The Windsor Christmas lunch has been moved to Chez Talbot this year for the first time ever. We know that retirees had issues with the parking downtown when the lunch was at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. At Dr. Strasser's suggestion we decided to move the lunch to the main campus. We also switched dates with the Thames Christmas lunch, so the Windsor lunch is now on the second Wednesday of December. Students will still be present at that date, but hopefully not in great numbers. Thanks to Dr. Strasser, we have a car shuttle service starting at 11:15 from parking lot V which is the new one closest to Cabana Rd. You can also park in the front visitor's lot T and any student lot as long as you have a Retirees' parking card on your car. The lunch will be a buffet prepared by the staff of the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. The seating is limited in Chez Talbot so contact Gayle Harrick 519-979-1995 for reservations as soon as possible. We have to tell the Centre the number coming to the lunch by December 1, so don't delay reserving your place after you receive this newsletter. The Thames Christmas Lunch will be December 1 at the Countryview Golf Course.

The Winter Trip now has 21 retirees and partners signed up and there is room for more. We always have a good time on these trips. We stayed at Sandos Playacar two years ago and decide to go back this year because it was one of our better resorts. Playa Del Carmen, the nearest town, is a leisurely half hour walk away for those who like to shop. One day is devoted to a trip and this year we are thinking of visiting the Mayan ruins at Coba. If there are enough of us we can arrange for our own bus. At the end of January when it is dark, cold and snowy, plan on joining us for a week in the sun.

I have an article on the pension issue in this newsletter. Derek Dobson was the guest speaker at the largest ever OCRA meeting in Hamilton. He was very honest and open and spoke to this one issue, the loss of indexation for pre 1992 service years. Unfortunately he did not tell us what we wanted to hear. The only good news is that indexation has not been too high in the last decade (0.4% for 2010) so the loss on inflation protection for those service years will not be too great if inflation stays the same.

Anita Blair, President
Sun Life Change of Address

There is a mailing address change for Health and Dental paper claims.

The new address is:
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
PO Box 2010 STN Waterloo,
Waterloo, ON
N2J OA6

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR SUN LIFE HEALTH BENEFIT PREMIUMS

The College will issue income tax receipts for Sun Life Health Benefit premiums upon request. If you have requested one in the past you will automatically get one this year. They will be issued before Feb 28, 2011.

If you have never received an income tax receipt and wish to do so, contact:

Vinoo Dayal, Financial Analyst,
519 972 2727 Ext. 4557
vdayal@stclaircollege.ca

CHANGES WHEN CLAIMING FOR ORTHOPAEDIC SHOES FROM SUN LIFE

Effective February 1, 2011 a detailed lab invoice will be required for
orthopaedic shoes - custom made
orthotics - custom made
that are prescribed by a doctor, podiatrist, chiropodist and provided or dispensed by a podiatrist, chiropodist, pedorthist or orthotist for all three health plans.

If you claim orthopaedic shoes under the CAAT benefit plan contact Kim Bode, 519 972 2727 ext 4687 for details or check the college's web page www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees under pensions and benefits for the full two and a half page communiqué.

Submitted by Anita Blair
A LETTER FROM DR. QUITTENTON’S SON DEREK

St. Clair College Retirees Association
25 August 2010

June 4 this year I found myself trying to fill a very large shadow. I was amazed at the strength and vitality to this day the affect that one Dr. Q had and still has on this wonderful group. I was moved by the constant display of respect and admiration given my father and our family. I was constantly reminded by many persons that their best work environment they ever had was with Dr. Q. He is very proud of his achievements at St. Clair and is extremely moved by the outpouring of respect he has been given. A picture of Quittenon Hall dominates his room at the Gardens of Qualicum Beach. Q’beach as it is known by the town’s people. Funny how these things happen.

I am well aware it was the steady effort by the retirees association that made this happen. The entire Quittenon family is very grateful to and respectful of the work you have all done for Q. There are many of you and you all worked hard on this project. I know of only some of you and have to thank you all.

Norma Slevison reminded me of Q’s little quirk, the famous "before I say anything I just want to say something." I was quite surprised by how well that went over. Thank you Norma. I did not know Q had any quirks up till then!

I might owe Jack Costello a beer for the fright I gave him. He had quite the startled look when I told him to go quiet down the construction site. Q would have worked that one pretty hard. You got off easy Jack! I must acknowledge Jack's steady dedication to his fellow staff and the regular visits to Al Hoffman, Bob Weepers and others. I know Bob Weepers, Weeps as he is fondly known as, has passed. I know how hard it is to provide regular care to family member or close friend. It takes a ton of dedication, respect and love. I am impressed Jack. God bless you for your work.

There are many more persons at the college that made this work. Ida and Bill Totten carried a lot of the freight on this project. They continue to do so for other retiree projects, the college art collection to name one project. I do hope the great white owl gets to see the light of day again.

I thank you for the great respect and honour you have given to Dr. Q and his family.

Love and Peace

TRIVIAL TUESDAY REPORT

On November 9th eight teams of four competed at Roseland in our seventh biannual Trivial Tuesday. After coffee, tea and treats the teams answered questions in twelve categories ranging from questions about Windsor and Essex County to the Wonders of Nature. The team of Pat McMahon, John Payne, Elsi Hallahan and Mansell Blair emerged victorious. After a tie-breaker Marg Dore, Barb Uttley and Tom McMahon edged out Terry Lawrence, Anne Anderson, Lori Caba and Dave Doman for second place. Our next Trivial Tuesday will be held in March 2011.

Submitted by Dan Loncke
YOU ARE INVITED

TO THE

ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE:  Wednesday, December 1, 2010

LOCATION:  COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
            HWY. 40 NORTH

TIME: 11:30 AM - LUNCH: 12:00 PM

COST: $16.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
      (FULL BUFFET LUNCH)
      Alcoholic refreshments are extra

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:

EUNICE ROBINSON  at 519-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net
WINDSOR CAMPUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE:       Wednesday, December 8, 2010
TIME:       11:30 am - Meet
            12:00 pm - Lunch

PLACE:      CHEZ TALBOT, SOUTH CAMPUS

BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON MENU

House Salad
Sliced turkey with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, stuffing, chef’s vegetable choice, cranberry sauce, rolls/butter
Christmas cookies/Italian pastries
Coffee and tea

TICKETS
$25.00 (includes taxes & gratuity)

1. Please call or e-mail Gayle Harrick (519)979-1995, gharrick@sympatico.ca for ticket reservations before December 1, 2010.
2. If you already have your ticket, please bring it with you. If your ticket is paid for and reserved you can pick it up at the door.
3. Mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees' Association and send to Gayle Harrick or give it to any other Executive member.

Gayle Harrick
12398 Clapp St.
Tecumseh, ON
N8N 2H8

4. There will be no walk-ins. Reservations must be made by December 1st.

PARKING
1. A shuttle service will be offered from Lot V beginning at 11:15 AM. This is the new lot right near Cabana Road. If you plan to use this service we suggest car pooling that day where feasible and then drop off the people at the front door near Chez Talbot before parking.
2. The regular Retiree Parking Passes will be recognized in the visitor Lot T or any other student lot. If you need a Parking Pass please stop by and see Kristen Loscher before the party. You will need your SCCRA Membership Card.

COME OUT FOR SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS CHEER!
ST. CLAIR RETIREES” WINTER TRIP

If you want to get away this winter to a warmer place, plan on joining us for our winter trip. We always have a good time with a good group.

Place: Sandos Playacar Beach Resort - Mayan Riviera, Mexico

Cost: $1340.94 US per person

Via: Apple Vacations, Detroit departure and return

January 26, 2011 - Lv Detroit 7:30 am, arr Cancun Mexico 10:36 am
February 02, 2011 - Lv Cancun 11:26 am, arr Detroit 4:16 pm

Contact Kathleen Warren at Allison Travel if interested  519 258 5404

UPDATE ON THE PENSION ISSUE

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter Derek Dobson was the guest speaker at the Oct. OCRA General Meeting. He has received many e-mails, letters and phone calls from College Retirees over the indexation for pre 1992 service years. My thanks to all our retirees who sent in the letter that accompanied the last newsletter. He outlined some of the provisions of the CAAT Pension Plan.

No pension will be reduced. What you are receiving will never be less than it is now.

The indexation for pre 1992 service years was only guaranteed up to 2014.

What ever has been promised in the past cannot be taken away in the future. Thus the post 1992 service years have indexation as a guaranteed funded benefit because in 1992 the contribution rates were raised to provide for this.

Although the Plan stopped paying cost of living increase for post 2007 service years, that has to be paid out as soon as the plan can afford it because it was promised in 1992.

The contribution rate is now 12.1%. The goal is to reduce it to 9.1%.

The contingency reserves will be built up to 7.5%. It is currently 1.7% over the last 5 years because 2008 was such a bad year. The net rate of return was 14.7% for 2009.

Once all this is done, then indexation for pre 1992 service years will be considered on an ad hoc basis.

Indexation for the pre 1992 service years costs the Plan about 10 million annually.

None of this is encouraging for those of us with predominately pre 1992 service years. It is best to plan your future finances with no cost of living increase for those pre 1992 service years.

Submitted by Anita Blair
HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised $15,376 to date, 51% of our $30,000 goal.

Thank you to the retirees who have already made their contribution to the HealthPlex Campaign. The retiree pledges made during the Brick Campaign ranged from $100 to $5,000. **The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with the Spring ’10 Newsletter.** If 150 further retirees participate by pledging $100 for 1 brick we would meet our committed goal. **Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign.** The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for $150, one for both Thames and Windsor. **It’s time to send in those forms that may be sitting on home desks.**

The HealthPlex Campaign is now well underway. The Executive advised Dr. Strasser of our support by unanimously passing two motions at an emergency meeting in the Fall’08:

- That the Executive Support the College’s HealthPlex Fundraising Campaign and that the support be recommended to the SCCRA general membership.
- That the SCCRA Executive agrees to support the HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of $30,000 ($3,000 for 10 years)

Be part of the Retirees’ Campaign by pledging your support to the College’s HealthPlex Campaign. Members interested in helping with fundraising through their contacts with small business or helping with a fundraising event are asked to contact Jay Ertel, Coordinator for Retiree Fundraising. The SCCRA HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of $30,000 could be met for example through member donations (eg. 300 retirees @ $10/year for 10 years) or a combination of fundraising and donations.

Many thanks to Jim Chambers and Brian Labombard for organizing the Retirees’ Association Golf Outings as fundraising activities.

We thank JoAn Dale for running the HealthPlex draws at our social events.

Memorial donations of $25 are being made by the SCCRA in the name of deceased retirees to the HealthPlex Campaign. This fall SCCRA is making an additional donation of $1,500.

At the request of Bob Woods who is recently deceased memorial donations were made in Bob’s memory to the Retiree HealthPlex Fund.

The Executive is discussing ideas for future fundraising activities and we would welcome suggestions from the retirees.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

FALL SOCIAL 2010

Approximately 50 retirees participated in the Annual Fall Social held this year in Chez Talbot at the South Campus.

This year's gathering started with a brief business meeting to update members re the CAAT Pension Plan's recommendation to eliminate pre 1992 service in calculating our annual cost of living allowance. The update also discussed efforts by OCRA, our provincial association, to deal with this matter.

Beyond that hot dogs and burgers were the order of the day compliments of the work of our talented chefs: Les Taffinder, Keith Brown and Shirley Dzudz, supervisor.

It was good to see so many support the work of the Retiree Association and enjoy each other's company. Many thanks to current staffiers Irene Helsinki, Dusan Vucak and Alycia Tomalty for their assistance in organizing this event.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

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WOIT Reunion

The first WOIT Reunion was held in 2005 and at that time Dr. Strasser announced that “…we will gather again in five years…” for another reunion of WOIT grads. On the weekend of October 15 / 16 that promise was fulfilled.

On Friday evening a reception was held followed, on Saturday, with a golf tournament at Seven Lakes Golf Course, a reception and campus tours on Saturday afternoon and a dinner dance on Saturday evening which was attended by 15 – 20 retirees and their partners.

In his remarks, Dr. Strasser noted that approximately 500 WOIT grads had become the foundation of St. Clair College with over 70,000 alumni since the days of WOIT. He announced that the college will pay tribute to those early WOIT grads by naming the link which joins the Main building at South campus to the new Ford Centre for Manufacturing Excellence, the “WOIT Bridge”. In further recognition of these WOIT pioneers, a plaque bearing the names of all WOIT grads will be located in the vicinity of the WOIT Bridge.

During the dinner a telephone connection was made with Charlie Jackson who was celebrating his 90th birthday at his home in London. Those assembled at the dinner joined in a rousing ‘Happy Birthday, Charlie’.

During his closing remarks, Vice President John Fairley acknowledged to the work and cooperation of the Retirees’ Association in the preparation of WOIT memorabilia for the reunion, especially noting the new Archive display cabinet which was initiated with a WOIT display.

Submitted by Bill Totten

Lynne Watts, Keith Brown, Richard St.John, Dan Lonche

Denise Brown, Ida Totten, Mary Lonche

Nan St.John, John Zangari, Del Zangari
ARCHIVE DISPLAY CABINET INSTALLED IN TIME FOR W.O.I.T. REUNION.

Several months ago the Retirees’ Archive Committee acquired an attractive cabinet which could be used to display the collection of historical material that has been accumulating on shelves in the Retirees’ work room. Most of these photos, documents and physical objects have been unseen by all but those working on the Archive project. This was felt to be very unfortunate because this material, properly presented, traces much of the history of the Western Ontario Institute of Technology and St. Clair College. The unit was delivered in time to prepare a display of W.O.I.T. memorabilia for the W.O.I.T. Reunion which took place on October 15/16, 2010. The unit is located in one of the prime display areas of the college – in the Main Lobby, adjacent to the stairway door on the North wall, providing excellent visibility for the Retirees’ Association and its activities. The picture shows the first display to be installed. Put together by Art Rae, Lea (Simms) Garber and Hanno Barten, it contains a W.O.I.T. blazer which was worn by students in classes. Also included are ash trays, shot glasses, yearbooks, a student directory and several pictures of W.O.I.T. staff and students.

The Archive Committee is grateful to Don France and the Student Representative Council for agreeing to relocate an SRC directory board to make room for this unit.

Submitted by Anita Blair

Bits ‘n Pieces

We try to acknowledge great feats of athletic accomplishments in ‘Bits ‘n Pieces.

**Keith Brown** came as close to a hole-in-one as he will probably ever get – he got his name in the Windsor Star as a witness to a hole-in-one by a friend. Keep trying Keith!

We were too late to get this into the last newsletter, but better late than never. **Keith and Denise Brown** celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 20, 2010.

Please remember to pass on those significant events so we can recognize these milestones in the lives of our members.

Submitted by Bill Totten
St. Clair College Alumni Association
Presents the 18th Annual
ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Dan Badour
Law & Security ‘89
Director of Intelligence and Field Support Canadian Border Services Agency

Debra Cooper Burger
Nursing ‘74
President and CEO Unionville Home Society

Errol Da-Ré
Business Advertising ‘85
Executive Vice-President Sales Canwest Broadcasting

John Kryk
Journalism ‘86
National Entertainment Editor The Toronto Sun/Sun Media

Billy Panagiotopoulos
Computer Systems Technology ‘08
IT and Network Administrator Motor City Casino and Hotel

Peter Quiring
Mechanical Products Design ‘91
Owner and President Nature Fresh Farms

On Friday night 1st of October, six former St. Clair College students received the recognition that they truly deserved.
The value of their education at St. Clair was obvious when each one of them spoke emotionally about the way in which the courses at St. Clair provided the foundation for their present status in life, and the hope that they could be useful in inspiring present students in all disciplines to follow their own dreams.
On behalf of the Retirees’ Association, I wish all six recepients continued success, and most important, contentment, health and happiness in life.

Submitted by John Charleswaorth
CONGRATULATIONS!
Pat McMahon and Tom McCarthy

Two of our retirees have been recognized recently for outstanding achievement by the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Pat McMahon, Chair of the Windsor-Essex Branch of the CMHA, received the Distinguished Service Award for being a “great advocate for mental health services, providing strong leadership during challenging times, showing dedication defending the interests of the Branch during merger discussions, and contributing a strong Branch presence in the local community.”

Coincidentally, Pat received the award from the President of the Ontario Canadian Mental Health Association, fellow retiree Tom McCarthy.

Tom has been involved with the CMHA for many years, but only recently in an administrative capacity. He was elected to the Ontario Board in 2006, was elected Board Vice President in 2007 and then President in 2009. He is currently in year two of his term.

Tom’s extensive administrative experience has enabled him to provide governance policy and strategic planning guidance to the Ontario Board. As important as this work is, Tom also recognizes that there is no substitute for front-line service. As he has stated: “I encourage fellow retirees to search out organizations whose work and values match with their personal priorities. Volunteer hands on, at the Board level, or whatever gives you pleasure. It’ll pay you back many times over in satisfaction, fellowship and energy.”

Congratulations to both Pat and Tom for their work with the community and for their outstanding achievements!

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

PARDON THE PUNS!

A man’s home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

When two egotists meet, it’s an I for an I.

Dancing cheek to cheek is really a form of floor play.
CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chef Michel Crovisier

In an effort to recognize retirees who have been actively involved in community service, this edition of the newsletter will feature fellow retiree Chef Michel Crovisier.

Since his retirement in 1999, Michel, as a result of College-related work in both Barbados and Thailand, has been heavily involved in CESO, the Canadian Executive Service Organization. A component of the Canadian International Development Association (CIDA), CESO is a volunteer organization which focuses on skills enhancement in developing countries. (www.ceso-saco.com)

Michel's volunteer work has brought him all over the world; his travels, which usually lasted up to three weeks and involved work with schools, hotels and restaurants, included trips to Trinidad, Lithuania, Chile, China, Russia and countries in Latin America and Southeast Asia.

Travel has been a trademark of Michel's career and, in many respects, his life as well.

Michel was born in the Alsace-Lorraine region of France, although, at the time of his birth it was controlled by Germany. Unfortunately, Michel's father was drafted by the German army, sent to the Russian Front and never heard from again.

Michel was raised by his mother and grandparents in a farming community in Saales in north eastern France. After primary school, he was sent to boarding school before enrolling in a hotel school in Strasbourg, currently home of the European (Union) Parliament. Michel completed his hospitality studies in three years and graduated 3rd “in the country” after which he worked for several years in hotels in France and Switzerland.

Having married at a young age and having been brought up in a small community, Michel found that he craved excitement and opportunity. In 1967 the lure of travel to Canada and the Montreal Expo was irresistible. For five years Michel and his spouse Marie, also trained in the hospitality industry, worked for CN Hotels and the Holiday Inn chain all over the country, including Vancouver, Banff and Ottawa. Their first child was born in 1969 in Saskatoon.

Eventually, they decided to pursue a more stable lifestyle. While working for the Holiday Inn in Windsor, Michel became aware of a job opportunity at St. Clair College. And in 1972 he became St. Clair's first chef, to be followed by Willy Ullman, Glen VanBlommestein and Rainer Schindler.

While at the College, Michel also owned and operated the well known Ducks On The Roof Restaurant from 1977-1986. Michel and Marie have two sons , one who is an IT consultant in Toronto and the other who is in automotive-related work.

When pressed for some “success” stories, Michel cites a graduate who went on to become a vice president in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel chain. He also remembers the challenges of preparing banquets for 400-500 people with a class of 8 students.

But his most satisfying experiences have involved volunteering his expertise in third world countries. Chef Michel was not only an accomplished chef and teacher; he has truly been a volunteer at heart.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

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THAMES/WINDSOR LUNCHEON - LIGHTHOUSE INN

On Wednesday, September 29, 2010 a group of 30 retirees enjoyed their lunch together on a beautiful fall day at the Lighthouse Inn. The mouth of the Thames River is a place of historical significance including activities relating back to the War of 1812. It is a picturesque place to visit at this time of year as the summer’s boating season is coming to an end.

Jim & Eunice Robinson, Jim Martin, Ron Morris  
Glenda Lansens

Mark Janisse, Paul Balkwill, Ron & Joyce Smith  
Jean Trudell, Jan Dale

Sandi McCarthy, Linda Grineage, Cheri McGuire  
Carolyn Jedlinski, Katie Taylor

Mansel Blair, Del Zangari, Lori Caba, Anita Blair  
Bill & Ida Totten
JOHN R. PARK HOMESTEAD TOUR

October 7/2010 was a gorgeous day and the perfect backdrop for a trip to the John R. Park Homestead in Essex. On that day 17 “pioneering” retirees enjoyed the the weather, history and ambience of one of the area's award-winning jewels of historical preservation.

After a brief introduction in the entrance/gift shop, Kristin, our tour guide dressed in historical garb, brought us to the Blacksmith Shop for a demonstration conducted by our own Jim Chambers, also dressed in the garb of the times. Jim is a sometime volunteer at the Homestead and an accomplished blacksmith.

Following the blacksmith demonstration, during which Jim presented the Retirees' Association with a St. Clair plaque he had made, there were visits to the shed, smokehouse and family home before touring the sawmill.

In between, the group enjoyed a lovely lunch consisting of two homemade soups, make your own sandwiches and different homemade pies.

Many thanks to Gary MacLeod for organizing this tour and to the staff from ERCA for their welcoming spirit and informative tour.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

Jim Chambers & Guide

Pat Hallahan

Retirees & Jim Chambers

St. Clair College Retirees & Guests

Anita, John Zangari, Mary Lonche & Del

Bill Totten trying his skills

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SECOND CITY – STEPHEN HARPER: THE MUSICAL
Saturday, February 19, 2011

Stephen Harper: The Musical is developed by The Shehori Brothers (One Woman Show, Swiss Family Guy Robinson, etc.) with The Second City. The show is a satirical look at the political career of Stephen Harper and the characters that surround him. It will be just plain silly fun at the expense of Canada’s government. Featuring the best Second City alumni, a two-act show with music, interactivity and the flexibility to adjust as the soap opera of Harper’s government unfolds.

The Chatham Capitol Theatre Inaugural Season

The Chatham Capitol Theatre is a 1214-seat entertainment venue in the heart of downtown Chatham. The theatre first opened as a movie house in 1930 and has recently undergone a reconstruction to become a first rate destination for live entertainment.

ITINERARY

4:15 PM      Bus Departure for Chatham – Lot T, St. Clair College
5:30 PM      Dinner at Casa Bella On The Thames
              425 Riverview Dr., Chatham
7:15 PM      Group Car Pool at Casa Bella for Departure to Theatre
              Distribution of map for transportation and parking
8:00 PM      Showtime

Cost: Includes show and dinner taxes and gratuity - $49.30
  or
Show, dinner, taxes, gratuity and bus from Windsor - $80.30

(We need a minimum of 25 to a maximum of 30 for the bus.)

Casa Bella Special Menu

Entrée: Choice of Lightly Breaded Filet of Grouper with Shrimp, Chicken Forestiere – Boneless Breast of Chicken topped with red wine mushroom sauce with Juliennes of Ham, Veal Parmesan or New York Strip Steak

All entrees are served with house salad and potatoes and vegetables

Apple Pie or Chocolate Brownie, Coffee, Tea

To reserve seats please contact: Jay Ertel (519)436-0589 jertel@netrover.com

We have 49 top seats - tickets can be held until January 07, 2011

Please confirm reservations by forwarding cheque to:

Jay Ertel 516 King St. W., Chatham, ON N7M1G9
St. Clair College Retirees’ Association also wish to add their sincere best wishes on this happy occasion!

HAPPY 40TH!

Dan and Mary Loncke recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Dan and Mary are very active with the Retirees’ Association both as participants in a variety of activities and as organizers. They run the successful Retirees’ Bridge Club which, to date, has accommodated anywhere from 12-24 players bi-weekly in the fall and winter. They also introduced and organize the bi-annual Trivial Tuesday quiz day which has also become very popular. Dan has also worked with Gary MacLeod in organizing educational tours, such as the very well received War of 1812 bus tour.

Dr. Dan Loncke, a veterinarian, is retired from the College's Veterinary Technician Program; Mary, a nurse, is retired from the local Community Care and Access Centre (CCAC). They have two sons: John, who is a physical education teacher at Riverside Secondary School in Windsor and Paul, an English teacher at Essex Secondary School.

We wish Dan and Mary many more years of marital bliss and many joyful hours spoiling their new grandson William.
RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

On Wednesday, October 27, 2010 the retirees group attended the RM Classic Cars Tour in Blenheim, ON and the luncheon at Tru’s Grillhouse Restaurant in Chatham which followed. 12 retirees toured the new museum and then were joined by others for lunch. Our luncheon group was over 25. This year we were joined by some retirees from the Lambton College Retirees Club. RM Classic Cars is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales that have exceeded $300 m. The local company has realized unprecedented growth in the auction business contributing to the development of a world-class, award winning restoration division that continues to earn accolades at international concours events. Auctions now take place in Toronto, US, UK and Italy. The day of our visit RM was auctioning James Bond’s “The Most Famous Car in the World” 1964 Austin Martin DB5 at the London, UK auction. This car appeared in Goldfinger (1964) and Thunderball (1965) and was originally purchased by an American DJ Jerry Lee for $12, 000. It is expected to fetch over $5,000,000. Jerry Lee has owned the car for 40 years and will be donating the proceeds to charity.

Highlights of the tour included several vintage classics. The beautiful 1938 teardrop Talbot Lago is expected to sell for $4 to 5 m at an upcoming show in Paris. There was an excellent selection of 50's and 60's classics with a number of Woody’s which were among the vehicles viewed.

Again, this year the St. Clair College Retirees group fully enjoyed their day.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

St. Clair & Lambton Retirees view the $5,000,000. 1938 Talbot Lago

1931 Duesenburg

RM Classic Cars Guide & 1905 Ford

1913 Michigan
With the passing of Dr. Stanley Bah (Nov. 4, 2010), St. Clair College and our community has lost one of its great advocates, and builders. When Stan began at St. Clair College in 1967 there were no health science programs operating. With London having the University of Western Ontario Medical School, there was some concern that if Fanshawe College moved quickly, it could have all the health science programs it could develop. However, with Stan’s foresight and ability to gather professional, and community support St. Clair College developed and was operating Dental Assistant, Bio-Science Technology (the base for Medical Laboratory Technology), Small Animal Care Assistant (now Veterinary Technician), Pharmacy Assistant, and Registered Nursing Assistant programs within five years. A short time later, St Clair College took over the responsibility for preparing Registered Nurses in Essex, and Kent County. And shortly beyond that, the College was operating Medical Laboratory Technician, Ambulance and Emergency Care Assistant (now Paramedic), and Dental Hygiene programs. As a result, a very large number of students, faculty, staff, health professionals, professional practices, health institutions, and regulatory bodies became stakeholders participating in the numerous health science programs operated by the College.

During this period, Dr. Mark MacGuigan was elected M.P. for Windsor-Walkerville (from 1968 to 1984), serving at different times as Minister of Justice, and as Secretary of State for Canada. During some of that time, Dr. Bah was President of the Windsor-Walkerville Liberal Riding Association, doing all he could to help Dr. MacGuigan to be elected. He also served on the Board of the CBC, and on the Board of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, in addition to being very active in his church, and in the Slovenian community.

Stan retired in 1983. In 1992, Stan was part of a group of College retirees that established the St. Clair College Retirees Association. Stan and Bill Totten re-wrote the Constitution in 1994. It was subsequently passed and implemented.

Our condolences go to Stan’s wife Majda, his four daughters, Mary, Delores, Margaret, and Kathy and to their families. His support, humour, and work will be missed. We wish to express our appreciation for all that Stan did for the College, the community, and the Retirees Association. His contributions were many and substantial.

Submitted by Jim Martin
WE REMEMBER OUR COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

JEAN GARDNER - September 4, 2010

Jean Gardner of Chatham passed peacefully on Tuesday morning, September 14, 2010 in her home. She is survived by her son Michael of Vancouver and her three sisters: Myrtle of Ottawa and Elizabeth and Patricia, both of Fredericton. She was predeceased by her sister Kathleen. The family thanks nurse Colleen for her attentive and compassionate care and all of the caregivers and volunteers who helped make her final months comfortable. Jean worked at St. Clair College in Chatham as the Administrative Assistant to the Principal, Thames Campus for several years. She had a lifelong passion for learning, completing an ARCT and a BA, both as a mature student. After her retirement, she embarked on a new career as an ESL instructor. Jean very much enjoyed working with newcomers to Canada and continued teaching until March of 2010. Our condolences go out to Jean’s family. She will be missed by many friends and colleagues.

Donations will be gratefully accepted by the ALS Society of Windsor - Essex County, 1426 Front Road South, Amherstburg, Ontario, N9V 2M6. 946-6743

Submitted by Jay Ertel

MALCOLM TYRRELL  (July 28, 1947 - September 15, 2010)

Malcolm was an extraordinary human being in the truest sense of that word. For example, he could take the most unlikely of situations, say a mid-term marks meeting and see it as an opportunity to use humor to reduce the tension and stress that such meetings created for his colleagues.

Malcolm, what’s this letter grade NDI that you’ve got beside this student’s name?” Dramatic pause and deadpan reply, “Needs Divine Intervention!”

Malcolm taught his students to actively listen and not just hear, to observe and not merely see. He lived what he taught and counseled both students and newly unemployed workers in Chatham-Kent for many years. In doing so, he changed and rebuilt lives.

He was a generous man and a talented cook both before and after he retired. His large crock pots of home made soup nourished both body and soul, as those of us who walked the strike lines at Thames Campus in cold weather can attest to.

Will he be missed by those who knew and loved him? I would say most definitely. Forgotten in time? Not by those whose lives he touched.

…Not an insignificant legacy for a modest man.

Submitted by Walt Stechysyn
**In Memoriam**

Stan Bah  
Jean Gardner  
Helen Hedderson  
Malcom Tyrrell

Gladys Huston - mother of Gayle Martin

*May They Rest In Peace!*

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