. Matthew has a Master of Science – Engineering, Queen's University and is currently working on a water resources project in Florida. They are enjoying their retirement doing some travelling, playing golf and participating in the SCC Retirees activities.

Pat thinks "It is great to decide your own schedule!"

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*

## COLLEGE GRAD MAKES GOOD

*The following is an article in a continuing series featuring College graduates who went on to work at and retire from the College.*



Erwin William "Bill" Stammler is a 1968 WOIT graduate who went on to teach and manage at the College. However, unlike many other graduates, Bill's path to employment at the College is a fascinating tale bordering on Horatio Alger status.

Bill was born in the former Yugoslavia of German descent. According to Bill, after WW11, when Marshall Tito was installed as the country's Communist Dictator, all people of German descent were interred in concentration camps. Bill and his family, who were bakers in what is now Serbia, were among them.

Eventually, Bill's family bought its way out of the camp, lived in Austria from '47-'51, and subsequently were sponsored by family living in Canada. The Stammlers immigrated to Canada when Bill was not quite 12 years old. Given the conditions in Europe during and immediately after the war, Bill had relatively little opportunity for formal education.

It is at this time that Bill's education odyssey begins. There were no elementary school EASL programs in 1951. Even though he was almost 12 years old, Bill was put into grade one, not knowing one word of English. Five years later, Bill graduated from grade eight. He was sixteen. Given that school had not been a very satisfying experience, Bill did not proceed to high school. He worked odd jobs, including some tobacco-related work in the Delhi area, until he was 21.

As he matured, Bill yearned for more education. He became aware of the Canadian Vocational Training Program (CVT), the forerunner to the College's Adult Retraining Program (ARP), operating at night at W.D. Lowe. After completing six courses, taught by the likes of future College staffers Jim Castle and Sera Quigg, Bill received his grade 10 equivalency. He and others negotiated for a grade 12 equivalency and he completed that after being taught by staff including Jim Gretes and Bob Price. At the time, this program, eventually transferred to the College, was managed by the Windsor Board of Education.

Completion of this program, qualified Bill to apply for

the Mechanical Engineering Technology Program at WOIT. His teachers included John Charlesworth, Isaac Barsky and Vic Burgess.

Upon graduation, Bill secured employment across the River, first at U.S. Clearing Presses and then at General Electric's Special Products Division manufacturing man-made diamonds for industry. During this time, Bill continued his education at the Lawrence Institute of Technology, now the prestigious Lawrence Technological University. He subsequently obtained a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management.

After a few years, the GE Plant closed in 1970 and Bill was looking for work. A conversation with Jim Gretes lead to work teaching math in the Adult Retraining Program at the old bus barns on Kildare Road, the location of the soon-to-be defunct GM Transmission Plant.

Bill taught in ARP from 1970-1984, at which time he transferred to the Mechanical Engineering Technology Program teaching peripheral courses, such as math, hydraulics, blue print reading and drafting. He also did some special project work teaching apprentices and supervisors at General Motors and Ford and in Thailand.

In 1994 Bill became Chair of the Mechanical Programs until his retirement in 2001.

Many faculty will remember Bill for his dedicated work for Local 138 as both a steward and chief steward, working with Presidents Dick King, Maxine Jones, Bob Price and Charlie Wilson. After about 15 years and following the layoff purge in 1988, Bill submitted his resignation.

Bill married Nancy in 1966; they have a daughter Janis who works at the College and recently achieved her CGA designation.

One has to wonder how many other College staff have had to work as long and arduously as did Bill Stammler to, not only secure employment at the College, but to provide a significant degree of service to both students and staff, as well as to successfully compete for a management position in some of the College's most essential programs.

It was truly a remarkable achievement.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*



## ST. JACOB'S/DRAYTON THEATRE OUTING

The 2009 Retiree Association annual theatre outing underwent a major overhaul this year. Instead of a play at Stratford, a group of about 35 went to St. Jacob's and Drayton for some flea market shopping and country and western entertainment.

The flea market offered an extensive variety of goods ranging from food, clothing, books and even birdhouses. A number of the retailers were Mennonites.

After ample opportunity to both shop and lunch, the group hopped back on to the bus for the short jaunt to the Drayton Festival Theatre for "Country Legends," an extremely professional and well received group of

country and western impersonators.

From the opening Johnny Cash number to songs of Hank Williams, Kenny Rogers, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and many others, the 20+ entertainers never disappointed.

The show was followed by a very enjoyable dinner at Crossroads, a Mennonite restaurant.

Many thanks to Bill Totten for liaising with Kathleen Warren of Allison's Travel to organize this event. It was a refreshing change of pace and viable alternative to Stratford.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*





*St. Jacobs/Drayton Theatre Outing continued*



## CHATHAM-KENT WIND FARM PROJECTS

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009 our retiree group of 40 attended the Kruger Energy presentation and tour of the Wind Farm Project in Port Alma. The presentation followed the luncheon at the Deer Run Golf Course in Blenheim. The presenters and tour guides were Joe Boland, Site Manager and Jason Stoner, Wind Farm Technician.

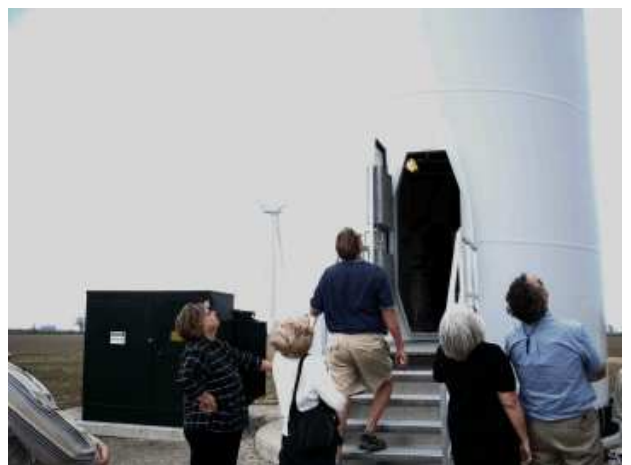
Kruger Energy is a business unit of Kruger Inc. whose mission is to develop energy projects that promote the optimal and respectful use of natural resources. Projects include hydroelectric, wind power, biomass, cogeneration and biogas energy plants. Kruger Inc. and Kruger Energy manage 10 production sites totalling 300 MW of installed capacity, including the 101.2 MW Wind Farm located in Port Alma. Generating electricity from wind is a fairly straightforward process. When the blades turn on the wind turbine, a series of gears make a generator spin very fast. The generator produces electricity that is sent to a transformer at or in the base of the turbine. The transformer changes the voltage and frequency of the current so it can be transmitted on standard electrical lines, either above or below ground. Each turbine sends electricity through a collector line to a transformer sub-station. The sub-station changes the voltage and frequency of the current again, so it can be transmitted long distances across Ontario's power grid. Here are some of the facts for the Port Alma Wind Farm:

- Construction took place between 2007 & 2009
- 44 turbines produce 2.3 MW ea. (they can supply more than 100,000 homes)
- 80 m tower height to the rotor
- 90 m rotor diameter (45 m per blade)
- more than 25 local companies provide products and services to the project
- each of the 44 turbines is connected and independently controlled via fibre optics cables
- each turbine foundation requires 39 tons of rebar and 360 cu. m of concrete (40 plus truckloads)

Denmark provides the expertise for design, construction and operations. Currently the staff including the Wind Farm Technicians who service the turbines are Certified by Denmark. We learned that the turbines can be monitored locally by laptop or Blackberry as well as remotely by the technical people in Denmark.

We found the presentation and tour to be most informative. As we stood among the huge wind turbines in the field we heard no noise as these gentle giants rotated and we felt only the slightest indication of vibrations as we leaned against the base. The experience was quite inspirational and reminds one of the experience of seeing the Grand Canyon or some other wonder of the world for the first time.

*Submitted by Jay Ertel*





## HISTORICAL AIRCRAFT MUSEUM TOUR

On May 30/2009, close to 30 retirees and friends were both entertained and educated by the local chapter of the Canadian Historical Aircraft Association at Windsor Airport.

Most local residents are aware that the Lancaster Bomber, on display for years in Windsor's Jackson Park, has been relocated to the Airport for restoration. In its current state, its wings are clipped and, painstakingly, paint is being removed and replaced with true aircraft paint.

Also being restored in a nearby hangar is a WW11 Mosquito, salvaged from the Arctic where it had been conducting post- WW11 photo-mapping. This all wood plane is a true aircraft icon.

Many are familiar with the exploits of the Canadian Lancaster Bomber. Few are aware, however, that the

local plane in restoration was instrumental in saving thousands of lives in the Netherlands near the end the War. Dubbed Operation Manna, our plane with a number of local crew, air-dropped bags of food for days, to feed the people of this starving country which, by some estimates, was losing 1000 lives per day. A book has been published to commemorate this significant act of heroism and gallantry and is available at the Museum.

In addition to learning some history, a number of our members made their own history by flying in a US Navy 1941 open-cockpit Stearman. All returned intact and exhilarated by the experience.

Many thanks, once again, to Gary McLeod for organizing this most interesting activity.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*



Restoration of the Lancaster Bomber



St. Clair Retirees and Friends



Dan loncke, Gary Macleod.Pilot, & Photographer



Michael Beale (Museum President) & St. Clair Group

# 1ST ANNUAL RETIREE “FUN”D RAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Sunshine – Blue sky – 28C – a perfect day for a game of golf.  
Such was the case – for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Retiree Fund Raising Golf Tournament.**

On July 16<sup>th</sup> 14 golfers played golf at the Oxley Golf Course and raised \$100 for scholarships and \$40 for the HealthPlex Project.

Brian LaBombard had the lowest score for the day and Jim Martin had the – ‘most honest’ score.

A fun time was had by all – not counting the fact that Pat Hallahan was ‘picked off’ by an errant shot – he was OK - even winning 1 of the ‘Closest to the Pin’ prizes.

Jim Chambers thanked all for coming -- he also

thanked the various college departments and other organizations that donated prizes (20 prizes handed out).

Based on this first golf outing, it was decided that a mid-winter golf tournament would be a good idea – to be held at On The Green (simulated golf) in Tecumseh and that a Second Annual Summer Tournament should be held next year.

Tournament Organizer – Jim Chambers



*Pat & Tom McMahon, Jim Martin, John Payne*



*Jerry & Thelma Serviss, Patricia & Frank Taylor*



*Lars Iverson, Brian LaBombard, Pat Hallahan*



*Jim Chambers, Dennis Phillips*



# RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

**Thursday, October 22, 2009  
Chatham, ON**

**...The New Museum is now open...**

RM Classic Cars, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. They typically have an inventory of over 100 investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of pre-war classic and important post-war sports cars.

The cars on display change regularly so the 2009 tour will be completely different from previous years. RM set a world record this year with the \$12.4 m sale of a 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa.

Website: [www.rmauctions.com](http://www.rmauctions.com)

## **Itinerary**

8:45 AM	Car Pool – Lot T, St. Clair College
9:00 AM	Departure for Chatham
10:00 AM	RM Classic Cars Tour (approx. 1 ½ h)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 401 East from Windsor to Chatham</li><li>• Exit at 2<sup>nd</sup> Chatham Exit (Hwy. 40)</li><li>• Turn right (south) towards Blenheim</li><li>• Travel several hundred metres to Classic Car Drive</li><li>• Turn left at RM Classic Cars entrance</li></ul>
12:00 PM	Lunch with Thames Retirees Group Chatham Breakfast House and Grill, 525 Grand Ave. E. Chatham
1:30 PM	Return to Windsor

Cost:\$4.25 ea. for tour plus lunch at own expense

We need to know the number to make lunch and tour reservations. Please confirm with:

John Charlesworth. (519) 966-3168 e-mail: [daturrah@hotmail.com](mailto:daturrah@hotmail.com)

or

Eunice Robinson. (519) 351-3670 e-mail: [robsan@mnsi.net](mailto:robsan@mnsi.net)



## **HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Richard and Grace Lobzun were married May 16, 1959 at the Church of Jesus Christ in Windsor. They have six children and 14 grandchildren. They celebrated their golden anniversary with family and friends.

## **NORTH AMERICAN BLACK HISTORICAL MUSEUM TOUR**

**Thursday, 10 Sept 2009, 1030-1200**

277 King St., Amherstburg ON

Cost: \$5.00

Tour: The Museum, Cultural Centre and the Nazrey African Methodist Episcopal Church

Tour by: Kenn Stanton, Museum Curator

Afterwards Lunch is arranged at "Riccardo's", 238 Dalhousie St., Amherstburg. Menu is light Italian lunch fair, prices in the \$8-\$15 range

After lunch you may enjoy an ice cream at the Waterfront Ice Cream store, a casual stroll through Navy Yard Park or an afternoon visit to Fort Malden.

**To reserve your spot please contact Gary MacLeod by September 3, giving the names of the people registering and a contact phone number.**

**Phone: 519-972-7080 or e-mail: gmacleod102@hotmail.com**

## **WINTER TRIP 2010**

We are in the final stages of planning for the seventh annual winter trip. This year we are going to Varadero Beach, Cuba to the Sirenis La Salina Beach Resort. It is a large four star, all-inclusive resort with 998 rooms, 8 restaurants and 4 pools on the white beaches of this part of Cuba. The all-inclusive price

includes travel to and from the Varadero airport, accommodations, all food and drink as well as daily activities, evening entertainment and some sports. The flight leaves out of Windsor which eliminates travel to Detroit and a second customs stop which is a time and money saver.

As for the details:

Tuesday Jan 26/10 to Feb 02/10

Lv Windsor 4:00 pm Arr Varadero 7:20 pm

Lv Varadero 11:30 am Arr Windsor 2:45 pm

Price Up to mid Aug it was \$1218 Can for double per person.

The price could be more or less later in the year.

So if you are free from Jan 26 until Feb 2 and you would like to get away to some place warm, consider joining us. As pictures for past winter trips show, we have a good time together and welcome new folks to our travel group.

For further information you can contact me at 519 776 6747 or Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel 519 258 5404.

*Submitted by Anita*

# *In Memoriam*

*Hugh Cochran*

*Dorothy Coulter*

*David Crear*

*Bob Holmes*

*Frank Sheehan*

*Madeline Sprague*

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Sue Bezaire's Father, Paul Bouffard

Keith Bruce's Father

Janet Crompton's Mother

Gayle Cross's Mother

Evelyn Hitzeroth's Husband, Eric - Sister of Margaret O'Phee

Stella Langlois's Mother, Suzanne Garant

Marilyn Keemer's Mother, Edith

Michael Krakana and Vicky Lessard's Mother, Marie Rose

Ann Peter's Fiancé, Lawrence Klien

Arthur Rae's Mother, Ann Rae

Debra Rymal's Mother, Ilene Herdman

Kathy Tellier's Mother, Mary Reaume

Barb Tregaskiss-Oke's Father (Danny) Harris Danz

Jean Trudell's Husband, Bernard Augustin Trudell

Barry VanBiesbrouck's Sister, Julie Pullen

Del Zangari's brother-in-law, Reno Salvador

*May They Rest In Peace!*

## FRANK SHEEHAN



Frank Sheehan passed away on July 24, 2009. Frank was the Vice Principal of Western Ontario Institute of Technology prior to its transition to St. Clair College. At St. Clair he was the

long-time Dean of Technology, overseeing its growth through the early years of the college's history. Frank was the founding Chair of the Board of IRIS Residential Inns and Services and was the Past President of the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario.

**He will be greatly missed!**

*May He Rest In Peace!*

## ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL POLICY

"The Editor reserves the right to edit any submission for length and/or content."

Editorial changes may be made based upon, but not restricted to, the following standards:

1. No item shall exceed one page in length.
2. Grammatical and/or spelling errors will be corrected.
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4. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
5. Political correctness must be observed, in keeping with community values.
6. Every effort shall be made to protect the interests of St. Clair College and the St. Clair College Retirees' Association.

*I was in the express line at the store quietly fuming.  
Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled  
high with groceries.  
Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked  
sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"*

## **COMING EVENTS**

- 1. Annual Fall Social,,- Chez Talbot  
August 26, 3:30 pm**
- 2. Bridge Club Multi Purpose Room  
September 8, 1:00 pm**
- 3. Black History Museum Tour, Amherstburg  
September 10 , 10:30, am**
- 4. Bridge Club, Multi Purpose Room,  
September 22, 1:00 pm**
- 5. Thames/Windsor Luncheon, Lighthouse Inn , September 30, 11:30 am**
- 6. Winery Tour - details to follow**
- 7. Bridge Club, Multi Purpose Room, October 6, 1:00 pm**
- 8. Bridge Club, Multi Purpose Room, October 20, 1:00 pm**
- 9. RM Classic Cars, Lunch Chatham Breakfast House, October 22**
- 10. OCRA Annual Meeting, Sir Sandford Flemming College, October 29**
- 11. Bridge Club, Multi Purpose Room, November 10, 1:00 pm**
- 12. Trivial Tuesday, Multi Purpose Room, November17, 1:30 pm**
- 13. Bridge Club, Multi Purpose Room, November 24 , 1:00 pm**
- 14. Windsor Christmas Party, 11:30 am, St. Clair Centre, December 2**
- 15. Bridge Club, Multi Purpose Room, December 8, 1:00 pm**
- 16. Thames Christmas Party, Countryview Golf Club, December 9, 11:30 am**
- 17. Staff and Retiree's Christmas Brunch, to be announced**