



**ST. CLAIR  
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# Newsletter

Spring 2016

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We have certainly experienced some unseasonably warm weather and then the very next day winter returns. The good news is spring is just around the corner.

After many years, since 1995, as editors for the Retiree Newsletter, Del and John Zangari have stepped down from the position. We thank them very much for their dedication and the exceptional job they did over that time. Nancy Dupuis is taking on

the position of editor and is working with John during the transition. We welcome Nancy to the Retiree Association as your Newsletter editor.

The Retiree AGM will be held on May 4th at the SportsPlex. A meal will follow the meeting, allowing time for socialization. More details are in this Newsletter.

Two theatre trips are planned to Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia to see "Scotland Sings" on May 19th and "Around the Piano" on August 31st .

Activities such as bridge has started with dates in the newsletter and other activities are in various planning stages. We will keep you posted. Eatery 101 offers great meals and times when you can see other retirees and previous co-workers. More details on retiree activities are included in this newsletter.

St. Clair hosted the 2016 CCAA Women's Basketball National Championship at the SportsPlex during the week of March 15-20. Appreciation goes out to many retirees who volunteered their time for various functions during that week.

St. Clair College's planning continues for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Ontario Colleges. St. Clair's 50th Anniversary activities will be ongoing throughout the year. If you have any ideas for the celebration, please forward them to the executive. If you would like to be involved and volunteer for one or several events, contact me.

Our current membership is 295. You can still renew your membership. The second renewal notices are being mailed out with this newsletter for those who have not renewed this year. Please support your retirees. Your renewal can be mailed to St. Clair College Retiree Association c/o St. Clair College, 2000 Talbot Road West, Windsor, Ontario N9E 6S4.

Contact myself or anyone on the Retiree Executive with ideas you may have for your Retiree Association. I look forward to seeing you at some of the events. As always, watch your emails for other upcoming activities.

Regards, Cynthia Bissonnette, President

## MEET YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR



You all know her as Nancy Dupuis but she was born Nancy Ridgewell, and although a born and bred Windsorite herself, she comes from an interesting European lineage.

Her mom, of German descent, was actually born in Romania. Her grandfather came over to Canada first, then arranged for his wife and two toddlers to travel across the ocean to Montreal.

Not to be out done, her paternal grandfather was one of the famous English Barnardo boys, orphans brought to Canada to work in labour camps.

Fortunately, Nancy's parents, raised in Canada, enjoyed a much better fate. Nancy's dad always worked two jobs to provide for his four daughters, the eldest who we know as Kathy Beger. His primary work was as a caretaker and he ended his career as a house-keeping foreman at the University of Windsor. His industriousness also allowed the family to live in South Windsor. Nancy attended Central Public School and Massey Secondary School before enrolling at St. Clair College, where she completed the then three year Travel and Tourism Program. Her teachers included Paul Leblanc, Jean Brechkow and Barry Cunnings.

After graduation Nancy got a job at Sun Tours. However, it was the mid-seventies during the era of the Arab oil embargo and skyrocketing gas prices. Many travel agencies closed and Nancy found herself laid off. Undaunted, she enrolled in the College's OCAP Program (Ontario Career Action Program) and worked for the College at Patterson Collegiate in Continuing Education. She was subsequently hired part-time and then, in 1977, full time.

Nancy began doing general office work and then moved on to "some" calendar work. Subsequently, she became secretary to Brook Gardner, Dean of Con. Ed. while also assuming responsibility for the design and layout of the Con. Ed. calendar.

A reorganization resulted in a move to the Registrar's Office where she added the post secondary calendar to her list of responsibilities. Eventually, Nancy was assigned to the Marketing Department under the supervision of Ann Hetherington, before retiring in 2008.

Nancy was married to Danny whom she met at St. Clair. Danny worked a few odd jobs at the College in Con. Ed. and Receiving before landing a job at General Motors. Sadly, Danny passed away in 2005.

Danny and Nancy raised their daughter Michelle who graduated from the College from the Graphic Design Program. Michelle has two boys, aged 11 and 7 and works at Amherstburg's Rivertown Times Newspaper as a graphic designer.

Nancy's hobbies are far too numerous to list here, but they include sewing, woodcraft, scrapbooking, greeting card creation, knitting and crocheting. She also used to participate in local craft shows. Nancy works at keeping herself fit by daily walks with her dog Snickers and swimming at a local health club.

Although most of her fondest memories are the years spent in Continuing Education, she admits her last position was one of her favourites and although she doesn't miss getting up and going to work everyday she does miss the people. Nancy is thankful for the friendships she made throughout the years, the College was her second family

The Retirees' Association is very fortunate to have someone as qualified and talented as Nancy as its newsletter editor. Welcome, Nancy!

*submitted by Pat Hallahan*

### RETIREE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

What was St. Clair like in the 'Early Years'? Were you around when Dr. Q's office was located in the Temporary Building? Did you teach in a condemned schoolhouse? What was meant by "Green Acres"? Where were "the trailers"? What was "660"?

If you can answer these questions, then you very likely have many memories of your early days at St. Clair. How about sharing these memories with other retirees by putting 'pen to paper' and sending them to [retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca) .

# DEL ZANGARI RETIRES AFTER MORE THAN 25 YEARS AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR



The St. Clair College Retirees' Association Newsletter is the most outstanding in the Ontario system. This can be attributed to the efforts of retiree Del Zangari and her husband John. Del was a Secretary at St. Clair, dating back to the days of WOIT. She provided support services to Dr. Quittenton, Stan Marchini, Bill Geraedts, among others. When the opportunity arose, Del moved from Support Staff to Faculty where she taught in the Secretarial Department with Toli Sapoleff, remaining in that position until her retirement.

When Del joined the Retirees' Association after her retirement, only one issue of the newsletter had been prepared, and Del went on to produce every issue of the newsletter except the first one in May, 1995, which was produced by George Bauman.

Since that time Del has been our only Newsletter Editor. But, as they say, "All good things must end!" Recently Del became unable, due to illness, to continue the task and her husband John continued to produce the newsletter in spite of the fact that he was not a retiree of St. Clair College. John, a retiree of the Windsor Board of Education, had for thirteen years edited the RTO newsletter,

and when Del became ill, John's skills and experience were put to good use for the St. Clair Retirees' Association. As Del's illness worsened, John has been finding it more and more difficult to continue. At the February, 2016 meeting of the Executive, John regretfully submitted his resignation.

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association is deeply indebted to Del Zangari and to her husband John, who, between them, established the standard by which retiree newsletters in Ontario are judged.  
THANK YOU DEL AND JOHN!

## "LOST" Retirees

The following retirees were originally on our mailing list but have had mail returned marked "NOT AT THIS ADDRESS" or "MOVED". If you are aware of their whereabouts please pass on contact information or let them know that we are trying to locate them.

Betty Beckett

Brian Boyd

Cecil Collins

Jim Gallagher

Judith Hazen

Ed Horton

Justin Manning

Anthony Robinet

# Nomination Report For 2016-2017 Executive Board

*Kathy Dupuis, Vice President*

# Introduction to the St Clair Retirees' E-Mailing Group

*Ken Garber, Retiree List Manager*

## Nomination Process

1. Ideally a Nomination Slate showing a Candidate for each Executive position will be presented at the May

## Annual General Meeting

2. For all Officers to be "Elected":
  - a. Nominations from the floor can be made.
  - b. An election will be held for any "to be elected position" for which there is more than one candidate.
3. For any Executive position still vacant after the AGM, the Board will be responsible for the appointment a suitable candidate.

## Executive Positions

## Candidate(s)

### Officers to Be Elected

President	Cindy Bissonnette
Vice-President	Kathy Dupuis
Recording Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Jim Chambers
Membership Secretary	Marilyn Portt

### Ex Officio Members

President Emeritus	Bill Totten
Past President	JoAn Dale

## Appointed Positions

## Candidate(s)

Archive Co-Coordinator	Lea Garber
Board Observer	Bill Jones
Communications Coordinator	Pat Hallahan
OCRA Observer	Jim Martin
Education Coordinator	Vacant
Fundraising Coordinator	Jay Ertel
Goodwill Coordinator	Lori Caba
Newsletters Editor	Nancy Dupuis
Social Coordinator	Margaret Goodman
Thames Representative	Elizabeth Barr

## Dear member of the College Retiree Community:

Since the summer of 2014, the St. Clair College Retirees' Association has been using a commercial email service to handle our periodic broadcasts, everything from Retirees' Association events to Chrysler Theatre or Eatery101 announcements and fundraising.

At this time, there are about 325 members on this main list. The list itself is also broken into several sub-lists covering the regions of Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent and everywhere else. Announcements are targeted at the specific groups so that, for example, Chrysler Theatre or Eatery announcements go to the Windsor group only.

If you are a member of one of the email lists, you can unsubscribe from the list(s) at any time. By saving one of the messages, you can also re-subscribe later. This information can be found at the bottom of every broadcast.

If you have deleted previous messages or have difficulty with Subscribe/Unsubscribe, or you've never subscribed, you can contact the Retiree Exec at [retirees@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:retirees@stclaircollege.ca).

**HAPPY DAYS  
ARE HERE AT LAST  
THE DAYS OF NINE TO FIVE  
ARE PAST  
IVE WORKED ALL MY LIFE  
AND PAID MY DUES  
NOW I'LL DO JUST WHAT  
I CHOOSE**

## ST. CLAIR COLLEGE 50th ANNIVERSARY

*submitted by Kathy Dupuis*

In 1966, Ontario Education Minister William Davis envisioned public colleges throughout Ontario that would showcase technology. In 1967, St. Clair College opened its doors along with other community colleges across the province.

The province will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of colleges in Ontario in 2017. All colleges will be connected under one campaign being led by Colleges Ontario. Among things like radio and TV advertising, Colleges Ontario will have a large “wrapped” bus that will travel to every community.

St. Clair College has formed a committee with representatives from many area of the college, including SRC, Alumni Association and SCC Retiree Association. The committee is busy planning events that will celebrate the past, profile the present and promote the future of St. Clair College in our region.

Committee members from the SCC Retiree Association are Cindy Bissonnette, JoAnn Dale, Lea Garber and Jim Martin.

Since its inception, SCCRA has had as a major goal archiving the history of the College. A team of retirees meet regularly to ensure as much history as possible is captured in an orderly and trackable way on all manner of media. It was our belief that there might be many different events where factual history would be valuable in publicizing how things actually took place involving the College. The 50th Anniversary Celebration is certainly one such occasion.

The St. Clair College Retiree Association looks forward in participating in the upcoming events and would extend an invitation to our members to participate and volunteer. If you would like to volunteer or have any question in regards to the events, please email Cindy Bissonnette at [cbiss2011@gmail.com](mailto:cbiss2011@gmail.com).

### VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE

This annual trip is always jammed packed with a great show then followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Although the deadline has passed to get tickets for the May show SCOTLAND SINGS there is another show planned for August 31st at 2:00 pm, AROUND THE PIANO with Mark Payne, musical director, and if you like Broadway Musicals, this should be on your list for the summer.

The deadline for purchasing tickets for this show is July 15th.

Watch your email for more information as this date approaches.

### SCC Student Spa days

**Spa days will begin mid May and run through until the end of July.**

**Email for details in early May at [dagostini@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:dagostini@stclaircollege.ca)**

**As always they will be offering wonderful, relaxing services at affordable prices.**

## ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION DINNER 2016



*Glenn Van Bloomenstein,  
Marie and Michel Crovisier*

A number of the award winners spoke glowingly about the impact staff had on their education and career success. It was also very obvious that the winners truly appreciated the presence of their retired mentors.

Many thanks to John Fairley for both hosting a retiree table and very ably emceeding the event. And many thanks to our Retiree Association Archive Committee for providing the photos of staff used in the recipient videos. They are a truly value-added contribution.

The 2016 Alumni of Distinction Award Ceremony was held at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts on April 1/16.

As in the past, it was a very well attended gala event. It was also very well represented by retirees at both the retiree table and as honoured guests at the tables of the recipients.

Chefs Michel Crovisier and Glenn Van Bloomenstein were present for recipient Chef Vince DelDuca; Len Jobin and Dick Sandre for Veronica Friesen; Paul Myers and Susie Korchnak for Tony Haddad; and Ann Campeau for Mary Wilk. (Apologies to any I may have missed!)



*Pat Hallahan and Len Jobin*

### **Retired**

I know it all  
I just can't remember it all  
at the same time

## TRIVIA TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, February 9th, the St. Clair Retirees hosted a Trivia tournament at Roseland Golf Club.

Sixteen people participated in this fun filled afternoon and quickly learned who had a diversified knowledge on a variety of topics ranging from cooking/foods to geography and physics.

The Quiz Master was Terry Lawrence and his Second in Command was Julie Lawrence. Once a year they contribute their time and knowledge to provide a very challenging afternoon.

The contestants were randomly divided up into groups of 4. Each person contributed \$5. The winners of this year's Trivia were Sharron Spurrier, Greg Rousseau, Anne Marie Brode, and Sheila McCabe. Each team member received a prize of \$20.

After the Tournament, the group adjourned for dinner and conversation upstairs.

*submitted by Margaret Goodman*

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

The Sports Management Program staff and the Sportsplex staff, asked all retirees to volunteer for the Canadian National Girls Basketball Tournament, which was held March 17th to the 19th.

As a volunteer, I met former staff, made new friends with many students from not only here but across Canada. It gave everyone a chance to watch some good basketball. I highly recommend that everyone at least take the time to respond when a volunteer request be made, or make it a point of coming to cheer the local team no matter what the sport. You will not be disappointed. The jobs were not taxing and it was nice to break up the everyday routine.

*Submitted by Marilyn Portt*

### Retirement

is when you stop  
living at work  
and begin working  
at living

## Golf at Woodland Hills

**There is still room!!**

**If you ever wanted to try Golfing – please join us – at Woodland Hills  
starting June 2nd at 9:30**

In response to your inquiries - the fee structure for 9 Holes that has been approved by St. Clair V.P. Ron Seguin and MacKenzie Ouellette, Director, Woodland Hills

- \$9 (incl. HST) for SCCRA Members [ie. \$8 + 13% HST]
- \$11 (incl. HST) for non members/spouses
- \$20 (incl. HST) per couple (ie. a member and non member)

For more information contact Jim Chambers at [jcipperwash@msn.com](mailto:jcipperwash@msn.com)

## FOLKLORE PROJECT



*Bill Totten and Jerry Ducharme reminiscing about Clean Air Car completion which St. Clair entered, in 1972, involving 41 major Universities and Colleges including M.I.T., Cal Tech, University of Toronto. We placed FOURTH.*

The Folklore Project, an attempt to capture many of the interesting stories and fond memories of College activities, continues to progress.

Since the last newsletter a number of videos have been filmed; they include: the English as a Second Language Program; Chez Talbot; the Library Fire; the Clean Air Car Race; the Futures Program; and the Women's Centre. Many thanks to the participants for volunteering their time: John Chiacros, Ralf Horacek, Michel Crovisier, Jerry Ducharme, Anita Blair, Lea Garber, Carol Libby and Ann Anderson.

Future videos being considered are the history of College sports, the creation of the Thames Campus, the merging of the Nursing Programs. If you have any suggestions for other projects contact either:

wtotten@sympatico.ca or  
patrickmhallahan@gmail.com

It has become very obvious that retirees very much enjoy reminiscing about their time spent at St. Clair College.



*Ann Anderson and Carol Libby reminiscing about the development of the Women's Centre*

### CHECK OUT THE RETIREE WEBSITE

If you missed a newsletter you can read it here. Or take a look at the pictures of our various events, including the revealing pictures from the Mexico trip.

### SEE IT ALL AT:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/>

## **WINDSOR: An Unholy City?**

**Windsor was once Canada's notorious Sin City,  
a raunchy border town where every vice had its price.**

**TO LEARN MORE - JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION BY LOCAL AUTHOR**

**PATRICK BRODE**

## **WINDSOR: An Unholy City?**

**And if you don't believe that, then you should attend a lecture at the College on April 28, 2016**

The author of Unholy City, Patrick Brode, will be providing an overview of his book and these most interesting times in Windsor's both colourful and checkered past.

Patrick Brode is a lawyer for the City of Windsor. To date, he has published 11 books, all of which are meticulously researched. He recently completed part two of a trilogy on the history of Windsor and is a bona fide expert on the City's history.

He has been shortlisted for Ontario's Trillium Award as well as the City of Toronto Book Award and the Arthur Ellis Crime Writers Award.

Patrick will be lecturing on one of his favourite books, Unholy City, published by the Essex County Historical Society, and described by the Windsor Star's Gord Henderson, as a book which describes Windsor as "...once Canada's notorious Sin City, a raunchy border town where every vice had its price and a corrupt police force invariably looked the other way." The setting for the novel is 1950, the mayor was Art Reaume, and the City is further described by Henderson as one which had "... scant tolerance for prudish Victorian morality and went out and partied until it landed in the gutter&shy; alongside the mob&shy; and required provincial intervention to get clean and sober."

**The lecture will be held in the Staff Lounge just inside the main entrance and next door to Eatery 101.**

## **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, now located in Human Resources, Room 274C.

The CAAT Pension can be reached at 1-866-350-3228 or 416-673-9000 or Fax: 416-673-9028.

For general inquiries: [contact@caatpension.on.ca](mailto:contact@caatpension.on.ca)

**\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\***

**ST. CLAIR COLLEGE  
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016  
SPORTSPLEX – 2ND FLOOR**

2:00 pm Annual Meeting  
3:00 pm Social Hour with refreshments

Important business to be transacted:

- Review of financial reports
- approval of the 2016 budget
- election of 2016 Executive

JOIN WITH FELLOW RETIREES  
IN FELLOWSHIP AND  
IN SUPPORT OF THOSE WHO WORK  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON OUR BEHALF

**CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS??**

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

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MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Apt City Postal Code

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

# IN MEMORIUM

## RETIREE & STAFF MEMORIALS

**Patrick O'Reilly** passed away on May 17, 2015 in Victoria, B.C.  
Pat was a professor of English for many years at St. Clair.



**Murray Campbell** passed away at Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, Arizona after a brief illness on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the age of 80. Murray was the husband to Joanne, father of two sons and a daughter. Murray was an active member of the Board of Governors of St. Clair College and an outstanding Chairperson of the Board at a period of rapid growth of the college.

## FAMILY OF RETIREES & STAFF

**Henny Dirks**, spouse of retiree Karl Dirks, died on February 15, 2016

**Antoni Jedlinski**, spouse of retiree Carolyn Jedlinski, passed away on February 16, 2016.

**Mary Barr**, mother of retiree Elizabeth Barr passed away on February 16, 2016.

**Gwyneth Jean Watts**, mother of retiree Lynne (late Dennis), passed away on February 21, 2016.

**Ellen Bottoset**, mother to retiree Roy Bottoset (and wife Sara) passed away peacefully Feb 28, 2016.

**Joanne Susan Eyraud**, sister in law of retiree Phillip Eyraud (Judy) on: April 6, 2016.

**Catherine Bering**, wife of retiree William Bering, passed away on March 31, 2016

### *Native American Prayer for the Grieving*

*I give you this one thought to keep -  
I am with you still - I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circular flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not think of me as gone -  
I am with you still - in each new dawn.  
- unknown*



# HEALHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX FUNDRAISING

*Submitted by Jay Ertel*

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$37,229 to date, 124% of our \$30,000 goal.

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

Retiree 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 7 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. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. Please consider supporting the Fundraising Brick Campaign.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tuesday, Apr. 26 • Bridge Club - Roseland
2. Wednesday, Apr. 27 • Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Casa Bella Restaurant
3. Wednesday, May 04 • Annual General Meeting, 2:00 PM Meeting & 3:00 PM Refreshments, SportsPlex
4. Thursday May 19 • Victoria Playhouse Theatre Petrolia  
Scotland Sings (Jesse Grandmont & Friends)
5. Wednesday, May 25 • Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM,  
Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant
6. Thursday, June 02 • Thursday morning Golf begins, 9:30 AM, Woodland Hills
7. TBA • President's Appreciation Brunch
8. Wednesday, Aug. 31 • Victoria Playhouse Theatre Petrolia  
Around the Piano (Mark Payne)