



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



Newsletter
Summer 2022

From the President
Susan McLelland



Well, here we are in the midst of what seems to be one of the hotter summers we've had to deal with here in our region. Along with that, I guess we are adapting to our new reality of having Covid around us for the duration. I think – many years to come unfortun-

nately. 😞 I guess it's not going away any time soon. So we've come to terms with that. I think everyone we know – has either had Covid or has known someone close to them that has had to deal with it. We truly hope all of our members and your families are managing to get through this episode in our lives without too many repercussions from all of this. Our Executive has actually had one in-person meeting so far, in Chatham, for our June meeting. We are also planning our next meeting in August to be an in-person meeting at the College. I guess we are getting braver! 😊

Our association's social activities started up again with a fun afternoon at the LA Grill in LaSalle, in July, doing watercolour paintings with a group of 15 of us "budding DaVincis". Sandra Ellis, a current staff member at the College in the Interior Design Program, provided not only terrific guidance and encouragement, but wonderful entertainment and fun to all of us participants! In this issue of our newsletter you will see some great pics from that event as well as a nice summary from Pat Taylor, our organizer. Many thanks Pat for pulling this one together. We look forward to doing this one again soon!

We congratulate our new Executive Board members that were brought in at our last Annual General meeting in May. We have Brian Hucker as our new Vice President and Ann Korenic is our new Communications Co-ordinator. We also have Dale Jarrell as our new additional

Chatham Representative. We look forward to working with you all this coming year! We are a fun-loving, friendly group of retirees who enjoy a good laugh and great company and I expect that you all will bring more of that with you to the table for us.

Jim Martin has decided to step away from the OCRA (Ontario College Retirees Association) after many years serving on that board. We thank Jim for doing this for so long and for his willingness to keep us in the loop of activities happening province-wide with this organization. For your information, if anyone is interested in being involved with this group, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the OCRA President. They are currently seeking three new board members province-wide. Meetings are done via Zoom for the most part, so there is very little travel involved now.

Have you seen the front of the main campus at St. Clair College lately? The front façade of the building is magnificent with the addition of 40,000 square feet in the new Zekelman Centre of Business and Information Technology addition. It's truly amazing on the inside as well. Have you walked in the front doors and seen all the beautiful outdoor seating that is now available for staff and students? What a terrific job in planning that one out! Then there is the Cabana Road entrance to the College which, although not yet completed, looks like it will be a magnificent new entry into St. Clair. St. Clair is certainly putting on some new duds lately – and wearing them very fashionably! Kudos to the St. Clair folks in charge of beautification of our campuses.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next social event we are planning at Bev and Paul Chortos' beautiful homestead out in Kingsville. This is planned for Thursday, September 1, and if history means anything to you, Paul and Bev have had us at their place now a few times and they always provide us with a beautiful venue

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Dr. Patti France LL. D.

Around The College



Dr. Patti and husband Don

In the Spring 2022 issue of our newsletter, we announced that, as part of its 165-year anniversary celebrations, Assumption University was to confer an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree on College President Patti France.

We are thrilled to report that the celebration took place on Saturday June 18, 2022 at Assumption Church in Windsor presided over by Bishop Ronald Fabbro, Chancellor of Assumption University, assisted by Dr. John Cappucci, Principal and Vice-Chancellor. At the celebration, Assumption University conferred on our President Patti France a Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* degree for her outstanding contributions to higher education in Windsor-Essex County.

The University awarded its 165th anniversary Jubilee Medal posthumously to the late Dr. George McMahon Sr. for his services to Assumption University. Mrs. Dorothy McMahon accepted the honour on her late husband's behalf. Windsor lawyer Carl Cohen Q.C. received the Fr. Eugene Carlisle LeBel CSB Award for his services to Assumption University and the community.

We are delighted to offer our warmest congratulations to our President Dr. Patti on receiving this distinguished honour. ✨

Contributed by **Tony Ellul**

Photo: **John Fairley**



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

1. The Cabana Road entrance is taking shape. The area will include a community parkette/plaza with benches, starting point of a walking track, and possibly rental scooters. The Board of Governors announced that the new area will be called "*The Dr. Patti France Walkway*".
2. The Student Centre has been totally renovated and has been renamed "Don France Student Commons Centre"
3. Other potential campus additions/enovations – dependent on funding approvals:
 - a. A parking deck.
 - b. A Welcome Center will be built in front of the classic gym for one-stop shopping and Registrar's Office stations. Tours will start there and there will be an IT presence.
 - c. New Vet Tech building – this is one of the oldest buildings and one of the most popular programs
4. The domestic numbers are down in Windsor and Chatham, especially in the areas of business, paramedics and other usually popular programs.
5. Convocation –the 55th Convocation was live for the first time since June 2019 as the College celebrated the graduation of over 3,500 students over six sessions during the week of June 6. The June Windsor Convocations were held at the WFCU Centre, and Chatham ceremonies were at the Capitol Theatre in Chatham. Toronto's ACE Acumen was held at the Chrysler Theatre, St. Clair Centre for the Arts, but going forward it is hoped to have Acumen graduation ceremonies in Toronto.
6. The Annual Open House was held in person for the first time since 2019 with excellent attendance.
7. 250 attended the Annual Alumni of Distinction Gala.
8. The 53rd Annual St. Clair College Athletic Awards Banquet was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. The awards presented were:

Mason MacDonald Male & Female Athlete of the Year

Female Winner: **Jana Kucera**

Male Winner: **David Gomez Jr.**

Al Hoffman Athlete of the Year for Outstanding Achievement Award

Female Winner: **Amy Claydon**

Male Winner: **Tyler Jones**

Gerald Serviss Inter-Collegiate Coach of the Year Award

Winner: **Brendon Seguin & Matt Sykes**

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St. Clair College Staff Appreciation Day

St. Clair College Staff Appreciation Day held on June 22nd was a celebration like no other. Many of us were seeing our former colleagues and fellow retirees in person for the first time in 28 months. The room was buzzing with laughter, hugs, and cheers. The food was amazing; the vegetarian lasagna seems to be the crowd pleaser.

President Patti addressed the group emphasizing how difficult it had been during the height of the pandemic to conduct business online. She acknowledged administration, faculty, and support staff for overcoming the obstacles and maintaining high quality of education.



From left - Anita Blair, Bill Totten, Jim Martin, Pat Hallahan, Sue McLelland.

Following a tradition that started in 1999, Retirees' Vice President, Brian Hucker read the names of full-time staff and retirees who passed away between June 2021 and June 2022. Retirees remembered this year were Margaret Artinian, Odette Callegher, Catherine Davies, Bill Davis, Donna Durin, Evelyn Hitzerth, Chrystal Kowtow-Sullivan, Frank Lynch, Gord Oglan, Judith Scarsbrook, Fred Sorrell, William Umberhower, and Cheryl Yako. The names of the deceased full-time staff and retirees will be added to the names inscribed on two memorial plaques, one at each campus.

President Patti congratulated 40 new retirees and presented each of them with a gift. She also acknowledged the recipients of 25-year-service pins as well as all new employees.

The Employee Excellence Awards in four categories were presented to the following:

Faculty: Veronique Mandal
Support Staff: Larry Forsyth
Administration: Jimmy Parsons
Team: Student Services Department (formerly Learning Commons) ✨

Contributed by **Kathy Dupuis**

Photo: **Tony Ellul**

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John Albert Strasser Coaches Award

Winner: **Alex Wiseman**

Exceptional Service Award (In Honour of Jack Costello)

Winner: **Gerry Marentette**

Fair Play & Sportsmanship Award (In Honour of Bob Weepers)

Female Winner: Basketball **Keirsten Tomkins**

Male Winner: Basketball **Jalen Harmon** ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Annual Winter Trip

At our last Executive Board meeting, Bill Totten reported that several members had contacted him to ask if there were any plans to resume our traditional winter trips to a warm place in the tropics in late January or early February. During the discussion that followed, the consensus was that it is too late to organize a trip for the winter of 2023, and that therefore we ought to begin planning a trip for the winter of 2024.

Finally, Executive Board Meetings in Person

It was a day long anticipated and slow in coming. The seemingly interminable wait that we all endured due to the restrictions of the pandemic was finally drawing to a close. We gradually, cautiously, emerged from the long dark tunnel of semi-isolation into the bright light of in-person contact.

Our Executive Board members, who had met in virtual mode for 28 dreary months, were finally able to meet face to face. It is traditional that the June Executive Board meeting takes place in Chatham. Therefore, the Board members from Windsor travelled to Chatham for the meeting that we held in the Chatham Campus Healthplex. Despite the sweltering heat of the day, the smiles were bright and broad, and the tentative, somewhat awkward, attempts at hugs and handshakes were genuine and warm - testimony to the human yearning for personal contact.

While we were taking group photos during a break in the meeting, we were fortunate that a police officer, a member of the Police Foundations program in Chatham, offered to take the accompanying group photo of us. Unfortunately, the officer left before we could ask him his name to credit him with the photo. Look at those smiles. ✨



*L-R Front row – Kathy Dupuis, Dale Jarrell, Patricia Taylor, Sue McLelland, Lori Caba, Lyn Medler, Elizabeth Barr
L-R Back row – Dolph Barsanti, Bill Totten, Ken Garber, Brian Hucker, Tony Ellul*

Contributed by **Tony Ellul**

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.

Trivia... a little brain exercise

Contributed by Lyn Medler

1. What was the first processed food produced by H. J. Heinz in 1869?
2. What is the term HOBO short for?
3. Where did the term A Cappella originate?
4. Which animal features in the logo for Lamborghini?
5. All the new entertainment fads were on this TV 'shew' in the 1960s

Answers on page 9

Social Committee Report

Sips and Eats at Oxley Winery

Driving through Essex County towards Oxley Winery, I could not help thinking how lucky we all are to live in such a vibrant and active community. Festivals, cultural events, our wonderful Point Pele National Park, our wineries hosting exciting events that showcase our prowess in viticulture, the list goes on.

Our June event Sips and Eats, was our chance to experience just one of these adventures. Our destination was Oxley Estate Winery, on what I like to call “Winery Row” in Harrow. Their covered outdoor patio, cool lake breezes and scenic location was ideal for our long awaited face-to-face get together. The wine and food contributed to the joy of conversation with friends and past co-workers.

To add to the fun of the day the Social Committee handed out goofy gifts to everyone and the laughter they engendered was music to our ears. Suzanne Norris and Anne Mathies were the two lucky winners of the Oxley Winery gift bags, congratulations to both of you.

The afternoon drifted into a laid-back mood of good friends, good wine, and even better memories. Kudos to Kerry and the staff at Oxley Winery for displaying one of the gems that make Essex County a great place to live.



Clockwise from left - Bill McPhedran, Frank Taylor, Rob Norris, Pat McMahon, Bill Jones, Jim Martin, Tom McMahon, Suzanne Norris, Mimi McPhedran, Patricia Taylor



Clockwise from left: Jane Specht, Heather Putnam, Joan Hunter, Ann Bennett, Ann Anderson, Pat Taylor; Deborah Martel, Carol Libby, Lynne Watts, Lorna McCormack, Ann Mathies, Barb Sedlacek, Phil Specht.

At this time, I would like to inform you that Mimi McPhedran is stepping down from the Social Committee and I want to thank her for being my co-chair for the past 3+ years. We have had some tremendous laughs, some bright and not so bright ideas, been challenged by COVID and thanks to those glasses of wine, we have kept the creative juices flowing. Thank you for everything.

See everyone soon at our Annual Fall Welcome New Retirees (and seasoned ones too) event at Paul and Bev Chortos’s wonderful home in Kingsville. Mark your calendars for September 1st. Details elsewhere in the newsletter. **



Contributed by **Patricia Taylor**, Social Committee

Photos: **Sue McLelland**

and amazing hospitality. The event is totally outdoors and is a nice end to summer for us. See the announcement in this publication and watch your email. Please be sure to let Pat Taylor know if you are coming and mark your calendars! I look forward to seeing you all there. Cheers to a safe and enjoyable summer for us all. **

Sue

New Retirees 2022

The following are the latest College retirees. We congratulate them and wish each one of them a long, healthy, and happy retirement while we cordially invite them to join our association.

Hadla Abuzaid
 Jennifer Belanger
 R. Douglas Bendall
 Scott Braun
 Barbara Chapple
 Eva Cross
 Floyd Curtis
 Sandy de la Penotiere
 Stephen Desmarais
 Richard Driedger
 Christina Frye
 David Gillard
 Karen Gill-Gore
 Frances Girling
 Christine Haskell
 Janith Jacklin
 Barry June
 MaryBeth (Bessie) LaMantia
 Eddy Larocque
 Patrick LeBlanc

Pawel Lukawski
 Veronique Mandal
 Sandra Marontate
 Karen Marr
 Irene Moore Davis
 Catherine Nanson
 Randall Primeau
 Heather Putman
 Mary Beth Rush
 John Sanderson
 Randal Semeniuk
 James Smith
 Jane Specht
 Beth Storey
 Monica Tighe
 Philip Turton
 Antonietta Veldhuis
 Daniel Vincent
 Dusan Vucak
 Torrie Wright

Covid-19 Update!

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.

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

SCCRA Golf

You Don't Need to be a Golfer



Reminder - SCCRA members, by showing your 2022 membership dues card* you may play a round of golf or practice your golf shots, at no cost, at one of the prettiest and best maintained par 3 golf courses in our area; that being the College’s own Woodland Hills Golf Course and Driving Range. Experience what more than 20 of your colleagues have already enjoyed this year.

Where - Woodland Hills - Belle River Rd & 401

Telephone - 519-975-4653

When – Any time from April to October

Please note: SCCRA Members with a paid up 2022 dues card may golf and use the Driving Range at no cost. However, you must call Woodland Hills (telephone number shown above) to pre-book a tee-time (no tee time needed for the Driving Range) and you must show your 2022 SCCRA membership card when you sign-in at the course.

For those non-golfing SCCRA Members, this is a great opportunity to “give it a try”.

* **Note** - If you do not yet have your 2022 Membership Card, please contact Marilyn Portt at sccramembership@gmail.com.

Contributed by *Jim Chambers*

Bridge Club - Good News!

Now that COVID allows us to ‘return to action’, there is positive news to report regarding the resumption of Bridge Club activity. As we have been reporting, Roseland Golf Club is no longer available.

Our new accommodation will be at **Applebees’ Restaurant, 2187 Huron Church Road**. They have a very nice room that is very quiet and very suitable for our group. There is no charge for the room; but in return, we will stay for dinner after the game. The Fall dates are as follows:

- September - 6 and 20
- October - 4 and 18
- November - 1, 15, and 29
- December - 13 (Tentative)

If you have interest in playing, or learning to play, please let us know. Contact Dean Campagna at 519-966-3884 or at ryan0579@mnsi.net.

Fred Sorrell - A Tribute



In the Spring issue of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association newsletter we reported on the passing, on April 5, 2022, of Fred Sorrell, a former College Vice President, Advancement.

Fred's earliest contact with the College was as a volunteer on

the Foundation Board, which led to the filling of a temporary vacancy. In 2004 Fred, was appointed Executive Director of the St. Clair College Foundation, and in 2006 became the Vice President, College Advancement. In these roles, Fred was an active force in the establishment of the Ford Center for Excellence in Manufacturing. He was instrumental in the details of the acquisition of sites for the College in the downtown core.

Fred's son Michael is also a College employee as the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, College Communications & Community Relations.

Fred's varied career prior to St. Clair included that of CKLW radio executive, co-owner of the Windsor Spitfire hockey team, and owner of the Wheels Roller Rink that earned him the title of Mr. Wheels.

Fred also gave his time to volunteer work, serving as president of the Rotary Club of Windsor 1918 and as District Governor, and with the Windsor Goodfellows. He never turned down an opportunity to assist organizations in their activities.

Fred had a love of music, singing in particular. As a child, he was recruited to join junior choir at Ascension Anglican Church, sang at weddings as a teenager, and won first place in music festivals. As an adult, Fred sang tenor and had lots of laughs with a barbershop quartet. ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Wise Advice

By **Bill Jones**

Our Board of Governors Observer

“Don't dig your grave with your own knife and fork.”

Responding To SCCRA Broadcasts

For any SCCRA e-mail broadcast, please read the whole message through before responding.

Why, you ask

Many times, especially for events, you will be asked to RSVP to a particular e-mail address or phone number within the event announcement.

Most of you do. However, some respondents don't pay attention and will reply to the sender, aka the e-mail system. In the Campaigner configuration, the sender is SRetiree@stclaircollege.ca.

However, that may not be (and usually isn't) the RSVP address.

SRetiree does have an e-mail rule where e-mail to it is forwarded to several SCCRA executive for 'processing'. However, chances are likely that the RSVP address is NOT one of those. There can then be a delay until someone sees the message (mixed in with regular College e-mails) and gets around to forwarding your response to the correct person. If the timetable is tight, your response may not be forwarded in a timely manner.

Hence, a reminder in the message to “Do not Reply to”. At the bottom of the message, typically in red and bolded, will be the line (more or less): “Do NOT reply to this broadcast, contact the RSVP contact mentioned above”.

Responding to the appropriate contact early will almost guarantee a quicker confirmation of your desires. ✨

Contributed by **Ken Garber**

Questionable E-mails

On June 11th, Ken Garber (E-mail Administrator) sent out a broadcast to everyone on the subject of questionable e-mails.

So far, about 50% of the recipients opened the message and of those, about 25% opened the attachment.

If you didn't see the message due to a spam filter catching it or for another reason, here's your chance to see it again. Click on <https://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/gaf4-4bgsh--3c3zmu-fvup51> to view it and to click on the attachment if you so choose. ✨

Contributed by **Ken Garber**

Fabulous Fall with Bev and Paul

We invite New and Seasoned Retirees to our annual fall extravaganza

In the wilds of Kingsville, kick back, relax, sip your favourite libation and catch up on friends' summer stories.



Save the date

Date: Thursday, September 1st, 2022 - noon

Place: 1321 County Rd. 20 West, Kingsville, On.
(see directions below)

Fee: \$16.00 (to be paid upon arrival)

Lunch: Served at 12:30

Boxed lunch from Green Heart Kitchen includes your choice of the following wraps

1. Basil Pesto Chicken
2. Avocado Turkey
3. Maple Mustard Ham and Cheddar
4. Veggie Hummus (Vegan)

All above include spring mix and cheese. Also includes, apple, salad, apple/maple vinaigrette and two cookies.

RSVP: To SccRetireesEvents@gmail.com
by **August 22nd**. Please include name, phone number, and **your choice of wrap!**

Please note there is limited seating for this event

As a special gift, Paul will be taking photo portraits of anyone who would like one, so dress your best and bring your smile.

Directions to Paul & Bev Chortos: From Windsor: Take Hwy 3 to the Arner Town Line, to County Rd 20, turn left for approx. 1.5km, look for several road side solar panels and balloons, turn at solar panels, follow road to their home.
From Chatham - use GPS.....

Watch your e-mail - more details to follow!

Alumni of Distinction Awards

On April 29, I had the privilege of attending the Alumni of Distinction Awards ceremony with Sue McLelland, President of SCCRA, in the Alumni Skyline Room at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts.

After a long period of isolation due to Covid and my simultaneous retirement from the College, I appreciated reconnecting with my former colleagues at this distinguished event. The evening proved to be a memorable one as we celebrated six former students all of whom have achieved great accomplishments in their chosen professions. Certainly, this is affirmation of not only their individual successes, but of the College's excellence in preparing commendatory preparedness of its graduates for their careers.

The 2022 recipients of this honour are

- Michael Audet, Chief Executive Officer E.L.K. Energy (Essex, Lakeshore, and Kingsville, Energy). A graduate of the Business Common program in 1988, Michael was honoured in the category of Business & IT.
- Karen Bolger, Executive Director, Community Living Essex, graduated from the Developmental Service Worker program in 1985. Karen was acclaimed in the Community Studies category.
- Tim Byrne, Chief Administrative Officer, Essex Region Conservation Authority, graduated from Civil Engineering in 1979. Tim was commended in the category of Technology/Engineering.
- Kristin Kennedy, President and Chief Executive Officer, Erie Shores Health Care, graduated from the Nursing program in 1997. Kristin was acknowledged in the Nursing/Health Sciences classification.
- Tomoko Oxenfarth, Designer/Owner of Maison Louise, successfully completed the Fashion Design Technician program in 2020. Tomoko was celebrated as a Recent Grad.
- Chris Vadori, Social Media Manager – Canada, Skip the Dishes, graduated from the Advertising program in 2010. Chris was applauded in the category of Creative Arts (Media, Art, & Design).

St. Clair College now proudly boasts 125 former students that it has recognized since 1992 - an attestation testimony to its graduates as well as this esteemed institution. ✨

Contributed by *Ann Korenic*
Communications Coordinator

Bursary Presentations By Our Association

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, I had the pleasure to meet Tanya Talbot, one of our 2nd semester Practical Nursing students, and to present her with a SCC Retirees scholarship \$750 cheque. The beautifully organized event took place at the St.



Clair Centre for the Arts where 120 recipients received scholarship awards. Tanya plans to pursue a career in a hospital setting for now, as well as to continue working in her current Long Term Care position as a recreation/behavioural support staff, while she attends school and also cares for her mother who has some health challenges. In the short time that I was able to talk to her that evening, I really felt genuineness about this young lady. She is certainly an amazing young woman and very deserving of this award. Her goal is to become a Registered Practical Nurse at her current Long Term Care home and to give back to the community after she graduates in 2023.



The recipient of the Retirees award at the Chatham Campus, Tsungai Mhembere is in the first year of the Practical Nursing program. She holds a degree from her home country in Africa, and previously completed the Personal Support Worker program. She is working part-time as a PSW while attending college and hopes to return to her home country upon completing her program. Thank you for the opportunity to attend and make the presentation on behalf of our Association. ✨

Contributed by *Elizabeth Barr and Sue McLelland*
Photos courtesy of *St. Clair College*

Shall I Compare Thee To A Summer's Day?

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimmed.

But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall death brag thou wand'rst in his shade,
When in eternal lines to Time thou grow'st.

So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

William Shakespeare



... and that is why the chicken crossed the road

Answers to Lyn Medler's Trivia Quiz

1. Horseradish
2. Homeward Bound
3. Capella is the Italian word for Chapel so "a capella" means singing in the 'church or chapel style' as chapels, centuries ago, did not have instruments.
4. A bull
5. The Ed Sullivan Show

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 2022

Normal campus activity has resumed, and parking permits are again being enforced. Parking permit applications have moved to an on-line process. You must request your Parking Permit on-line FIRST before you go in to the College to pick it up.

For an easy to follow guide to the online process please go to the following link on our St. Clair College Retirees Website and select “New Parking Process” in the Index <https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees>.

For assistance, contact Campus Parking Services
(519) 972-2727 Ext. 4515 (Windsor)
(519) 354-9100 Ext. 4515 (Chatham)

The Parking Department 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).

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!

Chatham-Windsor Retirees’ Joint Luncheon September 28, 2022

Location: Bayside Brewery Pub
970 Ross Lane, Erieau, Ontario
Time: 11:30 am

Lunch at own expense.

Please join us as we return to Erieau for our joint luncheon. Situated on the shores of Rondeau Bay, Bayside Brewery has handcrafted beers brewed on site using only the finest of natural ingredients.

www.baysidebrewing.com

Please confirm by September 21, 2022 to

Elizabeth Barr – Ebarr1951@gmail.com
or 519-354-3274

Or

Dale Jarrell – rdjarrell@teksavvy.com
or 519-354-5144



The Long Hot Summer Of 2022



Smile, it feels good

Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd broke into a distillery. Daffy turned to Elmer and said, “Is this whiskey?”

To which Elmer replied, “Yeth, but not as whisky as wobbing a bank.”

Watercolours With Sandra Ellis



If you have ever been to one of the great art galleries of the world, you have probably stood and gazed in amazement at the beauty of the work before you. That did not happen at our watercolour workshop with Sandra! What did happen was a wonderful afternoon of laughs, shared stories of our times at the college, and claps of appreciation as each of us held up our masterpieces for our colleagues to admire. Each person that followed Sandra's instructions viewed the painting we were copying with a different pair of eyes resulting in 15 different perspectives of the same scene. All were masterpieces!

Our thanks and appreciation goes to Sandra Ellis, full-time professor at St. Clair in the Engineering Technologies Department. She turned an ordinary Tuesday into a fun and laughter filled experience, not only for those familiar with watercolour but to a few who had never ventured into the medium.

After a glass of wine or two and tasty nibbles supplied by L A Towne Grill, the afternoon ended with a draw for three prints of Sandra's paintings. The lucky winners were Deborah Martel, Frank Taylor and Lorna McCormack. On behalf of the SCCRA I want to thank Sandra for sharing her expertise, her exuberant sense of humour and her dedication to her craft; we all benefited from being there. See you all at Bev and Paul's on September 1st. ✨

Contributed by *Patricia Taylor*, Social Committee
Photos: *Sue McLelland*

Warm Summer Sun

Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light.
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.

Mark Twain



Deborah Martel and Sandra Ellis displaying one of Sandra's watercolours

Zekelman Business Tower Officially Opens



After several false starts due to many obstacles thrown up by the pandemic, the Zekelman Centre of Business & Information Technology was ready to be officially opened on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. The ceremony was held in the new Second Floor Student Lounge of the Zekelman Centre of Business & Information Technology. A large crowd of students and staff, along with representatives of the Glos Architects, and representatives of Oscar Construction heard Jim Marsh, Chair of the School of Business and Information Technology describe the many features of the beautiful new building. He noted that the unique E-sports theatre would have its official opening in a separate ceremony in late August.

Dr. Patti France outlined the many features, which will benefit not only the college's business students but the entire community as well. Dr. France, Mr.

Egidio (Gid) Sovran, Board Chair, Mr. Navjeet Singh, President of the Student Representative Council all acknowledged the generous \$5M gift from the Stephanie and Barry Zekelman Foundation, which made the wonderful new building possible. Also acknowledged were all those Alumni and Retirees who are the 'foundation' for what has made St Clair the 'Destination College' that it has become.

In his remarks, Mr. Zekelman emphasized that "we need St. Clair College more than the college needs us" noting that his and other industries are in need of the graduates of St. Clair that will come out of this business school. "I have seen how they have used the money – not only what we have given, but what many others have donated as well ... they have used it wisely and have used it to perfection", Zekelman said. "Look what it has done with the College. I think they have placed the dollars in all the right spots. The plan that they laid out should be a case study for a great business plan."

Mr. Zekelman concluded his remarks by announcing an additional gift of \$1 million. ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Photos: **Bill Totten**



From Left: Mr. Egidio Sovran; Dr. Patti France; Mr. Barry Zekelman, Mr. Waseem Habash, Senior Vice President, Academic & College Operations



Welcome to St. Clair College, where our students “Rise Above the Ordinary”

On behalf of St. Clair College President Patti France, thank you for joining us for the official opening of the Zekelman Centre of Business & Information Technology.

This day has been heavily anticipated for quite a long time. Design work by Glos Architects for the Zekelman Centre of Business & Information Technology began in 2018 when Oscar Construction officially broke ground on this transformative project on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020.

The Zekelman Centre’s unique design saw the erection of two floors for an additional 40,000 square feet of space to the southwest wing of St. Clair’s main campus. The \$23-million expansion features 13 new classrooms, student study areas, a multi-purpose computer lab, two small lecture halls, meeting rooms, a coffee shop and offices for faculty. The Zekelman Centre will be the home to St. Clair business students of various disciplines such as Accounting, Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, Networking, as well as the new Honors Bachelor of Business Administration degree program.

A large auditorium, called Alumni Hall, and our new Esports Nexus (opening August 24) will be the centerpieces of the Zekelman Centre. Alumni Hall on the second floor will be used for guest speakers, lectures, and other events that require such a space. The new 7,000 square-foot Esports Nexus will be a new complement to the student experience and the home of the College’s Esports varsity and club teams.

Funding for the Zekelman Centre of Business & Information Technology was provided by the College, student fees administered by the Student Representative Council, the school’s Alumni Association, and the Zekelman family, for whom the school is named.

President France described the \$23M project as one that distinguishes St. Clair among other post-secondary institutions of its size. “This Centre will give our students the resources to study in a space that provides them with vast opportunities to learn and grow,” President France said. “We are honoured to have the support of the Zekelman family. The business acumen Barry Zekelman brings to the table is immeasurable and our students are fortunate to be able to attend an institution that continues to raise the bar in post-secondary education.”



Zekelman Centre of Business
features 13 New Classrooms
SQ. FT of Classrooms: 14,650
SQ. FT. of Lounge Space: 17,700
SQ. FT. of E-Sports facility: 7,000
Building Gross Floor Area: 81,000 sq. ft.
(new & renovated combined)



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A Time To Remember



The Canadian WWII Cemetery at Dieppe, Normandy, France

Late in the evening of August 18th 1942, a fleet of 29 Allied military ships and 231 landing craft sailed out of several anchorages in southern England. The task force, under the secret operational name Operation Jubilee, was sailing for Hitler's Fortress Europe. Aboard the fleet was an attack force of about 6,100 men. It consisted of 50 U.S. Rangers, 1,087 British Commandos and Marines, and 4,963 men from the 2nd Canadian Division. The Canadian Division included 553 men from the Essex Scottish Regiment of Windsor-Essex. The objective of the raid by this task force was the French port city of Dieppe. The raid launched without the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, was under the command of Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Combined Operations.

Early on the morning of August 19th, things began to go wrong when elements of the raiding fleet encountered a German convoy close to the French coast. The German convoy was driven off but it managed to alert the coastal defences. Because of this encounter, the element of surprise, so critical to military operations, was lost. The raid began with some success at 4:50 a.m. when the 4th Commando put an artillery battery out of action. Unfortunately, because the element of surprise had been compromised, by the time that the Canadians landed around Dieppe at about 5:20 a.m. the opposing forces were on full alert and ready for them. Heavy fire from automatic weapons rained down on them from the surrounding cliffs and houses on the seafront. The Canadians were pinned down behind the seawall, and the tanks of the 14th Canadian Army Tank Regiment could make no headway because they could not gain traction on the loose shale beach. Almost all of the tank crews were either killed or captured. The order to withdraw was issued at 11:00 a.m. and the entire operation was over by 1:00 p.m. Many insist that the operation had been planned poorly and should have been cancelled when it became clear that the opposing forces knew of its existence.

By the time it was over, 1,874 Canadians had been taken prisoners of war, and 907 had been killed or missing in action. One hundred and twenty-one (121) of the dead

or missing were from the Essex Scottish Regiment – about 22% of the complement. All of the 50 Canadian tanks had been destroyed. Of the 2,210 Canadians who managed to return to England, 1,974 were wounded. The Canadian forces sustained casualties of over 95%. Of the 1,000 aircraft that provided air cover during the raid 106 were lost, including 13 RCAF aircraft.



The Dieppe Raid Memorial Dieppe Gardens, Windsor

On August 19th 2010, the City of Windsor unveiled in Dieppe Gardens at the Detroit riverfront a memorial commemorating the Dieppe Raid. An identical memorial stands on the beachfront of Dieppe, France.

On Friday, August 19, let us therefore spare a moment in silent tribute to those who gave their lives that we may be free. ✱

Contributed by *Tony Ellul*

Military Humour

At one army base, the annual trip to the rifle range had been canceled for the second year in a row, but the semi-annual physical fitness test was still on as planned. One soldier mused, "Does it bother anyone else that the army doesn't seem to care how well we can shoot, but they are extremely interested in how fast we can run?"

During training exercises, a lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another jeep stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside. "Nope", replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear. No car was to enter unless it had a special sticker on the windshield. A big Army car came up with a general seated in the back. The sentry said, "Halt, who goes there?" The chauffeur, a corporal, says, "General Wheeler." The sentry said, "I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield." The general said, "Drive on!" The sentry said, "Hold it! You really can't come through. I have orders to shoot if you try driving in without a sticker." The general repeated, "I'm telling you, son, drive on!" The sentry walked up to the rear window and said, "General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the driver?"

In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
March 31, 2021 - July 27, 2022*



Evelyn Anne Hitzeroth, 98, of Tavistock, Ontario, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2022. Evelyn taught nursing at Hotel Dieu Hospital, teaching Medical Surgical Nursing. With the transfer of the nursing programs to the colleges, Evelyn became a Teaching Master in the Nursing Department at St. Clair College. Evelyn leaves two daughters,

Trudie Hitzeroth Julien of Vallon Pont D'Arc, France, and Connie Hitzeroth Ohlman.



Gordon Donald Oglan passed away on May 27, 2022 at age 79. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann and son Sean. For 21 years, Gord taught Creative Writing and art Direction for Advertising at St Clair as well as teaching in The Graphic Design School.



Bill Davis passed away in Chatham on April 25, 2022 at the age of 80. Beloved husband of Margaret (Brady) Davis and father of Bill (Cecilia), Anjie (Ken Ryan), and Michael (Michelle). Bill was a retired Administrator with St. Clair College and a former employee of Union Gas.



Odette Callegher, passed away on June 11, 2022 at the age of 92. She is survived by her daughter Susan Callegher. Odette worked in the cafeteria at St. Clair College for 30 years.



Mathias "Matt" Baumgartner passed away on April 30, 2022 at 81 years. Although Matt was not a retiree, he taught mathematics at the College for many years before changing careers, and is remembered by many of the older College retirees



Dorothy Rose MacDonald RN passed away on July 22, 2022 in Windsor. Predeceased by her husband, St Clair retiree Mason MacDonald and her son Dalton (2020). Dorothy worked as a Registered Nurse at Grace Hospital, Maryvale School, and St. Clair College.

*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
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Lina Pizzolitto passed away in Tecumseh on April 12, 2022 at 95 years. She was the mother of St. Clair retiree **Rose M. Mousaly (Adnan)**.

Bruce W. "Gus" Martin, passed on Thursday, May 5th, 2022 at the age of 77. Gus was the brother of St. Clair retiree **James E. Martin (Margaret)**.

Giuseppe Sergio D'Angela passed away on June 19, 2022 at the age of 77. He was the father of St. Clair staff member **Joe D'Angela (Tania)**.

Clorinda Mamolo, passed away on June 19, 2022 in Amherstburg at the age of 97. She was the mother of St. Clair retiree **Gianna Manzerolle**.

Celina Maria Aquilina passed away on June 29th in Windsor, at the age of 86. She was the wife of St Clair retiree **Francis "Frank" Aquilina** and the mother of St. Clair staff member **Monica Aquilina**.



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Coming Events

Sept. 1	Fall Social	12:00 pm	Chortos Farm*
Sept. 6 & 20	Bridge Club	1:00 pm	Applebees*
Sept. 15	Executive Mtg.	9:00 am	45J
Sept. 19 & 26	Archive Group	9:00 am	45J
Sept. 28	Chatham Luncheon	11:30 am	Bayside Inn*
Oct. 3 & 17	Archive Group	9:00 am	45J
Oct. 4 & 18	Bridge Club	1:00 pm	Applebees*
Oct. 19	Executive Mtg.	9:00 am	45J
Oct. 24	Archive Group	9:00 am	45J
Oct. 26	Chatham Luncheon	11:30 am	TBD
Nov. 1 & 15	Bridge Club	1:00 pm	Applebees*
Nov. 7 & 14	Archive Group	9:00 am	45J
Nov. 16	Executive Mtg.	9:00 am	45J
Nov. 21 & 28	Archive Group	9:00 am	45J
Nov. 29	Bridge Club	1:00 pm	Applebees*

* Please refer to announcements on pages 6, 8, & 10

For the Retirees' Association
Quarterly Calendar of Events
and listing of activities
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