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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our fall
s o c i a l
events are
in full
s w i n g .
We have
had the

Fall Social, a pizza party thanks to John Charlesworth. The bridge club continues to meet every two weeks. Due to the lack of parking at the college in early September, Dan Loncke arranged for the bridge group to play at Roseland Golf and Country Club. Most of the group stay for dinner at Roseland so the bridge players are still meeting there as it has proven advantageous for both the Retirees' and Roseland. The Trivial Tuesday will also be at Roseland on Nov 17/09 but at 2:00 instead of 1:30. Those planning on attending this fun afternoon should also plan on staying for dinner.

The tour of the Black History Museum in Amherstburg, the luncheon at the Lighthouse Inn and the tour of R.M. Classic cars are written up in this issue. Special thanks to Gary MacLeod who organizes our non annual events and already has two activities planned for the future.

Our education session was held on Oct 27 and was well attended with approximately 40 retirees and spouses. The session was Keeping up with

your Grandkids, Facebook, YouTube, Blogs, etc. What Does It All Mean? Our young first year student Jordynne Sharp took us through a number of websites popular with young people.

The big events of the year are coming up – the Christmas lunches. The Windsor lunch will again be held at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts on Dec 2/09 and the Thames lunch at the Countryview Golf Club a week later on Dec.9/09. Plan to attend as they are an excellent opportunity to catch up with fellow retirees.

Our winter trip to Cuba has 22 people so far and there is room for lots more. This includes nine new folks who are making their first trip with the Retirees'. Leaving once again from Windsor instead of Detroit along with the excellent price is proving to be a drawing card. Check with Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel 519 258 5404 if you want to get away from the winter doldrums this January.

To update **Retiree Business** I along with Jim Martin, Bill Totten, Pat Hallahan and Gary Docherty have prepared a document for the Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association (OCRA) on that old issue of retiree benefits. There will be more about this document once it has been vetted by all the appropriate groups.

Your Association has been looking at the issue of liability thanks to Jim Martin. We looked at incorporation but that is way too expensive and we are now gathering information on liability insurance.

Upcoming Events

- Bridge - Roseland, 1:30 Tuesday Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 7, Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 5, Feb 23
- Thames Luncheons – Wed. Nov 24/09 and Jan 27/10
- Windsor Christmas Party – St. Clair Centre for the Arts –11:30 Dec 2/09
- Thames Christmas Lunch –Countryview Golf Club –11:30 Dec 2/09
- Staff and Retirees' Christmas Brunch
- Winter Trip - Cuba, Tuesday Jan 26/10 –Feb 2/10
- On the Green –Feb 15/10

President, Anita Blair

16th Annual Alumni Of Distinction Awards



Nick Brancaccio
Journalism '81
Staff Photographer
The Windsor Star



Anita Harris
Nursing '75
VP Clinic Affairs &
Chief Privacy Officer
Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital



Edward Marocko
Law & Security '89
Staff Sergeant
Leamington Police Services



Edward Pillon
Mechanical Engineering '67
Fire Chief - Essex
Town of Essex



Rocco Tullio
Business '88
CEO & Owner
Rock Developments

St. Clair College Alumni - The Backbone Of Our Economy

The Alumni being honoured here comprise some of the over 70,000 alumni who have graduated from St. Clair College since 1967. These people have been the backbone of our economy locally, nationally and around the world.

We celebrate their decision to choose a college education which gave them a foundation of knowledge and life experience in order that they may achieve their goals

Submitted by John Charlesworth

UPDATE ON DR. QUITTENTON

(This is an edited version of an email to Bill Totten from Q's son, Derek Quittenton, in response to a request for an update on Q's condition. Dr. Q suffered a stroke at his home in Qualicum Beach. B.C. He has been hospitalized in Naniamo, B.C. on Vancouver Island)

Dad has near zero movement of his left side, zero response to surface stimulus on left side. He has blurred vision in his left eye. He has his hearing, speech and is fairly coherent and cognitive when awake. He is breathing on his own, with occasional difficulties but breathing on his own. He cannot swallow solid food so is being liquid fed. He is not pleased with this. He does not respond well to his children but does speak with the medical staff when asked questions. It appears he does not want his children to see him in this state so he feigns sleep when they are there. He can be awakened, spoken to then but he prefers not to be bothered. The nurses tell me once the family goes he does open his eyes and does speak when spoken to. Dr. Q is a proud man and does not like what life is doing to him.

Dad is struggling to come back. He does not like the nurses calling him Richard. The nurses asked why and what do we call him. I suggested Poppa Q or Dr. Q. When the medical staff heard he was doctor there was a noticeable attitude change, for the better. I did let them know however what kind of a Dr. (PHD ENG) as we all know.

I know Dad does not want to be seen like this and truthfully I have a great deal of trouble seeing him like this. I still see him as the voyageur stroking a fully loaded canoe skillfully through flashing rapids. It's

brutal knowing Dr. Q is in this state.

Mrs. Q has been slipping for the last couple of years, so Dad's stroke has really bothered her. Mrs. Q is doing poorly with current life and times. Mother is actually becoming more of a concern than Dad. Mom is physically quite strong and is capable and does go for long quick walks quite often. For now Mother is coping, poorly, but coping.

One last bit. Dad's 4T3 engineering class at University of Toronto funded a scholarship fund in his name. The fund was set up a few years ago with a million dollar endowment. The endowment was raised quite quickly. Some of the money was a matching grant from the U of T and their alumni fund. The government of Ontario also topped it off to the one million mark. I was told by the instigator of the endowment that he would have funded the whole million himself if he had to. Pop has left his mark in a lot of places.

So there is your health report. A bit more than was needed but Dr. Q will never just be a pile of words on paper - too much spirit to the man. Feel free to pass this along. Thanks and all the best to you all.

Derek Quittenton,
Edmonton, Alberta

RAMBLINGS OF A RETIRED MIND!

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

I have that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of emergency, I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor'!

GREAT FUNDING NEWS FOR ST. CLAIR JOURNALISM!

September 2, 2009 - Under the blue sky and of warmth of a September day, Windsor-Essex MP Jeff Watson used the 4th floor outdoor terrace of our downtown campus as his setting to announce funding for our St. Clair College Journalism Program. Today's funding announcement of over \$ 5 million will allow the college to build and provide a state of the art newsroom, classrooms and equipment, all of which, will give students a broad base of experience.

The proposal for this project was prepared by college faculty and administration to the federal government proposing a "St. Clair College Newsplex."

The money will be provided by the federal government is designed to stimulate local economies under the Community Adjustment Fund (CAF) for Southern Ontario. This investment supports local economies in communities throughout Southern Ontario with populations of fewer than 250,000 that rely heavily on manufacturing. This project is part of the up to \$102 million investment made through the Community Adjustment Fund for 2009-2010, announced on August 27 by the Honourable Gary Goodyear, newly appointed Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario). It is the government's intention to support a total of 90 projects in communities across Southern Ontario that are struggling with the effects of the global economic downturn.

"Our Conservative government is continuing its unprecedented investments in Windsor-Essex," said Watson. "With the Community Adjustment Fund our

goal is to more than just create jobs now; it's to create jobs in a re-positioned and diversified economy for tomorrow and beyond. This is what governing in tough economic times is about: creating hope for workers and their families in a better future through the assurance their government is delivering today."

President Dr. John Strasser said "We are very pleased with the partnership between St. Clair College and the federal government. This announcement will allow us to move our Journalism program forward to ensure our students have the marketable skills they need for a new era in their profession, with a great facility and state of the art equipment."

"I am grateful that Jeff Watson and Minister Goodyear understood the concept and innovation in our plan for a Convergence Journalism program here at St. Clair," said Veronique Mandal Professor and Coordinator of the Journalism program. "The college will also look into expanding and developing innovative new components for the program."

"This is a very exciting announcement for our Journalism program. The profession is changing rapidly and we will now be able to build on the Convergence curriculum we began delivering last September," said Lorna McCormack, Chair, School of Media Art and Design. "Our students will receive a journalism education that's second to none in the country."

John Fairley
Director of Corporate Communications &
Alumni Relations

SIGNS WE HAVE SEEN

***In a Department Store: TOILET OUT OF ORDER.
PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.***

***In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN
THE LIGHT GOES OUT.***

In a London Department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVESTS \$7.7 MILLION IN THAMES CAMPUS HEALTHPLEX

September 3, 2009 - St. Clair Colleges' Thames Campus Healthplex Campaign received a healthy shot in the arm from the federal government today. Dave Van Kesteren, M.P. for Chatham-Kent-Essex, announced in a media conference that he has secured \$7.7 million of funding towards the completion of the campus Healthplex. The state-of-the-art fitness complex plans include a double gymnasium, running track and additional classroom space.

Today's funding announcement is part of the up to \$102 million investment made through the Community Adjustment Fund for 2009-2010, announced on August 27 by the Honourable Gary Goodyear, newly appointed Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario). It is the government's intention to support a total of 90 projects in communities across Southern Ontario that are struggling with the effects of the global economic downturn. CAF is just one in a series of initiatives introduced in the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan designed to address the short-term effects of the economic decline on communities across Canada, while preparing our communities for long-term growth.

"We are seeing the enrolment numbers at St. Clair College and other educational institutions rise during

this economic downturn. We need to support our post-secondary schools. With today's announcement, the federal government is doing just that," said M.P. Van Kesteren.

Mayor Randy Hope, who has been in support of the campus Healthplex project, said "Lifelong learning among all of our citizens is one of the keys stones of our community strategic plan." He went on to say "On behalf of Chatham-Kent Council and the community, I want to thank the federal government for today's timely and important announcement."

Dr. John Strasser praised the hard work of Dave Van Kesteren who believed in this project and thanked him for his ongoing support to the college. "There has not been any Federal government elected representative who has delivered more to this Chatham campus than Dave Van Kesteren. We truly thank him for his help in securing over \$ 9.9 million since May of this year. Dave recently announced his governments' Knowledge Infrastructure Program investment of \$2.2 million for our Trades and Technology addition at this campus added to today's \$7.7 million good news."

John Fairley
Director of Corporate Communications &
Alumni Relations

NOTICE TO RETIREES WHO USE THE COLLEGE PARKING LOTS

The following is a message received from Ross Langill, Parking Coordinator at South Campus.

With the turnover in Parking Attendants that we experience off and on there is sometimes a problem with Retirees receiving tickets even though they are parked legally. One of the consistent things that we find is that most of the Retirees receiving tickets have the original "Retirees Passes" that do not state "Retiree" on them.

If anyone has a Pass that does not state "Retiree" on it and/or if their Permit has become invalid they can contact me at Ext 4306..and if they give me a couple of days notice that I will give them a new Pass if they

return their old one..we would mark their License Plate # down as valid for the time their vehicle may not have a Permit in it. Also, you are reminded that Retiree **Passes are valid in:**

- Visitor Lot "T" (but not the "30 minute complimentary", "Contractor" or "Unloading" spaces
- Any Student Lot "

Submitted by Bill Totten

OCRA 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Anita Blair, Bill Totten, and Jim Martin attended a well organized Annual General Meeting at Fleming College.

We were pleasantly surprised at the large number of people who were present (60 to 70 from 13 Colleges), almost twice as many as last year. This included two former College Presidents, and several other guests (Patty Musson from OPSEU, Diane Posterski from OCASA, and others).

Welcoming us were Dr. Tony Tilly, President, and Sonia Crook, VP Human Resources and Strategic Development of Fleming College.

Linda Choptiany, President of OCRA, reminded all that our goal is to position OCRA to be the primary voice of retirees in the province and to ensure that all retirees have input to decisions that affect them. Gil Callingham, Treasurer gave us the good news that we have \$36397 in assets, and foresees a balanced budget. Hilda Moessner, Membership coordinator, told us we have 1862 members, 360 of which are lifetime. She requested that OCRA be informed of any changes in our contact information. Joan Cunningham, Liaison and Public Relations reminded us of the variety of ways OCRA communicates with members. We hope to have the web site for each College retiree association become part of each College web site.

Derek Dobson, CEO of the CAAT Pension Plan provided an excellent presentation re: the Plan, and the basis for its operation (i.e. "secure the pension promise"). There are about 19000 active members and about 12000 retired and deferred members. He provided those present with the variety of strategies that the Plan is using to ensure its long term viability. He will provide us with a copy of his slides, which OCRA will put on its web site. It was clear from Derek's presentation that he wishes to keep all members informed about the plan and its operation.

A variety of changes to our by-law, and constitution were approved. Details will be forthcoming.

Five OCRA Executive positions were up for election. Peter Bertram, Gil Callingham, Linda Choptiany, Jim Martin, and Bill Totten were presented as a slate of candidates and were confirmed. SCCRA now has Anita, Jim, and Bill as members of the OCRA executive.

Mary Hoffweller, representing the Council, and

Anne Stevenson, representing Morneau Sobeco consultants presented us with information re: the health benefits plan. Some of what was presented is outlined below.

1. We were advised that although Bill 90 is silent on retiree health benefits, we are entitled to them because they flow out of our employment agreements.
2. Current out of country travel insurance is not full travel insurance. It will cease to exist in the health benefit plan as of 30 June 2010. It was recommended that anyone travelling should buy their own out of country medical insurance to meet their own needs.
3. Anyone in the health benefit plan can elect to change the option they have (within the guidelines), by contacting their College administrator, before 1 Feb of a year.
4. Private duty nursing coverage requires a recommendation from a doctor.
5. The \$10000 life insurance policy for academics stops when they reach 75. Changes to that coverage can be initiated through contact with OPSEU Academic locals, and request that it become an issue in setting demands for changes in the contract.
6. New rates will be published as soon as Council has reviewed and approved. They will be sent to OCRA for publishing. They will be on Council web site.
7. Participation in the plan is going up by 250 to 300 per year.
8. Joan Cunningham has prepared a 12 page comparison of various plans including CAAT plan. She is willing to send an e-mail copy to any member.
9. It was strongly recommended that all members use the provincial insurance first, before using the CAAT plan. It helps to keep costs in line.
10. It was also strongly advised that medical coverage of the plan be kept.

The meeting was informative and well run. Our thanks go to Fleming College for their hospitality.

Submitted by Jim Martin

FALL SOCIAL 2009

It may have been rainy and gloomy outside, but the spirits were high and the chatter lively in the staff lounge at the South Campus for the 2009 Fall Social.

More than 40 retirees and spouses enjoyed cold drinks, salad and pizza a la Charlesworth, along with a photo slide show of retirees at various events over the last few years, courtesy of Bill Totten.

It was good to see Jim and Eunice Robinson make the trek in from Chatham-Kent, along with some of

our newer retirees, such as Nancy Dupuis and Dr. Wheeler. And it is always heartwarming to see the ladies from the cafeteria and Bob Greenhow, going strong at 90.

Many thanks to John Charleworth and Bill Totten for organizing yet another successful social event for our retirees.

Pat Hallahan



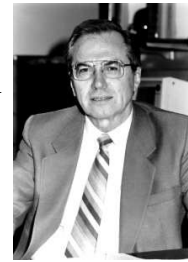
We Remember!



Bob Holmes



Joe Korchnak



Jerry Haggerty

This year we have lost three stalwart retirees who have shaped the business department at the College. All three – Bob Holmes, Joe Korchnak, and Jerry Haggerty – served as head of their respective divisions. Bob Holmes pioneered the curriculum in marketing studies, set up the Marketing Club on campus, and sent winning teams to marketing competitions across the province. Joe Korchnak was a central figure in ensuring that secretarial and all business programs were fully computerized and that

our graduates had the tools needed to achieve competence in the latest business software apps. Jerry Haggerty was an active member of the Chartered Accountants Association, who brought the best-practice procedures into the accounting curriculum at the College, and who encouraged many of his graduating students to go for their C.A. certification.

Submitted by Dick St. John

Jerome Haggerty (March 1, 1931- August 9, 2009)

Jerry had a quiet competence and a sense of professionalism that he brought to his students. Jerry was a thoughtful person who believed in extending help to where it was needed, whether it was assisting in church parish activities or in community ventures. He was instrumental in setting up the tax seminar program for third-year accounting students. Every spring they traveled to senior citizens centres to help seniors complete their income tax returns. This proved to be a very popular outreach service that benefitted many in the community. Jerry also initiated the annual banquet for students in the Accounting Club. He and long-time office mate, Chuck Freeman,

helped third-year students with their fund-raising Bingos to finance their annual field trips to accounting companies in Toronto. After 25 years of dedicated service to the College (1969-1994), Jerry moved on to the position of Business Manager of the Assumption campus at the University of Windsor. He retired from there in 2003 and moved to London to be close to family. Jerry died in August of colon cancer and leaves behind his devoted wife, Teri, five adult children, and several grandchildren.

Requiescat in pace.

Joe Korchnak (March 9, 1938 - August 27, 2009)

After a lengthy battle with cancer, Joe Korchnak passed away on August 27, 2009. Joe had retired after 33 years at St. Clair College, where he was a professor and the Chairman in the School of Business.

Joe was an accomplished photographer and a guitar player. He also had a passion for animals.

Joe is survived by his wife Susie, familiar to many Windsor area St. Clair College retirees as the one person telephone committee, reminding members of upcoming events.

Joe will be missed!

Submitted by Bill Totten

WE ALSO REMEMBER THESE COLLEAGUES WHO PASSED AWAY!



David Crerar



Madeline Sprague

In Memoriam

Let us remember!

Elaine Labbee's Mother, Helen Hodgson

Les Taffinder's father, Don Taffinder

John Weatherby's wife, Rita

May They Rest In Peace!

COLLEGE GRAD MAKES GOOD

The following is another in a series of articles featuring College graduates who went on to work at and retire from St. Clair College.

Ron Morris graduated from WOIT in 1966 from the Mechanical Engineering Technology Program.

After having graduated from Chatham Kent Secondary School, Ron went to work for the Ministry of Transportation as a highway inspector in 1960 during the construction of the 401. After two years, he realized he would not progress on the job without more education, so he moved to Windsor to attend WOIT.

Upon graduation he was hired by the Ford Motor Company as a management trainee. For one year in what is now Plant One, he worked in a variety of capacities, including production supervisor, maintenance supervisor, quality control, etc. Unfortunately, after one year, he was laid off.

He then heard through the grapevine that the Windsor Board of Education was hiring teachers for its Adult Retraining Program on Erie Street. After an initial interview with Dave Gray, he was interviewed by Joe Mencil before subsequently being hired.

Ron taught math and physics in ARP beginning in 1967 until about 1975 before transferring to post secondary. He then taught math, physics and hydraulics to students in various technology programs before retiring in 2001.

Ron's path to St. Clair College, however, was not as straightforward as it sounds.

Ron was born in Wales, where his father worked in a factory, and was raised in a working class family.

Being the adventuresome type, the family decided to immigrate to Canada. They gathered together, looked at a map, noticed Windsor, Ontario was on a latitude similar to the south of France, and decided that would be their destination.

Ron's father and older brother came over first. Unable to secure employment in Windsor, Ron's father found a job at the now defunct Campbell Soup factory in Chatham. To this day, Ron's siblings live in the Chatham area.

While still a youngster in Wales, Ron developed an interest in boxing. His boyhood

hero was a boxer named Randy Turpin who had a boxing club in Wales. Randy Turpin was famous for defeating then World Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson.

Ron brought his interest in boxing to Canada and joined a boxing club in Chatham. At that time, the Michigan Golden Gloves Association allowed boxers from border cities to compete. Mild mannered Ron Morris won the 1962 Golden Gloves Welterweight Championship. Due to injury, Ron stopped boxing for a while but did return to the ring again and twice more won the Golden Gloves Championship in both 1972 and 1973. By that time, Ron was in his thirties and teaching at the College. Ron was also the Ontario Middleweight Champion in 1972.

Ron married spouse Jeanne in 1966. Jeanne worked for about 10 years in Detroit as a legal secretary and then in the Alumni and Development Office at the University of Windsor for about 15 years. Sadly, Jeanne passed away in November 2008.

Ron has two children: Beth, an elementary school teacher, is married to Darren who works for Bell Canada; and Jason who teaches social sciences at the College. Jason is married to Kristen who administers the MBA Program at the University of Windsor. Jason and Kristen recently gave birth to a baby girl named Erin Lily.

Ron earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology in English and Communications and a Masters of Education degree from Central Michigan University.

Some of Ron's fondest memories at the College include coaching the soccer team with Gaston Franklyn and teaching hydraulics to third year Mechanical Engineering Technology students.

In addition to participating in a number of College Retiree Association activities, Ron is an avid bicyclist, has traced his family's genealogical tree back to the mid-1700's, and has an active interest in the stock market.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



Ron Morris THEN:



Ron Morris NOW:

CANADIAN BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM TOUR

On September 10, 2009 a very representative group attended a tour of the Canadian Black History Museum in Amherstburg.

The tour was conducted by curator Ken Stanton and included an oral presentation in the refurbished church on the grounds, a review of many historical artifacts in the museum and a National Film Board film on the

Underground Railroad.

The tour was followed by lunch and a walk through the gorgeous waterfront gardens at the Navy Yard.

Many thanks to Gary MacLeod for organizing this activity. Rumour has it that Gary already has a few ideas for tours in 2010!

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



THAMES/WINDSOR LUNCHEON - LIGHTHOUSE INN

On Thursday, September 30, 2009 a group of 30 retirees enjoyed their lunch together on a beautiful fall day at the Lighthouse Inn. The mouth of the Thames River is a place of historical significance including activities relating back to the War of 1812. It is a picturesque place to visit at this time of year as the summer's boating season is coming to an end. Del Zangari was clearly on top of her game that day. Del was recognized by local golf enthusiast Jim Robinson for her husband John Zangari accomplishing 2 holes-in-1 this summer. Del then was the winner of the 50/50 draw who donated her proceeds to the HealthPlex Campaign. Congratulations and many thanks Del.

Our guest speakers were John Fairley, Director of Corporate Communications and Alumni Relations and Lynn McGeachy-Schultz, Director of College Advancement. John explained the HealthPlex Brick

Campaign (\$100 for 1 brick, \$150 for 2) and said the alumni have committed \$500 k to the HealthPlex Project. John asked the retirees for help this winter in assisting with the HealthPlex Campaign tables planned for the Chatham Downtown Centre and Devonshire Mall. Lynn and John presented the latest updates on the exciting new building projects at the College which exceed \$50 m.

- HealthPlex (C) \$7.76 m., construction to start March '10
- Technology and Trades (C) \$4.4 m., construction to start Feb '10 or March '11
- Center for Media Studies (W) \$5m., construction to start Mar. '10
- Centre for Construction Innovation and Production (W) \$5m., opened Sept. '09
- Centre for Applied Health Sciences (W) \$32m., construction to start March '11

Submitted by Jay Ertel



RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

On Thursday, October 22, 2009 the retirees group attended the RM Classic Cars Tour in Blenheim, ON and the luncheon at Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant in Chatham which followed. About 20 retirees toured the new museum and then were joined by others for lunch. Our luncheon group was over 30. The shop facility was not available this year due to renovations however we did see about half a dozen vehicles under restoration. It will be part of future tours when the renovation project is complete. RM Classic Cars is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales that have exceeded \$300 m. The local company has realized unprecedented growth in the auction business contributing to the development of a world-class,

award winning restoration division that continues to earn accolades at international concours events. Auctions now take place in Toronto, US, UK and Italy. RM has been working with the local high schools on fundraising projects where the students have been fixing vintage trucks which are resold with the profits going to the schools.

Highlights of the tour included several Auburn, Bugatti, Ferrari Mercedes-Benz and Packard classics and there was an excellent selection of 50's and 60's classics with a number of Woody's which were among the 70 plus vehicles viewed.

Again, this year the St. Clair College Retirees group fully enjoyed their day.

Submitted by Jay Ertel



The Retiree Group at RM Classic Cars - Chatham



Lunch at Tru's Grill House Restaurant



Cindy Southward, Gary MacLeod



Jay Ertel, Del Zangari. Jim Martin



Jim Robinson & \$1,000,000 Bugatti

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$5,300 to date, 17% of our \$30,000 goal.

The HealthPlex Campaign is now well underway. The Executive advised Dr. Strasser of our support by unanimously passing two motions at an emergency meeting in the Fall'08:

- That the Executive Support the College's HealthPlex Fundraising Campaign and that the support be recommended to the SCCRA general membership.
- That the SCCRA Executive agrees to support the HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of \$30,000 (\$3,000 for 10 years)

Be part of the Retirees' Campaign by pledging your support to the College's HealthPlex Campaign. Members interested in helping with fundraising through their contacts with small business in Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent are asked to contact Jay Ertel, Coordinator for Retiree Fundraising. The SCCRA HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of \$30,000 could be met for example through member donations (eg. 300 retirees @ \$10/year for 10 years) or a combination of fundraising and donations.

The HealthPlex Brick Campaign pledge forms have been included with this Newsletter. If 300 retirees participate by pledging \$100 for 1 brick we would exceed our committed goal. **Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign.**

Many thanks to Jim Chambers for organizing the July '09 First Annual Retirees' Association Golf Outing as a fundraising activity and the Feb'10 Winter Charity Golf Tournament at "On-The-Green", a simulated golf facility.

We thank JoAn Dale for planning to run the 50/50 draws at our social events. Proceeds will go to the HealthPlex Campaign.

Memorial donations of \$25 will be made by the SCCRA in the name of deceased retirees to the HealthPlex Campaign

The College HealthPlex Projects are planned for as early as 2010 in Chatham and 2012 for Windsor.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

GIVING BACK...A LITTLE

You may be aware that your Retirees' Association has begun to help the College with its fundraising campaign, especially as it is related to the healthplexes at both the Windsor and Thames Campuses.

Jay Ertel and Jim Chambers have been volunteering their time organizing a variety of activities to help the Retirees' Association meet its committed goal of raising \$30000 over ten years. To date, well over \$5000 has been raised.

To be fair, when the Association was founded, fundraising was not earmarked as an activity retirees would be involved with. However, since that time, much has changed, especially since the arrival of Dr. John Strasser as President.

Our involvement on a provincial level with other College Retiree Associations has very clearly revealed that we enjoy the very best college-retiree relationship in the system. We have a large space for meetings

and archival activities; we are assisted with printing and newsletter mailings; we use the College server for email communication; we are invited to numerous staff social functions; and the list goes on, not to mention that our dues are matched by the College annually.

In truth, it would be very difficult to function without the assistance and support of the College. For this reason, and the fact that the fundraising goals are meritorious in their own right, the Association agreed to work with the College.

Fundraising is not new to us. Many will remember donating for the library and Ford Center of Excellence in Manufacturing (FCEM). These are now part of our legacy. As well, many contribute to the United Way and even support the University of Windsor's Giving Campaign.

And while it is true that most of us will never benefit personally from these new facilities, it is also

Giving Back...A Little continued:

true that we enjoy one of the very best indexed defined benefit pension plans in the province and have access to one of the very best health benefit plans.

Many of our children either don't have a pension plan or participate in a defined contribution plan which is at the mercy of an often unstable economy or employer.

Many of us spent the majority of our career at the

College. Because of that, we enjoy a comfortable and reliable pension which allows us the freedom to plan our lives with confidence.

In light of this, it is not unreasonable to consider setting aside \$10 per year for ten years. If we all did this, we would realize our goal in record time, solidify our relationship with the College and enjoy the satisfaction of Giving Back...A Little.

Submitted by: Pat Hallahan

KEEPING UP WITH YOUR GRANDKIDS, FACEBOOK, MYSPACE BLOGS ETC., What Does It All Mean?

On Tuesday Oct 27/09 a very popular session was held for retirees and spouses. A first year student, Jordynne Sharp took us through a number of websites that grandparents (and retirees) should know about. These sites are not only popular with young people but they open up a whole new aspect of the internet. Google, Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, YouTube were some of the sites. Many questions were asked by the

more than 40 people in attendance. The session was held in Room 320 where the high speed internet facilitated live access to these sites. I think the participants will agree that they all learned something new.

Submitted by Anita Blair



President Anita & Instructor Jordynne Sharp



Retirees attending the workshop.

BITS AND PIECES

Ted Bicknell called to compliment the Retirees' Association on its outstanding newsletter and to report that he and Mary Ann are enjoying retirement in Manitoba, after selling their Boston Pizza business three years ago.

Al Hoffman has returned home after suffering a serious stroke in June. He and Maria have moved to a new – wheelchair accessible – condo very close to their former home.

Paul Balkwill has moved from his long-time home in Ridgetown to London.

John and Del Zangari have returned from an August cruise in the Baltic

Eunice Robinson is at home recovering from knee surgery – up-and-at-'em Eunice!

2010 Winter Trip Update – At this printing we have 22 retirees, spouses and friends going to Cuba in late January. New to the group this year are Maria and Silvio Carlini, Bill Jones, Elvy and Roy Deline and their friends, Albert and Vita Brook and Matt and Violet Klepacki. Welcome to the newcomers, and we still have room for more. **Ruth Hicks, Renee Ouellette, Gary MacLeod, Jim Martin, Anita Blair and Bill Totten** acted as 'Geezer Greeters' for the annual Student Orientation, meeting and greeting parents and freshmen as they entered the college building for the first time, providing directions as needed.

College Enrolment Announcement from Patti France

"We are very excited to announce our record high Post Secondary full time enrolment of 8344 as of this morning (September 9, 2009). This is a 20% increase to last year's number of 6941".

And, from the 'Links' -

Gary Docherty, who is a member of Kingsville Golf Club, arranged with the help of a number of people from the golf course and others to have pro golfer John Daly, spend time playing a round of golf with junior members of Kingsville. John and Gary have played golf together over the years and have remained friends. John said that he was impressed

with the course and would enjoy playing the course again.

Audrey Payne, wife of **John Payne**, and one of our faithful bridge club members, achieved her *third* career hole-in-one this summer at Pointe West Golf Club. How many has John had??

From Pat McMahon – "Last night (August 25, 2009) I was golfing with my league at Willow Creek and I got "a hole in one" at #16 - a par 3. I was not golfing very well as I had lost 3 balls already and was playing with a "found" ball from my bag. I was absolutely stunned and people were wondering why I wasn't excited. It is hard to describe the feeling of disbelief and everything being surreal. It was only when I got home that I started to get excited. My three golf mates were witnesses. One had a cell phone and called (husband) Tom. When I was telling him what happened, they yelled into the phone 'and we were witnesses'."

John Zangari, husband of our Newsletter Editor **Del**, has had a very eventful September on the links. On September 2 he used a seven iron to ace the 135 yard seventh hole at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth, Michigan. Then, only 12 days later, he achieved his second hole-in-one with a nine iron shot on a 104 yard hole at Snow Snake Golf Course in Clare Michigan. What are the odds on that, eh John!

Letters to the Editor

I would like it if you would let the staff know how glad I was working with such a great and caring bunch of people. I will never forget my years at St. Clair, I hope I made a difference in some way. Looking forward to receiving my newsletters.

Doreen Gravelle, Ottawa, Ontario

Still alive and well in downtown Woodslee. Been 12 years since I retired. Time has a way of slipping by.

Cheers, **Don Roberts**, Woodslee,

Submitted by Bill Totten

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES AND FRIENDS WINTER TRIP



Where – Sirenis La Salina, Varadero Beach, Cuba
4 star, all inclusive, 8 restaurants, 4 pools, 998 rooms

When – Tuesday January 26/10 – Tuesday February 2/10

From – Windsor Airport
Lv Windsor 4:00pm Arr Varadero 7:20 pm
Lv Varadero 11:30 am Arr. Windsor 2:45pm

Price – Contact Kathleen Warren at Allison's Travel 519 258 5404

THE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION WINTER GOLF ACTIVITY

The Retirees' Association is planning a Winter Golf Activity for February 15, 2010.

On The Green is an indoor golf facility which allows participants to use golf simulators to play various golf courses around the world.

Cost is \$60 for 18 holes of golf and a pizza and pitcher of beer for each foursome. The cost includes a donation to the College's Healthplex Fundraising

Campaign.

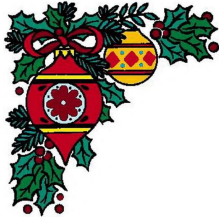
This should be a fun winter activity.
Spouses/partners are welcome

An accurate headcount is necessary for planning purposes.

For more information on this facility, go to www.onthegreengolf.com or call 519-735-9558

If you think you are interested, contact Jim Chambers at: jcipperwash@msn.com

*Know how to prevent sagging?
Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.*



YOU ARE INVITED



TO THE

ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 2009

LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
HWY. 40 NORTH

TIME: 11:30 AM - LUNCH: 12:00 PM

COST: \$15.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)

Alcoholic refreshments are extra.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Eunice robinson at 519-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net
John charlesworth at 519-966-3168 daturrah@hotmail.com



WINDSOR – ESSEX UNITED WAY ACTIVITY

Each year the St. Clair College Retirees' Association has responded to a request from the Windsor – Essex United way request for names and addresses of our retirees. While it is not our normal practice to release this information, the membership, at an Annual Meeting a number of years ago, authorized this in the case of the local United Way.

We have received a similar request for the 2010 campaign, and labels have been provided for those retirees living in Windsor and Essex County..

We requested a summary of the participation which has resulted from previous direct mail campaigns. This data is shown below for your information.

Submitted by Bill Totten

	# Retirees.	#Donors	Participants	Raised	Avg. Gift
2008	321	29	9%	\$4,335	\$149.00
2007	291	33	11.3%	\$4,590	\$139.00
2006	282	26	9.2%	\$4,085	\$157.00
2005	285	27	9.4%	\$3,870	\$143.00
2004	282	34	12%	\$4,955	\$146.00



WINDSOR CAMPUS CHRISTMAS PARTY



DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2009

TIME: 11:30 am - Meet
12:00 pm - Lunch

PLACE: ST. CLAIR CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

FAMILY STYLE LUNCHEON MENU

Soup: Butternut squash

Entrée: Stuffed turkey breast with roasted chestnut and herbed stuffing and cranberry sauce.
Yukon gold whipped potatoes and baby honey glazed carrots

Dessert: Pumpkin cheesecake

TICKETS

\$25.00 (includes taxes & gratuity)

1. Please call or e-mail **Gayle Harrick 519-979-1995**, gharrick@sympatico.ca for ticket reservations **before November 27, 2008**.
2. If you already have your ticket, please bring it with you. If your ticket is paid for and reserved you can pick it up at the door.
3. Mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees' Association and send to Gayle Harrick or give it to any other Executive member.

Gayle Harrick, 12398 Clapp St., Tecumseh, ON, N8N 2H8.

4. There will be no walk-ins. **Reservations must be made by November 27th.**

PARKING

1. Parking is **not included** in the ticket price. Parking, at your own cost is available nearby, on the street, or in the municipal garage, or in municipal lots.
2. **Free Parking** is available at the College parking lot on Caron Avenue. If you plan to use the College Caron Ave. Lot, your College Parking Pass must be the **new version** that says "**Retiree**". If a new Parking Pass is required, contact Ross Langill at the College.
3. Be aware that parking enforcement officers may issue tickets as they are not aware of the earlier parking passes.

COME OUT FOR SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS CHEER!



COMING EVENTS

- 1. Bridge Club - November 10 - Multipurpose Room - Dan Loncke - 1 pm**
- 2. Nov. 17 - 1: pm - Trivial - Tues**
- 3. Nov. 24 - Bridge Club - 1 pm - Dan Loncke**
- 4. Dec. 2 - Windsor Annual Christmas Party - 11.30 am - St. Clair Centre for the Arts - Lunch 12.30 pm**
- 5. Dec. 8 - Bridge Club - Dan Lonche - 1 pm**
- 6. St. Clair Staff Retirees Christmas Brunch 11 :am - 2 :pm**
- 7. January 5// 2010 Bridge Club - 1 pm - Dan Loncke Multiple Purpose Room**
- 8. January 19 - Bridge Club - Dan Loncke - 1 pm**
- 9. January 26 - February 2 - Winter Trip - Cuba -- Anita Blair**
- 10. February 1 Bridge Club**
- 11. February 15 - Family Day - College Closed**
- 12. February 15 - Golf on the Green - \$60 - golf, pizza and beer - Jim Chambers , Jay Ertel**
- 13. February 23 - Bridge Club - Dan Loncke - 1 pm - Multi Purpose Room**
- 14. March - SRC Elections**
- 15. March 9 - Bridge Club - Dan Loncke - 1. Pm Multi Purpose Room**
- 16. March 23 - Bridge Clug - Dan Loncke**
- 17. March 30 - Trivial Tuesday 1.30 pm - Chez Talbot**

Luncheon Dates for Thames St. Clair Retirees

- 1. Nov. 25 - Thames Luncheon - 1.30 am - Chatham Elket Home & Grill**
- 2. Dec 9 - Thames Annual Christmas Party - 12 (noon) - Countryview Golf Club - Social Hour - 11:30**
- 3. Jan. 27 - Thames Luncheon - 11.30 - Chatham Bkst House and Grill - Elizabeth Barr**
- 4. Feb. 24 - Thames Luncheon - 11.30 am Tru's Grill House - Speaker**
- 5. Mar. 31 - Thames Luncheon - 1130 am - Speaker plus Special Events**