



# From the President Susan McLelland



Happy Spring everyone! I don't know about you but I am sure ready for it! I hope we can look forward to a Spring and Summer where we can all get together again to catch up in person! Of course we still have to be mindful of people's comfort levels with the whole social distancing

concept, but we hope that we are now moving towards a safer world for all of us with Covid levels dissipating around us

Your Retirees' Association Executive has continued to meet by Zoom on a monthly basis. We hope that soon we will be able to access the College (room 45J) again. It's always so much nicer to be able to meet in person! Our Social Committee ladies (Mimi McPhedran and Pat Taylor) have been able to come up with some great contests, to keep us all in touch virtually. However we do hope soon to be able to meet in person – with the first event being our Annual General Meeting on May 4th at the SportsPlex. Fingers crossed that the Covid numbers stay down! Watch your e-mails for more on this as we get closer to that date.

In this issue of our newsletter, you will find some really interesting news about what is going on at the College these days. The ongoing construction at the College has resulted in a beautiful new façade facing Talbot Road as well as the new Gem student residence adjacent to Hwy. 3, and so much more that I haven't even seen yet! We hope that soon we will be able to get on to the campus and have a look at all the new facilities. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find an architect's rendering of the Zekelman Centre courtesy of John Fairley.

We also announce the winners of the online draws. Were you one of the lucky ones??

This is also the time of year that we like to remind you that we are always looking for fresh faces to join our

Executive Board or want to be on a committee, feel free to drop me a line, call, or e-mail if you would like to join us. We have a great team, and it's fun!

Just to let you know, over the past few months we have kept busy! Bill Jones represents the SCCRA at the College Board of Governors' monthly meetings as an observer and keeps us up to date. Our Scholarship Committee has been reviewing scholarship policies and criteria as well as selecting award recipients from Windsor and Chatham campuses. Our Social Committee has been coming up with great on-line activities to keep us all connected. We continue to manage our finances, courtesy of our Treasurer Dolph Barsanti, while Ken Garber manages Campaigner (our e-mail provider). Our OCRA representative Jim Martin keeps us up to date on OCRA activities. Our goodwill ambassador Lori Caba sends out Get Well cards when we hear of someone who is unwell. When we learn of the death of one of our St. Clair Family members, Lori sends out a Sympathy Card to those who are grieving. Bill Totten takes care of compiling Memorials for the newsletter – and so much more!!! We all put together and gather articles of interest for the newsletter that you receive 4 times a year. Jim Chambers arranges for free golf for our members at Woodand Hills. Tony Ellul is our very professional newsletter editor and takes care of publishing our newsletter. Lyn Medler provides us with her excellent administrative skills as our secretary providing documentation of what transpires at our meetings. Elizabeth Barr and Ginny Russell have represented the Chatham campus well. Unfortunately we are losing Ginny as she has decided to come out of retirement and go back to work at the college for one more year! So we will look forward to her second retirement party next spring!! LOL. Marilyn Portt, our membership secretary keeps track of our memberships and collects your money to keep our Association going. Thank goodness for Kathy Dupuis, our Past President, who keeps me on track, and for Kelly Bevan, our VP this past year, who kept track of our motions and provided us with a summary of the year in the form of our Annual General Meeting Report. By now, you should have received this report in your e-mail. It will also be distributed at the Annual General Meeting

### President Patti To Be Honoured By Assumption University



Assumption University is celebrating 165 years of higher education in Windsor-Essex since it opened its doors and welcomed its first cohort of students on February 10, 1857.

To mark the anniversary, the University will celebrate a special liturgy via live stream at Our Lady

of the Assumption Church on June 18, 2022, at 1:00 PM. Rev. Ronald Peter Fabbro, Bishop of London, and Chancellor of Assumption University will preside at the service.

At the celebration, St. Clair College President Patricia France will receive a Doctor of Laws degree *honoris causa* in recognition of her outstanding contributions to higher education in Windsor-Essex.

The members of the SCCRA are delighted at this wonderful news and offer their warmest congratulations to our President Patti on receiving this notable well-deserved honour. Way to go Patti. \*\*

#### The Editor



### From Page 1 **President's Report**

May 4th, 2022. Yes! We are a busy bunch! We are truly very fortunate to have the team that we have that are so willing to give of their time. Many thanks to you all.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the General Meeting on May 4th. (see the announcement in this publication and watch your e-mail) Please mark your calendars! At this time, the AGM is scheduled to be an in-person meeting at the Sportsplex, however if things change due to unforeseen circumstances, we will switch to a virtual format as we did the last two years. This is certainly not our preferred mode of doing this but we have learned that we just need to roll with it! Take good care everyone! Cheers to a terrific spring and summer ahead! \*\*

# **Around The College**

- 1. The Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair presented John Fairley with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award from Rotary International. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is one of the highest honours that a Rotary Club can bestow upon a person. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals, in recognition of their outstanding contributions. John was recognized for his contributions in our community, to Rotary, and in particular, to our Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair (over the past several decades). College President France received the same recognition in January 2020.
- 2. St. Clair College held its winter convocation virtually on Friday, February 25, 2022, for more than 1,200 graduating students. It was the College's sixth convocation ceremony to be held virtually since spring 2020 when COVID-19 forced the school to stop hosting large, in-person gatherings. There have been close to 125,000 graduates since the opening of the College. It is planned that the June 18, 2022 convocation ceremonies will be 'in-person'.
- 3. Effective March 17, 2022: In response to the recent announcement by the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, St. Clair College will continue with the mask mandate and enhanced cleaning, as per the current policy, until the end of the Winter 2022 Semester. The expected end date for the mask mandate is May 1, 2022.
- 4. As a result of a Faculty vote on February 15-17 to turn down the management offer a strike date was set at 12:01, Friday March 18, 2022. The Ontario Public Service Employees Union said they would not stage a walkout if the colleges agreed to use "binding interest arbitration" (a third-party arbitrator would settle the dispute). The College Employer Council (CEC) had proposed "final offer" arbitration, (both parties would submit a proposal and an arbitrator picks one). On March 17, the CEC and OPSEU/SEFPO reached an agreement to enter binding interest arbitration and the strike that was scheduled to commence at 12:01am on March 18, 2022, was called off.
- 5. The College has expanded its promotional activity to include media and billboard advertising to the London area.
- 6. St. Clair College IT department received the "Tech Team of the Year" Award from WE-Tech Alliance during its 2022 Tech Awards on March 25, 2022. The award recognizes a group of outstanding technology/innovation individuals who make up a team within a non-tech business or organization.

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- 7. St. Clair had planned to offer the only provincial college in-person Open House on March 25, but had to revert to a virtual Open House to comply with COVID demands.
- 8. A virtual Polar Plunge was held on Tuesday, Feb. 22 in the middle of the SportsPark with a snowball fight. The original 'plunge' had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions.
- 9. The Ontario government's decision to give colleges the option to deliver stand-alone nursing degree programs in the colleges will produce more qualified nurses to fill key shortages in many communities. Since 2000, the province has required any college wishing to offer a nursing degree program to do it in partnership with a university. This is no longer the case.
- 10. St. Clair College's department of Applied Research and Development unveiled its emerging 5G technology at a gathering of industry partners and the media. The College has been working with Telus to equip the Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing with the hardware that will eventually support a 5G network when it becomes available in Canada. St. Clair College is just the second Canadian post-secondary institution to have 5G-ready technology.
- 11. The College has approved the 2022 budget with a surplus that is due in part to the number of international students.
- 12. Retiree Association
  - i. 329 active members as of March 15.
  - ii. Annual Windsor Christmas party is scheduled for December 10 with December 3 the alternate date
    - stay tuned!
- 13. Board of Governors
  - a. Commitment to increase parking
  - b. Winter enrolment − 13,562 \*\*

### Contributed by Bill Totten

# The Year's At The Spring



The year's at the spring, And day's at the morn Morning's at seven; The hillside's dew-pearled; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn; God's in his Heaven-All's right with the world!





Robert Browning

### "Your mailbox is full" aka "E-mail Quota Failure"

When sending out SCCRA broadcasts (e-mails), I periodically get back messages of non-delivery, typically due to a "Mailbox full error" (or as I sometimes see it "Account over quota").

Some other errors have a similar connotation but also relate to quota.

Over the years, our mailboxes have become (much) larger as have the messages and attachments that fill them. It didn't take much in the old days for e-mail to start bouncing due to lack of mailbox space.

A few examples of mailbox size:

Gmail 15 Gigabytes Yes gigabytes. A very LARGE number indeed. Believe it or not, I do see quota failures from Gmail accounts.

MNSi 100 Megabytes

Cogeco 1 Gigabyte (displays as 1024 Megabytes)

With sites like MNSi and Cogeco, the free space in your mailbox depends on what kind of e-mail client system you have configured (POP3 downloads your mail onto your local drive where you have somewhat infinite space (to a degree). IMAP leaves it on the mail server where provider policy determines how much you can hold on to. IMAP works well if you use multiple systems to check your e-mail.

Cogeco's space is reported at the top of your (Webmail) folder list. On a local client app, try checking the Inbox folder properties.

The Gmail space info is at the bottom left of your message list, and includes other Google related workspace.

MNSi shows mailbox space info by clicking on the Green 'I' above the folder list.

From time to time, it is good practice to clean out your mailbox of things you don't really need. One thing to note is after you have deleted items in Inbox or elsewhere, you should also dump the trash folder when finished since Trash is just another folder and counts as part of your mailbox capacity.

In all cases, you need to move them back to the Inbox, or click on the option "Not Spam" if that option is available. This trains the e-mail client on what to do next time a SCCRA message shows up.

Leaving a message whether SCCRA or not in a Junk/ Spam folder may cause it to be flagged as 'unwanted', and may affect your messages from that source. Our SCCRA Campaigner service sees that as a 'complaint' and will automatically unsubscribe you. Other systems may do the same. \*\*

Contributed by Ken Garber

### **Royal Celebration Trivia Quiz**

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen, please be upstanding and charge your glasses in a toast to Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. In celebration of a woman who has for 70 years, dedicated her life to the service of Britain and the Commonwealth. It has been a rocky road at times, but her dignity and steadfastness are testaments to Her Majesty.

- 1. How did Elizabeth II become Oueen?
- 2. In 2020, the Queen opened the Olympics in London by "parachuting" into the opening ceremonies with which British Super Spy?
- 3. Amongst the Queen's bygone relations was King Richard III, immortalized in a Shakespearian play and suspected of murder. Who was he suspected of murdering?
- 4. What was ground breaking about Queen Elizabeth's coronation?
- 5. In her Platinum Jubilee year, the Queen is still Britain's favourite royal. Who is number **two?**
- 6. What does the Queen consider her greatest regret?
- 7. The Crown Jewels are still in use by the Queen on many state occasions. Where are these jewels housed?
- 8. During WWII, Princess Elizabeth joined which arm of the British Army and what was her **duty?**
- 9. Where was she when she became Oueen?
- 10. What is the Red Box

Contributed by *Patricia Taylor* 

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#### O were my love yon Lilac fair



O were my love yon Lilac fair,
Wi' purple blossoms to the Spring,
And I, a bird to shelter there,
When wearied on my little wing!
How I wad mourn when it was torn
By Autumn wild, and Winter rude!
But I wad sing on wanton wing,
When youthfu' May its bloom renew'd.
O gin my love were yon red rose,
That grows upon the castle wa';
And I myself a drap o' dew,
Into her bonie breast to fa'!
O there, beyond expression blest,
I'd feast on beauty a' the night;
Seal'd on her silk-saft faulds to rest.

Till fley'd awa by Phoebus' light!

Robert Burns

# **Annual General Meeting Notice**

The date and time are set for our **Annual General Meeting**.

Mark your calendars for **May 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m**.

Tentative Location: St. Clair College South

Campus Sports Plex

Alternate Location: Zoom

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, approve the 2022 budget, consider bylaw changes, and receive committee reports. This event also provides a great opportunity to catch up with other retirees and former colleagues, and to socialize.

## **Covid 19 Update**

Retirees can now go on our College campuses. Just be sure you are wearing a mask. Also, our members can pick up their parking passes at the St. Clair College Parking desk in the main lobby. Complete your parking pass request on-line first on the St. Clair College Parking web page - https://www.stclaircollege.ca/parking/permits. Be sure to present your 2022 St. Clair College Retirees Association membership card when you go in to get your parking permit.

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 in to the Spring season.



# **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

### **SCCRA Golf**

Time to start thinking about GOLF

Woodland Hills Golf Course is scheduled to open in April

Once again this year, thanks to Ron Seguin, V.P. of International Relations, Campus Development, & Student Services, your SCCRA Executive is pleased to announce that SCCRA Members, by showing their 2022 SCCRA Membership Card\*, will receive Free Golf and Driving Range privileges

at the Woodland Hills Golf Course.

Where - Woodland Hills - Belle River Road & Hwy. 401

When – Any time from April to October 31

**Telephone -** 519-975-4653

Cost - No charge

Please Note: SCCRA Members with a paid-up 2022 membership card may play golf or use the Driving Range, at no charge by simply calling Woodland Hills to book a tee-time (no tee time needed for the Driving Range) and showing their 2022 SCCRA Membership Card when they sign in at the course.

For those non-golfing SCCRA Members, this is a great opportunity to "give it a try" at no cost, by either hitting a few golf balls on the Driving Range or by playing a round of golf on the course.

\* Note: If you do not yet have your 2022 Membership Card, please Contact Marilyn Portt at <a href="mailto:sccramembership@gmail.com">sccramembership@gmail.com</a>

Contributed by Jim Chambers

### 2022 Fall Social

The Fall Social Event may be the farthest thing from our minds right now, but the Social Committee wanted to let everyone know that Paul and Bev Chortos have once again graciously extended to the SCCRA an invitation to hold our 2022 Fall Social at their beautiful property in Kingsville. Watch for further details in future e-mails and in the summer newsletter.

Patricia and Mimi Social Committee



# Good Luck February



### Winners of the "Good Luck February" Draw

You can tell that spring is in the air, I washed my car yesterday. All kidding aside, I'm sure the gardeners amongst us pots, or plots, can't wait to start planting those wonderful flowers that make summer so enjoyable. We hope you are as excited as we are that the joys of spring are right around the corner bringing all the colourful growth that lifts our spirits.

We exited February with our "Good Luck February" draw and the hope that it was our last non-face-to-face event this year. Twelve lucky winners received \$25.00 each. We congratulate the following members: Suzannie Black, Dr. George Lewis, Barb Tregaskis, Leo Kosokowsky, Suzanne Norris, Glen Van Blommestein, Bodhan Huk, Keith Martin, Norma Slevison, Michael Crovisier, Lillian French, and Penny Rivait. Enjoy your winnings. We look forward to seeing many of our members at the Annual General Meeting. More information on the AGM will be forthcoming. \*\*

Contributed by *Patricia and Mimi Social Committee* 

# **Answers To Royal Celebration Trivia Quiz**

- 1. Her Uncle King Edward VIII abdicated the throne making her father King George VI and she became heir apparent.
- 2. Bond, James Bond aka Daniel Craig.
- 3. The princes in the Tower of London were Edward IV and Richard, Duke of York.
- 4. It was the first ever to be televised.
- 5. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (William and Catherine).
- 6. Not visiting the Welsh town of Aberfan immediately following the tragic collapse of a coal tip that killed 144 people of whom 116 were children.
- 7. The Jewel House in the Tower of London.
- 8. Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) as a trainee mechanic.
- 9. Princess Elizabeth was touring Kenya in 1952 when she was informed of her father's death and that she was now Queen.
- 10. The Red Boxes are used by ministers of the British Government and the Queen to carry government documents.

### A Sneak Peek at the Zekelman School of Business and Information Technology

The Octagon. The Mezzanine. The Annex. The Maple Tree Pub. The Upper Deck. The Courtyard. The Chez. A few of the nicknames from the past. South Campus locations to meet up with friends and colleagues. Helpful labels to include when giving directions or pinpointing a nearby location. Like the physical locations they signified, these names have melted into the past as the College continually improves to better serve the needs of students and staff. The latest signifier to befall this fate is the Horseshoe. But weep not; it has been replaced by something quite incredible and wondrous.

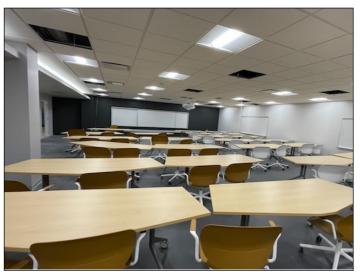




Above left, the entrance to the Windsor Campus Library. A mural is planned for the large expanse of wall that spans the boundary where the set of offices known as the Horseshoe once existed. At right the hallway, once part of the Horseshoe leads to the new Zekelman Centre for Business and Information Technology.

For those unfamiliar with the Horseshoe, it was a three-sided rectangular set of offices on the second floor of South Campus. As you walked its length, you would find the School of Business offices along with a dozen or so offices belonging to business and community studies faculty. It's quite likely that hundreds of faculty members have called the Horseshoe their work home over the many decades that it existed. The area is now completely renovated and forms an integral part of the new Zekelman Centre for Business and Information Technology; and it is an impressive renovation.

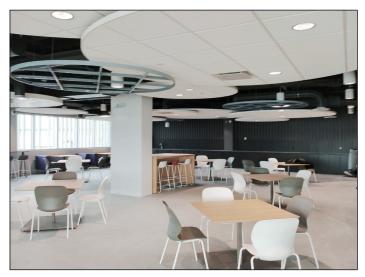




Above, classrooms on the third floor of the Zekelman Centre for Business and Information Technology are getting final touches. Unlike traditional lecture halls, the classrooms offer flexible learning with movable furniture, which better enables a variety of learning activities. The Centre is expected to be completed by May 30, 2022.

The new Zekelman Business Centre provides 40,000 square feet of ultramodern classroom, lab, and meeting space for students. In addition to the new space, 10,000 square feet of existing space around the new wing has been





Above left, the new administrative offices of the Zekelman School of Business and Information Technology. Right, work is almost complete on Alumni Hall, a multiuse space to support guest speakers, luncheons, and any type of student collaborative learning activities.

renovated. Spread across three floors, the space provides state-of-the-art educational resources that allow the College to compete for domestic and international students in an increasingly competitive market.

The Centre houses the Business School's administrative offices along with 12 new classrooms with seating for 600 students, a new computer lab, multiple study areas, meeting rooms with specialized space for unique presentations and guest speakers, an auditorium, and an E-Sports arena.

The third floor is a hub of modern classrooms. The rooms are bright and airy, offering flexible teaching and learning environments with the latest media technology, movable furniture, and comfortable seating.

Located on the second floor are the new administrative offices for the Zekelman School of Business. Along with the administrative offices of Jim Marsh, Senior Director, Zekelman School of Business, IT, and MAD; Anthony Mancini, Chair, Zekelman School of Business; Ruth Susannah, Chair, Zekelman School of Information Technology; and, Administrative Assistant Kristi Middleton, the area houses a faculty work area and coordinator meeting rooms.

The jewel of the second floor is the immense collaborative learning areas where students can meet, work, and learn together. This large space has a flexible learning classroom with garage doors that open onto a large multiuse space called Alumni Hall. This multiuse area accommodates gatherings for guest lectures, lunches, and any other type





Above left, the large student collaborative work area on the second floor. The area is attached to Alumni Hall and spans the entire front of the new Centre on the second floor. Floor to ceiling windows make the area bright and extremely comfortable. Right, students work in a study/collaborative area on the second floor. The wall of windows looks out on the new sports field.





Above left, construction on the new E-Sports arena is in full swing at the time of this writing. When finished, the Arena promises to be the finest in Canada. Right, an artist rendering of the new E-Sports arena. The main seating area is configurable making the arena a multi-use venue.

of student collaborative activity. Around the corner from Alumni Hall is a large seating/lounge area where students can interact, relax, and study.

As remarkable as the first and second floor are, it's the first floor with its new E-Sports arena generating the biggest buzz. What is an E-Sports arena you ask? The new arena is a modern auditorium with seating for 200 spectators. The main seating area can be configured in a variety of ways making the arena a truly multi-function venue. The front of the auditorium is a stage capable of supporting two E-Sports teams as they compete in multiplayer video games. Competing players can be located anywhere in the world. Above the stage are two giant video screens on which spectators and dedicated fans view all the action. The new arena is the largest and finest in Canada. Anyone wishing to watch St. Clair's teams compete can do so on Twitch TV, a live video game streaming channel (go to https://www.twitch.tv/ and search for St. Clair College). Games are also available to view on YouTube. The College's teams are top rated in North America and often beat teams from large universities.

Along with the marvel of technology that is the E-Sports arena, the first floor contains three virtual reality rooms, a large 48-station computer lab for E-Sports students, and five broadcast/breakout rooms to support the arena and the E-Sports curriculum.

The entrance to the Student Centre is now almost unrecognizable due to the addition of a smart-looking open stair-





Above left, the entrance to the Student Centre is also the entrance to the Zekelman School of Business and Information Technology. Right, a new open stairway to Alumni Hall, the School of Business administrative offices, and third floor classrooms has been added to the west of the entrance to the Student Centre. Construction is progressing steadily for a planned May 30 completion.

way and elevator to the upper levels, which have been added to the west side of the entrance To secure enough space for the E-Sports arena, the open student space across from Griffs was utilized. However, 3,000 square feet of student space was added to the large open lab at the west end of the student centre.

With 4.500+ business students in the Windsor campuses alone, the new facility will play a critical role in providing quality achieve their educational goals. Although the Windsor Campus



The new Zekelman School of Business and Information Technology occupies the glass section learning space for students to to the right side of the picture. The new modern front of the Student Centre with its geometric design, complete with the St. Clair Griffin, houses the E-Sports arena. The wall of glass windows to the left of the E-Sports arena is 3000 square feet of student space added to the open lab area.

has grown substantially over the last few years, the central location of the Zekelman Business Centre allows students from all programs and disciplines to access the new classrooms and resources. In touring the new facility, one can't help but marvel at how far the College has progressed in both the quality of its learning environments and the complexity of the programming it offers. Congratulations to all who have worked tirelessly to bring the Centre to life and who, through their determination, have left an incredible legacy for future students and the entire community.

So, a new legacy is born and, after almost four decades, the Horseshoe is a distant memory. A new generation of students can now create their own labels and nicknames for the spaces in which they operate day after day. How truly lucky we've been to play a role in the world of education and the history of this constantly growing and changing institution. \*\*

Contributed by **Dan Rorai** with much **appreciation to Jim Marsh** for his assistance

# **E-Sports Program At The College**

Canada's first varsity E-sports program will soon have a new home in a state-of-the-art facility at St. Clair College as part of a \$23 million project beside the new Zekelman Centre for Business and Information Technology.

The E-sports facility at the school's South Campus will be the largest publicly accessible facility of its kind. The building will be over 15,000 square feet, setting the bar for varsity E-sports in North America and cementing St. Clair as a destination college for aspiring students, gamers and E-sports enthusiasts.

In addition to being the new home for the St. Clair Saints varsity E-sports team, the facility will also feature a classroom and broadcast studio for the E-sports Administration and En-



trepreneurship Academic Program, an open gaming lab and console lounge, and a large competition stage complete with big screens around the facility to catch all of the action. Along with serving as a premiere destination for gaming competitions, the space will also host a variety of other events such as summer camps, viewing parties, and more.

The combination of academics and varsity E-sports has been a game-changer for St. Clair. The varsity program has been able to provide students with work-integrated learning opportunities through its teams and current facilities. The new building will expand on those opportunities and improve on them by allowing students to integrate their knowledge gained throughout the program in the planning, development, and execution of E-sports events. \*\*

Contributed by *Bill Jones and John Fairley* 

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Photos: **Dan Rorai** 

## **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 415 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.

### **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.

### Attention

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association is known to have one of the best newsletters in the Ontario College system. In putting it together, we have focused on information regarding the activities of the Retirees' Association, updates on activities of interest to retirees around the College, and information regarding RA members and their lives and activities. You can help with the latter.

If you have an article or letter to the Editor telling fellow retirees about yourself, or another retiree, please feel free to send it to the newsletter editor, Tony Ellul at <a href="mailto:sretiree@stelaircollege.ca">sretiree@stelaircollege.ca</a>. Items may be edited for length and/or relevance.

### **Retiree Parking Renewals For 2022**

As the College returns to normal campus activity, parking permits are again being enforced. Parking permit applications have moved to an on-line process. You must request your Parking Permit **on-line FIRST** before you go in to the College to pick it up.

For an easy to follow guide to the online process please go to the following link on our St. Clair College Retirees Website and select "New Parking Process" in the Index https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees.

For assistance, contact Campus Parking Services (519) 972-2727 Ext. 4515 (Windsor) (519) 354-9100 Ext. 4515 (Chatham)

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

Proof of membership is required when picking up the parking permit.

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

### **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 <a href="mailto:sretiree@stclaircollege.ca">sretiree@stclaircollege.ca</a>

### **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

#### **Notice**

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

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!

# In Memoriam

We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period January 27, 2022 - March 30, 2022



Judith Marie SCARSBROOK passed away on February 20, 2022, at the age of 77. She was the wife of Michael Scarsbrook and the mother of Richard Scarsbrook and Jennifer Scarsbrook. Judith worked at Leamington and Windsor Western Hospitals and taught in the Business Department at St. Clair College until her retirement in 2010.



**Dr.** Crystal KOTOW passed away on March 14, 2022 at 37 years of age. She is survived by her mother Sandy Kotow, Dad Joe Kotow, and sister Vicki Jules (Mesac). Also survived by her aunt, **St Clair retiree Crystal Kotow-Sullivan** (**John**). She taught at York University and George Brown College before she was hired for her dream job as Coordinator of Quality Assurance and Curriculum

Development at St. Clair College this past fall.



**Fred SORRELL** passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 87 years of age. Fred is survived by his wife Donna Jean and two sons, David (Anna) of London and **St. Clair staff member, Michael** of Windsor. Fred had a quick sense of humour, was a great storyteller and had a love of music, singing in particular. Fred's career at St. Clair College included work with the Foundation; assisting with the establishment of the Ford Center for Excellence in Manufacturing; and the acquisition of facilities in the downtown core and other sites for the College.



We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period January 27, 2022 - March 30, 2022

Madeleine BOUFFARD passed away on February 9, 2022 at 94 years of age. She was the mother of deceased St. Clair retiree Suzanne (Sue) Bezaire.

**Wayne BEEMER** passed away on February 9, 2022 at 74 years of age. He was the brother of deceased **St. Clair retiree Craig Beemer.** 

Marie Rose GAGNIER passed away on February 11, 2022, at 90 years of age. She was the mother of St. Clair retiree Joanne (Tom) Williams.



# St. Clair College 29th Alumni of Distinction Awards

The honourees for St. Clair College's 29th Annual Alumni of Distinction Awards are the following:

- Michael Audet, Chief Executive Officer, E.L.K. Energy (Essex. Lakeshore. Kingsville. Energy), graduated in 1988 from the Business Common program. He is being honoured in the category of Business & IT.
- **Karen Bolger**, Executive Director, Community Living Essex, graduated in 1985 from the Developmental Service Worker program. She is being honoured in the category of Community Studies.
- **Tim Byrne**, Chief Administrative Officer Essex Region Conservation Authority, graduated in 1979 from the Civil Engineering Technology program. He is being honoured in the category of Technology / Engineering.
- **Kristin Kennedy**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Erie Shores Health Care, graduated in 1997 from the Nursing program. She is being honoured in the category of Nursing/Health Sciences.
- **Tomoko Oxenfarth**, Designer/Owner of Maison Louise, graduated in 2020 from the Fashion Design Technician program. She is being honoured as a Recent Grad.
- **Chris Vadori**, Social Media Manager Canada, Skip the Dishes, graduated in 2010 from the Advertising program. He is being honoured in the category of Creative Arts (Media, Art & Design).

This year's list of award recipients brings to 125 the number of graduates recognized by the College since 1992. \*\*

Contributed by *Bill Totten* 

### **Executive Board 2021-2022**

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# Coming Events

As the Provincial Health Authorities begin to loosen up Covid pandemic restrictions, our association is also cautiously emerging from our two-year-long involuntary hibernation with a number of activates planned for the next several months. Soon, we will be able to meet once again at in-person activities.

During our absence from our "club room" in 45J at the South Campus, much material was deposited in the room intended for cataloguing and preserving by our Archive Group. By the time that this newsletter reaches our members, several of our Executive Board members will have finally received access to do some necessary tidying up.

Below is a list of some of the activities that are in the works at which we hope to see many of our members. You can find additional details about these activities in several places of this newsletter.

**April 1** Retiree Golf at Woodland Hills opens

May 4 Annual General Meeting

June (TBD) College President's Appreciation Brunch

June 22 Oxley Winery Lunch – 12:30

June 29 OCRA Annual Meeting at Georgian College

September 1 Fall Social

For the Retirees' Association
Quarterly Calendar of Events
and listing of activities
visit our calendar webpage at
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