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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2006!



2005 proved to be a very busy and successful year for the retirees' association. It was the year that an alternative health benefits plan became available to retirees. This plan provides more affordable coverage while still allowing for more comprehensive coverage, if desired.

Last year also saw an increase in the number of educational opportunities as well as numerous additional social activities. We had seminars on travel insurance, benefits with Sun Life and the Retired Teachers of Ontario, luncheon speakers, a hobby show and the formation of a card club.

In addition to our

Stratford trip, we had a winery and brewery tour in Windsor and four tours in Chatham: Black History, RM Classic Car, Capitol Theatre and Walpole Island. This is all in addition to our fall BBQ, international trip, Christmas parties and annual general meeting.

2006 will be no less interesting. It has already seen a very well attended educational workshop on the use of the digital camera and 18 people visiting Cuba. A Greek Island/Tuscany trip is being promoted as is a tour of the Buxton National Historic Site. On February 15 there will be a seminar on "understanding your portfolio."

2006 was also the year the association had to revisit collecting dues from its members. After two years of subsidizing our association's activities, Dr. Strasser agreed to match our contributions. Although we only began to promote dues collection in November, we have already collected from over 180 members. This is a very strong and generous response. On behalf of the executive, I would like to thank all of you for your support of our activities. It is very gratifying. If the payment of your dues had slipped your mind, it is still not too late.

Two new activities are in development for 2006: a retiree tutoring service for college students and a pre-retirement planning service for staff. The former is still in the very early stages of development. It was requested by Dr. Strasser and we will keep you informed of its progress, the latter is also in the embryonic stage but was requested by human resources and should be very helpful to staff contemplating retirement.

Have a wonderful year!

Pat Hallahan, President

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 29, 2005

Jim Chambers Observer to the Board

Retiree Information Provided to Board of Governors

- 1) Pat Hallahan and Bill Totten have had discussions with Virginia Macchiavello (Dir. Student Services) concerning a Tutorial Service to be offered by Retirees.
- 2) A number of dedicated Retirees continue to gather and catalogue college owned art work and miscellaneous memorabilia.
- 3) Pat Hallahan and Jay Ertel are working with the HR Department to create "Pre-retirement" Workshops to be offered by the Retirees Association.

Information From Board of Governors Meeting

- 1) New programs approved - A) Autism & Behavioural Science Certificate
- B) Retail Florist Certificate (Levels 1 & 2)
 - 2) Mid year Financial status report (total budget of \$81,312,000)
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DIGITAL CAMERA WORKSHOP

One of the most successful workshops which we have ever held occurred on January 18, 2005. Jim Chambers, who organizes our workshop events, felt that there might be folks who received new digital cameras at Christmas and who might like to have some help with their operation. Having our own expert in the person of Art Rae made this a natural workshop for mid-January. The workshop was held in the Retirees' Room – 45J – which proved to be adequate, if not somewhat crowded.

There were twenty-three folks in attendance, and Art did a nice job of acquainting us with the intricacies of the digital camera and the manipulation of photos produced by these marvellous devices.

The success of this workshop will definitely result in an examination of additional possibilities, so if you have an idea, leave a message at 972-2727 ext 4439, or send an email to any member of the Executive.

Thanks to Jim Chambers and also to Art Rae.

Submitted by Bill Totten



W.O.I.T. REUNION

As part of the presentations at the W.O.I.T. reunion Charlie Jackson was invited on stage to address the audience and participate in the official unveiling of the Douglas McRae portrait that had been sitting in the basement at St. Clair College since the 1960's. What Charlie did not know is that a similar picture had been created for him. Once President Strasser unveiled Mr. McRae's portrait, a second covered frame was

brought on stage. Once uncovered, Charlie Jackson looked speechless. Perhaps because it was not part of the official program or he knew his wife had colluded with the Foundation and Alumni office to make it happen! Either way it was a fitting honour for a man who pushed the role of "Principal" to mean mentor and friend.

RETIREEE SPOTLIGHT - CHARLIE JACKSON

By looking at him you would not think that Charlie Jackson is a man who just celebrated his 85th birthday. It is not until you start talking to the former Principal of the Western Ontario Institute of Technology that you realize his stories and history can only add up to someone with 8 decades under his belt. An avid bridge player and golfer, Charlie still finds time to volunteer with the local Kiwanis Club in London. He and his wife of 56 years, Jean, have 4 children and 10 grandchildren that they love to spoil. Mr. Jackson held

the reins at W.O.I.T. (St. Clair College's predecessor) from 1960 - 1966. During that time, enrolment tripled, the school added a business program at an off-site location and the provincial government of the day developed a strategy for a new college system in Ontario. By 1967, St. Clair College was officially opened and Charlie Jackson became the first Vice-President academic at St. Clair College - a position he held until his retirement in 1978.



Brian (son), Jean and Charlie



Charlie Jackson & Dr. Strasser

ST. CLAIR WINS SILVER

ST. CLAIR BRINGS HOME SILVER AGAINST TOP UNIVERSITIES

The St. Clair Saints Men's hockey team took part in the Annual Western Mustang Holiday Classic Tournament over the Christmas Break and came home with the Silver medal. On Thursday, December 29th the Saints took on the York University Lions at Thompson Arena in London. The Saints upset the Lions by a score of 6-5 in an exciting end to end game. Ryan Pawlowski led the way for St. Clair with 2 goals and an assist while Jesse Ouimet had a goal and 2 helpers. Other goal scorers for the Saints were Mark Epplett, Jamie Van Hoof, and Mark Loza. TJ Aceti got the win in goal. St. Clair outplayed the Lions for most of the game outshooting them 44 - 29.

St. Clair then had to take on the powerhouse Western Mustangs in the Championship game at 8 pm on Friday, December 30. Western defeated the University of Toronto Blues in the other semi final 5-4. Western is currently ranked 6th in the country in CIS

men's hockey and has a regular season OUA record of 10-1-1. The Western roster features over 19 players with Major Junior and pro experience. Unfortunately the Mustangs were too much for the Saints winning by a score of 5 - 0. The game was much closer than the score indicated but the Saints were unable to beat Western's. Scott Dickie on any of their many scoring chances. Western was up 1 0 after the first scoring on a powerplay with 11 seconds remaining. The Mustang's took control in the second period scoring three times to take a 4 - 0 lead into the final frame. Western outshot St. Clair 32 - 23 but the scoring chances were 15 - 10 for Western.

St. Clair's overall record on the year is now at 19 -6 - 1. The Saints are now off until Thursday, January 12 when they will host the University of Oakland Golden Grizzlies at South Windsor Arena at 8 pm. St. Clair defeated Oakland 5 - 4 in overtime earlier this season.

RETIREE'S NIGHT BASKETBALL GAME

St.Clair College Versus The University of Windsor



Ceremonial Tip Off Al Hoffman, Bob Weepers



Rear - Bob Weepers, Pat Hallahan, Al Hoffman,
Jim Chambers, Bill Totten
Front row - John Charlesworth, Don Hogan

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' 2005 CHRISTMAS PARTY at the " OTHER PLACE"



THAMES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Thames Christmas Party was held on Wednesday December 14, 2005 at the Countryview Gold Club in Chatham. Thirty people attended and enjoyed an excellent buffet dinner. Eunice Robinson and Elizabeth Barr arranged the gift exchange and door prizes. People enjoyed their social time especially with presentations being made by Santas' Eunice and Jim Robinson.

Bill Totten set up a display from the Archives Project on College facilities.

Trish McFarlane gave an update on the Campus

plans for programs and facilities and invited the retirees to join the staff for a Christmas pot-luck luncheon at the Campus on December 20th. Retirees are also invited to the President's Christmas brunch in Windsor on December 22nd.

Eunice Robinson and Elizabeth Barr were thanked for organizing another successful Christmas Party.

Additional pictures are posted on the College web site thanks to Brian Agar.

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees/gallery.htm>



ST. CLAIR RETIREE WRITES A BOOK

The Houses of Buxton (A Legacy of African Influences in Architecture) a new book written by Patricia Neely-McCurdy has recently been released. Pat founded the Interior Design Program at St. Clair College in 1970 in accordance with standards set by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER). The Program recently received accrediting from the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). After retiring in 1994 Patricia set up her own business doing the art work for home furnishing textiles to be applied by manufacturers. The House of Buxton is her first published book.

Find out how people of African heritage influenced house types all over the new world. Do you know what the Yoruba House type is in America? The book

preserves the accomplishments and continues in written form and pictures a branch of African-American cultural history which had not been explored. It is the out growth of the author's Masters Thesis, which identifies African-American characteristics in housing. It emphasizes that architecture is tangible evidence of peoples cultures, though brought as captured people and enslaved, through migrations the memory of how people build their houses is carried from one continent to another, to emerge in the African-Canadian Historical Site of Buxton Ontario Canada in the mid-nineteenth century. The Buxton house types provided the means to identify and recognize African influences in architecture as defined by the first settlement builders.

IN MEMORIAM

CECILE RINSHED

JAMES REID MacPHERSON

MARILYN ST.PIERRE'S MOTHER ELLENA BOLOHAN

CECILE RINSHED'S HUSBAND WILLIAM

ANN ANDERSON'S MOTHER HAZEL TAYLOR

MARY BARNOSCKY'S HUSBAND JOSEPH

BETTY ANN MICHAUD-MAILLOUX'S MOTHER ESTHER

DOROTHY COULTER'S HUSBAND JAMES

COLLEGE WINS SECOND YVES LANDRY AWARD

The College's Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing had received the prestigious Yves Landry Foundation Award of Excellence for Best Program, the highest honour given by the Foundation.

The award was presented mid October at the 6th Annual Stars Gala. St. Clair College shared the stage with Michael Solcz of the Valiant Group, who received the Company of the Year Award. This is truly an honour of the highest magnitude," says Dr. John Strasser, President of St. Clair College. "This award reinforces the Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing as a premier training facility for careers in the engineering and manufacturing technology

sector. It also recognizes that this type of quality training is in our country today.

St. Clair College last won an Yves Landry Foundation award in 2003 for the work done in building the James A. Burgess Skills Centre in Wallaceburg.

The Yves Landry Foundation Awards of Excellence are presented annually to educational institutions and companies in recognition of their work to address the skills shortage in Canada while striving to advance technological education and skills training as a viable choice for Canadian youth . *(Reprinted from The Saint)*

DAIMLER CHRYSLER DONATES A CHRYSLER 300

A very generous DaimlerChrysler recently donated fully loaded Chrysler 300 to the Automotive Centre. The vehicle, delivered by St. Clair College alumni Mark Berthiaume and Dan O'Connor, rolled into the

Automotive Centre and will be used by students in their studies of diagnostics, maintenance and repair, all will allow hands-on learning of a new "Active steering system" technology. *(Reprinted from The Saint)*

ST. CLAIR'S OWN CARTUNE



It's amazing what can be accomplished when in two short weeks when you put together a team of creative, savvy mechanical and electronics specialists who are

driven to bringing their vision to life - it's magic. That magic was unveiled on October 27th as St. Clair's own CarTune on Parade. Donated by Ed Bernard, President. Bernard Mould (and the Ford Centre's Executive in Residence), the blank canvas of car gave a team of 15 staff and students the opportunity to show off their stuff.

The vehicle is a perfect reflection of the essence of St. Clair College. Students in the driver's seat, a firepipe aptly wrapped around the nose and sides with its flare accenting the driver's side rear quarter panel. Thanks to the expertise of the Electronics and Mechanical Team, the vehicle comes complete with its own sound track of songs and hub caps that spin. It will adorn our front lobby for many years to come.

(Reprinted from The Saint)

CHATHAM-KENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FORMED

In June 2005 key representatives from education, training, government and employment support agencies met at St. Clair College in Chatham to examine issues surrounding the workforce development needs of Chatham-Kent. As a result of that meeting the Chatham-Kent Workforce Development Committee (CKWDC).was established.

The committee consists of community-based, non-profit organizations united in their vision of training and workforce development in the Chatham-Kent

community. Mark Benoit, Chair, School of Business and Technology is the Chair of the Chatham-Kent Workforce Development Committee. Benoit stated "The Chatham-Kent. Workforce Development Committee is here to support our local businesses and is looking for ways to bring stakeholders and partners together to capitalize on the economic development of our community."

(Reprinted from the Saint)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Once again this year Dr. Strasser invited Retirees to participate in his Annual Christmas Brunch which was held on December 22. And, once again the food was superb. Maybe that is why so many retirees attend. The response by retirees was outstanding. The President provided a recap of achievements between September and December. He noted specifically the Provincial Championship in women's fastball, a bronze medal in

men's cross country, and a national championship in women's golf.

The many retirees renewed old acquaintances with current employees as well as with fellow retirees. The Retirees' Association once again expresses our gratitude to Dr. Strasser for his generosity and his kind consideration in including retirees in this annual event.



**Congratulations Dr. & Mrs. Quittenton
in the celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary**

Male vs Female

Eating Out

*When the bill arrives, Mark, Chris, Eric and Tom will each throw a \$20 bill even though it's only for \$32.50.
None of them have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.*

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

MEET & LEARN WORKSHOPS

January 18/06

“How to Use that New Digital Camera” with Art Rae

Time - 12 noon (Lunch on your own at Griffs)

1 pm Workshop - Room 45J South Campus



February 15/06

“Your Financial Portfolio” with Cindi Duggal

Time - 12 noon (Lunch on your own at Griffs)

1 pm Workshop - Room 45J South Campus



April 19/06

“Taking the Mystery Out of the Internet” and “on Line Banking” with

Joe Korchnak and Rick Erwin

Time - 12 noon (Lunch on your own at Griffs)

1 pm Workshop - Room 45J South Campus



NOTE: If you are interested in the “Online Banking” presentation
Please contact your bank for a Password and other requirements

Early May

“Birding Trip to Point Pelee” with Dick Grolman

(Scheduled for approx. 8:30 am)

Time - Lunch at 12 noon



ONGOING ACTIVITY



Cards (Bridge, etc) - Convenor is Dan Loncke - 948-2906

Male vs Female

A lady inserted an add in the classifieds:

“Husband Wanted”

Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing:

“You can have mine.”

CUBA: SO CLOSE YET SO FAR

Cuba may be only 150 KM from the Florida Keys but politically, culturally and economically it is light years away from its chief political adversary.

Although just a narrow strip of land 1250 KM in length, it is home to 11 million Cubans who are mostly of Spanish and African descent or a blend of the two. The Island's first nations population, from various places in South America were completely wiped out after the Spanish conquered the Island.

Since the loss of support and subsequent collapse of the former Soviet Union, the Cuban economy has suffered severely. Lack of Soviet Aid and a US Trade Embargo which has lasted almost 50 years have proved to be incredibly challenging, especially to a state which does not reward entrepreneurialism.

Yet, Cuba somehow manages to provide free health care and education, including post secondary education to its citizens. According to a CIA Fact Sheet, the literacy rate in Cuba is very high and its HIV/AIDS rate less than 1%. Unemployment is quite low although many of the jobs are menial. To better deal with its economic situation, Cuba has turned to tourism, which is now its number one source of income. Interestingly, half of its tourists come from Canada.

Not unlike many places with a strong Spanish presence, the architecture in the City of Havana is strikingly beautiful although much of it is deteriorating. However, many of its buildings are now being restored, presumably to make it a more attractive tourist destination.

Freedom of religion now exists in this communist country, but, freedom of expression and international travel do not. When asked directly, a tour guide clearly communicated a reluctance to discuss politics publicly. International travel is restricted to those approved for business purposes. Conversely, outsiders are not allowed to purchase land or work on Cuba.

Trade with the United States would seem to be an obvious answer to Cuba's economic problems. However, resentment of that country is deeply felt. Since the late 50's when Cuban President Batista and some wealthy Americans and Cubans absconded with hundreds of millions of dollars leaving the Cuban treasury with only \$60 million. The Cubans felt justified in nationalizing US owned private property. The Bay of Pigs invasion and a very strong Anti-Castro Cuban tension prevailed.

Seeing all the restored cars of the '50's is quaint, but underscores the fact that there are very few new cars in Cuba. Havana is very quiet for a city of over 2 million people. One reason is that there is relatively little motorized transportation.

Cuba is close to North American geographically, but a stark contrast in so many other ways. Its citizens are cared for fundamentally, but they are mostly poor and do not possess freedoms we take for granted..

Travel is wonderful but its always great to be back home.

By Pat Hallahan

OLD HAVANA



CUBA TRIP



The numbers for the Annual Winter Trip continue to grow. This year 18 retirees, spouses and a few friends made the trip to Varadero, Cuba. from January 20 – 27. It was unanimous that the trip was again an overwhelming success. We were told that there had been a cold spell the week before we were there and a mild ‘cold front’ moved in the day before we left. While we were there the temps were consistently in the low 90’s.

Again it was an early start – at the Windsor Airport by 5:00 am and then wait around until 7:00 am for departure of the direct flight to Cuba. While we were waiting we learned that Nikki Forcellini and her cousin Rachel had passport problems and were prevented from leaving with the group. They spent Friday and early Saturday in Windsor getting passports renewed and alternate travel arrangements made, thanks to Kathleen Warren at Allison Travel. They flew to Toronto on Saturday, making connections with a Cubana Air flight which got them to our Riu Turquesa Resort at 2:00 am on Sunday morning. To top it off, Rachel’s luggage did not arrive in Cuba – never to be seen again. Nevertheless, ‘the girls’ shared the remaining time and enjoyed it as much as the rest of the group.

The group arrived in Cuba mid-afternoon on Friday and spent the rest of Friday and Saturday getting organized and soaking up the sun at the beautiful white sand beach. Sunday saw part of the group walking the three or four kilometres to a nearby Ecological Park where “Rene” led an informative jungle-walk through the park, where we saw many species of cactus; giant termite mounds and interesting limestone caves.

*Dan Loncke, **Cuban**, Bill Totten, Mansel Blair*



Monday was the highlight of the trip, with an excursion into Havana. One of the advantages of travelling with a group of eighteen was demonstrated by our master negotiator, Pat Hallahan, who arranged the tour, obtaining a bus and guide for the exclusive use of our group, at a rate which was less than the advertised cost of the trip to Havana. We were able to define our own tour which included the two hour bus ride to Havana, a walking tour of the city, and a bus tour to: a cigar distributor; shopping; a visit to the Tropicana Nightclub; lunch at the Florida Hotel; and a stop at Revolution Square. Havana was fascinating.

Monday also found the Canadians trying to get information on the Federal Election – with no Canadian news on the TV. Fortunately, Anita Blair received a text message from her daughter who passed on the results. Our group was the source of election information for the many Canadians at the resort.

The rest of the week was spent lounging on the beach, or around the pool. Several of the group took a bus into Varadero to shop at “the mall”. The promised pickup by the bus didn’t materialize and the group scrambled to get back – including a ride in a ‘coconut taxi’ – a two seat cab that looks like a coconut, driven by a person who wears a helmet and facemask. The remainder of the group walked to a local marina where “Dr. Dan The Birdman” Loncke was upset by the caging of a number of Canadian migratory birds. He was, however, able to add 20 – 30 new sightings to his lengthening bird watching list.

The entire group agreed that this was a very successful trip. Check out the photos on the Retiree web site at

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees/gallery.htm>

Submitted by Bill Totten

Bill Totten Distributes Pencils to School Children





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- **PAYMENT IS BY DEBIT CARD ONLY**



H. J. HEINZ COMPANY OF CANADA

To: All St. Clair College Employees / Retirees

The H.J. Heinz Company of Canada Ltd. is once again pleased to open their "Company Store" to your facility on the following days:

- * February 27, 28, March 1, 4
- * March 6, 7, 8, 11
- * March 13, 14, 15, 18
- * March 20, 21, 22, 25, 2006

- * September 25, 26, 27, 30
- * October 2, 3, 4 (Store closed Oct 7 - Holiday Weekend)
- * October 10, 11, 14 (Store closed Oct 9 - Thanksgiving)
- * October 16, 17, 18, 21, 2006

All St. Clair College Employees / Retirees will be entitled to purchase a variety of products at a discounted price. The "Company Store" is located at 85 Wilkinson Drive in Leamington (AMCO Storage Building).

Directions are attached to this notice for your convenience. Please note that the inventory levels at the Company Store fluctuate and some products may not be available during your scheduled shopping days.

The store hours are: 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. (Monday through Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. (Saturdays)

All shoppers are required to abide by the "Company Store" rules as stated below.

- * No smoking or drinking in the facility
- * No children under 12 years of age allowed in the facility
- * Only one case per variety per person per day
- * Products cannot be sold, they are for personal use only
- * Products cannot be used or sold in public establishments
- * Payment is by debit card only

Proof of employment must be provided in the form of an I.D. Card or pay slip from all current employees. For all retirees, a print out of this email must be presented in place of the proof of employment.

If you require any further information, please contact Kristen Loscher
at (519) 972-2727 Ext. 4687.

Fall Trip to Greek Islands and Tuscany

Sept. 24 - Oct. 09, 2006

A minimum number is not required for this trip to go!

For all bookings - Please contact Homer Dick Travel (519) 354-9800, (800) 204-1190

Greek Island Cruise (7 nights) - Sunquest: S.S. Costa Victoria

- Sunday, Sept. 24 - Skyservice non stop from Toronto to Venice
- Monday, Sept. 25 - Monday, Oct. 02 - For Cruise Itinerary (**See Web Site**)
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees> then click on: Fall Trip ...
- Monday, Oct. 02 - Venice departure

Cost:\$2,567 Cdn. ea. (incl. Taxes)

(\$250.00 deposit required by **Feb. 12/06** for prices indicated)
(pick up SUNQUEST good to go BROCHURE at a local travel agency)

Options:

1. Continue with group to Tuscany for 2nd week.
2. Continue on your own for 2nd week.
3. Monday, Oct. 02 - Skyservice return from Venice to Toronto.

Option 1: Tuscany Villa (5 nights), Venice (2 nights)

- Mon. Oct. 02 Train from Venice to Florence (2 1/2 h)
Florence to Poggibonsi to San Gimignano (approx. 1 h)

Ground transportation will be finalized and arranged when we know the group size. Efficient train, bus and taxi service is available from Florence to the San Gimignano properties which are within walking distance of San Gimignano. Cars are not required.

- Mon. Oct. 02 - Sat. Oct. 07 - Villa Properties (**See Above College Web Site**)
- Sat. Oct. 07 - return to Venice as above.
- Sat. Oct. 07 - Mon. Oct. 09 - Venice Hotel
- Mon. Oct. 09 - Skyservice return from Venice to Toronto

Cost: \$300.00 Cdn. ea. (est.)(based on 4 person villa, prices vary slightly by property)

(deposit of 25% required when booking, after full payment an additional deposit is required by the owner on arrival.
The non refundable portion is included in above cost.)

\$400.00 Cdn. ea. (est.) - Ground Transportation

\$300.00 Cdn. ea. (est.) - Venice Hotel (based on double occupancy)

Total Cost for Option 1: \$1,000.00 Cdn. ea. (est.)

Total Trip Cost: \$3,567 Cdn. ea. (est.) (plus out of pocket expenses - excursions, gratuities, meals when not on the cruise, alcoholic beverages, etc.)

Executive Contact Person: Jay Ertel jertel@netrover.com (519) 436-0589

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. BRIAN DESBIENS

Recognized With Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Brian Desbiens will receive the second annual Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to Ontario's college system, Training, Colleges and Universities, Minister Chris Bentley announced today.

Dr. Desbiens retired in 2004 after 16 years as President of Fleming College. He began his college career as a counselor at St Clair College. When he left St. Clair he was the Principal of Thames Campus. He served in Ontario colleges for more than 35 years, including time as President of the National College President's Network and chair of the Ontario Committee of Presidents. Desbiens was a member of

the Prime Minister's National Advisory Board on Science and Technology.

"With this Lifetime Achievement Award, we are recognizing Dr. Desbiens' exemplary leadership and celebrating his long-time contributions to our post secondary students and our system, said Bentley. I congratulate him on this honour, and thank him for promoting excellence within our college system."

The award will be presented on February 20th at the annual Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario Achievement Awards ceremony in Sudbury.

WHAT YOUR FAVOURITE JELLY BEAN SAYS ABOUT YOU!

Admit it: you pick through a bowl of jelly beans to find your favourite flavour. Everyone does, and according to smell and taste experts, it's because we're drawn to flavours, especially in combination with colour that reflects our strongest personality traits.

1. If you love **Lime**, you're whimsical and playful!

Marketing shows lime-green is the favourite of trendy, fun-loving types - the young and the young at heart.

2. If you love **Cherry**, you're a born romantic!

Surveys show cherry jelly bean lovers tend to be charming, romantic types who measure high in sensuality and femininity.

3. If you love **Grape**, you're a genius!

Taste experts say anything in the purple family - from grapes to plums - represents a complex, artistic

sensibility. You're faster on your feet and always ready with a witty remark or quick decision.

4. If you love **Licorice**, you're a maverick!

Those who go for the unique flavour of licorice tend to be forward-thinking individuals. They rate high on scales of self-confidence.

5. If you love **Strawberry**, you're fuelled by optimism!

People drawn to strawberry tend to be upbeat types.

Where do you fit?

Katherine Morrow, April 2004, Woman's World

Male vs Female

Arguments

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Buxton National Historic Site & Museum

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Join the St. Clair College Retirees as we tour the Buxton National Historic Site and Museum and learn firsthand how this settlement became a self-sufficient community for more than 2000 people in the mid-1800's. Founded by Rev. William King in 1849, the settlement is one of the few remaining African Canadian Settlements still in existence since the pre Civil War era.

The Buxton National Historic Site & Museum is

on the original site of the Elgin Settlement...one of the last stops on the Underground Railroad for many runaway slaves. In the mid-1800's, this settlement was a haven of freedom for fugitive slaves who risked everything to escape the brutality of slavery in the USA. The Museum's prime goal is to preserve artifacts of the settlement with special emphasis on the history and accomplishments of the original settlers and their descendants.

Itinerary

8:15 am – Car Pool – Lot T, St. Clair College

8:45 am – Departure for North Buxton

10:00 am – Arrive at the Buxton National Historic Site & Museum

for Information session and tour

web site: www.buxtonmuseum.com

11:45 am – Departure for Deer Run Golf Course for lunch at noon

1:30 pm – Return to Windsor

There is a charge of \$5.00 per person to tour the Historic Site & Museum. The Museum is wheelchair accessible. Lunch is on your own at Deer Run Golf Course. Lunches consist of sandwiches, burgers, soup and salads.

Please confirm with Elizabeth Barr at 519-354-3274 or ebarr000@sympatico.ca or John Charlesworth at 519-966-3168 or daturrah@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

STRATFORD TRIP

May 15, 2006

“South Pacific”

This year's trip to Stratford will take place on Monday, May 15th. The production is SOUTH PACIFIC starring Cynthia Dale.

The cost is \$113. which includes the cost of admission, the highway coach, dinner at Elmhurst Inn and the tip for the driver.

The first date to book reservations is Wednesday, February 22nd. Reservations will be accepted by both retirees and friends and relatives on this date. It should be noted that the retirees/spouses will be given first bookings and that the friends and relatives will then be selected on a first come basis beginning March 8th.

For bookings, contact Kathleen Warren at Allison Travel - 258-5404 or warrenkathleen@hotmail.com.