



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



From the President
Susan McLelland



Happy New Year Everyone! And welcome to winter! It seems that this year we are going to be getting our share of snow...unfortunately. For those of you who are snow lovers – enjoy! The rest of us will be trying to do our best to get out of

dodge and head for more sunny pastures. And if you are one of the unlucky ones that finally got Covid this year (which includes me unfortunately) consider yourself as an antibody producing factory now! I hope that you will not get it again!

Our Windsor Christmas Luncheon and Show went on without a hitch this year. Thanks to all that attended. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout! You will see a report on this a bit later in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Chatham Christmas party on December 1 at The Links of Kent in Chatham. Again – this was well thought out and arranged by Elizabeth Barr and Dale Jarrell, our Chatham Reps. Many thanks to them and to the Links of Kent staff for making that event a very safe and lovely affair. There were also food donations that came in at that event as well for our SRC student food bank in Chatham.

We were given many door prizes to disperse between the two events. The college, including The President's Office, John Fairley, Mike Sorrell, Miranda Underwood, the SRC, Athletics, and the Bookstore! The folks on our College Administration are so supportive of our Association and we are very lucky to have this support throughout the year. Also, the Executive members in our Association work their hardest to ensure the best for our members.

We have finally started to have our monthly meetings in person at South Campus. It's been great to have everyone

together once again to share ideas. In October we actually had our first meeting together and that was at Woodland Hills Golf Course. Many thanks to Jeff McEwan and his staff for providing us with a really nice room, coffee and great pizza! Everyone should go there for lunch (once it opens in the spring!) and of course a round of golf on their beautiful golf course would be fun too! And don't forget - Association Members golf for free! Can you tell I cannot wait for spring?

Watch your email for new Educationalists that we will be putting on in the spring. Also, keep in mind we are always open to ideas if you know of a presenter that would be willing to share their interests or skills with our members, please contact us.

John Fairley, as the College VP of Communications and Community Relations, attends our meetings on a monthly basis and keeps us informed as to how things are progressing on campus. This past year has certainly brought a lot of changes to St. Clair's South Campus. Stop by and have a look! Speaking of which, you should have gotten an email about parking on campus. Providing you have paid your 2023 membership, you can go ahead and order your new parking pass online for 2023 from the parking office. See further information about this on page 9.

If you are having problems securing your permit, please contact the parking office – 519-972-2727 Ext. 4515 or at parking@stclaircollege.ca. **

Sue McLelland



Windsor Christmas Luncheon and Show 2022



From Left - Silva Stamboulian, Suzanne Norris, Joanne and Tom Williams, Sandy de la Pentoiere.

On December 17, we were able to have a very safe and delightful gathering of our members, for lunch at our St. Clair Centre for the Arts. And as well we were entertained by our students as they performed some wonderful Holiday classics. Such amazing voices. Special thanks go to our very professional St. Clair Centre for the Arts staff that provided a beautiful meal. Pat Taylor, our Social Committee Coordinator really planned this event well and ensured every detail was covered. We had many donations for our SRC Student Food Bank with canned goods and other non-perishables that day – as well as socks! We truly are very privileged to have the supports that we have from all of you! We have so many very generous Association Members and I cannot thank everyone enough for the kind-

ness that was shown on that day – to mention the many expressions of thanks that we have received since. More thanks go out to Marilyn Portt for her amazing organizational abilities with tickets sales, and to Tony Ellul for the beautiful slide show he put together including the In Memoriam section commemorating everyone that we have lost over the last year. I also offer thanks and give credit to Lorie Caba and Kathy Dupuis for helping out the way they did in the unexpected absence of Marilyn, not to mention our other Executive Board members who jumped in at the last minute to help us set up and greet everyone as they arrived. ✨



From Left - Frances & Bryan Girling, Lori Caba, Frank & Kathy Dupuis, Emma Ellul



From Left - Elizabeth Barr, Cindi Wheeler, Becky Queen

Contributed by *Sue McLelland* Photos: *Tony Ellul*

Special Thanks

The Retirees' Association wants to acknowledge and thank **Mike Sorrell** for his efforts on our behalf during COVID. Mike was our 'lifeline' with the College Print Shop and Mail Room to make sure that our quarterly newsletter arrived as usual in the mailboxes and e-mail inboxes of our members and all College staff.

Thank you Mike!

We also offer our thanks to the staff at the **College Print Shop** who over the years have been very helpful with printing our newsletter.

Thank you all.



Chatham Christmas Luncheon 2022

This year's Chatham Christmas party was held in the River Deck Room at the Links of Kent. It was a lovely room done in black tablecloths, white linens, and red poinsettias on each table. A beautiful Christmas tree made it the perfect setting to share and spend time with friends. There were 26 people in attendance.

Elizabeth welcomed everyone and gave the reflection before we sat down to a delicious Christmas meal.

The winners of the door prizes were Lezlie Graham, Karla Ertel, Linda Grineage, Kathy Dupuis, and Jay Ertel was the winner of the \$215.00 gift basket donated by Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery. Congratulations to all our winners!



Clockwise from left - Irene Helinski, Helen Hanak, Leslie Graham, Roy and Elvy Deline, Lena Robertson, Linda Grineage

On behalf of the Retiree's Association, we wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2023! ❄️

Contributed by *Dale Jarrell*



Groundhog Day

During the Middle Ages, the belief began and took root in northern Europe, that certain animals - the badger and the bear - venture out of their hibernation on Candlemas Day, February 2. The belief was that if the day was sunny and the animal saw its shadow, then there would be six more weeks of winter. However, if the day was cloudy, meaning that the badger could not see his shadow, it was a sign that the following weeks would be mild followed by an early spring. German immigrants to the United States, many of whom settled in Pennsylvania, carried the tradition with them where they substituted the groundhog for the badger.

Since 1887, a groundhog given the name Punxsutawney Phil of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania has been the designated groundhog for each February 2. While organizers of the local groundhog festival claim that the groundhogs have never been wrong, scientists have estimated Phil's accuracy rate at 39%. Since 1956, the best-known Canadian weather predictor groundhog (there are several) is Warton Willie of Warton in Ontario's Bruce Peninsula. Scientists have estimated Willie's accuracy at 25%. ❄️

Contributed by *Tony Ellul*

Photo: Elizabeth Barr



The Daffodils William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.



2022 Community Partnership Award

The 2022 College Christmas Staff Appreciation Lunch was held on December 19 in the “Classic” gymnasium and drew a large number of both current staff and retirees.

This year, in addition to thanking staff for their cooperation and dedication to their work, President Patti also used it as an opportunity to present this year’s Community Partnership Award. This year’s recipient was our own, President Emeritus, Bill Totten. (President Patti’s speech and photos of this event can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.)



You would be hard pressed to find a more deserving recipient. Bill started at the College in its first year of inception and served as one of its earliest and longest-serving Registrars. While developing this new College’s registration policies and procedures, he also helped to form the Provincial Committee of Registrars, a group he chaired a number of times.

His skill set and dedication at the Provincial level did not go unnoticed. He was asked to create the Ontario College Application Service (applicants used to have to apply to each college individually). This was an enormous responsibility and required being away from home for long periods of time.

Bill was subsequently asked to run this service but refused in order to return to his home and work in Windsor. The gentleman who assumed this role, John Parrett, while attending Bill’s retirement party, said, unequivocally, that Bill was the best Registrar in the Province. Bill also created the College’s Alumni Association, a group very active to this day.

Although he did not found the College’s Retiree Association, he is most responsible for developing it into the active and enviable organization it is today. Monthly executive meetings, membership lists, local and international social activities, preserving the history of the College, retirement planning workshops for current staff and the professional quarterly newsletter are just some of the activities Bill has initiated.

Brian Desbiens, former College counsellor, Vice President, Principal at Thames Campus and President of Fleming College recently had this to say about Bill: “Bill was a mentor and friend. He laid the foundation for many of my and other leaders’ achievements at both the local and provincial level. He was a great planner, was very reliable and a very responsible administrator who delivered results even in very difficult times. More importantly, he was a terrific person.”

Brian goes on to mention that he once complained to President Bruce McAusland about the implementation of the first student information system. The President’s response was to give Brian, a former counsellor, this assignment. Brian quickly passed this responsibility on to Bill, who, in turn, passed it on to a brand spanking new employee named Patti (see President Patti’s speech). The man certainly could recognize talent!

It was heartwarming to see the number of former Registrar’s Office staff who turned out to be with Bill when he received the Community Partnership Award.

Congratulations to one of the College System’s most dedicated, passionate, and productive employees! **

Contributed by **Pat Hallahan**

Photo: E. P. Chant

Bill Totten Honoured by St. Clair College Speech given by President Patti France

Welcome, my friends, to our celebration of the holiday season, to look back upon a wonderful year at the College, and to look forward to a coming year of success. During the last few years of the pandemic, we have tried to show our unbounded appreciation for your exceptional work and dedication with some videotaped comments, emailed messages, and gifts of College swag.

But none of that came close to replicating the opportunity to get together with you – in person, face-to-face – to share a hug, a smile, a family update, and a meal. So, I am so thrilled that our little corner of the world is now sufficiently healthy to allow for the renewed staging of this luncheon. I am so excited about the chance to see all of you again.

I know that we will have people coming and going throughout the time-span of this event, as we are all still wrapping up our work for the year; so, I should make my final comments right now. And those are to thank you with the deepest gratitude for all of your work this year, and to wish you and your loved ones a safe, fun, and relaxing Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Now, let me take care of one other item.

We thought this would be an appropriate event to present the St. Clair College Community Partnership Award, which, this year, involves an internal rather than an external recipient; and it is fitting that I have the privilege of making this presentation.

Since I have been President, I have been asked to speak at least half-a-dozen times, in various venues, about the positive influences in my life and my career, and those who have inspired and mentored me along the way. So, that means that at least half-a-dozen times, in front of various audiences, I've cited the names of two individuals as my earliest and most influential work mentors - the late Joe Korchnak in his role as the Chair of the School of Business, and today's honouree.



In the mid-1990s, these two gentlemen entrusted and encouraged me in my first major task as an employee at the College: to convert the institution's record keeping from tons and tons of paper stored in dozens upon dozens of filing cabinets, to electronic data processing and storage. It was the success in that task that set me on my administrative pathway.

Subsequently, this individual has been my confidant, my counsellor, my sounding board, and my friend. For all of you, for St. Clair since its inception in 1967, and for the province-wide college system, he has been – without peer – an advocate, a supporter, a promoter and an innovator.

He created our Convocation process, and designed the liripipe and mace still used in today's graduation ceremonies. He was a founder of our Alumni Association. He was a President of the Retirees Association for so long that the group eventually just printed "President Emeritus" on his business cards. And he figured that the issues and interests affecting St. Clair's retirees were prob-

ably relevant at other schools too, so he helped to found the Ontario College Retirees Association. He was instrumental in the College's acquisition and development of the Chatham campus.

When he was seconded to the ministry, he helped to establish what we now know as the Ontario College Application Service, known as OCAS, of which interestingly I am currently Chair of the Board. He was the College's longest serving Registrar.

He is still front-and-centre at almost every College-staged event, and we are thrilled that he is, because, since its founding, no one has represented – no one has embodied – the mission, vision, values and history of St. Clair College more thoroughly and thoughtfully than this man.

Please come forward to accept this award, Bill Totten.

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Photos: E. P. Chant

Dealing with Scamming and Phishing... The saga continues

Over the past several months, I have received a plethora of spam/phishing emails to my email accounts. And maybe some of you have been as lucky as me.

But before I go into this, here is a point to make. If you are being contacted about renewing/re-subscribing to a product, and even though they hope you're enjoying what you have now, be sure that you actually have that product on your computer(s). You shouldn't always believe in what's being sent to you. No point in re-subscribing to something you don't have.

There is a pattern amongst these emails so here is a summary of what you need to watch for:

1. **Where is it coming from?** Regardless of what it says in the FROM field, you should see an actual address. If it doesn't match the sponsor company, then don't touch it. For example, on several messages regarding my account with Netflix (which I **do not** have), the sender is (in one example) **NETFLIX <somename@sasktel.net>**. That is a **BIG RED** flag. See **Spoofing below**. Other sending addresses may include another country such as UK or FR. Google 'country codes' to check. See below for a sample listing. Also note that most email addresses are spoofed (faked) so it's a useless effort to reply. If you see an address called gserviceaccount, it's a "non-human" account (whatever that means) used for Google Cloud purposes. Related may be a document available on Google Docs. Again, stay away from both.

2. **Spelling, Grammar in the subject line.** Many of the emails purport to be from McAfee. This will show in the subject, address or message body. Be very aware that the anti-virus company is McAfee NOT McAfree. And like above, I don't have a McAfee app on my systems. Of course you DO have anti-virus protection do you not?

3. **Spelling, Grammar and formatting in the message body.** Several messages want you to subscribe BUT they actually don't mention what product they're asking you to pay for.

The Link: Then to make everything 'right', whether there's a problem or they want you to renew. BEFORE you click on the link, take your mouse and hold it (hover) over the link. At the bottom of the message window, you will see where the link actually wants to take you. You could use Google to check the country code, but the simple answer is that if it's a message from Netflix, then the link should have Netflix.ca or Netflix.com. Ignore anything else. You may also find that if there are multiple

links such 'Help', or 'Contact Us', you'll likely find they all point to the same location. If you want to check to see how legit and safe a site/link is, go to <https://www.ipqualityscore.com/threat-feeds/malicious-url-scanner/> and type or paste in the address (include "http://" in the address) and see what it finds.

4. **Domain names** such as AmazonAWS, WIX and Weebly are free access domains and temporary. Stay away from them. Many of the Netflix messages refer to a snail mail address in Nevada if you need to unsubscribe. It's a postal station at a plaza. (Nice of Google Earth to show me.)

5. In any case, if you are asked to pay for something (usually shipping, often only a few dollars) in advance with your credit card or obtain a bunch of gift cards (iTunes is popular) and give them the numbers, **DON'T!!** You'd be amazed at how fast your dollars will disappear. Many of my Gmail messages boast a prize I've won (for an unknown contest I didn't enter). And of course they want money up front for shipping. Again, **DON'T**.

6. Another trick which has returned is the appearance of general text to throw off spam detection programs. This text will have nothing to do with the 'offer' you've received. The text, and physical address link to a brand named media company in New York, but have nothing to do with the offer from McAfee/McAfree or Netflix. You can still ignore these messages.

7. **SPOOFING** As pointed out above, there's no 100% way of determining if a message is legit although there may be sufficient hints to make that decision. Did it really come from a close friend? As in the example above, did it come from Netflix or from someone else? When you see an address, what do you see? If the message body looks off, for example, there's a link but no or little text to explain it, where did it come from. To test, click on reply. Where does it want to go? If it ISN'T your friend or what you expected, then cancel the reply and delete the message. It's a spoofed address and replying will accomplish nothing.

Some Examples of Country Codes

LU	Luxembourg	NL	Netherlands	JP	Japan
ID	Indonesia	GR	Greece	DE	Germany
UK	Great Britain	TV	Tuvalu	IR	Iran
US	United States	NO	Norway	RU	Russia ✪

Contributed by **Ken Garber**
Campaigner List Manager

Power of Attorney and the Banks

Shortly after New Year's Day, I made an appointment with a TD bank representative to make some changes to my mother's account as I am her POA (Power of Attorney) and she is not capable of doing her own banking these days.

I handed the legal POA documentation to the person at the bank and was told this was not valid unless I had been to the bank prior, WITH my mother, at which time we would have registered me as her POA with the bank. She suggested I bring in my mother to go through the process. I told her that she is in an LTC home and does not travel easily, that this would be difficult but she stated that this was the only option.

Some of you may be aware of this but I was surprised. This was an eye opener for me and I wanted to share with others just in case you do not know that you have to register your POA, that the legal document is not enough.

My husband and I have since gone to TD bank to register each other as POAs and get our accounts joint to be extra secure.

We deal with two other banks so I have contacted them and have found that indeed this is the policy for them as well so we are in the process of ensuring all of our POA info is registered with each institution. This is taking a lot of time and energy but we would rather take care of it now, and not when there is some sort of medical issue or emergency and we have to figure this out at a stressful time.

Also, we did not need our POA document from our lawyer. The fact that you are in the bank with the other person is proof itself and the banks have their own paperwork for this.

You may want to contact your bank to ask what you need for this process. Whether your POA is your spouse, child, sibling, or friend, go in with them and get registered.

You will not be sorry you did but you may be sorry you didn't! ❄️

Contributed by *Lyn Medler*

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Canadian Potpourri Trivia by *Patricia Taylor*

1. Where in Canada would you find the tallest peak?
2. Which Canadian College was responsible for the creation and first performance of the musical "Come From Away"?
3. Who was the "Father of Health Care" in Canada?
4. Where would you find the Cabot Trail?
5. In urban folklore, which intersection is the coldest in Canada?
6. This type of pizza was created by Sam Panapolous of Chatham, Ontario in 1962?
7. Which Canadian musical icon wrote and performed a tribute to a Lake Superior shipwreck?
8. Canada has more of these than the rest of the world combined.
9. Where did Marconi receive the first transatlantic telegraph transmission?
10. Which Canadian Province has a Provincial Park named "Blow Me Down"?
11. On the Canadian flag, how many points are on the Maple Leaf?
12. Quebec produces 73% of the world's supply of which condiment?

Answers on page 10

An Afternoon with Mary Anne Adam

Have you ever driven through Amherstburg and wondered about a stately old house on Dalhousie Street facing the Detroit River? Belle Vue House has been a part of the Amherstburg landscape and history for over 200 years and was designated a national historic site in 1959.

Join us on **Wednesday, February 22nd** for a presentation by Mary Anne Adam, St. Clair College retiree, member of the Belle Vue Conservancy, and author of *The Medicine Bag*. Mary Anne will walk us through the door and history of Belle Vue House and update us about the ongoing restoration process. During our journey, she will also touch on the history of the Indigenous people of our area.

The presentation begins at **1:30 pm at the Main Campus, room A2607 (old room 241)**. Please email sccreesevents@gmail.com to indicate your intention to attend, refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

We have all heard and sometimes experienced computer scams and fraud. Watch for our upcoming workshop on how to spot and avoid falling prey to computer criminals.

Patricia Taylor
Social Committee

Around The College

1. In late November a very successful in-person Open House was held, featuring 120+ programs on display, with record attendance.
2. St. Clair College Students and staff hit the streets around the campuses in south Windsor and downtown Windsor for the 2022 Goodfellows newspaper sale campaign on Nov 24 – 26, collecting \$17,041.40. As in past years, the College has matched this total boosting our 2022 total to \$34,082.80.
3. St. Clair joined in a 3 year Memorandum of Understanding with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board which will help catholic high school students in pursuing careers in Architectural Technology.
4. Art Windsor-Essex has placed 11 reproductions of art from its collection throughout St. Clair College's Main Campus, turning it into an outdoor art gallery.
5. Phase 1 of **Chatham Campus Beautification** has begun with a new tile floor in the main lobby along with a new cork floor seating area and refreshed interior painting throughout. Rooms will be renumbered to make it easier for emergency respondents. As well, a new data center, which was designed by Dell, is being built and will be finished by March.
6. On Monday December 12, St. Clair College and the St. Clair College Alumni Association were recognized by the City of Windsor for being 2022 Community Champions. College President Patti France was joined by St. Clair College Alumni President John Feldman at City Hall as Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens publicly thanked each President for their community involvement and leadership in our city.
7. On Monday, December 19, 2023 St Clair College President Patti France announced the presentation of the 2022 College's Community Partnership Award to one of the College's Retiree Association Executive, William Totten, at the annual holiday brunch.
8. On Thursday, December 29th the S'Aints band, Caesars Windsor Cares, and St. Clair College celebrated the 11th Annual Sleighing Hunger Charity Concert, raising a record \$102,534 for 16 area food banks in the Windsor Essex Food Bank Association and Chatham Outreach for Hunger.
9. On January 7, 2023 FIRST Robotics and St. Clair College continued their partnership for another year when St. Clair hosted the kick-off event for the 2023 Windsor-Essex FIRST Robotics Great Lakes District Event at the main campus Student Life Centre. ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

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Origins of Valentine's Day

Every February 14th, we and millions of people around the world, celebrate Valentine's Day with gifts of flowers and chocolates. Few however give much thought to the origins of this celebration. Both the history of Valentine's Day and the story of its patron saint are cloaked in the mists of the distant past. Since ancient Roman times, February has been observed as the month of romance. The celebration that we observe as Valentine's Day embraces elements of both Christian and ancient Roman traditions.

The question is, who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated to an ancient Roman custom?

There is much uncertainty about the precise identity of St. Valentine. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "At least three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, are mentioned under the date of 14 February." One was a priest in Rome, a second one was a bishop of Interamna (now Terni, in Umbria Italy), and a third St. Valentine was a martyr in the Roman province of Africa.

One account relates that Valentine was a priest in the third century A.D. in Rome where Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men proclaiming that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families. Recognizing the injustice of the decree, Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When the secret marriages performed by Valentine were revealed, Claudius ordered his arrest and execution by beheading on February 14.

St. Valentine of Terni was a bishop who was also martyred. According to one historical account, Emperor Claudius II was furious because Valentine tried to convert him to Christianity. Instead, Claudius Valentine tried to force Valentine to renounce his faith. When Valentine refused, the emperor ordered him imprisoned, beaten with clubs and stones, and subsequently beheaded on February 14, 269 A.D.

Little is known about the third Valentine of North Africa other than his presumed martyrdom.

Interestingly, both accounts of the execution of the two Italian Valentines affirm that both executions took place on the Via Flaminia north of Rome close to Terni, leading scholars to suggest that St. Valentine of Terni and St. Valentine of Rome was the same person.

One story has it that while he was in jail, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine" leading to the modern tradition of sending Valentine's Day cards. ✨

Contributed by **Tony Ellul**

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

Retiree parking permits, originally expiring on December 31, 2022, will continue to be honored until February 28, 2023. Application for renewal or for a new permit commenced as of November 16, 2022 and is designed for on line application. The Parking Department will require the 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

Note: You will not be able to access the online parking process if you have not renewed your membership for the designated year (i.e., 2023) and/or if your email address does not match what is currently in the Retirees' Association records.

If assistance is required contact the Parking Services Office at:
(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).

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 Update

The New Year is upon us, and to date, 290 members have sent in and renewed their 2023 membership. December is a quite busy month for everyone, and I know the mail is not what it used to be; so please let me know if for some reason you have sent in your Renewal Form, and have not received your new membership card by mid-February. I can be reached at mpportt@gmail.com. I have also included your Parking Pass ID number to be used when applying for 2023 sticker.

As you know, the Executive Board is always seeking ways to keep us together, so any ideas send them to our email.

Thank you again for your patience.

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!

Chatham Campus Retirees Luncheon

Thursday, March 30, 2023
At 11:30 am for lunch

Tru's Grillhouse
220 Riverview Drive
Chatham, ON

Lunch at own expense

Please confirm by
March 23, 2023 to

Dale Jarrell – 519-358-2864
rdjarrell@teksavvy.com

or

Elizabeth Barr – 519-354-3274
EBarr1951@gmail.com



Bridge Club

COVID seems to have taken its toll on our Bridge Club activity. Our Bridge Club coordinator, Dean Campagna attempted to revive the club in the Fall, 2022. However, there was not enough interest indicated by 4, 8 or 12 players required to conduct a worthwhile Bridge Club. As a result, the Bridge Club will not restart in 2023.

There has been some interest expressed in euchre and/or other games, which might result in some activity in the future. If you wish to express your interest or if you have a suggestion, please call the Retiree Office at 519-972-2727 ext. 4439 and leave a message, or email sretiree@stclaircollege.ca.

Hold The Date

St. Clair College Retirees' Association Annual General Meeting Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 2:30 pm

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers; approve the 2023 budget; consider bylaw changes; receive committee reports.

Victoria Playhouse – Petrolia

It is that time of year again to reconsider our annual trip to Petrolia. We have not been able to attend these past couple of years.

I am working on hiring the St. Clair College Sports bus from Badder Bus Lines, hoping this would encourage more of our members to attend.

The date is **Saturday, May 6, 2023**, Matinee at 2:00 p.m. returning home around 7:00 p.m. The show this year is **Jesse's Country Jubilee**, singing all your favourite country songs and lots of dancing. Some of you might remember Jesse Grandmont from our previous trips to Victoria Playhouse. He is a great entertainer.

May 6th, seems like a long time from now, but as you are aware, everything must be planned long before. The price of the ticket is \$54.24. We are negotiating the price for the bus, about which we will inform you when we learn more.

Please consider and **let me know by April 1** if you are interested so I can continue with this event.. I can be contacted by email: scramembership@gmail.com - Security word "Retirement" or Home phone – 519-969-0693.

Marilyn Portt

Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. Mt. Logan, Yukon Territory
2. Sheridan College, Oakville, Ontario
3. Tommy Douglas
4. Cape Breton
5. Portage and Main, Winnipeg, Manitoba
6. The Hawaiian Pizza
7. Gordon Lightfoot's, The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald
8. Lakes. Canada's lakes hold approximately 9% of the world's fresh water
9. Signal Hill, Newfoundland
10. Newfoundland
11. 9 points
12. Maple Syrup

In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
October 27, 2022 - January 25, 2023*



Neville Frank Gough passed away on Friday, November 11, 2022 at the age of 96. Neville was pre-deceased by his wife Eileen and is survived by his children Philip, Peter, Jonathan and Sharon. He attended Western Ontario Institute of Technology and later taught part time courses at St. Clair College for 31 years.



Frank Harnadek passed away on December 19, 2022 in Stratford, Ontario at age 82. He is survived by Pat Harnadek in Windsor and a daughter Carolyn Angus in Stratford. Frank was a long time math teacher at St. Clair College, originally with the Retraining Program.



Gloria Harvey passed away on November 24, 2022, at the age of 94. Mother to Elizabeth (Richard), Paul (Suzanne), and Ian (Cheryl). Survived by her sister Elizabeth in England. Gloria retired from the Continuing Education Dept. of St. Clair College in 1993.



Wayne James Campbell passed away on December 23, 2022 at 61 years of age. Father of Matthew and Kristi LaChance (Zack). Wayne retired from St. Clair College as the Sports Therapist after 30 years of dedicated service and was cherished by many athletes over the years.



Ruth Hicks passed away on December 3, 2022 in Windsor at age 85. She was a life-long resident of Windsor and is survived by sister-in-law Margaret Hicks, and several cousins and nephews. Ruth was a perennial Girl Guide, bookworm and gardener, symphony and theatre buff, advocate for women's opportunities and natural habitats. She was a retired St. Clair College instructor.



Christine Ahern passed away on December 30, 2022 at age 54. She is survived by daughter Kayla Joi Ahern (Michael Citron), her mother Doreen, and step-father Larry Cheshire. A graduate of the University of Windsor with a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Social Work, Christine was currently a Faculty Member at St. Clair College South Campus, and Co-Ordinator of the Social Services Worker and Gerontology Program.



Margaret Ritter passed away on December 17, 2022 in her 84th year. Wife of the late Nicholas (1969). She was the mother of Nicholas (Mary), Richard (April), Cindy Israel (Murray). Margaret was a member of the clerical staff of the original Retraining Division.



*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
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Karen Esther Chase passed away in Windsor on November 12, 2022. Karen was the daughter of St. Clair retiree **Bob Chase**.

Gary Portt passed away on December 14, 2022 in Windsor at age 88. Gary was the husband of **Marilyn Portt**, Membership Secretary of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association.

Grace Yuet Ying Hung NG passed away on December 31, 2022 in her 92nd year. Grace was the mother of St. Clair retiree **Lai Man Vivian Ng (Roger Faubert)**.

Bryan Michael Hogan passed away on January 2, 2023 at the age of 76. Bryan was the brother of St. Clair retiree **Don (Mae) Hogan**.

Tamiko (Tam) Shoji passed away in her 91st year at the Riverview Gardens Long-Term Care home on January 6, 2023. She was the mother of St. Clair staff member **Scott (Celina) Shoji** of Chatham.

Wayne Clifford Rice passed away on Thursday January 12, 2023 at the age of 72. Wayne was husband to St. Clair retiree **Margaret Rice**.

Executive Board 2022-2023

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Coming Events

Archive Group	Meet in A0216 every Monday morning	
February 15	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
February 22 @ 1:30 p.m.	Presentation by Mary Anne Adam	Room A2607 (old room 241)
March 15	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
March 30	Thames Retiree Social	Tru's Grillhouse Chatham
April (date TBD)	Retiree Golf	Woodland Hills G.C.
April 17	Good Friday	College Closed
April 19	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
April 19	Spring Newsletter distributed	
May 4	Retirees' Association AGM	SportsPlex 2nd Floor Classroom

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