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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I trust everyone has had a great summer and is ready to get back into the Fall Activities

The Executive of the St Clair Retiree's Association continues to plan and offer a variety of activities for our membership for the coming year. Our membership numbers have grown to 290 as we welcomed 14 new retirees and still have more joining over the summer and fall. We were saddened by the loss of several members. They were

remembered at the June Brunch and their names will be added to the Memorial Plaques at each campus.

I want to thank the members of the Executive for their support and dedication to the Association. You truly make a difference. Thank you to all the other people who helped with the organization of the monthly events and helped at the Social Outings. Bridge, euchre, trips, golf outings and educational programs are just a few of the things we have done in the past year. We trust you have found these events meaningful and provided you with the opportunity to have fun with your retired colleagues.

We appreciate the support of Dr. Strasser, Patti France, John Fairley, Dolph Barsanti, Shelley Armstrong, Kim Bode, Sherry Sharon, Nelly Foley, Lynn Fujimoto, Christy Ghatta, Ann Hethington, Barry June, Katherine Kaszas, Joanne Lehoux, Anthony Loncaric, Liaman Ng, Joan Pocock, Mike Sorrell, Amar Singh, Andrew Steele, Maxine Wilder, Lynn McGeachy-Schultz, Linda Quick, Mary Beth Rush, Betty Milburn and the many other college staff who help the association with our activities. We appreciate that Dr. Strasser continues to match our membership dues so that we can plan the many events for you. We are glad to remain a part of the St. Clair Family and are made to feel welcome when we take part in the College Activities.

We welcome any ideas that you have for the Executive to plan and would love to have you volunteer to be a part of the committees that makes these ideas operational. New members would be welcome on the executive team. Don't be shy just let us know what your interests are and we will find a place for your talents. Please be sure to keep your address and email up to date so we can keep in contact. With the new anti-spam laws it is necessary for you to agree having the Association send information to you via email.

Our first Fall Event will be the Fall Social on September 10th at Woodland Golf Course. Details are included later in the newsletter. On September 16th join us for a cruise and dinner on the Detroit River and on September 24th join the Thames Retiree group as they visit the Bayside Brewery in Erieau. Again all these events are outlined in more detail in this issue. This seemed like a good way to start out the year.

Don't be surprised if you see some new faces at some of the events. We are partnering with the Fanshawe Retiree Association and they will be attending some of our events so we will be invited to some of theirs as well.

In addition to our events, we will continue to keep you posted on the events schedule at the Capital Theatre in Chatham and the Centre for the Arts in Windsor. Both have some great shows planned for the Fall.

President's Report continued ...

More events are planned as we proceed into the Fall and before long we will be holding the Christmas Parties. Encourage your fellow retirees to join us if they have not done so yet so the friendships and traditions of St. Clair can continue. It is your Association, so let us know what you would like us to plan. Enjoy the Fall and please keep us in mind as you begin to setup your schedule .

President, JoAn Dale

2014 RETIREE ASSOCIATION AGM

On May 5/2014 The Retiree Association held its Annual General Meeting at the South Campus in Chez Talbot.

The meeting ably handled by President Jo An Dale who will serve another year in that capacity. The BBQ was enjoyed by the 50+ attendees as were the many slides of the year's events supplied by Tony Ellul.

However, the highlight of the day was surely a tour of the new Sportsplex.

This first-class and state-of-the art facility was not quite finished but will be ready for the 2014 school year.

It has a triple gym with seating along one wall, a

fully equipped physical training area on the second floor and an oval track on the third floor.

The change rooms are all top notch for both male and female athletes. Although a number of local and provincial athletic events are already planned for the venue, it will also be used by students in a number of College programs.

The next time you are on campus, you may want to check this facility out for yourself. Eventually it may be possible for retirees to take out a membership, but staff are taking a wait and see approach for now to determine just how much it will be used by students.

Congratulations St. Clair!

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. 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 FAX: 416-673-7028. For general inquiries email, member@caatpension.on.ca

Think About It!!!

No one can drive you crazy unless you give them the keys!

St. Clair College Retirees' Association
2014 ANNUAL REPORT
May 5, 2014

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

Another successful year had passed and the St Clair Retiree's Association has continued to offer a variety of activities for our membership. Our membership numbers have grown as we welcomed many new retirees. We were saddened by the loss of several members. They will be remembered at the June Brunch and their names will be added to the Memorial Plaques at each campus.

The reports that follow document the activities held this year. We welcome any ideas that you have for the Executive to plan and would love to have you volunteer to be a part of the committees to make these ideas operational. New members would be welcome on the executive. Don't be shy, just let us know what your interests are and we will find a place for your talents. Please be sure to keep your address and email up to date so we can keep in contact. Encourage your fellow retirees to join us if they have not so the friendships and traditions of St. Clair can continue.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Sue Korchnak and Eunice Robinson have again served as a one-person telephone committees at Windsor and Chatham again this year. This communication with our membership is critical to the success of our activities.

MEMORIALS

The Retirees Association continues to maintain the memorial plaques - one at South Campus and one at Thames Campus - remembering our deceased colleagues. Additions are recognized each year at a brief dedication which takes place at the President's Annual Staff Appreciation Day in June.

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 sending out cards. Since our last AGM was held in May 2013 I have sent out 101 cards to our members, their families and St. Clair College staff. The following list shows the breakdown of the cards sent: Christmas -6; Get Well/Thinking of You – 25; Retirement – 17; Special Occasion – 3; Sympathy – 43; and Thank You - 7.

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

Del Zangari and her husband John have been responsible for several years now of producing the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Newsletter. They continue to produce it four times a year with a Summer, Spring, Fall and Winter edition.

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. Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a tour and luncheon meeting in September at the Bayside Brewery, Erieau, Ontario. In October, a tour of the RM Classic Cars was enjoyed. RM Classic Cars is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 4, 2013 at the Country View Golf Club. At the January luncheon, a speaker from the Age Friendly Planning Project for Chatham-Kent spoke. February found the members participating in a tour at the Chatham-Kent Museum, showcasing an exhibit of artifacts from the War of 1812.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Pat Hallahan, Coordinator

The purpose of the Communications function is to provide timely and helpful information to the members, primarily via email. This function is handled, for the most part, by one person in order to protect the privacy of the Retiree Association email list. Part of the Association mandate is to support and promote College activities; thus you will see promotions for College events such as the musicals and galas. Our conflict of interest policy also restricts this function from promoting for-profit business ventures. A conscious attempt is made to limit the number of emails broadcast in order not to inundate our members with unwanted information.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT– Anita Blair, Membership

As of April 15, 2014 we have 263 paid up members and associate members for 2014. Our dues remain at the low, low price of \$10.00 which has never been raised. We also collect the \$10.00 membership fee for the Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association (OCRA) the provincial organization. In our database we have 461 names with full information including 32 Associate members. We also have 30 names with no address information and 137 on our deceased database.

SOCIAL CONVENER'S REPORT – Margaret Goodman, Social Convenor

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 - a tour of the Bayside BrewPub, Erieau, Ontario; a euchre tournament at Roseland; a tour of the RM Classic Cars in Blenheim; a 5 day trip to Vegas; a Bar B Q lunch with golf, lawn games and prizes at Woodland Hills Golf Club; a War of 1812 Museum Tour; a tour of the new jail facility; an Executorship Workshop for both retirees and St. Clair staff. Finally, the Spring AGM was held on May 5th.

NOMINATION REPORT FOR 2014-2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD – Cindi Bissonnette, Vice President

Executive Positions

Candidate(s)

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Candidate(s)

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Lea Garber

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-vacant

Communications Coordinator

Pat Hallahan

OCRA Observer

Jim Martin

Education Coordinator

-vacant

Fundraising Coordinator

Jay Ertel

Goodwill Coordinator

Lori Caba

Newsletters Editors

John and Del Zangari

Social Coordinator

Margaret Goodman

Thames Representative

Elizabeth Barr

MAY GOLF OUTING

On a cool but sunny May 6, 14 retirees and friends met for golf and lunch at Woodland Hills Executive Golf Course. The event, organized by retiree Owen Klein, assisted by the course staff, included nine holes of golf with straightest drive, closest to the pin and putting contests. Trophies, provided by the association, were awarded for both men and women's low gross and low net scores. The winners were Owen Klein, Mike Smith, Janet Humphreys and Marilyn Portt. Lori Caba sank a 45 foot putt to capture the prize for the putting contest while Marilyn Portt won a shoot-out on the practice tee to win the women's closest to the pin. Jim Martin was the men's closest to

the pin winner with an excellent shot on the 165 yard 5th hole. Additional prizes were provided by Ron Seguin, administrator of the golf facility, and included St Clair wind breakers and golf balls. After the golf events the staff at the course prepared a lunch of burgers and Caesar salad to complete the day.

A follow up to this event is a first run at a retirees golf league on Thursday mornings as well as a golf outing scheduled to precede Retirees Fall Social at Woodland Hills.

Submitted by Owen Klein

BIRDS & BREAKFAST



On May 8th Mary and Dan Loncke hosted “Birds & Breakfast” at Ojibway Nature Centre in Windsor. Starting at 9:30 a small group of retirees joined by a friend of the MacLeods from Victoria, B.C., took a leisurely walk along one of the trails in the nature reserve. It was an exceptionally beautiful morning

and the group saw or heard over thirty species of birds. Highlights included Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Baltimore Orioles, Gray Catbirds and Eastern Kingbirds. The best sighting was of a very cooperative and brilliantly blue Indigo Bunting. White-tailed Deer, Eastern Chipmunks and Eastern Painted Turtles were also observed.

At 11:00 the group proceeded to the Tuscan Grill at the Ambassador Golf Club for an early lunch. So perhaps this one should have been “Birds & Brunch”.

Birds & Breakfast outings are only announced 48 hours in advance by email to retirees who have signed up with Dan & Mary. Retirees who wish to be notified or who have changed their email addresses should telephone the Lonckes (519-733-1063) to be added to the list for future outings. The basic plan is to visit a couple of different local natural areas a year for a nice walk, some wildlife observations and socializing.

Submitted by Dan Loncke

PRESIDENT'S STAFF APPRECIATION BRUNCH – JUNE 13, 2014

Once again, Dr. Strasser hosted the annual Spring Staff Appreciation Brunch in the Hangar, with a wide assortment of breakfast/lunch goodies. As in the past, the retirees were well represented. 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 and Cindy Bissonette, Vice President conducted the memorial

tribute 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.

25 Year Pin Recipients

Keith Bruce

Stephan Decator

Victoria Downes

Claude Lawrenceon

Frank Perissinotti

Mary Beth Rush

Michael Seguin

Dr. Strasser presented a series of four songs which were hits 25 years ago. He listed many of the accomplishments of the college in the 25 years that these staff members had been part of during their St. Clair experience. Among these achievements:

academic medals, national athletics championships and the new Woodland Hills Golf course and the building of the Sports Plex in Windsor.

The program concluded with the recognition of 14 retirees.

New Retirees July, 2013 to June 13, 2014

Lillian Addley-Darel

Randy Appleby

Lynn Compton

Terry Dame

Rick Dumouchelle

Bonita Elliot

Hugh Evans

Ed Everaert

Lillian French

Julie Isherwood

Ross Langill

Gordon Oglan

Paul Ramey

Sandra Wieland

The retirees appreciate being invited to this event

Submitted by JoAn Dale



FALL SOCIAL

When: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2014.

WHERE: WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE

Hwy. 401 and Belle River Road

519-975-4653

COST: \$3 pp.

TIME: 3pm

**There will be a golf outing organized by Owen Klein prior to the social.
Details of golf and the cost will be sent out at a later date.**

WINDSOR RIVER CRUISE

DATE: September 16th, 2014

TIME: 5-8pm

WHERE: The cruise ship will start downtown on the waterfront across from the casino. It will sail to the mouth of Lake St. Clair, on Canadian side and then, head west on the American side to the Ambassador bridge. It will then return to the Canadian side to the port of entry.

This cruise will be a guided tour with many landmarks pointed out.

COST: \$47.95pp. A cheque is required for this amount by Friday, August 29th.

Please make your cheque payable to St. Clair Retirees' Association. Please mail your cheque to Margaret Goodman, 453 Amberly Cr., Tecumseh, N8N3L8.

There is also a \$3pp. gratuity to be paid on board.

Info: Please contact Margaret Goodman, 519-739-0887.

JACK COSTELLO HONOURED



The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association is launching a Hall of Fame in honour of its upcoming 40th anniversary and the inaugural class has a distinctly St. Clair College flavour to it. Former Saints athletic directors **Al Hoffman** and **Jack Costello** are among the initial class of 10 builders who will be honored June 10 in Banff, Alta. Hoffman's inclusion was announced earlier this spring.

Costello is being recognized for his work both provincially and nationally with collegiate hockey. As a founding member and convener of OCAA hockey, Costello was pivotal in creating a national

championship which served as a template for other CCAA championships.

After a playing career that included winning an Allan Cup with the Windsor Bulldogs, Costello established men's hockey at St. Clair and won five OCAA championships. They won the CCAA title in 1976. Costello became the CCAA's first OCAA hockey representative in 1973 and its first convener. He served as the CCAA's hockey convener for five years and also helped promote other sports onto the national stage. He retired in 1997 after 10 years as the school's athletic director. In 2003, he was inducted into the OCAA's Hall of Fame.

CANADIAN ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION (CASL)

On July 1, the CASL took effect in Canada. It's purpose is to regulate and reduce the commercial electronic messages (spam) we receive in our email.

The legislation requires that consent be received from anyone who is on an email list. As with any new legislation, there is considerable lack of clarity as it relates to an organization such as the Retirees' Association, but because we are a part of the larger St. Clair College community we are adhering to the law's requirements. As a result, an email was sent on June 27, 2014 to St. Clair College retirees, with an

opportunity to click on a link stating "I WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING EMAILS". Doing so automatically sent an indicator to the IT Department. More than 50% of those on the original list did so. There could be a number of reasons for not responding: an individual member does not wish to remain on the Retirees' Association mailing list; the member did not receive the June 27 email; the member neglected to click on the link which authorizes the IT Department to include their email address.

VERY IMPORTANT : If you wish to remain on the email list of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association and did not receive an email confirming that you are on the approved list, please contact: Amar Singh at Asingh@stclaircollege.ca requesting a resend of the June 27 email.

HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$36,629 to date, 122% of our \$30,000 goal.

We were pleased to advise Dr. Strasser that we retirees have surpassed our Fundraising Target.

The official opening of the SportsPlex will take place early this fall..

We are now in year 6 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Dr. Strasser 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 are included with this Newsletter.** 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

COMPUTER SUGGESTIONS FROM THE “IT” DEPARTMENT

EMAIL

Unscrupulous individuals are constantly looking for ways to increase their collection of email addresses - sometimes for legitimate reasons and sometimes for not-so-legitimate reasons. You aid these individuals by sending an email with a large list from your address book in the "TO:" or 'CC:' line.

When sending an email to a multitude of dis-similar recipients, the list should be blind-copied (BCC) so that people do NOT see the addresses of others they don't know and/or are not in the same group.

Also, when forwarding an email that has been sent to you that contains a list of dis-similar addresses, take a few moments to delete them from the forwarded message.

This all cuts down or minimizes the chance of more addresses being grabbed by address 'harvesters'.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR COMPUTER

Some computer users at the college were hit by what is called Ransomware (see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ransomware>) And I'm sure they're not the only ones. It doesn't just lock files on the local computer; it seeks out any attached drives and devices and locks the files and folders it found in those places. It can get quite messy!

So here's a quick hint...

If you use an external device (e.g. USB hard drive) for backup [you DO backup once in a while, don't you?], when you're done the backup, power off and/or disconnect the device. Then if you should be unlucky enough to encounter a Ransomware event, your backup device will not have been infected and can be used later to restore files AFTER your computer has been cleaned.

EMAIL ADDRESSES - A suggestion!

Some internet providers will automatically 'route' or block emails which are sent in large quantities such as ours. It may be necessary, if you want to prevent this, to "friend" the Retirees' Association, Pat Hallahan and William Totten to make sure that emails coming from one of the three address are not blocked or rerouted. We are aware that this might be the case with Mnsi, for one.

Fanshawe and St. Clair Retirees Experience a Day in Vienna, and Port Burwell, Ontario

Thanks to Sandy Richards, (retiree, Fanshawe College), 30 Fanshawe Retirees, and 5 St. Clair Retirees (Jim Cameron, Dick and Tina Grolman, Jim Martin, and Art Rae), spent a fascinating morning at the Erie Shores Wind Farm, lunch at the Bayham Family Table, both in Vienna, and the afternoon, touring the Ojibwa Submarine at Port Burwell.

The 66 GE wind turbines of Erie Shores Wind Farm generate a total of 99 MW when fully operational. The role of Capstone Infrastructure is to ensure all turbines are operational when needed by the Independent Electricity System Operator, under the Ontario Power Authority. We met two of the staff responsible for this. John Kirby, a graduate from the Apprenticeship program, Electrician Construction Maintenance program at Fanshawe College and Charles Gordon, a graduate from Fanshawe College in Electronics Engineering Technician – Industrial Controls program (offered at the St. Thomas Campus) helped us understand how renewable energy works, and how it is managed. So we met College graduates managing the front edge of renewable energy technology. That was impressive. They did a great job.

Some very pleasant staff, and talented food preparers made our lunch at the Bayham

Family Table very comfortable, and timely handled. It was fun to have a chance to interact with Fanshawe retirees, and feel very comfortable doing so.

Seeing the Ojibwa submarine on braces, on land, totally painted black was an awe inspiring sight. It was huge (300 ft. long). It had been an operational submarine for many years, lying on the bottom of the oceans, listening for the distinctive sound of various ships overhead so they could be tracked. Outside and inside tours were available at a reasonable cost. Both were very educational. However, if you are claustrophobic, you might want to avoid the inside tour. I was ok for an hour. But when I started to imagine being in there for months at a time, I got uncomfortable. We were allowed to photograph the outside of the sub and the torpedo room inside, but nothing else. It is truly a different world.

On behalf of the St. Clair Retirees, I want to thank Sandy for organizing a great experience, and for doing all she could to make it pleasant, and meaningful.

Submitted by Jim Martin



Continued....

FARM ORIENTATION



Charles Gordon, and John Kirby



Ojibwa Submarine

BRIDGE CLUB CHANGES – DAN & MARY LONCKE



Ten years ago Dan and Mary Loncke conceived the idea of organizing a Bridge Club for the Retirees' Association. To say it has been a success would be a gross understatement.

It has had a number of venues including the College, but has more recently settled in nicely at the Roseland Golf and Curling Club, where many participants stay for a group lunch or dinner depending on the time of year.

The numbers run anywhere from 12-20 resulting on 3-5 tables of four. To ensure the numbers work, the Lonckes have kept an active list of "spares."

This initiative has provided a major bridge "fix" for many as well as an opportunity for novice players to partake. The mix of experience and random partner selection has required some clear guidelines re the degree of competitiveness allowed.

This primarily social activity occurs biweekly on Tuesdays from the fall thru the spring.

The purpose of this article is to thank Dan and Mary for ten years of work and dedication on behalf of the College retirees. The fact that activities go off without a hitch can be misleading. Gathering materials, making timely phone calls and emails, negotiating with venues, etc. is all very time consuming.

Many would say, however, that the tone and atmosphere that exist awhile playing has been their most significant contribution. All are invited and welcome.

Dan and Mary are being capably replaced by one of the leading Bridge players in the group, **Dean Campagna**. We are confident that Dean will exercise the role of "Director" according to the rules and regulations as faithfully, fairly and as friendly as have Dan & Mary.

Thanks Dan and Mary for all your work. Your organizational efforts will be missed as you tend to grandparenting, but we will enjoy playing with every second week for years to come!

If you would like to participate in the Bridge Club, please contact Dean Campagna at 519 966-3883 or by email at ryan0579@MNSI.net

Submitted by Pat Hallahan & Bill Totten

ANDY FAAS PRESENTATION

Recently Bill Totten and Pat Hallahan attended a presentation in the South Campus Board Room along with the senior management team and 1972 graduate and former SRC President Andy Faas.

You may remember that it was Andy who just a few years ago presented the College with a cheque for one million dollars to go toward the construction of the new Sportsplex which will open officially very soon.

Andy was in town to be updated on College goings-on, given a tour of the Sportsplex facility and presented with a gift from the Retirees Association.

The gift was a compilation of about 35 stories he was featured in from old editions of the student newspaper *The Saint and the Journal*, a now defunct

weekly paper published by the Journalism students.

Although the material for the book was gathered by Pat and Bill, the effort would have not been possible without the weekly contributions of Lea Garber, Anita Blair, Hanno Barten and Keith Brown who comprise our archive committee.

This gift was well deserved recognition by a graduate who went not only went on to achieve senior vice presidential status with Shoppers Drug Mart but who also continues to value the contribution the College had on his career.

The fact that Andy flew out to Vancouver Island for the funeral of Dr. Quittenton clearly illustrates this point.



Pat Hallahan, Andy Faas, Dr. Strasser & Bill Totten

ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION 2014

The St. Clair Centre For The Arts was the setting for the 2014 Alumni of Distinction Awards Night recognizing and honouring St. Clair College graduates who have distinguished themselves in their career pursuits.

This is a major gala with a sumptuous banquet followed by videos of and speeches from each of the winners.

This year's group comprised graduates from

Nursing, Law and Security Administration, Advertising-Business, Industrial Engineering Technology and the relatively new Tradigital Animation Program.

A number of retirees were privileged to be invited to this year's event and thank the College for consistently making the retiree group feel like an important part of the College family.

DR. STRASSER ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT DATE.

On June 3rd, at the last regular Board meeting before the summer season, Board Chair, Vince Marcotte announced that Dr. John Strasser has stated his intention to retire from St. Clair College at the end of August next year. Dr. Strasser, already the longest serving President and Chief Executive Officer of any post-secondary institution in Windsor history will have, by the retirement date, surpassed fifteen years of service.

Over the past fifteen years, Dr. Strasser has been recognized for his contributions to the community and to Canada. Dr. Strasser was awarded a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 in recognition of his contribution to education and to the community. In 2011, Dr. Strasser received the Negev Award in recognition of excellence in communal leadership and dedicated public service. This was followed in 2012 with a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal which recognized his contributions to Canada. In 2008, he was recognized as a "Downtown Hero" by

the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association. In 1998, prior to his arrival at the College, he was recognized for his contribution to the minerals industry in Canada with an induction as a Fellow of Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum.

The past Chair of the Board of Governors, Ted Farron, who ends a six-year term on the Board this year summarized the leadership of Dr. Strasser in this way, "Dr. Strasser has built an amazing team of faculty, support staff and administrators at St. Clair College and has positioned the College as a leading post-secondary educational institution in this country – a Board can ask no more than that from its Chief Executive Officer".

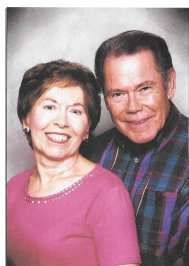
The seventeen-member Board of Governors, consisting of five College and twelve community members will now begin the search process for the sixth President of St. Clair College.

Bits 'n Pieces

Nino Marion has just been nominated to the Windsor Essex Sports Hall of Fame – "Gymnast Nino Marion was introduced to his sport at W.D. Lowe high school and eventually earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Michigan where he competed from 1956-59. He was voted team MVP and lettered three times while being named an NCAA All-American for still rings." The announcement has just been made and the presentation is on October 24, 2014.

Lynne Watts has been named to the site selection committee for the proposed Mega-hospital in Windsor-Essex.

Kathy Rousseau, former Nursing professor at Thames Campus has contributed to the publication of a nursing textbook.



Congratulations Pat and Jake Belanger celebrating their 50th anniversary!
They were married on September 12, 1964 at Immaculate Conception Church, Paincourt Ontario.
They plan to celebrate with a trip to Hawaii.
Pat was the Health Nurse at Thames

Victoria Playhouse – “Fiddler on the Loose 2”

Well, they did it again. The talented musicians led by fiddler Jesse Grandmont kept our group of 37 retirees and friends entertained on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia. Many saw the first show Last year and were quick to return this year. After investigating the cost of bus transportation and finding it prohibitive, we carpooled to Petrolia, meeting at the theatre prior to the 2:00 pm performance. The theatre is the former Petrolia Town

Hall which was destroyed by fire a number of years ago and has since beautifully restored. The eight musicians in the show were multi-talented, each playing several instruments and most providing vocals. The show is fun, lively and provided a variety of musical genres which satisfied anyone’s preference in music. Following the show most of our group enjoyed dinner at the Actors restaurant which across the road from the theatre



Midaugh's and Brown's enjoy dinner after the show

ADDRESS CHANGE?

If you plan to change your postal address or your email address, please let us know, to make certain that you will continue to receive the Newsletter and email distributions. Please use this form to **UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS** as well. This Information is not shared.

NOTE: Retiree Association records are completely independent of any records maintained for Pension or Benefits.

Name: _____

Address : _____
Number Street City Postal Code

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Please forward to: Ms. Anita Blair, 1762 South Malden Rd., R.R.#1, Essex, ON, N8M 2X5, or by email to:

ablair4@gmail.com

THAMES/WINDSOR LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

11:30 am Bayside Brewery Pub
Erieau, Ontario

Lunch at own expense. A brewery tour is included.
Please join us as we return to Erieau for our joint luncheon.

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

WHERE DO CASHEWS COME FROM?

Ever wonder where cashews come from? You might think they grow inside a shell like any other nut, but their true origins are far more bizarre.

First of all, cashews are not actually nuts, but rather fruits from the cashew tree, a large evergreen tree that thrives in tropical climates. The tree produces red flowers, which in turn produce yellow and red oval structures resembling apples.

These so-called cashew apples are very juicy and pulpy, and their juice is often added to tropical fruit drinks.

The cashew apple and fruit.

However, cashew apples are not actually fruits in a scientific sense; the real fruit of the cashew tree is

the kidney-shaped formation growing at the end. These fruits, also called drupes, are harvested and become what we know as a cashew nut. In their raw form, the outer layer of the fruit contains multiple toxins including anacardic acid, a powerful skin irritant similar to the toxin found in poison ivy that must be removed prior to eating.

Roasting the cashews destroys the toxins, but roasting must be performed carefully outdoors because the smoke can irritate the lungs, sometimes to a life-threatening degree. When they are roasted, cashews change from their natural greenish-gray color to the light brown nut sold in stores.

Next time you crack open a tin of cashews, take a moment to appreciate the long journey those little c-shaped nuts took from the tree to your table!



Cashew Nuts



Cashew Apples & Fruit

RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

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 2014 tour will be completely different from previous years. Fanshawe retirees will be joining us this year.

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: \$5.65 ea. for tour plus lunch at own expense

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

ALEXANDER'S WINE TOUR

What: Alexander's Winery Tour
When: Wednesday, October 22nd
Where: 1542 County Road 34, Ruthven, 519-326-2024.
Cost: \$5 + HST pp.

This tour will include a tour of the winery and vineyard and also, tasting various wines.

LUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE TOUR at a nearby restaurant.

Please call Margaret Goodman or e-mail her if you are interested in going on this tour.
519-739-0887 or mgoodman6@cogeco.ca

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
WHERE: ROSELAND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
TIME: 1:00pm
COST: \$5.00
DINNER: You are invited to stay for supper upstairs at Roseland.

The money collected for the euchre tournament will be divided into 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prizes and \$5 will be given to the person with the lowest score.

A list of rules will be handed out prior to the start of the tournament and everyone will be expected to follow the rules.

Please e-mail Margaret Goodman at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca if you plan on attending. Also indicate the number of people that you will be bringing. Family and friends are welcome to join the euchre tournament.

CHURCH HUMOUR

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong sermon on the Devil.

One said to the other, "What do you think about the Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well you know how santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DATE: Wednesday, December 3, 2014

**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.

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

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

WINDSOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DATE: Thursday, December 11, 2014

**TIME: 10:00 AM - Student Christmas Show
11:30 AM - Meet
12:00 PM - Luncheon**

PLACE: St. Clair Centre for the Arts

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

Ticket will include complementary Show ticket and Parking voucher

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

In Memoriam

The following retirees passed away during the period from April 9, 2014 to August 11, 2014

RETIREES/FULL TIME STAFF

Sonja DeRose - passed away tragically on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the age of 74, as the result of a house fire in Lakeshore. Sonja was a secretary/receptionist in the Counselling Centre at South Campus for many years.



William (Gary) Docherty passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on June 19, 2014 at the age of 75. Husband to Elizabeth, father of Susan (Thompson) and David Docherty. Gary retired as Vice President of Academics at St. Clair College where, among other roles, he was Director of Human Resources. Gary also served on the Executive of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association.

Mike Pidruchny - passed away on August 9, 2014 at the age of 80. Mike was very proud of his work as a Counsellor at St. Clair

The following family members of retirees passed away during the period from April 9, 2014 to August 11, 2014

Rose Maria Bortolini's husband Americo "Ozzie" Bortolini who passed away March 11, 2014.

Mary Ann Bugler's mother Eve Babanes Bugler

Dave Cooper's mother Ruth Cooper

Rosemary Dufour's mother Mary Thompson

Donna Desjardin's father John Haines

Katherine Kasza's father-in-law Patrick Dunlop



WINTER TRIP 2015



It is back to Cuba, but to Cayo Santa Maria this time which is about half way down the island on the Atlantic side. Cuba is not as luxurious as Mexico and Punta Cana but the Sunwing flight goes out of Windsor and not Detroit.

The all inclusive hotel is the MEMORIES PARISO AZUL. It is a large complex with a total of 1380

rooms. It is listed as a 5 star hotel and Trip Advisor gives it 5 stars out of 6.

The accommodations are a junior suite, (2 beds and a sitting area) a junior suite with pool view and a junior suite with ocean view.

Flights leave on a Tuesday and we are booked for Jan 27/15. The hotel is about 70 minutes from the Santa Maria airport.

Prices for Tuesday Jan 27/15

Junior Suite - single \$1433 - double \$1133.

Junior Suite with Pool View - double \$1153

Junior Suite with Ocean View - double \$1183

These prices are good until November or until the plane or hotel is full. For every 11 people we get one free (plus tax). This discount will be split among the people signed up. We have 21 people, one more person and we get another discount.

If interested call Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel at 519 258 5404

UPCOMING EVENTS

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