



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Autumn 2021

From the President

Susan McLelland



What a beautiful fall we have had so far! (Well - that is - as of October 14th when I wrote this!) Just having gone through a warm and sunny Thanksgiving weekend with friends and family members, (all vaccinated of course!) It was wonderful to be

able to enjoy the company of loved ones in person after such a long time apart. Also happening on Thanksgiving weekend was a St. Clair College Fratmen Football game that many of us attended at our new Acumen Stadium at South Campus. Take a look at my write-up about this on page 8. We were delighted to receive complimentary tickets for this game from St. Clair College and we were also able to arrange a pre-game event "tailgating" in the parking lot before game time to eat pizza and some refreshments.

At the end of August, we all celebrated our first gathering in over 18 months, an outdoor event at Bev and Paul Chortos' country home as we have done in years previously in the fall (except of course in 2020) It truly was a joy to see people in person for the first time in many, many months and Paul & Bev were excellent hosts, providing us with a relaxing outdoor venue along with a traditional hay ride to the back end of their beautiful property along Cedar Creek. Mimi McPhe-dran and Patricia Taylor were the organizers of this and ensured every safety precaution was put in to place by arranging for a very tasty luncheon to be served in separate bags for each individual order. The weather was perfect and the beanbag toss games provided much fun and a hearty, somewhat competitive and jovial venue.

As the Holiday Season approaches, we are looking forward to celebrating with our fellow Retirees at the annual Christmas Luncheon, as well as a Christmas Production performed by the students of the Music Theatre

Performance Program on December 18th at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. Watch your e-mail for further information on this. On page 3 of this newsletter you can also get further details on how to get tickets for this event. It seems so long since we have been able to do this! Barring any further Covid 19 lockdowns, the show will go on! Fingers crossed! The Chatham Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 1 at Rossini's Restaurant in Chatham. For further details, contact Elizabeth Barr at EBarr1951@gmail.com or Giny Russell at Ginnyrus-sell22@gmail.com.

As you know, a parking pass to park in T Lot at the main campus, and in the visitors' lot at Thames is included as a bonus when you pay for your St. Clair College Retirees' Association membership fee (\$10 fee). Parking renewals are now available. Once you have paid for your 2022 SCCRA membership, you can go to the Parking Kiosk at the College to obtain your new pass for 2022. Keep in mind that you will need to show your documentation for vaccination and go through the regular screening for Covid-19 before you can enter the campus.

Your Executive Board members have continued to meet on a monthly basis (via a virtual Zoom format), and have been able to carry on the regular business of our Association, thanks to our many dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the various activities going on, please feel free to contact me! We are always very happy and excited to see new faces as we grow our membership. Speaking of membership, we have reached over 400 on our membership roster! That's a lot of retirees!

Your St. Clair College Retirees Association wishes you and your families many blessings as well as a Joyous and Very Merry Christmas Season and a safe and healthy New Year ahead. ✨

Sue



The Executive Board of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association extend their best wishes for a Joyous, Peaceful, Healthy, and Safe Christmas Season to all College retirees and to the entire St. Clair College community.



*Peace on Earth
to people of good will*



**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year**



*You and one guest are cordially invited to attend the
Retirees' Annual Windsor
Christmas Luncheon and Show*

Required: Masks & Proof of Double vaccination

Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021

Time: 11:30 a.m. - Meet and Greet in Skyline Room A (2nd floor)

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Student Christmas Show

Location: St. Clair College Centre for the Arts, Riverside Drive W., Windsor
Main entrance only. Ferry Street entrance will be locked.

Tickets: \$25 per person includes Luncheon, Show Tickets, and Complimentary Parking Voucher

Plated Style Luncheon Menu

Bread and Rolls, Holiday Green Salad with Apples, Beets, Candied Walnuts and

Cranberry Vinaigrette Soup: Butternut Squash and Pumpkin Seed Pesto

*Carved Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Honey Roasted
Winter Root Vegetables Dessert: Chocolate Mousse Dome on a brownie crust with
crème anglaise and candy cane garnish*

Prior notification required for special dietary needs!

*** Cash Bar * * Door Prizes * * Loonie Draw ***

Please bring non-perishable items for the Student Food Bank and socks for the homeless

Reservations must be made and tickets paid for in advance by December 4th

**Due to Covid restrictions, no walk-ins and no late reservations allowed
(This is a ticketless event)**

To reserve, please contact:

Marilyn Portt - 519-969-0693 or mpportt@gmail.com

**Or mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees' Association and send to
Marilyn Portt 208-5831 Newman Blvd., LaSalle, Ontario N9J 0E1**

E-Transfers are accepted at sccramembership@gmail.com.

"Retirement" is the answer to your question.

**Complimentary parking at the Centre Parking Garage - 275 Pitt St. W.
(Behind the Best Western Waterfront Hotel). Bring your Centre Parking
Garage ticket to the luncheon to receive your free parking voucher**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Around The College

Best of YQG Survey

St. Clair College was voted winner in the Best Adult Education Centre / Career College category in the Windsor Star's 2021 annual BEST OF YQG survey. Thousands of readers took part in this survey and named their favourites in over 100 categories.

Inaugural Season - St. Clair Fratmen Football Team

The St. Clair Fratmen is a Canadian football team that has played in the Canadian Junior Football League's Ontario Football Conference since the 1940's, winning national titles in 1952, 1954, and 1999. The team was known as the Windsor AKO Fratmen until 2020 when St. Clair College's Student Athletic Association purchased the team. The Fratmen's schedule includes home and away games with Quinte Skyhawks, London Beefeaters, GTA Grizzlies and the Hamilton Hurricanes. As of print time they remain undefeated. For details, go to <https://saintsathletics.ca/fratmen/index>.



GEM Residence

The new residence is now housing international students, specifically first year, first semester students to allow this cohort to adapt easier to the new culture change and surroundings. The main residence is housing 350 students, which is capacity based on COVID percentages allowed, and one whole floor has been kept vacant should there be a need for isolation of any students.

Convocation Fall 2021

The Annual Fall Convocation ceremonies were again held virtually, on October 14, 2021. There were approximately 2000 graduates honoured, and each was given the opportunity to include a personal message on the presentation.

WE-SPARK Health Institute

The WE-SPARK Health Institute is a research partnership between Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, St. Clair College, Windsor Regional Hospital and the University of Windsor that brings together health research strengths, expertise, and infrastructure from across the Windsor-Essex region, enhancing the health, well-being, and care of people through transformative research and knowledge translation.

COVID Preparedness on Campus

The College has a Vaccination Policy where students must be fully vaccinated or conduct rapid testing every 72 hours. In addition, the College mandates daily questionnaires for staff and students for entry into the College. There are daily screenings at every entrance of the College.

Food Services at South Campus

Opening on South campus this Fall are six new dining choices including Booster Juice, Subway, Capri Pizzeria, a Mini Hamoudi's Shawarma, and Bamboo & Blossom. The College also added a Tim Hortons located in the Student Life Center and expanded the square footage of their original Tim's kiosk to alleviate long lines and wait times seen in previous years.

St. Clair College's Music Theatre

St. Clair College's Music Theatre Performance students are re-inventing a Canadian musical they have adapted for COVID times. "Girls in the Gang" was this year's final stage production, but it was not done on a stage, it was made for the screen. Snippets of "Girls in the Gang" have been released to the public followed by a full version on the St. Clair College YouTube page. A sneak peek of the production can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55IpKMl4mQI>. Kudos to all the students. It takes a lot to be a performance student, be locked in your room, and still come up with a great performance. ✨

Contributed by *Bill Totten*

Photos - Courtesy of *St. Clair College*

St. Clair College Forgotten History

When we received the sad news about Donna Ulicny passing, we weren't quite sure if the Andy mentioned in her obituary as her husband was the same person as one of our College retirees Andrew Ulicny. We therefore made some inquiries that eventually confirmed that the late Donna Ulicny was indeed Andrew Ulicny's wife. We made contact with Andrew, and in the process, he indicated that he wished to speak to us more about Donna. In a telephone conversation, Andrew shared with us that apart from Donna's connection to our College by being his wife, Donna had another connection to the College. He told us that in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Donna was a member of a group of ladies who called themselves the St. Clair College Ladies' Auxiliary. This was indeed surprising information about a little known part of College history. Andy said that the primary purpose of the group was fund-raising to help College students with tuition. Andy went on to say that among the other members of this group were the late Mrs. Diane Quittenton, wife of the College's first president Dr. Q, and Mrs. Majda Bah, wife of the late College Vice-president Dr. Stan Bah. Andy further suggested that we might consider contacting Mrs. Bah to ask her for additional information about the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Jim Martin, our OCRA representative, who worked closely with Stan Bah, then announced that he knew Mrs. Bah quite well that he would be glad to try to arrange a meeting with her to gather more information about this little known group. As it turned out, at the same time Bill Totten informed us that Mrs. Bah had recently contacted him with her new address and telephone number. Was it serendipity, Divine Providence, or both? Who knows? Jim called Mrs. Bah and made arrangements for himself and Tony Ellul, our newsletter editor, to meet with Mrs. Bah.

We spent close to two hours visiting with Mrs. Bah, a sprightly 90-something delightful lady who was elated that we visited her. She recalled that Donna Ulicny was president of the St. Clair College Ladies' Auxiliary group, and that group meetings were at times held in private homes and at other times in a "long narrow room" at what was then the brand new South Campus where they had speakers and organized fund-raising activities. It was a long time ago, and the advancing years have dimmed the memories of events that took place so many years ago.



Majda Bah



Donna Ulicny

Andy is also very proud that Donna was the founder of the Canadian Group B Strep Association about which she became very passionate after the loss of her grandson at age one due to complications from meningitis caused by Group B Strep. Read more about Donna and her determined groundbreaking efforts in this regard at <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/obituary-windsor-woman-raised-awareness-of-bacterial-danger-to-newborns>. There are a number of blanks that we wish to fill in regarding the St. Clair College Ladies' Auxiliary group. The SCCRA would be grateful to anyone who can help us by providing more details about the St. Clair College Ladies' Auxiliary. Please contact us at sretirees@stclaircollege.ca if you can provide any more information. ✨

Contributed by **Tony Ellul**
with thanks to **Jim Martin** and **Bill Totten**

Photo of Mrs. Bah - Courtesy of Peter Marchini
Photo of Mrs. Ulicny - Courtesy of Andrew Ulicny



Trivia Quiz

A little brain exercise (you could Google the answers of course; but why not exercise the grey matter, first?)

1. _____ and the Mothers of Invention
2. The General Motors vehicle that had the engine in the back in the 1960s.
3. The only Southeast Asian country that has not been colonized.
4. What is the most purchased grocery item in Canada?
5. What was used for the “blood” in the movie Psycho?

Answers on page 9

Contributed by *Lyn Medler*



Newsletter by E-mail or Snail Mail?

The newsletter is distributed four times a year – on the third Wednesday of February, April, August and November. It is distributed to approximately 550 persons on our snail mail list via Canada Post. In addition, it is distributed via e-mail to approximately 380 retirees as well as to all College staff.

We are often asked why we send it both ways. The answer is that we have not had the ability to separate those who want only to receive it by e-mail.

Well folks, we can now accommodate your preference – receive the newsletter by both e-mail and hard copy, or, by e-mail only.

If you prefer e-mail only, send a message to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca **indicating your preference**, or when you renew your annual membership, you are provided with an opportunity to indicate your preference.

Ho, Ho, Ho, It's Christmas Trivia

Hello everyone, it's time to nestle down beside the fire, finish off the last shortbreads and pie, and challenge your memory to answer our Christmas Trivia questions. Get your mulled wine, hot buttered rum, Wassail cup and off we go.

1. Which country is credited with decorating the first Christmas trees in 1605?
2. How many reindeer does Santa have pulling his sleigh and what are their names?
3. Which is the most popular Christmas movie of all time?
4. In the movie Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer to what island did Rudolph, Hermey and Yukon Cornelius travel? (Ask your grandkids if you don't know this one).
5. Who is Krampus, and what is his relationship to Christmas?
6. What was traditionally hidden inside the Christmas pudding?
7. In the movie White Christmas what gift did Rosemary Clooney give Bing Crosby?
8. How many spirits visited Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Eve?
9. In the Gift of the Magi by O. Henry, what gifts did the young couple in the story exchange and at what cost?
10. By what title was Jingle Bells originally known in 1857?
11. Who narrated the 1969 children's TV movie, Frosty the Snowman (ask your kids for this answer)?
12. What did my True Love give to me on the 12th. Day of Christmas?

Another year has come and gone, and what a year it has been! Here's a toast to all of us for a happy, healthy, joy filled 2022 with family, friends and travel, travel, travel. **

Answers on page 8

Contributed by *Patricia Taylor*

Bits 'n Pieces

Harry Momotiuk, a prominent Windsor lawyer and Provincial Court Judge passed away on September 18, 2021. He had indicated his pride in his associations in education at St. Clair College.

On October 13-16, 2021, St. Clair College hosted the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Golf National Championships. The CCAA event is the first national golf championship to be held at the Ambassador Golf Club. About a dozen St. Clair retirees volunteered as spotters and scorers.

A total of **14,034 full-time students** are enrolled at all three campuses and the Ace Acumen campuses in the Greater Toronto Area. That is a slight increase of about one percent over last year's fall figures.

St. Clair is among several Ontario Colleges urging the provincial government to approve policy changes that would allow them to broaden their career-specific **degree programs**.

Hibernation Cancellation Wasn't That A Party?

No one could have expected a more perfect day for our first in-person event of 2021. All the weather gremlins took a holiday and left us with the ideal conditions for a party in Paul and Bev Chortos' beautiful grounds. Once again, Paul and Bev graciously opened their home and park-like setting to 50 of our retirees and friends.

The garden was outfitted with round tables clothed in white cloths, and a 2022 calendar and a box of sweets that were generously provided by Paul and Bev marked each place.



Our host Paul Chortos about to take some of our members on a hayride down to Cedar Creek at the end of his property. Photo: **Tony Ellul**

Thanks to Frank Taylor and Bill McPhedran for their great roadside signs, they made sure everyone found the right location. Thanks also go to Marilyn Portt and Kathy Dupuis for their assistance at the sign-in desk. Finally, mega thanks to Paul and Bev for their generosity, friendship, and continued support of the Retirees' Association.

Please mark your calendars for the event of the year. At the time of this writing, our annual Christmas luncheon and student performance is a go for December 18th at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. Look for our flyer in this newsletter for further details. ✨

Patricia Taylor and Mimi McPhedran
Social Committee



Attention All Retirees

If you believe that you are not receiving e-mails from the Retirees' Association, please send an e-mail with your name and phone number to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca

We were treated to long anticipated conversations, laughs, a hayride down to Cedar Creek, and games that challenged our patience, skills, and was the source of much humour for all.

Lunch was delivered by Green Heart Kitchens of Kingsville and was appropriately provided in individual boxes to safeguard everyone's health and safety. During lunch, we held two door prize draws, one for a gift of \$30.00 and another for a pie donated by Paul and Bev. Our lucky winners were Sue Cosford and Joanne Chiarcos. We hope that the pie tasted as good as it looked.



Some of our ladies are all smiles enjoying the wonderful weather and the view at the picnic area near Cedar Creek. Photo: **Tony Ellul**



Contacts for Health Benefits and Pension

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Laura Carcelen, 519-972-2727, Ext. 4687 located in Human Resources, room 274C.

The CAAT Pension can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9000, or Fax: 416-673-9028.

For general inquiries: contact@caatpension.on.ca

Retirees At Fratmen Football Game

On Saturday, October 9th, a group of our retirees enjoyed a beautiful evening at a tailgate pizza party outside of St. Clair College's new and amazing Acumen Stadium prior to watching the St. Clair Fratmen, our Canadian Junior Football team, play against the Quinte Skyhawks team from Belleville, Ontario. The Fratmen team certainly did not disappoint us! They provided an amazing display of skills and team cohesiveness as they won 60-13. Bravo to these players and their coaches!



At the tailgate pizza party prior to the game

Photo: Tony Ellul



Retirees watching the action on the field.

Photo: Tony Ellul

Let me just say - this stadium is a real gem! As we all sat under the bright stadium lights that evening, I felt like we were at a professional venue! I even started up a conversation at one point with the parents of one of the Fratmen players who had come all the way from Ottawa to see their son play. They were very amazed with this facility! Many thanks to Ron Seguin, VP Industrial Relations, Campus Development and Student Services for providing us with complimentary tickets to the game, and to his staff team for all their hard work in continuously beautifying this campus and making us proud Retirees! ✨

Contributed by Sue McLelland



Notice

The St. Clair College web site has recently been updated at <https://stclaircollege.ca/>

The Retiree Web site is accessed by clicking on "About Us" and then clicking on "Retirees' Association". This will provide access to Folklore, Picture Gallery, Minutes, Schedule of Events, etc. ENJOY!

Bridge Club

We are still awaiting information about a location for the Bridge Club once COVID allows us to 'return to action'. We understand that Roseland is potentially scheduled for major renovations, which would preclude our playing there.

If anyone has access to a room, hall, etc. that we might investigate, please let us know. Contact Dean Campagna – ryan0579@mnsi.net or 519-966-3884

Answers to Christmas Trivia Quiz

1. The first decorated tree was recorded to be in Strasbourg, Germany.
2. There are 9 Reindeer, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph.
3. It's a Wonderful Life.
4. The Island of Misfit Toys.
5. Half goat and half demon, Krampus is a pre-Christian Alpine monster, a companion to St. Nicholas, who punishes misbehaving children at Christmas time.
6. A silver coin, (six pence) was hidden inside the pudding. It was thought to bring good luck to the one who found it.
7. A toy knight on a white charger.
8. Three Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come.
9. Jim gave Della combs for her hair at the cost of his watch; Della gave Jim a fob watch chain at the cost of her beautiful long hair.
10. It was originally performed in 1857 by Johnny Pell as "One Horse Open Sleigh".
11. Jimmy Durante.
12. Twelve Drummers Drumming.

We Need Your Help

We are still trying to locate a few people who were recently welcomed into the wonderful life of retirement, or for whom mail has been returned.

Attached is a list of those who are “lost”. If you are in touch with any of these folks please let them know that we welcome receipt of their contact information.

“Lost” Retirees

Catherine Botek	Victoria Kerec
Wayne Campbell	Michael Lefebvre
John DeCaro	Justin McNamara
Stephen Decator	Kenneth Reynolds
Nelly Foley	John Sanderson
Barbara Graham	Nino Sirianni
Thomas Groulx	Howard Titus
Beverly Jones	Elizabeth Szabo Verzoc
Kim Jones	

Please ask your contact to:

Call: 519 972-2727 Ext. 4439 and leave a message or,
E-mail to: sretiree@stclaircollege.ca or,
Postal mail to: St. Clair College Retirees’ Association
2000 Talbot Road, Box 41
Windsor, ON N9A 6S4

Someone will contact you with the appropriate membership application.

Thank You For Your Help.

Covid 19 Update!

Just an FYI – Retirees can now go and pick up their parking passes at St. Clair College at the Parking Kiosk. Please see the details on how to obtain your Parking pass on this page. Visitors to the College are allowed providing they show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid 19 test completed within the last 72 hours. Everyone coming in will be screened at the main entrance security desk.

For anyone wishing access to the main campus or to access College facilities, please make your requests through Rebecca Demchuk at rdemchuk@stclaircollege.ca.

Your SCC Retirees Association is doing its best to keep on top of the latest bulletins and updates regarding Covid 19. Please keep safe as we move into the Holiday Season.

Answers to Lyn Medler’s Trivia Quiz

1. Frank Zappa
2. Corvair
3. Thailand (Siam)
4. Kraft dinner
5. Hershey’s chocolate syrup

Membership Renewal

Hi everyone, it is that time of year again to renew your St. Clair College Retirees’ Membership. I know that this has been a another crazy year, but we are gradually inching forward with having some activities such as socials and Christmas luncheons, and we are looking forward to education seminars and other events in the new year. Enclosed in this issue of the Newsletter is the renewal form with a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Take care over the winter months. We look forward to seeing you in the Spring or Summer.

Marilyn Portt
Membership Secretary

OCRA Membership

We highly recommend taking a membership in OCRA (Ontario College Retirees’ Association) when renewing membership in our association. The cost is \$10.00 annually (or a lifetime fee is available).

The link to the OCRA website is ocraretirees.ca. There, one can find information about the CAAT Pension Plan, health benefits and health providers, websites of other retiree associations of other Ontario colleges, and a membership application form. Access to other Retiree Association newsletters can also be available.

Retiree Parking Renewals For 2022

As the College begins to return to some normalcy around campus, parking permits have begun to be enforced again. Current Retiree tags showing expiration on December 31, 2020 will continue to be honored until December 31, 2021, after which renewed tags will be required. The process for tag renewal will be as in the past:

- Retiree presents the completed application form (available online or at the Parking Kiosk) and valid proof of membership (2022 membership card) at the Parking Kiosk in the Main Lobby. The permit will be processed and the Tag will be distributed in person.

Permits can be processed online for those who are comfortable with online transactions, or just do not want to come into the College.

Retirees can now go and pick up their parking passes at St. Clair College as Visitors. They will be screened at the main entrance security desk. To gain entrance you will need proof of vaccination and not be displaying any symptoms that might indicate that you have contracted Covid 19.

The Parking Department will allow someone else to pick up the permit, or submit a completed application on their behalf provided they provide written authorization to the Parking Office at parking@stclaircollege.ca

For Membership card renewal, contact Marilyn Portt, Membership Secretary at mpportt@gmail.com (519-969-0693).

Interesting Facts About Christmas

In the late second century, there was significant interest in determining the date of the birth of Jesus Christ. There is no historical record identifying the time of year or the actual date when Jesus Christ was born. Due to this uncertainty, in 350 A.D. Pope Julius I bishop of Rome proclaimed December 25 as the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ, effectively replacing the winter solstice pagan festivals of *Saturnalia*, *Kalends*, and *Deus Sol Invictus* (Unconquered Sun God).

The poinsettia is a native plant of Mexico cultivated by the Aztecs who often used it for medicinal purposes to reduce fever. Contrary to common belief, the poinsettia is not poisonous.

Santa Claus is based on a real person - St. Nikolas of Myra who was born during the fourth century in Patra in modern day Turkey. He is also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker, Saint Nicholas of Smyrna, and San Nicola di Bari.

In Germany, Christmas Eve is known as *Heiligabend* (Holy Evening), which many believe to be a magical time when the pure in heart can hear animals talking.

Apples are the earliest known Christmas tree decorations. During medieval Christmas pageants, known as "*Paradise Plays*", actors used apples to decorate "*Paradise Trees*" (very often fir trees - *Tannenbaum*) during which they depicted the creation and fall of Adam and Eve.



Paying SCCRA & OCRA Membership Dues

For members who are planning to renew their 2022 SCCRA membership – and perhaps their 2022 OCRA membership - at the Christmas Luncheon on December 18.

Because of the restrictions in place due to the Covid pandemic, and in order to streamline the paying for membership renewal, it would be much appreciated if members would pay for their membership with either a **cheque or cash inside an envelope**. For SCCRA membership only, \$10 in cheque or cash would be fine. If you intend to pay for both SCCRA and OCRA membership, \$20 in one cheque or in cash would be fine; **as long as your payment is in an envelope. Please write your name on the envelope.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Marilyn Portt
Membership Secretary

Annual Chatham Campus Retirees Christmas Party

Proof of double vaccination, mask, and photo identification, are required

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Time: 11:30 a.m. - Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

*Location: Rossini's, 634 Grand Avenue East
Chatham, Ontario*

*Cost: \$25.00 plus taxes and gratuity
per person*

*Served meal of soup or salad,
choice of 4 entrees, dessert, coffee or tea*
**Entrée choices of Roast Turkey, Small Steak,
Salad with Chicken or Salmon, Meat Lasagna**
Vegetarian option of Squash Ravoli

*** Alcoholic refreshments are extra ***

*Please bring a non-perishable item for the
Student Food Bank*

*To reserve your place, please contact by
November 23, 2021*

Ginny Russell – 519-401-5615

Ginnyrussell22@gmail.com

or

Elizabeth Barr – 519-354-3274

EBarr1951@gmail.com

Christmas Humour

Jimmy wanted very much to play the part of Joseph in the upcoming Sunday school Christmas pageant. The Sunday school teacher cast him instead as the innkeeper even though he objected very strongly. Jimmy wanted somehow to express his displeasure.

When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door of the inn. Jimmy, playing the part of the innkeeper, opened the door, and when they asked him if he had a room for them, Jimmy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. There's lots of room. Come right in!"

In Memoriam

We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period August 1, 2021 - November 1, 2021



Margaret Artinian passed away in London, Ontario on August 6, 2021. Survived by her husband and two children. Margaret retired from St. Clair College after a long career in teaching and administration. She was able to enjoy some travel in retirement, but most of all she loved to be at her cottage on the Bruce peninsula.



Donna Durnin passed away on October 7th, 2021 at age 97. Predeceased by her husband Warren and daughter Karen. Survived by son Patrick and daughter Maureen. Donna trained as an R.N. at Grace Hospital and earned a B.Sc. Nursing. She trained future generations of nurses at Chatham General Hospital and St. Clair College.

We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period August 1, 2021 - November 1, 2021

Ejay Banwell Queen passed away on June 23, 2021 at the age of 71 in the Netherlands. Ejay is survived by his brother, St. Clair Retiree **Doug Queen**, and his sister-in-law, St. Clair Retiree **Becky Queen**.

Russell Stewart Templeton passed away at Riverview Gardens, Chatham on August 9, 2021, at age 90. He was the husband of St. Clair Retiree **Shirley Templeton**.

Donna Joan Ulicny, passed away on October 3, 2021 at age 81. She was the wife of 60 years to St. Clair Retiree **Andrew Ulicny**.

Marina "Dina" Citton passed away on October 16, 2021 at 89 years of age. She was the mother of St. Clair College Mathematics professor **Jane Specht**.

Helen Elizabeth Rapaich passed away on October 21, 2021. She was the wife of St. Clair College retiree, Professor **George J. Rapaich**.

Theresa Malkoun passed away in her 82nd year on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Theresa was the mother of St. Clair College Accounting professor **Michael Malkoun**.

November - The Month of Remembrance

It seems that November's destiny has always been to be a dreary month. It is a strange month, the last full month of the fall season when nature seems to go into a gloomy dismal mood marked by the bare trees and the often-leaden sky.

It almost seems as if Divine Providence had preordained the intensity of the solemn mood of this month when WWI - the Big War - mercifully ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of November, the 11th month in 1918. After four murderous years that saw the flower of manhood devastated on the battlefields of Europe, the guns had finally fallen silent. Out of a total population of around 8 million people during that period, Canada suffered 67,000 young men and women killed, and 173,000 wounded in WWI. When it was all over, humankind, weary of the bloodshed, called WWI "*The war to end all wars*" and vowed - "*Never again*". Since 1919, Canada has observed Remembrance Day on the 11th day of the month in memory of those who gave their lives for the peace that we all yearn for yet still eludes us.

Sadly, humankind's madness knows no bounds. Twenty-one years after the end of WWI, WWII began consuming the world; and by the time it was over, the total estimated loss of human life it had caused was around 72 million people. Undaunted, humankind has since then engaged in a host of other "localized" "low-intensity" wars - in Asia (Korea, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia), in virtually all of the Middle East (Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria), and in Africa (Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Libya, Somalia, Sudan) to name just a few. The list is horrendously too long to include here. Greed and the lust for power often overwhelm all that is good and decent in humankind. It seems that we never learn.

Following the Korean conflict, Canada's military forces took on the task of peacekeepers in hot spots around the globe. For the first time in many years, in February 2002, Canadian troops took up arms in the battlefield - this time in Afghanistan. Since then, 158 members of Canada's Armed Forces lost their lives in the uniquely human tragic insanity that we call war. Windsor tasted again the bitter fruit of war in September 2008 when Windsor born and raised Cpl. Andrew Grenon of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was killed in a firefight. The lyrics of the 1960s folk song echo in our hearts ...



*Where have all the soldiers gone?
Gone to graveyards every one,
When will we ever learn? ***



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Upcoming Events

While COVID has severely limited our usual activities, we continue to hold monthly virtual Executive Board meetings; prepare and distribute 550 copies of our quarterly newsletter; plan and implement safe events that meet pandemic requirements such as the fall Hibernation Cancellation social; and plan for the Annual Christmas parties, COVID permitting. Regular activities such as the Bridge Club, the Chatham monthly luncheon, and the Archives Work Group are in limbo pending College permission and provincial guidelines. A few events of interest:

October 19 & 21	Retirement Planning Seminars (virtual) for staff contemplating retirement (presented by the Retirees' Association)
November 17	Distribution of the Fall Newsletter
December 1	Chatham Christmas party
December 18	Windsor Christmas Party and Student Performance. Social at 11:30 am; lunch at 12:30 pm; Student Christmas Performance at 2:00 pm

For the Retirees' Association
Quarterly Calendar of Events
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