

St. Clair College Retirees' Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Chez Talbot
May 6, 2009

1. George Rapaich made a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting and Ron Dimenna seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Lynn Watts motioned to accept the minutes from the last General Membership Meeting.
Norma Grainger seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

3. **President's Report**

Jay Ertel gave his President's Report

It's my pleasure to welcome everyone to the St. Clair College Retiree's Association AGM and extend a warm welcome to the new retirees. We are having a very successful year with our Program so I want to begin by thanking all of you for supporting the Association's Activities. Throughout the year, we receive tremendous support from **Dr. Strasser and the College** in addition to Dr. Strasser's generous initiative to annually match our St. Clair College membership fees collection. We thank Dr. Strasser and the College for including the retirees at the President's Staff Appreciation Brunches in December and this spring in June, meeting with the Executive twice per year for Breakfast Meetings and truly demonstrating a sincere interest in keeping the retirees as part of the College Family. Fundraising is now underway for the College HealthPlexProjects in Chatham and Windsor which are planned for 2010. The College is handling the contacts for the large corporations. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with the fundraising through your contacts with small businesses. The retirees have now raised \$4,900 (16%) towards our \$30,000 projection/goal (\$3,000 per year for 10 years).

Again this year the Executive and many of our retirees have been busy working very hard to deliver a quality Program that has been a lot of fun and providing services to the College to warrant College support. Now is the time to thanks and recognize our people.

Our Executive meets as a Committee once per month and regularly attends our Social Events and takes the lead on many Projects.

- **Del Zangari**, Newsletter Editor, one of the founding members of the Association, has been our only Newsletter Editor since day one. We receive many positive comments for our Newsletter so Del we thank you for doing an outstanding job, for chasing after the rest of us to contribute articles and we also thank your great assistant, your husband **John Zangari**.

- **Bill Totten**, President Emeritus, **Pat Hallahan**, Past-President and **Anita Blair**, Membership Director, have all made significant contributions to our Association. They will be reporting on the Archive Project, our Educational Activities, Memberships and Fundraising. In addition to these major initiatives, we thank them for organizing our Cancun Trip, working with OCRA, managing the Art Project, leading the Retirement Planning Service and attending to a whole lot of things like keeping the rest of us on track for the Association to run smoothly. Anita, Bill, and Pat are usually at the College every week. We appreciate Anita along with Jim Martin joining the OCRA Board and presenting our SCCRA Health Benefits Brief.
- **Jim Martin**, Vice-President, we thank Jim for joining the OCRA Board and being our College Board Observer along with Jim Cameron for Thames. Jim Martin also takes the lead on our SCCRA Projects throughout the year.
- **Carol Pratt**, Social Convener and Goodwill Director. Carol has been taking care of those many cards—sympathy, thinking of you, congratulations, in addition to her Social Convener and Goodwill Director. Duties. Carol we really appreciate your willingness to always pitch in and get involved and we thank you for continuing to feed us well at these events.
- **Lori Caba**, Recording Secretary. Lori we thank you for joining the Executive and continuing to keep us organized. We appreciate you getting those monthly minutes out in a timely manner.
- **John Charlesworth**, Social Director and **John Payne**, Treasurer. We thank these two for keeping us in the black and continually entertained. You see them working together at social events and they also cover well for each other when the other may be away at dog shows or travelling. John Charlesworth is also helping with the fundraising. We thank both of you for your ongoing long term dedication and commitment to the Association.
- **Elizabeth Barr**, Chatham-Kent Rep and **Eunice Robinson**, Chatham-Kent Social Convener. We thank you for taking care of our Thames group by running a very active Social Program in Chatham-Kent. Like Del, Eunice has an excellent assistant, **Jim Robinson** who attends, helps organize and supports many of our Association's Activities. Jim we appreciate your involvement with our group and you make a great Santa.
- **Gary Docherty**, Benefits Director. Benefits and our pension are major concerns to all of us. We thank Gary for taking a leadership role on these important issues and advising on the management of our SCCRA business affairs.

We are also indebted to many other people who wish to thank:

- **Brian Agar**, Web Site Manager for keeping our web site up to date with Association Information—Activities/Newsletters/Photo Gallery. The web site has had major changes and updates to tie in with the College's web site new look.
- **Gayle Harrick**, Windsor Christmas Party.
- **Susie Korchnak**, Telephone Committee along with Eunice Robinson
- **Marilyn Charlesworth, Shirley Dzudz, Elsi Hallahan, Mary Loncke, Ida Totten, Hanno Barten, Les Taffinder**, our BBQers and Hospitality Team.
- **Jim Chambers**, Auditor, Retiree Tutoring Service, Fundraising Projects
- **Dan and Mary Loncke**, Bridge Club, Trivial Tuesday, War of 1812: Detroit River Bus Tour
- **Gary MacLeod**, Social Convener, has introduced many new social events this year. Please join us for the May 30 Historic Aircraft Tour. Retirees really enjoyed the War of 1812: Detroit River Bus Tour, Caesar Casino Tour and the Canadian Club Tour this year. Gary has further plans for us for next year.
- **Ruth Hicks, John Charlesworth, Del Zangari, Lori Caba, Pat Hallahan, Bill Totten**, Student Elections.
- **Hanno Barton, Lea Garber, Dick St. John, Art Rae, Rick Erwin**, Archive Project.

In conclusion, this has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year with so many members helping out to ensure success with our Association and Retirement. Thank you to all.

4. **Membership Report**

Jim Martin presented the report for Anita Blair

At this writing (April 8) we have 234 paid up members and associate members for 2009. Our main collection is at the Christmas party in December, but because the attendance was a bit lower this year we sent out another reminder to members who had paid their dues in the last two years but not for 2009. This brought in additional dues and we will most likely exceed last year's record number of 247 since membership monies come in throughout the summer.

In the database we have 433 names with full information. We also have 27 names with no information, 32 associate members who are also in the main database and unfortunately a growing number of deceased members, now at 81 names. We also collect membership dues for the Ontario College Retirees' Association, (OCRA) the provincial organization. We have 33 Life Members of OCRA and an additional 202 members who have an OCRA membership number. Of these only 103 have renewed their membership to OCRA for 2009.

I would like to thank my daughter Rachel for the design of the Access database and the numerous reports and queries she has created over the years. We have 4 databases (tables), 13 queries, 1 form and 2 reports which give us many access points into the data.

5. **Social Convener's Report**

John Charlesworth presented his report.

Our retirees' social services are second to none. But we can always improve. This year saw many people getting interested in the activities and providing valuable help by taking over some of the work. Names are too numerous to mention but are continually growing as many of you have pet interests that you would like to share with the membership for our benefit. Please do not be afraid to offer your ideas for us to either investigate or better still, to organize the idea yourself. Come on—give me that old St. Clair spirit of entrepreneurship.

6. **Education Committee Report**

Pat Hallahan presented the Education Committee Report

This was another busy year for the Education Committee. A seminar was held in the fall to better explain the services rendered by our local Community Care and Access Centres. Representatives from the Windsor CCAC and Western Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital participated.

In addition to educational seminars, information tours were also organized by both Gary MacLeod and Dan Loncke. They collaborated on a very well received bus tour visiting strategic locations which formed part of the War of 1812.

Gary also organized a tour of the Transportation Museum in Essex County and the Hirman Walker facility on Riverside Drive in Windsor. The latter featured “new” information from the distillery on their part in the sales of contraband alcohol during Prohibition. He also arranged a tour of the Caesars Windsor facility.

Gary is currently organizing a tour of the Aircraft Museum at Windsor Airport. This tour will offer an opportunity to see the Windsor's famed Lancaster Bomber up close and to get a ride in some other historical aircraft. Please consider joining us on May 30.

7. **Chatham-Ken Report**

Elizabeth Barr made the following report on behalf of Chatham-Kent.

The Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon. Thanks are given to Jay Ertel, Eunice Robinson and Elizabeth Barr for arranging the guest speakers. The members also wish to thank Eunice Robinson, our Social

Convener, for taking care of all the social arrangements and keeping the members informed throughout the year.

Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a luncheon meeting in September at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Lighthouse Cove and for the RM Classic Cars Tour on October 22. RM, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. They typically have a \$10m inventory of investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of prewar classic and important post-war sports cars. The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 10, 2008 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Our February luncheon included a speaker from St. Andrew's Seniors Residence. The speaker provided us with information on the programs offered at the Residence, as well as informing us of the living accommodations available. At the April meeting, a speaker from a local nursery shared points on happy gardening. All of these events were very successful. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2009/2010.

The members continue to appreciate the warm, receptive environment that Dr. Strasser has created for retirees at the College and we wish to thank him for his support.

8. Archive Committee Report

Bill Totten reported that archive material is growing almost weekly. In 2008 we have focused on a number of projects: indexing of Saint and Journal items; identification and filing academic program material; identification and forting of a large quantity of 35mm slides; identification and filing Convocation material; creation of an organized file of staff and former staff photos and documentation; creation and installation of displays for a permanent display case. These projects are worked on weekly (Monday mornings) by Hanno Barten, Keith Brown, Anita Blair, Pat Hallahan, Lea Garber, Dick St. John, and Bill Totten. More help is always appreciated.

9. Treasurer's Report

John Payne advised the membership that Jim Chambers acted as Auditor.

In a memorandum received from J. E. Chambers, MBA, CMA dated March 18, 2009 the following was reported.

In accordance with my appointment as Auditor, I have examined the books and records of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. I have performed such tests as I felt necessary and am pleased to report that the Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements (including Books and Records) accurately reflects the financial position of the Association as of December 31, 2008. The statements have been presented on a basis consistent with previous reporting periods.

President *	Anita Blair
Vice President*	Jim Martin
Recording Secretary*	Lori Caba
Treasurer*	John Payne
Membership Director*	Gayle Harrick
Thames Director*	Elizabeth Barr

Appointed Members

Communications Coordinator	Pat Hallahan
Education Coordinator	-vacant
Social Coordinator	John Charlesworth
Newsletter Editor	Del Zangari
Archive Coordinator	-vacant
Fundraising Coordinator	Jay Ertel
Directors at Large	Gary Docherty

Paul Balkwill moved “THAT the nomination list be accepted as presented”

Jim Martin called the question

CARRIED

12. Other Business

Anita Blair presented Jay Ertel with a gift on behalf of the Retiree Association and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the Association.

13. Adjournment

George Rapaich moved “THAT the AGM for 2009 be adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.