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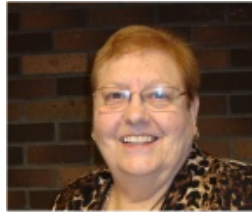
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I do this President's Report, I want to thank the Executive for the support over the last year. They are a great team and are always looking for ways to serve the membership by planning the many events for you to take part in. We are about to begin the 21st year since this organization was formed. We were pleased to honor the members of the first executive at our Christmas Luncheon and present them with Life Memberships to the Retirees' Association.

Their foresight provided the basis for the Association we have today. Thank you once again for this leadership.

This edition of the newsletter will be sent to all staff and will include the report of the Annual Meeting held in May. On behalf of the Executive, I want to thank the following staff members who have been supportive to the Association-Shelley Armstrong, Dolph Barsanti, Kim Bode, Terrence Burke, Vinoo Dayal, Susan Favaro, Patti France, John Fairley, Robert Chittim, Christina Frye, E.P. Chant, Paul Chortos, Don France, Lynn Fujimoto, Ken Garber, Linda Quick, Joan Pocock, Mary Beth Rush, Sherry Sharon, Mike Sorrell, Lynn McGeachy-Schultz, Amar Singh, Julie Stockwell, and of course, Dr. Strasser for his continued support. Retirees appreciate being invited to the Christmas Brunch, the Staff Appreciation Brunch, the special dinners held throughout the year and the St. Clair Student Productions. We enjoy our contacts with the administration, faculty and staff at these events. We especially appreciate the update we are given about the progress the College continues to make as it grows and meets the needs of the communities and extends throughout the province and country.

We are welcoming more than 25 people as the next group of retirees begin this new stage of their lives. We wish to invite these people to the Fall Social and Barbecue on August 28th in Chez Talbot to begin at 3pm. We hope this will be the first of many events you will attend. We hope you can attend and catch up with your friends at this event. You will have the opportunity to find out about our Fall Events.

New events planned for the fall include the introduction of Pepper as a new card game for our group as well as the continuation of the Bridge Club, the Euchre Party, a trip to Las Vegas in October, the Christmas Parties in Windsor and Chatham, the tour of RM Classic Car Tour on October 30, a joint meeting with the Windsor and Thames groups at the Bayside Brewery in Erieau for a tour and lunch on September 25. Some other events are still in the planning stages and will be sent to you when details are available.

Plans are finalized for our thirteenth winter trip. We are planning to go to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic and more details are included in this issue of the newsletter. We are always looking for new people to join the group for the trip in the later part of January.

I look forward to meeting you at one of the Fall Events. The Executive is eager to hear from you with any ideas that you have for our Group. Any suggestions you have will be considered. We are especially interested in hearing from those of you who are outside the Windsor/Essex and Chatham-Kent areas to give us ideas of how we can be of more support to you. Please remember to inform us if you have a new home address or email address and don't forget to check our web site at www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees to keep up to date with our activities.

Submitted by JoAn Dale, President

“ONE OF THE BEST SHOWS THAT WE HAVE SEEN”, “THE TIME WENT BY TOO FAST”, “SO ENJOYABLE!”

Some of the comment heard from those who attended the “Fiddler on the Loose” show at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia on Thursday, May 30, 2013. Led by a violinist/fiddler by the name of Jesse Grandmont, backed up by a trio of young ladies, the nine performers displayed talent and versatility. The voices of all nine were outstanding. They all played multiple instruments . For example, keyboard player was accomplished on the harmonica; the lead female vocalist played the violin; one guitarist played the banjo and the mandolin. In addition, all were talented

dancers and the show was designed and choreographed to move smoothly from song to song and to keep moving. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for the ≈20 who attended, especially Jean Trudell who won the show’s 50/50 draw.

We followed the show with a very nice dinner at Actor’s Casual Dining which is conveniently located across the parking lot from the theatre. To keep the cost within reasonable limits, we carpooled, and this went very well. Thank you to Marilyn Portt for her efforts in arranging for tickets and dinner reservations



John & Del Zangari, Odette Callegher, Jim & Eunice Robinson - Owen Klein, Tom McCarthy, Gaston Franklyn

CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

The **College contact** person for retirees seeking information on **pensions and benefits** is Kim Bode, Ext. 4687. To contact the **CAAT Pension Plan**, call **Member Services** at 416-673-9000, or Toll Free at 1-866-350-2228, and press 1 for Member Services. Or, email, member@caatpension.on.ca

NOTE: If you will require a receipt indicating premiums paid for income tax purposes, call Shelley Armstrong at 519 972-2727, ext 4286. If you had made a request in previous years, one will be sent to you automatically and you need not make a request this year.

St. Clair College Retirees' Association

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

May 1, 2013

PURPOSE

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- JoAn Dale, President

2012/2013 has been a busy and successful year for the St. Clair College Retirees' Association. I want to thank the members of the executive for their support over the past year. The Association is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals who strive to plan a variety of events for the retirees. In addition, the coordinators have been busy assisting to plan and carry out many activities. With everyone working together it makes the task easier and no one is burdened with a heavy load. Special thanks to Dan and Mary Lonke for organizing the Trivia Tuesdays, the Bridge afternoons and Birds and Breakfast events. In addition, Dan did a presentation depicting Character from the War of 1812. We appreciate the suggestions Gary McLeod has made for historical outings. I wish to thank Gayle Harrick for her work as Membership Coordinator. Gayle is resigning from this job but will help with special events. The Association is fortunate to have the continued support from Dr. Strasser, Patti France, John Fairley and many of the College Staff for our activities and use of college facilities. Dr. Strasser continues to match our membership fees each year. The Executive has a breakfast meeting twice a year with Dr. Strasser to be updated on the activities of the College and share the Association's Activities with him. The Association appreciates the invitations to the staff brunches, the theatre presentations of the students and the Alumnae of Distinction Awards. This year, the paid membership has increased and we are hoping this trend will continue. We welcomed over 20 new retirees and have been trying to find ways to get them involved. Two new events (Pickle Ball and Euchre) were introduced to augment the regular planned Windsor events of the Winter Trip, Theatre Trips, Bridge, Trivia Tuesdays and the Archives Project. The Thames Retirees meet for Lunch on the last Tuesday of each month. In January, 31 retirees and friends spent a week in Cuba for this year's winter trip enjoying the sun. In 2013, the Association celebrated its 20th Anniversary at our Christmas Dinner by honoring the members of the first executive. Life memberships were presented to the surviving members of the first executive. Two of the College's founding administrators, Dr. Richard Quittenton and Sidney Keen passed away this year after lengthy illnesses. Both of these men were instrumental in planting the seeds for the Windsor and Chatham campus sites and programming and watching the growth of these educational settings. The Association hopes that you will continue to support the activities planned for the next year and give us any suggestions you might have for events to continue to meet and become active participants.

Please encourage your fellow retirees to join with us and continue the traditions established over the past twenty years.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Sue Korchnak and Eunice Robinson have again served as a one-person telephone committees again this year. This communication with our membership is critical to the success of our activities. A huge "Thank You", again, to Susie and to Eunice for their pleasant and conscientious work on behalf of the SCCRA.

MEMORIALS

The Retirees Association continues to maintain the memorial plaques - one at South Campus and one at Thames Campus - remembering our deceased colleagues. Additional members are honoured each year at a brief dedication which takes place at the President's Annual Staff Appreciation Day in June. All retirees are invited to attend this event, with the date to be published in the Retiree newsletter.

GOODWILL COORDINATOR'S REPORT – Lori Caba, Goodwill Coordinator

As one of the mandates of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association the Goodwill Committee is responsible for

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sending out cards. Since our last AGM was held in May 2012, I have sent out 117 cards to our members, their families and St. Clair College staff. The following list shows the breakdown of cards sent: Congratulations—6; Get Well/Thinking of You—23; Retirement—25; Sympathy—43; Thank You—8; Easter—5; and Christmas—7. I would like to thank all who have helped the Executive acknowledge these retirees and staff members. If you know of someone who should receive a card please inform Lori Caba or any member of the Executive. The names, phone numbers and email addresses of the Executive are listed on the front page of the newsletter and on the Retirees' Association Website—www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT – Del & John Zangari, Newsletter Co-Editors

Another year has gone by where my husband John and I have produced another four newsletters for the St. Clair College Retirees. It is always exciting to produce this newsletter because of the enjoyment we receive by informing all the retirees of the many things which are taking place with the retirees' group.

We hope that you are satisfied with the information you are receiving in the newsletter. If for any reason you feel more can be done with the newsletter, please contact Del or John Zangari at zangari@wincom.net or 519-974-8932.

CHATHAM-KENT REPORT – Elizabeth Barr, Thames Representative

The Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon. The members also wish to thank Eunice Robinson, our Social Convener for taking care of all of the social arrangements and keeping the members informed throughout the year.

Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a luncheon meeting in September at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Lighthouse Cove.

The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 5, 2012 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. At the February luncheon, the Assistant Curator from the Buxton Museum and National Historical Site shared information about the settlement and surrounding area for Black History Month.

All of these events were very successful. Normally, approximately 25 retirees attend the luncheons. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2013/2014. We invite all retirees to join us at any of the luncheons for fellowship and friendship. The members continue to appreciate the warm, receptive environment that Dr. Strasser has created for retirees at the College and we wish to thank him for his support.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT– Gayle Harrick, Membership

To date, I am happy to report that we have received membership dues for 238 people.

This is up once again from last year. Thank you for your continued support.

For those that may need a reminder a "Second Notice" will be sent out with the April Newsletter. We are hopeful that these dues will be received over the next few months.

It is important to us that we receive these dues because once again, Dr. Strasser has been kind enough to agree to match our dues for 2013. We thank Dr. Strasser for his continued support.

Along with our membership dues, we also collect dues for the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA) the provincial organization. The money collected is sent on to the OCRA Membership Coordinator, Jennifer Moore. At this time, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure acting as your Membership Secretary for the past 4 years. However, I will be stepping down from this position in May.

Many thanks to the Executive for their kindness and support and for allowing me an opportunity to experience the internal workings of the Retirees' Association. You should be applauded for your hard work and dedication. I look forward to seeing all of you at the various social events throughout the year.

Once again, thank you all.

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SOCIAL CONVENER'S REPORT – Pat Hallahan for Margaret Goodman, Social Convenor

This has been yet another busy year for your Retirees' Association. In addition to many of our fixed activities (Fall Social, AGM, International Trip, Bridge Club, Staff Appreciation brunches, Christmas Parties, and monthly Thames luncheons, Victoria Theatre in Petrolia), the Association experimented with a number of new activities.

J. Ertel organized a very well received farm tour in Blenheim called Casa Latina, M. Goodman, our new social convenor, arranged for an introduction to pickleball and organized our first Euchre tournament. She also arranged for Dan Loncke, our resident War of 1812 expert, to lecture on this topic after dinner in Chez Talbot. Sue Bezaire implemented a very successful and informative 'Executorship/Wills Workshop'.

Many thanks to those who work all year round to provide social opportunities for our retirees.

NOMINATION REPORT FOR 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD

<u>Executive Positions</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
<u>Ex Officio Members</u>	
President Emeritus	Bill Totten
Past President	Anita Blair
<u>Officers To Be Elected</u>	
President	JoAn Dale
Vice-President	Cindy Bissonnette
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Portt
Treasurer	Sue Bezaire
Membership Coordinator	Anita Blair
<u>Appointed Positions</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
Archive Co-Coordinator	Lea Garber
Board Observer	Owen Klein
Communications Coordinator	Pat Hallahan
OCRA Observer	Jim Martin
Education Coordinator	- vacant
Fundraising Coordinator	Jay Ertel
Goodwill Coordinator	Lori Caba
Newsletter Editors	John and Del Zangari
Social Coordinator	Margaret Goodman
Thames Representative	Elizabeth Barr

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandments to 'Honour thy father and thy mother.' she asked,

'Is there a commandment that teaches how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not Kill.'

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PRESIDENT'S STAFF APPRECIATION BRUNCH – JUNE 17, 2013

Once again, Dr. Strasser hosted the annual Spring Staff Appreciation Brunch in the Hangar, with a wide assortment of breakfast/lunch goodies. And, as in the past, the retirees were well represented (why not, with all that free food). It is always a good time to get up-to-date with fellow retirees as well as with current staff with whom we worked in the past.

JoAn Dale, Retirees' Association President, offered the memorial to those retirees and full time staff who had passed away during the past year. A moment of silence was observed.

John Fairley, Vice President and MC of the event introduced the new staff members.

Dr. Strasser presented 25th anniversary pins to a number of staff, several of whom were recent

retirees.

Dr. Strasser presented a series of four songs which were hits 25 years ago, and noted that Jim Martin didn't recognize "...any of them..." He listed many of the accomplishments of the college in the 25 years that these staff members had seen during their St. Clair experience. Among these achievements: academic medals, national athletics championships and the new Woodland Hills Golf course. He especially noted the new roundabout that has just been constructed on the Windsor campus.

The program concluded with the recognition of 27 new retirees.

New Retirees July, 2012 to June 17, 2012

Wendy Lee Barber

Steve Bozanich

Dave Davis

June Egan

Michelle Gulbransen

Kathy MacDonald

Joan Oliver

Joanna Staudt

Betty Beckett

Bob Chase

Linda Drouillard

Rodger Faubert

Mike Huk

Kathy Murphy

Kelly Robinson

Patsy Trombley

Brian Boyd

Cathy Craig

Kathy Dupuis

Elizabeth Green

William Lukachuk

Paul Myers

Carol Siversn

Fulvio Valentinis

Once again, the retirees certainly appreciate being remembered and invited to this event and wish all faculty and staff a wonderful restful summer.



Jim Martin, JoAn Dale, Elizabeth Barr, Marilyn Portt



Lou Surgent, Shirley Freeman, Marg Preston

ST. CLAIR RETIREES' FALL TRIPS

This year we are pleased to offer our members three Fall trips. Two are day trips and one is a 4 night/5 day trip.

SARNIA CRUISE & CASINO SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2013 COST \$79

The bus leaves Windsor at 8 a.m. and will pick up people in Chatham.

At 11:30 the people will be dropped off at the Duc D'Orleans Cruise and cruise to the Point Edward Casino. Lunch will be served on the cruise. People will arrive at the casino at 2:30 and given \$10 to play the slots. The bus will leave the casino at 5:30. **PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP IS REQUIRED. MUST BE GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO, INCLUDING DRIVER'S LICENSE OR VALID PASSPORT. PLEASE CALL SHORELINE TRAVEL FOR RESERVATIONS. 519-322-2855.**

GRAND RIVER CRUISE SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 COST \$129

The bus leaves Winsor for Caledonia, Ontario at 8 a.m. The bus will arrive at Big Creek Boat Farm at 11 a.m. The group will have a chance to visit the gift shop and at 12p.m. there will be a presentation on the history of the Grand River along with a Live Music Show featuring "The Blazing Fiddles ensemble. At 12:30 the group will enjoy a 3 course Roast Beef lunch along with a 3 hour cruise on the Grand River. Then, the group will be taken to the Brantford Casino and at 6:30, the bus will depart for home. The approximate time to arrive in Windsor is 10:30.

PLEASE CALL SHORELINE FOR RESERVATIONS. 519-322-2855

VIVA LAS VEGAS OCTOBER 21 TO OCTOBER 25, 2013-06-07

COST APPROXIMATELY \$475, but rates are subject to change.

The plane leaves from Detroit (DTW) at 5:30 and arrives in Vegas at 6:58 (Vegas time). It is a direct flight. We are booked into the newly renovated Flamingo Hotel. This package is offering a 2 for 1 package on either a Grand Canyon tour or a Helicopter Tour. We are scheduled to leave Vegas at 4:35 and arrive in Detroit at 11:29.

PLEASE CALL CATHERINE AT THE TRAVEL ZONE TO BOOK YOUR TRIP.

519-979-9555

"On Pondering Aloud"

Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

How do you tell if you run out of invisible ink?

What happens if you get scared to death twice?

ST. CLAIR RETIREES' CARD SOCIALS

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

There will be a Euchre tournament at Roseland on Tuesday, October 1 at 1:30. There will be a \$5 charge to enter. The money will be divided up amongst the top 3 scores and \$5 will be given to the person with the lowest score. This is a fun tournament and everyone who played last year enjoyed him/herself and requested that the executive do it again.

COME OUT AND ENJOY A RELAXING GAME OF EUCHRE ON OCTOBER 1ST.

Please notify Margaret Goodman by Friday, September 27th if you plan on attending by e-mailing her at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca.

PEPPER

Come out and learn to play the game of Pepper. Pepper is now officially a game in the Senior Olympics. Don and Kathy Tellier have volunteered their time to come out and teach us how to play Pepper. After a brief explanation, we will play pepper. Pepper will start at 1:30 and there will be a \$5 charge that will be divided up among the top 4 scorers. Don and Kathy's rules are final and everyone is expected to follow their official rules.

COME OUT AND ENJOY A RELAXING GAME OF PEPPER ON NOVEMBER 5TH.

Please notify Margaret Goodman by Friday, November 1st if you plan on attending by e-mailing her at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca.

This is very important since we need four per table, so spares might have to be found.

Thanks

Margaret Goodman

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$25,000 to date, 83% of our \$30,000 goal.

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 \$5,000. **The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms are included with this Newsletter.** If 50 further retirees participate by

pledging \$100 for 1 brick we would meet our committed goal. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. **Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign.**

Submitted by Jay Ertel

RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Chatham, ON

RM Classic Cars, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. They typically have an inventory of over 100 investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of pre-war classic and important post-war sports cars. **The cars on display change regularly so the 2013 tour will be completely different from previous years.**

Website: www.rmauctions.com

Itinerary

8:45 AM Car Pool – Lot T, St. Clair College

9:00 AM Departure for Chatham

10:00 AM RM Classic Cars Tour (approx. 1 ½ h)

- 401 East from Windsor to Chatham
- Exit at 2nd Chatham Exit (Hwy. 40)
- Turn right (south) towards Blenheim
- Travel several hundred metres to Classic Car Drive
- Turn left at RM Classic Cars entrance

11:30 PM Lunch with Thames Retirees Group

T-Bones Restaurant, 953 Charing Cross Rd., Chatham

1:30 PM Return to Windsor

Cost: \$5.00 ea. for tour plus lunch at own expense



1931 Duesendburg



1913 Michigan

We need to know the number to make lunch and tour reservations. Please confirm with Eunice Robinson:

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

For Car Pool please confirm with Pat Hallahan:

Pat Hallahan (519)945-4304 phallahan@cogeco.ca

Submitted by Jay Ertel

GIVING BACK...A LITTLE

You will be aware that your Retirees' Association is helping the College with its fundraising campaign, especially as it relates to the SportsPlex at the Windsor Campus and the HealthPlex at Thames Campus.

Retirees have been volunteering their time organizing a variety of activities to help the Retirees' Association meet its committed goal of raising \$30,000 over ten years. To date, over \$25,000 has been raised.

To be fair, when the Association was founded, fundraising was not earmarked as an activity retirees would be involved with. However, since that time, much has changed, especially since the arrival of Dr. John Strasser as President.

Our involvement on a provincial level with other College Retiree Associations has very clearly revealed that we enjoy the very best college-retiree relationship in the system. We have a large space for meetings and archival activities; we are assisted with printing and newsletter mailings; we use the College server for email communication; we are invited to numerous staff social functions; and the list goes on.

In truth, it would be very difficult to function without the assistance and support of the College. For this reason, and the fact that the fundraising goals are meritorious in their own right, the Association agreed to work with the College.

Fundraising is not new to us. Many will remember donating for the library and Ford Center of Excellence in Manufacturing (FCEM). These are now part of our

legacy. As well, many contribute to the United Way and even support the University of Windsor's Giving Campaign.

And while it is true that most of us will never benefit personally from these new facilities, it is also true that we enjoy one of the very best indexed defined benefit pension plans in the province and have access to one of the very best health benefit plans. If you choose to sign-up for a membership at these fitness facilities the retiree rate will be one of the most economical rates in Windsor and Chatham for a fitness membership.

Many of our children either don't have a pension plan or participate in a defined contribution plan which is at the mercy of an often unstable economy or employer.

Many of us spent the majority of our career at the College. Because of that, we enjoy a comfortable and reliable pension which allows us the freedom to plan our lives with confidence.

In light of this, it is not unreasonable to consider setting aside \$10 per year for ten years. Just buy one brick for \$100 or two for \$150. If we all did this, we would realize our goal in record time, solidify our relationship with the College and enjoy the satisfaction of Giving Back...A Little.

Submitted by: Pat Hallahan and Jay Ertel

THAMES/WINDSOR LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

**11:30 am Bayside Brewery Pub
Erieau, Ontario**

**Lunch at own expense. A brewery tour is included.
Please join us as we visit a new location for our joint luncheon**

Please confirm to Eunice Robinson (519)-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net

ATTENTIION!! - CENTRAL MICHIGAN'S MASTER'S PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Central Michigan University has notified the Retirees' Association and the College that they wish to formally recognize and honour St. Clair College and Dr. Quittenton for outstanding leadership in the areas of faculty and staff development. As the pioneer college, St. Clair launched the Master of arts degree program through the Central Michigan University, which has spanned over 35 years, on 17 different college campuses, with over 1500 graduates. The Central Michigan Master of Arts degree was the first master's degree program specifically designed for the advancement of the Ontario college system. This

recognition will take the form of a plaque and a letter of commendation to be presented at the Annual fall social of the Retirees' Association at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 in Chez Talbot at the Windsor campus.

All former St. Clair College staff members who participated in the Central Michigan Master's program are urged to attend. If you are able to attend, please let Bill Totten know at wtotten@sympatico.ca. Please pass this invitation on to any who may not receive our email invitation.

ST.CLAIR COLLEGE PURCHASES GOLF COURSE

St. Clair College has added a golf course to its ever-expanding educational arsenal with the purchase of Woodland Hills Golf Course, a nine-hole executive course located on Belle River Road. "St. Clair College will continue to look for opportunities in Essex and Kent Counties that provide new benefits to our students," Strasser said in a press release Friday. "This new acquisition will provide new experimental learning for our students and a unique recreational opportunity for every student at all of our campuses."

Don Harrison, who has served as head pro for the past 15 years, will continue in that position. The other 15 to 20 employees will be St. Clair students

from the areas of hospitality, event management, horticulture, landscaping and culinary arts.

For the moment, one obvious program not tied to Woodland Hills is Professional Golf Management. "Our relationship with Roseland stays fully intact," Saints athletic coordinator Jay Shewfelt said. "We will still have our tryouts at Roseland and hopefully host future OCAA and CCAA events there."

Retirees are being offered special rates to use this latest aquisition of the College. Watch your emails to keep up to date on the specials being offered to our group.

With content by Mary Caton, Windsor Star.

TURNING 80!

My grandson called to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked how old I was, and I told him I was 80.

My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then asked , "Did you start at 1?"

EXPANSION AND NEW BUILDINGS AT THAMES CAMPUS, CHATHAM

In a previous Newsletter, we updated you on the progress that had occurred on the Windsor Campus with the building projects and with this article I would like to update you on what has happened at Thames Campus in Chatham in the last two or three years.

The enrolment at Chatham has increased to 1,300 students and the hope is to increase this further to reach 1,500 students. To accommodate this increase and encourage more out of town student to attend a residence complex has been completed to house 48 students. The units have been filled for the last 2 years. More units are being considered in the future.

Two new building and /or additions have been completed and are being used for new programs for the Campus. These are the Health Plex and the Trades and Technology Building.

The Health Plex is approximately 50,000 square feet and is equipped with state of the art fitness equipment, a gym with unique flooring for safety, areas for yoga and a walking track to mention a few of its features. Staff is available to assist with fitness programs for individuals. The area is used by students and the community alike. New programs that make use of the facility include the Occupational Therapy Assistant/ Physiotherapy Assistant (OTA/PTA), Powerline Technician and Fitness Leadership. In addition, there are laboratory facilities for the Para Medic and Policing Programs within the building. Healthy snacks are provided as well for patrons. This is the site where a wall will be constructed to display the bricks purchased to help in funding the facility.

The second new addition, the Trades and Technology wing is approximately 16,000 square

feet and has been added to the existing Thames Campus Building. It houses the following new programs- Electrical Engineering Technician (2 years), Electrical Techniques-(1year), Powerline Technician, Sustainable Energy and Robotics. With this addition, the students who were at the Wallaceburg High School have been able to come on Campus in Chatham. Wallaceburg continues to offer some Continuing Education Programs.

In March of 2013, St. Clair College took over the operation of the Capital Theatre in Chatham. The first partial year has been very successful and several shows offered have been complete sell outs. Recently the program for 2013/2014 has been announced and it looks to offer a variety of programming- something for all. A copy of the brochure for the new season is included with this newsletter.

In addition, the college is taking over the Annex attached to the theatre in an attempt to move the college downtown. A bakery program and some of the policing programs will be offered from this site. In the future some new programs associated with the theatre such as dance are being planned.

A three-hole golf area remains across the road from the residence and hydro poles have been erected for use by the Powerline Technician Program. As well, an ambulance and some hydro trucks are located at the campus site.

The Kid Stuff Building has been vacated and this building is being renovated for labs for the Nursing Programs.

Much is happening as Thames Campus continues to grow and find ways to better serve the Chatham-Kent Community.

Submitted by JoAn Dale

Pictures on the next page.

NEW THAMES CAMPUS BUILDINGS



CAMPUS RESIDENCE



HEALTHPLEX



CAPITOL THEATRE



CAPITOL THEATRE MAIN STAGE



THAMES CAMPUS MANUFACTURING BUILDING

In Memoriam

The following retirees passed away during the period from April 9, 2013 to August 9, 2013.

RETIREES/FULL TIME STAFF



Andrew (Andy) Kovosi

After a long courageous battle with brain cancer, Andy passed away on August 4, 2013 at the age of 59. Andy was a proud long time employee of St. Clair College and was a friend to all who knew him. The kindness and generosity of his colleagues was incredible and gave him strength on his journey. Andy was the husband of Carol (nee Burigo) and the father of Jyllian Huot (Wardell), Drew (Greg Long) and Michael.



John Charlesworth

John passed away at the age of 81, on May 25, 2013. He was after a prolonged illness. John was the husband of Marilyn, father of Lesley Anne (John) Murer, and Michael (Ann) Charlesworth. He retired as a Professor of Engineering at St. Clair, and was the founding member of "the Sharks" swimming group. He was a friend to all and his happy, positive outlook impacted everyone who knew him.

The following friends and family of retirees and staff passed away during the period from April 9, 2013 to August 9, 2013.

SUSAN BYRNE'S husband Jim

JEAN FOSTER

HEATHER GARRO'S father-in-law Franscesco Garro

ELIZABETH GRAY former Board Member

BERNITA KERSEY'S husband the elder Errol Rodney Kersey

TRACEY LaMARRE'S mother Gail Hawkes

LILY ANN SPOLARICH'S father Daniel Belovitz

JENNIE STEEVES former Board Member

JOAN I. SULLIVAN (nee Somers)

MICHAELE THRASHER (nee Shelley)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

IN TRIBUTE - JOHN CHARLESWORTH



Many memorable employees have graced the College landscape over the decades. Some for their contribution to the College's development; others for their outstanding individual achievements. And others yet for their impactful leadership style.

Not as many, however, have won the hearts and admiration of their

colleagues by the sheer power of their warmth, charm and delightful personality. John Charlesworth was one of those rare people.

John hailed from Great Britain where he achieved the designation of Professional Engineer and worked as a metallurgist for Atomic Energy. However, he couldn't resist the opportunity to come to Canada. And so, in 1969, he made his way to Windsor and began teaching for the Western Ontario Institute of Technology, (WOIT) St. Clair's predecessor institution.

The following spring spouse Marilyn and their two children, Ann and Michael, joined him. There were some challenging times in the early days; they lived in a trailer while their house was being built and did "shower runs" at the home of good friend Mike Walker. The pioneer spirit was alive and well!

John stayed at St. Clair College for the rest of his career. At one point he worked as a manager for the School of Continuing Education. He completed his

career as a teacher in the Architectural Technology Program.

As much as John loved his work, his real passion was breeding and showing Afghan Hounds. He brought two Afghan Hounds and two poodles over with him from England and promptly became engaged with the North American confirmation show dog scene. He attended and assisted in putting on many dog shows, including some at the College. As his expertise and reputation grew, he was asked to work as a judge and did so at many events in North America and in shows as far away as Australia.

John was also passionate about his physical well being. He often went to the gym 5 times a week where he was known for exercising as strenuously as many others half his age. John also swam as often as 4 times a week in the College pool with a group of friends known as the "Sharks." This group swam together for over 20 years.

In addition to the above, John was one of the early members of the St. Clair Retiree Association Executive and, for a number of years, served as its social convenor.

John was also a very religious person. Friends will attest to the fact that his strong faith sustained him as he became aware that his medical problems would overpower him.

Those very close to him describe John as caring, helpful, good-hearted and eternally optimistic.

Many former College staff will be remembered for what they did. Some, like John, will be cherished for who they were and how they engaged those around them.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

BIRDS AND BREAKFAST

Mary and Dan Loncke will continue the occasional exploration of some of the natural areas in and near Windsor. One, two or more times a year they will send out an email about 48 hours before a planned outing at one of our natural parks or conservation spots. It will consist of about a one hour walk and adjournment to a nearby restaurant for breakfast. All you need are good walking shoes, binoculars (optional) and money to pay for your breakfast. There have been three “Birds and Breakfasts” so far – Devonwood Conservation Area (May 2011), Lake St. Clair Shore (January 2012) and Little River Corridor

Park (May 2012). To avoid bothering everyone email announcements are only sent to retirees who have signed up by submitting their email addresses to Mary and Dan. If you were on the list previously, you still are! If you want to be alerted, call 519-733-1063 to get on the list. This weather dependant activity is designed to make retirees aware of some little known spots in Windsor and Essex County where you can enjoy a walk with nature. We plan to visit some interesting (for now secret) places over the next year or so. Watch for our email.

Submitted by Dan Loncke

RECIPIENTS OF CHATHAM-KENT SENIOR’S AWARD



Isabelle Gagen, Elinor Mifflin, Dr. Don Patterson & JoAn Dale

On June 14, 2013, JoAn Dale and her sisters Isabelle Gagen and Elinor Mifflin a.k.a. “The Sisters” were presented with a Chatham-Kent Senior’s Award for the volunteer work they do as members of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Helping Hands Auxiliary and Co-Managers of the Chatham Campus Hospital Gift Shop Boutique. “The Sisters” and Dr.

Don Patterson, a retired surgeon, were nominated by the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Foundation for the support given to the funding needs of the local hospital. All are involved in many other community ventures. When you are visiting in Chatham or at the Hospital drop in and discover what the gift shop has to offer.

WINTER TRIP 2014

This year's trip is back to Punta Cana to the Ocean Blue and Sand Resort in the Dominican Republic. It is a large resort with 748 rooms, 8 restaurants and 8 bars. Our accommodation is a junior suite with a separate living area, cable TV, a mini fridge, coffee maker and safe. We went to Ocean Blue and Sand in 2012 and it was one of the better resorts that we have been to.

We are flying again with Delta out of Detroit on a regular scheduled, non-stop flight, not a charter. This gave us the best price, in the \$1400's. The Delta price fluctuates daily and since we have more than 10 booked already the price at booking will be reduced by \$50.

lv Detroit 9:15 am. arr Punta Cana 3:03 pm
Sat. Jan 25/14

lv Punta Cana 3:38 pm. arr Detroit 7:50 pm

Sat. Feb 1/14

Call Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel at 519 258 5404 or e-mail at warrenkathleen@hotmail.com for more information.

As we have done in the past when we have departed out of Detroit, we will charter a bus to pick us up at two locations in Windsor and take us to the Detroit airport. It will also pick us up for our return trip to Windsor. This is an inexpensive and stress free way to get to and from the Detroit airport.

Last year we had 31 join us for the trip to Cuba. At this time we have 15 booked. If you want to get away from winter come and join us.

Submitted by Anita Blair

Ocean Blue & Sand Resort, Dominican Republic



BITS ‘n PIECES

The Spring golf season got off to a great start when our humble Newsletter Co-Editor, John Zangari, recorded his THIRD hole-in-one, using a nine-iron on the 13th hole at Lake Erie Metropark Golf Course in Brownstone, Michigan. Great start to the season John – what do you do for an encore?

JoAn Dale, St. Clair College Retirees’ Association President, was the recipient of a 2013 Senior Achievement Award from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The awards are given to nominated and chosen citizens of Chatham-Kent who have volunteered throughout the community.

A “Bridge to Excellence” event honouring WOIT is in the planning phase and hopefully will take place in September. This will include the installation of an appropriate plaque and names of WOIT students and staff, to be located on the ‘bridge’ from “A” Block to the Ford Centre for Excellence in Engineering. As soon as we get a firm date and times email bulletins will be sent to our member list. Attendance is encouraged, especially by former WOIT teachers and students.

Margaret Goodman, our Social & Education Coordinator, is constantly in search of ideas for activities which would be of interest to members. If you have an idea for an event or activity which might be of interest to a group of retirees, please pass it on to Margaret at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca.

This newsletter is mailed to almost 500 members/Associate members of the St. Clair College Retirees’ Association. Of these, we have email addresses for approximately 50%. This list of members receives information between issues of the newsletter, regarding association activities, college activities and news and information about retirees. If you are not already receiving emails from the association and would like to be added to the distribution list, send an email to wtotten@sympatico.ca and your address will be added to the distribution list. Should you find, in the future, that the correspondence is burdensome, you may have it removed at any time.

One of the mandates of the SCCRA is to recognize significant milestones in the life of our retirees and/or their families. Lori Caba, Goodwill Coordinator, would appreciate receiving information so that greeting cards of congratulation, condolence, get-well, etc. can be sent to our members. Information can be sent to jcaba6@cogeco.ca.

If you are anticipating an address change and want to continue to receive this newsletter, please forward that address to Membership Coordinator, Anita Blair at ablair4@gmail.com.

We have had mail returned for several members and we would appreciate receiving address updates. If you know any of these folks or are aware of a new address, please pass it on, or ask them to pass it on to Anita Blair (address above) or to wtotten @sympatico.ca. So we can continue to mail the newsletter:

Greg Bournival
Shirley Fox

Willis Jacob
Patrick O’Reilly

Dave Cooper
James Gallagher

Ranald (Nick) Ladouceur
P a t r i c i a S u g d e n

Submitted by Bill Totten

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO:**

ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 2013

LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
HWY. 40 NORTH

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

COST: \$17.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)

Alcoholic refreshments are extra

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

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:
EUNICE ROBINSON at 519-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net

WINDSOR CAMPUS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

TIME: 11:30 AM - Meet

12:00 PM - Lunch

PLACE: CHEZ TALBOT, SOUTH CAMPUS

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

Please hold this date. Details will be in the Fall Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Annual Fall Social & Central Michigan University St.Clair Recognition Page 11
2. Thames/Windsor Annual Luncheon - September 25
Bayside Brewing Co. - RossLane, Erieau Page 10
3. Bridge Club Dates:

September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 12 & 26
December 10
4. Euchre Tournament - October 1 Page 8
5. Retiree Trips - Page 7
6. RM Classic Car Tour - October 30 Page 9
7. Pepper Game - November 5 Page 8
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