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RETIREES'
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It's my pleasure in my first President's Report to welcome the new retirees to the St. Clair College Retirees' Association. We are often referred to as the Retirees' Social Club because that's what we do. We have an excellent Social Program and it's a lot of fun.

We communicate with our membership through Newsletters in the Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring, regular e-mails and our web site which is kept up to date by Brian Agar, our web master. The web site is a good reference point for Activities, Newsletters and our Picture Gallery.

Again this year, the social season begins with the Annual Fall BBQ at the Student Residence. Some of the **Fall Highlights** include Annual Fall BBQ (Aug. 23)

- Bridge Club (Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 17; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 05)
- Fall Trip to Greek Islands & Tuscany (Sept. 24 to Oct. 09)
- Windsor/Thames Luncheon - Lighthouse (Sept. 27)
- Mastronardi Winery Tour (Oct. 11)
- Windsor Luncheon - Pandemic Planning, Elyse Maindonald (Oct. 18)
- Stratford - Oliver (Oct. 18)
- RM Classic Cars Tour - Robsan Creek Model Railroad Demo (Oct. 25)
- Thames Luncheon - History of Toys, Jim Gilbert (Nov. 29)
- Annual Windsor Christmas Party - Other Place Reception Centre (Dec. 06)
- Annual Thames Christmas Party - Countryview Golf Club (Dec. 13)
- Winter Trip to Mayan Riviera (Jan. 17 to 24)

We have a great time and we look forward to having you join us.

As an update on **Retiree Business**, we welcome Jim Martin to the Executive as Vice President. In 2006/2007 we plan to continue with our Retirement Planning Service and investigating alternative Benefits options, expand the Retiree Tutorial Service to include Thames Campus, continue with the Archive Project and help support the upcoming College's 40th Anniversary Celebration. We thank Anita Blair, Pat Hallahan, and Bill Totten for attending the OCRA AGM in Toronto and encouraging OCRA to support and foster the creation of strong functioning local associations at the Colleges. In 2005, it was through St. Clair and OCRA lobby efforts that resulted in the creation of an alternative Health Benefits Plan for retirees.

Throughout the year, we receive tremendous support from Dr. Strasser and the College in addition to Dr. Strasser's generous initiative to annually match our St. Clair College membership fees collection. We wish to thank Dr. Strasser and the College for their ongoing support and especially for including the retirees at the President's Staff Appreciation

Brunches. We cross paths with many helpful staff throughout the year when we visit the College to conduct retiree business and we wish to give special thanks to: Ted Beale (Athletics & Recreation),

Becky Beneteau (VP Academic's Office), Roy Bottoset (Woodworking), Terrence Burke (President's Office), Paul Chortos (Printshop), Ray Dagenais (Mailroom), Marg Dore (Human Resources), Kevin Fochuk (Campus Residence), Patti France (Vice President), Sue Garant (Board Of Governors), Ken Garber (IT Enterprise Services), Irene Helinski (Scheduling), Andy Kovosi (Maintenance), Ross Langill (Parking), Elaine Labbee (Human Resources), Kristen Loscher (Human Resources), Ed Maurice (Financial Services), Trish McFarlane (Principal, Thames Campus), Carol Morneau (Printshop), Bill Regier (Constr. & Eng. Services), Jay Shewfelt (Athletics & Recreation), Tom Stokes (Physical Resources) and Kathy Tellier (Disability Services).

In closing, for all the retirees, here is a brief quote which is an excellent reflection on retirement from the book, *The Hills of Tuscany*, by Ferenc Mate: "On the fifth morning while rekindling coals of the night before and putting slices of bread on a grate above them for toast, I kept seeing visions of courtyards full of voluptuous figures and flowers, tremulous light, and those silent hills. So much space, such silence, so much time to drift. To think. To let your mind roam anywhere it pleases. To dream. Perhaps the luxury of our age is not the piles of goods we endlessly accumulate, but Time. And perhaps the truest freedom is to be left alone. To gaze at the hills as long as you want. To go for a walk forever if you choose. And to have at every turn an exhaustible natural beauty and centuries of man-made wonders. Maybe there lies the deep appeal of Tuscany". Let's just say Retirement! Enjoy.

We wish you all the best in your retirement and we look forward to seeing you at our Fall Activities.

Jay Ertel, President

PANDEMIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association is organizing a Pandemic Planning workshop for retirees on Wednesday October 18, 2006 at 1:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room (at the back of the South Campus cafeteria).

The workshop will be conducted by Elyse Maindonald, Nurse Practitioner. Elyse is a faculty member in the School of Nursing, coordinates services in the South Campus Health Centre and is charged with preparing the College for the possibility of a Pandemic. She has already conducted an initial readiness workshop for current staff

The workshop will focus on the retiree population. After communicating an understanding of pandemics,

influenzas and the Avian strain, and the various levels and phases associated with these, the workshop will deal primarily with the practical preparation activities that will best help to lessen the impact of an influenza pandemic.

Among other things, the workshop will focus on: water, food and drug storage; hygiene; storage of medical information; first aid supplies; tools and emergency supplies; household emergency plans.

This information can be extremely useful in the event of a pandemic. If you plan to attend this workshop, please contact Pat Hallahan at 519-945-4304 or email phallahan@cogeco.ca It will help us keep track of numbers.

Wisdom from Grandpa:

1. *When a man marries a woman, they become one, but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.*
2. *Many girls like to marry a military man - he can cook, sew, and make beds and is in good health, and he's already used to taking orders.*
3. *The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.*

THE NEWLY ELECTED ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE 2006-2007

The following members were elected to the executive at the Annual General Meeting in May.

President Emeritus
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Sue Korchnak, Eunice Robinson
Brian Agar
TBA
Gary Docherty
Jim Chambers

We appreciate the ongoing cooperation and support from Dr. Strasser and the College and look forward to another enjoyable and successful year.



STAFF APPRECIATION BRUNCH

The St. Clair College Staff Appreciation Brunch took place at the College on Friday, June 02, 2006. We appreciate Dr. Strasser and the College's ongoing support for retirees and inviting us to this event. The new retirees were recognized and thanked by Dr. Strasser for their contribution to St. Clair College through over 700 years of dedicated service. The new retirees are:

Sheila McCabe
Richard Spicer
Angelina Casella
Gary MacLeod
Thelma Serviss
Ann Bulat
Margaret Dore
Maxine King
Linda Grineage

James Allen
Lorraine Caba
Nancy Cameron
Ken Cosford
Helen Hanak
Michael Jacobs
Elaine Labbee
Denis Lortie
Renee Ouellette

Gayle Martin
Barry Maskery
Bernadette Morin-Gannon
Norma Smith
Philip St. Pierre
Walter Stechyshyn
Gail Turnbull
Linda Vince



PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 10 at Erie Shores Golf Course in Leamington. Retirees are being encouraged by Dr. Strasser to participate in this annual event. Details on the price and the meal were not available at press time. Contact Becky Beneteau for information.



IN MEMORIAM

Since 1999, the St. Clair College Retirees' Association has taken the opportunity to conduct the Memorial Dedication for full time College employees and former employees, now retired, who have passed away. This year Jim Martin lead the Memorial Dedication for the following people:

Roberta Rosnovan
Keith Muddle
Cecile Rinshed
James Reid

William Klein
Eleanor Preiss
Michael Harrick Jr.

The St. Clair College Memorial Plaques are located in the hall outside Chez Talbot at the Windsor Campus and in the lobby at the Thames Campus.

We also remember
Margaret Dore's husband John
Carol Libby's husband Bill
Fed Rigden's wife Eileen Georgina

THE PHOTO PROCESS USING A DIGITAL CAMERA WORKSHOP

Offered by Art Rae



Will be held



Tuesday, September 26, 2006

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

At Thames Campus, Chatham, Ontario

Topics covered will include:

Theory of the Digital Camera
Camera Selection
Operating the Camera
Photo Manipulation
Home Editing
Printing
Storing/Archiving/Sharing
Information Sources

If you are interested in attending, please confirm with Eunice Robinson at robsan@mnsi.net or 519-351-3670 or Elizabeth Barr at ebarr000@sympatico.ca or 519-354-3274 by September 15, 2006.

OCRA NEWS

Those of you who have paid annual dues to OCRA (the Ontario College Retirees' Association) are probably aware that Bob Pando, President, has requested money from fellow retirees to cover unanticipated legal fees. Since then, a number of our local members have requested that the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Executive communicate a position regarding this request, while fully respecting the right of the members to do as they choose. The following is an attempt to help you understand the rationale for the request and the Executive's position on this matter.

Bob has been pursuing the issue of retiree representation on the CAAT Pension Plan Board of Trustees. He feels strongly that the retiree representative should be representing retirees, not members (current staff who pay into the Plan).

CAAT Pension Plan staff have recently submitted a legal opinion stating that the retiree representative must represent employers, employees and retirees and "has the fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the best interests of the Plan remain the Trustee's overriding concern."

Your Retiree Association Executive met on April 19/2006, and after considerable discussion, unanimously agreed not to request that our members support this initiative financially.

Although we support the principle of exclusive retiree representation on the Board of Trustees, we are not prepared to fall into the black hole of legal costs to pursue exclusive representation. The retiree representatives, appointed on a rotating basis by OPSEU and OCASA, are in

fact retirees even though they may have a legal obligation to represent all constituent groups. One voice and vote on a committee of 12, in addition to the 8 person Sponsors' Committee, is not likely to have such a significant impact on this group that it warrants long-term, expensive litigation.

President Bob Pando feels strongly that the current position of the CAAT Pension Plan on this issue is in contravention of the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement, the Plan's founding document. He may be correct. However, this is a highly technical legal argument which has already cost OCRA and the Plan considerable time and money and has resulted in palpable tension between OCRA and Plan staff.

The performance of the CAAT Pension Plan is of paramount importance to retirees. In this regard, we applaud President Pando's attention to issues surrounding the governance and performance of the Plan. However, we are also aware that government regulations require this and other provincial pension plans to adhere to very strict guidelines to ensure our Plan's viability. If we believed strongly that exclusive retiree representation would have a significant impact on either the Plan's viability or performance, we would have adopted a different position.

A group of us will be attending the OCRA AGM on May 27/2006 and will present the Executive's position on this issue.

Pat Hallahan, President

April 25/2006

cc: ocra.secretary@sympatico.ca

If you love something set it free. If it comes back, it will always be yours, if it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with. But if it sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, takes your money and doesn't realize you set it free.... You either married it or gave birth to it.

ST. CLAIR REPRESENTED AT THE OCRA GENERAL MEETING

Pat Hallahan, Anita Blair and Bill Totten attended the Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association (OCRA) General Meeting at Seneca College in Toronto on Saturday, May 27, 2006. They were among the approximately 40 persons in attendance who were welcomed by Mr. Rick Miner, President of Seneca College. Mr Miner made three points. First, the Ontario colleges are still severely underfunded, with the arbitration results having serious implications for all colleges. Secondly, the decision to abolish

compulsory retirement at 65 years will require some major decisions – with 10 to 15% staying on past 65, there are concerns about how to deal with those who choose to opt in and out of retirement. How will issues regarding pensions and benefits to be handled when one can move back and forth? Finally, he urged 'increased infinity' between OCRA and ACAATO. He felt that OCRA could be of assistance to ACAATO, especially with the increasing numbers of people in the "grey power" group.

Summary

- As of December 31, 2005, OCRA had \$14,104.10 in the treasury [\$5190 of which is from life memberships] with \$7500 invested in a G.I.C.
- Major expenses were \$1607 for legal expenses and \$1836 for directors' liability insurance. [NOTE: Since this report was 'as of December 31, 2005, it did not record an estimated additional \$5000.00 in legal fees related to the CAAT Pension Plan issues].
- OCRA is now incorporated
- When the Retiree Benefits Plan was developed it was agreed that there would be an unique Joint Insurance Committee and it was apparently understood by OCRA that OCRA would be consulted regarding the appointment of this committee. Now it seems that OPSEU and OCASA are reserving the right to make the appointments.
- The OCRA Membership Secretary was very complimentary of the work Anita Blair does to assist with the OCRA memberships. This does not appear to happen at other colleges.
- There are 1166 active members out of 1729 names on the OCRA database. There are a number of colleges with only a handful of members.
- The OCRA newsletter editor urged all members to submit any changes of mailing or email address.
- There were 5 vacancies on the Board and there were five new directors elected.
- There has been no advancement in the relationship between the CAAT Pension Plan and OCRA, where the issue still appears to be the appointment of the retiree representative on the Trustees. Several speakers seemed to present the opinion that this should not be an issue since OPSEU and OCASA appoint retirees on a rotating basis. A guest speaker indicated that the courts have not supported the position being taken by OCRA.
- The position taken by the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Executive was supported by several speakers.

OCRA Guest Speaker – James Daw

The afternoon session featured Mr. James Daw, "Money Talks" columnist at the Toronto Star. His talk was titled "Pension Realities" and did an excellent job of clarifying issues related to the CAAT Pension Plan, with comparisons with the Ontario Teachers' Plan and other common pension plans. His talk has been posted on the St. Clair College Retirees' Association web site at <http://www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees/>. Anyone

desiring a copy can leave a message on the Retirees' Association voice mail at 972-2727 ext. 4439.

He also discussed reverse mortgages (noting that they are only appropriate if taken out 'late' in life), and estate planning, recommending an excellent book by Foster, "You Can't Take it with You." James Daw's column appears in the Toronto Star financial page on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

SECOND HOLE-IN-ONE!

Congratulations to Gary Docherty on his second hole-in-one. Gary accomplished this feat on Friday, May 5, 2006 at the Kingsville Golf and Country Club. Gary was playing the red course when at number 7 he pulled out a 5 wood and hit the ball 182 yards right into the cup. His golfing buddies John Petro and Tom Harris verified that it actually happened.

Gary has a feeling for the red course at Kingsville because on another occasion, Gary was able to ace the

number 9 hole.

Gary says that these 2 holes-in-one have brought him a great thrill and he hopes that there will be more in the future.

Talk about luck, he not only got a hole-in-one, but on the day he aced the 7th hole there were very few people in the club house so his bar bill was a lot smaller than would otherwise have been.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY : Book Buddy Program Volunteers Needed

My name is Jennifer Pavao and I am the coordinator of the Book Buddy Program at the Windsor Public Library. I was wondering if it was possible to advertise for volunteers for this program. The program is sponsored by the

volunteers for literacy and is for children ages 6-10. Volunteers are paired with children and meet for one hour a week at any Windsor Public Library branch to work on reading and other literacy activities.

Contact: Jennifer Pavao, Windsor Public Library
Book Buddy Coordinator jpavao@windsorpubliclibrary.com

ORIENTATION 2006

The last few years, retirees have volunteered to help with Orientation Week at the College. They serve primarily as "greeters" who assist incoming students and their families as they enter the building at the South Campus. They can also conduct tours or simply give directions.

In the past they have worn Orientation t-shirts

and have been an important part of the Orientation team.

Orientation Week for 2006 starts on August 28. If you are interested in helping, contact Laiman Ng at lng@stclaircollege.ca or call 972.2727x4248.

STRATFORD 2006

On May 15 a bus load of 55 retirees, spouses and friends enjoyed a delightful production of South Pacific with Cynthia Dale.

This year's production was different in that it was held in the Avon Theatre instead of the traditional Festival Theatre. Seating in the balcony of the Avon was not ideal, but this did not detract from the enjoyment of many familiar and engaging musical numbers expertly delivered by a most professional cast.

Many were surprised by a storyline which made references to racism in what was assumed to be an innocent if not "fluffy" platform for a series of both beautiful and comical musical

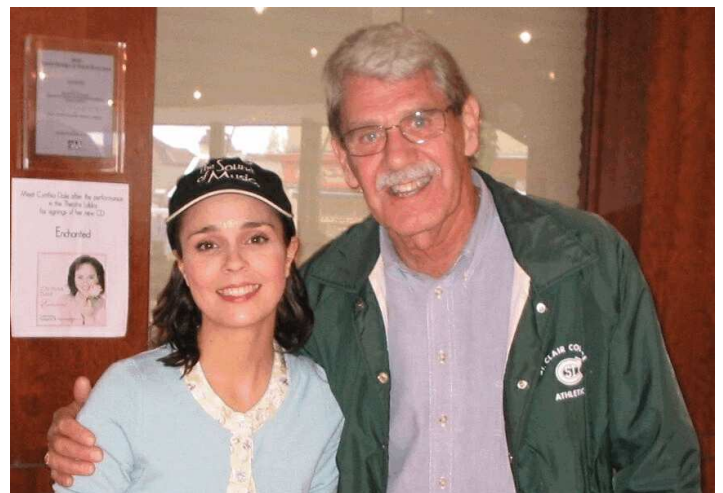
numbers in a production which debuted in the late '40's.

Those who lingered in the lobby after the production enjoyed an extra special treat: an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Cynthia Dale who was selling one of her CD's.

The day ended with dinner at the Elmhurst which once again proved to be a lovely venue for good food and fun times.

The Stratford outing continues to be one of the best values offered by the Retirees' Association and our travel agent Kathleen Warren, of Allison's Travel, who accompanied us on the trip.

Pat Hallahan



BIRDING AT POINT PELEE

On May 11, thanks to Dick Grolman and his wife Tina, the St Clair Retiree Association was offered a chance to experience and to learn a little about Birding; and, what an experience it turned out to be.

Quick Facts About the Day:

- Woke up to the sound of pounding rain – not a promising start
- Picked up John Payne – not raining – we might get lucky
- Left the college parking lot at 7:30AM – still no rain
- Drove through another downpour on the way to Point Pelee – oh no!
- Met Dick and Tina Grolman at the DeLaurier House parking lot (Pt. Pelee)– no rain and as it turned out, it had stopped for the day – hurray!!
- Jim Cameron from Chatham joined us and Dick pointed out the first of what will be many bird sightings (a Cowbird)
- Drove to the Visitor Centre; considering the weather, I expected that we would be the only cars in the parking lot. What a surprise when we turned the corner into the lot and saw that it was already nearly full – with license plates from several states and provinces (when we left 4 hours later it was full)
- Led by Dick (and with binoculars at the ready), we walked many of the trails favoured by the ‘Birders’, stopping to look at birds – either pointed out by the Grolmans or where a crowd had gathered because someone had spotted a bird of great interest or where one of us ‘novices’ saw a bird and asked Dick (very scientifically, I might add) “What is that little red or yellow or brown-- etc bird??”
- Thanks to the patience of Dick and Tina we spotted at least 30 different birds in less than 4 hours.

What started out as a day I would have liked to have rolled over and gone back to sleep, wound up as a day that I will long remember – for its sights, sounds and fellowship. I am definitely looking forward to do it again. –

Submitted by Jim Chambers



BUXTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AND MUSEUM

On Wednesday, April 26, 2006, a group of 18 attended the tour at the Buxton National Historic Site and Museum in North Buxton and the luncheon which followed at the Deer Run Golf Course.

www.buxtonmuseum.com

The tour began in the museum with the showing of the newly arrived multi-media exhibit called Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Freedom. A collaborative effort between Parks Canada, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Ontario Black Historical Society, the travelling show tells the story of Deborah and Perry Brown, two slaves who escaped and travelled from Maryland to Toronto via the Underground Railroad. Buxton Curator Shannon Prince says the program touches on some historical people from the area and also features the great-great-grand niece of Mary Ann Shadd as the narrator. The film gives a visual history of the many stations slaves travelled through to reach freedom. It also touches on slavery in Canada, the fugitive slave law and the civil war.

The Buxton National Historic Site and Museum is on the original site of the Elgin Settlement, one of

the last stops on the Underground Railroad for many runaway slaves. In the mid-1800's, this settlement was a haven to freedom for fugitive slaves who risked everything to escape the brutality of slavery in the US. In 1849, Rev. William King founded this historic Black settlement which became a self-sufficient community for more than 2000 people.

The tour included a very interesting visit to the original school house. Spencer Alexander explained that the educational system at Buxton was world renowned. Rev. King offered classical education which soon surpassed the standards of the neighbouring schools. The original schoolhouse, built in 1861 is the only surviving schoolhouse in Canada built by and for fugitive slaves. First graduates of the school included the first black US congressman (Alabama). A number of educational programs are available to school groups and are correlated to the Ontario Curriculum grades 1 to 8.

Submitted by Jay Ertel



RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

Wednesday, October 25, 2006
Chatham, ON

RM Classic Cars, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. They typically have \$10 m inventory of investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of pre-war classic and important post-war sports cars. **The cars on display change regularly so the 2006 tour will be completely different from previous years.** Website: www.rmauctions.com

Itinerary

8:45 AM Car Pool – Lot T, St. Clair College
9:00 AM Departure for Chatham
10:00 AM RM Classic Cars Tour (approx. 1 ½ h)



- 401 East from Windsor to Chatham
- Exit at 2nd Chatham Exit (Hwy. 40)
- Turn right (south) towards Blenheim
- Travel several hundred metres to Classic Car Drive
- Turn left at RM Classic Cars entrance

12:00 PM Lunch with Thames Retirees Group
T-Bones Grill House, 953 Charing Cross Rd., Chatham

- Robsan Creek Model Railroad Demonstration by Jim Robinson
- See 86 engines, HO scale model train layout with a refinery, carnival, iron ore mine and more...

1:30 PM Return to Windsor

Cost: \$4.25 ea. for tour plus lunch at own expense

Numbers are needed for lunch and tour reservations. **Please confirm with:**

John Charlesworth tel. (519) 966-3168 e-mail: daturrah@hotmail.com or

Eunice Robinson tel. (519) 351-3670 e-mail: robsan@mnsi.net

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, jackasses and pigs, the wife asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the husband replied, "in-laws." The fight is now officially on again!!

Thought for the day...----- Any married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.



FALL TRIP TO GREEK ISLANDS AND TUSCANY

Sept. 24 - Oct. 09, 2006

We have a small group of retirees who are part of a larger group, booked for this fall trip. **Others joining will be entitled to the group price.** For details see:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees> then click on: Fall Trip to Greek Islands and Tuscany.

For all bookings - Please contact Homer Dick Travel (519) 354-9800, (800) 204-1190

Greek Island Cruise (7 nights) - Sunquest: S.S. Costa Victoria

- Sunday, Sept. 24 - Skyservice non stop from Toronto to Venice
- Monday, Sept. 25 - Monday, Oct. 02 - For Cruise Itinerary (**See web site**)
- Monday, Oct. 02 - Venice departure
- Monday, Oct. 02 - Friday, Oct. 07 - Tuscany (5 nights) (**See web site**)
- Saturday, Oct. 07 - Sunday, Oct. 08 - Venice (2 nights)
- Monday, Oct. 09 - Skyservice return from Venice to Toronto

Cost: Cruise & Tuscany \$3,617 Cdn. ea. (.est)

(\$2,617 Cdn. ea. - cruise only with air and taxes)

This week is optional. (\$1,000 Cdn. ea. - Tuscany/Venice, Ground Transportation)

(**plus** out of pocket expenses - excursions, gratuities, meals when not on the cruise, alcoholic beverages, etc.)



Executive Contact Person Jay Ertel jertel@netrover.com tel: (519) 436-0589

Hope you can join us!

RETIREE TUTORING SERVICE

The College Retiree Tutoring Service got off to a slow but very steady start shortly after the labour dispute. Requested by Dr. Strasser and coordinated by Kathy Tellier under her role as Learning Strategist in the Success Centre, 40 hours of tutoring has already been completed since its start-up in April. The courses most requested were Biology, Math, Accounting and Manufacturing Technology. There is still a great need for tutors in the Engineering & Manufacturing Technology area.

The College offers \$25 per hour to retiree tutors

who focus on these “killer courses” that are beyond the scope of peer tutors. Reports indicate that the service is being managed very efficiently.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information about what is involved, contact Kathy Tellier: ktellier@stclaircollege.ca or call 972-2727 x 5327.

Thames Campus has also expressed an interest in this service. If interested in offering your services, please contact Anne Tolhurst at 354-9100 x 3306 or email atolhurst@stclaircollege.ca.

WINTER TRIP TO MEXICO – January 2007

Once again the Retirees' Association has organized a one week trip to the sunny south in January 2007. Our trip, with Apple Vacations, will leave from Detroit (no southern trips from Windsor this year) on January 17 for the Riu Yucatan hotel on the Mayan Riviera and will return on January 24.

Cost: \$1402.99 US per person (all inclusive), with a deposit of \$200.00 US per person.

Cancellation penalties:

- cancel 61 days or more before departure - \$50 US per person
- cancel 60-45 days prior - \$290 US
- cancel 44-31 days prior - \$575 US
- cancel 30 days or less prior - 100% non refundable



Balance of payment is due Nov 18.

NOTE: A Passport will be required for travel out of Detroit as of Jan 01 2007.

The numbers for this trip have risen from 14 persons three years ago, to at least 20 this year. To get these prices we need a minimum of 20 participants, which we are very confident that we will get (we had 18 for last winter's trip to Cuba).

When flight times and numbers are finalized, we will attempt to arrange transportation to / from Detroit.

Again this year we are working through Kathleen Warren at Allison Travel 519-258-5404. **If you are interested, contact Kathleen directly to reserve seats, or for further information.**

DON'T MISS OUR ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**St. Clair College
Alumni & Friends Annual Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, August 19th
at
Fox Glen Golf Club**

Only \$100 per golfer

Includes:
Green fees, Cart, Dinner & Participant Gifts!

For further information or to register your foursome, please contact
Tania Vrionis (Ext. 4567) or Nancy Matthews (Ext.4843).

**THE FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT PROCEDURE/POLICY FOR STAFF/RETIREE ACCESS
FOR NON-FUNDED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES AT REDUCED FEES.**

**Staff/Retiree Access for Non-Funded
Continuing Education Courses
At Reduced Fees**

St. Clair College staff and retirees may access non-funded Continuing Education courses for the reduced rate of \$10.00 if the following conditions apply:

- The course has met the break-even point, as calculated by the C.E. Department and will run.
- There is space available and it is deemed unlikely by the Continuing Education Department that the course will fill up by the start date.
- All course prerequisites are met.

Procedure

Staff and retirees interested in taking a non-funded course at the reduced rate must indicate such, and add their names with the course name and course code/section, on a waiting list kept at the Continuing Education counter for the course(s) they are interested in taking at least one week prior to start-up.

If the course will run (having met the break-even point), the continuing Education office will notify the staff person/retiree by phone or email that their selected course is or is not available to be taken.

Continuing Education will also notify the registrar's office of the course and interested staff/retirees.

The person must come in and register by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday of the start-up week.

Note: All material, text and other fees remain the responsibility of the staff person/retiree.

FASTBALL

We are scheduled to play the University of Windsor in Fastball on September 13th at Jackson Park near Windsor Stadium. Game time is 6:00 pm. It will be a great opportunity for St. Clair to show why it is one of the best Fastball schools in Ontario, College or University. We are hosting the OCAA Provincial Championships this year in Windsor and are looking to defend our OCAA Gold Medal from a year ago. We are also playing the University of Windsor in Men's Basketball at the University of Windsor in early October and have played them in Men's Soccer in recent years.

ONTARIO DRUG BENEFIT PLAN: WORKSHOP

At age 65, Ontario residents become eligible for the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan. This means that, other than paying a deductible and co-pay, all the drugs eligible under the Plan are available for free.

This benefit is tempting College retirees aged 65 and over to consider dropping the prescription drug coverage available as part of their extended health coverage with Sun Life. The question is: Is this a wise decision?

To help answer this question, the St. Clair College Retirees' Association is organizing a workshop on the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan. The purpose of the workshop is to help retirees better understand the Plan, the role of the Trillium Drug Program associated with the Plan, the impact of the de-listing of many drugs, the cost of both the deductible and co-pays, etc. Individual drug therapy is beyond the scope of this

presentation.

Yvonne McRobbie, retired Pharmacy Technician Program coordinator, will conduct the workshop. Although retired from the College, Yvonne is still active in the industry and will provide up to date information on this most important topic.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday November 22/2006 at 1:00 PM in the South Campus Multipurpose Room (at the back of the cafeteria).

Dropping your prescription drug coverage could be one of the most important decisions you make in retirement. If you feel ill-equipped to make this decision, you should consider attending.

Please call Pat Hallahan at 519.945.4304 or email to: phallahan@cogeco.ca so we can keep track of numbers.

ART GALLERY - RESTAURANT HOURS

There are new AGW Gallery hours and BAMBOO restaurant hours beginning May 24, 2006. The new hours are printed in the Gallery Guide and there will be some ads in the Windsor Star as well.

Restaurant Hours

Wednesday - Thursday: 11 am to 9 pm

Friday - Saturday: 11 am to 10 pm

Sunday - 11 am to 4 pm

Public Gallery Hours

Wednesday - 11 am to 8 pm

Thursday - Friday - 11 am to 9 pm

Saturday - Sunday - 11 am to 5 pm

COMING EVENTS

1. **Alumni & Friends Annual Golf Tournament** to be held Saturday, August 19 at the Fox Glen Golf Club
2. **The Annual Fall Social - BBQ** to be held at the Student Residence - August 23
Fee \$2.00
3. **President's Cup Golf Tournament** - Sunday, September 10 to be held at Erie Shores Golf Tournament in Leamington.
4. **Bridge Club** - September 19, 26: October 17: November 7, 21: December 5.
5. **Fastball - St. Clair College vs University of Windsor**- September 13, at 6:00 at Jackson Park.
6. Photo Process Using **Digital Camera Workshop** by Art Rae - Tuesday, September 26 at 1:30 - 3:30 pm
at Thames Campus, Chatham
- 7.. **Windsor and Thames Luncheon** - at the Lighthouse - September 27. - at 12 :00 noon
8. **Fall Trip to Greek Islands and Tuscany**- September 24 to October 9, 2006.
9. **Mastronardi Winery Tour** - October 11. - Carpool 10 am - T Lot (Tennis Courts) or meet at Winery
for 11 :00 am.
10. **Windsor Luncheon - Pandemic Planning Workshop** - by Elyse Maindonald - October 18 at 1:00 pm.
To be held in Multipurpose room
11. **Stratford - Oliver** - October 18
12. **RM Classic Car Tour** - Robsan Creek Model Railroad Demonstration by Jim Robinson - October 25
13. **Thames Luncheon** - History of Toys - by Jim Gilbert - November 29
14. **Windsor Christmas Party** - to be held at Other Place Reception Centre - December 6 - Time - 11:30 am
15. **Annual Thames Christmas Party** - to be held Countryview Golf Club - December 13 - Time - 6:00. pm
16. **Winter Trip - Mayan Riviera** - January 17 to 24, 2007.
17. **Ontario Drug Benefit Plan Workshop** - conducted by Yvonne McRobbie - to be held Wednesday,
November 22 at 1:00 pm

St. Clair Retiree's Barbeque



You Are Invited



Date: Wednesday, August 23rd

Place: St. Clair's Student Residence

Time: 3:30 pm

**Here is an opportunity to meet and greet
your friends and colleagues.**

Fee - \$2.00 collected at door

Parking: across from the Student Residence

