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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 2/2012 in Chez Talbot so this is my last report as President. Three years have gone by quickly. I want to thank the members of the Executive who have spent their time and energy working for our retiree association to make it a success. We have had a few changes in the three years with the departure of John Charlesworth, Carol Pratt and Gary Docherty. We have added Gayle Harrick, JoAn Dale, and Marilyn Portt and more changes are coming this year. After serving as Treasurer for more years than we can count, John Payne is leaving the Executive because another volunteer position is taking up much more of his time. We thank John for keeping our books all these years and for his balanced, insightful input to our meetings.

We have been very fortunate in recruiting Sue Bezaire to put her name forth as a replacement for John as Treasurer. With JoAn Dale nominated to move into the President's position, Cindy Bissonnette has agreed to stand for the VP position. Both Marg Goodman and Owen Klein volunteered to join us. Marg will work organizing some of our social events and Owen will be our presence at Board of Governor meetings.

For those of you who never enter the college from Talbot Road or are out of town, you would not recognize the roadway in front of the college. The Windsor Essex Parkway is moving ahead. Everything on both sides of Talbot (from 401 and down Huron Line) has been levelled. Houses, trees, all the familiar landmarks are gone. Some of the parkway will be tunnelled and the work is starting on this. For me, being able to see the tops of the college buildings from the corner of Howard and Highway 3 is a new experience. Starting in June Geraedts Drive will be closed for a year. A new entrance further west has been rumoured. The new long term care building on the extreme south east corner of the front property will have its own entrance off of Cousineau during the construction period. You can see a very interesting interactive map at www.weparkway.ca along with the latest information on the construction of the parkway.

Anita Blair, President

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012

3:00 CHEZ TALBOT

There will be as short business meeting with reports from the officers and coordinators. An election of officers will follow. Dr. Strasser will be invited to give an update on college events and to answer questions.

3:45 BBQ AND SOCIAL

BBQ hamburgers and sausages, salads and dessert, coffee and pop

Please try and attend

COLLEGE CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

The *College contact* person for retirees seeking information on **pensions and benefits** is Kim Bode, 519 972-2727, Ext. 4687. Amy Lam, the **CAAT Pension Plan** analyst dedicated to St. Clair College can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9012 or alam@caatpension.on.ca

“CORRECTION”

Please note that in the last newsletter, the last line of the Bob Price memorial was omitted! It should have read, “What many will not know was what he did behind the scenes to maintain relative labour peace at the College.”

SUN LIFE CLAIMS CAN NOW BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

A communique from Kim Bode – Financial Services:

“This is to advise that steps have been taken to allow for the submission of online benefit claims effective April 1, 2012. As of that date active employees and retirees will have the option to submit paramedical, Vision Care and dental claims online by using Sun Life’s plan member site and completing the claim form electronically. This service is not mandatory.

In order to use this facility, plan members must first register for online access and sign up for direct deposit. Upon, completion of these steps, plan members will then be able to submit claims effective April 1, 2012 when the service will be made available to CAAT employees and retirees. Plan members and

retirees may contact Sun Life directly at 1-800-361-6212 for assistance in getting themselves set up.

Please be aware that while the information pertaining to the claim is submitted electronically, plan members will need to keep their receipts for a period of 12 months from the date of claim in case Sun Life decides to audit their claim. Failure to provide receipts when requested by Sun Life will result in the plan member losing access to online claims, and possible further action.”

Please contact me if you have any questions - Kim Bode, Benefits Officer, Phone: 519-972-2727 Ex: 4687 or kbode@stclaircollege.ca

PENSION CALCULATOR

Since we have been advised that, effective 2014, indexation of cost of living increases to our CAAT pensions will change to exclude indexation for years of service prior to 1992, St. Clair College Retirees’ Association is including on the St. Clair website, a Pension Calculator that members may use to estimate how the changes to indexation will affect future pensions.

The website address for the Pension calculator is www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees

The Pension calculator was prepared by soon-to-be retiree, Tony Ellul.

Please note, that our pensions will not be reduced, only the cost of living increases will be reduced. The

effect will be that there will be no indexation of cost of living increases for years of service prior to 1992. I have used the Pension calculator to calculate my anticipated pension for future years. It is interesting to learn about the money I will not be receiving after 2014.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the Pension calculator, please take particular note of the liability disclaimer (in red text on a yellow background) included on the first sheet in the Pension Calculator.

Submitted by Elizabeth Barr

THE BIG APPLE

The term “The Big Apple” was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression “apple” for any town or city. Therefore to play New York is to play the big time- The big Apple. Did you also know that there are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland, more Italians in New York City than in Rome Italy, and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$21,259 to date, 71% 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 previous Newsletters.** If **88** 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.**

Submitted by Jay Ertel

SENIORS TRACK MEMBERSHIPS - CHATHAM HEALTHPLEX

The full Retiree Memberships were described in the previous Newsletter. The cost is:
1 year membership is \$325 + HST = \$367.25.

The College is now also offering **SENIORS TRACK MEMBERSHIPS**

Membership includes:

1. Unlimited access to the HealthPlex indoor track
2. Access to 1 Group Fitness class per week - \$20.00 per month +HST
Available to those 55 years and over

Inquire at the HealthPlex for details.

Phone: (519) 354-9100 x3401

www.StClairCollege.ca/HealthPlex/Thames

Submitted by Jay Ertel

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES

*“I asked god for a bike, but I know god doesn't work that way,
So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.”*



St. Clair College Alumni Association Presents the Annual ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

The St. Clair College Alumni Association can be very proud of the quality of the graduates who are representing the college in the workplace. On Saturday, March 24, 2012, five of these alumni were recognized for their achievements in their chosen fields.

This year's recipients are:

Theresa Kralovensky - Early Childhood Education '85
Policy and Staff Development Manager, City of Windsor

Mai-Ling Lee - Animation '03
3D VFX Artist for feature films - Mr. X Inc. - Toronto, Ontario

Randy Mellow – Ambulance and Emergency Care '88
Chief of Essex- Windsor Emergency Medical Services - Essex, Ontario

Julie Myers – Advertising '82
President, Zenith-Optimedia,- Toronto, Ontario

John Wladarski – Civil Engineering '78
General Manager, Windsor Utilities Commission
Vice President Hydro Enwin Utilities - Windsor, Ontario

Following an outstanding meal, audio-visual presentations were displayed for each honoree and each in turn spoke to the gathering. The Retirees' Association was represented as guests of Vice-President John Fairley, by John Charlesworth, John Payne, Anita and Mansell Blair, Dan and Mary Loncke and Bill and Ida Totten.





H. J. HEINZ COMPANY OF CANADA LTD. INVITATION

St. Clair College Employees and Retirees:

The H.J Heinz Company of Canada Ltd is pleased to open their “Company Store” to you on the following days:

Feb. 20, 21, 22, 25

April 10, 11, 14 (closed April 9th)

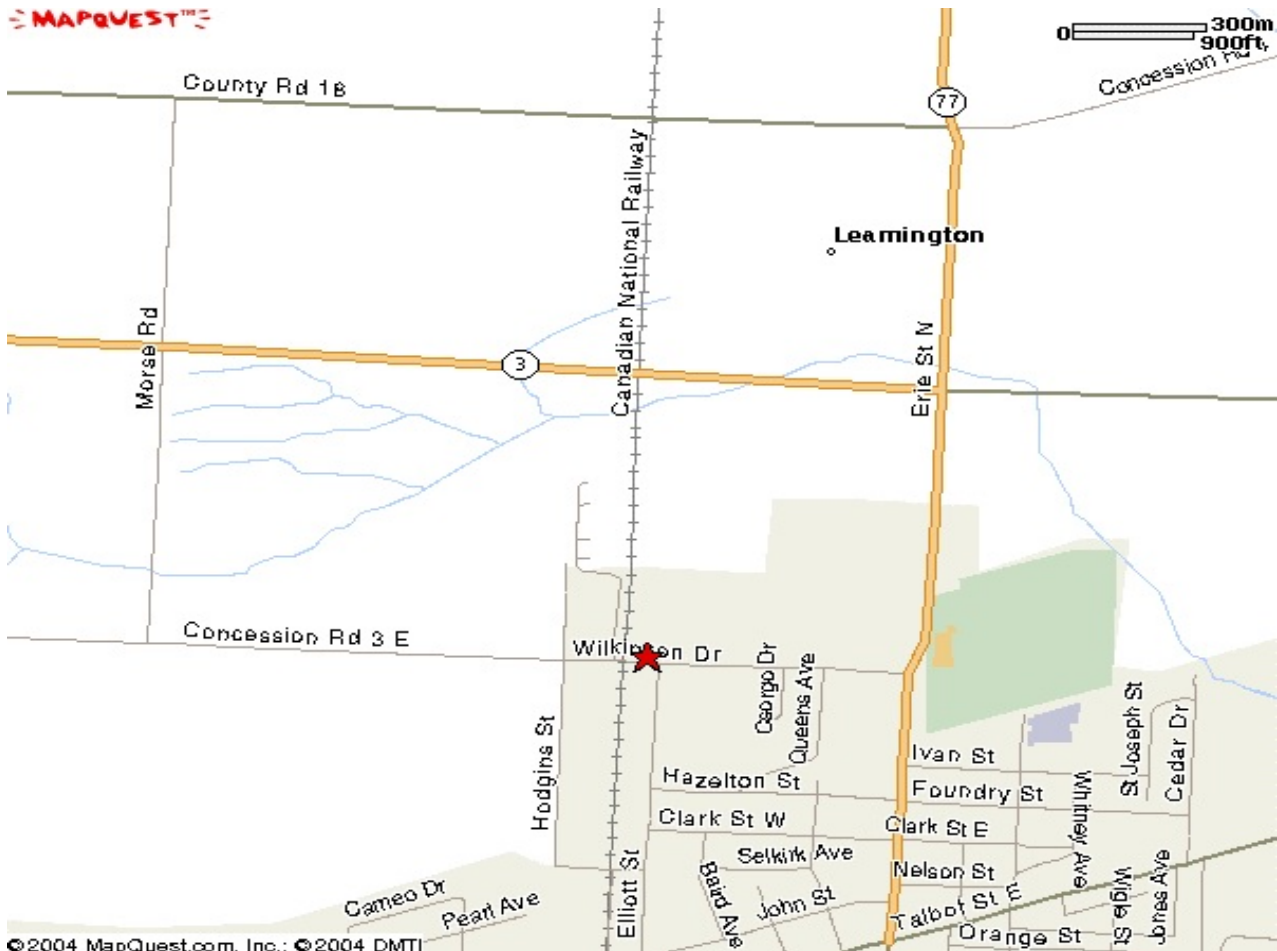
May 28, 29, 30, June 2

July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 4

Sept. 17, 18, 19, 22

Nov. 5, 6, 7, 10

Your organization will be entitled to purchase a variety of products at a discounted price. The “Company Store” is located at **85 Wilkinson Drive in Leamington (AMCO Storage Building)**. Please note that inventory levels at the Company Store fluctuate and some products may not be available during your scheduled shopping days.



Heinz Storecontinued:

The store hours are: **9:00 am – 4:45 pm (Monday thru Wednesday)**
8:00 am – 11:45 am (Saturdays)

All shoppers are required to abide by the “Company Store” rules as stated below.

- No smoking or drinking in the facility
- No children under 12 years of age allowed in facility
- Only one case per variety per person per day
- Products cannot be sold, they are for personal use only
- Products cannot be used or sold in public establishments
- **Payment is by debit card only**

Proof of employment/membership, in the form of an I.D. Card or pay statement, must be provided at the checkout.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to call the Company Store at (519) 326-5701 Ext 4361.

PICKLEBALL - THE NEW ZOOMERS' SPORT

Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. The game is played on a court with the same dimensions as a doubles badminton court. The net is similar to a tennis net but is mounted two inches lower. The game is played with a hard paddle and a polymer wiffle ball.

Although similar to tennis, the speed of the pickleball typically moves at one third the average speed of a tennis ball. Equally important is the size of the court which is just under one third of the total area of a tennis court. Originally invented as a backyard game, pickleball is now an organized sport represented by national and international governing bodies. Since its inception, pickleball has spread across the United States and into Canada. It is now beginning to spread around the world.

Pickleball has been established in many local community centres such as Riverside, WFCU, Essex, Oakwood and Chatham. Pickleball provides great exercise and is FUN! You are never alone on the court because pickleball is played as a doubles sport. Also, many of the leagues that have been established are seniors' leagues. (55 and older). Retiree Florence Grondin and her husband Ken are pickleball enthusiasts and very good players

The Executive is hoping to book some court time and explain the rules of Pickleball this Fall.

We hope all members will consider trying it and then, JUST DO IT.

If interested in learning more, contact Marg Goodman at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca following May 21st.

Submitted by Anita Blair

EXPERIENCE CASA LATINA

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Authentic Latin-American Cuisine and Culture – All in One Place

The Spence Farms in Chatham-Kent offer two offshoot ventures. Lo Maxima Meats sells Spanish cuts of meats at the Masonville Farmers Market in London. The people responsible for the Ecuadorian food at Experience Casa Latina are Canadian farmer Paul and his wife Sara who is from Gauyaquil, Ecuador.

The Experience Casa Latina evening begins with a farm tour which started five generations ago. After the tour Paul delivers a meat workshop in the old schoolhouse to inform us about what we are about to

eat. Paul is as much an educator as he is a farmer. The dinner features a Latin Style BBQ called *parrillada* “meat takes the centre stage with several cuts like sirloin tips and short ribs with rice and a bean mixture as a side dish and a delicious *chimichurri* sauce for the meat. Canadian salads are added plus two Ecuadorian desserts, *Morocho* is similar to a rice pudding and *Queso de leche* a creamy flan with caramel topping”. The evening concludes with Salsa Dancing taught by Sara.

ITINERARY

- Car Pool – Lot T, St. Clair College (3:15 PM)
- 401 East from Windsor to Chatham
- CR-15/Kent Bridge Rd. EXIT 101 (right after 2nd Chatham exit Hwy. 40)
- Turn left (north) onto Kent Bridge Rd.
- Turn right onto McKay’s Line/CR-14
- Take 1st left on Howard Rd.
- Take 1st right onto Selton Line (farm is on left 11945 Selton Line)

Cost: \$50.00 (incl. taxes) -Farm Tour (4:30 PM), Meat Workshop (5:15 PM), *Pirillada* (Latin style BBQ (6:00 PM)), Salsa Dancing(7:15 PM to 8:30 PM)

Experience Casa Latina Reviews:

<http://www.myvirtualpaper.com/doc/eatdrinkmagazine/sep2011eatdrink/2011091701/2.html#28>

<http://www.eatlocallondon.com/2011/05/latinbbq.html>

<http://southwesternontariofoodie.blogspot.ca/search?q=latin+bbq>

To reserve spots please contact: Jay Ertel (519)436-0589 jertelctm@gmail.com

22 maximum 15 minimum I need to confirm numbers by May 31, 2012

For Car Pool please contact: Pat Hallahan (519)945-4304 phallahan@cogeco.ca

Please confirm reservations by forwarding cheque to:

Jay Ertel 516 King St. W., Chatham, ON N7M1G9

February 15, 2012 to April 10, 2012

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD KING



Dick King passed away suddenly but peacefully at Leamington District Memorial Hospital on April 3, 2012 at age 81 years. Dick was predeceased by wife Margaret Doreen and is survived by six sons and a daughter, 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Dick was a longtime teacher of electronics at St. Clair College until his retirement. He was active in the formative years of the St. Clair College Faculty Association, and while serving as President of OPSEU Local 138, he was a member of the first contract negotiating team. Dick was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for many years. In his retirement years he was the volunteer weapons expert at the Charlie Campbell Memorial Museum at Kingsville Historical Park which was established to promote interest, education and research in the Military and Civic History of the Kingsville-Essex County area.

We Also Remember

Margaret Artinian's mother, Satenig "Sadie" Basmajian Serbian

Becky Beneteau's father-in-law, Julien "Jules" Beneteau

Bill Lukachuck's brother, Fred Lukachuck

Carol Morneau's father, Orville Martin

May They Rest In Peace!

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Tuesday, April 10 & 24 - Bridge Club, 1:00 PM, Roseland**

 2. **Wednesday, April 25 - Thames Luncheon, 11:300 AM, Swiss Chalet**

 3. **Wednesday, May 2 - Annual General Meeting, 3:00 Pm Meeting & 4:00 PM BBQ, Chez Talbot**

 4. **Wednesday, May 23 - Victoria Playhouse - Petrolia “Heart and Soul of Broadway” (musical)**

 5. **Wednesday, May 30 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Tru’s Grillhouse Restaurant**

 6. **Saturday, June 16 - Experience Casa Latina - Authenic Latin Cuisine and Culture, 4:30 PM to 8:30 Pm**

 7. **To Be Announced - June, President’s Appreciation Brunch**
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TRUISM!

Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness!