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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Another year is upon us and your Executive is busy planning events for the spring. There is a possibility of a trip to Stratford to see Cynthia Dale in 42nd Street in May. We are not planning on a dinner to keep costs down. We are also looking at another trip to Petrolia to the Victoria Playhouse on Wednesday, May 23 to see The Heart and Soul of Broadway. This will probably be a car pooled trip like last year.

The Executive also met with Sharon Cassey who is our own in-house expert on Detroit. She is a walking encyclopedia of the sites and history of Detroit and region. She has agreed to conduct a tour of Detroit for us. More about all of this in the next issue.

Thanks to all who have paid their membership dues for 2012. If you haven't paid there is still time. Please send \$10 and if you can, include another \$10 for OCRA membership. Send to:

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The ninth annual winter trip this year was to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Twenty of us went to the Ocean Blue and Sand Resort, another all inclusive resort. We had a wonderful time - the resort was clean, the staff friendly, the food was good and the company was great. However not everything is perfect. Bill Totten will tell you about our trip home in this issue.

The Executive has some vacancies that we wish to fill for the May meeting. We are looking for someone to take on the VP role, someone to coordinate the social functions and someone to attend the Board meetings in Windsor. If you are interested give me a call at 519 776 6747.

Anita Blair, President

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION - WINDSOR

ONTARIO COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (OCRA) - GENERAL MEETING

November 2, 2011

Location – The Seventh Semester Room, Humber College, Toronto, Ontario

About 50 OCRA members from about ten Colleges, and eight guests, attended the 9th Annual General Meeting of OCRA. President Linda Choptiany welcomed all, and chaired the meeting. Humber College President John Davies extended his welcome and made a variety of interesting comments:

1. Humber College, with 25,000 FT students is the largest College in Ont.
2. 7500 of Humber students are in 4 yr. Degree programs.
3. “What qualification leads to employment”, or “what is the shortest, most valuable trip into the job market” seems to be the motto.

Linda expressed our appreciation for the room, a/v equipment, refreshments, including lunch, and parking provided by Humber College.

The Presidents Report (and all others) can be found on the OCRA web site:

www.ocraretirees.ca. Linda emphasized three activities of OCRA over the past year:

1. Dealing with loss of indexation for pre-1992 years of service.
2. Relationship building with key stakeholders affecting retirees.
3. Investigation of services of particular interest to retirees.

Mary Hofweller, and Stephen Lee Kam held an extensive, wide ranging discussion with many members on retiree benefits. We were also advised that the 2012 benefit rates will be in all Colleges by Mon. Nov. 7/11 and may be found on the College Employer Council web site <http://thecouncil.on.ca>. Mary and Stephen stated that they are happy to come

to any College to discuss benefits.

An amendment to the constitution and by-laws re: the definition of retiree and thus membership was approved.

A wonderful presentation “Aging Isn’t For Sissies” was given by Judy Suke, a faculty member, humourist, from Sheridan College. It emphasized, with many personal examples, how life can be a little easier, if you keep your sense of humour.

Five members of the executive were re-elected or newly elected:

1. Linda Choptiany (Centennial) – re-elected
2. Jim Martin (St. Clair) – re-elected
3. Patti Stoll (Seneca) - new
4. Barrie Morgan (Centennial) - new
5. Ian Skaith (Fanshawe) - new

An extensive discussion took place between many members, and John Capoletti of the CAAT Pension Plan. Linda, and Derrick May (past Pres. OCRA) both expressed very positive feelings about the discussions that occurred at a recent “Stakeholder Symposium” organized by the CAAT Pension Plan. Invitees included reps of OCRA, OPSEU, OCASA, members of the CAAT Plan’s Board of Trustees, and Sponsors and the Chair of the Committee of Presidents. This was the first time OCRA sat at the table with all the partners at the same time.

Joan Cunningham held a draw for a some door prizes, including two bottles of Essex County wine from Coopers Hawk Vineyards, and Pelee Island Winery. Overall, it felt like a very positive occasion with lots of discussion, but all taking place with consideration and respect.

Submitted by Jim Martin

CHILDREN AND THEIR GRANDPARENTS

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing before I did, Billy whispered, “It’s no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights.”



St. Clair College Alumni Association Presents the Annual ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

The St. Clair College Alumni Association are pleased to announce the winners of the 2012 Alumni of Distinction Awards.

This year's recipients are:

Theresa Kralovensky - Early Childhood Education '85

Policy and Staff Development Manager

Ontario Works -City of Windsor

Windsor, Ontario

Mai-Ling Lee - Animation '03

3D VFX Artist for feature films

Mr. X Inc.

Toronto, Ontario

Randy Mellow – Ambulance and Emergency Care '88

Chief of Essex- Windsor Emergency Medical Services

Essex, Ontario

Julie Myers – Advertising '82

President, Zenith-Optimedia, Zenith Media

Toronto, Ontario

John Wladarski – Civil Engineering '78

General Manager, Windsor Utilities Commission

Vice President Hydro Enwin Utilities

Windsor, Ontario

St. Clair College is pleased to annually recognize accomplished graduates with a St. Clair College Alumni Award of Distinction Award.

Our 2012 winners, will raise the total of 76 Alumni of Distinction that have been honoured by the college.

An awards ceremony and dinner will be held to officially recognize the above winners on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 6pm in the Skyline Room at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. Tickets are \$ 60.

Information and tickets for this event can be obtained by calling the Alumni Relations office at 519-972-2747.

John Fairley

Vice President, College and Community Relations

ALUMNI GIFT TO RETIREES – COMPUTER EQUIPMENT



Lea Garber and Bill Totten

As reported in earlier newsletters, the Retirees' Association is very fortunate to have been allocated a large (former) storage area as the Retirees' Office and Workroom. This room, located in the basement opposite the Mailroom (45J), houses the Archives as well as the college Art Collection, both of which are projects undertaken by the Retirees' Association.

These activities have, in the past, had the support of unused college computer systems, supplied by the college IT Department. As our projects have expanded there was a need for enhanced equipment with the capability of storing data and pictures and of producing display quality reproductions.

Alumni Association to the rescue!! Through the generosity of the St. Clair College Alumni Association, we now have a brand new, latest model of Dell computer, monitor, speakers, and colour laser printer. We have, as a result, been able to create video presentations, store large quantities of archival photos and material and to provide colour copies of material for display purposes.

We want to express our sincere thanks to the **St. Clair College Alumni Association** for their generous donation and to **Vice President John Fairley**, who facilitated this gift. It is sincerely appreciated and is already being put to good use.

Submitted by Bill Totten

COLLEGE CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

The *College contact* person for retirees seeking information on **pensions and benefits** is Kim Bode, Ext. 4687. Amy Lam, the **CAAT Pension Plan** analyst dedicated to St. Clair College can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9012 or alam@caatpension.on.ca

NOTE: If you will require a receipt indicating premiums paid for income tax purposes, call Shelley Armstrong at 519 972-2727, ext 4286. If you had made a request in previous years, one will be sent to you automatically and you need not make a request this year.

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE CHRISTMAS SHOW

Once again the Music Theatre Performance and Entertainment Technology students put on a spectacular show to kick off the Christmas Season.

This year's theme was "Ahoy Christmas" and was set on an ocean liner replete with the Titanic-like first class, in tuxedos and dressy gowns, mixing it up with the struggling immigrant class travelling to the promised land.

The solos and choral singing, accompanied by very energetic dancing which filled the stage, ran the gamut from humorous and boisterous to gentle and emotional, while still integrating many seasonal songs.

Not to be outdone, the Entertainment Technology students provided very professional sets and lighting along with the obligatory cannon fire from a pirate ship.

The performance ran three times for the general public, two evenings and one matinee. The first evening also included an optional and very satisfying dinner. At \$29.95 for the dinner and show, this was undoubtedly one of the best values in town. If you like live music theatre, you would be wise to watch for their April end of season show.

Submitted by: Pat Hallahan

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

There was a bit of a change in the schedule this year. Instead of holding the President's Christmas Brunch on the Friday before Christmas, this year it was held on Monday, December 19. Nevertheless, there was a good turnout of retirees. As usual, the brunch featured an outstanding array of breakfast and lunch items, with something for every taste.

In his remarks, Dr. Strasser outlined St. Clair College's achievements during 2011, highlighting numerous academic awards and honour; the many changes to campuses in Essex and Kent counties; and,

he closed with a very generous tribute to the contributions of college retirees.

This event is always an opportunity for retirees to get together in an informal setting to renew old acquaintances and to get updated on college developments.

THANK YOU to Dr. Strasser for including retirees in this annual activity.

Submitted by Bill Totten



*Dick St. John, Charlie Wilson,
John Payne, John Charlesworth*

REPORT FROM THE UNITED WAY

Hi Bill,

Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your help and support to the United Way Retirees Campaign through your workplace. Your unwavering support and assistance has helped us to further our goal of making Windsor-Essex a stronger community to live and work. Congratulations on a successful Campaign.

Overall the Retirees in Windsor-Essex County have raised \$188,468, which is 91.4% of the Direct Mail Retiree goal. Note: 2011 Retiree Goal was \$206,169.

I appreciated all your hard work this year in providing us the opportunity to continue to keep the retirees informed on the vital programs and services funded through United Way. This helps us to provide the retirees information they can use, and share with family and friends when in time of need. It also allows us to show how their generous donation is hard at work, every day, in their community.

Please review the 2011 stats for the retiree Campaign.

# of Retirees	# of Donors	2011 Raised	Leaders	% Part	Avg. Gift
338	31	\$4,835.	0	9.4%	\$156.00
		2010 Raised			
328	27	\$4,429.	0	8.2%	\$164.00

I would welcome any additional input to help with our planning for 2012. Please send your response to smerryfield@weareunited.com.

I am looking forward to working with you again in 2012.

In May 2012 we will be having some new and exciting news for you in our community report, which I will send to you once the information has been compiled. Please look for it in our Spring Newsletter. If you want to see what's new at United Way Windsor-Essex County please visit www.weareunited.com

Again, thank you.

Susan

Susan Merryfield

Direct Mail Manager & Resource Admin Support

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SOUTH CAMPUS GROWS BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

If you have not been on campus recently, you would be amazed at the physical changes that have taken place at South Campus and in downtown Windsor. We will try, as briefly and as succinctly as possible, to draw a picture of the changes.



Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing

On November 01, 2003 officials from St. Clair College and Ford Motor Canada presided over the official opening of the Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing (FCEM) on the west end of the college's main building. The two-story building has 100,000 sq. ft. of floor space, which includes 35,000 sq. ft. of shop floor space and is the focal point of the college's training programs in manufacturing, engineering technology and skilled trades. The construction was made possible by a \$3M donation from Ford Motor Corporation and the cooperation of the local metal cutting industry which

directed the purchase of \$18 million in new equipment and software, including CNC milling machines, precision metal cutting equipment, CAD software, rapid prototyping equipment and equipment for hydraulics, electronics, plastics and metallurgical laboratories.

At the North end of South Campus (on Cabana Road) the City of Windsor has built and is operating a new Nursing Home (Huron Lodge), which replaces the original Huron Lodge which was located at Tecumseh and Huron Line. The state-of-the-art long-term care facility opened its doors on Saturday, April 14, 2007 when 224 residents moved into their new home.



City of Windsor - Huron Lodge



St Clair Centre

In February, 2007, after almost two years of discussion, including contractual snags that threatened to derail the deal, St. Clair College delivered a signed contract to city hall to take over the money-losing Cleary International Centre. The college began renovations shortly after assuming control of the facility on March 9. 600 to 800 students were studying at its new downtown campus by September in journalism, graphic design and advertising. The deal transferred ownership of the Cleary from the city to St. Clair College for \$1 and the city also paid about \$3 million for capital upgrades.

June 4, 2010, was the day which the college formally recognized the contributions of the first president, Dr. Richard Quittenton. Joining Dr. Strasser and college staff were past and present students and staff who shared fond memories of "Q" at a media event dedicating the naming of the student residence on main campus. Derek Quittenton, Dr. Qs' son, represented his father and family at the dedication ceremony. The event was videotaped for the family to show to "Q". Due to health issues, Dr. Q was not able to attend.



Derek Quittenton - Quittenton Hall



On June 24, 2010, the official ribbon cutting ceremony was held that opened the new 16,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art MediaPlex, a facility dedicated to the education of Journalism Media Convergence and Public Relations students. The facility is the only one of its kind in Canada and the only one of three in the world. The other two are in South Carolina and Germany. Thanks to the Federal government's \$5 million Community Adjustment Fund grant, the support of Essex MP Jeff Watson, and the partnership with the City of

Windsor that provided the former Salvation Army building in downtown Windsor, the facility was transformed into a journalism teaching facility that is unparalleled in Canada.

In the Spring, 2011, an 8,000-square-foot, \$1-million "coach and truck" building allowed the college to start heavy vehicle maintenance (Truck and Coach) to its technician and apprenticeship programs. The hangar-like building opens this fall, tucked in between the Ford Centre for apprenticeship training and the college's existing automotive bays.



In September, 2011, the new Centre for Applied Health Sciences opened for its first student intake. The new Centre for Applied Health Sciences will be located at South Campus just north of the existing powerhouse building in what was formerly a student parking lot. The project received a huge shot in the arm with a \$32 million commitment from the federal and provincial governments. The creation of this Centre allows St. Clair College to meet the increasing demand for health sciences learning opportunities and will be the new home of nursing, paramedic and allied health programs.

Health Plex



South Campus Grows.....continued

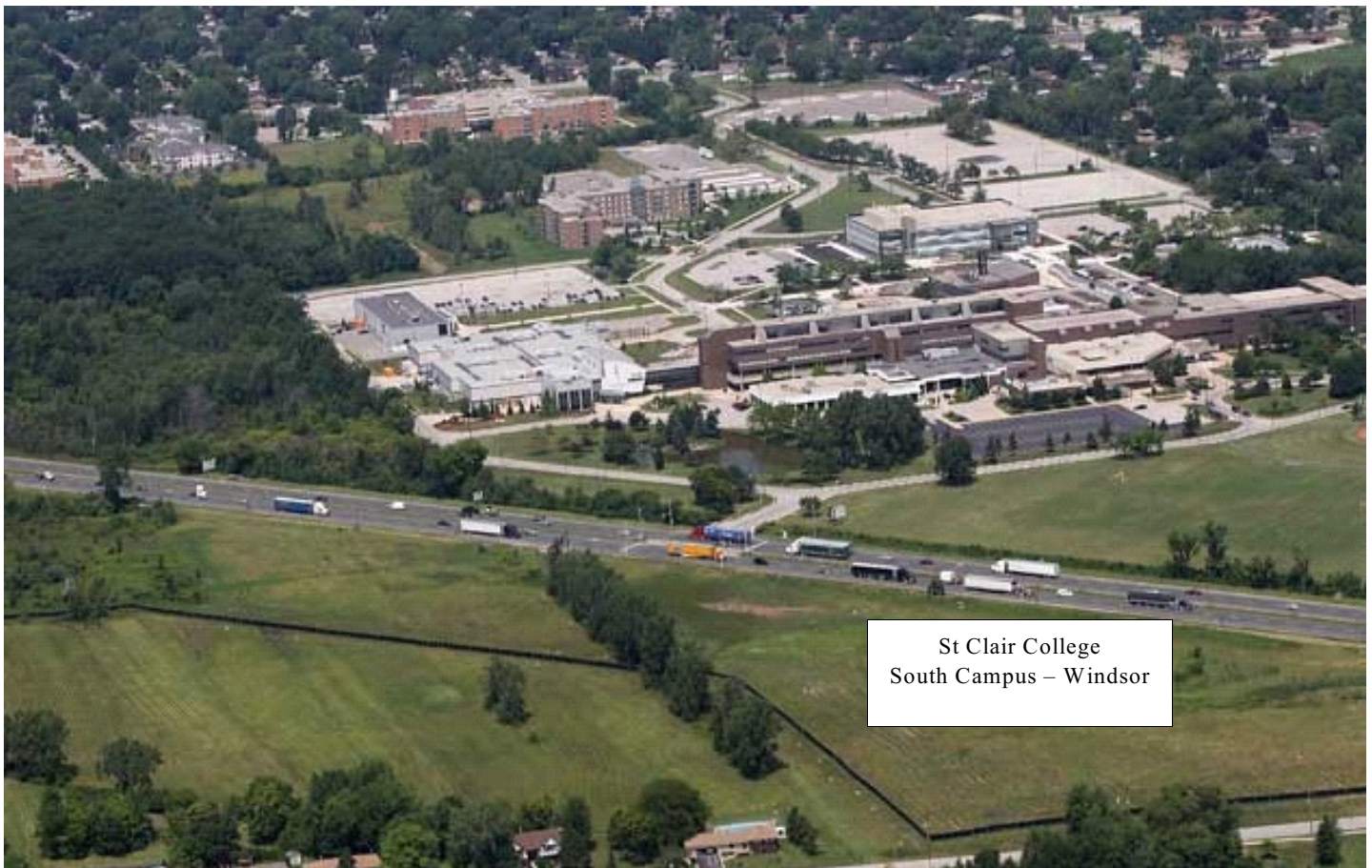
In early July, 2011, Minister of Finance Dwight Duncan and Minister of Economic Trade Sandra Pupatello announced \$7.9 million in funding to build our new athletic HealthPlex for our students and staff. Dr. Strasser told students, staff and media “The increase in academic capacity and the creation of the facility designed to ensure the personal health and fitness of our students will make this investment the most significant construction project of the past decade for St. Clair College. Dr. Strasser continued “Plans are being finalized in the next couple of months, allowing a shovel to be in the ground by early 2012 so our Windsor HealthPlex will be ready for September 2013.”

The most recent announcement relates to the construction of a long-term seniors care facility on the south west corner of South Campus (near the corner of Huron Church and Cousineau Roads). This new project is to be built and operated by Kitchener-based Schlegel Villages Group. An additional ten story building housing for assisted and independent living is also planned for the future.

The project will consist of two phases. The first will break ground at the end of February 2012 and will be completed by this time next year. It will cost an estimated \$35 million dollars and will be able to accommodate 256 residents. The second phase is the construction of a long-term care home that will cost \$55 million and commence construction at the end of 2013.

In addition to the property component of the project, health-care students will have the opportunity for work placement experiences in the new facility.

Plans are also being discussed to establish a new Student Centre to service the St Clair College students at the Downtown campuses, rumoured to be in the old TD bank building near the MediaPlex.



Submitted by Bill Totten

THAMES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Thames Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 07, 2011 at the Countryview Golf Club in Chatham. This was a beautiful sunny day for the kick-off of the Holiday Season. Forty people attended and enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon with turkey and beef. Eunice Robinson and Elizabeth Barr were thanked for arranging the door prizes and organizing another successful Christmas Party. People enjoyed their social time especially with presentations being made by Santas Eunice and Jim Robinson. This was the fourth year for the noon luncheon which continues to be well received by all and will continue. We wish to thank Bill Totten for setting up Tony Ellul's powerpoint presentation on the recent retirees' Agawa Canyon trip.

Dr. Strasser, Ron Seguin and Lynn McGeachy-Schultz joined the group for the luncheon. Dr. Strasser gave an update on the progress with the many new building projects underway at the College. In Windsor discussions are underway on a Schlegel

Villages long-term care facility for the Windsor Campus grounds. The Windsor HealthPlex with a rubber outside track is on target for 2013. The TD building across Victoria Street from the MediaPlex in downtown Windsor is being planned for a Student Centre and some program activities. In Chatham, the HealthPlex will open to the public in January including retirees. The annual fee for retirees is \$325 (plus HST). Talks are continuing between the College and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent on the Chatham Capitol Theatre. The College is interested in taking over the reins of the \$20m facility and launching a baking program in the annex building beside the Theatre.

The retirees were invited to attend the Christmas Pageant on Dec. 15, 16 and 17 at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts and the President's Christmas Brunch on Dec. 19 at South Campus.

Submitted by Jay Ertel



Pat & Tom McMahon, Lori Caba, Jim Martin, Tom & Sandy McCarthy, Mary Barr, Elizabeth Barr, Walt Stechyshyn



Elvy & Ron Deline, Ron Smith, Eris McIntosh, Eunice & Jim Robinson, Gord & Janet Cropton



Lynn Wraight, Barry VanBriesbrouck, Ann Tolhurst



Karla Ertel, Anita & Mansell Blair, Bill & Ida Totten, Pat & Elsie Hallahan

Thames Christmas Party continued:



Jo-An Dale, Linds & Elvin Vince, Jean Trudell, Helen Hanak, Carolyn Jedlinski, Dawn Finlin



Lynn McGeachy-Schultz, Ron Sequin, Dr. Strasser



Mansell, WINNER of SCCRA doorprize & Santa Jim Robinson

LETTERS TO GOD!

*Dear God,
Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.
Joyce*

*Dear God,
Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each so much if they had their own rooms. It works
with my brother.
Larry*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



"I would like to donate \$100 to the BRICK CAMPAIGN."

I was a faculty member at W.O.I.T. and St. Clair for 12 memorable years. .

I taught several courses in the health care area (Pharmacy Assistant, Bio Science Technology) and I remember well Stan Bah, and enjoyed my association

with him and other members of that department. It was on the strength of my teaching in Health Science that I had a very memorable year on sabbatical in a hospital Medical Lab in Bristol (U.K.) working alongside Medical Lab Techs – in effect finding out more of what they did and how they did it. Learned a great deal that year (1973-74) and was very well treated by a generous Lab Staff.

"Please pass my cheque on to the appropriate person."

Norman Webster

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WELCOME!

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association does welcome Letters to the Editor which are of an informative nature to the retiree membership.

The letters are to be of no more of a third of a page in length and are **not** to be of a commercial interest.

The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter for insertion in the newsletter if it is felt that the letter is in poor taste.

Letters may be sent to John/Del Zangari at 4909 Riverside Dr. E. Apt 817, Windsor ON, N8Y 0A4.
zangari@wincom.net or 519-784-8932

TRIVIAL TUESDAY REPORT

The Retirees' Association's ninth Trivial Tuesday was held last November 8, 2011 at Roseland. It was an extremely close contest as the winning team, Julie Lawrence, Phil Eyraud and Elsi Hallahan, edged out three other teams by one point. After the tie-breaking question ("What kind of animal is a Scottish Fold?") the team of Helen Trotter, Jim Martin and Mansell Blair, captured second place money with the correct answer of "cat". The runners-up were the team of Ron & Glenda Morris,

Rosemary Heenan and Terry Lawrence and the team of Ruth Hicks, Lori Caba and Bill (who should have known there would be a cat question) Totten. We are not scheduling another Trivial Tuesday for the spring as we are extremely busy with War of 1812 Bicentennial events and could use a break. Thanks to all who attended – it was fun.

Quizmasters Mary & Dan Loncke

WINDSOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2011

Again this year the Windsor Christmas Luncheon was held in a very festively decorated Chez Talbot.

The Retiree Association Executive has tried a number of different venues over the years for this event. More recently, in an attempt to support the College's catering services, the event was held at the St. Clair Centre For The Arts downtown. However, as attendance dwindled, it was decided to try the more familiar and more easily accesible Chez Talbot. With attendance at around 75, it has proven to be more than adequate but your feedback is always appreciated.

This year we were joined by Senior Vice President Patti France and colleague Christy Gatto, Executive

Director of the Foundation. Patti updated us on a variety of the College's most recent ventures including the location of the new long term care centre at the south end of the playing fields. Christy updated us on the progress of the Windsor Campus Healthplex.

Many thanks to the Landscape Program for the lovely poinsettias at each table, to the numerous contributors for the 25 door prizes and especially to Jay Ertel, Gayle Harrick and Marilyn Portt for their work in organizing this event, including, of course, Santa Jim Martin.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



Mary Loncke, Ida Totten, Pres. Anita & Nicky Forcellini



Dan loncke, Mansell Blair & Gary MacLeod



Pat Hallahan holding court!



Mansell, Lynne, Anita and Keith Brown

Windsor Christmas Luncheon.....continued



Patti France & Christy Gatto at head table



Hanno, John Payne, John Charlesworth & colleagues



Elizabeth, Jo-An, Karla, Jay, Gayle & Nicky



Big Prize WINNER Elaine Womak



Lou Surgent & Colleagues



Patti France, Dr. Strasser Rep

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$20,754 to date, 69% of our \$30,000 goal.

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 \$5,000. **The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with previous Newsletters.** If 93 further retirees participate by pledging \$100 for 1 brick we would meet our committed goal.

Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. **It's time to send in those forms that may be sitting on home desks.**

Submitted by Jay Ertel

RETIREE MEMBERSHIPS - CHATHAM HEALTHPLEX

The Chatham HealthPlex was opened to the public in January including retirees. A 1 year membership is \$325 + HST = \$367.25. This fee includes:

1. Fitness Area
2. Walking/Running Track
3. Personal Program Design
4. Group Exercise Classes
5. Equipment Orientations
6. Friendly Knowledgeable Staff

The new change rooms with showers and lockers are available and are included in this membership.

Please contact:

Jodi Anderson-Carson, General Manager, HealthPlex
St. Clair College, Thames Campus
(519)354-9100 ext. 3584, jandersoncarson@stclaircollege.ca

Submitted by Jay Ertel



Barb Chapple



Kent McLain

BIRDS AND BREAKFAST

What a perfect day! The weather couldn't have been better and the company was great.

Twelve retirees and friends met at Stop 26 (Sandpoint Beach on the Detroit River) in East Windsor on Tuesday morning, January 10, 2012. After gathering in the parking lot we walked to the shore of the Detroit River where we were treated to flocks of Canada Geese, Swans and ducks. Leaving the beach area we walked the Ganatio Trail. Dan and Mary Loncke were ready to point out interesting features relating to the flora and fauna that we

encountered, including facts about historic buildings along the way.

After our invigorating hike, we adjourned to Phat Albert's, on Wyandotte Street where we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast and an opportunity to rehash our 'adventure'.

Many thanks to Dan and Mary for organizing the event and for their well informed 'lectures' along the way.

Submitted by Bill Totten



Swans & Geese



*Mansell Blair, Bill Totten, Tom McMahon,
Gary MacLeod, Anita Blair, Jim Martin,
Dan & Mary Loncke*

SPRING THEATRE TRIPS

We are planning on possibly two theatre trips this spring and would like some indication of the interest from the membership.

First trip is to Petrolia on Wednesday May 23 to see *The Heart and Soul of Broadway*, a popular musical. The cost, if we car pool is \$32. If we arrange for a bus, the cost is \$80. This is a big difference. Dinner would be on our own at a restaurant across from the theatre.

The second trip is to Stratford. We stopped going a few years ago when the price got higher and higher. Kathleen Warren has told us that she got a discounted

price of \$48 for showings of *42nd Street* starring Cynthia Dale for May 2, 4, 10, 15 and 24. During the peak season tickets for this show are \$140 so \$48 is a real deal. The total price for the show and the bus would be \$110 per person. Dinner would be on our own at a service centre on the way home.

If you are interested in either or both of these trips please let me know. It is crucial that we learn the interest for the Stratford trip before we put a deposit on the tickets. My email is ablair4@gmail.com and my phone number is 519 776 6747.

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - RETIREE ANNUAL WINTER TRIP

The coldest, snowiest day of the winter, to date, was January 21, 2012 and 20 St Clair retirees and spouses couldn't have been happier as we departed from Detroit Metropolitan airport, bound for sunny and warm Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. This trip was our ninth consecutive year travelling to a Caribbean location including Cuba, Mexico and the Dominican Republic. We arrived at the Ocean Blue and Sand Resort in Punta Cana to a beautifully clear and sunny day with temps in the low 80's.

On our first morning, our Delta Travel representative outlined a number of possible excursions, among which was a shopping trip via a free bus to an area "mall". The joke was on us! We were 'taken' on a ½ hour bus ride to a jewellery store where we were 'held hostage' for 1 ½ hours, although we saw all we wanted to see in 20 minutes. We returned to our bus to learn that our driver refused to return us to the hotel until after the agreed-upon 1 ½ stay at the store – which had nothing that interested us. We later felt that we had been taken hostage and that we might have had more impact if we had threatened to call the Canadian embassy. Oh well! It certainly was a memorable morning.

Monday was memorable – WE SURVIVED THE EARTHQUAKE. Although most of us didn't even know it, the DR was hit with an earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale on Monday afternoon. Gary Docherty realized what was happening as he sat in his room, but most of us didn't even know anything had happened until we were told about it a couple of days later.

Dan Loncke was 'treated to a surprise' birthday party at dinner on Monday evening in honour of his coming 65th birthday. Dan was surprised by a platoon of happy waiters who serenaded him with the Dominican version of "Happy Birthday" and presented him with a tasty, personalized birthday cake. The entire dining room was on its feet to see the show the staff put on for Dan.

On several evenings local Dominican craftsmen

set up on the resort grounds where they sold everything from cigars to jewellery, carvings, paintings, etc. It became a game to try to barter with these expert salesmen who didn't hesitate to carry on lengthy negotiations for their products. A few of our ladies became rather adept at dealing with them after Ida Totten conducted her 'negotiating seminars'. These negotiating skills were carried over to the local craft stores on the beach.

A feature of every one of our trips has been the traditional "group photo", which took place on Wednesday afternoon. We are fortunate indeed to have John Zangari and Silvio Carlini as expert photographers and organizers. But, trying to get 20 retirees to a prescribed location at a specified time and lined up for a picture is like herding cats.

On Thursday we were in attendance for an afternoon beach wedding between two young people from Port Dover, Ontario (a suburb of Delhi – Dan Loncke's hometown). So, we all dressed in our finest bathing wear and joined many other beach-goers to watch the ceremony.

The Ocean Blue and Sand Resort is a relatively large facility and is highly recommended. The rooms, restaurants and beaches are first class. While the Dominican Republic has wonderful beaches and fabulous weather, it lacks the excursion possibilities one finds in other Caribbean locations. In spite of that Elaine Womack found a trip to Santo Domingo, the capital of the DR, very entertaining and educational although it involved a 3 ½ hour bus ride each way.

One caution! Investigate your travel consultant carefully. We had Delta Vacation as our agent and travelled by schedule Delta flights and were less than satisfied with their service. We will be more careful in the future.

Submitted by Bill Totten

Punta Cana continued:



Silvio Carlini, Dan & Mary Loncke, Gary Docherty, Maria Carlini, Anbita & Mansell Blair, Liz Docherty, Ene Barsky, Gayle Harrick, Bill Totten, Nicky Forcellini, Isaac Barsky, Rick & Wende Irwin, Del Zangari, Lori Caba, Elaine Womak, Ida Totten, John Zangari



Gayle, Bill, Mary & Dan, Anita, Maria



Relaxing by the pool!



"Happy Birthday Dan Loncke"



Lazy Man's Shuttle



Evening Serenade



Happy Hour



Taking It Easy!



Name Your Drink!

In Memoriam



AL HOFFMAN - "PRESIDENT FOR LIFE"

Al passed away peacefully on November 14, 2011, at 75 years of age, leaving his wife of 48 years, Maria and his children Margaret, Teresa (Robert Sartor0, Alex (Sara) and five grandchildren. Al is now reunited with his identical twin brother Jim, so they can resume shooting hoops and indulging in a cigar and a scotch. Al's name is synonymous with St. Clair College and with W.O.I.T where he was the basketball coach for many years. Al was the first Athletic Director of St. Clair College and held many leadership positions on a Provincial and National level in OCAA and CCAA. He received numerous honours and awards in recognition of his many contributions to athletics.

Hoff will be remembered for his encyclopedia-like sports trivia knowledge; his passion for "co-curricular" (not extra-curricular) activities; and for coaching, counselling, and mentoring thousands of young men and women in the greater Windsor area. Al continued to play basketball competitively in the Thursday Night "Old Timers" league, and softball on numerous teams. And of course, Al never missed an opportunity to go golfing or fishing with his many friends and colleagues, and delighted in "handicapping" the races at Windsor Raceway.

Al was a true 'pioneer' at St. Clair College and leaves an enviable legacy.

Submitted by Bill Totten

DENNIS DOWNES

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dennis Downes on December 20, 2011. Dennis was an Electrician in the Faculties Management Division of St. Clair College.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

RENATO PANELLA

It is with sadness that we have lost Renato to the battle of cancer on January 7, 2012. Renato was a devoted employee of St. Clair College, a career he greatly loved. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

TONY VANDEREERDEN

Tony Vandereerden, a teacher in the Woodworking Department in the early years of the college, passed away peacefully in Windsor, Ontario on January 7, 2012 at the age of 87. Our thoughts are with his family.

In Memoriam - Staff - continued

CAROL AMLIN

IRMA DEL BEL BELLUZ

SUSAN LONGSTAFFE

Lambert "Bert" Huneault Memoriam

Longtime Faculty member and retiree, Lambert "Bert" Huneault passed away on December 3, 2011.

Bert joined the faculty of the Manpower Retraining Program at St. Clair when the federally funded electronics TV repair program that he taught through the Windsor Board of Education was transferred to the College. His background included being a trained radio operator and Official-in-Charge at a weather-radio station in Labrador for Canadian Pacific Airlines and Ungava Transport then service manager and eventually owner/operator for a local Television and Appliances centre before joining the Windsor Board.

For twenty-seven years Bert served as faculty member and Coordinator for the TV Technician repair courses in the Adult Training wing. His mild manner and common sense were well respected both in and out of the classroom. Bert was well liked by both his students and fellow faculty as being a fair and knowledgeable teacher. He was innovative in his teaching style. He came up with modularized learning packages before they were popular, creating them from scratch in easy to read and follow learning tools. Many graduate students still talk about how he helped them both in and out of the lab. Bert also kept good rapport with local TV service businesses to whom his graduating students were headed having himself owned and operated a TV repair shop in the area and being the President, Windsor District, Radio Electronic Technicians Association (RETA) and

sitting on it's provincial Board of directors. Bert wrote many articles for the Association's and other national trade magazines.

His lighthearted humour was legendary in the lunchroom where he lightened the atmosphere. And mention the word 'atmosphere' and he would enlighten you on his favorite subject, weather. He became the local "weatherman" with his in depth knowledge of meteorology having been trained in his early life as a weather specialist for a post in Labrador back in the 1940's and keeping a life-long interest in that science.

Other interests included astronomy in which Bert was a member, President and contributor to the local Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. And aviation, for which he was involved in proofreading for a Canadian publisher of aviation books as the publisher appreciated his extensive understanding of the field and accurate command of the English language. Bert, born and raised in Montreal, was of course fluent in the french language and as a result often got called upon to give a francophobe slant to issues of aviation and weather.

I miss my old friend and all the times we spent sharing our interests in aviation, our special fun with our flight simulators and Bert's coaching and mentoring on all his favorite and expert subjects. So many good memories.

Submitted by Arthur Rae

In Memoriam - Staff - continued

BOB PRICE

Robert George (Bob) Price was born and raised in Windsor in the Parent/Lens area near the old Forest House. After attending John Campbell School and Kennedy Collegiate, he moved on to the University of Windsor majoring in History and Psychology.

Bob's Dad was a CPO in the Royal Canadian Navy and a firefighter who retired as a district chief of the Windsor Fire Department. He died in 1991. Bob is survived by his mother, Dorothy, and his sister, Nancy, who owned and operated her own business.

Although a gifted athlete - he was scouted by the Ottawa Rough Riders - he did not pursue athletics after high school where he was successful in football and track and field (high jump). While completing his BA, he found employment with the Canadian Vocational Training Program (CVTP) teaching English to unemployed adults. At the same time, he was joined there by his childhood and best friend, Jim Gretes, who was hired to teach Mathematics.

After one year with CVTP, he taught high school in Oshawa before returning to Essex County to teach English and Mathematics at General Amherst High School.

Recognized as an outstanding teacher, he nevertheless elected to pursue specialist certification in counselling, and after several years, he contacted his old friend, Jim Gretes, about working at St Clair College. He started at the college in the fall of 1970 as a counsellor in the School of Adult Retraining at

the old "bus barns" on Kildare Rd, and moved to South Campus in 1971 where he remained until his retirement in 1998. Despite switching from formal counselling to teaching mathematics, he obtained a master's degree in counselling from the University of Virginia.

An extremely effective counsellor and teacher, Bob will be most remembered for his contribution to the college as a formidable leader in Local 138. Having been active in unionism in the county system, he continued this role at the college as the Adult Retraining representative reporting to Fred Beaton, head of the Faculty Association, and with President Dick King who was on the college system's first faculty negotiating team. After working as chief steward with President Maxine Jones, Bob became president, a position he maintained but for a brief interruption, for the rest of his career. He was ably accompanied for many years by his colleague, Bill Stammler, as Chief Steward.

Bob Price guided local 138 during some of its most turbulent times, which included strikes in 1984 and 1989 and significant layoffs in 1988. He also served on one provincial negotiating team. He disdained administrivia, did not suffer adversarial fools lightly and loved to play the maverick, conducting union and college business at his favourite watering hole, the "Sandhill". What many will not know was what he did behind the scenes to maintain relative labour

In Memoriam - Relatives of Staff

Pat Belanger's mother, Kathleen Martin

Bob Brande's mother-in-law, Alice Kelly

Paul Chortos' mother, Elizabeth

In Memoriam - Relatives of Staff - continued

Susan Favaro's mother-in-law, Antonietta

Helen Hanak's sister, Rosemary Bechard

Donna Harrogati's husband, Archie

Sue Kerr's sister-in-law, Fran Thompson

Joanne Lahoux's father, Raymond Carriere

Cathy Lamothe's fiancé, William (Bill) Benoit

Bernie Nawracki's mother-in-law, Lucie Orawski

Henry Nurse's sister, Melba Nurse

Gerrie Pomajlas' mother, Vera Zimick

Carol Pratt's sister-in-law, Wendy Pratt

Fred Sorrell's sister, Hilda Winnifred Cope

Bill Stammeler's brother-in-law, Jack Jacob

Nancy Travenetti's husband, Ralph

George Troniano's wife, Gail

May they rest in peace!

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Bridge Club, 1:00 PM, Roseland
 2. Wednesday, Feb. 29 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Southside Tap & Grill
 3. Tuesday, Mar. 13, 27 - Bridge Club, 1:00 PM, Roseland
 4. Saturday, Mar. 24 - St. Clair College Alumni Award of Distinction Award
Dinner
 5. Wednesday, Mar. 28 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Casa Bella Restaurant
 6. Tuesday, Apr. 10, 24 - Bridge Club, 1:00 PM, Roseland
 7. Wednesday, Apr. 25 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Mama Maria's Italian
Eatery
 8. Wednesday, May 2 - Annual General Meeting, 3:00 PM Meeting & 4:00 PM
BBQ, Chez Talbot
 9. Wednesday, May 23 - Victoria Playhouse - Petrolia "Heart and Soul of
Broadway" (musical)
 10. Wednesday, May 30 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Tru's Grillhouse
Restaurant .
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ATTORNEY'S ADVICE – NO CHARGE

A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his firm.

- 1. The next time you order cheques have only your initials (instead of first name and last name) put on them. If someone takes your chequbook, they will not know if you sign your cheques with just your initials, but the bank will know how you sign them.*
 - 2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".*
 - 3. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc.. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place, Also keep a copy of your passport when travelling.*
 - 4. If your wallet has been stolen, call two national credit reporting organization immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Insurance Number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.*
- Here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc. has been stolen:*

- 1. Equifax Canada: 1-877-249-2705*
- 2. TransUnion: 1-877-525-3823*