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# NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



What a winter we have had so far. It will be good to have Spring come but I don't think we are done with Winter quite yet. What a shock our Winter Trip group had to return to after a week in the sun of Punta Cana .

The Executive is busy planning events for the Spring and many of these will be detailed in the pages that follow. We are pleased to announce that we have talked with people at the Woodland Hills Golf Course and hope we can plan some activities there. In May, our AGM will be held there. Hopefully, a golf league can be started to include the retirees. This course lends itself to having children attend and this may be an opportunity to have a family day or a three generational tournament.

In early June, the group has reserved seats for a play at the Petrolia Victoria Playhouse. We plan to see Fiddler on the Loose –Part 2.

The Retiree's Group has been contacted by the Fanshawe Retiree Group to join together for some activities. They are interested in attending the R&M Car Tour in the fall and hopefully we can join them for some of their events. Details will follow.

A 3 or 4 day trip is being looked into for the group. Maybe to Chicago or a Mississippi River Cruise or a evening Detroit River Cruise and Dinner. Watch for details.

Thank you to all who have paid their membership dues for 2014. It's not too late to join. Forms are being sent to anyone who has not renewed and I hope you will reconsider joining. We would like to go over the 300 mark this year for Membership.

This year, the executive is planning on using some of your dues to assist in the cost of events.

The Christmas Parties at both Thames and Windsor were enjoyed by those who attended. Although the number attending in Windsor was lower than the year before those who attended enjoyed visiting with friends. Any comments and suggestions to improve this event would be appreciated by the Executive.

As always we are looking for new ideas for the group. Don't be shy about giving your suggestions to us. Also let us know of special events in your life-anniversaries, Birthdays and special honors given to our members.

Continue to keep In touch and be sure we have both your current mailing and email address. With the cost of postage going up we may have to consider using email to a greater extent

Be careful in this cold slippery weather and stay safe. I look forward to seeing you at some of our Spring Events.

As always,

JoAn Dale, President

**THE ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION  
EXTEND THEIR BEST WISHES TO ALL THE NEWLY  
RETIRED MEMBERS OF ST. CLAIR COLLEGE DURING THE PAST  
YEAR!**

Lillian Addley-Darel  
Lynne Compton  
Bonita Elliott  
Roger Faubert  
Ross Langill  
Joan Oliver

Randy Appleby  
Cathy Craig  
Hugh Evans  
Lillian French  
Kathy MacDonald  
Paul Ramey

Robert (Bob) Chase  
Richard Dumouchelle  
Ed Everaert  
Julie Isherwood  
Gordon Oglan  
Sandra Wieland

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**ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

Again this year retirees used the opportunity provided by the Annual President's Christmas Brunch to meet and greet many fellow retirees and to renew acquaintances with current staff. On Wednesday, December 17, 2013 the Hangar was once again the site of the wonderful 'brunch' presented by the staff of the St. Clair Centre.

Dr. Strasser recounted the academic and athletic highlights of the first semester (accompanied, as usual, by appropriate musical renditions). His presentation ended with an announcement that the college would close as of Friday afternoon, which brought a rousing cheer from the staff present.

We appreciate being included in this annual event.



JoAn Dale, Owen Klein, Charles Wilson, Dick St. John

## HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX FUNDRAISING

**St. Clair College retirees have raised \$35,904 to date, 119% of our \$30,000 goal.**

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

The SportsPlex is to open in April 2014.

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 were included with the fall 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*

## 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](mailto:member@caatpension.on.ca)

## Bits 'n Pieces

New retiree from Thames Campus , Lillian Addely-Darel and her husband Fleming have recently celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We wish you many more years of happiness as you enjoy your retirements.

## THAMES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Thames Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 04, 2013 at the Countryview Golf Club in Chatham. This was a beautiful sunny day for the kick-off of the Holiday Season and the golfers were out as well. Forty-five people attended and enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon. Eunice Robinson and Elizabeth Barr were thanked for arranging the door prizes and organizing another successful Christmas Party. People enjoyed their social time especially with presentations being made by Santas Eunice and Jim Robinson. We wish to thank Tony Ellul for the powerpoint presentation on the years retirees' social activities.

Lynn McGeachy-Schultz, Principal Thames Campus joined the group for the luncheon. Lynn gave an update on the progress of developments at College. Lynn thanked JoAn Dale for taking on the Windsor Nursing Chair role this fall. The Windsor SportsPlex is scheduled to open in March'14. The Thames

enrolment is at 1,300 students and the residence is full with a waiting list. The day care is now The Mary Uniack Health Sciences Education Centre. The St. Clair Capitol Theatre is booking shows for the winter and next season. Chris Hadfield is booked for October'14. The HealthPlex has been hosting both student and community events. Seniors are accessing the badminton courts and the indoor track. A new Bakery Program is approved to be offered at the Annex adjacent to the St. Clair Capitol Theatre. St. Clair College now has a presence at the local Safety Village.

The retirees were invited to attend the Christmas Pageant on Dec. 12,13 and 14 at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts and the President's Christmas Brunch on Dec. 17 at South Campus.

*Submitted by Jay Ertel*



*Gayle Martin, Santa Jim Robinson, Elizabeth Barr*



*Milda Stetchyshyn, Santa , Elizabeth*



*John Zangari, Jim Robinson,  
Elizabeth Barr*



## WINDSOR CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013

The Windsor Retiree Association Christmas Party was held at the South Campus in Chez Talbot on Dec. 11/13.

Many thanks to Jay Ertel, Gayle Harrick and Marilyn Portt for organizing this annual event as well as to other contributors such as Bill Totten, Tony Ellul and Santas Jim Martin and Cindy Bissonnette.

This fun event was enjoyed by about 65 retirees and spouses/friends all of whom enjoyed an excellent buffet turkey lunch with all the trimmings; the food was provided by the St. Clair Centre For The Arts.

A large bin for the SRC (student government) Food Bank was quite full thanks to the generosity of the

attendees who brought in non-perishable food items.

Also many retirees enjoyed receiving the many door prizes available thanks to the generosity of various College departments and some of our own retirees.

Dr. Strasser, President, entertained the group with a College update, including mention of a new residence in the planning stage for the Thames Campus, which is now up to over 1300 students.

The room was very festive and allowed for lots of interaction among the attendees.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*

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## COLLEGE STUDENT CHRISTMAS SHOW

The 2013 edition of the Music Theatre Performance Program Christmas show was, in the words of some: "Their best show yet!" Other comments included: "I didn't want it to end." and "I loved the traditional Christmas songs sung by the entire ensemble."

The theme of this year's show was "Christmas in Vegas" and included a number of tribute artist renditions mimicking Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis and the like.

Not to be outdone, the Entertainment Technology students ensured the stage was as professional as any anywhere, as were the costumes.

This year's show was done without an intermission; it was about 75 minutes of continuous entertainment.

Many retirees attended on the evening which also included a sumptuous buffet dinner. At \$30 for both dinner and show, this is the best Christmas value in the region.

*Submitted by Pat Hallahan*



## OCEAN BLUE AND SAND - WINTER TRIP 2014

This year's trip was back to the Ocean Blue and Sand in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Back in August we got the pricing information from Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel and 17 of us signed up. Before the newsletter went out the price jumped almost \$700 per person which discouraged others from joining us. Before we left at the end of January 5 people cancelled for health reasons, which left 12 of us, our lowest number ever.

The company we had used to take us to the Detroit airport went bankrupt so we had to find an alternative.

We found Windsor Essex Airport Limo Service and that worked out well. The morning we left for the Detroit airport was cold and snowy with black ice on one section of the road as evident by the three cars that went into the ditch just ahead of us. We got to the airport safely but after checking in and going through security we had no time for breakfast.

The airport at Punta Cana is a nightmare. Hundreds of people walking back and forth in roped off sections. It was not air conditioned and was very humid. We eventually got to our bus for the half hour ride to the all-inclusive resort.

Ocean Blue and Sand was wonderful. Excellent food, clean rooms, two large pools, a variety of specialty restaurants, white sandy beach, near-by shopping and Mike's Coffee House. This resort was one of the best in the eleven years of these trips and it didn't disappoint. We kept the tradition of happy hour before dinner. The warm, sunny weather held up and the only rain occurred at night. The week went by all too swiftly then it was back to that awful airport and cold and snowy Windsor.

*Submitted by Anita Blair*



**TAKE NOTE!**

**This is your opportunity to learn about:**

**WILLS  
POWER OF ATTORNEY  
DUTIES OF AN EXECUTOR**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014**

**WHERE: CHEZ TALBOT**

**TIME: 4:00PM**

Further information can be obtained from Sue Bezaire.

**HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
to  
Geraldine and Frank Pomajba  
of Chatham  
on November 9th!**

***CREATIVE PUNS FOR “EDUCATED MINDS”***

*The roundest knight at King Arthur’s round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.*

*No matter how much you push the envelope, it’ll still be stationery.*

*A grenade thrown in a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.*

*Atheism is a non-prophet organization.*

*A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: ‘Keep off the Grass’*

# St. Clair College Woodland Hills Golf Club



As you read this article you may possibly be thinking more of a snow shovel in your hand than a golf club on the course or a beverage out on our new deck, but trust me the days will soon be upon us when we'll look forward to our time in the sun. This winter has been a good old fashioned one and it has given us time to try and coordinate how we can cater to the needs of all the college's different organizations.

The St. Clair Retirees Association is a group that I hope will become regular partakers of our facility and all we have to offer. For those who haven't been out to the golf club, we are a 9 hole executive course designed by Robert Heaslip. You will find our course easy to walk, however power carts are available. We offer some of the best practice facilities in the county, a large grass tee area on our driving range deck, a 7,000 sq. ft. practice green and chipping area. We offer a fully licensed, air conditioned clubhouse and a great new deck with combined seating of 150. Our food & beverage can cater from light lunches to full banquet fare.

New this year we are offering special discounted prices on green fees for all Retirees, Faculty and Staff

On presentation of your membership card you and your guests are entitled to \$8.00 green fees.

You can obtain a full seven day membership for \$250.00. If the Retirees Association has enough interest to start a league we will offer a one day a week membership for \$125.00

Our club has a well earned reputation for offering one of the best junior programs in the area. Here we are offering retiree members a discounted price of 25% off. Application forms are enclosed; what a great gift idea for your grandsons and granddaughters. We are anticipating an April 1st opening date but feel free to call me anytime for any

**Inquiries: Rick Cylka 519-567-5542**



**A Spring Get to Know Us Day  
Bar B Q Lunch  
Golf, Lawn Games & Prizes  
All for \$10.00**



**Thursday, May 1st starting at 11:00 A.M.  
Call 519-975-4653 to register by April 26**







# Where fun is par for the course

## Spring Junior Academy Application



May 10th-May 31st

Please Circle One

Friday Evenings (Ages 10-15) 5:00pm 6:00pm  
Saturday Mornings (Ages 4-9) 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am

Programs include 1 hour lesson per week, a tournament, and BBQ on June 7th

First Name (please print) Last Name Date of Birth  
day/month/year

Male ☐ Female ☐ Employee # Retiree Assoc. Member ☐ Please check

Home Address  
Street No. Street Name Apt. Number City Postal Code

Parent/Guardian Names

Home Phone Number Work Phone Number  
( ) ( )

Mobile Phone Number Email  
( )

Emergency Contacts  
Name Relationship Phone Number  
( )  
( )

**Payment Information** – Registration will be confirmed by e-mail only after receipt of full payment

Drop off at the golf club or mail to: 1919 County Rd. 27, Woodslee. ON N0R1V0

Cost \$100 + 13% HST \$113.00 St. Clair affiliated 25% discount \$75.00 + 13% \$84.75

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque Payable to: St. Clair College Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Credit Card Number: Exp. Date:

Cardholder's Name:

Cardholder's Signature:

### Waiver of Liability

I understand that in the case of injury or any medical emergency, and in the event that parents/guardian cannot be contacted, Woodland Hills Golf Club Inc. herein known as WHGC, personnel have my permission to admit my child to the hospital if they deem it necessary. Also, I will in no way hold WHGC their affiliates, subsidiaries or any other persons connected with this academy responsible or liable for any injury or loss of equipment that may occur to the below named participant during this academy.

I also grant WHGC permission to use photographs or video of my child taken at the WHGC academy for use in promotions or related marketing materials.

This agreement shall not obligate WHGC to use the property or to use any of the rights granted hereunder, or to prepare, produce, exhibit, distribute or exploit the property.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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## THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES

Invite you to

### War of 1812 Museum Tour

Chatham-Kent Museum, 75 Murray Street, Chatham, ON

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

10:15 a.m.

Cost: \$2.50 per person

The exhibition, on loan from the Canadian War Museum, Ottawa showcases paraphernalia from the war of 1812. With the help of artifacts, a window is opened giving insight into the viewpoints of the Canadians, Americans, British and Natives and what the war meant to each of them. Included are swords, rifles, and medallions, as well as, a preserved collection of uniform tops that have survived more than 200 years.

10:15 a.m. at the Museum for the Tour

(please access the Museum through the door of off Murray Street)

Lunch on your own following at Swiss Chalet, Keil Drive, Chatham

Please confirm with Eunice Robinson 519-351-3670 or [robsan@sympatico.ca](mailto:robsan@sympatico.ca)  
if you are attending ny February 20, 2014

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## SPRING THEATRE TRIP

Last year a group went to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia to see a presentation of “Fiddler on the Loose”. We had no idea what we would be seeing but were very pleasantly surprised with a terrific show put on by a group of very talented performers, led by a fiddle player who was accompanied by six musicians. We were disappointed to see it end, but we followed up the show with a nice dinner at the Actors Restaurant which is just across the parking lot from the theatre.

Well! Apparently the show was so well received that the Victoria Playhouse has brought the group back for **“Fiddler on the Loose 2”**. We are planning to attend the performance **on Tuesday, June 10, at 2:00 pm.** We will arrange carpools beforehand.

The cost is \$36.00 for the show, with dinner extra.

For tickets, call Marilyn Portt at 519 969-0693 or [mportt@hotmail.com](mailto:mportt@hotmail.com).

# *In Memoriam*

*The following retirees passed away during the period from  
November 9, 2013 to February 8, 2014.*

## *RETIREES/FULL TIME STAFF*

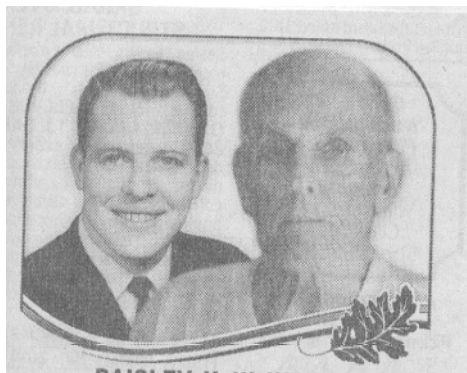
**MARY CELESTINO** - Member of the Arts Faculty

**NANCY JANE KINZIE** - Faculty member at Thames Campus in the Developmental  
Service Worker and Early Childhood Education Program.



### **VICKY LESSARD**

passed away peacefully, on January 25, 2014 at the age of 71 years. Wife of Leo and the mother of two sons, Vickie was the sister of retiree Mike Krakana. She was a long-time hairstylist and retired professor and co-ordinator of the Hairstyling Program at St.Clair College



**KEITH WILLIAM PAISLEY** - Keith passed away on December 20, 2013 with his family by his side. Keith was a professor at Thames Campus. He is survived by his wife Carol Ann McIntyre Paisley and children Devon, Heather, Brent and Tara.

**CATHERINE ANN (KATIE) TAYLOR** - Katie was the faculty person at Thames Campus who was instrumental in getting the Personal Support Worker Program started.

**The following family members of retirees passed away during the period from November 8, 2013 to February 9, 2014**

**Mary Ann Adams's father - Thomas Breen**

**Casey Balvert's mother - Emerentia**

**Sylvia Crozier's husband - William Crozier**

**Linda Drouillard's mother - Lorraine Sinasac**

**Dennis Dowker's mother - Gladys Dowker**

**Leonard Jobin's brother - Phillip Mousseau**

**Ginny Smith and Nadine Burke's mother - Ida Smith**

**Kathy (Don) Tellier's father - Neil Reaume**

**Barry Van Briesbrouck's father - Julius Van Briesbrouck**

**Sandy VanBriesbrouck's father - John (Jack) McIntyre**

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!***

## **“LETTERS TO THE EDITORS”**

The St. Clair College Retirees’ Association does welcome letters to the Editors which are of an information nature to the retirees’ membership.

The letters are to be no more than a third of a page in length and are **not** to be of a commercial interest.

The Editors reserve the right to refuse a letter for insertion in the newsletter if it is felt to be in poor taste.

## **ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES’ ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL POLICY**

“The Editor reserves the right to edit any submission for length and/or content.”

Editorial changes may be made based upon, but not restricted to, the following standards:

1. No item shall exceed one page in length.
2. Grammatical and/or spelling errors will be corrected.
3. Edits will be made to overcome repetition of content.
4. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
5. Political correctness must be observed, in keeping with community values.
6. Every effort shall be made to protect the interests of St. Clair College and the St. Clair College Retirees’ Association.

## ***FOR ALL YOU WISE SENIOR CITIZENS***

*Wisdom from Grandpa...Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.*

*On anniversaries, the wise husband forgets the past - but never the present.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Chatham Museum Tour – War of 1812 Exhibit
2. Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Swiss Chalet Restaurant
3. Bridge Club Dates:

March 4

March 18

April 1

April 15

April 29

4. Wednesday, Mar. 26 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Links of Kent Golf Course
5. Wednesday, Apr. 30 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Casa Bella Restaurant
6. Wednesday, May 7 - Annual General Meeting, TBA  
St. Clair College Woodland Hills Golf Course
7. Wednesday, May 28 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Tru's Grillhouse  
Restaurant

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***TRUE, TRUE!***

*If you love something, set it free.*

*If it comes back, it will always be yours. If it doesn't come back,*

*it never was yours to begin with.*

*But, if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food,*

*uses your telephone, takes your money,*

*and doesn't appear to realize that you set it free.....*

***You either married it or gave birth to it.***