



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



From the President

Susan McLelland



As I gather my thoughts to relay on to everyone during this fall season I am hopeful we have much to look forward to now that most of us have been vaccinated against Covid. Even though many are still contracting it, it's good to know that most cases have not

been too serious and most folks are coming out on the other side of it all pretty well.

We are looking forward to celebrating with the St. Clair family on December 19th for the Staff Appreciation Brunch with President Patti France. We are also in the process of planning our own Christmas celebration on December 17th with a Christmas Luncheon and a play to be presented by Katherine Kaszas' St. Clair Music Theatre Performance students. See the announcement in this newsletter for details on page 3. Reserve your seat!! Elizabeth Barr and Dale Jarrell, your Chatham Representatives, are also planning a Christmas Luncheon in Chatham. Mark your calendars for December 1st. More information on this to come in this issue (page 11), as well as in your e-mail over the next month. Both should be very festive occasions!

As an organization, we really strive to provide you with information and articles that will keep you in touch with what some of our Retirees are doing these days, and also, what is happening on our St. Clair College Campus; and believe me, there's lots happening there! Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this newsletter once again.

Also have a look at a couple of bios that we have included in this issue for 2 of our newer Executive Board members, Brian Hucker and Ann Korenic.

Our Social Director, Pat Taylor set up a couple of great events for us recently. First, there was the Fall Social

at Paul and Bev Chortos' beautiful homestead out in Kingsville. It was a beautiful day weather wise and the turnout was terrific! So nice to see everyone again!

Many thanks to Paul and Bev for the great hospitality! Then later in September, we all gathered at Point Pelee to see the monarch butterflies on their annual migration to Mexico. It was a very windy day that actually worked in our favour because the butterflies didn't want to fly away, so instead, they stayed put long enough for us to get a pretty good view of their resting area before they moved on across Lake Erie. Many thanks to Dan Loncke for providing us with guidance during our trek at Pelee Island to view these magnificent creatures. Many thanks also to Laurie Hart, President of the Friends of Point Pelee organization, for ensuring that we were well taken care of by their Nature Centre staff that day. It had been a number of years since many of us had been there and we were pleasantly surprised at the facilities that we were able to utilize for the picnic portion of our day, not to mention the excellent informational film about monarch butterflies that was provided by the nature centre there, as well as the cool trolley we were able to take to get us close to the butterflies and the point.

College Parking Services are working on a new process for renewals and new applications. Please refer to the Retiree Parking Renewals For 2023 item on page 10 for more details.

Many thanks to the Executive Board for all of your contributions this past year. We are now actually meeting in person at South Campus down in room 45J the 3rd Wednesday of every month. It was a challenge during Covid to meet virtually, but at least it was better than nothing! I have to say, it really feels wonderful to have us all together again! Almost feels normal!

I pray that you will be able to gather with your loved ones in your homes for a wonderful holiday season this year. On behalf of our Executive Board, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful joyous and very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year. ✨

Sue McLelland

The Executive Board of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association extend their best wishes for a Joyous, Peaceful, Healthy, and Safe Christmas Season to all College retirees and to the entire St. Clair College community.



*Peace on Earth
to people of good will*



Photo: E. P. Chant



**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year**



*You and one guest are cordially invited to attend the
Retirees' Annual Windsor
Christmas Luncheon and Show*

Date: *Saturday, December 17, 2022*

Time: *11:30 a.m. - Meet and Greet in Dieppe Rooms A & B (ground floor)*

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Student Christmas Show

Location: *St. Clair College Centre for the Arts, Riverside Drive W., Windsor
Main entrance only. Ferry Street entrance will be locked.*

Tickets: *\$25 per person includes Luncheon, Show Tickets, and Complimentary Parking Voucher*

Plated Style Luncheon Menu

*Rolls and butter, Butternut Squash Pumpkin Seed Pesto Soup with Double Cream
Holiday Salad, Sliced Apples, Roasted Beets & Candied Walnuts, Baby Greens, &
Cranberry Vinaigrette*

*Stuffed Roasted Turkey Breast with Sage & Onion Stuffing
Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Honey Roasted Root Vegetables, Pan Jus
Chocolate Mousse Glace, Coffee & Tea*

Prior notification required for special dietary needs!

**** Cash Bar * * Door Prizes ****

*Please bring non-perishable items for the Student Food Bank and socks for the homeless
Reservations must be made and tickets paid for in advance by December 3rd
(This is a ticketless event)*

To reserve, please contact:

Marilyn Portt - 519-969-0693 or mpportt@gmail.com

***Or mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees' Association and send to
Marilyn Portt 208-5831 Newman Blvd., LaSalle, Ontario N9J 0E1***

E-Transfers are accepted at sccramembership@gmail.com.

"Retirement" is the answer to your question.

***Complimentary parking at the Centre Parking Garage - 275 Pitt St. W.
(Behind the Best Western Waterfront Hotel). Bring your Centre Parking
Garage ticket to the luncheon to receive your free parking voucher***

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Special Dr. Patti France Edition Of Around The College



On August 17, 2022, the College community received an email broadcast from St. Clair College President Patti France announcing that she had informed the College Board of Governors that she would not be renewing her contract when it expires in August 2024. By that time, President France will have worked at the College for over 35 years, including two terms as the President when her term is concluded.

Patti began her career at the College as a part-time employee with a clerical position in the Registrar's Office. Then, after a few years of working full-time at St. Clair, she took the opportunity to return to school to earn a graduate certificate in continuing education and a diploma in computer science. It then took ten (10) long years - one course at a time - for her to complete her bachelor's degree in adult education before sprinting through her master's degree in 18 months. This was followed by a wide variety of experiences throughout the College. "I'm a believer in lifelong

education, and I think if you continue to make sure that you're constantly taking advantage of learning opportunities formally or informally - I think that's very important," President France said.

In 2015, Patti succeeded Dr. John Strasser, President of St. Clair College. As President, she has overseen the design and construction of various multi-million dollar infrastructure projects over the last seven years, such as the SportsPlex, Toldo Health Sciences Centre, Sports Park, the Zekelman Tennis Centre and the Zekelman Centre for Business and Information Technology. Patti's impact on the entire community became evident as the retirement announcement, although not taking effect for two years, spawned recognition of the high esteem with which she is held throughout Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent.

Key To The City Of Windsor

On August 25, 2022, City of Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens bestowed St. Clair College President Dr. Patti France with the highest award that the City of Windsor can confer, the key to the city. He recognized President France and the College for volunteering the use of the SportsPlex as a regional field hospital for COVID-19 patients during the most severe phases of the pandemic.

"It was St. Clair College, led by you, Patti, who stepped up right away when we were talking about a field hospital," Mayor Dilkens said. "You told (Windsor Regional Hospital CEO) David Musyj to take the SportsPlex and do what he needed to do to respond to the community. It was amazing to see that response. It was the first field hospital opened and was one of the biggest and probably among the most impressive." Mayor Dilkens also credited President France for keeping the College open throughout the pandemic and allowing students to continue pursuing their educations - first online and then in person once restrictions were lifted.



An admittedly surprised President France accepted the ceremonial plaque adorned with the City of Windsor's coat of arms, her name engraved in gold lettering and a large key and thanked Mayor Dilkens before he concluded his address by thanking the entire St. Clair College faculty, staff, and community for their combined efforts during the pandemic.

"Patti is the leader, but I know all of you had your own cross to bear throughout all of this," Mayor Dilkens said. "So thank you for working with everyone to ensure we can get through this as a community."

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Around the College

1. Two Members of Parliament recently paid a visit to students of the first Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship program for Women to celebrate them achieving their training goals.
2. St. Clair College's Rocket League team went International when they went to Birmingham, England to represent Canada in the first-ever Commonwealth Esport Championships (CEC) as part of the 2022 Commonwealth Games this August.
3. St. Clair College Esport took home 14 awards at the National Association of Collegiate Esport (NACE) Annual Awards held in Kansas City, Mo. as part of the NACE Annual Convention. Major awards for the Saints included Dawson Lovell being named Call of Duty Coach of the Year, Josh Podruzny being awarded Rocket League Player of the Year and winning the program taking home Production of the Year, beating out two-time winner Boise State.
4. The official grand opening of the renovated and newly named **Don France Student Commons** took place on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. The new facility is a grand expansion of the Student Centre. The Student Centre was first constructed in the mid-1990s and is owned and operated by the Student Representative Council (SRC). They designated much of the Student Centre as the *Don France Student Commons* in tribute to their



Don France addressing the audience

former General Manager, Don France, and his 25 years of mentorship of student leaders and advocacy. Current SRC General Manager Ryan Peebles described Don France as a friend, mentor, sounding board, advisor, idea-man and sometimes a father figure. "(Don) has been all of that, and more, to 25 years of SRC board members. It's a tribute to his impact upon their lives that many of those SRC alumni have returned to the college today to share this day with him," Peebles said. "Students in general since the mid-1990s may not have known Don in that very close fashion, but they've all benefited from his dedication – not just in terms of the facilities he has developed, but more importantly for the services and programs that he created to make their college experience easier and more enjoyable, and for the advocacy he demonstrated to protect their rights."

5. On August 24, 2022, St. Clair College unveiled its state-of-the-art esports facility, "Nexus". The \$23 million, two-year construction project included the creation of two upper floors of classrooms for the Zekelman Schools of Business and Information Technology, the expansion of the ground floor of the Student Centre and the crown jewel, Nexus, a state-of-the-art 15,000-square-foot Esport arena and broadcasting facility for the St. Clair Saints Gaming team and home of the two-year Esport Administration and Entrepreneurship diploma program at St. Clair College. St. Clair College was the first postsecondary institution in Canada to introduce esports as a varsity team and an academic program in 2016. Like traditional athletics, Saints Gaming players earn scholarships to compete in video gaming leagues against colleges and universities worldwide. Nexus is a world-class facility, which sets St. Clair College as the gold standard for esports programs among postsecondary schools with five breakout rooms. A ceremonial opening of Nexus to demonstrate its operational features took place on October 1st. The Student Centre was first constructed in the mid-1990s and is owned and operated by the Student Representative Council (SRC). They designated much of the Student Centre as the Don France Student Commons in tribute to their former General Manager, Don France, and his 25 years of mentorship of student leaders and advocacy.
6. The Windsor Star annually conducts a survey of readers who vote on their local favorites. St. Clair was selected as the "Best Adult Education/Career College."



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Dr. Patti France Community Promenade

Located at the Cabana Road entrance to the College property, the Dr. Patti France Community Promenade features a decorative steel archway suspended between two stone pillars adorned with steel-fabricated light fixtures and mythical griffins. A garden surrounds the pillared archway with green shrubbery and gold flowers to honour the school’s colours. The promenade serves as the starting point of a pathway to connect the main campus from north to south through a walking trail leading to the St. Clair Sports Park. There will be a nine (9) foot gold griffin affixed on top of the pillar with the commemorative plaque. The griffin is in the finishing stages of fabrication.



Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Award To Patti France



On September 8, 2022, St. Clair College President Patti France was presented with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee pin from Essex MP, Chris Lewis in recognition of her commitment to our community. It was presented on the same day that the queen passed which was unexpected by all.

In his presentation, MP Lewis said, “For all of your leadership and support during COVID, especially when you provided the College’s SportsPlex as a community field hospital with Windsor Regional Hospital we are all grateful.” ✨

Contributed by *Bill Totten*

Photos: *St. Clair College*



Around the College

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7. The Fall enrolment as reported to the Ministry showed an enrolment decrease of 2% from Fall 2021 to Fall 2022, which is being attributed to the problem with visas for international students.
8. Launching in the Fall 2022, eleven reproductions of artworks from the collection of Art Windsor-Essex (AWE) have been placed throughout St. Clair College’s main campus. Art collector and philanthropist Stephanie Zekelman selected 11 works by 8 artists for the project. The large, thought-provoking reproductions bring bold colour and abstract shapes to gathering spaces and along walking paths across campus.
9. The St. Clair Women’s Softball team finished the season with a 34 – 0 record; had six players named to the nine player All Star team; a pitcher chosen as the Player of the Year; another player as Rookie of the Year; and the coach chosen as the Manager of the Year. This team won both the **Provincial** and the **National Gold Medals**.
10. A request for proposals has been issued for a new parking deck on campus. ✨



Contributed by *Bill Totten*

Photos: *St. Clair College*

Magnificent Monarchs Of Point Pelee



Photo: *Bryan Girling*

Sometimes having your fingers crossed really does work. The week before our trek to Point Pelee to get a glimpse of the Monarchs on their migration to Mexico was particularly harrowing, weather wise that is. Each day there was a threat of rain to spoil our enjoyment of one of nature's most mystifying events.

Although we started out under cloudy skies and a wind that blew hard enough to tear the hat off your head, the air was warm. Twenty-two trekkers met at the Point Pelee Visitor's Centre for a short film on the life of the Monarchs and their amazing journey from the shores of the Great Lakes and Winnipeg to the mountains of Mexico.



We were in luck. The staff at the Centre told us that the wind was keeping the Monarchs at the point, and we would be able to see them clustered amongst the tree leaves, saving their energy for the long trip home. A short ride on the Tram brought us near to the Point where the Monarchs were rumored to be roosting. It was magnificent! Cameras, binoculars and the sounds of awe from each of us made braving the wind more than worth it.

Our trek down to the point was inspiring and we held onto our hats and marveled at the roiling waters and crashing white caps of the lake. The varying colours of grey- sky, clouds and water, were a picture any artist would envy. Unable to battle the strength of the wind at the Point we headed back for a group photo at the 42-degree sign and then on to our final destination, the pavilion where

we would gather for our picnic lunch. We were well sheltered from the wind by the pavilion's drop-down screens, and everyone tucked into their picnic lunches. Thanks to Frank Taylor for the warming coffee, it was a hit!

We closed our day with a thank you to Dan and Mary Loncke, our trek leaders, and to Laurie and Dave Hart of the Friends of Point Pelee, who graciously escorted us through the park and gave us the benefit of their knowledge and experience. We appreciated your joining us. Thank you also to the Magnificent Monarchs, bon voyage. ✨

Contributed by *Patricia Taylor*
Social Committee

Photos: *Tony Ellul*



Fabulous Fall With Bev And Paul

The anticipation began with that drive down the grassy lane that takes you through the little valley past the majestically beautiful weeping willow and up the gentle slope to a house on a hill. The welcoming porch flanked by tables, whose white cloths gently moved in the breeze, greeted us all. Once again, we were taken out of the everyday and into a garden of green with swaying tree limbs, sunshine, cornfields, and the sounds of nature; a respite for the body and soul.

Greeting us with their customary warm hospitality, Paul and Bev Chortos opened their home and garden to the St. Clair Retirees in what has become an annual fall event to welcome our new retirees and renew old acquaintances. Laughter and smiles of recognition were evident as attendees arrived and exchanged hellos. Marilyn Port and Mimi McPhedran took great care to ensure everyone was properly greeted and when our lunches arrived from Green Heart Kitchen, we all tucked into a tasty lunch.



Clockwise from left - Brian Hucker, Nancy Hucker, Gayle Harrick, Jane Dillon, Nicki Forcellini, Susie Korchnak, Sue McLelland, John Chiarcos, Joanne Chiarcos, Emma Ellul

Bev and Paul donated table centres that were raffled off, and Pat Hallahan won the door prize, again! Could there be a bit “o’ the luck o’ the Irish” going on here? The 50/50 draw garnered an \$89.00 prize and a similar amount for the Student’s Food Bank. Thank you everyone on behalf of our students.

To cap the day off, Paul took portraits of anyone who wanted one and there was no shortage of takers. Who could resist the beautiful backdrop? At the close of the day 62 attendees wended their way back down the grassy lane to



end another Fabulous Fall with Bev and Paul. Thank you to everyone who attended, to Bev and Paul for their continued support of this event, and to the weather gods who gave us the most beautiful day. Hope to see you all again soon, stay safe and stay well. **

Contributed by *Patricia Taylor*
Social Committee

Photos: *Tony Ellul*



Clockwise from left - Elsi Hallahan, Pat Hallahan, Tom McMahon, Pat McMahon, Mary Lonke, Dan Loncke, Lori Caba, Betty Michaud

Chatham-Windsor Joint Luncheon - 28 September 2022

Our joint Chatham/Windsor Luncheon at the Bayside Brewery in Erieau on September 28th was a very relaxing afternoon gathering with fellow retirees and friends we have not seen in a long time while meeting retirees new to our group. There were 24 retirees in attendance. For some of us it was the first time at the Bayside Brewery, myself included. Listening to all the chatter at the tables made me smile. The view of the Bay was absolutely beautiful.

Our server Sandra waited on all 24 of us. She was one busy lady, but very good at her job. The food was excellent. I did not hear any complaints from anyone.

Thank you Elizabeth for taking the lead on this and for booking the room for us all. I know that we all look forward to our next luncheon.

With summer officially behind us, I wish you all a very happy Fall and Thanksgiving. ✨

Contributed by *Dale Jarrell*



Clockwise from left: Doris Summerfield, Karla Ertel, Jim Martin, Lori Caba, Jay Ertel, Leslie Graham. In background - Elizabeth Barr

Photo: *Elizabeth Barr*

Fall Tailgating Event at Acumen Stadium



From left: Sue McLellnd, Dan Rorai, Joanne Williams, Tom Williams

On Saturday September 10th, our St. Clair College Saints Football team played the London Beefeaters at our beautiful Acumen Stadium, located at the South Campus of St. Clair College. Before the game started a group of 12 retirees got together to enjoy drinks, pizza and camaraderie in the parking lot beside the stadium and tennis courts. Mother Nature blessed us with a beautiful evening of sunshine. Many thanks to St. Clair College for providing us with complimentary tickets for the game! And the best part – our Saints won! 53 – 20! ✨

Contributed by *Sue McLelland*

Photo: *Tony Ellul*

Covid 19 Update – Fall 2022

St. Clair College is now open to the public. At this time, there is no need to show any kind of “proof of vaccination” or to wear a mask.



Trivia Quiz By Lyn Medler

1. Originally called the General Purpose vehicle by Willy's today is the...
2. Least populated city in the world.
3. Canada has more of these than the rest of the world combined.
4. What is a group of cats called?
5. The unicorn is the national animal of which country?

Answers on page 11

Newsletter by E-mail or Snail Mail?

The newsletter is distributed four times a year – on the third Wednesday of February, April, August and November. It is distributed to approximately 550 persons on our snail mail list via Canada Post. In addition, it is distributed via e-mail to approximately 415 retirees as well as to all College staff.

We are often asked why we send it both ways. The answer is that we have not had the ability to separate those who want only to receive it by e-mail.

Well folks, we can now accommodate your preference – receive the newsletter by both e-mail and hard copy, or, by e-mail only.

If you prefer e-mail only, send a message to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca **indicating your preference**, or when you renew your annual membership, you are provided with an opportunity to indicate your preference.

Retiree Parking Renewals For 2023

College Parking Services is currently completing an upgrade of the process for the renewal/new parking permits.

Pending completion of the upgrade, current permits originally expiring on December 31, 2022, **will continue to be honored until February 28, 2023.**

Applications for renewal or for a new permit will commence as of November 16, 2022. The process is designed for on-line application and Parking Services will require applicant's email address and verification of paid membership in the Retirees' Association for the designated year (i. e. 2023).

The online process may be accessed at stclaircollege.ca/parking.

If assistance is required, contact the Parking Services Office at (519) 972-2727 Ext. 4515 (Windsor) (519) 354-9100 Ext. 4515 (Chatham)

Parking Services will allow someone else to pick up the permit, or submit a completed application on their behalf provided they provide written authorization to the Parking Office at parking@stclaircollege.ca

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

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

Attention All Retirees

If you believe that you are not receiving e-mails from the Retirees' Association, please send an e-mail with your name and phone number to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca

Membership Renewal

Hi everyone, it is the time of the year for renewing your St. Clair College Retirees' Association Membership.

The easing of pandemic restrictions has opened the door for several activities this year, and your association has plans in the works for more activities and events such as socials, luncheons, Christmas parties, winery tours, educational seminars, and other events in the coming months and next year. Refer to the Coming Events item on the last page of this newsletter for a preview of some of the events.

Enclosed with this issue of the newsletter are the membership renewal form for 2023 and a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. We look forward to seeing many of you at various events and activities.

Marilyn Portt
Membership Secretary

OCRA Membership

We highly recommend taking a membership in OCRA (Ontario College Retirees' Association) when renewing membership in our association. The cost is \$10.00 annually (or a lifetime fee is available).

The link to the OCRA website is ocraretirees.ca. There, one can find information about the CAAT Pension Plan, health benefits and health providers, websites of other retiree associations of other Ontario colleges, and a membership application form. Access to other Retiree Association newsletters can also be available.

Contacts for Health Benefits and Pension

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Laura Carcelen, 519-972-2727, Ext. 4687 located in Human Resources, room 274C.

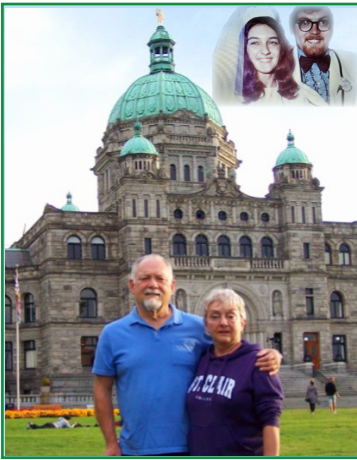
The CAAT Pension can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9000, or Fax: 416-673-9028.

For general inquiries: contact@caatpension.on.ca

Notice

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

The Retiree Web site is accessed by clicking on “**About Us**” and then clicking on “**Retirees' Association**”. This will provide access to Folklore, Picture Gallery, Minutes, Schedule of Events, etc. ENJOY!



*We congratulate
Ella and Mike Masse
on their
50th Wedding
Anniversary*

August 26, 1972

August 26, 2022

It is Autumn

It has been a few weeks since Summer surrendered its seasonal lease while Autumn quietly sneaked into our lives once again. With each passing day, we notice that Autumn is in full swing as the hours of daylight grow shorter and the temperatures get cooler. Everywhere you look, trees are bursting forth into one final exuberantly brilliant display of colours as they prepare to shed their leaves as if in sad mourning at the passing of summer and in preparation for the rigours and bleakness of winter. Dust off those leaf rakes. All together now – rake, rake, rake ✨



Tony

Humour - From the Mouths of Babes

A little boy was lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?" ✨

Contributed by *Marilyn Portt*

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club was able to get off to a slow start in September in our new location at the Huron Church Road Applebee's Restaurant. Medical issues has reduced our participation substantially. However, those who attended felt that Applebee's private room will more than meet our needs.

We were scheduled to meet again in October, but Covid has stepped in and messed up our schedule. As a result, it has been decided to postpone upcoming sessions until January.

Anyone wishing to join us let Dean Campagna know at 519-966-3884 or by email at ryano579@mnsi.net

Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. Shortened to "the GP" on the battlefield, evolved into JEEP
2. Vatican
3. Lakes. Some nine per cent of Canada's surface area is covered by fresh water
4. A clowder
5. Scotland

Annual Chatham Campus Retirees Christmas Party

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Time: 11:30 a.m. - Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Links Of Kent

*120 Indian Creek Road West,
Chatham, Ontario*

*River Deck Room - Entry from the parking
lot at the side of the building*

Cost: \$38.35 (all inclusive)

Payment will be made prior to your meal

*** Alcoholic refreshments are additional ***

*Served meal of salad, turkey, cranberry dressing,
roasted garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal
vegetables, and gravy, dessert, coffee or tea*

Dietary needs can be accommodated.

Please let us know when you confirm.

*Please bring a non-perishable item for the
Student Food Bank*

*To reserve your place, please contact by
November 23, 2022*

Dale Jarrell – 519-358-2846

rdjarrell@teksavvy.com

or

Elizabeth Barr – 519-354-3274

EBarr1951@gmail.com

Meet our Vice-President Brian Hucker



I was born and raised in Windsor and grew up in Olde Town Riverside prior to annexation. I attended St. Rose Elementary School, then on to Riverside Secondary School. Here I enrolled in an Architecture and Design course. This began my interest in pursuing a career in Interior Design, and in 1973 I entered St. Clair College's Interiors program, which was three years of study. Upon graduation, I recall my conversation with my mentor, Coordinator, Patricia McCurdy, stating that, "one day I would love to teach in this program." Thus began my journey towards that goal.

Currently, I am married for 44 years to my best friend, Nancy, whom I met on a college spring break trip to Florida. All the way to Daytona Beach to meet a girl from LaSalle on Valentine's Day, talk about fate. We married soon after and have two remarkable boys who continue to amaze us as business partners (Suede Productions) in the creative film and production industry. Between them we are blessed

with three grandchildren, Sylvia Rose 9, Jack 7, and Keaton 3 - who bring us such joy every day.

I was fortunate to gain employment prior to graduation and worked in a contract/commercial firm focusing on corporate workplace interiors for five years. While working in industry, I gained valuable experience as entrepreneur - owning and operating a design studio that specialised in residential and commercial interiors. During an economic downturn, I decided to close the studio while the getting out was good. Being a business owner was an invaluable experience with no regrets.

After closure I continued doing contract/commercial interiors, and managing a design firm for a large office equipment firm. During this time, I was invited to teach part-time. It was an honour and simultaneously scary, having never taught before. After a few years of part-time, sessional teaching, the opportunity came available for full-time employment in Interior Design at St. Clair College. The rest is history!

Having retired in 2018, I am constantly reflecting on the many opportunities and memorable moments experienced in the 30 years of employment as Professor/Coordinator for Interior Design. During that time, I was blessed to have a remarkable team of faculty, primarily Teresa Taylor and Sandra Ellis - both alumni of Interior Design. We worked on and off in industry; therefore, we made a team connection early on.

One achievement that stands out most, is the team effort put forth in preparation for an international accreditation audit in 2006. The program was awarded the (FIDER), Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research 6-year accreditation term; the first Canadian College to earn this status for outstanding Interior Design education. During this time, our students competed against many prestigious design schools internationally earning Gold, Silver, and Bronze through the years. Our faculty went on to present sessions on unique educational teaching methods at the annual conferences, while networking with professional colleagues from around the world.

This process in accreditation encouraged me to further my own education, and in the spring of 2006, I graduated with honors from Lawrence Technological University - earning a Bachelor of Science of Interior Architecture. I was granted the title of member of Tau Sigma Delta (Honor Society in Architecture and Allied Arts).

Later in my career, I had the opportunity to teach abroad in China, which was the experience of a lifetime, and one I look back on with pride. Immersing myself into a new culture and educational system, was most memorable.

The St. Clair family has granted me such memorable moments. First and foremost, are the many students who have become part of my life, some of whom are now personal friends and will remain in my heart.

Thank you, St. Clair, for the memories! As I embark on my involvement with the Retirees Association, I can stay connected and reminisce with colleagues and friends, and I look forward to building new connections. ✨

Contributed by **Brian Hucker**

Photo: **Brian Hucker**

Meet our Communications Coordinator Ann Korenic



As a recent retiree, I reflect upon my 27 years of full-time teaching at St. Clair College as being very rewarding. I believe I made a difference in my students' lives; I met some amazing people; and I learned so much in the process.

I am a true Windsorite, born and raised. My parents, immigrated from Croatia and Slovenia. I had a stay-at-home mom - always there to support and assist. I learned a lot from my dad about the importance of diplomacy and a good sense of humor. I was married at the age of 19 to John, a high school Math teacher for WECDSB.

I attended Gordon McGregor Elementary School and Walkerville Collegiate. I completed my Bachelor of English and Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of Windsor and a Master's degree in Education – concentrations in Administration & Curriculum Development from Central Michigan University. As a lifelong learner, I continued my erudition in the Doctoral program - Business Management, at Monarch

University, in Switzerland. I have completed all my coursework and plan to continue with my dissertation research at some point in the future...if my motivation returns.

My teaching career began as a Teacher's Aid in the Job Readiness program at St. Clair College. This experience allowed me to test the waters and realize that teaching was what I wanted to do for my career. Upon graduating from the Faculty of Education, I substitute taught for 4 years while being a stay-at-home mom to my two pre-school children. Once my children began school, I applied for a full-time position in the Languages & Humanities Dept at the college. Being the successful candidate, I began my career as an English/Electives faculty under the stellar leadership of my then Chair, Jack Costello.

After 6 full time years, the College was experiencing major layoffs which caused me to lose my position. I successfully received employment at St. Michael's High School - teaching English and Canadian Law. Following one full year, my layoff was rescinded, and I was asked to return to the college - this time in the School of Business. I taught numerous business and communications courses, and when a vacancy turned up in the Office Administration cluster of programs, I began teaching there. Within a year, I became Coordinator of OA – General, Medical, Executive, and Legal programs.

I further developed a comprehensive English preparedness course for the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses). It was intended for students, who successfully completed the nursing programs at SCC but for whom English was a second language.

Likewise, I developed several Course Packs for various classes including "Speak Up" for English Oral Presentations, "Writing College Reports," for Report Writing, "Basic MS Word & PowerPoint Breadcrumbs" for faculty requiring essential word processing and presentation skills, and "Mosaic" – for Transcultural Communication.

While teaching Express Scribe – a machine transcription program in which OA students listen to and transcribe from tapes of speakers that dictate correspondence, we were met with deaf students who were not able to do so. With the assistance of a Sign Language Interpreter, I developed a process with which deaf students would likewise be able to transcribe office documents in a timely fashion.

Realizing the importance of total immersion in my job, I have sat on numerous committees. These consisted of Health & Safety, Student Cheating, Communication in the Workplace, and Academic Council. I have also participated in marketing our OA cluster of programs on AM 800. Acting as Master of Ceremonies at Convocations - was perhaps one of my most enjoyable roles at the college because celebrating our students' successes speaks to our success as faculty.

On a personal note, I am proud of my two sons. John works for a financial company and teaches adult education part time; David is currently COO of a housing corporation. My greatest joys are my grandchildren, Keaton Zora, aged 6 and Davison Kane, aged 3. I also enjoy books, music, interior design, and travel. My journeys throughout the US, Caribbean, and Europe have been extensive, yet my preferred destination is in my own backyard – Western Canada. ✨

Contributed by *Ann Korenic*

Annual Winter Trip – Prices And Dates

For the January 2023 trip, we will be working with Melanie Harding at Valente Travel (melanie@valentetravel.com).

After consulting with Melanie and reviewing the possibilities, the trip we have selected will be to the Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Sandos Playacar, Riviera Maya, Mexico

This all-inclusive resort is located about 60 km from Cancun International Airport. The SCCRA group was at this resort for our 2016 Winter Trip.

Direct flight Windsor - Cancun - Windsor with Sunwing

Monday, January 30, 2023

Depart Windsor 4:45 pm - Arrive Cancun 8:30 pm

Monday, February 6, 2023

Depart Cancun 11:45 am - Arrive Windsor 3:20 pm



Supersaver Room
 Double: \$2,005.00 CAD
 Single: \$2,645.00 CAD



Deposit Dates: Oct 31, 2022 – Nov. 1, 2022
 Amount: \$250 pp (with insurance add \$149 pp)

Final Payment: Date: Dec 12, 2022

If we reach 15 people we may be able to add an additional discount for the group rate.

Call Melanie Harding at 519-252-3331 (Valente Travel) for more information.



Where Have All The Flowers Gone

words and music by Pete Seeger

Where have all the flowers gone?

Long time passing.

Where have all the flowers gone?

Long time ago.

Where have all the flowers gone?

Young girls have picked them every one.

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?



Where have all the young girls gone?

Long time passing.

Where have all the young girls gone?

Long time ago.

Where have all the young girls gone?

Gone to husbands every one.

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?

Where have all the young men gone?

Long time passing.

Where have all the young men gone?

Long time ago.

Where have all the young men gone?

Gone for soldiers every one.

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?



Where have all the soldiers gone?

Long time passing.

Where have all the soldiers gone?

Long time ago.

Where have all the soldiers gone?

Gone to graveyards every one.

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?

Where have all the graveyards gone?

Long time passing.

Where have all the graveyards gone?

Long time ago.

Where have all the graveyards gone?

Gone to flowers every one.

When will we ever learn?

When will we ever learn?



In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
July 27, 2022 - October 26, 2022*



Sylvia Rosemary Crozier (Belle River) passed away on August 7, 2022 at age 85. She was predeceased by husband William Crozier. Sylvia is survived by daughter Wendie (Nenad Ignjatovic) and Todd Harris, and step-mother of Kevin and Greg Crozier. Sylvia retired from St. Clair after many years in the Financial Services Department.



Eunice Robinson passed away at Windsor Regional Hospital on August 19, 2022 at the age of 85. She was the wife of 65 years to James, and mother of Diane and Ed Bruette, and Shawna and Yvon Sterling. Eunice was a retiree of St. Clair College-Thames Campus where she worked in office administration. After her retirement she volunteered for many years with the St. Clair College Retirees' Association.



Terry Dame passed away in Windsor on August 12, 2022 at age 76. Terry is survived by his wife Shelah, son Michael, and daughter Stephanie, and their loved ones. Terry retired from St. Clair College after 12 years as a faculty member in the Computer Systems Networking Program.



Sherry Lynne Sharon passed away on October 9, 2022 at 64 years of age. She was the wife of John, and the mother of Shaun and John. Sherry was a dedicated employee of St. Clair College for 34 years, retiring from the Registrar's Office where she served as the College Registrar. She was active with OPSEU.

*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
July 27, 2022 - October 26, 2022*

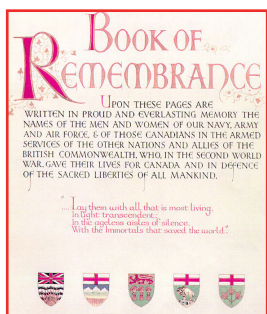
William (Bill) Vincent Ryan passed away in Chatham on May 5, 2022 at age 83. Bill was the brother of St. Clair College retiree **Margaret O'Phee**.

Joyce Lilah Garber passed away in Windsor on August 20, 2022 at age of 91. She was the mother of St. Clair retiree **Ken Garber and his wife, retiree Lea Garber**.

Donald Herbert Watts passed away on August 29, 2022 in his 99th year. Donald was the father of St. Clair retiree **Dan Watts**.

Jack Jessop passed away peacefully at the age of 74 on August 30, 2022. Jack was the brother of St. Clair retiree **Barb (Rick) Baker**.

Joyce "Froukje" Barten, passed away in Windsor on Monday, October 10, 2022 at age 80. Born in Holland, Joyce was the wife of St. Clair retiree **Hanno Barten**



In the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, there are seven Books of Remembrance honouring those who died in action serving Canada. There is a book for the South African War, WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. There is also a separate Book of Remembrance for the Canadian Merchant Navy, and one for Newfoundland because Newfoundland did not enter Canada's Confederation until 1949. In 2005, a Seventh Book of Remembrance was created to honour men and women of the Canadian Forces who gave their lives in service to our country with NATO and U.N. Peacekeeping forces since October 1947. It remains open to honour future members of the Canadian Forces who will make the ultimate sacrifice for us.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lt. Col. John McCrae M.D. Canadian Army Medical Corps



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Coming Events

Archive Group	Meet in 45J every Monday morning until December 12. Restarting January 16, 2023.
Bridge Club	Postponed until January Watch your e-mail for January schedule.
December 1	Annual Chatham Retirees' Christmas Party*
December 17	Annual Windsor Retirees' Christmas Party** and Performance
December 19	President's Holiday Brunch Classic Gym – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
February 15	Distribution of Winter Newsletter

* Please refer to announcement on page 11

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

<https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar>

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