



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIRES' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Spring 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JoAn Dale for President Kathy Dupuis

Well finally, we are getting some Spring weather and another year is winding down for the Retiree's Association.

I am writing this report for our president, Kathy Dupuis, who is on a well-deserved vacation. Thank you to all the executive who have made this past year a success. Thanks to Ross Langill who served as Vice President and helped the Association to review our by-laws to tidy up the wording to make the intent clearer. I also want to say a special thank you to Jay Ertel who has served the association for nineteen years in a variety of roles. For the last few years, he has been the leader in planning the Christmas Party in Windsor which has always been a highlight of the year. Your expertise will be missed but we know you will still be at many of our events.

We have had many interesting social events and it has been good to make contact with many of our retirees at these events. The variety of events has attracted a cross section of our members.

May 1st is the date for the Retiree Association annual meeting. Details of the meeting are included later in the Newsletter. President Patti France will update us on the progress of the College and detail the plans for the future. We will deal with the business of the Association and then have the opportunity for a social time to visit and remember our past. Hope to see many of you at this event.

We were pleased to present two scholarships at the Awards Ceremonies in Windsor and Chatham this Winter. The Windsor Scholarship went to Catherine Racicot of the Paralegal Programme and the Chatham award went to Dakota Butt of the Protection, Security and Investigation Programme. These awards are a way of giving back to the college and the present-day students.

Thank you to the College Administration for your support of the Association and keeping us up to date on the progress of the College. Change is the key word to progress and there are many more changes to come, no doubt, as the college continues to grow. The membership to date is 329 and growing. As an Executive, we always welcome suggestions for events that will be of interest to you. We are looking forward to another year of fun and fellowship.

Be sure to keep us up to date on your email and postal addresses so we can stay in contact.

Enjoy the summer and check this newsletter to see what happening over the summer months.

Sincerely,

JoAn Dale for President Kathy Dupuis



WINTER TRIP 2019

submitted by Marge Preston



On January 27, thirteen retirees and friends departed from Windsor for Ocho Rios, Jamaica. It is so convenient that Sunwing flies directly from Windsor airport to Jamaica. The flight was smooth and without incident. We arrived on time and boarded our bus to the RIU Ocho Rios resort. Driving in Jamaica is an adventure. What they feel is a safe time and place to pass would be found horrifying in Canada. Thankfully, we had an experienced driver. The RIU was lovely. It was clean and the staff were very friendly and helpful. Rooms were a good size. The resort was quite large, but we never had any trouble finding one another. Our traditional “happy hour” took place each day at about 5:30. After that, everyone decided on his/her choice for dinner. The restaurants didn’t require reservations. We could make a decision at happy hour and head to a variety of specialty restaurants. The food was excellent and Jamaican coffee is wonderful. A large buffet was available at breakfast. On our last night, there was a Jamaican buffet which was fantastic.



The pool area was spacious and well-kept with a swim-up bar. The beach was sandy with palm trees scattered on the high section of the beach. Walks on the beach were delightful. One of the included extras was free scuba diving lessons in the pool. The instructor was originally from The Netherlands, and he was an amazing teacher. He gave just enough detail to make beginners feel confident and unafraid.

Weather was ideal, with only one afternoon of rain. The temperature was in the low 80’s each day and the evenings cooled off (but not too much). Jackets were not required. Prices in the resort stores were fairly reasonable, especially for the grandparents who were on the hunt for gifts for grandkids. Dunns River Falls is a short bus ride away and not too expensive, especially for those who wisely chose to walk the path along the side of the falls, rather than using a guide and climbing up the wet, slippery rocks. The falls are a more than 600-foot naturally cascading waterfall that empties directly into the ocean. Another day trip was the “party boat” to Dunns River Falls (a day-long catamaran ride along the coast).



Tony Ellul has also written about an excursion to a plantation (next page).

Probably the best part of this 2019 trip was that we were fortunate enough to be in the Caribbean during the coldest week of this winter. Watching the temperatures that Windsor was experiencing (-24, feels like -32) made us have a real appreciation for being able to “get away”.

WINTER TRIP 2019 - SUN VALLEY PLANTATION

submitted by Tony Ellul with Burt Philp

On this year's winter trip to Jamaica, Burt Philp, a native Jamaican, joined our group and gave us some insight into Jamaican foods, mentioning, for example, that Ackee and Salt Fish (cod) is the national dish of Jamaica.

It was good fortune for Emma and I, when Burt suggested an excursion to the Sun Valley Plantation that is located in the hamlet of Crescent, south of Oracabessa about 30 kilometres from Ocho Rios. We were pleasantly surprised that instead of the usual pick-up at the hotel by an excursion bus, our driver, Anthony greeted us and showed us to a private car for the trip. Anthony provided commentary on points of interest along the way to the plantation.

When we arrived at the plantation, Brian Binns - who together with his parents Nolly and Lorna own and operate the plantation - was at the gate to greet us. Sun Valley Plantation is an authentic working plantation and botanical farm whose primary crop is coconuts. Brian began the tour by serving us a drink of guava juice and then went on to explain that the original product of the plantation was bananas and that his grandfather had changed over to coconuts when fungal disease ravaged the banana crop.

While humming birds, including Jamaica's national bird the Doctor Bird or swallow tail humming bird (a remarkable species native only to Jamaica) flew among the trees and shrubs, Brian shared with us his vast knowledge of things botanical with much humour often pointing out plants that we had not even noticed. Besides the primary coconut crop, the plantation also grows eighteen other fruits including five types of citrus fruit, breadfruit, cocoa, mangoes, papaya, guava, pineapple, and Otaheite (Jamaican Apple). Also grown on the plantation are several spices such as all-spice (pimento to Jamaicans), cinnamon, fever grass (lemon grass), nutmeg, ginger, Scotch Bonnet peppers, and vanilla that Brian described as the world's second most expensive spice after saffron.

At Brian's request, one of his employees used a machete to open several coconuts from which Brian served us fresh coconut water and coconut jelly. At the end of the tour, Brian personally served each of us with a drink of mango juice and a small plate of ackee and saltfish, guava, tangerines, plantain (a member of the banana family), sugar cane, and deep fried breadfruit – delicious.

During our tour, two other tours arrived by bus – one German-speaking, the other Dutch-speaking. Tour guides who led both groups provided commentary in their respective languages. We soon realized how fortunate we were in having Brian as our guide in this very interesting, informative, and enjoyable tour.

Today's Smile

submitted by Lyn Medler

An elderly man thinking his wife was losing her hearing went about 20' behind her and asked "Can you hear me sweetheart?" No reply. Moving to 10' he inquired again. No reply. 5' and not a word. A few inches behind her ear, he asked "Can you hear me now honey?" His wife said "For the fourth time YES".

SOCIAL COMMITTEE & EDUCATIONAL REPORT

submitted by Sue McLelland

Hi Fellow Retirees!

We started off the New Year with an information event presented by Jenny-Lee Almeida from our local Canadian Mental Health staff to discuss Depression, Seasonal Affective Disorder and strategies to help us beat the Winter Blues on Feb. 5th . Jenny also provided us with information about other services Canadian Mental Health provides to our community, specifically pertaining to seniors. Eatery 101 provided a lovely dinner to some of us before this session and it made for a really nice evening.

On Feb. 19th, we had 25 people come out and join us for an afternoon of Trivial Pursuit at Roseland Golf Course. Our hosts, Terry and Julie Lawrence, provided some great challenging questions and prizes were awarded for the best and worst team. Lots of fun and frivolity!! Afterwards, most of us stayed and enjoyed a great dinner right there at Roseland Golf and Curling Club.

On Tuesday, March 26th, a group of 23 people came out to the college to meet for a presentation from LHIN and ALSO. Jenna Martin from LHIN (Local Health Integrative Network) and Joslin Allen, Program Manager, along with her Associate, Tina, from ALSO (Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario) provided presentations sharing the valuable services each of these organizations has to offer. Both of these presentations were well received by the folks that attended.



*Please note - In the envelope with this newsletter you are going to find a survey that we would like you to take a look at. We need your input so we can arrange events that you are interested in attending. We have so much fun when we all get together and we want more of you to be able to join us. Please take a look at it, complete it and send it back to us - or bring it with you when you join us at the Annual General Meeting on May 1 at 2:30 pm at the Sportsplex. The survey will also be sent to you via email which you can fill out on-line and return.

FYI - We have many new ideas that have been brought forward because we now have Mimi McPhedran and Pat Taylor taking over the Social Committee activities! Two heads are always better than one! I will be running for Vice President of your Executive at the May 1 Annual General meeting so am stepping away from most of the Social Committee organizing. I feel confident that you will be in good hands with Pat and Mimi as your Social Committee organizers, and I will most certainly help out when I can and will definitely attend as many events as I can! Watch your email for upcoming events to get in on as there will be lots of fun in store!

For further information up until May 1 please feel free to contact Sue McLelland smclelland@mnsi.net or 519-564-2442.

LUNCH AND TOUR & TASTING AT WOLFHEAD DISTILLERY

On Thursday, March 28th, 36 of our Retirees came together for the afternoon at the Wolfhead Distilleries Restaurant for a luncheon get together. We maxed out on the seating so unfortunately there were a few that could not join. Hopefully we will do it again next year.

The Tour that the staff provided, as well as the sample tastings made this an informative and really fun event. The food was excellent and the staff were absolutely terrific!



ACTIVITIES IN CHATHAM

Chatham Retirees LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Please note the change of Day

Please join us at Rossini's

634 Grand Avenue East

Chatham, ON

At 11:30 am for lunch

Lunch at own expense

Please confirm by April 23, 2019 to

Elvy Deline - 519-354-4913

elvyandroy@sympatico.ca

or

Elizabeth Barr- 519-354-3274

Ebarr000@sympatico.ca

LUNCH & WIND TURBINE TOUR

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Meet for Lunch at Deer Run Golf Course on
Bloomfield Road just off Talbot Trail

At 11:30 am

Lunch at own expense

Speaker to follow with information on the
Wind Turbine Project and if possible followed by
a tour of a Wind Turbine Site

RSVP by May 24, 2019

to Elizabeth Barr - ebarr000@sympatico.ca

519 354 3274

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Elvy Deline - elvyandroy@sympatico.ca

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TRIVIA

submitted by Sue McLelland & Ken Garber

This past February the annual Trivia Challenge was held at Roseland Golf Club. Twenty three trivia enthusiasts participated in the afternoon event with optional dinner afterward.

Here is a sampling of the questions with answers (there was a total of ten rounds with 5 questions per round), the game players had to deal with, some easy, others not so much. How would you do without looking it up on Google/Wikipedia?

1. In the mid 1900's, Gem Shaving Co. came up with a phrase to entice men to shave often. What was the phrase?
2. Canada has more than 900 locations designated as historic sites. Two are not in Canada. Where are they?
3. Who is Robert Zimmerman now known as?
4. On what venue did the Beatles first appear in North America?
5. Where is Chris Hadfield Airport?
6. Who is the largest retailer in the world?
7. On what river is the Left Bank?
8. On what river is the West Bank?
9. What is the airport code for Windsor ON?
10. What is the more commonly known name of the Punica granatum, a fruit that is native from Iran to the Himalaya's and parts of Southeast Asia, Malaya and the East Indies and tropical Africa.

1. 5 o'clock shadow
2. France
3. Bob Dylan
4. Ed Sullivan TV show
5. Sarnia
6. Walmart
7. Seine
8. Jordan
9. YQG (CYYG) (Your Quick Gateway)
10. Pomegranate

A note to members of the Retiree Email list

You are free to forward a broadcast from the Retirees' Association email list(s) to recipients of your choice. However, please note that the recipient cannot join any of the lists unless they are an actual college retiree. Names showing up on the lists are checked and if it is found that they are not a retiree they are deleted from the group.

If the person is a college retiree they should contact Marilyn Portt regarding membership with the SCCRA.

CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSION

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Kim Bode, 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

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Have you ever thought that you might like to volunteer for a position on the Retirees' Association Executive.

Do you have talents/ideas you'd like to share.

Occasionally we have members who find they no longer have time to work with the executive and those spaces need to be filled.

Currently we are looking for a Newsletter Editor.

Interested, email the Retirees' Association at

Retirees@stclaircollege.ca

Thanks Tom for another "blast from the past".



Cartoon compliments of Tom Malone

27th ANNUAL ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

submitted by Bill Totten



St. Clair College will be hosting the 27th Annual Alumni of Distinction Awards dinner on Friday, May 10 at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts honouring the 2019 recipients who have graduated in the areas of Health Sciences, Business & Information

Technology, Skilled Trades, Media, Art & Design, Community Studies and Recent Graduate (in the last 5 years).

The Alumni of Distinction Awards were created in 1992 to celebrate outstanding commitment, passion, and dedication, not only to their respective communities, but also to their families. Each of the Alumni of Distinction honourees are the keynote speakers in the upcoming June and October convocation ceremonies, telling their story to the students in their graduated programs.

The 2019 Alumni of Distinction honourees are:

Chantelle Bacon-Macri - Recent Graduate
Co-Founder, Fight Like Mason Foundation
Belle River, Ontario
Graduate of the Hairstylist Program 2014

Christopher Bozzetto - Media, Arts & Design
Lead Texture Artist, Soho VFX
Toronto, Ontario
Graduate of Tridigital Animation 2005

Barb Brown - Community Studies
Executive Director, Connections Early Years
Family Centre
Windsor, Ontario
Graduate of Early Childhood Education 1994

Larry Koscielski - Skilled Trades
Vice President of Process & Technology
Development, Centreline - Windsor, Ontario
Chair of Windsor Essex FIRST Robotics
Graduate of Combustion Technician Program 1983

Justin Lammers - Health Sciences
Deputy Chief, Essex-Windsor EMS
Essex, Ontario
Graduate of Paramedic Program 2005

Nicolas Seguin - Business and Information
Technology
Application Architect, Dominos Pizza Corporate
Headquarters
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Graduate of Computer Science Technology -
Information Systems 2001

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STAFF

All College staff will now receive each quarterly issue of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Newsletter via email. We welcome your feedback and hope that you enjoy seeing what is available to your colleagues who are already enjoying retirement.

The electronic version of this and past newsletters can be found at
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/newsletters.html>

GOLF at WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE

submitted by Jim Chambers

WHERE Woodland Hills - Belle River Rd & 401

WHEN ANYTIME*

WHAT UNLIMITED GOLF AND/OR 1 BUCKET
for DRIVING RANGE

COST NO CHARGE – **for St. Clair Retirees**
with current SCCRA card



- * FYI
- 1] Even though Thursday morning has been set aside for SC Retirees
You may golf anytime at no charge **with your Membership card.**
 - 2] For our Non golfing Members who would like to experience the thrill of hitting a golf ball
without the stress of playing the course– this year you may hit balls on the Driving Range, at
'NO COST' (with your MEMBERSHIP CARD)

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019 SportsPlex (second floor)

- 2:30 PM** Social
- 3:00 pm** Annual Meeting
- The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers; approve the 2019 budget; consider bylaw changes; receive committee reports;
 - An update on the latest college developments by President Patti France;
 - A short video tribute to Dr. R.C. Quittenton will be shown.
- 4:00 pm** Pizza / Beverages/Desserts (free will donation)
- We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the South Campus student food bank.

FUNDRAISING

submitted by Jay Ertel

DONATIONS FOR 2018 - \$2,150

Sports Park: \$1,000

Scholarships (2): \$500 - Chatham 1, Windsor 1

Sponsoring a Hole at Woodland Hills

Golf Course: \$650

This donation makes it possible for SCCRA members to have Free Golf for the 2019 Season.

Details to follow on these initiatives.

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

The College is now in Phase Two of the capital campaign which has been named "Foundation for Life". This \$10 million community campaign will strengthen the College pillars of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Academic Excellence and Student Life.

Our Participation to Student Success - \$2,000

The SCCRA has made a donation to the President's Circle campaign. This entails a total gift of \$2,000 over a two year period. The first gift of \$1,000 was made in 2016 and the second gift of \$1,000 was made in 2017 and was aligned with the College's 50th anniversary celebration. There are only 500 members of the President's Circle campaign and the Association will be recognized during the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$38,329 to date, 127% of our \$30,000 goal.

We were pleased to advise the College that we retirees have surpassed our Fundraising Target.

Retiree fitness memberships are available for us both in Chatham and Windsor. We are pleased to see the Bricks in place from our fundraising at both the HealthPlex and the SportsPlex. The Landscape Architect has done a nice job at the entrances of both complexes.

We are now in year 10 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Patti France 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 an earlier Newsletter and they are available on request. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Chatham and Windsor. Please consider supporting the Fundraising Brick Campaign.

ATTENTION ALL RETIREES

If you believe you are not receiving emails from the Retiree's Association, please send an email with your name and phone number to retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca so that we can investigate and remedy the situation.

Today's Smile

Author unknown

I was visiting my daughter last night and I asked if I could borrow the newspaper.

"This is the 21st Century" she said "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad" I can tell you this ... that fly never knew what hit him.

In Memoriam

The following Retirees/Full Time Staff passed away during the period from November 11, 2018 to February 5, 2019



Joyce Lynn Devos passed away on March 6, 2019 at 65 years of age. She was the wife of 43 years to Larry and the mother of the late Tim (2004), Lana and Pamela. Joyce was retired after many years of working at St. Clair College.

The following relations of Retirees/ Full Time Staff passed away during the period from January 19, 2019 through March 30, 2019

Royston LLOYD, of Squamish, BC, passed away on January 19, 2019 at age 91. He was the father of St. Clair retiree **Maxine King** of Kirkland Lake, ON.

Marie RUPPERT, passed away on February 14, 2019 at the age of 95 years. She was the mother of St. Clair retiree **Jana D'Andrea**.

Rick JARREL of Chatham passed away at the age of 71 on March 3, 2019 at the Chatham-Kent Hospice. He was the husband of Thames staff member, **Dale Jarrell**.

Olga Addal BELLAK, passed away at the age of 87 on March 4, 2019. She was the mother of St. Clair retiree **Sandra Skillings** (Gerry).

Ronald Bruce CAMPBELL, passed away on March 13, 2019 at 69 years of age. Ron was the brother of St. Clair Athletic Department staff member **Wayne Campbell**.

Alvin "Al" CRUNDWELL, passed away on March 14, 2019. Al was the husband of St. Clair retiree **Mariann Crundwell**.

Yasuo "Yas" FUJIMOTO passed away on March 14, 2019, at the age of 85 years. Yasuo was the father of St. Clair staff member **Lynn Fujimoto** (Mike).

CORRECTION

The winter issue of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association newsletter contained a memorial for Jacob Dech which indicated that he was "... a member of a musical trio which performed satire at a few IRC Christmas parties." We have been informed that this trio, known as 'The Professorship', actually consisted of Drew Clingan, Mark Bonkoski, and Kevin Hodson. The Retirees' Association regrets any concerns that this may have caused.



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www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Bridge Club Date - Tuesday, Apr.23
2. Thursday, Apr. 25 - Chatham Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Rossini's Restaurant
3. Wednesday, May 01 - Annual General Meeting, 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, SportsPlex
4. Thursday, May 02 - Retiree Golf begins, 9:30 AM, every Thursday at Woodland Hills
5. Friday, May 10 - Alumni of Distinction Gala
6. Wednesday, May29 - Windsor-Chatham Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Deer Run Golf Course
Wind Turbine Tour at Merlin Krueger Site
7. TBA - President's Staff Appreciation Brunch

FOR QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
LISTING ACTIVITIES FOR THE
RETIREES ASSOCIATION GO TO

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar.htm>

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We do not share your contact information with anyone.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
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