

**St. Clair College Retirees' Association**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**South Campus Residence**  
**May 9, 2007**

1. Bob Woods motioned to accept the agenda for the meeting and George Rapiach seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting  
Lori Caba motioned to accept the minutes from the last General Membership meeting. Gary McLeod seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

**3. President's Report**

**PURPOSE**

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association is an organization whose function is to provide its members with fellowship, pertinent information, and opportunities for service and response to the concerns of members.

**Jay Ertel gave his President's Report**

It's my pleasure to welcome everyone to the St. Clair College Retirees' Association AGM and to extend a warm welcome to the new retirees. We are having a very successful year with our program so I want to begin by thanking you for supporting the Association's activities. Throughout the year we receive tremendous support from Dr. Strasser and the college in addition to Dr. Strasser's generous initiative to annually match our membership fees collection. We thank Dr. Strasser and the college for including the retirees at the President's Staff Appreciation brunches in December and this spring on June 8; for meeting with the Executive twice a year for breakfast meetings and for truly demonstrating a sincere interest in keeping the retirees as a part of the college.

Again this year the Executive and many of our retirees have been busy delivering a quality program that has been a lot of fun and providing services to the college to warrant college support. Now is the time to thank and recognize our people. Our Executive meets once per month and regularly attends our social events and takes the lead in many projects.

**Del Zangari**, Newsletter Editor, one of the founding members of the Association, has been our only newsletter editor. We receive many positive comments, so Del we thank you, for doing such an outstanding job, for chasing us to contribute articles and for choosing such a great assistant, your husband, John Zangari.

**Bill Totten**, President Emeritus, **Pat Hallahan**, Past President, and **Anita Blair**, Membership Coordinator, have made significant contributions. They will be reporting on the Archive Project, our educational activities and memberships. In addition, we thank them for organizing our Cancun Trip, attending the OCRA AGM, managing the Art Project, leading the Retirement Planning Service and

attending the things that keep the rest of us on track for the Association to run smoothly.

**Jim Martin**, Vice President, we thank you for joining the Executive this year and for taking on the CRUAC Conference. This has been a major new initiative, which has meant a lot of work. We also thank JoAn Dale, Pat McMahon and Lynn Watts for assisting Jim. Please consider attending some of these workshops. They are for us.

**Carol Pratt**, Recording Secretary/Social Convener/Goodwill Committee. Most of you know that **Heather Milne-Dube** has been on sick leave and is at Windsor Western Hospital. Our thoughts are always with her. Carol has been pitch hitting for Heather, taking care of the many cards – sympathy, thinking of you, congratulations in addition to her other duties. Carol we really appreciate your willingness to always pitch in and we thank you for keeping us organized.

**John Charlesworth**, Social Convener and **John Payne**, Treasurer. We thank these two for keeping us in the black and continually entertained. You see them working together at social events like the Christmas Party, but they also cover well for each other when the other may be away at do shows or ski slopes. We thank you both for your long term dedication and commitment to the association.

**Elizabeth Barr**, Chatham-Kent rep and **Eunice Robinson**, Chatham-Kent Social Convener. We thank you for taking care of our Thames group by running a very active social program in Chatham-Kent. Like Del, Eunice has an excellent assistant, **Jim Robinson**, who attends, helps organize and supports many of our Association's activities. Jim, we appreciate your involvement with our group.

**Gary Docherty**, Benefits Coordinator. Benefits and pensions are a major concern to all of us. We thank Gary for taking a leadership role on these important issues. Again, this year, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Gary will be involved with the Retirement Planning Workshop along with Bill Totten, Pat Hallahan and Mary Hofweller. Gary has also been involved in helping us prepare for the CURAC Conference and our upcoming Executive meeting with Paul Owens, CEO and Plan Manager of the CAAT Pension Plan.

We are also indebted to many other people who we wish to thank:

**Brian Agar**, Web Site Manager for keeping our web site up to date.

**Susie Korchnak**, Telephone Committee along with Eunice Robinson.

**Jim Chambers**, Auditor, Board Observer along with **Jim Cameron** for Thames.

**Dan Loncke**, Bridge Club. We are getting 20 plus players every two weeks.

**Art Rae**, Digital Cameral Workshop (Thames)\

Dick Grolman, Birding at Point Pelee.

**Ann Bulat, Angie Casella, Jim Chambers, Linda Linnel, John Martel, Dick St. John**. Retiree Tutoring Service. HELP! We need more people involved.

**Hanno Barten, Lea Garber, Dick St. John, Art Rae, Anita Blair, Rick Erwin**. Archive Project.

In conclusion, this has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year with so many members helping out to ensure success with our Association and retirement.

Thank you to all.

**4. Membership Report**

Anita Blair reported that there are 426 members in the database. Of these, 394 are college retirees and 32 are Associate Members – the cafeteria ladies, staff who left the college before retirement, and spouses of deceased members.

For 2007, we have 237 paid up members – 215 retirees and 22 Associate members. The annual fees collected are matched by Dr. Strasser. Paid memberships have shown a significant increase since we started sending a return envelope with the annual fee notice.

**5. Social Committee Report**

John Charlesworth reported that if you have any ideas for a Social Activity to please pass on your idea either to John or Carol Pratt or to any member of the Executive. The success of our 2006 activities speak for themselves and more so to those who participated. Our feedback has been most encouraging, and the work done by Sue Korchnak and Eunice Robinson is always appreciated. This Retirees' Association is your association, please get involved by participating or by suggesting something that we can work on. Upcoming events are: May 23-25 CURAC Conference, June 8 – Staff Appreciation Brunch – Memorials, June 13 – Heritage Village Tour, June 27 – Trail of Tecumseh bus tour, August 22 – Fall BBQ, September – Stratford, October – RM – Chatham and the Christmas Party in December for at least 150 people.

**6. Education Committee Report**

Pat Hallahan reported that the Retirees' Association has had a productive year in regard to education activities. In the fall there were two presentations: one was on planning for a pandemic with Elyse Maindonald. The other, facilitated by Yvonne McRobbie, was on prescription drug coverage. The consensus of the presenters was that prescription drug coverage should be maintained even though many drugs are covered for free at age 65.

On May 16 a presentation on health benefits will be conducted by Mary Hofweller of the Colleges Appointments and Compensation Council. It will explain the three health benefits options which must be selected from at age 65. This presentation will be in conjunction with a retirement planning workshop for current staff. Retirees are welcome and can leave after the health benefits presentation and an opportunity to enjoy refreshments.

On June 27 a bus tour following the Trail Of Tecumseh War of 1812 will be conducted by Chatham-Kent historian Jim Gilbert.

If you have any ideas for education events for fall 2007, please contact Pat Hallahan.

**7. Goodwill Report**

Bill Totten reported that in late July of 2001, Heather Milne- Dube inherited the

Goodwill Committee. Due to illness, Heather has had to relinquish this role and Carol Pratt has been a very capable replacement. It is our hope that Heather may soon feel well enough to continue. We wish to thank those members who have alerted us to the need for a card of condolences or best wishes, especially for those outside the area covered by the Windsor Star.

**8. Thames Campus Committee Report**

Elizabeth Barr reported that the Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon. Thanks are given to Jay Ertel and Eunice Robinson for arranging the guest speakers. The members also wish to thank Eunice Robinson, our Social Convenor for taking care of all of the social arrangements and keeping the members informed throughout the year.

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 25, 2006. In November, Jim Gilbert from Faire Tyme Toys and Antiques spoke to the members. All of these events were very successful. RM, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. They typically have a \$10m inventory of investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of pre-war classic and important post-war sports cars. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2007/2008. The annual Christmas Party was held at the Country View Golf club on the evening of December 13, 2006. The evening, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Mr. Ken Yott, Manager of 911 for Chatham-Kent gave a very informative speech on the operation of 911 for our area at the January meeting. February's luncheon was followed by a tour of Riverview Gardens, a new seniors' residence in Chatham.

The members continue to appreciate the warm, receptive environment that Dr. Strasser has created for retirees at the College and we wish to thank him for his support.

**9. Archive Committee Report**

Bill Totten reported that this year has brought a number of advances in the Archive Project. While a dedicated group of retirees meet weekly to sort and identify photos, slides and documents, the issue of recording these many objects. To this end, software was purchased which will enable us to record, in an organized way, the identified objects. We have also purchased a scanner, which will allow us to create, and record a digital image of photos, negatives and slides. In addition to this ongoing activity, we have provided The Saint with historic material, which have been transformed into very interesting full-page articles in each issue of The Saint. These articles, titled the Fabulous Forties in recognition of the fortieth anniversary of the college and the college system, included features on the history of the buildings, Twin Valleys, Homecomings, National Hockey Champions, to name but a few.

We want to recognize the work of Lea Simms, whose library experience and organizational ability has been invaluable. Also meeting regularly are Anita Blair, Hanno Barten, Dick St. John, Art Rae, Pat Hallahan and Bill Totten. Rick Erwin has provided assistance with the software. This project has something for anyone who might wish to devote some time.

**10. Treasurer's Report**

John Payne reported that as of year-end – December 31, 2006:

	Actual(2006)	Projected(2007)
Balance, Beginning of year	\$2332.95	\$1766.39
Receipts	\$4203.38	\$4880.00
Disbursements	<u>\$4769.94</u>	<u>\$4750.00</u>
Surplus (-Deficit)	\$ 566.56	\$ 130.00
Balance (Dec 31)	\$1766.39	\$1896.39

A motion was made by Keith Brown to accept the Financial report for the year ending December 31, 2006. Dan Loncke seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

**11. CURAC Conference**

Jim Martin reported that the CURAC conference will be held on May 23 to May 25<sup>th</sup>. It is a great way for the University and St. Clair to bond. To see more go to the website [www.curac.ca](http://www.curac.ca).

**12. For Approval:**

Conflict of Interest Policy – Bill Totten motioned to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. Keith Brown seconded the motion. **CARRIED** with 1 opposed  
 Proposal for the Recognition of Campus Pioneers – Bill Totten motioned to accept the proposal. Keith Brown seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

**13. Nomination Committee Report**

Jim Martin presented the list for nominations. It was moved by Ruth Hicks that the 2007 – 2008 nominees be elected. George Rapiach seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

**Nomination Slate for 2007-2008**

President Emeritus	Bill Totten
Past-President/ Education Events	Pat Hallahan
President	Jay Ertel
Vice-President	Jim Martin
Treasurer	John Payne

Membership Coordinator	Anita Blair
Secretary	Carol Pratt
Goodwill Coordinator	Heather Milne-Dube
Social Coordinator	John Charlesworth
Newsletter Editor	Del Zangari
Thames Rep.	Elizabeth Barr
Benefits Coordinator	Gary Docherty

15. Adjournment – George Rapaich adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.