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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The fall season has started and we have had several events already. These are reported on elsewhere in the Newsletter.

With this newsletter, membership forms for 2015 are being sent out. We thank you for your membership in the past year and hope you will renew this next year. If you haven't joined our group, please consider doing so. The membership fees allow us to offer more events for you and give us the opportunity to plan these events at a reasonable cost for your enjoyment

Last year, we had over 290 paid members and we would like to see this number grow to at least 350. If you have any ideas for events or programmes do not hesitate to talk with one of the executive. Memberships can be mailed in or given to us at the Christmas Parties.

We were glad to welcome several new retirees this year and hope you will enjoy some of the activities planned.

If you are at the College in Windsor, take a moment to view the display in the front lobby dedicated to events that have taken place at the College over the years. Thanks to the Archive Committee for putting this display together. The Archive Committee spends a great deal of time and effort cataloguing the materials used for these displays and records the history of the college and the retirees association.

Dr. Strasser has asked us to help develop a video that will document the history of the College. If you have any stories you feel should be included share these with one of the Executive and include any pictures or mementoes that go with the story.

In 2017, the College System will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary and this video can be used to help us remember the early years of St. Clair

There are about 35 people planning to take the Winter Trip to Cuba. We are pleased to have some new retirees and their friends joining the group. This will be good way to beat the winter blahs and begin to think of spring.

With the Christmas Season fast approaching us, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at one of the Christmas Dinners. The Thames Dinner is on December 3rd and the Windsor Dinner is on December 11th. Details for these dinners are included in the Newsletter. Let's use these events as an opportunity to renew acquaintances and start the celebrations of the season.

Some of our retirees were instrumental in starting Food Banks at each campus site. There are many students who are in need of assistance so I am asking you to consider bringing in some canned goods or packaged food to share with the students when you come to the College or we will collect these items at the Christmas parties. The well being of the students has always been your concern and this is one way we can continue to help them and restock the cupboard for the Winter Semester.

There are many events planned for the winter seasons and I hope there is something you will find enjoyable.

In October, we were pleased to have about 40 Fanshawe Retirees join us for the RM Tour and lunch. Many of our members had a chance to visit with the counter parts from Fanshawe. We hope to continue this alliance in the future.

President's report continued...

I want to wish you and your family greetings and best wishes for the Holiday Season and trust that the New Year will bring you health and happiness.

Thank you for all your support of our events and enjoy the Holidays.

JoAn Dale, President

REQUEST FOR RETIREES FOR TUTORING

The Learning Commons area at both Campus Sites is looking for Retirees to help with Tutoring for students in all subject areas

If you can spend a few hours, it would be

appreciated. There is a small fee that is offered for this service. If interested, please contact the student service area for more information

DO YOU RECEIVE EMAIL FROM THE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION?

New Federal legislation has been passed in an effort to eliminate unwanted SPAM. This has resulted in changes being made to our retiree e mail lists. This legislation requires that we obtain the permission of anyone who is receiving our e mail distributions. In June you may have received an e mail which was sent to all retirees who were on our existing mailing list requesting that you indicate your willingness to continue receiving our e mails. This was done by clicking on an icon which automatically sent your approval. This is being used to create our new list. We will soon be using this new list of recipients which includes only those from whom permission has been received.

IMPORTANT!!!

**If you cease to receive our emails and wish to do so,
please contact**

Pat Hallahan patrickmhallahan@gmail.com

or

Bill Totten wtotten@sympatico.ca

CHARLIE JACKSON HONOURED WITH ROAD NAMING



On a beautiful Saturday morning, September 27, 2014, the college recognized the important contribution made by Western Ontario Institute of Technology and its Principal, Charles Jackson by naming one of the college roads “Chas Jackson Way”.

Dr. John Strasser paid tribute to W.O.I.T. and Mr. Jackson (now 94 years of age), noting the critical role the Institute played as the foundation of St. Clair College and what it has become today. Charlie and his wife Jean, their son and daughter and their families, watched as Paul Alsop, a W.O.I.T. grad, unveiled the road sign bearing the designator “Chas Jackson Way”. A group of retirees, former W.O.I.T. students, family, friends and current college staff heard Charlie comment on this honour. He pointed out the important role the W.O.I.T. and the new St. Clair College played in providing a level of technologically based curriculum that had not existed prior to their formation.

The unveiling ceremony was followed by an informal reception in the FCEM.

Left to right Dr. Strasser, Gerry Lesa, Charlie Jackson & Paul Alsop

HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$37,029 to date, 123% of our \$30,000 goal.

We were pleased to advise Dr. Strasser that we retirees have surpassed our Fundraising Target.

The official opening of the SportsPlex took place early this fall. We are pleased to see the Bricks in place from our fundraising at both the HealthPlex and the SportsPlex. The Landscape Architect has done a nice job at the entrances of both complexes.

We are now in year 6 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Dr. Strasser that the SCCRA will continue to support and contribute to the College

fundraising initiatives.

Thank you to the retirees who have already made their contribution to the HealthPlex Campaign. The retiree pledges made during the Brick Campaign ranged from \$100 to \$10,000. **The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with the last Newsletter.** The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. **Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign.**

Submitted by Jay Ertel

St. Clair College and University of Windsor Establish Cooperative Development Committee

To strengthen the post-secondary educational opportunities in Windsor, Essex and Kent Counties, St. Clair College and the University of Windsor are pleased to announce the formation of a Cooperative Development Committee.

The Cooperative Development Committee will combine the strengths and best practices of the University and College. The desired outcome of working together will achieve new pathways for students, articulation agreements, operating processes and the collaboration of services in the new downtown Windsor campus footprint.

The committee is composed of administration from both the University of Windsor and St. Clair College.

Members from the University of Windsor are

Robert Orr, Provost and Vice-President Academic (Acting)
Sandra Aversa, Vice-President Planning and Administration
Alice Miller, Registrar

Members from St. Clair College are

Patricia France, Senior Vice President, College Operations
Dolph Barsanti, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Silvaggi, Registrar

The committee has held their inaugural meeting. The members welcome suggestions regarding possible initiatives and opportunities that may be beneficial to both institutions.

This cooperative initiative will have an ongoing impact to the post-secondary educational experience for existing University of Windsor and St. Clair College students and future recruitment efforts.

ALEKSANDER ESTATE WINERY—RUTHVEN

The wine tour took place on October 22, 2014. The tour group consisted of Sue and Ken Cosford, Mary and Clarence Toutant, Betty Michaud and Mike Smith, Tony and Emma Ellul and Marilyn Portt.

The group had a great time tasting and learning about the different varieties of grapes and wines. Aleksander Winery is family owned and operated and has been in business for 10 years. The family bought a 5 acre run down pear farm and turned it into a profitable business. On just 5 acres, they have planted 5 different varieties of grapes and will purchase other

varieties from local grape producers to blend and enhance their wine production. Everything is done on sight, 'What an operation'! Lunch followed at Colasanti's with a nice chicken dinner.

Aleksander Estate Winery is a must stop for all retirees when they are in the Ruthven area.

I'd like to thank Marilyn Portt who led the group due to a conflict of interest on my part.

Submitted by Margaret Goodman

FALL SOCIAL 2014 -----WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE

This year the Fall Social was held at Woodland Hills Golf Course. An exciting day had been planned by Owen Klein. However, the weather had another plan. Due to severe weather conditions, the golf had to be cancelled, as well as the outdoor barbeque. However, the excellent staff at Woodland provided a very tasty dinner. Everyone said that the food and service were great given the conditions under which the staff had to work. Desserts of cookies and bars were also well received.

JoAn conducted a brief meeting about the activities

in the club, Sue presented a brief financial summary, and social activities were discussed.

There were 27 in attendance which is down from our normal attendance, but very good considering the hazardous driving conditions that day.

At the last executive meeting, it was moved that we would try again next year and hope for a beautiful sunny day.

Thanks to all who attended.

Submitted by Margaret Goodman

DETROIT RIVER CRUISE

The Detroit River Cruise turned out to be a huge success. There were 57 people aboard the cruise ship. The evening was cool but pleasant. The sun was shining, so many people enjoyed sitting on deck to enjoy the scenery.

Captain John gave a brief history of the Prohibition times when spirits were smuggled through tunnels across the river.

The ship sailed from downtown across from the casino to the mouth of Lake St. Clair over to the

American side under the Ambassador Bridge, and then back to the Canadian side and to the casino.

The meal was a FIVE STAR GOURMET MEAL prepared by St. Clair Centre for the Arts. Everyone raved about the food.

At the end of the evening everyone was very happy that they had taken the cruise. There were no regrets.

Submitted by Margaret Goodman



*Happy 50th Wedding
Anniversary!*



Pat & Jacques Belanger

Tom & Sandy McCarthy

BAYSIDE BREWERY TOUR AND LUNCH

September 24, 2014

On a beautiful sunny Fall day, the combined College Retirees luncheon was held at the Bayside BrewPub, Erieau, Ontario with 23 in attendance.

Our tour guide explained the process for brewing their handcrafted beers from natural ingredients of grain, barley, hops (for bitterness) and a second hops to balance out sweetness and add a citrus flavor. They brew 2000 – 3000 litres per week, 200 kegs per month. It takes 3 weeks to brew the beer. Fifty percent of their beer is sold to pubs/restaurants within 100 kms; the other fifty percent to restaurants in Chatham-Kent. There are 4 craft breweries in

Southwestern Ontario. The building used for the brewery is one of the oldest in Erieau having been built in 1902. During Prohibition, Al Capone had frequented

the building. Erieau was a point of entry for rum running at that time. During the 1960's – 1970's, the Tilt N' Hilton was located here.

Thank you to Eunice Robinson for arranging the tour and lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Elizabeth Barr



*Sheena LaDouceur, Bonita Elliot, Julie Isherwood
Helen Hanak, Norma Smith, Jim LaDouceur, Jamie
Ron
from Bayside Brewing Tours*



*Eris McIntosh, Irene Helinski, Janet & Cassey, Jim
& Eunice Robinson, Jim Martin, Elizabeth Barr,
Smith*



*Jim & Sheena LaDouceur, Helen Hanak, Gord Crompton
, Norma Smith, Bonita Elliot, Julie Iskerwood*



*Walt & Milda Stetchyshyn, Jim & Nancy
Cameron, JoAn Dale*

RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014 sixty retirees from St. Clair and Fanshawe Colleges attended the RM Classic Cars Tour in Blenheim, ON and the luncheon at T'Bones Restaurant in Chatham which followed. The retirees toured the new museum and then were joined by others for lunch. For three decades, RM Auctions has offered the world's finest motor cars to clientele. RM Classic Cars is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales that have exceeded hundreds of million dollars. Last year sales exceeded \$450 m for 850 vehicles. 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 had a number of Best of Show winners

at the Pebble Beach Concorde d'Elegance. Best of Show vehicles can involve 15 k man-hours over 15 months with the removal of every bolt.

Highlights of the tour included several vintage classics and some 50's and 60's classic vehicles. RM is moving more towards the vintage classics as we saw many '30s high-end vehicles. The museum was jam packed with 75 exquisite cars. During the tour we saw '20s & 30s Duesenbergs, Bugattis, Dalages, plus some Mercedes-Benzes, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Jaguars and cars 80 to 100 years old that still work and have modern features. There was also an extensive collection of motorcycles. Again, this year the retirees group fully enjoyed their day. It was fun having the Fanshawe Retirees join us and they are welcome for future tours and social activities.

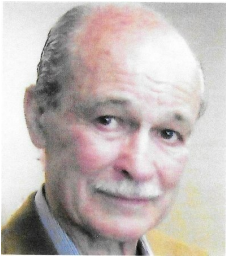
Submitted by Jay Ertel



COLLEGE CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on **pensions and benefits** is Kim Bode, 519 972-2727, Ext. 4687. 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

WHO IS NINO MARION???



Nino Marion, a long-time St. Clair professor (1967-2001) was inducted into the Windsor and Essex County Sport Hall of Fame, Oct. 24, 2014, for his accomplishments as a gymnast.

As a grade 9 student at W.D. Lowe in 1952, Nino was encouraged to join the school gymnastics team by well known local coach, Bernie Newman. Throughout high school Nino was a member of the Lowe gym team, and competed in London, Toronto, and Montreal. As the team gained in confidence and skills, they also competed on the U.S. side of the border, entering meets all over Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois.

Nino's high school accomplishments enabled him to secure a gymnastics scholarship at the University of Michigan. During his time at Ann Arbor, he earned several top-six finishes at the NCAA championships and was voted team MVP. As well as this, Nino was an NCAA All-American for the "still rings".

After graduation from U of M, Nino competed internationally, and represented Canada at two Pan-American Games. He won the bronze medal at the Chicago Pan-Am Games in 1959, and he also competed in the 1963 Pan-Am Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

When his competitive days came to an end, Nino stayed involved in the sport as a coach, administrator, and mentor to hundreds of young local gymnasts. He also served as head coach of Canada's National Team in 1977 when it competed in the Romanian Invitational in Bucharest.



Nino can be found every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., having breakfast and coffee with his old cronies at Deb's Restaurant, (Grand Marais and Dominion.) You are all welcome to join us.

Submitted by Ron Morris

Nino on the High Bar

TWELFTH ANNUAL WINTER TRIP

Thirty seven folks have signed up for our twelfth winter trip in January, to Memories Paraiso Azul Resort in Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba. We depart on Jan 27 and return Feb 03.

Prices (which are subject to change) range from \$1,133 (double – Junior Suite) to \$1,653 (single – Diamond Club Junior Suite). Details are available from Kathleen Warren.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Kathleen Warren is now located at Carlson Wagonlit Travel which is located at the corner of Ouellette and Giles.

Her new email is: kathleenw-carlson@outlook.com.

Her other phone number is: 519-256-6744.

She may also be reached at : warrenkathleen@hotmail.com

In Memoriam

The following family members of retirees and full time staff passed away during the period from August 11, 2014 to November 9, 2014

Andrea Belanger's husband Julian Belanger

Lynne Compton's mother Laura P. Tetrault

Cathy Craig's sister Mary (Craig) Gray

Don France's father Charles Francis

Patti France's father-in-law Charles Frances

Evelyn Huang's husband Roderick Huang

Patricia McFarlane's step mother Jane McGuire

Barry VanBiesbrouk's sister Dalphne VanBiesbrouk

Delfina Zangari's sister-in-law Joan Sartori

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DATE: Wednesday, December 3, 2014

**LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
HWY. 40 NORTH**

**TIME: 11:30 AM - LUNCH: 12:00 PM
COST: \$17.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)**

Alcoholic refreshments are extra

Please note: Payment for your meal will be made prior to lunch.

Please bring a non-perishable item to give to the Food Bank.

**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT: EUNICE ROBINSON
at 519-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net**

ONTARIO COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (OCRA)

General Meeting – October 22, 2014 Niagara On-the-Lake College Campus

Over one hundred people attended the General Meeting, making it one of the liveliest gatherings of OCRA. Niagara College generously hosted the meeting, and the facilities and parking were excellent. Lunch was prepared by Niagara students, and was delicious.

At 10:30am, OCRA President Linda Choptiany, opened the meeting. Dr. Steve Hudson, V.P. Niagara College, and John Clark, President Niagara College Retirees Association welcomed everyone. Later in the day, Dan Patterson, President of Niagara College, joined the meeting and welcomed all, and noted the contributions of the Niagara Retirees Association, and of OCRA.

The business part of the meeting was conducted, including reports from the President, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, and Communications Officer. Five OCRA members were nominated and acclaimed to the Executive. A motion from Humber College Retirees Association re: concern about the seniors driving test for those over 80 was approved to be forwarded to the OCRA Executive for their review and disposition.

Derek Dobson, Executive Director of the CAAT Pension plan made a very informative presentation on the Plan. He was open to questions from the floor, which

enabled specific issues to be addressed. OCRA received many compliments and expressions of gratitude re: his presentation.

Mary Hofweller (Director, Benefits and Compensation), and Stephen Lee Kam (Human Resources Consultant), of the College Employer Council, discussed the Retiree Benefits plan, including addressing many questions from the audience. Their information was very well received.

Jennifer Hay (Regional Officer, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, and International Trade) provided us with an introduction to "A Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors in Ontario". This document is provided at no charge by the Ontario Seniors Secretariat, by calling the Seniors INFOLine 1-888-910-1999. Almost all of the 80 copies, she brought, were picked up by members. OCRA has received positive comments already regarding the value of this document for individuals.

At about 3 p.m. the meeting adjourned. Members were reminded to complete the Evaluation Form. OCRA has received many compliments from attendees about the quality of the meeting.

Submitted by Jim Martin



WINNDSOR CAMPUS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



DATE: Thursday, December 11, 2014

TIME: 10:30 AM - Pick-up Show tickets in Skyline A

11:00 AM - Student Christmas Show

12:15 PM - Meet

12:45 PM - Lunch

PLACE: ST. CLAIR CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON MENU

(Catered by St. Clair Centre for the Arts)

The turkey buffet menu has been upgraded to the popular meal served to retirees and staff on the Thursday evenings of the annual Student Christmas Show.

Bread and Rolls, Fresh Vegetables and Dips, Roasted Butternut Squash Soup w/ Crème Fraiche, Holiday Green Salad with Cranberries & Almonds, Tomato & Cucumber Dill Salad, Tri-Coloured Fusilli Pasta Salad w/ Artichokes, Red Pepper & Olives

Carved Roast Turkey w/ Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry Relish, Beef Stroganoff

Penne with Sundried Tomatoes, Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes, Honey Roasted Winter Vegetables, Eggnog Crème Brulee, Pumpkin Bread Pudding w/ Caramel Sauce, Winter Trifle, Chocolate Mousse

TICKETS

\$20.00 *plus one non-perishable food item*

(includes taxes, gratuity and complementary Show ticket and Parking voucher)

1. Tickets must be paid for in advance.
2. Please call or e-mail Marilyn Portt (519)969-0693, mpportt@gmail.com for ticket reservations **before November 30, 2014.**
3. Mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees' Association and send it to Marilyn Portt or give it to any other Executive member. Tickets will be distributed on a first come basis.

Marilyn Portt 715 Morand Ave. Windsor, ON N9G 1J1

4. Since seating is limited there will be no walk-ins. **Reservations must be made by November 30.**

PARKING

Complimentary parking at the Centre Parking Garage, 275 Pitt St. W. (behind the former Hilton). We suggest drivers car pool and drop-off passengers at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts before parking for convenience. Bring your parking voucher from the garage to the luncheon. During the luncheon you will be given John Fairley's business card to attach to your voucher. Give these to the parking staff who will be at the garage from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM when you leave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Bridge Club Dates

November 18
December 9
January 8, 20
February 3, 17

2. **Thames Annual Christmas Luncheon** - December 3 - Check page 10
Countryview Golf Course
 3. **Windsor Annual Christmas Luncheon** - December 11 - Check page 11
Skyline A - St. Clair Centre for the Arts
 4. **President's Christmas Brunch** - TBA
 5. **St. Clair Retirees and Friends Winter Trip** - Check page 8
January 27 to February 3, 2015
 6. **Trivia Tuesday** - February 24 - Roseland - To be announced!
 7. **Euchre Tournament** - November 25 - Roseland - Check page 12
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EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Tuesday, November 25th
WHERE: Roseland Golf and Country Club
TIME: 1:00
COST: \$5

DINNER: You are invited to stay for supper upstairs at Roseland.

The money collected for the euchre tournament will be divided into 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prizes and \$5 will be given to the person with the lowest score.

A list of rules will be handed out prior to the start of the tournament and everyone will be expected to follow the rules.

Please e-mail Margaret Goodman at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca if you plan on attending. Also indicate the number of people that you will be bringing. Family and friends are welcome to join the euchre tournament.