

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It was wonderful to see so many retirees participate in the fall activities thus far. The fall social was at Paul and Bev Chortos' farm/home. It was quite the event on a beautiful day enjoyed by all who attended. A sincere thank you is extended to Paul and Bev for hosting

such a wonderful event. The unseasonably warm weather this fall provided the golfers at Woodland Hills an extended golf season. Other fall events included the 50th anniversary celebrations at the Thames Campus, Thames retirees' luncheons, and the Windsor Bridge Club which meets every other week. Details of these and upcoming events are contained in this Newsletter.

The opening of the time capsule took place at the Windsor main campus on October 11 in celebration of St. Clair College's 50th Anniversary. Various memorabilia from 1997, 30th anniversary, was contained in the time capsule, including the "red" telephone; remember the direct line to Dr. Q's office? Items from 2017 were added to the time capsule and locked away to be opened in 2042, during the 75th Anniversary. You can visit the St. Clair College website, insert time capsule in the search box, to see pictures and videos of the opening of the time capsule.

As of the October executive meeting, there were 344 paid members. To join or renew your Retiree Association membership for 2018, contact Marilyn Portt; see her information in this Newsletter. Memberships can be mailed in or given to us at one of the Christmas parties.

Flu season is upon us and practicing good health habits will help minimize the spread of the flu. The first step toward prevention, as recommended by the Public Health, is the flu vaccine. In addition to the flu vaccine, actions such as coughing and sneezing into your sleeve or elbow, frequent hand washing and the

use of hand sanitizers when out in the community will help decrease the spread. It is also a good idea to bring your own personal pen rather than use those supplied for you at store and bank counters. Remember to get plenty of rest.

The Christmas season is fast approaching and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at one of our events. The retiree holiday season celebrations include the Thames Annual Retiree Christmas Dinner on December 6 and the Windsor Annual Christmas luncheon and show December 16. See inside this Newsletter for more information.

The St. Clair College Retiree Association will celebrate 25 years in 2018. The Executive is working on activities to celebrate! Information will be available as it is finalized through Newsletters and emails. Please encourage your fellow retirees to join us and continue the work and traditions of the last twenty five years. Contact any member of the Executive with ideas you many have for your Retiree Association.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish you and your families the happiest of holidays and a safe, healthy, and happy New Year!

Cynthia Bissonnette
President



ONTARIO DRUG PLAN PRESENTATION

submitted by Sue McLelland

The Ontario Drug Plan Presentation was held on Wednesday, October 4/17 in our St. Clair College Staff Lounge, courtesy of Michael Blacher, a semi-retired Pharmacist, who is currently attending St. Clair College as a student in our Interior Design Program. As a very seasoned professional in the pharmaceutical field, Michael was able to provide us with his perspective on the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program. Michael's assessment, (as well as the Service Ontario Ministry of Health Website: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/odbf_mn.aspx) indicates that "Ontario has one of the most generous drug benefit programs in Canada, providing coverage for over 4,400 drug products, including nutrition products and diabetic testing agents. Drugs that are not listed in the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug



Index (Formulary) are also considered for coverage through the Ministry's Exceptional Access program on a case-by-case basis."

Michael spoke quite frankly to approximately 15 of us and answered all of our drug related questions very thoroughly.

Ultimately, your Retirees Association recommends that before considering keeping or removing your drug benefit plan, each individual should be speaking to their pharmacist about their individual needs.

Next up in Chatham, a Christmas party social is planned at Countryview Golf Course on Dec. 6th at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon at 12 noon. Elvy Deline 519-354-4913 or Helen Hanak 519-676-6701 are the contacts on this.



CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSION

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Kim Bode, 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

FALL HARVEST SOCIAL

submitted by Sue McLelland

Our Fall Harvest event took place on October 19th out in Kingsville at the beautiful homestead of Paul and Bev Chortos. Our very gracious hosts provided a beautiful setting for a Fall Harvest get together for 46 participants.

We ate outside under the sunshine with food supplied by Rob's Catering out of Kingsville. The food was scrumptious and his staff were professional, very efficient and pleasant. It was a perfect day of fun, laughter and catching up with old colleagues and friends.



Paul even provided a hay ride out to the back of his property which borders on Cedar Creek. The pumpkins were smiling and Ringo & Rocko, their cute and very sweet miniature horses, were happy to also assist Paul and Bev with hosting responsibilities! (Of course they benefited too with all the additional carrot treats that day as we all took turns being their new buddies!)



Both before retirement and currently, Paul and Bev are expert photographers and Paul kindly took pics of each person that attended. These will be emailed out to each of the attendees (free of charge!) shortly!

Thanks to Becky Beneteau for assisting me that day and a very special thank you to Bev and Paul Chortos for their great hospitality!

LUNCH ON BOBLO ISLAND

submitted by Sue McLelland



On Thursday, August 10th/17 32 members (and their significant others) met on Boblo Island for a lovely "Summer Afternoon Soiree". Thankfully Mother Nature blessed us all with a gorgeous sunny day and the Boblo Island Beach House Restaurant provided great food with a terrific outdoor venue to socialize and catch up with old friends and colleagues. Being on the island brought back to many of us, childhood memories of Boblo Island as a fairground. Afterwards some of us were able to take a walk/drive around the island to see the beautiful new homes that have been built as well as some of the original Boblo archives (eg. the Pavillion) that are still present today. Thanks to all that attended!



WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

submitted by Sue McLelland

Your Social Committee is currently planning a Retiree Association 25th Anniversary Gala in the Spring – tentative date set for this is Friday afternoon, May 11, 2018 at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. **Mark your calendars!!**

The air is now brisk with the smell of Winter descending upon us all....brrrrrr!! Keep warm folks! Many thanks to all of you that have come out for our most recent activities! Have a great Christmas season and watch your email for upcoming events and opportunities for us to get together in the up-coming new year!

Sue McLelland

Your St. Clair College Retirees Association Social Committee Co-ordinator

**If you have ideas for events
that you would like to share
please let me know!
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THAMES/WINDSOR JOINT LUNCHEON

submitted by JoAnDale

On a beautiful Fall day, the combined College Retirees luncheon was held at Molly and OJ's Restaurant, Erieau, Ontario with 26 in attendance.

The group enjoyed their meal, conversation and meeting new retirees. Thank you to Elvy Deline, Helen Hanak and Elizabeth Barr for arranging the lunch.



Helen Hanak, JoAn Dale, Liz Green, Lena Robertson, Dawn Finlin



Richard Wheeler, Sue McLelland, Joanne Williams, Cindi Wheeler



Irene Helinski, Clarence Toutant, Mary Toutant, Sue Cosford, Ken Cosford

THAMES CAMPUS RETIREE LUNCHEON

submitted by JoAnDale

Thames Campus Retiree Luncheon was held on September 26th at Tru's Restaurant with 18 in attendance. It was great to meet after the summer hiatus and catch up on the summer happenings.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Candice from the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Foundation. She spoke about the current \$6.5 million campaign to replace the majority of the Diagnostic Imaging Equipment at the two hospital sites. To date \$5.3 million has been raised for this cause. It is hoped to have the campaign wrapped up by March 31, 2018. 13 pieces of equipment will be updated to replace the aged equipment now in use. With these upgrades, health care in Chatham-Kent will be greatly enhanced by providing clear more in depth imaging to assist in diagnosis of problems in a more timely fashion, hence reducing the wait times to establish a treatment plan. After the presentation, Candice entertained questions from the group. Donations to this campaign can be made by contacting the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Foundation

Plans for the Thames Christmas Party on Dec. 6th were discussed.

PUN ALERT

Author unknown: submitted by Ken Garber

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
He acquired his girth from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from a student in an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies at the side of the road and was cited for littering.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Submitted by Marilyn Portt

With this issue of the Newsletter is the renewal form for your Retirees' Association membership as well as OCRA. You can pay your dues by cheque (both SCCRA and OCRA can be remitted on same cheque if you desire membership in both.) OR you may pay your dues prior to the Christmas Brunch in Room 45J OR we have set up an e-transfer account for your convenience. It requires a password for me to open your email. We have decided for all members to use only one password, which will be: 'Retirement'. The email address is: SCCRAMembership@gmail.com

Thanks for your patience with this new technology. Marilyn Portt, Membership Coordinator

The Membership Renewal in this Newsletter is for your convenience. As a reminder for all St. Clair Retirees, the advantage of joining the SCCRA are many. Number 1 you will receive a parking pass from the Parking Authority at your campus. Number 2 is a reduced fee at either the Sportsplex or Healthplex in Chatham. Number 3 is a reduced rate at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Belle River. Your Executive plan many interesting activities through the year, including BBQ's, Educational Workshops, wine tours, live theatre trips, trips to the south in January. These are just a few of planned events. We hope you join the Association and join us for these activities.

WINTER TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

submitted by Bill Totten

Annual Winter Trip

A trip to Mexico had been planned and there were 10 – 15 persons interested. However, circumstances led to the cancellation by a number of participants. This resulted in a small group that did not meet the size for group rates. The trip was eventually cancelled. An effort will be made to renew the winter trip tradition in 2019.

OCRA AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

submitted by Jim Martin

OCRA AGM

The OCRA AGM scheduled for October 25, 2017 was cancelled due to the faculty strike. The OCRA Board is planning to schedule it in the spring of 2018, and members will be notified."

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STAFF

All College staff will now receive each quarterly issue of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Newsletter via email.

We welcome your feedback and hope that you enjoy seeing what is available to your colleagues who are already enjoying retirement.

THAMES CHRISTMAS PARTY

submitted by Elizabeth Barr

YOU ARE INVITED

TO THE

ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 6, 2017
LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
HWY. 40 NORTH
TIME: 11:30 AM - LUNCH: 12:00 PM
COST: \$19.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)
Alcoholic refreshments are extra
Please note: Payment for your meal will be made
prior to lunch.

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

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Elvy Deline - 519-354-4913
elvyandroy@sympatico.ca

OR

Elizabeth Barr – 519-354-3274
Ebarr000@sympatico.ca



WINDSOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND SHOW

(This luncheon is for retirees only with one guest)

submitted by Jay Ertel

DATE: Saturday, December 16, 2017

TIME: 11:30 AM - Meet and review Show seating
Rows N-R, P&Q both left and right sides
12:00 PM - Lunch
2:00 PM - Student Christmas Show

PLACE: ST. CLAIR CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON MENU

(Catered by St. Clair Centre for the Arts)

***(This activity is sponsored by the College and
the Retirees' Association)***

(Bread and Rolls, Holiday Green Salad with Cranberries
& Almonds, Penne with Tomato Basil, Carved Roast
Turkey w/ Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry Relish, Whipped
Yukon Gold Potatoes, Honey Roasted Winter Vegetables,
Pumpkin Bread Pudding w/ Caramel Sauce, Christmas
Cookies)

COST: \$20.00 plus one non-perishable food item
(includes taxes, gratuity, complimentary Show seat
and Parking voucher)

1. Must be paid for in advance.
2. Please call or e-mail Marilyn Portt (519)969-0693
mportt@gmail.com for reservations before
November 30, 2017.
3. Mail a cheque payable to St. Clair College Retirees'
Association and send it to Marilyn Portt or give it to
any other Executive member. Show seating will be
available at the luncheon. There will be no tickets.

Marilyn Portt

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4. Since seating is limited there will be no walk-ins.
Reservations must be made by **November 30.**

PARKING

Complimentary parking at the Centre Parking Garage,
275 Pitt St. W. (behind the former Hilton). We suggest
drivers car pool and drop-off passengers at the St. Clair
Centre for the Arts before parking for convenience.
Bring your parking voucher from the garage to
the luncheon. During the luncheon you will be given a
parking voucher. Give these to the parking staff who
will be at the garage from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM when
you leave.

CHATHAM 50th HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS

Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1, 2017

submitted by JoAn Dale

Thames Campus held its 50th Anniversary Celebrations on the weekend of September 29th

On Friday morning, the tribute wall for the Alumnae of Distinction Winners was dedicated. On Friday Evening an open house was held allowing the community to tour college facilities and see displays depicting the history of Thames Campus.

Saturday was another full day of events with the St. Clair Saints winning a baseball game held at Fergie Jenkins Park. The highlight of the day was the Gala Banquet held in the newly renovated Student Centre.



Jim Martin, 71 Alumni Gerry Nagel, Karla Ertel

At a social hour for guests, current college staff and students and former staff, retirees and graduates remembered their time at Thames and enjoyed a delicious meal in the beautifully decorated banquet setting of the student centre.

Greetings were received from all levels of Government, the Board of governors and President Patti France. A trivia contest was held to recall the history of the Campus.



Carolyn Jedlinski, JoAn Dale, Elizabeth Barr

The evening concluded with a dance and the opportunity for the guests to remember the proud history of this campus over the last 50 years. With each song played for the dance, the dee jay had a video showing the fashion and time of the song's era.

Sunday was a Family Day for the community. There was something for everyone. The Powerline Students provided bucket rides as one of the events which was very popular. Games, pony rides, a petting zoo and tours of the campus provided a fun day for all. Pictures of events of this weekend are included for your enjoyment.



Karla Ertel - Kids pony rides

A special thank you goes out to the organizers of the weekend of events. As retirees, we were proud to be included in the festivities and were pleased to see the progress that has been made at Thames Campus. We have a proud heritage at St. Clair and know the current staff will continue to keep abreast of the trends in college education and maintain the standard of excellence established over the last 50 years.



Family Carriage Rides

FUNDRAISING

submitted by Jay Ertel

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

The College is now in Phase Two of the capital campaign which has been named "Foundation for Life". This \$10 million community campaign will strengthen the College pillars of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Academic Excellence and Student Life.

OUR PARTICIPATION TO STUDENT SUCCESS - \$2,000

The SCCRA has made a donation to the President's Circle campaign. This entails a total gift of \$2,000 over a two year period. The first gift of \$1,000 was made in 2016 and the second gift of \$1,000 will be made in 2017 and is aligned with the College's 50th anniversary celebration. There are only 500 members of the President's Circle campaign and they will be recognized during the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$37,879 to date, 126% of our \$30,000 goal.

We were pleased to advise the College that we retirees have surpassed our Fundraising Target.

Retiree fitness memberships are available for us both in Chatham and Windsor. We are pleased to see the Bricks in place from our fundraising at both the HealthPlex and the SportsPlex. The Landscape Architect has done a nice job at the entrances of both complexes

We are now in year 9 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Patti France that the SCCRA will continue to support and contribute to the College fundraising initiatives.

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 \$10,000. The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with an earlier Newsletter and they are available on request. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. Please consider supporting the Fundraising Brick Campaign.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS??

Continue to receive the Retirees' Association information by updating your address.
We do not share your contact information with anyone.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street/Apt City Postal Code

EMAIL: _____

Mail to : St. Clair College, Retirees' Association, Box 41, 2000 Talbot Rd., Windsor, ON N9A 6S4
or email to: retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca

REMEMBERING BOB WEEPERS



Bob Weepers would show up at the Windsor Star at the strangest times.

Late at night and with the paper set to go to print, Weepers would pop in to say hello and was usually carrying a stack of results and standings from the various leagues he took care of.

“He was probably the most dedicated sports information officer that anyone could employ,” said Jack Costello, who went to university with Weepers and knew him for half a century.

Weepers, who passed away at age 69 in 2010 from Alzheimer’s disease, is one of eight people set for induction at this year’s 37th Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame ceremony on Oct. 20 at the Caboto Club.

“He deserves it,” said Costello, who was also inducted into the hall in 2015. Costello and Weepers met in university in 1960 and became quick friends. The two would join together later that decade when Al Hoffman hired Weepers to serve as the school’s inter-collegiate co-ordinator of athletics where he oversaw all of the school’s sports teams.

“We shared the same office for years,” said Costello, who coached hockey and was later the school’s athletic director. “Al Hoffman was the athletic director and, after he hired me, he was looking for someone to handle information and he knew Bob.

“Al Hoffman said he was probably our best recruiting tool. He was just an outstanding sports information guy and he did all our travel and scheduling. He was a very valuable member of the department.” Weepers even found a little time coaching. He served as head coach of the women’s basketball team for six seasons. In that time, the Saints won four provincial medals.

“He was really interested in student-athletes, not just as athletes, but as students, too,” Costello said. “Some he became lifelong friends with and would help them after they graduated. He was very generous with his time.”

And Weepers, who was inducted into the OCAA Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, wasn’t only concerned with the athletes he coached.

“Later, he headed up an academic standards committee to track student-athletes and head off if there was any trouble,” Costello said. “He did a lot for an awful lot of students.”

But statistics always remained a passion for Weepers, who would not only compile numbers for the Saints for years, but several other sports organizations in the area.

“It grew with age,” Costello said. “It accumulated more and he thought it was fun to compare (numbers) to the past. He was always interested in that sort of thing.”

In 2000, Weepers’ book, ‘We are the Champions: Canadian Championship Sports Teams, Windsor, Ontario, 20th Century’ was published.

“He had great respect for the sports heritage for this area,” Costello said. “The book he published was to the credit of all the outstanding people that had gone before and after him and he really believed in the importance of sports heritage and the role it played in the community.”

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In Memoriam

RETIREES & FULL TIME STAFF

Arthur WHITED, passed away in early September 2017. Art was not only a faculty member but the founder of the International Business Program.

Steven PIDSKALNY, passed away on September 25, 2017, at age 77 in Naples, Florida. Steve was a retired teacher of chemistry in the Adult Retraining Program.

RELATIVES OF RETIREES /FULL TIME STAFF

Vietta Ruth HAWLEY, wife of retiree George Hawley, passed away March 6, 2017. She is survived by her husband, retiree George Hawley. They were married 62 years.

Jo-Ann CAMPBELL, passed away suddenly on August 15, 2017 at 69 years of age. Sister of St. Clair staff member Wayne Campbell.

Anthony Michael "Tony" YAKO, passed away suddenly on August 16, 2017 at the age of 65. Brother of retiree Cheryl Yako.

Stephen MCDOUGALL, passed away on Aug 19, 2017 at 64 years of age. Brother-in-law to retiree Roy Bottoset (retiree Sara).

Charles WONSCH, passed away on August 28, 2017. Charles was the father-in-law of staff member Tammy Wonsch.

Randy HOLMES, passed away on August 30, 2017 at 59 years of age. Husband of staff member Karen.

Gary Michael THACHUK, passed away on September 1, 2017 at 55 years of age. Brother-in-law to retiree Nino Marion

James O'HARA, passed away on September 16, 2017 at age 89. Father of retiree Barbara Sedlacek.

Walter YOUNGBLUTT, passed away on September 16, 2017 at age 74. Father of staff member Lesli Fitzgerald.

K. SHOJI, father of Thames Campus staff, Scott Shoji.

Mansell BLAIR, passed away on October 2, 2017. Husband of Retirees' Association Past President Anita Blair.



