

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing summer in spite of the dry, hot, humid weather we experienced. In just a few short weeks, St. Clair College students will be returning to the classroom and the fall season will be here.

I am pleased to welcome Lyn Medler as the Retiree Executive Secretary. We look forward to “working” with Lyn in the role as a retiree. On behalf of the Retiree Executive, I wish to thank the following College staff who have been supportive of the Association for the past year; President Patti France, John Fairley, Joe D'Angelo, Kim Bode, Dolph Barsanti, Shelley Armstrong, Nadine Burke, Gayle Chaput, Dan Chauvin, Rebecca Demchuk, Gloria Dryda, Rick Duguay, Kevin Ethier, Susan Favaro, Don France, Christina Frye, Christie Gatto, Karen Gill-Gore, Shelley Girard, Kelly Gosselin, Ann Hetherington, Barry June, Katherine Kaszas, Mike Kubjda, Joanne Lehoux, John Lein, Veronica Mancini, Laiman Ng, Beth Pirouet, Melissa Moore, Bill Regier, Mary Beth Rush, Ron Sequin, Sherry Sharon, Scott Shoji, Amar Singh, Mike Sorrell, Doris Summerfield, Jay Terryberry, Dusan Vacak, Printshop and Mailroom personnel, SAA, SRC, TSI, and many other staff who help the Retiree Association with our activities. The Retirees appreciate being invited to events hosted by St. Clair College. This information is sent to you via email.

During the President's Staff Appreciation Brunch, the Retiree Association presented President France with our first contribution to the College's Foundation of Life initiative.

Summer started with the St. Clair College Fireworks on June 27. As always it was a wonderful evening beginning with dinner at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts followed by a superb firework display. Birds and

Breakfast was very informative and enjoyed by those who attended. Jim Chambers organized retiree golf weekly at Woodland Hills Golf Club. Reports of these and other events are found in this Newsletter.

Mark your calendar for September 22 and plan to attend the Retiree Fall Social. Many activities are planned for the fall such as a Wine Tour, the Bridge Club, Thames Golf Tourney, and an Alzheimer session is scheduled for November. Look for more information about these, other events, and information regarding parking changes for January 2017 in this Newsletter. Remember, The Chrysler Theatre has many shows so take a look at the schedule online under Chrysler Theatre and make plans to attend.

Construction has been underway at both campuses. At the Windsor Campus, stop by the Courtyard to see the changes and at Thames Campus visit the Thames Campus Student Centre expansion. Both projects are to be completed sometime this fall.

Count down the 50th Anniversary celebration is just around the corner. Planning is well underway with celebrations beginning January 2017! Volunteers are needed for numerous roles to make this celebration run smoothly and showcase St. Clair College Windsor, Thames, and the surrounding communities. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering your time for one or several events.

As of the writing of this Newsletter, there are 335 paid members. Congratulations to all new retirees! If you have not already joined the College's Retiree Association, we invite you to contact Marilyn Portt; see her information on page 12.

Join us, other retirees, and get reacquainted with previous colleagues by attending the Retiree events. Some upcoming activities are included in this newsletter; others will be sent out by email. Contact any member of the Executive with ideas you may have for your Retiree Association.

Cynthia Bissonnette
President

MEET YOUR NEW SECRETARY

submitted by Pat Hallahan



The Retirees' Association is very happy to welcome Lyn Medler to the Association Executive. Lyn has volunteered to work as its Secretary.

Lyn is a born and bred Windsorite. She attended Kennedy and Lowe Secondary Schools and, as an adult, while working at the College, enrolled at the University of Windsor as a part-time student, obtaining a degree in Liberal Arts and Sociology.

Lyn joined the College in 1988 as a receptionist at the Youth Employment Counselling on Janette. This work was followed by various jobs in the Placement Office, Registrar's Office, Apprenticeship Office and finally, in Continuing Education.

She also works as a part time, online instructor teaching a Sociology course.

Lyn has been married to fellow retiree Dennis Phillips since 1993. Interestingly, they re-connected at a school reunion. Many years before, Dennis had been her grade 8 teacher!

Lyn retired from the College in 2015. She now has much more time to enjoy her hobbies which include bicycling, swimming and home renovations. She is also an avid user of the College's Sportsplex.

The Retirees' Association is very happy to welcome Lyn to the Association Executive.

Join us for our Annual Fall Social & BBQ

September 22nd
SportsPlex - Multi Purpose Room, 2nd Floor

Please contact Margaret Goodman if you are interested in volunteering your time for one or several events.

REMINDER - RETIREE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

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RETIREE PARKING TAGS

Important Information in Regards to Current Parking Tags Holders – Changes for 2017

One of the benefits that we receive upon retirement is the complimentary parking tag which allows us to use the T-lot at South campus and the staff area at Thames Campus. The only prerequisite to obtain a tag is to be a member in good standing (paid up for the current year) of the Retirees' Association.

As the number of retirees using this privilege grows, it has become necessary for the Parking Enforcement folks to develop a data base of retirees who acquire a parking tag. To this end, new parking tags will be issued. To acquire a new tag a short application form will be required, providing the necessary information for the Retiree Parking Data Base. Otherwise, nothing has changed. Simply show evidence of your paid-up Retirees' Association membership (membership card or receipt of membership fee payment for new retirees) and submit the completed retiree parking application form and you will receive your new tag. This may be accomplished any time up to January 31, 2017, after which current tags will not be honoured.

We are very fortunate to receive this benefit and this process will assist the parking folks to do their job.

WINE TOUR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The executive has planned a wine tour of four local wineries in the Harrow area. They are all within close proximity to one another. It is a U-Drive. Retirees and friends are welcome to attend. The tour starts at 1pm.

1. **CREW** - 108 County Road East, Harrow.
Wine Tasting Seated, Served with cheese. \$5.
Phone: 519-738-9800 TIME: 1pm
2. **VIEWPOINTE** - 151 County Road 50 East, Harrow.
Wine Tasting. \$3.
Phone: 519-866-372-VIEW TIME: 2pm
3. **OXLEY** - 533 County Road East, Harrow.
Wine Tasting, \$4.
Phone: 519-738-3266 TIME: 3pm
4. **PAGLIONE** - 724 County Road 50, Harrow.
Wine Tasting, 8 slice pizza (your choice), and Salad. \$15.
Phone: 519-738-0597. TIME: 4pm

If you are interested in participating in these wine tours or have any questions please call:

Margaret at 519-739-0887 or
e-mail at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca by no later than
Saturday, September 3 to reserve a spot.

Thanks
Margaret

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Retirees' Association has been contacted by Margaret Moore, District Volunteer Recruitment Co-ordinator for the Erie St. Clair VON.

She is interested in identifying and educating potential volunteers.

If this is something you think you might want to get involved with, call:

519-352-4462 x 5530 Chatham

519-254- 4866 x 6297 Windsor

ROSS LANGILL HONORED BY OPSEU



At the 2015 OPSEU Convention retiree Ross Langill was presented with an OPSEU Honourary Life Membership Award. This is the highest honour OPSEU gives to a member who has retired. Shown in the picture with Ross (centre) are Smokey Thomas (OPSEU President) and Eddy Almeida (OPSEU 1st VP/ Treasurer).

The award recognizes Ross' "...outstanding contribution advancing the interest of social unionism through active membership in OPSEU."

"I would like to thank the college Support Staff, Faculty, Administration and Retirees for the respect and support they offered me in my union duties."

Thank you,
Ross Langill

BIRDS AND BREAKFAST

submitted by Bill Totten

It had been a while since our last Birds and Breakfast excursion, and it was a pleasure to receive Dan Loncke's invitation to attend a trip to Kopegaron Woods Conservation Area near Wheatley.

It was a wonderful spring day for walk in the woods, and Dan and Mary Loncke are so knowledgeable and so willing to share with others. While birds were scarce – some Black-capped Chickadees, Red-bellied Woodpeckers and others, there was a wonderful showing of spring wildflowers such as Trout Lilies, Red and White Trilliums, Wild Geraniums and Spring Beauties.

This outing was held on Thursday, May 5th (timed to see the trilliums). We started at 9:30 am, and following a very pleasant walk in the woods we gathered for breakfast/brunch at the Car Barn restaurant in Wheatley shortly after 11:00. While at the brunch, we were treated to a very interesting and informative presentation by

Dan, featuring his birding trip to Northern British Columbia and the Yukon in 2015, with local Naturalist Paul Pratt.

Many thanks to Dan and Mary for a very pleasant day.



ST. CLAIR RELINQUISHES MANAGEMENT OF THE CAPITAL THEATRE IN CHATHAM

submitted by Bill Totten

After St. Clair College announced it was stepping away from the facility last fall, the municipality of Chatham has now officially taken over management of the Capitol Theatre.

In a media release issued Thursday, June 30, 2016, it was announced the switch-over took place that day. The college had decided to focus on its core functions, mostly due to funding cuts, instead of running the 1,210-seat theatre.

“The college has been an excellent partner and we expect a seamless transition as the municipality assumes the operations of the Capitol Theatre,” said Evelyn Bish, the municipality’s director of community services, in the release. “We thank St. Clair College for its investment in, and contributions to, the theatre over these past years.”

The Capitol Theatre had been operated by the college since 2012.

(Chatham Daily News)

VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE

submitted by Bill Totten



On May 19, 2016, 25 St. Clair retirees and friends travelled (by car pool) once again to Petrolia’s Victoria Playhouse to enjoy one of their excellent theatrical productions. This year we were treated to a production of “Scotland Sings”, an afternoon of Scottish music presented by a cast of seven multi-talented musicians, both vocally and instrumentally.

Following the matinee show, most of the group joined for a nice dinner at Crabby Joes’ before returning home. This is always a very enjoyable afternoon and our thanks to Marilyn Portt for making all of the arrangements.



FUNDRAISING

Submitted by Jay Ertel

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

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

OUR PARTICIPATION TO STUDENT SUCCESS - \$2,000

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

**My goal is
to create a life
I don't need
a vacation from**

HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$37,229 to date, 124% of our \$30,000 goal.

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

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

We are now in year 8 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Patti France that the SCCRA will continue to support and contribute to the College fundraising initiatives.

Thank you to the retirees who have already made their contribution to the HealthPlex Campaign. The retiree pledges made during the Brick Campaign ranged from \$100 to \$10,000. The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with an earlier Newsletter and they are available on request. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. Please consider supporting the Fundraising Brick Campaign.

DID YOU KNOW ?? EATERY 101

That individuals who do not have a St. Clair College parking permit can have the price of parking taken off their bill. Just tell the wait staff and they will cover the cost of parking.

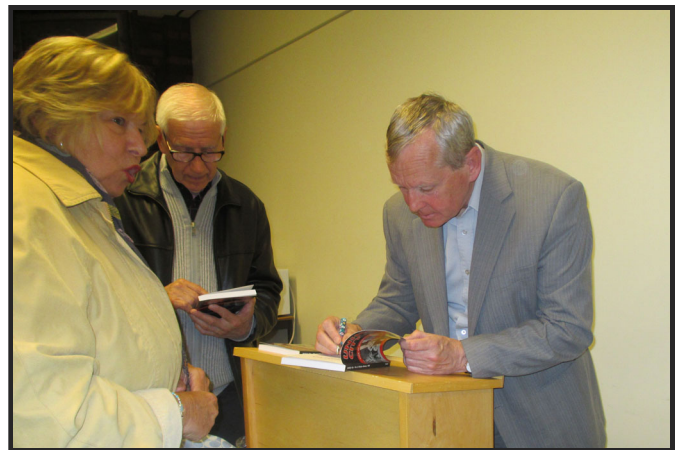
**Check out the College Website
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/eatery101/>
or call 519-972-2726 for up-to-date information on Eatery 101**

THE UNHOLY CITY

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



Over 30 retirees and friends enjoyed the lecture by prolific, local author Pat Brode entitled "The Unholy City."



Pat Brode signing books.

Join us for the next lecture on November 9th

***Heads Up for a Healthier Brain:
Reducing Your Risk for Dementia***

see: Save the Date on the back page for details.

Golf at Woodland Hills

If you ever wanted to try Golfing join us at Woodland Hills

In response to your inquiries - the fee structure for 9 Holes that has been approved by St. Clair V.P. Ron Seguin and MacKenzie Ouellette, Director, Woodland Hills

- \$9 (incl. HST) for SCCRA Members [ie. \$8 + 13% HST]
- \$11 (incl. HST) for non members/spouses
- \$20 (incl. HST) per couple (ie. a member and non member)

For more information contact Jim Chambers at jcipperwash@msn.com

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

You are Invited to the Annual Thames Campus Retirees' Christmas Party

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2016

LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
HWY. 40 NORTH

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

COST: \$18.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)
Alcoholic refreshments are extra

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

Please bring a non-perishable item to give to the
Food Bank.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, CONTACT:

Elvy Deline - 519-354-4913
elvyandroy@sympatico.ca

OR

Helen Hanak - 519-676-6701
helenhanak@gmail.com

Watch your email in November for a reminder!

Windsor Christmas Luncheon And Show

DATE: Saturday, December 17, 2016

TIME: 12:30 PM - Meet
- Pick-up Show tickets in
Dieppe Rooms
1:00 PM - Lunch
3:00 PM - Student Christmas Show

PLACE: ST. CLAIR CENTRE FOR THE
ARTS

BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON MENU
(Catered by St. Clair Centre for the Arts)

*Hold the date.
Details to follow in the
November Newsletter.
(This luncheon is for
retirees only with one guest.)*



CHECK OUT THE RETIREE WEBSITE

If you missed a newsletter you can read it here. Or take a look at the pictures of our various events, including the revealing pictures from the Mexico trip.

SEE IT ALL AT:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/>

HEALTH BENEFITS

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

For many years now, the Retirees' Association has informed its members who have maintained their College health plan through Sun Life, that they are eligible for other health plans, most notably the Retired Teachers of Ontario Plan (RTO).

This Plan is especially attractive to those who travel extensively because it includes an out of country travel insurance plan and, in some instances, is less expensive.

It has been noted however, that it has a cap on prescription drug coverage of \$3200. For those who value peace of mind, the unlimited coverage offered by Sun Life may be preferable.

In the spring edition of RTO's very professional magazine Renaissance, some other differences were, indirectly, pointed out. Although both Plans, for those eligible for the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan (ODB), have a \$100 deductible, this Provincial deductible may not be claimed against the RTO Plan. \$85 of it is deductible for those with Sun Life.

Similarly, RTO members, unlike those with Sun Life, may not claim the dispensing fees.

And for those who are considering dropping their prescription drug coverage because of its cost, the magazine reminds us that more than half of the drugs available on the Canadian market are not covered by the ODB. Additionally, some of the drugs are designated as "limited use." This means that additional criteria must be met in order to qualify for ODB coverage for that particular drug.

This information is FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY and is not necessarily endorsed by the St. Clair College Retirees' Association.

*wrinkles mean
you laughed,
grey hair means
you cared
and
scars mean
you lived!!*

CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

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

The CAAT Pension can be reached at 1-866-350-3228 or 416-673-9000 or Fax: 416-673-9028.

For general inquiries: contact@caatpension.on.ca

THAMES/WINDSOR JOINT LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Please join us at the **Willow Ridge Golf Course**,
439 Chatham Street South, Blenheim, ON

At 11:30 am for lunch
In the Main Diningroom

Lunch at own expense

Note: This is the former Blenheim Golf Course on
highway 3 east of Blenheim

Please confirm by September 23, 2016 to

Elvy Deline - 519-354-4913
elvyandroy@sympatico.ca

OR

Helen Hanak 519-676-6701
helenhanak@gmail.com

Watch your email in September for a reminder
of the luncheon!

THAMES RETIREES' LUNCHEON & TOUR

October 26, 2016

Chilled Cork
Corner of William Street and King Street

At 11:30 am for lunch

Lunch at own expense

A tour of the refurbished Retro Suites Hotel will fol-
low at 1:15 pm.

Please confirm by October 21, 2016 to

Elvy Deline - 519-354-4913
elvyandroy@sympatico.ca

OR

Helen Hanak - 519-676-6701
helenhanak@gmail.com

Watch your email in October for a reminder

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS??

Continue to receive the Retirees' Association information by updating your address.
We do not share your contact information with anyone.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street/Apt City Postal Code

EMAIL: _____

Mail to : St. Clair College, Retirees' Association, Box 41, 2000 Talbot Rd., Windsor, ON N9A 6S4
or email to: retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca

IN MEMORIUM

RETIREE & STAFF MEMORIALS



Gwyneth Jean Watts passed away on February 21, 2016. Dear mother of Lynne (late Dennis), Peter, Susan, Claire and David. Gwyneth worked as a nurse at Met Hospital and later returned to university where she studied French and Education and worked as a professor at St. Clair College.



Robert "Bob" Paige Passed away on July 03, 2016 at 91 years of age. Loving husband of the late Gloria (1975) and the late Margaret (2012). Father of Colin and wife Kellyanne. Bob was a pioneer member of the electronic technology department at St. Clair College.

Eiko Lee passed away on July 30, 2016. Eiko was the wife of 60 years of Willie and the mother of Daryl and Brian (Susan). Eiko was a long time employee in the IT Department and retired in 1995.

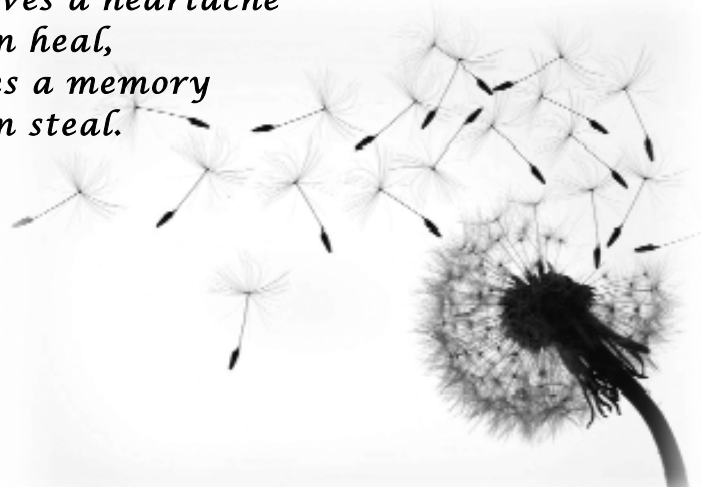
FAMILY OF RETIREES & STAFF

Muriel Florence Studman wife of deceased retiree Keith Studman (2008), passed away in Windsor on May 7, 2016 at 89 years of age.

Donald Robert Wieland, former husband of retiree Sandra, brother of Susan and part time Graphic Design teacher at St. Clair College, passed away in Michigan on April 30, 2016 at the age of 74.

Dan Krakana, brother to retiree Mike Krakana and pre deceased by sister (retiree) Vicky Lessard, on June 15, 2016

*Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal,
love leaves a memory
no one can steal.*



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SAVE THE DATE

On November 9/16, Rosemary Fiss, Manager of Support and Education Programs, with the Alzheimer Society Windsor and Essex County, will provide a lecture on the following topic:

Heads Up for a Healthier Brain: Reducing Your Risk for Dementia

This talk will be delivered at the South Campus, exact time and location TBA. It will most likely allow for an optional dinner at Eatery 101.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Retiree Golf - Every Thursday - page 7
Woodland Hills Golf Course - Essex County
2. Wine Tour - September 7 - page 3
Crew, Viewpoint, Oxley & Paglione Wineries
3. Annual Fall Social - BBQ - September 22 - page 2
SportsPlex - Multi Purpose Room, 2nd Floor
4. Thames/Windsor Annual Luncheon - September 27
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5. Bridge Club Dates;
September 6 & 20
October 4 & 18
November 1, 15, 29
December 6
6. Chatham Luncheon and Retro Suites Tour - October 26
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7. Thames Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 7
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