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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 2005 Fall BBQ, held at the South Campus Residence, proved to be a resounding success. Not only was it very well attended, but the change in format to holding a real live BBQ on Residence grounds allowed for a significant amount of good food to be available at an extremely reasonable cost. Many thanks to organizers John Charlesworth and Carol Pratt and their bevy of chefs: Del Zangari, Shirley Dzudz and Mary Ann Adam.

Other activities are underway as well. The card group has already met and has an annual schedule in place. The Saints vs Penn State hockey game featuring Retiree Day went well and is chronicled elsewhere in this newsletter. The Colio Wine Tour has also come and gone and featured a lovely lunch at the Kingsville Golf and

your calendar of events. And be sure to check out the Meet and Learn Workshops starting in January.

2006 will be remembered as the year the Retirees' Association had to revisit its annual dues collection. After two years of subsidizing our dues exclusively, Dr. Strasser, College President, has offered to match our dues collection. The Executive decided we had sufficient funds to hold us to 2006. Thus, although officially starting in January, we are announcing this decision, endorsed by the members at the Annual General Meeting in May, in this newsletter.

You will find an insert for annual dues collection asking for \$10 for the year. This amount was also endorsed by the membership and is, we think, quite reasonable.

As reported at our AGM, the Association provides a wide variety of services. You are probably most familiar with the social activities, such as the Fall BBQ, Christmas parties and Stratford outing. We counted 10 social activities in 2005. It has also offered educational services such as a travel insurance seminar, health benefits information sessions, a hobby show and luncheon speakers; continued work on the art and archive projects; a goodwill service which remembers those who are sick or have lost loved ones; extensive college liaison to ensure we have access to Con Ed courses, use of College facilities and our office space;;; access to the Ford Purchase Plan;;; maintenance and renewal of our memorial plaques;;; and attendance at College Board meetings;;; and the staff appreciation brunches; liaison with OCRA, our provincial association (this was important in obtaining our alternative health benefits plan and monies through the demutualization of shares in Sun Life); and extensive work maintaining our own internal infrastructure, such as our newsletter, website and membership list maintenance and email and phone communication to our members.

Monies collected from the members are spent in a variety of ways: subsidizing social activities, if

Country Club. And, from the Thames Group, the annual RM Classic Car Tour, with lunch at T-Bones, has come and gone as has lunch at the Lighthouse Cove Inn. Lunches in Windsor and Chatham will be held on November 16 and 30 respectively, so check

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necessary; gas for travel from Chatham and to provincial meetings; donations; printing and office supplies to support our Goodwill service and other clerical needs; maintaining our memorial plaques; project support and coffee for our executive meetings.

Anita Blair is responsible for our Association dues collection. Although she will be available to collect dues at our various social activities, she requests you use the form and envelope provided in this newsletter. With over 400 members, dues collection and record

maintenance of same is becoming a big job. It would be very helpful if you could mail in your dues. We are also requesting that you pay your dues to OCRA through the mail as well.

We hope you will agree that supporting your Retirees' Association is worthwhile. We look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Christmas parties. To all the others, we sincerely hope you have a joyous holiday season.

Pat Hallahan, President

HI-LITES FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

September 27, 2005

New Programs Approved

1. Electronics Engineering Technology - Industrial Automation
 - in order to reflect current industrial trends the 3 year Electronic Technology Program was revised and renamed.
2. Certificate in Manufacturing Fundamentals
 - This program (200 hours in duration) will be offered as a Contract Training initiative to International Truck and Engine Canada employees.

Enrolment

The total enrolment of Full Time students	- 7022	
Part Time students	- 401	
Full Time Total Post Secondary students	- 6237	
Windsor students	- 5363	Last year's total (5416)
Chatham students	- 874	Last year's total (781)

Tuition Short - 30
Apprenticeship - 755

By Jim Chambers

ORIENTATION HELPERS

Every year Laiman Ng and staff from the Liaison Department ask for help during orientation week. The work can involve giving tours to incoming student/parents or simply directing them as they enter the building.

This year help was provided by the following: Bill Totten, John Charlesworth, Helen Trotter and Ruth Hicks.

Many thanks to these volunteers for helping out during a very busy time of the year.



RECIPIENTS AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction Awards Ceremony was held on October 19, 2005

Award Recipients

Mr. Joe DiGiorgio

Owner - Hold Please Communications - Windsor
Creative Arts
Advertising 1980



Mr. John Hall

Owner - Kittling Ridge Estate Wines & Spirits - Grimsby
Business
Food Processing Technology 1970



Dr. Shelley Lalani

Orthodontic Specialist - Leamington
Dental Assistant 1970
Dental Hygiene 1983



Mr. Guy Parent

Owner/President - Corporate Investigation Services - Lambeth
Arts and Community Service
Security Administration 1975



Mr. James Petrozzi

C.E.O. - M&M Meat Shops - Kitchener
Technology
Mechanical Engineering 1970



RECENTLY WIDOWED!

HELP IS AVAILABLE

For those who have recently lost a loved one, a bereavement program is offered by the Canadian Mental Health Association. Bereavement counselling is available on an individual basis for the first 2 years of being widowed. There are also twice monthly group sessions during these 2 years, for those

wishing to attend. The facilitators are themselves widowed volunteers to help grief recovery.

For further information contact: Christine McMillan at 255-7440

Submitted by Del Zangari

DID YOU KNOW?

The German Canadian Business and Professional Association (GCBPA) held its 2nd Annual Kurt Moser Memorial Golf Tournament (best ball) at Dominion Golf and Country Club on Sunday, September 11, 2005. Proceeds from the golf tournament were donated to The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County Inc.

This is a significant tribute to Kurt and his family and worthy of our support in the future.

Kurt was a long-serving faculty and chairperson in the Technology Division.

ALUMNI CALENDAR

Attention: St. Clair College Staff and Retirees

The St. Clair College Alumni Association is producing a 2006 hanging wall calendar that will be distributed to approximately 30,000 St. Clair College Alumni in December. If anyone is planning an event that may be of interest to our Alumni, we invite you to submit the date and we will be sure to include it in the calendar. The calendar will run from January-December 2006. The deadline for submissions is November 4, 2005. We ask that all dates be firmly committed if they are to be included. Please send your submissions to Tania Vrionis, Alumni Relations Officer at tvrionis@stclaircollege.ca

OCRA™ REPORT

a. OCRA™ General Meeting

The OCRA™ general meeting that originally was to take place this fall, has been put over to the spring of 2006. The executive felt that more time was needed between the general meetings. The OCRA™ General Meeting will be held on May 27, 2006 at Seneca College, Newnham Campus, at a meeting room (TBA) in the Student Residence. Overnight accommodation will be available at a special rate for OCRA™ members.

b. Membership and Renewals

The total number of names on our list now exceeds 1,625. Instead of sending out the membership renewal form with the final newsletter of the year, there will be a special mailing for membership renewal. The OCRA™ membership year is the same as the calendar year, so renewal notices will be mailed in December. If you move or change your e mail address, OCRA™ would like to know: ocra.secretary@sympatico.ca or 905-945-1299 or The Secretary, OCRA™, #410, 111 Merton St., Toronto, ON M4S 3A7

c. Incorporation

The OCRA™ executive has decided to incorporate the Association as a non-profit Ontario Corporation. Letters Patent were issued in June. OCRA™ is now formally incorporated in “Ontario Colleges Retirees’ Association”.

d. New Board Members

We had several changes in the executive due to the resignations of Bill Totten, Jennie Balasak, Lister Robinson and Linda Purser. New directors on the Board are Bev Walden and Barbara Hubbs, retirees from Humber College. Gil Callingham is a Seneca retiree who has agreed to take on the Treasurer’s job. OCRA™ needs one more director to fill the last vacancy on the Board. If you are interested please email Linda Choptiany at lchoptiany@sympatico.ca or call 905-209-9435.

e. CAAT Pension Plan

OCRA™ has been trying for about two years to get the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) to deal with the issues that we have with the CAAT Pension Plan. There has been only modest movement to date. The basic issues are:

to find out whether current employees and retirees have the right to hold a vote to determine if an advisory committee to the Plan should be established as provided under the Pension Benefits Act, and to direct what the process should be to arrange and hold that vote.

to have the Plan provide a meaningful response to our request for them to show the evidence to verify statements made to OCRA™ in their letter of August 8th 2004.

Some months ago the FSCO staff did determine that we had the right to hold such a vote despite very strong opposition from the Plan’s lawyer. FSCO also concluded that the Plan had an obligation to facilitate the vote. However, the Plan refused to co-operate to arrange the vote and our efforts to get FSCO to direct that the vote be held, and to outline the process, have met with ongoing delays. Recently FSCO sent a substantive and meaningful response. Hopefully it will be a substantive and meaningful response. This is the fourth time that FSCO has had to direct the Plan to do what we believe it has an obligation to do. That obligation is to correspond in a timely manner with OCRA™ or any Plan member or retiree, and to provide information that is truthful and verifiable.

Just Another Retirement Story

by Bill VanderStelt

Ah, the life of retirement, no commitments, no need to do anything if you don't feel like it, you put off till tomorrow what needed to be done yesterday, time to better get to know your family, time to realize that your spouse is really a wonderful person and you now have the time to fall in love all over again. One now has the time to analyze everything we read, watch every move your neighbour(s) make and wonder why they do it that way, time to assist your spouse with all those 'little' things that mean so much at least for the first month or so before these gestures take on a whole new meaning, it quickly turns into interference.

One also quickly realizes that a retiree must find some other activity so as to stay out of trouble. So we meet others in the same boat at the daily Tim Horton's gathering, followed by doing some fishing or a game of golf followed by a refreshment or two at Hole #19 to recap every stroke and tell everyone about your best shot (perhaps the only good shot). I could never figure out why time flies so fast here. Camping is an option, but at our age it is not advisable to spend damp nights in tents so one has to purchase a trailer that might as well be large and have all the conveniences of home, and of course it has to be near a shopping centre. Of course retirees could also spend leisurely time traveling abroad. Done it ... once. Appears someone never warned me that these trips drain your bank account. Yup, to be able to do the above things one needs to have time and things like having to cut the grass, weed the garden, fertilize the lawn, painting, fixing latches, tarring the driveway, etc., interferes with your new found lifestyle. So we sold our beautiful little house in Windsor to purchase a three story condo in a conservation area on the north edge of Guelph. This location would then enable me to again enjoy the beautiful rolling hills of farmland (back to my roots as they say). No more time wasted on those silly chores at the house you had spent most of your life with getting it the way you (and your wife) wanted it. Yup, condo living is where it is at. or so I thought.

We now enjoy our large balcony whenever the hundreds of geese are not flying over (very low I might add) on their morning and nightly trek to their

feeding grounds. They have been known to leave a calling card or two behind while in flight. The daily coffee gatherings and golf games just were not the same without long term friends, and with no more jobs to do around the house I became bored so that when a call came to offer me to see lots of scenery and do some travel in exchange for a small service, it sounded great. Soon I was admiring the views doing my daily 401 drive Toronto, once the slot for my car was found in this wall of moving vehicles known to be seen once in a while on Ontario's busiest highway. Appears this 'opening' for my vehicle came around at six in the morning and again around five in the afternoon. Miss your slot and you have the pleasure of being 'parked' on this highway giving you the opportunity to listen to all the CDs in your possession. Whether driving or sitting, the scenery was impressive. Thousands of trucks, thousands of cars, thousands of homes and factories in some phase or another of construction, and if lucky you may get a few glimpses of hills, trees, or the face of the Niagara escarpment. The office given to me to carry out my work has a great view of Toronto.... if it faced the outer walls (mine wasn't). The work-related travels consisted of getting to know every advertising billboard that decorated the walls of the miles and miles of the subway. Yes, here I was as Chief O. E. Examiner for TSSA (Technical Standards & Safety Authority), privileged to be given this opportunity to travel, enjoy views and to be away from my condo to prevent boredom. Yes sir, this is the life, I was retired. Funny how my wife always spells that word with an 'a' instead of an 'i'.

After viewing all this scenery for several years, an opportunity came about that would not only allow me to have my 'second' retirement party, but also experience air travel, live on an island with its aqua colored water, pink beaches, colourful homes, flowering shrubs and trees. This did not interest me at first but when they told me that the rustling of the leaves from hundreds of different types of palm trees and the singing of millions of love-lorn tree frogs would keep me awake at night, I became interested. For my adventures in Bermuda stay tuned next printing.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Joe & Sue Korchnak celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Larry & Jackie Langlois celebrated their Golden Anniversary

Joe & Irene Timko celebrated their 40th Anniversary

In Memoriam

Keith Muddle

Roberta Rosnovan

Carol Pratt's mother Clara

Dan Rorai's wife Kelly

Elias El Helou's mother Hanneh

Ann Peter's mother Evette Hall

Mamie Shiells' husband Bill

Hugh Cochoran's daughter Maureen

Kelly Robinson's mother Agnes

Ann Korenic's mother Ann



THE EDISON CONNECTION

By Richard St. John

Most of us who have visited Dearborn's Greenfield Village think of it as the ultimate tribute to the genius of Thomas Edison. Having taught the History of Science and Technology course at the College for a number of years, I've always had a special fascination for Edison, the "Wizard of Menlo Park." His 1,093 patents still places him at the forefront of inventors globally.

Indeed, when Henry Ford brought Edison, his old friend and mentor, to Dearborn to open Greenfield Village in October of 1929 and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Edison's invention of electrical lighting, he surprised his old friend by meticulously reconstructing in detail the original Menlo Park lab (the site of Edison's most important inventions), the Port Huron train station (where Edison worked in telegraphy as a boy), and the Edison power station (where Ford got his first job as engineer at Edison's plant in downtown Detroit). Interestingly, when Ford asked him what he thought of it all, Edison replied, "You've got this just about 99 1/2 % perfect." When Ford wanted to know what was the matter with the other one-half per cent, Edison replied wryly, "Well, we never kept it as clean as this."

At the jubilee dinner address (in the presence of the then-president Hoover, the physicist Marie Curie, the airplane pioneer Orville Wright, and a host of other celebrities), Edison said, "As to Henry Ford, I can only say that, in the fullest meaning of the term, he is my best friend." Perhaps he was recalling to mind the awful occasion in 1914 when fire gutted his lab and factories in West Orange, N.J., wiping out his million-dollar fortune and prompting him to say, "I am 67, but I'm not too old to make a fresh start," and helping him

make that fresh start was Ford, who showed up with a \$750, 000 loan to get him back on his feet.

Since I relish visiting sites that are landmarks of great achievements, I availed myself this past year of the opportunity to complete what I call the "Edison connection." Last summer when visiting a daughter in Ocean Grove, N.J., I checked out the Edison Museum in nearby West Orange. It housed many of the artifacts from the new lab that Edison built after the fire, but of special interest was the collection of notebooks that detailed many of the experiments and projects that he had engaged in across the years there.

This past spring while vacationing in Cape Coral, Fla., I jumped at a chance to visit the Edison winter home just a half hour away in nearby Fort Myers. This was especially intriguing in showcasing the entire compound, which consisted of a group of research labs with an unbelievable collection of specimens, and across the road the main residence of Edison with an old-fashioned concrete swimming pool. On the adjoining property was the winter home of his old friend, Henry Ford. Next to that lived their mutual friend, Harvey Firestone, the tire pioneer. They vacationed together every year. Can you imagine the brainstorming sessions that they must have had – with Edison perfecting his auto batteries and electrical systems, Ford building the latest engine prototypes, and Firestone experimenting for new products with the various types of rubber trees growing in his back yard. What a trip tracking the Edison connection full circle! Now that I've turned 70 and am soon finishing teaching my last night school assignment, I plan to continue visiting such rich cultural landmarks, besides enjoying my grandkids.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO ABOUT... AGE SPOTS

- Apply a cream or oil containing at least 5% Vitamin-E.
- Include Vitamin E-Rich foods in your daily diet—polyunsaturated vegetable oil, wheat germ,

- whole grains and green leafy vegetables like spinach.
- Consider seeing your doctor for a prescription of Trytinoin (retin-A), a Vitamin a compound applied topically to eliminate age spots



eye on the arts
An auction for the senses

CNIB



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind
is recruiting volunteers for a new event

Eye on the Arts Windsor 2006

Volunteers are needed for the planning committee
to recruit entertainment, solicit live and silent
auction items, coordinate promotions, source and
solicit sponsorships.

Build upon current skills, gain valuable experience,
network with business and art communities.

**Please call Pam at 253-1900 x.236 or
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HUMBER VP EMERITUS ROY GIROUX AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE



TORONTO – October 12, 2005 – Roy Giroux, PhD, vice-president emeritus of H u m b e r Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, has been awarded a

doctorate degree for his contribution to the development of graduate programs in Ontario. The degree is awarded by the Board of Trustees at Central Michigan University (CMU). Giroux has developed more than 53 Masters degree cohorts that have graduated more than a 1,000 students on 15 campuses in the province of Ontario. Many of the graduates have assumed leadership roles as administrative staff, faculty, deans, directors, and vice-presidents, and six have become college presidents. Many have also pursued and attained their doctorates.

“Humber is privileged to work with Dr. Giroux to provide a venue for a new CMU Masters cohort each

year,” says Dr. Robert A. Gordon, president of Humber. “His work in providing a Masters program with a college focus in Ontario has contributed to a better college system.”

Giroux organized the first of these 53 cohorts while he was vice-president at St. Clair College. He then established similar programs at Sault, Cambrian and Canadore Colleges. After moving to Humber, he organized 20 cohorts for staff at Humber and other colleges. He has also implemented five doctoral programs in Community College Studies at Humber.

Following his retirement, Roy was appointed vice-president emeritus at Humber where he is the co-ordinator and a faculty member of the Community College Leadership PhD program at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at University of Toronto. Roy was recently recognized by the National Council for Staff and Organizational Development for his work. He was also honoured with a Distinguished Educator Award for his contributions in Ontario by OISE/UT.

The honorary degree will be awarded to Dr. Giroux at the CMU commencement to be held Oct. 22, 2005 in conjunction with a provincial CMU alumni homecoming.

St. Clair College Retirees' Association Website

Did you know that the St. Clair Retirees' Association has a website?

The website is expertly maintained by Brian Agar who is with the Thames Campus.

What can you find on this website?

The website contains recent and back issues of the newsletter. It has an updated Calendar of



Events. This calendar will enable you to participate with the retiree group and to also plan ahead. It also has a picture gallery featuring the retirees at various functions and events.

How can I log onto the website? The website address is: www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees/

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end

RETIREES' DAY AT HOCKEY GAME

It was “Retirees’ Day” at the St. Clair vs Penn State hockey game on Saturday, October 15.

The retirees’ archival material featuring numerous college hockey teams from the past, many individual scoring leaders, and a collage of staff/student hockey activities. Some of the memorabilia went back to the WOIT days.

With compliments of Ann Hetherington, director of marketing, and Cindy Dicarlo, manager in the athletic department, all retirees present received a “toque” emblazoned with St. Clair College Retiree Association and the college logo. Also presented to the retirees was a beautiful poster with the College logo “Our Focus is You” featuring the retirees’ association and

a VIP pass which offers free admission to all college athletic activities.

The event also featured a ceremonial “puck drop” with former Windsor Bulldogs and college coaches Jack Costello and Jerry Serviss. Many thanks to Jay Shewfelt for organizing this event.

The retirees were impressed with the professional set up of both the gate and souvenir table, the level of hockey skill displayed, and they enjoyed the hospitality and camaraderie in the Saints Lounge.

It was a fun event and one you should consider participating in the next time.

Pat Hallahan



LIGHTHOUSE COVE LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, September 28, 2005, a group of 22 enjoyed a luncheon at the Lighthouse Cove Restaurant. It was a perfect sunny fall day with calm waters and active wildlife in this resort community. Some of the members were able to get in 9 holes of golf at Rochester Place in the morning before lunch.

We agreed to repeat this joint Windsor/Thames luncheon next September at Lighthouse Cove. The restaurant is only 10-15 minutes from the 401 exit on the Windsor side of Tilbury and it's a beautiful location to meet at this time of year.



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION FALL BBQ

The 2005 edition of the Retirees' Association Fall BBQ was held on August 31, 2005 at the South Campus Residence. Sixty plus retirees attended, maintaining the tradition of a strong turnout for this annual event.

This year's event was an actual BBQ, with the social committee buying the food stuffs and barbequing the hamburgers and sausages on the premises. The Residence venue proved to be quite satisfactory with respect to space, layout and the cooperation of the Residence staff.

Dr. Strasser continued his strong support of the making yet another guest appearance. He addressed the group briefly and highlighted some of the College's more recent accomplishments: purchase of the Thames Campus for Fall 2006; the continued possibility of a multiplex for the Thames Campus; the addition of \$1M dollars of academic technology for

classrooms; the sale of the Rhodes Drive Campus; and that the former Huron Lodge facility on Huron Church Road is for sale and has had at least one very serious inquiry. Enrollment looks to be in the 5800 range, comparable to last year.

Although the success of this year's BBQ will be discussed by the Executive, it is likely that this year's format will be continued. However, the \$2 per person cost may have to increase. This was our first time doing this and it proved to be a learning experience.

It was wonderful to see such a good turnout involved in such animated conversation. Many thanks to John Charlesworth and Carol Pratt for organizing this day and to Shirley Dzudz , Mary Anne Adam and Del Zangari for helping out with the cooking. We all wish the College staff and students an exciting 2005/2006!

AEGEAN ODYSSEY

Dan & Mary Loncke cruising past St. Mark's Square, Venice, Italy



For our 35th Wedding Anniversary we signed up for CAA's Aegean Odyssey which consisted of seven days in Italy and ten days onboard Holland America's Ms Rotterdam on a cruise of the eastern Mediterranean. We used the emails below to keep our family and friends aware of our travels. They are not a detailed account of the trip - just a few of our thoughts and encounters. Dan & Mary Loncke

Thursday, October 6: Report from abroad and Dan

Arrived in Rome last Friday morning and, since our hotel rooms were not ready, we immediately toured the coliseum. We did not let on that we were Christians, but learned later that Christians being fed to the lions was actually a myth. Stayed at the Sheraton Roma and had dinner in a 500 year old pizzeria where they served wonderful thin-crust pizza and small half-chickens cooked on an open wood grill. Saturday we visited the Vatican and Sistine Chapel - knocked on the Pope's door, but he didn't answer. Went to the Trevi Fountain and learned first-hand that it accepts Canadian money at par. Later we checked out the catacombes and spent the evening eating and drinking Chianti. On Sunday our tour headed to Tuscany stopping in the small town of Perugia where we wandered about with the locals and sipped cappuccino in a small café. In Florence we viewed

Michelangelo's David, and toured the city under umbrellas. More Chianti in the evening. The next day we learned about Florentine leather and gold craft, and then shopped for leather and gold. Stopped for lunch and cappuccino (to which we are becoming addicted). Had dinner at a beautiful villa up on a mountain - at least seven courses and lots more Chianti (so much that we ended up in a Congo line with people we didn't know). On Tuesday our tour bus took us to Venice where we boarded the Ms Rotterdam, and got an excellent view of the city as the ship moved out into the Adriatic Sea. At dinner on the ship, three Philippino tenors sang Happy Birthday to Mary (despite the fact that her birthday was three days earlier). The ship passed along the Dalmatian coast, but we didn't see any dogs. Docked in Dubrovnik, Croatia, yesterday and toured this great walled city. The food on the Rotterdam is outstanding and continuously available. Ciao, D&M

Sunday, October 9: Epistle from the (new) Ephesians

After a luxurious day at sea and great weather we arrived on Friday at the island of Santorini (Greece). The island is part of the Cycladic Greek islands and rises abruptly out of the sea since it is actually part of the rim of an ancient volcano. The town, Fira, is perched on the top of the cliffs and sparkles with all white and blue buildings. The Rotterdam could not dock close to the island, so we were taken ashore by tenders (small boats) and we reached the town by cable car forgoing the traditional donkey ride. Fira is a quaint Greek town with tourism as its main industry and jewellery shops and cats in abundance. Saturday morning we arrived in Asia (!) as the ship docked in Kusadasi, Turkey. We toured the ruins of Ephesus which are over three thousand years old and only partially (20%) excavated. The ruins consist of Roman baths, temples, brothels, libraries and included St. Paul's prison. It was an amazing feeling to be walking where the Romans, Alexander the Great, and the apostles had walked. There were many cats among the ruins and they posed nicely for photos. Later in the day we attended a Turkish carpet demonstration complete with the customary wine and apple tea. This resulted in our

purchasing a small tapestry-style silk carpet. The evening consisted of a fantastic dinner in the ship's gourmet restaurant compliments of CAA. Sunday found us in Rhodes, Greece, where we visited Rhodes Town which is surrounded by medieval walls and battlements built by the Knights of St. John in the early 1300's. We spent the day walking, shopping, drinking cappuccino and people-watching in one of the small squares. I (Dan) asked one of the waiters how to say "thank you" in Greek, but when I repeated the phrase to other residents I got very strange looks (?). Oh well. At present we are at sea on route to Athens. D&M

Wednesday, October 12: View from the Acropolis

On Canadian Thanksgiving and after an overnight sail through the Aegean Sea we docked in Piraeus which is the port for Athens. We climbed the limestone crag of the Acropolis in the morning and examined the Parthenon and the Erechtheion with its famous Caryatids (six figures of maidens supporting the southern balcony of the temple). Our tour guide taught us the difference among Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns. After a city tour of Athens we returned to the Rotterdam and watched "Batman Begins" in the ship's movie theatre (our third movie this week). Dinner consisted of Turkey with all the trimmings and even pumpkin pie for us Canadians. Tuesday, October 11th, found us at Katakolon, Greece, a port on the Ionian Sea. As we were sailing early that day, we stayed onboard and enjoyed the hot tubs, the pool and beer. After a CAA cocktail party we went to a live musical show and then had lobster tails in the dining room. At dinner the three Philippino tenors doubled their numbers and sang "Happy Anniversary" to "MrMrsLok". With copious blushing and handshaking we beat a hasty exit. Today we walked up through the honey-coloured limestone fortifications surrounding Valletta, a walled city on the island of Malta. This fortress city was built by the Knights of St. John, and was besieged by the Turks in the 16th century and the Axis in WWII (holding out both

times). St. John's Co-Cathedral is spectacular with the whole floor covered with beautiful marble mosaic tomb covers of the knights. Tomorrow we are at sea all day on our way back to Venice. We are getting very tired and certainly gaining weight. M&D

Tuesday, October 18: Home Sweet Home

We're back. After over 24 hours of water buses, airports, planes and Robert Q, we arrived home yesterday morning at about 7 o'clock. Along the way we gained eight hours (not pounds), so we are in the process of adjusting. Last Friday we disembarked in Venice which must be seen to be understood. Essentially where we have streets they have water, and we have never seen so many boats of all sizes and shapes - their buses are boats. In many of the buildings the lower floors have been abandoned because they are always flooded. St. Mark's Square is overwhelming with the huge impressive Cathedral and the Doges Palace. It was difficult to decide if there were more tourists or pigeons. After witnessing a glass-blowing demonstration, we had a pannini lunch, during which we watched gypsy women begging while their men skulked around looking for unwary victims (aka tourists with wallets in their back pockets). We then took the traditional gondola ride through the island's small canals. It was far from romantic with six people per boat (although they were friends we made on the trip), but gliding under the multitude of little bridges and among the beautiful ancient buildings was a fascinating and memorable experience. Our hotel was on Lido Island which is more like where the actual Italians hang around - it had a wonderful ambiance, no crowds and a lovely beach on the Adriatic Sea where we wandered, collected shells and watched the gulls. It was great fun to sit in the outdoor cafes and eat pizza and sea food all washed down with beer and wine. Of course we had to have gelato as well. Sunday noon we boarded a water bus to head for the airport on yet another island - can you imagine going to an airport by boat. Hope you enjoyed sharing some of our vacation with us. Arrivederci, Mary & Dan

MARRIAGE

*A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.
A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.*

RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

On Wednesday, October 26, 2005, Jay Ertel and Eunice Robinson hosted the RM Classic Cars Tour in Blenheim, ON and the luncheon at T-Bones Restaurant in Chatham which followed. About 15 retirees toured the shop facility and the showrooms and then were joined by others for lunch. RM Classic Cars is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales exceeding \$100 m per year. Each year the company is responsible for setting many of the annual top ten vehicle sales at auction.

Highlights of the tour included several Duesenbergs all worth over \$1 m (US) each, Mercedes-Benz classics, Packards which are currently very hot in the marketplace, and a 1938 Horch priced at \$2.5 m (US) which was the model driven by Goering. In the shop

the group saw a one-of-a-kind classic, a 1938 Talbot estimated at \$4.0 m (US). The Talbot-Logo Teardrop Coupes are arguably the pinnacle of the French streamlined design movement and its too easy to forget today that these works of art are nearly seventy years old. They were the most advanced French automotive creations of their time, combining race bred technical competence with a brand new design inspired by aerodynamic efficiency directly linked with advances in aviation.

Again, this year many pictures were taken and the St. Clair College Retirees group fully enjoyed their visit to RM.

Submitted by Jay Ertel



BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY: CAROL LIBBY



At age 69 she is still intellectually curious and audits courses in Art History, English literature and Women's Studies. With a Master's Degree in Psychology and a related graduate internship, one would think this sophisticated, worldly woman had been nurtured from a young age by parents with a similar

background. However, quite the opposite is true.

Carol Libby was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1936. Her father, of German descent, was born on a farm in Ohio and held a variety of jobs from soda jerk to Executive Director of a Diocesan Development Fund. In between, he spent many years, when not working in a plant during the war, as a Fuller Brush salesman and manager. The family eventually settled in Columbus, Ohio. Carol's mother, the daughter of Polish immigrants living in Chicago, left school at fourteen. She did housework, worked in an artificial flower factory, and subsequently worked either as a stay-at-home mom or as a bank teller. Carol has two siblings: a brother who is a Vice President of Briardiff University in Sioux City, Iowa, and a sister who was educated as a nurse.

Carol's early years were traditional and Catholic. She attended Catholic schools, was President of the Class of '54, and at 19 married the quarterback of the football team. After her husband's stint in the army, he attended Ohio State University for eight years to become a dentist. While he attended school, Carol took a job in customer service for a public utility company.

By 1957, Catholic schools were bursting with baby boomers. Despite having only a grade 12 diploma, Carol was invited to teach grade 6 in a Catholic elementary school. She took the job and attended Ohio State University part-time. Six years later she and her husband were privileged to adopt a baby and Carol stayed at home with their adorable daughter, Theresa. However, after 10 years of marriage, the marriage ended.

The divorce, however difficult, provided Carol with a life-altering opportunity. She returned to school and graduated from Ohio State University with an

M.A. in School Psychology. It was the mid-sixties and the beginning of Carol's passionate interest in social justice, civil rights and feminism. She participated in campus anti-war demonstrations, demonstrations against George Wallace, and assisted with the Poor People's March on Washington. It was heady stuff!

During her graduate internship, Carol met Bill Libby, a professor at Ohio State. They developed a relationship and a year later he was offered an attractive opportunity to teach at the University of Windsor. It included a better salary and significant tax incentives. Carol, who clearly was not yet a feminist, declined a graduate fellowship, married Bill, and immigrated to Canada in 1970.

The next five years proved to be significant. Hired in 1970 as a School Psychologist by the Detroit Public Schools, Carol was invited to join a program at the University of Michigan, funded by the Carnegie Mellon Foundation, to develop the skills for leading organizational change. During this period, Carol attended a *World Future Society* conference in Washington D.C., where the women challenged the Society on the absence of keynote speakers who were women, people of color, or from countries outside the USA. The challenge succeeded and Carol was asked to announce the program changes to the 2000 delegates. That announcement received a standing ovation, with the key words being "*Unless you believe in a future run by white, middle-aged, male Americans, these voices too must be heard.*" The challenge continued, and Carol was among those who organized an "*Alternative*" *World Future Society* conference, which ran concurrently, was filmed by PBS, and was attended by Futurist Alvin Toffler, along with 500 others. This experience was not only an exhilarating and defining moment; it was also life-transforming. It would influence the rest of her life.

When the leadership project ended in Detroit, Carol applied for a teaching position at St. Clair College and was hired by Gaston Franklyn in 1974. Carol recalls that she had a seven-course teaching load that first year! In the summer of 1975, and again in 1976, Carol was asked to co-lead the New Teacher Training program for the College. In 1977, she was appointed full-time faculty coordinator for the Professional Development Office and worked with colleagues including Dennis Lewis, Jan Wissent, John Holsey, Kurt Moser and Jill Pflanzner.

The mid-seventies was the second wave of feminism. The College Women's Caucus met regularly. There was Assertiveness Training. A Women's Centre opened. Carol recalls with delight the evening that she and Margo (Garen) King moved furniture from here and there into the Women's Centre! And sisterhood helped when Norma Slevison facilitated "Q's" approval of a year's leave of absence so Carol could accompany Bill Libby on sabbatical. While in France, Carol analyzed data from *"The St. Clair College Employment Study"* which revealed that women were significantly underpaid compared to their male colleagues and were virtually absent from the ranks of administration. There may be staff at the college who recall the day that Margo, Ann Anderson, Anita Blair and Carol made a presentation to senior administration advocating that women sit on interview committees, and that hiring procedures be the same for each candidate. Remarkably, the very first question they were asked was, *"What ever happened to baking cookies?"* Margo stopped Carol's potential response with a nudge and a whispered, "DON'T BITE!"

From 1982-1991 Carol managed the Youth Employment Programs at a downtown campus. These years proved to be among the most satisfying of Carol's career at the College. In addition to seeing the role of women increase significantly at the College, she used her team building skills to nurture and develop some of the College's new hires, including Laiman Ng, Lori Ryan-Drago and Deborah Martel. The downtown programs, funded separately from the rest of the College, were fertile ground for Carol to use her visioning and strategic planning skills to maintain adequate funding from the Province. During those years, Carol served on the first St. Clair College Strategic Planning Team, established by President Bert Martin.

After almost ten years downtown, Carol returned to South Campus to serve as Chair, Student Support Services and later as Director, Student and Academic Services. During this time she initiated two projects which gave her both great satisfaction and the opportunity to use her skills. The innovative Tragic Events Response Training was new to both the College and the community and, in light of concerns today regarding terrorism, very advanced thinking. She also initiated a Student Success and Retention Project, the forerunner of today's Key Performance Indicators or "KPI's", used to evaluate College programs and services across the province.

Carol has been retired for some time now, but stays active in a number of ways. She provides care and support for Bill, who has developed Parkinson's disease, probably as a result of radiation following major facial surgery to remove a cancerous tumor. Irene, her delightful 94 year old Mother, makes extended visits to Windsor. Carol takes enormous pleasure in her two grandchildren and great pride in the achievements of her daughter, Theresa, who teaches at Wilfrid Laurier University. Carol continues to audit courses, is taking watercolor painting with Donna Moro and Gwyneth Watts and, of course, she belongs to a Book Club! She enjoys the company of retired friends and colleagues from the college. She is particularly proud to be one of the Friends of Women's Studies volunteers who organize the Distinguished Visitor in Women's Studies week at the University. Carol sits on the board of the Art Gallery of Windsor

Carol's energy, enthusiasm, talent and creativity and her ability to empower those who worked with her are surely missed by the College community, but are most certainly valued and respected by those who had the opportunity to work with such a dynamic personality.

MALE versus FEMALES

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, jackasses and pigs, the wife asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the husband replied, "Inlaws." The fight is now officially on again!!

OXYGEN SCARCITY BIG RISK TO FLYERS

Headaches, Angina Among Side Effects of Falling O₂ Levels

by Nic Fleming - Star News Services

More than half of all air travellers suffer so much oxygen deprivation that they are at risk of deep vein thrombosis, according to a study.

The proportion of oxygen in the air breathed in onboard the aircraft in flight falls from 21% to as little as 15%.

Researchers in Belfast found that in 54 % of those they examined during flight, many hospital doctors would have prescribed extra oxygen because their blood was unable to carry oxygen to the body's organs easily.

As well as contributing to a dangerous thickening of the blood that can cause DVT, a drop in blood oxygen can impair mental performances, give passengers headaches and make them tired.

People with heart disease are more likely to suffer angina and those with unhealthy lungs have a greater risk of becoming ill.

Dr. Susan Humphreys, an anesthetic specialist at Belfast City Hospital and one of those involved in the research, to be published in *Anaesthesia* magazine said, "We believe that these falling oxygen levels, together with factors such as dehydration, immobility and low humidity, could contribute to illnesses during and after flights.

"This has become a greater problem in recent years as modern airplanes are able to cruise at much higher altitudes."

Oxygen saturation is the proportion of hemoglobin in the blood able to bond with oxygen and carry it to the body's

organs and tissues.

This was measured by Humphreys and colleagues to 84 passengers. The passengers were aged from one year to 78, both at ground level and during flight. At ground level saturation was 97% while at cruising altitude it was 93%.

In 54% of passengers at cruising altitude it was 94% or less - the proportion below which many respiratory specialists said they would prescribe extra oxygen. In one passenger, oxygen saturation dropped to 85% during flight. The results were similar for short and long haul flights.

Previous fears over the risks of DVT associated with air travel have focused on immobility and dehydration. Those behind the new research believe reduction of oxygen saturation could also be a significant factor.

Dr. Rachel Devermond, consultant anesthetist at Ulster Hospital in Belfast, said, "It has been shown that in low oxygen saturations at altitude, the risk of blood clotting is greater." "The blood becomes thicker due to ankle swelling and people are often dehydrated because they don't drink enough and because of the dry air. "The degree to which oxygen levels in the blood drop in the ground population during flying has never been measured before."

"We should be giving people with ill health more advice about things they can do, such as drink more water when they fly, to avoid problems."

Article submitted by Dan Robson

ST. CLAIR SAINTS VS UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR LANCERS

The St. Clair Saints basketball team is playing the University of Windsor Lancers at the College gymnasium on Friday December 2/2005 at 8:00PM.

The Retirees' Association is promoting this event to all College retirees. We would like to have a great turnout to support the College and its men's basketball team.

Although this year's College team is strong, the University is sporting one of its best teams in

recent memory evidenced by its recent trouncing of the Western Mustangs.

The College will need all of our support for this exciting intracity rivalry.

"Toques" with the College/Retiree logo will be handed out to all retirees along with VIP passes which allow for FREE admission to all College athletic events.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

*Dr. Strasser has extended an invitation
to all retirees*

To attend the Annual Christmas Brunch

on

Thursday, December 22nd

11:00 am

In the Hanger.

This event has been well attended by Retirees in the past years!

We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

Merry Christmas

St. Clair College Retirees'

Christmas Party

DATE: Wednesday, December 7th

TIME: 11:30 am - Meet
12:30 pm - Eat

PLACE: Other Place Catering & Reception
Centre - 1395 Walker Road

COST: \$20 per person includes tax & tip

Tickets to be purchased from John Charlesworth
at 966-3168 or email daturrah@hotmail.com

Menu

Soup de jour
Turkey with stuffing and gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Potatoes
Sweet Potato Tart

Rolls and Butter

Pumpkin Tart Dessert

Coffee or Tea



Cash Bar Available

Liquor - \$4.00
Beer - \$4.00
Wine - \$5.00
Pop - \$1.00



Note: Tickets must be ordered through John Charlesworth.

Door Prizes and Fun Galore!

Thames Campus Christmas Party



Place: Countryview Golf Club

Date: Wednesday, December 14th 2005

Time: 6:00 pm - Cocktails
6:30 pm - Dinner

“Excellent Buffet”

Cost: \$16.00 (taxes & gratuity included)

Gift Exchange - \$10 value

Contact: Eunice Robinson (519) 351-3670
robsan@mnsi.net

COMING EVENTS

- 1) **St. Clair Saints Basketball VS University of Windsor Lancers - (At College Gymn)**
DATE - Friday, December 2, 2005
TIME - 8:00 pm
COST - **Free** - see article on page 18
- 2) **Christmas Party - Windsor - The Other Place Catering Centre - 1395 Walker Rd**

DATE - Wednesday, December 7, 2005
TIME - 11:30 am- Meet – 12:30 pm Eat
COST - \$20
Cash Bar - - Door Prizes
Tickets Only - - Purchase from John Charlesworth 966-3168 or daturrah@hotmail.com
- 3) **Christmas Party - Thames - Countryview Golf and Country Club**

DATE - Wednesday, December 14, 2005
TIME - 6 pm - Cocktails -- 6:30 pm Dinner
COST - \$16
Contact Eunice Robinson for details 351-3670 or at robsan@mnsi.net
- 4) **St. Clair Christmas Brunch - Hanger**

DATE - Thursday, December 22, 2005
TIME - 11 am
- 5) **International Trip to Varadero Beach Cuba**

DATE - January 20, 2006
- 6) **Reminder musical play at Stratford will be Oliver, starring Colm Fiore**
- 7) **“Taking the Mystery Out of the Internet” with Joe Korchnak and Rick Erwin**

DATE - April 19, 2006
- 8) **Early May (TBD) “Birding Trip” to Point Pelee**

TIME - 8:30 am
Lunch at 12 noon with Dick Grolman
- 9) **On Going Activities - Wood Carving**

DATE Starting October 7 at 9:30 am and thereafter every other Friday in Rm 45J - South Campus
If interested give Jim Chambers a call at 966-6864