

Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



First, I wish to thank the Retiree Executive for making this year a success for all members; your support has been truly appreciated. Margaret Goodman is leaving the position as Social Coordinator at the end of this term. I wish to thank Margaret for all the

work she put into arranging so many events for all retirees for many years. Mark your calendar to attend the Retiree Annual General Meeting, May 3, 2017 at the Windsor Campus in Room 326. Refer to the insert for more details of the AGM.

In celebration of St. Clair College's 50th Anniversary, many activities have been planned. An insert of events is included in this Newsletter for your convenience. May 19-21 is the Windsor Campus celebratory weekend and Chatham's is September 29-October 1. You are welcome to participate in both weekends. Chatham's 50th Anniversary events will be announced closer to the dates. As always, when organizing such events volunteers are necessary, if interested, you can contact me.

The Retiree Association website, www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/ has several links, which include AGM minutes, bylaws & policies, calendar of events, and past Newsletters as well as other information. Thanks to Ken Garber the calendar of events has a fresh new look and is very informative. Planned social activities include a trip to Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia to see Fiddler on the Moose, Bridge Club, Retirement Planning Workshop in May at both Windsor and Chatham, and retiree golf to name a few. Planning is also underway for fall and winter trips. More details for some of the activities are contained within this Newsletter.

The Executive meets with President France for updates at St. Clair College. Enrolment at the College continues to grow and new programs are being launched. She continues to provide strong support for the Retiree Association. We encourage retirees to accept President France's invitation to join the faculty and staff for the St. Clair College Staff Appreciation Brunch in June.

Our membership, as of the March Executive meeting is 278. If you have not already submitted a membership form, support your Retiree Association by completing and returning the form contained in this Newsletter or contacting Marilyn Portt, Membership Secretary. Forward any ideas and suggestions you may have for your Retiree Association to me or anyone on the Retiree Executive.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our events. As always, watch your emails for other activities. Enjoy the warmer days of spring and summer.

Cynthia Bissonnette,
President



OFFICIAL OPENING DR. JOHN A. STRASSER STUDENT LIFE CENTRE

submitted by Bill Totten

The Student Residence is known as “Quittenton Hall”. The road passing in front of the building at South Campus is called “Chas Jackson Way”. Until now these are the only two college leaders memorialized on campus. As of March 31, 2017 Dr. John Strasser has been recognized as the longest serving president in the college’s history with the official opening of the
DR. JOHN A. STRASSER STUDENT LIFE CENTRE.

A Student Government project, the facility is located in what was the quadrangle between the Block “F” (Retraining building) and the cafeteria. It is a single floor, theatre style area surrounded by a second floor balcony. It includes a well-designed stage area and with tiered seating which doubles as an area for relaxing.

During the opening ceremony all speakers paid tribute to the Student Government leaders who were credited with conceiving the project and for seeing it through to completion, recognizing the generous donations from the Toldo Foundation.

SRC President Jeff Rousseau was MC and introduced Dan Wilson, College Board Chair, and Patti France, College President before calling upon Dr. Strasser who expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for this honor.



Retirees, and all others linked to St. Clair College ...
For Information Regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebration, go to

stclaircollege.ca/scc50

For those who have been part of the College for a long time, the Retirees’ Archive Project Group has prepared a ‘memory-a-day’ to be tweeted by the college check Memory Lane at **stclaircollege.ca/scc50/memory-lane** (especially the top left video), and Events (for what is being scheduled for 2017).

If you have stories or photos or videos that you would like to contribute to this historical event, please contact Ann Hetherington, 519-972-2727, ext 2775.

Have fun

ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION AWARDS 2017

submitted by Bill Totten

The College has announced the 2017 St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction Award honourees in the 50th year of the College. This year's recipients are: Andrew Banar is a graduate of the Community Living Skills Program, and is the Designer and Spokesperson for Group Hug Apparel in Windsor.

Elizabeth Farano is a graduate of the Graphic Design Program and is Vice President of Douglas Marketing Group in Windsor.

Daniel Miskokomon is a graduate of the Mechanical Drafting Technician Program and is the Chief of Walpole Island First Nation in Walpole Island.

Dr. Snezana Ninkovich graduated from the Medical Laboratory Technology Program and is an Emergency Room Physician at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Judy Robinet graduated from the Early Childhood Education Program and is Executive Director of A Life Worth Living in Windsor.

David Sellick is a graduate of Business Administration and is Vice President of Sellick Equipment Limited in Harrow.

Since 1992, there have been over 100 alumni honoured by the College at the Alumni of Distinction dinners. This year, the 25th Annual Alumni of Distinction Dinner will take place on Wednesday, April 26th at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts.

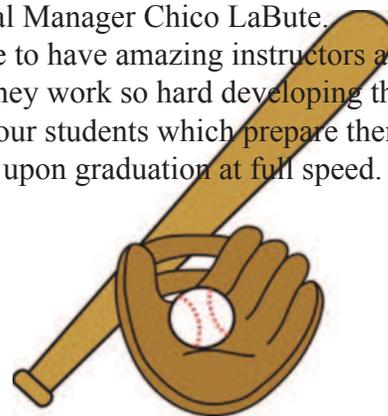
ST. CLAIR COLLEGE BASEBALL FRANCHISE ANNOUNCED

submitted by Bill Totten

St. Clair College is pleased to announce that their New Baseball Franchise will join the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate Baseball League (GLSCL) for the 2017 season. The St. Clair Green Giants will be based out of Tecumseh's Lacasse Park and be the league's 15th team and the only Canadian franchise. The college is honoring the Green Giant nickname which has always been synonymous with the Town of Tecumseh and specifically baseball in this area.

One of the driving forces behind the decision to join the Great Lakes League was the prospect of involving current students from St. Clair College. Kevin Corriveau is the Coordinator of the St. Clair College Sports and Recreation Management Program and will act as a liaison providing internship opportunities for the Green Giants.

"But the intern positions will not be limited to the Sport and Recreation Management program," noted Green Giants General Manager Chico LaBute. "We are so fortunate to have amazing instructors at St. Clair College. They work so hard developing the specialized skills in our students which prepare them to hit the job market upon graduation at full speed."



CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSION

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Kim Bode, Ext. 4687. To contact the CAAT Pension Plan, call Member Services at 416-673-9000, or Toll Free at 1-866-350-2228, and press 1 for Member Services. Or, email, member@caatpension.on.ca

NOTE: If you will require a receipt indicating premiums paid for income tax purposes, call Shelley Armstrong at 519 972-2727, ext 4286. If you had made a request in previous years, one will be sent to you automatically and you need not make a request this year.

NOMINATION REPORT FOR 2017-2018

EXECUTIVE BOARD

submitted by Kathy Dupuis, VP

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 of a suitable candidate.

Executive Positions

Candidate(s)

Officers to Be Elected

President	Cindy Bissonnette
Vice-President	Kathy Dupuis
Recording Secretary	Lyn Medler
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	Sue McLelland
Thames Representative	Elizabeth Barr

Elections will take place at the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEMEBERSHIP MEETING**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017, room 326

- 2:00 pm Social & Tour of Strasser Student Life Centre
- 3:00 pm Annual Meeting
- 4:00 pm Pizza / Beverages/Desserts

RETIREE ASSOCIATION DUES

submitted by Pat Hallahan

Did you ever wonder how your Retiree Association dues are spent? Although it is only \$10 per year, it is still your money and you have a right to know.

A good portion of the money is spent subsidizing Retiree Association social events such as the Fall Social, Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Windsor Christmas Party. Although a token donation is requested to cover food costs, the real cost is generally much higher, especially the Christmas Party which includes a sumptuous meal, lovely table settings, etc.

The Association also has incidental expenses, such as travel costs for our Thames executive members, computer accessories for our archive committee members, costs for cards for our Goodwill coordinator and the occasional donation.

In the past a small honorarium has been extended to guest speakers, presenters, and activity leaders. The Association has also supported the College's fundraising efforts, including the Windsor Sportsplex and Thames Campus Healthplex. It now supports the College's Foundation For Life.

It is important to note that the Association's work is very heavily subsidized by the College. A rent free room, computer equipment, printing and mailing costs, among other things, make the work of the Association very affordable. That and the fact that the College matches our dues is a testament to the College's admiration of our efforts and our mutually supportive relationship.

It also underscores the need for you to continue to pay your dues. The fact that your annual dues contribution is doubled allows the Association to generously support activities intended for your benefit.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you at our social/educational gatherings.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST RETIREE

Rose Ruston

We look forward to having you join us for our Annual Meeting in May as well as at our other functions.

THAMES CAMPUS LUNCHEONS

Casa Bella Restaurant
Wednesday, Apr. 26 - 11:30 AM,

Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant
Wednesday, May 31 - 11:30 AM

RETIREE PARKING TAGS

REMINDER

*The old "RETIREE" Parking Permits expired in January.
Don't forget to bring in your 2017 Membership card and get your new permit.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to correct a statement in the Newsletter concerning this fountain. The fountain was and is, part of Block B. When Block B construction was finished the fountain was fully operational and turned on. Shortly thereafter two problems surfaced. One was that no matter how many garbage containers were placed near to it students insisted on throwing garbage in the fountain. This created a big maintenance problem. But a larger problem was that the wind blew water all over the sidewalk leading to the college and the benches placed along the sidewalk. The plant department was told from on high to shut it down.

Retired Plant Director,
A.G. MacLellan

I left St. Clair in 1975 (to come to BC) and am wishing now that I had the YEARBOOK for that year. 1975. If you have a copy on offer I would be happy to pay the postage,or take the SCC deliverer out for lunch, if I get the more personal service!

Even though Health issues have come to the fore, I still manage to walk for an hour, (or more) and tease the weights in the Gym and am as passionate about Politics as ever I was. I hope you are keeping well Bill, AND enjoying life .

Carolyn and I still travel and find the cruise THE ideal form of relaxation/exploration. No cooking, shopping, laundry or dusting.....and the meals,oh wow. We were just looking at some more possibles this morning. I count myself a very fortunate man.

I enjoy getting the Retirees newsletter but am finding that I know fewer and fewer of the names mentioned. Surprise, surprise!....."Norm. who.....???? "

WOIT (1963) seems a very long time ago, but I remember my days there with affection , as indeed I do especially with SCC.

Over my working years, I worked for quite a large number of Colleges and NONE was as congenial and enjoyable as SCC.

Warm greetings,
Norm Webster

PS the snowdrops are now in full bloom.
Retired Plant Director

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/
newsletters.html](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/newsletters.html)

DID YOU KNOW ??

That individuals who do not have a St. Clair parking permit can have the price of parking taken off their bill in Eatery 101. Just tell the wait staff and they will cover the cost of parking.

Check out the College Website
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/eatery101/>
or call 519-972-2726 for up-to-date information
on Eatery 101

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden.
As I turn on the hose in the driveway,
I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.
As I start toward the garage,
I notice mail on the porch table that
I brought up from the mail box earlier.
I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.
I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail
in the garbage can under the table,
and notice that the can is full.
So, I decide to put the bills
back on the table and take out the garbage first.
But then I think,
since I'm going to be near the mailbox
when I take out the garbage anyway,
I may as well pay the bills first.
I take my check book off the table,
and see that there is only one check left.
My extra checks are in my desk in the study,
so I go inside the house to my desk where
I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking.
I'm going to look for my checks,
but first I need to push the Pepsi aside
so that I don't accidentally knock it over.
The Pepsi is getting warm, and I decide to put it
in the refrigerator to keep it cold.
As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi,
a vase of flowers on the counter
catches my eye—they need water.
I put the Pepsi on the counter and
discover my reading glasses that
I've been searching for all morning.
I decide I better put them back on my desk,
but first I'm going to water the flowers.
I set the glasses back down on the counter,
fill a container with water and suddenly spot the
TV remote.

Someone left it on the kitchen table.
I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV,
I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't
remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I
decide to put it back in the den where it belongs,
but first I'll water the flowers.
I pour some water in the flowers,
but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.
So, I set the remote back on the table,
get some towels and wipe up the spill.
Then, I head down the hall trying to
remember what I was planning to do.
At the end of the day:
the car isn't washed
the bills aren't paid
there is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter
the flowers don't have enough water,
there is still only 1 check in my check book,
I can't find the remote,
I can't find my glasses,
and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.
Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got
done today,
I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all
the damn day, and I'm really tired.
I realize this is a serious problem,
and I'll try to get some help for it,
but first I'll check my e-mail....

Do me a favor.

Forward this message to everyone you know,
because I don't remember
who the hell I've sent it to.
Don't laugh — if this isn't you yet, your day is
coming!!

**** IMPORTANT REMINDER ****

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – ROOM 326

2:00 pm	Social & Tour of Dr. John A. Strasser Student Life Centre
3:00 pm	Annual Meeting
4:00 pm	Pizza / Beverages/Desserts (complimentary)

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers; approve the 2017 budget; consider bylaw changes; receive committee reports.

FOLKLORE PROJECT

submitted by Pat Hallahan

The work on the Retiree Association Folklore Project continues with, finally, an end in sight. The first semester involved videotaping retirees who shared their memories and experiences on a variety of topics. The purpose of the project, the brainchild of John Strasser and Bill Totten, is to capture on video a number of stories which capture the College's varied and interesting history.

The winter semester has focused on editing in pictures of staff and facilities related to the topic at hand. Most recently the project crew, Bill Totten, Mike Kujbida and Pat Hallahan, finished working on stories on the Amphitheatre, the Clean Air Car project and the Adult Training Program.

Once editing wraps up, information will be communicated explaining how to access the videos. All should be ready for the 50th Anniversary weekend in late May.

Golf at Woodland Hills

**There is still room!!
If you ever wanted to try Golfing – please join us – at Woodland Hills
starting May 9 at 9:00**

The fee structure for 9 Holes has yet to be determined.

Please contact Jim Chambers at jcipperwash@msn.com
for further information.



ST. CLAIR

50th Homecoming Weekend May 19-21

FREE WELCOME EVENT!

Sights & Sounds

St. Clair College Main Campus

Fri. May 19

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Enjoy the sounds of the
Windsor Symphony Youth Quartet.
Tour the campus.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Roseland Golf Course

Sat. May 20

9 am Shotgun Start

\$80

VINTAGE 50 ON ALL LEVELS

St. Clair College Centre for the Arts

Sat. May 20

starting at 5:30 pm

Jazz Bar, Dining, Dancing,
and Fireworks

\$40.00 (plated meal)

50th Anniversary Brunch

St. Clair College Centre for the Arts

Sun. May 21

Seatings start at 11:00 am

From \$28.95 pp

Ask about the Seniors Discount!

EVENT DETAILS & TICKETS: stclaircollege.ca/scc50/events

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 \$37,429 to date, 124% 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

In Memoriam

FAMILY OF RETIREES & STAFF

Rosa Licata

passed away on February 3, 2017 at 94 years of age.
Rosa is the mother-in-law of retiree Fulvio Valentinis (Vita).

Joan Downes

passed away on February 4, 2017 at 73 years of age.
Joan is the Mother-in-Law of St. Clair staff member Vicky Downes (Terry).

Ruby McCallum

passed away on February 12, 2017 at 88 years of age.
Ruby was the mother-in-law of retiree Paul Chortos (Beverly).

Margaret Ann Jobin

passed away on February 16, 2017 at age of 92.
Margaret was the sister-in-law of retiree Leonard Jobin.

Doreen Patterson

passed away on February 23, 2017 at age 87. She was the mother of staff member Ann Hetherington (David).



My Memory Library

Sarah Blackstone

Imagine if I was given one moment,
just a single slice of my past.
I could hold it close forever,
and that moment would always last.

I'd put the moment in a safe,
within my hearts abode.
I could open it when I wanted,
and only I would know the code.

I could choose a time of laughing,
a time of happiness and fun.
I could choose a time that tried me,
through everything I've done.

I sat and thought about what moment,
would always make me smile.
One that would always push me,
to walk that extra mile.

If I'm feeling sad and low,
if I'm struggling with what to do.
I can go and open my little safe,
and watch my moment through.

There are moments I can think of,
that would lift my spirits everytime.
The moments when you picked me up,
when the road was hard to climb.

For me to only pick one moment,
to cherish, save and keep,
Is proving really difficult,
as I've gathered up a heap!

I've dug deep inside my heart,
found the safe and looked inside,
there was room for lots of moments,
in fact hundreds if I tried.

I'm building my own little library,
embedded in my heart,
for all the moments spent with you,
before you had to part.

I can open it up whenever I like,
pick a moment and watch it through,
My little library acts as a promise,
I'll never ever forget you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Bridge Club Dates
 - Apr. 18
 - May 02
2. Thursday, April 20 - Patrick Brode Talk, 7:00 PM, optional dinner in Eatery 101 at 5:30 PM
3. Wednesday, April 26 - Alumni of Distinction Gala
4. Wednesday, Apr. 26 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Casa Bella Restaurant
5. Wednesday, May 03 - Annual General Meeting, Room 326
Tour of Dr. John A. Strasser Student Life Centre, 2:00 PM
Meeting, 3:00 PM
Pizza/Beverages/Desserts (Complimentary), 4:00 PM
6. Thursday May 04 - Retiree Golf begins, 9:00 AM, every Thursday at Woodland Hills
7. Wednesday, May 10 - Victoria Playhouse Theatre Petrolia
Fiddler on the Moose (Jesse Grandmont & Friends)
Contact Marilyn Portt for reservations
8. May 19-21 - 50th Anniversary Weekend (Windsor)
9. Wednesday, May 31 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant
10. TBA - President's Appreciation Brunch

FOR A QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS LISTING
ACTIVITIES FOR THE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION GO TO:
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar.html>

The electronic version of this and past newsletters can be found at
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/newsletters.html>

