

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



“Where has the time gone?” We hear this so often. It is said that if you are busy time flies. That certainly bodes true with the RA. Check out the articles covering the events our members have enjoyed over the past few months; Fall Social, lunch gathering at Thames, Tour of AAR and Historical

Aviation, Smartphone Workshop... take a peek at the “Upcoming Events” and mark your calendars so that you don't miss out on the fun.

Newsletters, Bylaws and Policies, calendar of events, folklore projects and much more is at your fingertips by visiting SCC RA website , [www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees).

The Christmas season is just around the corner and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Windsor Christmas Luncheon and Show and the Chatham Campus Retirees Christmas Party.

Just as a side note it has been brought to our attention from the President's office that the College campus in Chatham will no longer be referred to as Thames Campus, it will now be referred to as Chatham campus. I know for most of us it will always be “Thames Campus”.

We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kathy Dupuis

The executive of your Retirees' Association would like to wish each and everyone of you a happy, healthy & safe holiday season.

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If you haven't been joining us in our activities,

why not make 2019 the year you do.

Renew old friendships, make new ones.

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year.



## FALL SOCIAL

*submitted by Sue McLelland*

*photos by Tony Ellul*



These will be emailed out to each of the attendees (free of charge!) shortly!

Once again - a very special thank you to Bev and Paul Chortos for their great hospitality!



Hi Fellow Retirees!

We have had two very successful events during the fall 2018 period. Our first fall event took place on Thursday, Sept 13th/18 out in Kingsville at the beautiful home-stead of Paul and Bev Chortos. Once again, for the 2nd year in a row, our very gracious hosts provided a beautiful setting for a Fall Harvest get together for 48 participants. We ate outside under their beautiful trees with food supplied by Rob's Catering out of Kingsville. The food was scrumptious and his staff were professional, very efficient and very pleasant. It was a perfect day of fun, laughter and catching up with old colleagues and friends. Paul even provided a hay ride out to the back of his property which borders on Cedar Creek. Although the day was mostly cloudy, the rain held off and the campfire at the end of the day provided a terrific venue for conversation, sharing and catching up for old friends. Before retirement and currently, both Paul and Bev are expert photographers and Paul kindly took pics of each person that attended.



Our second Fall activity was a very interesting Aviation tour of the Canadian Historical Aircraft Museum here in Windsor, last month, as well as AAR (Allan Allied Radio – previously, the Premier Aviation facility) located out on the Windsor Airport property. Both provided our retirees with interesting facts about Aviation history, an in depth look at our military contributions here in Windsor during the wars as well as the current amazing technology we possess right here in our backyard that enables AAR to provide maintenance services to planes locally. In between these two tours, we were able to have lunch across the highway at the Route 42 restaurant. A perfect break and venue!



## UPCOMING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

*submitted by Sue McLelland*

Next up in Chatham, a Christmas party social is planned at Countryview Golf Course on Dec. 5th at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon at 12 noon. Elvy Deline 519-354-4913 or Elizabeth Barr 519-354-3274 are the contacts on this. Cost is \$20 for a full buffet lunch. Musical entertainment will be offered by the group, Canto In Armonia (Singing in Harmony) from Christ Church, Chatham, ON.

The Windsor Retirees Christmas Luncheon & Show will be at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts on Saturday, December 15th. Please reserve your tickets by November 30th. Everyone will meet at 11:30 pm to get tickets from Marilyn Portt. Luncheon (Buffet style catered by St. Clair Centre for the Arts) will be at 12:00 noon with the students providing a Christmas show at 2 pm. The price per person is \$20. Of special note: Complimentary parking at the Centre Parking Garage, 275 Pitt St. W. (behind the Best Western Waterfront Hotel). We suggest drivers car pool and drop-off passengers at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts before parking for convenience. Bring your parking voucher from the garage to the luncheon.

During the luncheon you will be given a parking permit. There may be an attendant on but they have installed new equipment so that the tickets you receive should be able to be inserted directly at the gate and you do not need to go to the payment machine first. Come and see our talented St. Clair College students perform on stage in the play titled “Merry Christmas 1930’s”. This should bring back some memories for all of us!! Please contact Marilyn Portt for tickets. [mpportt@gmail.com](mailto:mpportt@gmail.com). You may purchase a ticket for yourself and one other guest.

Winter is upon us! Keep warm folks! Many thanks to all of you that have come out for our most recent activities! Have a great Christmas season and watch your email for upcoming events and opportunities for us to get together in the up-coming new year!

Sue McLelland

Your St. Clair College Retirees Association Social Committee Co-ordinator

PS: If you have ideas of events that you would like to share – please let me know! [smclelland@mnsi.net](mailto:smclelland@mnsi.net)  
519-564-2442

## ANNUAL WINTER TRIP

Thirteen people are currently booked to take part in this trip to Jamaica leaving Windsor airport on Sunday, January 27, 2019, returning Sunday, February 3, 2019. Up to 2 people can be added at the original price, if available, if booked no later than November 26. The double rate is \$1768.00 per person; single rate is \$2298.00. Final payment is also November 26, at the very latest, after which the prices will be higher.

Contact:

Kathleen Warren CTM, Travel Counsellor, at  
[www.carlsonwagonlitwindsor.ca](http://www.carlsonwagonlitwindsor.ca) OR [www.cwtvacations.ca](http://www.cwtvacations.ca)  
1206 Ouellette Ave, Windsor Ontario N8X 1J5  
Tel:(519) 256 6744



## **CHANGES TO CAAT RETIREE EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS (EHC plans)**

*submitted by Bill Totten*

There are changes coming to our Retiree Extended Health Benefits. A detailed description of these changes has already been sent to participants by Kim Bode, Benefits Officer, St. Clair College. This is intended as a follow up only.

Coverage is currently provided under three separate plans – Plan 1, Plan 2 and Plan 3. The following changes will take place as of February 1, 2019:

- There will be additions and enhancements to existing benefits under EHC Plan 1
- EHC Plan 2 and EHC Plan 3 will be combined into one plan
- There will be modifications to existing benefits under EHC Plan 2.
- There will be an annual limit of \$100,000 per covered individual for prescription drugs
- There are no changes being made to the Dental or Life Insurance benefits

NOTE: Plan 1 is the plan most similar to the coverage as a full time employee

Any changes you wish to make must be made prior to February 1, 2019.

Additional details regarding the changes to the EHC Plans will be provided in December when you will be asked to stay in Plan 1 or to move to Plan 2.

If you need further information you may contact Kim Bode, St. Clair College Benefits Officer at 519 972-2727 ext. 4687 or in Human Resources, room 274 at South Campus.

## **WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE**

*submitted by Jim Chambers*

### **SCCRA 25th ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE to be DISPLAYED at WOODLAND HILLS G.C.**

In the Spring of 2018 the Retirees' Association negotiated a deal with the College's Woodland Hills Golf Course. It required that the R.A. make a payment of \$650 to 'sponsor a hole'. This payment not only gave St. Clair Retirees, by showing their 2018 Membership Card, free unlimited golf for the 2018 season; but, it allowed the R.A. an opportunity to create a promotional 'sponsor-a-hole' plaque. This plaque (as shown) has now been completed and is scheduled to be installed on the marker for the 9th tee.



# WINDSOR/CHATHAM RETIREES JOINT LUNCH

*submitted by Elizabeth Barr*

Molly and OJ'S Restaurant

September 26, 2018

On a beautiful Fall day, the combined College Retirees luncheon was held at Molly and OJ's Restaurant, Erieau, Ontario with 33 in attendance.

The group enjoyed their meal, conversation and reacquainting with former colleagues and new retirees. Thank you to Elvy Deline and Elizabeth Barr for arranging the lunch.



*left to right, Elvy Deline, Roy Deline, Jim Robinson, Eunice Robinson, Elizabeth Barr*



*left to right, Laurie Hart, Karen Senechal, Chuck Senechal, Mary Lou Pennetti*



*left to right, Dolores Crawford, Sandy VanBiesbrouck, Barry VanBiesbrouck, Anne Tolhurst*



*left to right, Marilyn Portt, Betty Michaud, Mike Smith, Clarence Toutant, Ken Cosford, Gary Portt*

# CHATHAM CAMPUS NEW STUDENT CENTRE NAMED

*submitted by Jay Ertel*

Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: TSI Student Centre  
St. Clair College, Chatham Campus

## **Andrew J. Faas:**

Andrew Faas graduated from the Business Marketing program at St. Clair College in 1972. In 2009, he retired as the Managing Partner and Executive Vice President of Corporate Development, Shoppers Drug Mart. In 1992, Andrew Faas was recognized as a St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction and was further honoured to become a Premier's Award winner, in its inaugural year.

In 2005, he established the Faas Foundation to support Not for Profit organizations. The Faas Foundation's mission is to promote wellness and wellbeing in all aspects of our society, through basic medical research, healthcare and education. He has been an avid supporter of St. Clair College, as well as many other organizations and institutions throughout Chatham Kent, Windsor Essex and Canada. Andrew is an author, public speaker and consultant in the business community. Through the Faas Foundation, he has made financial contributions to our Chatham Campus student HealthPlex and TSI Student Centre.

## **TSI Student Centre:**

In 2016, TSI prepared to renovate 9,600 sq. ft. of existing and new student space in their student centre at a cost of over \$2.3 million. The features include an expanded cafeteria and seating area, quiet study areas, a board room and large meeting space, as well as a furnished outdoor patio area. The lounge area includes a big-screen television, pool, Ping-Pong and foosball tables, as well as tables, chairs and couches for relaxing.

The St. Clair Thames Students Inc. (TSI) is the voice of the students of St. Clair College at Chatham Campus.

**For Media Inquiries:** John Fairley, Vice President, St. Clair College Communications and Community Relations Mobile: 519-819-4882



## **ATTENTION ALL RETIREES**

If you believe you are not receiving emails from the Retiree's Association, please send an email with your name and phone number to [retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca) or call or email one of the Retiree Association executive which are listed on the back page of the Newsletter, so that we can investigate and remedy the situation.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*Submitted by Marilyn Portt*

If you have not already submitted your membership renewal form, please do so now.  
For your convenience a form has been sent with this Newsletter.  
The Retirees' Association has worked hard to give you interesting events to attend and  
your membership fee helps us to offer these events.  
Please mail your fee of \$10.00 or \$20.00 if you are an OCRA member to:  
Marilyn Portt, 715 Morand Avenue, Windsor, ON N9G 1J1.  
We hope to see many of you in the coming year.

## Congratulations on 60 years



Bill & Ida Totten

“Love that grows through time is such an inspiring thing.  
Congratulations on your 60 years together.”

## ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STAFF

All College staff will now receive each quarterly issue  
of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Newsletter via email.  
We welcome your feedback and hope that you enjoy seeing what is available to your  
colleagues who are already enjoying retirement.

**The electronic version of this and past newsletters can be found at  
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/newsletters.html>**

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

Listed below are new retirees who entered the GREAT LIFE between June 2017 and June 2018.

We welcome these new retirees.

Michael Balsdon  
Michele Berry  
Teresa Brister  
Nadine Burke  
Holly Diloreto  
Garry Glatter  
Vivian Hannakechel  
Brian Hucker  
Nancy Kendrick  
Bernita Kersey  
Kent McLain

Carolyn McRobbie  
Gloria Milburn  
Roger Miner  
Laiman Ng  
Suzanne Norris  
Mary-Lou Pennetti  
Deanna Ponniah  
Raymond (Joe) Schnekeneburger  
Karen Senechal  
Joan Singer  
Daniel Watts

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## SMARTPHONE WORKSHOP

*submitted by Kathy Dupuis*

On November 7th, we hosted a Smartphone Workshop at the main campus. There were 34 members in attendance. Gloria Dyrda and Karleen Reeb presented valuable information about the ins and outs of owning and using an iPhone as well as an Android smartphone. Some of the topics included; detecting if a cellphone has been compromised, how to secure a cellphone, the dangers of “free” Wifi, managing data usage and apps.



Thank you to Sukhwinder Singh, Verma Vishal and Bhavik Shashikantbhai Patel, who are current students in the Computer Systems Technician - Networking program for assisting with the hands on portion of the workshop. Thank you to both Gloria Dyrda and Karleen Reeb for an amazing workshop.

# WINDSOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND SHOW

*(This luncheon is for retirees only with one guest)*

**PLACE:** ST. CLAIR COLLEGE CENTRE  
FOR THE ARTS

**DATE:** Saturday, December 15, 2018

**TIME** 11:30 AM - Meet and Greet  
12:00 PM - Lunch  
2:00 PM - Student Christmas Show

## **BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON MENU**

*Catered by St. Clair Centre for the Arts*  
(This activity is sponsored by the College  
and the Retirees' Association)

Bread and Rolls, Holiday Green Salad with Cranberries &  
Almonds, Penne with Tomato Basil, Carved Roast  
Turkey w/ Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry Relish,  
Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes, Honey Roasted Winter  
Vegetables, Apple Pastry, Christmas Cookies

**COST:** \$20.00 plus one non-perishable food item  
(includes taxes, gratuity and complimentary Show seat  
and Parking voucher)

1. Must be paid for in advance.
2. Please call or e-mail Marilyn Portt  
519)969-0693, mpportt@gmail.com for  
reservations before **November 30, 2018**

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.

### **E-transfers are accepted at:**

sccramembership@gmail.com. With the answer to  
your question being "Retirement".

Show seating will be available at the luncheon.

There will be no tickets.

Marilyn Portt  
715 Morand Ave.  
Windsor, ON N9G 1J1

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

## **PARKING**

Complimentary parking at the Centre Parking Garage,  
275 Pitt St. W. (behind the Best Western Waterfront  
Hotel). We suggest drivers car pool and drop-off  
passengers at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts before  
parking for convenience. Bring your parking voucher  
from the garage to the luncheon. During the luncheon  
you will be given a parking permit. There may be an  
attendant on but they have installed new equipment so  
that the tickets you receive should be able to be in-  
serted directly at the gate and you do not need to go to  
the payment machine first.

# ANNUAL CHATHAM CAMPUS RETIREES CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018

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

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

**COST:** \$20.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON  
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)  
Alcoholic refreshments are extra

*Please bring a non-perishable item  
for the Student Food Bank.*

Musical Entertainment will be provided by the group,  
Canto in Armonia (Sing in Harmony) from Christ Church.

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

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT

Elvy Deline - 519-354-4913  
elvyandroy@sympatico.ca OR  
Elizabeth Barr - 519-354-3274

Ebarr000@sympatico.ca  
by

**December, 3, 2018**

## FUNDRAISING

*submitted by Jay Ertel*

### **DONATIONS FOR 2018 - \$2,150**

**Sports Park:** \$1,000

**Scholarships (2):** \$500 - Chatham 1, Windsor 1

**Sponsoring a Hole at Woodland Hills**

**Golf Course:** \$650

This donation makes it possible for SCCRA members to have Free Golf for the 2018 Season.

Details to follow on these initiatives.

### **ST. CLAIR COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION FOR LIFE**

The College is now in Phase Two of the capital campaign which has been named "Foundation for Life". This \$10 million community campaign will strengthen the College pillars of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Academic Excellence and Student Life.

### **Our Participation to Student Success - \$2,000**

The SCCRA has made a donation to the President's Circle campaign. This entails a total gift of \$2,000 over a two year period. The first gift of \$1,000 was made in 2016 and the second gift of \$1,000 was made in 2017 and was aligned with the College's 50th anniversary celebration. There are only 500 members of the President's Circle campaign and the Association will be recognized during the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

### **HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX**

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$38,129 to date, 127% of our \$30,000 goal.

We were pleased to advise the College that we retirees have surpassed our Fundraising Target.

Retiree fitness memberships are available for us both in Chatham and Windsor. We are pleased to see the Bricks in place from our fundraising at both the HealthPlex and the SportsPlex. The Landscape Architect has done a nice job at the entrances of both complexes.

We are now in year 10 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Patti France that the SCCRA will continue to support and contribute to the College 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 an earlier Newsletter and they are available on request. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Chatham and Windsor. Please consider supporting the Fundraising Brick Campaign.

### **CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSION**

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Kim Bode, 519 972-2727, Ext. 4687, located in Human Resources, room 274C.

The CAAT Pension can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9000, or Fax: 416-673-9028.

For general inquiries: [contact@caatpension.on.ca](mailto:contact@caatpension.on.ca)

### **INCOME TAX 'HEADS-UP'**

The majority of CAAT Retirees are aware that the premiums paid for the Retiree Extended Health plans are income tax deductible. However, we have been made aware that many do not know that the same applies to the premiums paid for out-of-province TRAVEL INSURANCE. It is necessary to obtain a statement from your insurer which states what portion of the premium paid is applicable to 'health' insurance. This amount is an eligible deduction.

# In Memoriam

*The following Retirees/Full Time Staff  
passed away during the period from  
August 15th to November 10th*



**Della "Carol" McKenzie** passed away on Friday, August 31, 2018 at the CKHA-Chatham Campus at the age of 89. She was the wife of the late John R. "Jack" McKenzie (2002), and the mother of Deanna Lynn (Calgary, Alta.) and the late William (Bill) Roland McKenzie (1996). She joined the college in

1973 with the merging of the nursing programs. Carol was a retiree of St. Clair College, where she worked on the switchboard, in Adult training and Government Employment programs.



**Mark Janisse** passed away on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the CKHA-Chatham Campus at the age of 90. He was a secondary school teacher in Kingsville and continued his teaching career at St. Clair College in Windsor and Chatham from 1965 until his retirement in 1994. He was an accom-

plished athlete and a lover of jazz music. He was the father of Gregory and Maureen Montague of Ottawa, Debbie and Michael Caron and Philip Montague all of London. Mark was one of the pioneer members of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association in its earliest days.

*The following relations of Retirees/ Full Time Staff  
passed away during the period from  
August 15th to November 10th*

**Helen PISANI**, passed away on August 11, 2018 in California. Helen was the sister of St. Clair Retiree **Gayle Martin**

**Kristen Nicole BRUETTE**, passed away in Windsor on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at the age of 34. Kristen was the granddaughter of St Clair retirees **Jim and Eunice Robinson**.

**James "Jim" DUNBAR**, passed away on August 14, 2018 at 68 years of age. Jim was the brother of St. Clair retiree **Linda Belchuk** (Michael).

**Donald Lockhart SIDDALL**, passed away on August 26, 2018 at 84 years of age. He was the brother of St. Clair retiree **Sam Siddall** (Bessie).

**Dawn Ann MEARS**, passed away on Saturday September 15, 2018 in her 73rd year. Mother of St. Clair staff member **James Lapeer** (husband Ryan).

**Helen Janice SMITH**, passed away in Chatham-Kent on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in her 70th year. Wife of 46 years to St. Clair retiree **William "Bill" Smith**.

**Judy WILSON**, passed away on October 21, 2018 at 64 years of age. Wife of retiree **Jamie Wilson** for 33 years.

**Larry LANGLOIS**, passed away at 84 years of age on October 30, 2018. Larry taught Law and Security/Police Foundations at St Clair College, instructing and mentoring future police officers.

*In  
Loving  
Memory*

A simple line drawing of a dove in flight, positioned above the word "Memory" in the "In Loving Memory" graphic.

