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Our Fall Social Program once again is proving to be a tremendous success. We are pleased to see the turnout at all the events to date and to see the participation of the new retirees. A sincere thank you to John Charlesworth, Elizabeth Barr, Eunice Robinson, Dan Loncke, Gary MacLeod and Pat Hallahan for organizing the 2008 Annual Fall BBQ, the Windsor/Thames Luncheon at the Lighthouse, the War of 1812: Detroit River Bus Tour, the Viewpoint Estates Winery Tour, the RM Classic Cars Tour, the CCAC Educational Workshop and the Tour of Caesar Windsor Casino.

In reviewing some of the **Upcoming Events** retirees are encouraged to purchase their Christmas Party tickets early since these events are very popular every year. We encourage retirees to accept Dr. Strasser's invitation to join the faculty and staff for

the St. Clair College Christmas Brunch in December in the Hangar. There is still time to book and join us for the Winter Trip to the Mayan Riviera. Those in the group that have been to Playa Del Carmen highly recommend this trip.

- Bridge Club (Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, 27, Feb. 10, 24, Mar. 10, 24)
- Annual Windsor Christmas Party - St. Clair Centre for the Arts (Dec. 3)
- Annual Thames Christmas Party - Countryview Golf Club (Dec. 10)
- Student Christmas Performance - St. Clair Centre for the Arts (Dec. 11)
- St. Clair College Christmas Brunch (TBA)
- Winter Trip to Mayan Riviera (Jan. 14 to 21)
- Canadian Club Tour (Feb. 12)
- Thames Luncheons (Jan. 28, Feb. 25)
- Trivial Tuesday (Mar. 31)

We look forward to having you join us.

As an update on **Retiree Business**, in 2008/2009 we plan to continue with our Retirement Planning Service and investigating alternative Benefit options and addressing questions on our Pension Plan, support of the Retiree Tutorial Service and continue the Archive Project.

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, five members of the Executive attended the OCRA AGM at Fanshawe College. We were pleased to have Anita Blair and Jim Martin elected as Directors to the OCRA Board. Anita presented the SCCRA Health Benefits Brief which generated a lively discussion. Mary Hofweller from The Council was in attendance. The OCRA membership supported a motion for the OCRA Executive to take on the issue of improving Benefits for retirees. Pat Hallahan presented the SCCRA Showcase Presentation which outlined the many ways that SCCRA runs a successful CRA. Many thanks to Bill Totten for capturing our history and helping to prepare the materials that made us all look good. Bill was given an excused absence that day to enable him

President's Report continued:

to celebrate his 50th Wedding Anniversary with Ida. Congratulations Bill and Ida.

Throughout the year, we receive tremendous support from Dr. Strasser and the College. We wish to thank Dr. Strasser and the College for their ongoing support and especially for including the retirees at the President's Staff Appreciation Brunches and truly demonstrating a sincere interest in keeping the retirees as part of the College Family. At our Executive semi-annual Breakfast Meeting, Dr. Strasser outlined the Capital HealthPlex Campaign for the Windsor/Thames HealthPlexes that is up and running and asked for the retirees to participate. Dr. Strasser reviewed the Capital Campaign with the 10 year projections. To date the College has raised \$11.5 m of the \$23 m required to build the two state-of-the-art HealthPlex facilities in Windsor and Chatham. The Executive scheduled an emergency meeting that day and unanimously passed two motions:

1. That the Executive Support the College's HealthPlex Fundraising Campaign and that the support be recommended to the SCCRA general membership

2. That the SCCRA Executive agrees to support the HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of \$30,000 (\$3,000 for 10 years)

Be part of the Retirees' Campaign by pledging your support to the College's HealthPlex Campaign. Members interested in helping with fundraising through their contacts with small business in Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent are asked to contact Jay Ertel, Coordinator for Retiree Fundraising.

You may have noticed bookshelves starting to appear in the halls of the Thames and Windsor Campus. The College will be issuing tax receipts for books donated for this project. The plan here is to stock the shelves with general interest reading materials (not textbooks) and to give the students open access. An endeavor to further enhance learning. In closing, we look forward to having you join us at our Fall and Winter Activities.

We wish you all the best in your retirement and for the upcoming Holiday Season.

Jay Ertel, President

ANNUAL WINTER TRIP

Plans for our annual trip to the sunny south in January are now coming together nicely. After examining a number of possibilities - Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Puerto Vallarta and Cozumel, we are back to the Mayan Riviera again. Those who have attended past trips feel that there is still plenty to do in that area which meets our criteria for sun, fun, sand, good food and relatively short flight. The most important criterion was – a fun group! This is not an exclusive group and we encourage anyone who wants a winter break with a great group of people to consider this trip.

After all our searching, we have selected the Sandoz Playacar Beach Resort which is not far from the Riu Playacar and the Riu Yucatan where we have stayed in the past.

The tour will be with Northwest World Vacations, a Tour Company which Kathleen Warren at Allison

Travel has dealt with and with whom she has been very satisfied. Travel will be on a scheduled Northwest flight which departs from the new terminal in Detroit. We leave at 10:24 am on January 14 (arrive in Cancun at 1:10 pm) and depart Cancun on January 21 at 2:10 pm (arrive Detroit at 7:05 pm). There is apparently a price guarantee for early booking. This means that eventual (fuel surcharge) increases would not apply.

The cost is still to be determined, but it is anticipated that it will be no greater than \$1450 (US) per person, all inclusive, with a booking deposit of \$200 per person."

Contact any of the following for more information: Anita Blair (ablair4@gmail.com); Bill Totten (wtotten@sympatico.ca); Jay Ertel (jertel@netover.com).

THE HEALTHPLEX CAMPAIGN IS IN HIGH GEAR

Recently two successful conferences were held in Chatham and Windsor to announce to the community the start of the College's capital fundraising campaign for our "Two-Campus – one Goal" HealthPlex project.

To date the College has raised \$11.5 million of the

\$23 million required to build state-of-the-art HealthPlex facilities in Windsor and Chatham. The students have supported the campaign with a \$10 million pledge, Alumni Andrew Faas has committed \$1 million, and the Alumni Association has donated \$570,000

The SCCRA Executive met with Dr. Strasser who outlined the capital campaign with the 10 year projections. The Executive scheduled a follow-up emergency meeting and unanimously passed two motions:

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Submitted by Jay Ertel

NOTICE: REVISED COVERAGE FOR INDEPENDENT DENTAL HYGIENISTS

In the past, dental hygienists were required to work under the guidance of a licensed dentist. This is no longer a legal requirement in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, and especially helpful for people living in rural, remote, or under serviced areas of the country.

Your Sun Life benefit plan now covers some services performed by independent dental hygienists.

Eligible services may include:

- Scaling – removing plaque and calculus
- Root planing – smoothing root surfaces
- Polishing – removing stains

• Fluoride treatments

It is important to be aware that not every service provided by a dental hygienist is covered by your plan. Please refer to your employee booklet for eligible services.

If you have any questions, please visit our Plan Member Services website at www.sunlife.ca/member, refer to your employee booklet or contact Duncan Almond (519 972-2727 ext 4687), your benefits administrator.

Submitted by Bill Totten

THE STATUS OF THE CAAT PENSION PLAN

Submitted by Paul Owens

Paul Owens asks that you read the Fund Status message printed below.

Hello Everyone

The value of the CAAT Pension plan as of year end 2007 was \$5.452 billion. When compared to the liabilities, we had a deficit of \$.497 billion. However, when the increases in contributions from active members are factored in that started in 2008, the Plan had a surplus of \$.320 billion. As of September 30, 2008, the assets decreased to \$4.655 billion. As of this week, we estimate them to be about \$4.0 billion. The good news is that the Plan filed the valuation with the Government Pension regulator which means another valuation does not have to be filed until as of January 1, 2011. This means we have 2 years to hope for some type of recovery. The other good news is that the Plan approved the increase in pensions in respect of service after 2007 for the January 1, 2009 increase. The increases for 2010 and 2011 are also approved unless the Plan elects to file another valuation before then.

In spite of the gloom and doom there is a remote possibility that the Plan could even file a valuation as of January 1, 2009 without a further contribution increase, solely because 80% of the equity losses are deferred to the next 4 years. Another positive, if there is one, is that the fall in the Canadian \$ in 2008 to date has actually increased the value of our foreign holdings, so that cushions the impact of the fall in the foreign markets. The Plan made a strategic decision a number of years ago to reduce our allocation to Canadian equities and increase our allocation to foreign holdings. That decision is now paying off.

Obviously, the Trustees are concerned about this situation and are monitoring things on an ongoing basis. What we don't want to do is panic and sell already lower asset holdings into a declining market. We are well diversified, more so than before and our increasing allocations to things like infrastructure and real estate will further diversify our holdings. Things will turn around, they always do, we just can't predict when. Things went down after the tech bubble and we recovered from that.

Paul E. Owens
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The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director 'How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized' 'Well,' said the Director, 'we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub.' 'Oh, I understand,' said the visitor. 'A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup.' 'No.' said the Director, 'A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?'

HOW TO ACCESS THE SUN LIFE WEBSITE

For those of you who are on one of the CAAT Health Benefit Plans through Sun Life, you can access your claims information through the Sun Life website. This is particularly handy at income tax time because for 2008 you can get a list of your total claims, what Sun Life paid and the difference that you paid. You can also check the start date for vision coverage and whether you have spent it and whether there is enough coverage in that year for expensive dental work.

Here is how to get this information:

1. Go to www.sunlife.ca
2. On the right hand side you go to Sign in, go down to Plan member. click
3. If you don't have an Access ID and a password then go to Don't have an Access ID on the right hand side, click on Register now.
4. There is a page of information then click on continue.
5. You select a plan which is group benefits. At this point you must have one of your claim statements to get the contract number and the certificate number.

You enter these numbers. *(When I did this awhile ago I had to wait for Sun Life to snail mail me my Access ID number which came in a matter of days. You get a temporary password which you have to change to a permanent password within a period of time. Once you have an Access ID number and if you forget it, you can enter in the contract and certificate number and a screen will pop up with a copy of your Access ID card).*

6. When you get an access number you sign in as above and fill out the Access ID and make up your own password. You then follow the screens. You can enter the dates "from and to" for your claim information, you can get a summary of medical and dental claims and you can print this information.

Other health benefit plans with websites will also have similar procedures to access your claims information.

Good luck!

Submitted by Anita Blair

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR SUN LIFE HEALTH BENEFIT PREMIUMS

The College will issue income tax receipts for Sun Life Health Benefit premiums upon request. They are not issued to all Sun Life retiree payees since deductibility of medical expenses is impacted by the net income of the individual and not all individuals are eligible.

If you want an income tax receipt contact: Vinoo Dayal, Financial Analyst,
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Submitted by Anita Blair

RETIREES' WEB SITE UPDATED

The Retirees' web site at www.stclaircollege.ca has been updated and new material added. A section on Pensions and Benefits has been added with links to various web sites to answer retirees' question on our pensions and our benefits. Retiree Tutoring is new as is a section outlining the Social Activities offered by the Retirees' Association. The site is rich with pictures taken at the numerous social events. Retiree

Projects has been updated and the Calendar of Events, the past newsletters, the minutes of the Annual General Meetings, the By-Laws and the members of the Executive remain.

Thanks to Brian Agar for his care and dedication in maintaining the Retirees' web site.

Submitted by Anita Blair

NEW HEALTH PREMIUM RATES FOR 2009

The following is sent to you by the Retirees' Association in cooperation with the HR Department at the College. **This introductory paragraph is from Duncan Almond, Benefits Officer.**

On February 1, 2009, the new premium rates kick in. For contract 22182 retirees on Extended Health Care (EHC) 1, the premium rate will increase 14%. Premiums for EHC 2 & 3 and Dental will not change. Remember, you can switch from EHC 1 to 2 to 3 but not back up. If you want to switch to another EHC plan Sun Life dictates that it must be done by February 1st.

Anyone who wants to change after that date cannot do so until February 1st of the next year. In January,

Vinoo Dayal will send all retirees a letter with their premium breakdown with the new rates and any additional information that we receive from the Council regarding the EHC 1 rate increase. Any retirees that are considering switching EHC plans can contact Duncan Almond who will send them the appropriate information.

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CAAT RETIREES - 22182

Benefit	Current Premium Rate	New Premium Rate Effective Feb 1/09
Basic Life - Academic Only	\$0.39 per \$1,000	\$0.39 per \$1,000
Basic Life - Other Retirees	\$2.00 per \$1,000	\$2.00 per \$1,000
Additional Life Insurance	\$0.95 per \$1,000	\$0.95 per \$1,000
Dependent Life Insurance	\$5.00 per unit	\$5.00 per unit

Extended Health Care Plan 1

Retirees Under Age 65	Single \$126.43	\$144.13
	Dependent \$162.34	\$185.07
Retirees Age 65 and Over	Single \$111.21	\$126.78
	Dependent \$ 98.72	\$112.54

Extended Health Care Plan 2

Retirees Under Age 65	Single \$124.79	\$124.79
	Dependent \$166.02	\$166.02
Retirees Age 65 and Over	Single \$109.76	\$109.76
	Dependent \$100.95	\$100.95

Extended Health Care Plan 3 (regardless of age)

All Retirees	Single \$ 63.42	\$ 63.42
	Family \$129.22	\$129.22

Dental Care

Single \$ 63.04	\$ 63.04
Family \$146.57	\$146.57

Note: 1. Under 22182, the “family” rate for Extended Health Care Plans 1 and 2 will be the sum of the Single and Dependent Rates.

2. Survivor rates are based on the survivor’s age for both single and dependent rates.

NEW STUDENT RESIDENCE OPENS AT CHATHAM CAMPUS

St. Clair College's new student "village" residence officially opened to students this past Labour Day weekend.

"It has been an exciting time watching the new residence take shape," says Lynn McGeachy Schultz, Director of College Advancement. "We are extremely pleased with the occupancy of the building which means we are starting to attract even more students from outside the community. The residence is basically full at this stage."

The new residence is all part of the College's strategic plan to grow the campus. According to College President, Dr. John Strasser a residence enhances the College's recruitment efforts and provides a catalyst for growth. "Our research indicated that offering a residence on campus was a positive step in the development of the campus.

We are pleased with the results thus far."

In fact, the College has experienced its largest enrolment ever in the history of the College with over 1,000 students starting their studies on Tuesday, September 2nd. "This milestone enrolment achievement is the result of a number of factors including adding new programs, more aggressive recruitment and the new residence," says Strasser.

The student village was designed and built in a modular fashion to allow for additional pods to be added easily. Each one of the 12 - 4 bedroom units is fully furnished and includes a living room, kitchen, 2 full bathrooms, and in-suite laundry.

Submitted by Jay Ertel



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SERVICE



This is a continuation of a new feature in our newsletter. Its purpose is to identify retirees who are actively involved in community service. The last newsletter featured Frank Sheehan and Jim Stuart. In this newsletter, we are featuring Lynne Watts.

Lynne Watts is a poster-woman for community service. She sits on the Board of Directors at Windsor Regional Hospital, along with former St. Clair staffers Gaston Franklyn and Jacques Kenny. In that capacity she also chairs the Bio-Ethics Committee and is active on the Foundation Board, working with Gisele Sullens, previously at St. Clair.

Lynne is also on the Board at St. Leonard's Society, which runs community safety programs as well as a half-way house for ex-convicts preparing for re-entry into the community. She has been active with this service, off and on, since 1980 and also serves as a representative on the national level.

More recently, she has become active with the International Film Festival. Since its inception in 2005, she has sat on its Board, and she and Dennis manage the box office. Current College professor Nick Cacciato is also involved.

In 2005 Lynne volunteered with the local Habitat for Humanity, working on the construction sites for a number of homes in 2005 and 2006. There she reconnected with Rob Lanoue and his students who also help to build Habitat homes. Now she also sits on the Board and acts as Treasurer.

Finally, Lynne is involved with the University of Windsor's Friends of Women's Studies/Distinguished Visitor Program. As a member of this community group, she helps plan and organize opportunities for notable Canadian women to present lectures to students and address our local community.

Although raised and educated locally, Lynne was actually born in England. She graduated from Walkerville

Collegiate and has degrees from the University of Windsor in both business administration and psychology. After working as a bank teller for about a year, Lynne started her career at the College in 1970 as a scheduling clerk working with Justin McNamara and Ken Darroch.

From there, she worked as a secretary in the Business Department reporting to Stan Marchini. Then she worked as a personnel officer reporting to HR Director Gary Docherty. From there, it was on to the budget office with Keith Studman.

Then, in 1986, she and spouse Dennis Lewis moved to Singapore for two years. Dennis worked with CIDA, an international educational agency. This pronounced change of pace lasted for two years and allowed for wonderful opportunities to learn and travel.

Lynne returned to the College in 1988 and worked in budgeting and strategic planning with Gaston Franklyn. She then returned to Human Resources working with Tom McCarthy. Subsequently, she was promoted to the position of Executive Director for Human Resources, reporting directly to then President Bert Martin.

Lynne completed her career as Vice President, Administration responsible for finance, human resources and physical resources. At various times, her portfolio also included student services and international programs.

Lynne finished her career in education at Centennial College in Toronto as Vice President Administration, reporting to President Richard Johnston, a former MPP and Chair of the Council of Regents.

Lynne Watts' career achievements are most impressive. The community is very fortunate to have a person of her calibre volunteering her services, and the Retirees' Association thanks her for work with us planning and organizing our national College/University Retirees Association conference last year.

Welcome back home, Lynne. It's good to have you back.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

THAMES/WINDSOR LUNCHEON - LIGHTHOUSE INN

On Wednesday, September 24, 2008 a group of 25 retirees enjoyed their lunch together on a beautiful fall day at the Lighthouse Inn. The mouth of the Thames River is a place of historical significance including activities relating back to the War of 1812. It is a picturesque place to visit at this time of year as the summer's boating season is coming to an end.



Sunday School Class

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama.

Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence. "I think I would throw up."

FOLLOWING THE DETROIT RIVER TRAIL OF THE 1812 WAR

A tour by Dan Loncke September 25 2008

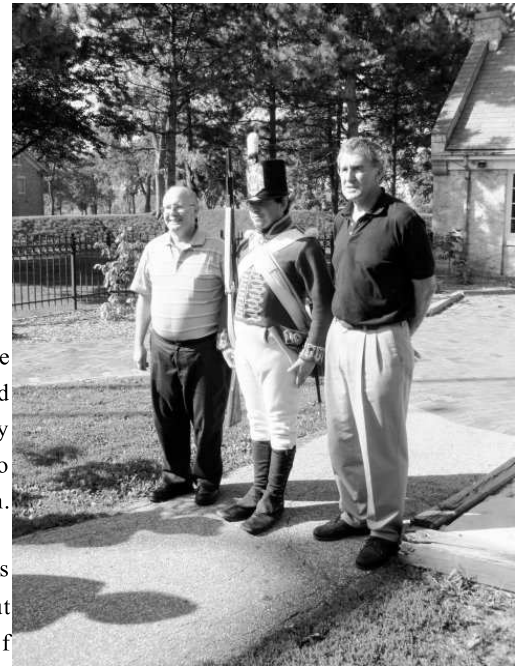
By Jay Ertel and Art Rae

A warm sunrise and friendly smile of our favorite tour bus driver greeted us as we boarded the coach for a great fall day following the trail of the 1812 War in the places where it unfolded down the Detroit River as narrated in detail by our own Dan Loncke one of whose many hobbies is local history. The tour was envisioned by both Dan and Gary MacLeod. Gary, also an avid history buff, did all the arranging to make the excursion go like clockwork precision.

Dan's deep knowledge of the events which carried through the conflict that brought America it's first foreign invasion and shaped the western half of Essex County was brought out throughout the day as he described all the places that felt the scourge of war from the first landing of American soldiers on our soil till the battle ended in truce and local inhabitants received reparation for possessions pillaged in the invasion.

Leaving the College we headed north to the first point the American forces landed in Canada in what is now the Walkerville area and Hiram Walker Distilleries head office. A plaque marks the spot the Americans came ashore under the leadership of Commander William Hull on July 12 1812.

Guiding us to the downtown area Dan showed us the Francois Baby House museum and pointed out it was from this area British troops bombarded Fort Detroit across the river, "with the accuracy to knock down the tree in the middle of the Fort as the American General in charge considered cutting it down because it showed where the center of the Fort was located".



On to Olde Sandwich Town the next stop was at another Baby house. Originally built on Mill Street for Alexander Duff, a merchant and fur trader in 1798, the house was subsequently purchased by James Baby in 1807. It was seized in 1813 by the American Commander William Henry Harrison until the army retreated after looting it. Postwar, Harrison went on to become the President of the United States. The mansion still stands and has been carefully reconstructed to look like it stood when first built. It is now owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation and is open to the public. Curator Don Wilson described the construction and history of the clapboard covered stone walled residence to half of our group while Dan took the other half across Mill Street to the marina where he showed us a fresco of the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie depicted on it's walls and described the events that led to the capture of the British fleet near Put-in-Bay. In between the two tours Dan and Gary's wives, Mary and Alice, set out a table in front of the Duff-Baby House and in the theme of the day served period refreshments of hearth cookies and apple cider they had prepared for the trip.



Back on the bus we headed towards Amherstburg passing monuments commemorating points of the battle as described by Dan where the first casualties of war from both sides fell, the Americans in the west end of Sandwich and the British at River Canard. Along the way Dan shared with us books of significance to the history and memorabilia of his own that included a medal of honour presented to one of the officers in the War, Ensign Francis Caldwell.

Reaching our next destination at Fort Malden or as it was named in the War, Fort Amherstburg as Dan pointed out, we were greeted by the educational director of the park, Alex Dale, dressed in full period costume of a soldier of the time of the War, who paraded us through the grounds and into the museum buildings to describe the events that led through the 1812-1814 period. The "Sergeant" then marched us to the barracks where he demonstrated the life of a soldier, what they ate, where they slept and what uniforms they wore here. Outside he paraded to the center of the square then smartly fired off two rounds from his musket in demonstration of the military style of the day.



A short ride away brought us to lunch at a historic Amherstburg restaurant, the Caldwell's Grant, named for the land grant that the Indians gave to William Caldwell on which much of the present day town is built. Originally a pub built in the early 1800s this has recently been finished into a fine dining restaurant. The food was excellent, the dessert 1800s period apple pie, and the host quite happy to tell us about the history of the place including the ghost that has been seen in it.

But we weren't done yet. Gary and Dan had one more place for us to see, the Christ Church and Churchyard - Anglican. The Church was opened up for us and Terry Hall, church warden, presented the history and significance of the building. Built

after the War of 1812, (the original had been sacked), on land donated by Col. Wm. Caldwell, walls were constructed by the Corps of Royal Army Engineers and the roof by the Navy as a waterproof ship's hull upside down. Pennants of the regiments serving in the 1812 War still hang in the church as do portraits of all the principals.



On the way back from Amherstburg through the sunny countryside Dan in true Faculty fashion had a quiz for us, with prizes, and summarized what we had experienced and the significance of the War of 1812 to this area. We ended a great trip back at the College "precisely on time" as Dan and Gary had planned it. Thank you both and your wives for giving us a great day trip and sharing your knowledge of local history.

ST.CLAIR COLLEGE ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

The following are the Alumni of Distinction Award Winners 2008



Nancy Berthiaume

Nursing '87

Clinical Practice Manager

Windsor Regional Hospital

(Windsor, ON)

Vicki Butzer

Jason Campigotto

Blake Chamberlain

Architectural Technology '05

Award-Winning Architectural Design Team

(Windsor, ON)



Roseann Danese

Journalism '83

Assistant Managing Editor

The Windsor Star

(Windsor, ON)

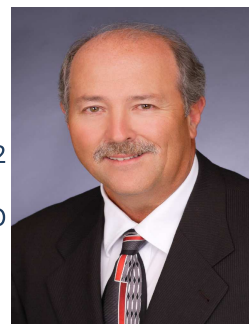
Rick Farrow

Business Administration '72

President & CEO

Russell A. Farrow Ltd.

(Windsor, ON)



Gina Liovas

Early Childhood Education '87

Administrator

CAW Child Care Centre

(Windsor, ON)

Raymond Payne

Electrical Engineering '68

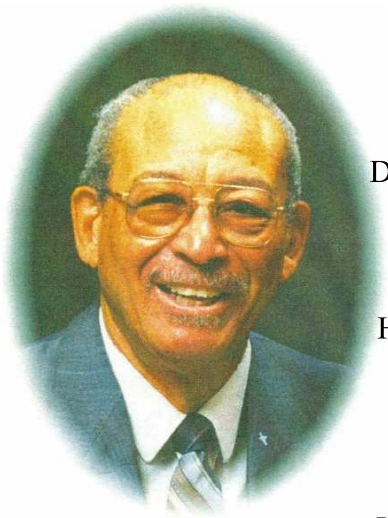
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(Chatham, ON)



REVEREND DONALD WRIGHT



Rev. Don Wright passed away this past August. He was a caring and respected member of the college's caretaking staff, but beyond that, he was a person who touched the lives of many people beyond the college.

Don was a successful pastor of his parish in Dresden. Knowing Don, he did not limit his ministry to his church, but could also be found visiting the hospital and the homes of his members in need.

He and his wife raised seven children and a number of them spoke at the funeral, extolling his virtues of a great husband and father. They especially pointed out that life was not always easy but, that he could be counted on no matter what to do what was necessary for his family, parishioners and friends.

He will be sadly missed.

Information provided by Jim Martin & Jay Ertel

IN MEMORIAM

Agnes Burridge

**Raymond Allan Smith - brother-in-law of Gerald
Trottier**

John Hunter - DSW Thames Campus

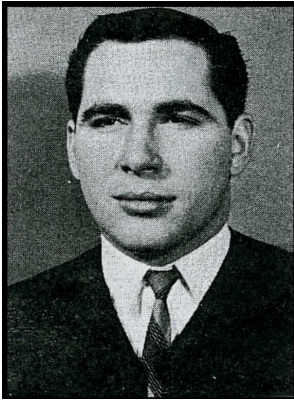
Keith Stedman's daughter Lynne Susan Namespetra

Mary-Lou Pennetti's mother-in-law Teresa Brister



May they rest in peace!

COLLEGE GRADS MAKE GOOD



We are introducing a new feature in the newsletter. We have identified retirees who not only retired from the College, but who also graduated from the College. The list is a lot longer than you might think. We won't necessarily include them all in chronological order, but it seemed most appropriate to start with the first one we could find: Roland Deschamps.

After graduating from Assumption High School, "Rollie" entered WOIT in 1959. He graduated in 1962 in Mechanical Engineering Technology, part of the Institute's second graduating class.

Upon graduation, Rollie took a job as a designer in London. After one year, he moved to Sarnia working in a similar capacity for Polymer. After two years there, he returned to Windsor and worked in the design office for the Ford Motor Company from 1965

- 1968.

In 1968, Rollie started working for the College. He has fond memories of the challenges associated with working on Mercer Street in the Burroughs Building and working in the basement of "A" Block at the South Campus during construction.

Rollie's teaching was directly related to his skill development in the work force: the teaching of drafting and design related to the machining of auto parts, gauges and fixtures.

Rollie has three children: a son who is a corporate lawyer in Toronto; a daughter who works at the casino; and a son who is a corrections officer. He also has four grandchildren, all boys.

Among Rollie's fondest memories are being a pioneer at the College, and working for Dr. Q. and Charlie Jackson.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

Did you know? Ann Bennett is living in Charing Kent England. She recently returned to Windsor for a short visit.



PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

The College contact for all retiree questions on pensions and benefits is
Duncan Almond
Benefits Officer, Human Resources,
St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology,
2000 Talbot Rd., Windsor, On., N9A 6S4
519-972-2727 Ext 4687
dalmond@stclaircollege.ca

Please Note: “Retirees wishing to receive the detailed documentation on coverage for Extended Health Care Plan 1 (EHC Plan 1), Extended Health Care Plan 2 (EHC Plan 2) and Extended Health Care Plan 3 (EHC Plan 3) can contact Duncan Almond.”

Web sites to know:

www.caatpensions.on.ca - For answers on pensions
www.thecouncil.on.ca - For information on the three plans and costs and coverage
www.sunlife.ca/member - For information on your own benefit claims

ONTARIO COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

OCRA is an organization formed by college retirees to be an advocate on issues of concern to their members. OCRA's mission is to develop and present common positions on behalf of members on issues such as pensions, benefits and government policies.

Membership in OCRA is only \$10 per year. You can join or renew your membership by checking off OCRA membership on the enclosed form and writing a cheque for both St. Clair College Retirees' Association and OCRA membership, or \$20.00 total. Many people have joined in the past but have let their OCRA membership slip. Please consider supporting OCRA this year.

You can also become a Lifetime member of OCRA. The amount depends on your age but for those 70 and older, membership is a deal at \$50.00.

This year OCRA has two new members on their Executive, Anita Blair and Jim Martin. We put our names up at the Annual General Meeting held at Fanshawe College on Oct. 25/08 and we were elected. Our major concern at this time is the Health Benefit package. There is a lot of work to be done and OCRA is the best vehicle to accomplish needed changes.

Submitted by Anita Blair

CCAC PRESENTATION

On October 15/2008 about 15 retirees and friends attended a presentation on the role of the Community Care Access Centre and Windsor Regional Hospital in the delivery of Long Term Care services in our community.

In addition to defining the role of the CCAC, the presentation covered a wide range of topics, including: levels of care, types of placement, the application process, LTC home choices and capacity, LTC eligibility, priority considerations, waitlist management and costs.

The handout materials also included a list of the Long Term Care facilities in Windsor-Essex. CCAC's are administered regionally and our administration is

centered in Chatham. A list of Chatham-Kent facilities can be obtained by contacting the local CCAC.

Among the many bits of advice offered were to apply as early as possible, visit the facilities you are considering and understand the cost implications.

Many thanks to CCAC case manager Beth Bridgeman for an excellent presentation and to Sharon Pillon. Vice President, Western Campus and Executive Director, Malden Park Centre, for her participation and update on the exciting developments at the Western Campus facility.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



Horst Meysick, Anita Blair, Elsie Hallahan, Jim Martin, John Charlesworth, Pat Hallahan

FALL SOCIAL

We tried something new this year for the Fall Social. Instead of the traditional barbeque at the Student Residence, we held a Pizza Party at the Student Centre. Because of the added room in the Student Centre we also decided to include spouses at

this event. While attendance was less than we normally expect at this annual Fall event, those who attended seemed to be pleased with the new format. We appreciate the help of Don France, Executive Director of SRC who helped with the arrangements



Ontario College Retirees Association (OCRA)

6th General Meeting

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Fanshawe College

At about 7:15am, Pat Hallahan and Lori Caba picked up Anita Blair and me at the OPP parking lot on Hwy 401, and we drove to the Bloomfield Road Truck Stop, outside Chatham, where Jay Ertel picked us all up in his new minivan, and drove us to Fanshawe.

We were a little early, found the room, met some old acquaintances, signed in, and got comfortable. Tim Horton's refreshments hit the spot.

Linda Choptiany, President of OCRA, and Catherine Finlayson, of the Fanshawe College Foundation, who was standing in for the President of Fanshawe, welcomed all 35 of us present.

The agenda was adopted, minutes approved, and reports presented and accepted. Two motions were passed. The first was authorization to remove from the data base members who had not contacted OCRA, and hadn't paid dues in five years. The second was a tidy-up of the processing of memberships.

Three new members were acclaimed to the ten person Board of Directors. Two of them were Anita Blair and Jim Martin of the SCCRA.

Anita then did a really nice job of presenting the St. Clair discussion paper on health benefits. This caused considerable, and at times heated discussion. It resulted in the passing of a motion to have the OCRA executive lobby for improvements to the CAAT Retiree health benefits plan. It was also taken as an opportunity by Mary Hoffweller (Human Resources Consultant to the CCA Council) to table the latest version of the "General Information About Your Retirement Benefits", including the news that the rates for the Extended Health Care Plan 1 will increase by 14% as of February 1, 2009. This caused a bit of a stir. Copies were available for the members present. This document is to be distributed to all members through the College Human Resource department who were made aware of it last Friday.

During a discussion of general business items, OCRA had become aware of an insurance agreement between CURAC (Colleges and Universities Retirees Association

of Canada) and Waterloo Insurance. OCRA is a member of CURAC. Details are to be obtained.

In addition Derrick May, read an e-mail he had received from Paul Owens, CEO of the CAAT Pension Plan, outlining the current status of the plan. The e-mail will be forwarded to each Retiree Association in OCRA for distribution.

Pat Hallahan, during the Retiree Association Showcase part of the meeting, presented the history, operation, activities, and relationships of the St. Clair College Retiree Association. It was excellent. Anyone who wanted to know what is needed and how it is possible to establish a successful Retiree Association was given a pretty clear formula of how it can be done.

After a brief lunch of crudites, fruit, sandwiches, and desserts, everyone was presented with a simple gift (water bottles, luggage tags, etc.) contributed by Colleges, or associated organizations.

The guest speaker, Dr. Cornelia Baines, Professor Emeritus of the U of Toronto, presented quite a thought provoking paper on the strengths and weaknesses of our current health system. Her presentation referenced several personal experiences that certainly made the issues more real. This paper will be sent to the Retiree Associations for distribution.

In wrapping up the day, quite a variety of door prizes were presented to members who had a winning ticket, and the meeting adjourned.

Jay, our Association staff photographer, made sure that an appropriate visual record was made of the meeting. These will be available on the web site.

On the return drive, it was very clear during our chats, that the St. Clair College Retiree Association was alive, and actively trying to represent the interests of its members. It was a good

Submitted by Jim Martin

Our Windsor and Chatham Representatives at the OCRA AGM



The Lucky Winner - Lori Caba

Retribution

A guy goes up to this girl in a bar and says, "Would you like to dance?"

The girl says, "I don't like this song, but even if I did, I wouldn't dance with you."

The guy says, "I'm sorry, you must have misunderstood me, I said you look fat in those pants."

VIEWPOINT ESTATES WINERY TOUR



A small but interested group of retirees visited the Viewpoint Estates Winery on October 1, 2008. Located in Colchester, Viewpoint is a brand new and beautiful facility with interesting future plans. They have spared no expense to create the nicest and most elegant winery in this area.

Viewpoint has plans to make their winery a 'destination' site rather than just offering winery tours. For example, in early October they hosted a "Wine and Dine with Number Nine" with Gordie Howe as the featured guest. They have plans to offer dramatic programs on a beautiful outdoor patio. They seem to have some kind of an agreement with Dennis

Sanson at Sanson Estates Winery. They are advertising a combined event, and there was promotional material for Sanson's during our tour.

It was also interesting to learn that Viewpoint offers the "Master Taster Certificate" program at the Colchester facility, presented by Niagara College.

The small attendance at this tour has us wondering whether Winery Tours have lost their appeal. We are looking at other possibilities for the future. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Submitted by Bill Totten

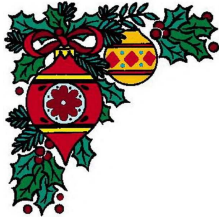
RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

On Wednesday, October 22, 2008 the retirees group attended the RM Classic Cars Tour in Blenheim, ON and the luncheon at the Chatham Breakfast House and Grill which followed. About 20 retirees toured the new museum and then were joined by others for lunch. The shop facility was not available this year due to renovations. It will be part of future tours when the renovation project is complete. RM Classic Cars is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales exceeding \$100 m per year. The local company has realized unprecedented growth in the auction business contributing to the development of a world-class, award winning restoration division that continues to earn accolades at international concours events.

Highlights of the tour included several Duesenbergs all worth over \$1 m (US) each and Mercedes-Benz classics. There was an excellent selection of 50's and 60's classics which were among the 70 plus vehicles viewed.

Celebrity owned classics included Steve McQueen's 1952 Hudson, President Eisenhower's 1956 Cadillac, Elvis Presley's 50's Cadillac and Kid Rock's 1930 Cadillac. Some of the group favourites were a 60's Ferrari valued at \$8-9 m, a 1938 Lagonda valued at \$3 m and a gorgeous classic green Auburn.

Again, this year the St. Clair College Retirees group fully enjoyed their day. *Submitted by Jay Ertel*



YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 10, 2008

LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB

HWY. 40 NORTH

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

COST: \$16.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON

(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:

EUNICE ROBINSON at 519-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net

JOHN CHARLESWORTH at 519-966-3168 or daturrah@hotmail.com



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

William (Bill) and Ida Totten





WINDSOR CAMPUS CHRISTMAS PARTY



DATE: Wednesday, December 3, 2008

TIME: 11:30 am - Meet

12:00 pm - Lunch

PLACE: ST. CLAIR CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

FAMILY STYLE LUNCHEON MENU

Soup: Butternut squash

Entrée: Stuffed turkey breast with roasted chestnut and herbed stuffing

Yukon gold whipped potatoes and baby honey glazed carrots

Dessert: Pumpkin mousse with Tahitian vanilla Chantilly cream

TICKETS

\$25.00 (includes parking, taxes & gratuity)

1. Please call or e-mail Lori Caba (519)974-1588, jcaba6@cogeco.ca for ticket reservations **before November 28, 2008.**

· 2. If you already have your ticket, please bring it with you. If your ticket is paid for and reserved you can pick it up at the door.

· 3. Mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees' Association to Lori Caba or give it to any other Executive member.

Lori Caba, 979 Esdras Place, Windsor, ON, N8S 2M84.

There will be no walk-ins. **Reservations must be made by November 28th.**

PARKING

· 1. Please park at the CITY CENTRE PARKING GARAGE located on the corner of PITT & DOUGALL (next to the new Windsor bus terminal).

· 2. Extract a parking ticket from the machine and keep it with you throughout the luncheon.

· 3. At the luncheon a voucher for parking will be given only to those with a parking stub.

· 4. The parking people are going to put an attendant on the parking exit who will require both the parking ticket and voucher before you can leave the garage.

COME OUT FOR SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS CHEER!



COMING EVENTS

1. Bridge Club (Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Jan 6, 27, Feb. 10, 24, Mar. 10, 24)
2. Annual Windsor Christmas Party - St. Clair Centre for the Arts (Dec. 3)
3. Annual Thames Christmas Party- Countryview Golf club (Dec. 10)
4. Student Christmas Performance - St. Clair Centre for the Arts (Dec, 11)
5. St. Clair College Christmas Brunch (TBA)
6. Winter Trip to Mayan Riviera (Jan, 14 to 21)
7. Canadian Club Tour (Feb. 12)
8. Thames Luncheons (Jan. 28, Feb. 25)
9. Trivial Tuesday (Mar. 31)

Luncheon Dates for Thames St. Clair Retirees

Sept 24 , 2008	Lighthouse Inn	11:30 am
Oct. 22, 2008	R & M Car Tour	10:00 am
	Chatham's Breakfast House & Grille	11:00 am - 11:30 am
Nov. 26, 2008	William Street Café	11:30 am
Dec. 10, 2008	College Xmas Party-Countryview Golf Course	
	Social	11:30 am -----Dinner 12:30 pm
Jan. 28, 2009	Satellite Restaurant	11:30 am
Feb. 25, 2009	Chatham's Breakfast House & Grille	11:30 am
Mar. 25, 2009	William Street Café	11:30 am
Apr. 29, 2009	Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant	11:30 am
May 27, 2009	Casa Bella on the Thames	11:30 am



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