



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



From the President
Susan McLelland



Hello everyone. What a great summer this has been. Our retirees have been taking advantage of the great weather we have been having with lots of fun events planned by our Social Committee Coordinator, Pat Taylor as well as Marilyn Portt, our Membership Secretary.

Many thanks to all that attended our Annual General Meeting that was on May 16th at the South Campus Griff's restaurant. It went very well and it was great to see everyone. This was a terrific location and with the help of Jackie Murray, the Manager of Food Services, as well as Pat Taylor, and a few other executive members, this venue was all set up for us that day along with coffee from Tim Hortons and Pizza from Capri Pizzeria. At this meeting, updates were provided and we elected our new Vice President Ross Langill to our Executive. Everyone else maintains their previous positions for the next year, with the exception of Brian Hucker who is now a part of our Archives Group. Many thanks to Brian for your assistance as VP over the past year and we look forward to continuing to work with you, as we move forward. And Ross, adding you to our Executive is terrific. So glad to have you aboard. The tours provided after our meeting, by Fiona McLean's Marketing staff - Ed DeSchutter and Ayla Kalayci - were absolutely excellent. They not only provided us with their expertise and knowledge but we also got to ride around in style in the St. Clair vans. We got to see the new E-Sports facility, the new Football and Tennis facilities, as well as the newest residence, the GEM Residence, set up for International Students in their first semester of study. This residence is located at the back of the campus just behind Huron Lodge. It is truly an amazing set-up, and we were lucky enough to meet and speak with the manager there as well as with some of the students living there while they prepared their meals in the shared kitchen.

Our Executive Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis (the 3rd Wednesday of every month) in room A0216 (formerly room 45J) at the main campus to plan fun events and discuss important issues such as our Archives projects that are ongoing. There are usually around 15 of us who attend. However, we welcome anyone who would like to join us for input and ideas at these meetings that run from 9:00 am until approximately noon.

Thanks to our Social Committee Coordinator, Pat Taylor as well as our Membership Secretary, Marilyn Portt for arranging a couple of fun summer events in June & July. First we had a 2 hour cruise on the Windsor Premier Cruises ship *Macassa Bay* on June 28th where we cruised down both sides of the Detroit River, first upriver towards Belle Isle, then we headed downriver towards and under the Ambassador Bridge, and then under the new Gordie Howe Bridge. It was spectacular to now see the new bridge fully joined together from Canada to the United States. What a sight! Then on July 10th, with the help of utilizing St. Clair's Badder Bus, (thanks to V.P. Ron Seguin for helping us to access this) a group of 50 Retirees, spouses and friends headed to Grand Bend for the day to the Huron County Playhouse to see the *Jersey Boys* musical play. Everyone was in agreement that this was a terrific performance and was enjoyed by all. Then afterwards we headed to MacPherson's Restaurant in Port Franks for dinner. Excellent home cooked meals and reasonably priced. On the way back, we stopped off in Chatham to drop off the Chatham folks and arrived back in Windsor around 9:30 pm. Another good day.

Coming up, we have the Fall Social out at Bev and Paul Chortos' place in Kingsville on Wednesday, September 4th - September 5th is the rain date. **Please mark your calendars.** This is an especially good event for our new retirees to come and meet us. Please watch your e-mail for further information on this. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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Retirees' Association Farewell Luncheon for Patti France

As President Dr. Patricia France approached her June 1 retirement, she was overwhelmed with invitations to occasions recognizing her many contributions to the College and to the varied community organizations that have benefitted by her participation. With these demands in mind, on April 30, 2024, the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Executive, along with a few former SCCRA Executive members, gathered in the College Boardroom in an informal gathering of old friends in a relaxed setting to recognize and honour Patti. This also provided an opportunity to thank Joanne Lehoux, Mike Sorrell, and John Fairley who have been so helpful in their support of the Retirees' Association.

In his tribute to Patti, Bill Totten highlighted a few of the many significant achievements during her decade-long tenure, including campus expansion; her community contributions, especially during COVID; record College enrolments; student academic and athletic achievements. But he noted that, beyond what Patti had achieved, it was how she used her outstanding personal characteristics that enabled her to achieve heights known to very few administrators. He shared examples: her caring for staff; dedication to the College; her emphasis on teamwork, and her determination to excel in everything she has undertaken. In conclusion, Bill invited Patti to continue her connection to the College through the Retirees' Association, presenting her with a Lifetime Membership.



Patti had made it known that once retired, she intended to acquire a new puppy. Knowing this, Sue McLelland, on behalf of the Association, presented Patti with a large supply of dog accessories and a gift certificate for dog training with a certified trainer.

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association wishes President Patti and her husband Don a long and happy retirement with our thanks for her ongoing and outstanding support through the years. **

Best Wishes Patti

Photo: *Tony Ellul*

President Patti's Retirement Open House

In celebration of Patti France's retirement, an Open House was held on May 31, 2024 in the Sportsplex at the College's Windsor South Campus.

Patti arrived prior to 1:00 pm., and for at least the next 2 hours, she stood to greet College staff members and retirees. At one point, I counted over 125 people waiting in line to have the opportunity to wish her well, and the line seemed to stay at that number as more well-wishers arrived at the event.

Many of the attendees availed themselves of the stand-up tables that were set up around part of the floor, while others took advantage of the front row of bleacher seats. There were many smiling faces and conversations as people greeted each other while they enjoyed a wide variety of appetizers served by members of the Hospitality Staff who circulated offering tempting trays of hors d'oeuvres. Additional refreshments such as desserts, coffee, and cold drinks were also available at several banquet tables.



Retirees Tom and Joanne Williams congratulate President Patti (centre) on her retirement.

I personally enjoyed the opportunity to help a couple of our retirees, who needed walking canes or walkers for mobility, past the line and directly up to Patti. Of course, I told folks what I was doing as I passed them, and acted as if I was performing some sort of semi-official role at the event.

Overall, it seemed the event was right up Patti's alley ... a final occasion to speak personally with as many well-wishers as she could before stepping into the next phase of her life.

We hope that we will see Patti at some of our future retiree events. **

Contributed by *Ross Langill*

Photo: *Tony Ellul*

The St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction Awards Gala - 2024

The 137 recipients of the St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction award have varied widely in its 31 year history, though not so much as those honoured at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts on Saturday, April 13, 2024, ranging from the Vice Premier of the country of Aruba to a well known and respected professional wrestler. This year's awards were presented in front of a large gathering of the 2024 honourees' families, friends, work associates, College staff, alumni, students, representatives of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association, and members of the communities of Windsor Essex and Chatham Kent, acknowledging the journeys of these amazing alumni. Guests were reminded of the impact of our alumni, which now stands over 130,000 strong in all our communities

The Alumni of Distinction Award Honourees

Ursell Arends, Deputy Prime Minister of the Island of Aruba
Graduated in 2005 from the International Business Program.
Honoured as a graduate of Business and IT.

David Cassidy, President of Unifor 444, Windsor, Ontario
Graduated in 1991 from the Electrician Construction Maintenance Program.
Honoured as a graduate of the College's Apprenticeship Program.

Larry Delaey, President and CEO of the Aarkel Group, Wallaceburg, Ontario
Graduated in 1989 from the Mold Making Technician Program.
Honoured as a Technology / Engineering graduate.

Chaouki Hamka, Community Leader Windsor – Essex (MADD)
Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Correctional Officer Southwest Detention Centre, Windsor, Ontario
Graduated in 2009 from the Law and Security Administration Program.
Honoured as a Community Studies graduate.

Dan MacDonald, Radio Host at AM800 CKLW Radio - Bell Media, Windsor, Ontario
Graduated in 2002 from the Journalism Program.
Honoured as a graduate of Media, Art and Design.

Bhupinder Singh, Professional TNA Wrestler, Windsor, Ontario
Graduated in 2018 from the Human Resources Program, and then in 2019 he graduated from the Event Management Program.
Honoured in the Recent Graduate Category (past five years) of the College. ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**



The Honourees. From left:
Ursell Arends, Larry Delaey, Bhupinder Singh,
Dan MacDonald, David Cassidy, Chaouki Hamka



Representing our association - SCCRA.
Seated from left: Silva Stambouljian, Elizabeth Barr,
Marilyn Portt, Tony & Emma Ellul, Ida Totten
Standing from left: Libo Stambouljian, Frank and
Patricia Taylor, Bill Totten



St. Clair College President
Patti France addressing the
event's attendees.

St. Clair College Vice-President
John Fairley, was the MC
at the event.

Photos: **John Liviero, Sooters Photography**
Tony Ellul

Around The College

1. History was made for the St. Clair College esports program at the North American Collegiate Esports Commissioners Cup (CECC) after being awarded as the ESPORTSU Program of the Year, the first time a Canadian school has ever received the prestigious award. The Program of the Year award was determined based on a school's core values and their dedication to their community, academics and competition.

2. On April 16, 2024, Chief Dan Miskokomon of Walpole Island First Nation visited our National Powerline Training Centre at St. Clair College's Chatham campus on the occasion of the Annual Powerline Rodeo. As a proud alumnus of St. Clair College, graduating in 1970 as a Mechanical Drafting Technician, Chief Miskokomon's journey from St. Clair student to a First Nation chief reflects a deep commitment to both his personal development and the advancement of his people.

3. On May 10, 2024, the 3rd Annual Pow Wow event, a celebration of Indigenous culture and heritage in Windsor, was hosted at St. Clair College by the College's Indigenous Student Services and University of Windsor Aboriginal Education Centre. This vibrant gathering was an array of traditional music, dance, and community festivities.

4. For the first time, the Thames Students Inc. will have a Full Time student President.

5. St. Clair College was a Gold Sponsor at the First Robotics Canada completion on March 29, 2024 at the University of Windsor.

6. Students from the Landscaping Department program are assisting the Brentwood Community Home by designing and refurbishing an area of their property to support a leisure area for female participants.

7. The College signed an agreement with Unifor National to deliver an eight-course Battery Manufacturing Certificate. The first 24 students will complete the program by October 30, 2024.

8. The Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE) program at St. Clair College is celebrating a decade of excellence. An exciting Open House event was held on June 14th, 2024 at the Student Life Centre (SLC). The Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE) program is a unique educational pathway tailored for individuals with developmental disabilities and other significant learning challenges.

9. Ted Farron, former Board of Governors Chairman passed away on June 6 at age 83 after an illness.

10. The Veterinary Technician program at St. Clair College recently showcased their commitment to community service and animal welfare by volunteering at a wellness clinic hosted at the Aamjiwnaang First Nation. This initiative was a collaborative effort involving the College's faculty, staff, graduates, and current students, all dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of pets within the community. ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

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South Campus Cabana Road Entrance/Exit



For those who have not visited the College South Campus since January 2024, there have been a couple of changes pertaining to Cabana Road West, between Dougall and Huron Church. The final construction phase, between Dominion Blvd. and Huron Church, is now completed. Cabana Road is now four lanes wide.

The positive side of this is that there is a better flow of traffic. On the negative side, some of the nearby residents have complained to the Windsor Police Service that the stretch of road has seen an increase in vehicle speed even though the posted maximum remains at 50 km/h. As someone who lives close to the College, I have seen an increased police presence monitoring traffic, at least 2 or 3 days each week, and have noted a fairly significant number of vehicles being pulled over. Therefore, even though it is human nature to step on the gas a little harder when we see a large roadway, it is best to stick to the speed limit.

Another change resulting from the construction is that vehicles exiting the College via Cabana can no longer make a right-hand turn on a red light. I have seen vehicles being pulled over for this infraction, but as of June, I'm not sure if the police are issuing tickets or just warnings. For many of us making a right-hand turn regardless of the signal lights has been a given since the College first opened ... and it seems like quite a few vehicles have not noticed the 2 new signs at the intersection informing you that such a turn is now illegal. ✨

Contributed by **Ross Langill**

Trivia Quiz by Lyn Medler

1. What was the name of the first ship that picked up survivors of the Titanic?
2. What is the name of the 17th century classical composer who composed the four violin concerti in the compilation known as The Four Seasons?
3. Which is the only state in the continental U.S.A. that can be recognized from space?
4. How did Stephanie Clifford, aka Stormy Daniels, come up with her stage name Stormy?
5. Nocturnal is the name for a being, which prefers, or is awake, at night. What is the name for a being, which is awake during the day?

Answers on page 7

An inspiring afternoon with Artist Sandra Ellis

Those of you who have attended one of Sandra Ellis's art classes will understand the excitement we were feeling as we met for our class on March 26th at Sho Studio. Today Sandra was going to show us how to create a couple of personalized greeting cards using pastels - a type of hard chalk. The technique we learned was surprisingly easy, once you knew what you were doing, and if you had a good eye, the end result was truly gratifying. Each card was the same, but totally different. They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and these interpretations were proof of the adage.

Our group had a wonderful afternoon and once again, many thanks go to Sandra for sharing her talent and time. Those of us in attendance agreed that this was a great way to spend an afternoon. We created something of beauty to share with those who would eventually be the recipients of our artistic creations and learned something new that we could use in the future. Thanks again to Sandra Ellis for broadening our horizons. ✨

Contributed by **Patricia Taylor** Photo: **Sandra Ellis**



Clockwise from left: Teresa Taylor, Deborah Martel, Suzanne Norris, Gail Murphy, Mimi McPhedran, Patricia Taylor, Silva Stamboulian



Wedding Anniversary Announcements

The SCCRA is pleased to include for its members announcements in our newsletter of significant wedding anniversaries – 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years. We ask members who wish to have an announcement published in our newsletter to provide the wedding date, a recent photo, and preferably a wedding photo.

ARP Get-together at Wolfhead Distillery

Thanks to the efforts and organizational skills of Wayne Wright, former staff members of the Retraining Program (ARP) at the College held another successful get-together at the Wolfhead Distillery on Wednesday, May 15th.



Clockwise from left: Pearl Roberts, Don Hogan, George Rapaich, Larry McLean, Wayne Wright, Glenna and Ron Morris, Uta Costello, Sandy Lupton, Nino Marion, Margaret Goodman, Jim Stuart, Pat Hallahan, Bill Stammler, May Hogan, and Marilyn Portt.

About 20 former faculty and staff members of the program met for a nice lunch and took the opportunity to reminisce about the good old days. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful people who taught in the program and support staff who assisted them who are still keeping in touch.

Although we are all getting older, I am very hopeful that all who are able to will attend next year's reunion. ✨

Contributed by **Marilyn Portt** Photo: **Larry McLean**

Changes by OHIP to Eligibility for Optometric Services for Seniors

An agreement between OHIP and the Ontario Association of Optometrists that came into effect on September 1, 2023 has resulted in several changes to eye exam eligibility for senior citizens.

Easy to understand information is available at - <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002861/ontario-government-and-ontario-association-of-optometrists-reach-historic-agreement>

More detailed information is available at - https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/sob/optometry/20230901_SOB_optometry_services.pdf

Western Ontario Institute of Technology (WOIT) Reunion

On July 6th, 2024, St. Clair College sponsored a WOIT Reunion celebration for past students and faculty members of WOIT. This event consisted of a golf tournament at the College's Woodland Hills golf course, followed by a dinner celebration later that evening.

Some of our Retirees Association Executive members were invited to attend the dinner portion of this event in Eatery 101 that evening. On behalf of the Retirees Association, I thank **John Fairley**, our host for the evening, as well as all involved in organizing and setting up for this wonderful event provided to our WOIT Retirees and former WOIT students. It was well organized and the set-up was great. Special thanks to our Archive Committee for providing some great photos from our archives to show our guests that evening. Well done. They were a great hit with the WOIT folks.

One of the best parts of the evening was the opportunity that was provided for each of the WOIT retirees and students to tell their stories as to how their careers developed once they graduated or moved on to teach in St. Clair College. This was truly inspiring. These were definitely an amazing group of people and the feedback I've received from our SCC Retirees Association members that attended, is that they were blown away by the successes these individuals all shared with us that night. It was also clear that the WOIT folks were truly thankful to have been given this opportunity of recognition for the trails they have blazed in our community as well as many other Canadian communities.

Joe D'Angela - your chef and cook staff provided us all with a meal that was outstanding - and I swear every time I attend an event that is catered by St Clair Centre for the Arts, you seem to be able to get the best of the best when it come to the hospitality shown by your servers. They were wonderful and really went out of their way to ensure everyone was well taken care of. Thank You.

Last but not least - **Tristan Bouchat**- you always seem to dot all the I's and cross all the T's to ensure every detail is planned out so that everything goes smoothly. Thanks for coming in on your weekend to set all this up. You are much appreciated. ✨

Sue McLelland

President, SCC Retirees Association

Photos: **Tony Ellul** on page 13



*We congratulate
Pearl & Danny Roberts
on their
50th Wedding
Anniversary*

August 3, 1974

August 3, 2024



Chatham-Windsor Joint Luncheon

Please join us at **Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery**
overlooking Rondeau Bay

Date: September 25, 2024

Time: 11:30 am for lunch (Open menu)

Place: 1521 Wildwood Line, Rondeau
(outside of the Park Gate)

Lunch at own expense

Please confirm by September 20, 2024 to

Dale Jarrell – 519-354-5144
rdjarrell@teksavvy.com

or

Elizabeth Barr – 519-354-3274
ebarr1951@gmail.com

Directions – If coming from Windsor or Chatham via HWY 401, take exit 101, Kent County Road 15. At the end of the ramp, turn right and continue until you come to the end of the road. Turn right onto Wildwood Line and continue until you see Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery on the right hand side of the road.

If you take HWY 3, continue through Blenheim until you come to Eatonville. Turn right onto Kent County Road 15 and continue until you come to the end of the road. Turn right onto Wildwood Line and continue until you see Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery on the right hand side of the road.

If you have GPS, the address is listed above.

OCRA Membership

We highly recommend taking a membership in OCRA (Ontario College Retirees' Association) when renewing membership in our association. The cost is \$10.00 annually (or a lifetime fee is available).

The link to the OCRA website is ocraretirees.ca. There, one can find information about the CAAT Pension Plan, health benefits and health providers, websites of other retiree associations of other Ontario colleges, and a membership application form. Access to other Retiree Association newsletters can also be available.

Newsletter by E-mail or Snail Mail?

The newsletter is distributed four times a year – on the third Wednesday of February, April, August and November. It is distributed to approximately 550 persons on our snail mail list via Canada Post. In addition, it is distributed via e-mail to approximately 415 retirees as well as to all College staff.

We are often asked why we send it both ways. The answer is that we have not had the ability to separate those who want only to receive it by e-mail.

Well folks, we can now accommodate your preference – receive the newsletter by both e-mail and hard copy, or, by e-mail only.

If you prefer e-mail only, send a message to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca **indicating your preference**, or when you renew your annual membership, you are provided with an opportunity to indicate your preference.

Contacts for Health Benefits and Pension

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Laura Carcelen, 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

Attention All Retirees

If you believe that you are not receiving e-mails from the Retirees' Association, please send an e-mail with your name and phone number to scretirees2018@gmail.com.

Save The Date

Fabulous Fall with Bev and Paul Returns

Join us **September 4th (rain date 5th)** for our annual Fall reunion with Bev and Paul Chortos at their beautiful home in Kingsville. Further details will be forthcoming in August. Watch your e-mail for our flyer.



Patricia Taylor
Social Committee

Save The Date

St. Clair College Chatham Campus Retirees Christmas Lunch

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 11:30 am

Location: River Deck Room

Links of Kent

120 Indian Creek Road West

Chatham, ON



Further information will follow in early November 2024.

Save The Date

Christmas at the Centre for the Arts

Although Christmas seems light years away, it will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 14th** for our annual luncheon. Further details will be forthcoming. Watch your e-mail for our flyer in October.



Patricia Taylor
Social Committee

Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. S.S. Carpathia
2. Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi.
3. Michigan, because it is outlined by the Great Lakes which are visible from space.
4. When she had her breast enhancements she named her implants "Thunder and Lightning"
5. Diurnal

2024 Chatham Campus Scholarship Awards Presentation

The St. Clair College Scholarship Awards were presented to students at the Chatham Campus on Monday March 18, 2024 at the Everest Convention Centre.

College Vice-president John Fairley started the afternoon with a warm welcome to all attending. Incoming President Mike Silvaggi then spoke and congratulated all the scholarship recipients on their hard work and dedication to their programs. TSI President Mikayla Welch also welcomed and congratulated all the scholarship recipients.



The scholarship recipient from the St. Clair College Retirees Association was Kyra Babcock, a student in the PSW program. Congratulations Kyra.

Each student had a picture taken with a representative of the respective scholarship donor.

After a lovely luncheon, the students made their way over to the designated table to pick up their scholarship cheques.

Congratulations students. ✨

Contributed by **Dale Jarrell** Photo: **St. Clair College**

Something to keep an eye out for..... The new St. Clair College Rewards App!

Soon, our retirees will be able to take advantage of some great “Perks” that will be provided to you if you join up with the St. Clair College Rewards App. This App is in the process of being built and will be open for use by St. Clair College Staff and Retirees. It will provide perks at different businesses around town such as restaurants, retail establishment, food delivery companies, various community gyms, music studios, and dry cleaners around town.

Keep an eye out for further information as this new App comes to life. HR is working on this and will send out updates to us when it is ready to go.

Archives Update

The Retirees’ Association maintains a display case in the Main Lobby at South Campus. The Archives group has, over the years, developed displays for many events of historical significance to St. Clair College – W.O.I.T.; building growth; clean air car; amphitheatre, and the list goes on. Recently, the ‘historical’ trend was broken with the display honoring retiring President, Patti France. This display will remain until the Fall 2024.

The Archive Group, made up of Art Rae, Mike Kujbida, Ed Everaert, Lea Garber, Susan Davies, Brian Hucker, and Bill Totten will be preparing displays for the upcoming Western Ontario Institute Of Technology (W.O.I.T.) Reunion in July.

The activity is at a crossroads in that media has totally shifted from print/hardcopy to virtual media including web pages, virtual newsletters, email, etc. The focus for the archive activity is shifting from the “collection” of historical material to “using” the collection to educate students, staff, and the community regarding the College’s past history.

We need help! If you would like to assist, contact the Retirees’ Association at sretiree@stclaircollege.ca leaving your name and contact information and we will find something for you to do.

The Archive Group will take a well-earned summer recess until September. ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**



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Also, keep an eye on your e-mail for future luncheons being arranged by our Out to Lunch Bunch Committee with Marilyn Portt and Mimi McPhedran. These luncheons are great ...you don’t need to reserve a spot – just show up. All are welcome. You just pay for your own meal and get to have fun with the gang.

Also keep in mind with all this beautiful weather, that Retiree Association members can golf at no charge at the College’s Woodland Hills Golf course, just off the 401 at the Belle River exit. Just show them your Association Membership card.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and take good care everyone ✨

Sue McLelland.

From the SCCRA 'IT' Department

To begin ... We start a mini-series on most anything related to your computer.

We'll cover computer issues both hardware and software but will try for lite non-technical items. And of course, coverage of scams, phishing, spam (the non-meat kind), and whatever tickles our fancy.

Got a question? Send it to me at SCCRetirees2018@gmail.com and we'll delve into it. The question does need to be of a general nature though – PC level please – no Apple – no phones. Remember though that the newsletter is quarterly. At this time, there won't be an email version, as many anti-spam filters will get upset with wording. But you never know....

Chapter 1a Advertising (spam) and your browser.

If you're a regular internet browser user like me, you get tired of all the pop-ups whenever you're looking around.

There are several advert blockers out there that do a fine job of stopping that crap from filling your screen. The problem is that many sites will detect that you have an adblocker running and will protest greatly. Many media sites, locally and around the world may even block you from viewing their postings. Even YouTube will block you unless you turn off the blocker. And believe it or not, some YouTube advertisers push blockers.

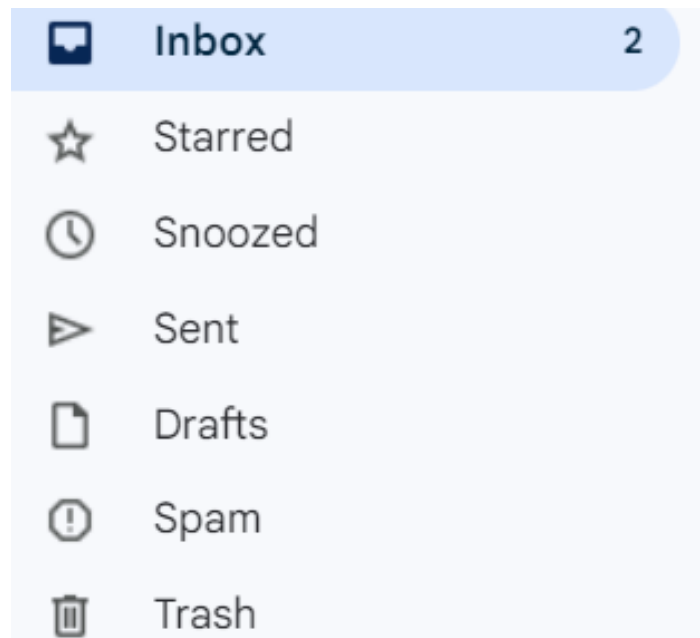
A couple of my solutions ... and likely there are others ...

- Leave one browser such as EDGE without an ad-blocker. For the rest, Chrome or Firefox for examples, install an adblocker. If the website protests, use EDGE instead. So at least you won't be bothered full-time.
- Try a popup-restricting browser like "Duck Duck Go". It's a little more persnickety than the others are, but you may get used to it. It includes a viewer for YouTube videos that turns off all the annoying advertising – 30 seconds here; thirty seconds there, it adds up.

Chapter 1b Advertising (spam) and your e-mail.

Many e-mail systems are adept at filtering out questionable e-mails. You likely have never checked a **Spam** or **Junk** folder to see what's residing there. Some filters may place the message directly into the **Trash** folder.

Gmail:



Thunderbird:



As you can see, there are 12 spam messages sitting in the Thunderbird Junk folder

Sometimes though, your e-mail system, like Gmail or something local like Thunderbird, need to learn what they're looking for. So if something pops into your Inbox, and it is spam, move it to 'Spam' or flag it as 'spam' so that the e-mail system can remember. Then, if you see a non-spam message in your Spam folder, move it back to the Inbox or flag it as not-spam.

The presence of a message in your Junk or Spam folders may make it back to the originating system and may start blocking delivery to you.

That's it for Chapter 1. Till next time. ✱

Contributed by *Ken Garber*

Cruising Up And Down The Detroit River

Mother Nature was on our side as 65 would be sailors boarded the *Macassa Bay* river boat for an afternoon of relaxation, fun, and a wonderful cruise up and down the Detroit River. Our primary destination was the gem of the Detroit River, the new Gordie Howe Bridge swiftly nearing completion.



We boarded the ship and watched the crew cast off as we headed upriver towards Belle Isle, the breeze was mild as we crossed the channel to the American side. The Detroit River is one of the world's busiest waterways, an important transportation route connecting Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior to Lakes Erie and Ontario and into the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Our ship captain Paul Mancini, who was well versed in the history of the river past and present, gave us commentary about the sites on both sides of the border. For many of us, this was the first time in many years that we had sailed on the river and I for one was amazed at the changes that have taken place on both shores.

Passing near the historical Hiram Walker building Capt. Mancini reminded us of the colourful history that surrounds that name and the antics of those who made rum running a business that quenched the thirst of many a dry American. Many a famous gangster visited the speakeasy in the cellar of the Hiram Walker building and one can only wonder how many deals and other nefarious goings-on were "cemented" within those walls.

A leisurely cruise past the Renaissance Centre reminded us of the hopes and dreams for the rebirth of the City of Detroit that hung in the balance of this gamble by the Ford Motor Company. As we in Windsor watched the towers take shape, little did we know those iconic buildings would define the skyline for 48 years.

The *pièce de résistance* for all of us was cruising under the spectacular Gordie Howe Bridge and waving to the

brave workers atop the highest construction site our area has ever seen. At approximately 2.5 Km long, its centre span is 853 metres and the longest main span of any cable-stayed bridge in North America. Once completed, it will join the top five longest bridges in North America. Many photos were taken to show family and friends, and cheers and applause showed our appreciation.

The return trip down the Canadian side of the river gave us a view of Windsor's riverfront that most of us never see, and without a doubt, we have much of which to be proud. The gardens and sculptures took on another dimension as we watched them from our vantage point on board the ship. We have much to be proud of in our hometown! Thank you all; hope to see you at our Fabulous Fall event on September 4th. Details will be forthcoming. ✨

Contributed by **Patricia Taylor**, Social Committee
Photos: **Tony Ellul**



From left: Mimi McPhedran, Suzanne Norris, Patricia Taylor, Silva Stambouljian, Sue McLelland, Rob Norris, and Libo Stambouljian are all smiles on the lower deck of the *Macassa Bay*.

The Gordie Howe Bridge



St. Clair College Retirees' Annual Bus Trip

As SCCRA members and their significant others were gathering in the parking lot outside the Sportsplex on the morning of July 10th, Windsor and Southwestern Ontario were facing the undesirable prospect of being unwilling hosts to an unwelcome uninvited visitor from the south – Hurricane Beryl. Although weakened by its long journey, stubborn Beryl was still packing a considerable punch with heavy dark clouds and threatening rain..

The Badder Company coach was soon filled with forty-nine passengers eager with anticipation as we pulled away from the South Campus grounds on our way to our destination, the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend. Despite the inclement weather, our coach driver Coreen expertly navigated the highways and the many winding byways through farmland dotted with tiny villages and towns in Kent and Lambton counties, delivering us safely in Grand Bend earlier than anticipated and giving us enough time for a quick lunch at McDonalds.



Huron Country Playhouse

A short coach ride after lunch took us to our objective, the Mainstage at the Huron Country Playhouse. Soon, we were seated in the 650-seat theatre filled to capacity as we waited for the curtain to rise on the performance of the award-winning production that we had come to see Jersey Boys. The musical show recounts the behind-the-scenes story of the legendary Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

who for years delighted fans and topped the pop music charts. For the next two-and-a-half hours, the show transported us to the long-past days of our youth that had the audience nostalgically enjoying those familiar tunes – “Sherry”, “Walk Like a Man”, “Oh, What a Night”, and many more - that we had listened to on the radio so many years ago, while toe tapping, with occasional rhythmic clapping, and frequent applause. Oh, what a show!

While we were enjoying the show, nasty Beryl had finally caught up with us unleashing a torrential downpour; and although the rain eventually eased up somewhat, it would not stop long enough for us to have a group photo for use in this newsletter; and it pursued us with rain and wind all the way home to Windsor.



On our return trip home, we stopped in Port Franks at McPherson's Restaurant for a delicious dinner served by an efficient staff. We were a tired but very happy bunch when our coach pulled up in the Sportsplex parking lot later than expected. We can safely say, “A good time was had by all”.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year. ✨

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Did you know we have a St. Clair Alumni App?

St. Clair Alumni - meaning anyone who has completed a certificate, diploma, or degree program at St. Clair College - can sign up for the St. Clair Alumni App. This App provides perks at many companies around town such as SPECSX, Made to Shade Window Coverings, CAA, the Chrysler Theatre, Pita Pit, Canon, and many more. Alumni can go to the App Store to apply for access to this App.

Those were the days, my friend,
We thought they'd never end,
We'd sing and dance forever and a day,
We'd live the life we choose,
We'd fight and never lose,
For we were young and sure to have our way..

Song: *Mary Hopkin - 1968*

Lyrics: *Gene Raskin - 1962*

Music: *Boris Fomin - 1924 Russian melody*

St. Clair Day 2024 - President's Staff Appreciation Brunch

College staff members and retirees gathered in the Classic Gym on June 14th to celebrate Staff Appreciation Day. Senior VP Joe Sirianni was MC of the event. Michaels Silvaggi, St. Clair College's new President, extended a warm welcome to all of the members of the St. Clair College family. He acknowledged the accomplishments of all employees, a special mention to those celebrating 25 years of service, new retirees, the recipients of the Service Excellence Award, and remembered our departed colleagues.

There are 21 new retirees, 11 recipients of the 25-year pin, and 42 new employees. The names of the new retirees are shown at the right on this page. The recipients of the 25-year pin are listed at the right on this page. The Employee Service Excellence Recognition Program was introduced in April of 2024, which enhances the Employee Excellence Awards. The Employee Excellence Award consisted of five awards presented once a year to Support Staff, Administration Team, and Community members. Based on feedback, the Senior Operations Group (SOG) felt this recognition needed to be expanded to include more than one recipient from each constituent group. This program reflects the College's commitment to fostering a culture of appreciation and recognition within the organization. It aims to highlight the outstanding contributions of individuals who consistently provide excellent customer service to students and colleagues; demonstrate a positive attitude toward students and colleagues; go above and beyond to meet students' and colleagues' needs; and contribute to the overall success of students, colleagues, and our community. The following employees have received this honour:

April 2024

Peter Soulliere
Robert Bobek

May 2024

Melissa Kakuk
Janice Vandehogen

June 2024

Tina Papac
Tazdia Kemeny

All those present rose to their feet in respectful silence as SCC Retirees' Association Vice-president Ross Langill solemnly read out the names of College full-time staff and retirees who passed away this past year.

Remembered this year were: Nell Angell, Hanno Barten, Kathy Beger, Dino Campagna, Sharon Cassey, Bob Chase, Rosemary Dufour, Dolly Goldenberg, Len Jobin, William Jun, Matt Klepacki, Richard Lauzon, Ron Malkin, Bonnie Martin, Justin McNamara, Gloria Milburn, Dolores Que- rin, Richard Spicer, Lorraine Trinacty, Jean Trudell, Glenn Van Blommestein, and Joanne Verhoog.



Some of our retirees who attended. Clockwise from left – Jim Martin, Ron Morris, Charles Wilson, Nino Marion, Leo Kosokowsky, Mike Kujbida, and Art Rae.

Joe Sirianni thanked the chefs and catering staff of the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts for another outstanding meal and SCC Facilities and Audio/Visual IT services department for the technical service provided for the event. The St. Clair College Retirees' Association congratulates all of the new retirees and looks forward to welcoming them as new members of the Association. ✨

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Photo: **Tony Ellul**



2024 New Retirees

Philip Aylesworth
Robert Barsotta
Wayne Beneteau
Garth Christian
Luisa Colella
Michelle Dupuis
Hitaf Eskander
Patricia France
Charles Fuerth
Darren Holmes

Barbara Jaques
Laurisa Kapetanov
Anna Maria King
Daniel Mailloux
James Marsh
R. Wayne Nelson
Alexandre Querbach
Brenda Robinson
Dale Sinnaeve
Kim Smallhorn
George Vrantsidis

Recipients of 2024 25-year Pin

Brady Baillargeon
Wayne Beneteau
Aspa Delis
Jeanette Giroux
Tim Johnston

Myles McCabe
Tarcisio Morassut
Ellen Robbins
Kerstin Schneider
Donald Smith
Tammy Wonsch

Signs Of The Times

A roadside sign seen recently on the Internet.

**BEFORE WE WORK ON
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
WHY DON'T WE DO
SOMETHING ABOUT
NATURAL STUPIDITY?**



Moonlight, Summer Moonlight

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair;
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers
A lovely form is laid;
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers
Wave gently round her head.

Emily Jane Brontë



Retiree Parking Permits 2024 South & Chatham Campuses

SCCRA members who have not yet obtained a St. Clair College Retiree Parking Permit and wish to do so may obtain a permit by following the directions at this link <https://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/parking-process> in the SCCRA webpages.

Motionless?

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine the following. It is a warm, lazy, hazy summer afternoon with a gentle breeze wafting to lessen the heat of the day. You are sitting motionless, perhaps even snoozing, on a patio chair in the shade of a tree in your backyard. Motionless? Hardly.

As you relax “motionless”, our planet is rotating in the process that gives us sunrise and sunset, day and night. The rotational speed of the Earth at the equator is approximately 1,030 miles per hour (1,660 km/h). At our latitude of 42° north, the relative rotational speed is approximately 770 miles per hour (1,240 km/h). Yet, there you are napping “motionless” for a half-hour having travelled 385 miles along with the Earth’s rotational speed.

At the same time, our planet is on its annual yearlong orbital journey around the sun in the process that gives us the four seasons. The Earth’s orbit around the sun is approximately 600 million miles (170 million kilometres) which it covers in 365.25 Earth days at an approximate speed of 66,000 mph (107,000 km/h). Yet, there you are napping “motionless” for a half-hour having travelled 33,000 miles along with the Earth’s orbital speed around the sun.

Meanwhile, our solar system is orbiting in its journey around the centre of our galaxy, the Milky Way, at an approximate speed of 483,000 mph (792,000 km/h). It takes our solar system 225 million Earth years – sometimes known as the galactic year - to complete its trip around the galaxy. There you are “motionless” at – oh, never mind about distance and speed.

Then there is the speed at which the Milky Way is speeding through the expanding cosmos. Mind bending isn’t it?

Yet, there you are sitting comfortably “motionless” in your patio chair in the shade of the tree in your backyard, with the tree travelling along with you, as you speed along on spaceship Earth. ✨



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Please Note ...

You’ll find the main College home page at <https://stclaircollege.ca/>

The Retiree pages are found by clicking on “About Us” or you can click on the following link

<https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees>. You can then save it in your bookmark folder.

Down the right side of the Retiree page, you’ll find a plethora of menu items from which to choose. Enjoy!

In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
March 28, 2024 - July 24, 2024*



Catherine Anne Bondy passed away peacefully on December 13, 2023 at 78 years of age. She is survived by her husband Gary. Cathi worked for many years in the Financial Aid Office.



Lorraine Trinacty passed away on June 6, 2024 at age 85. She is survived by children Judith Phinney (late Jim), Kim Feduk, Kandace & Eric Bliss, Todd & Lisa Edmondson, Brian & Barb Trinacty. Lorraine worked at the Chatham Campus as secretarial support for the Developmental Service Worker Program and the Administration office.



Gloria Milburn passed away on March 27, 2024 at age 74. She is survived by her daughter Shannon and her son Scott. Gloria had an extensive career in nursing, retiring from St. Clair College as a member of the Nursing faculty.



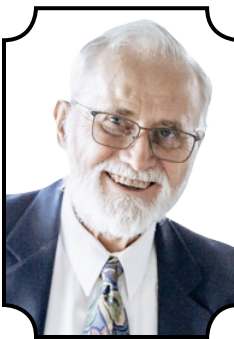
Richard Dumouchelle passed away on June 18, 2024 at age 68. He is survived by his wife Liliana and four children, Melissa, Nicole, Sara, and Albert. Rick was a faculty member in the School of Engineering Technology.



Dolores Noemi Querin passed away on June 1, 2024 at the age of 77. She is survived by her children Valerie (Tony) D'Ambrosio and Mike Jevsnik. Dolores was a St. Clair retiree who worked in Continuing Education, Scheduling, and in her later years at St. Clair, in the Employment Services offices.



Dan Chauvin passed away on July 15, 2024 at the age of 54. He is survived by his wife Darlene and his children, Aaron, Kolby, and Lindsay. Dan started at St. Clair College as an instructor in the Paramedic program, and most recently, was the Manager of Student Services in Chatham.



Bohdan (Ben) Michael Hlady, of London, formerly of Grand Bend and Windsor, passed away in June, 2024 just a few days before his 86th birthday. Ben is survived by children Vickie (Vince), Phil (Lori), Tanya (David), and Gerald (Suzanne). Ben was a well respected faculty member who taught electronics at both WOIT and St. Clair South Campus.



William Douglas (Doug) Austin, passed away on July 15, 2024 at the age of 90. Survived by wife Grace Ruby Austin, and sons David and Steven. Doug was Chairman of the Business and Commerce Division of the Western Ontario Institute of Technology (WOIT).

*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
March 28, 2024 - July 24, 2024*

Doris May Trew passed away on April 4, 2024 at the age of 96. Doris was the mother of **St. Clair retiree Susan Jennings**.

Jack Thomas Fenton passed away April 7, 2024 at the age of 84. Jack was the brother of **St. Clair Retiree Donna Moro**.

Karla Eileen Ertel passed away at home on April 9, 2024 at the age of 77. Karla was the beloved wife and best friend for 54 years to **St. Clair retiree Jack (Jay) Ertel**.

Lucien Cools passed away on June 4, 2024 at the age of 84. Lucien was the husband of **St. Clair retiree Deanna Cools**.

Rev. Dr. John Clark passed away on July 7, 2024 in his 91st year. He was the husband of **St. Clair retiree Janet Finlay**.



Executive Board 2024-2025

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Coming Events

August 29	College Staff return from Summer Vacation	
September 2	Labour Day	College closed
September 3	Classes start	
September 4	Fall Social	Chortos Residence
September 5	Fall Social - rain date	(See page 7)
September 16	Archive Group Start up	(Each Monday following)
September 18	RA Executive Meeting	Room A0216
September 25	Chatham Windsor Luncheon	Rondeau Joe's (See page 6)
TBD	Amherstburg Ghost Walk	
October 14	Thanksgiving Day	College closed
October 16	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
October 30	Chatham Luncheon	(Location TBD)
November 3	Daylight Savings Time ends	
November 11	Remembrance Day	
December 4	Chatham Christmas Party	Links of Kent (See page 7)
December 14	Windsor Christmas Party	College Centre for the Arts (See page 7)

For the Retirees' Association
Quarterly Calendar of Events
and listing of activities
visit our calendar webpage at

<https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar>

Have you changed your address?

Please update your address to continue receiving the Retirees' Association information.
We **do not share** your contact information with anyone.

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