

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome 2017! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and I wish you all the best for the year ahead! The Windsor and Thames Retiree Christmas luncheons were enjoyed by all who attended. Contributions were made to the Student Food Banks at each party. It is

always nice to see our retired colleagues and catch up with everything since the last time we saw each other.

On behalf of all retirees, I wish to thank President Patti France for extending an invitation to all retirees to attend the St. Clair Christmas brunch on December 21. Many retirees took the opportunity to renew their 2017 Retiree Association memberships when attending the luncheons. For those who have paid their dues, thank you. If you have not already done so, you can still renew your membership by contacting Marilyn Portt, our membership coordinator. President Patti France supports the Retiree Association by matching our paid dues, which means the \$10 membership from you becomes \$20 allowing the Retiree Association to offer programs and events at a reasonable rate. You may also join OCRA, the provincial Ontario College Retiree Association for \$10. Jim Martin is the Retiree Association's OCRA representative. **As a reminder, the new parking tags are to be displayed in your vehicle beginning February 1.**

St. Clair College celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, 2017, with activities planned throughout the year. The celebration began with a press launch held at St. Clair, Windsor Campus on January 10th and was simultaneously broadcasted to the other St. Clair College sites. Bill Totten spoke, as representative for the retirees, and he "did us proud". He recalled the early days of St. Clair College when it was referred as

the corn field and other recollections as the College and student enrolment grew. May 19-21 is the Windsor Campus Homecoming and September 29-October 1 is Chatham Campus Homecoming weekend. I would like to send a loud shout out and acknowledge the Retiree Archive Group for their dedication in researching and categorizing memories of St. Clair College from past to present with pictures and articles spanning the last 50 years. You will see many of them on the 50th Anniversary website, indicated within this Newsletter, as well as displayed randomly at College events throughout the year. Many of you will remember the "good old days" and times when you see the various pictures and probably will recall stories of your own.

In addition to the activities throughout the year for the 50th anniversary, retiree events include this year's winter trip, an Eastern Caribbean Cruise, which will have returned by time you receive this Newsletter. We are busy planning events such as the Bridge Club at Roseland Golf and Curling Club, golf at Woodland Hills Golf Club, Petrolia Victoria Theatre, and the Executive is looking into a trip to Las Vegas as a spring destination. Plan to attend the Retiree Association's AGM on May 3 at the Sportsplex. More information on these and other events are contained within this Newsletter.

Join us and other retirees by attending your Retiree Association's events. Let us know what activities you would like to see in 2017 by contacting any member of the Executive. We are always open to new ideas and welcome anyone interested in volunteering for any of the activities. I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

Cynthia Bissonnette,
President

50th ANNIVERSARY

submitted by Bill Totten

I consider myself to be among the fortunate few people who were here when this all started in 1967. In the mid 60's, William Davis, then minister of education, created, with a single stroke of the pen, 17 Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (this quickly grew to 19 colleges and now is 26 colleges).

With nothing but a set of what became known as the "Basic Documents" outlining the legislation, we set off to accommodate that first intake of around 400 students, many of whom began as students at the Western Ontario Institute of Technology. We had no rules or policies, nor established traditions upon which to base our plans and activities. Everything happened quickly.

Where the South Campus currently stands there was nothing but a cornfield in 1967 with a new road running from Cabana road to a small frame temporary building which housed our founding president, Dr. R. C. Quittenton, a small library and a few classrooms. This became known as "Green Acres". The rest of the staff and students were scattered around the city: Technology students were housed in the former Mercer Street Elementary School (which had been condemned in the thirties); a few secretarial students were taught in the old vanity theatre building on Ouellette Ave.; administrative offices were over a restaurant at the corner of Ouellette and Wyandotte. but we made do – and had so much fun doing it!!!

All of this has led to the St. Clair College of today - this marvellous Windsor campus with its many facilities and its Sportsplex; another beautiful campus in Chatham with its arena; a presence in downtown Windsor; and additional smaller locations throughout Windsor/Essex and Chatham/Kent.

I consider myself so fortunate to have been a staff member for 25 years – from those exciting days in 1967 until 1992 when I retired. In the 25 years since I retired I have remained active at the college as a member of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association. So you could say that I am also celebrating a 50th anniversary with the college. I have watched with pride as St. Clair College has become one of the leaders in the college system in Ontario.

On behalf our current Retiree Association President, Cindy Bissonnette, and the 750 college retirees – many of whom have passed on and are remembered on three plaques mounted in the hallway to Eatery 101 – I offer our congratulations on 50 very eventful and successful years. You continue to make us all proud of what we helped to build and what you continue to build.

Happy Birthday St. Clair - and may there be many more outstanding contributions to our communities as you move into the future.

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

CHECKING EMAIL WHILE ON VACATION

submitted by Ken Garber

You can't live without it so when you're on vacation, you just have to check your email.

Most Internet Providers provide an address so you can access your account when you're away. For example, Cogeco users can go to

https://www.cogeco.ca/web/on/en/my_cogeco/
(The 's' in https denotes a secure site.) Which is all well and good, but you need to watch what happens next.

Let's look at Gmail. When you go to Gmail.com, you are of course asked for username and password. But there's one more step to watch for. Below 'Sign In' is a check box to 'Stay Signed In'. If you are not on your home system when logging in, you should **UNcheck the box**. Otherwise the system you're on remembers you for next time. But if you walk away and someone else sits down, they now have access to your account.

To ensure a clean exit, you should also click on the account icon in the upper right corner of your Gmail screen. This will be a coloured circle with the first letter of your login name. Click on it and Sign out.

The Cogeco example has a **Remember Me checkbox**. Leave it **UNchecked** when not at home.

THE LATEST ON THE SCC RETIREE WEBPAGE

submitted by Ken Garber

In case you haven't visited the retiree pages in a while, here's a summary of what's been updated.

The address is **<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/>**
If you see /people/retirees anywhere, it's no longer a valid address and can be removed from your records or browser favourites.

1. The Calendar page has been updated to show events to the end of June 2017
2. Due to spam and other junk messages, the individual email addresses of the executive have been removed. Got a question for the Retiree Executive? Call them or send your query to **retirees@stclaircollege.ca** or **retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca**
3. The membership page now shows Marilyn's contact information.
4. The newsletter archive is now up-to-date.
5. Contact information on the Pensions and Benefits page is up-to-date.
6. The Picture Gallery has been updated with a plethora of 2016 events.
7. The Social Activities page has been updated.
8. The Weblinks page has been updated with Canadian web sites. The US sites have been removed.

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.

FOLKLORE PROJECT

submitted by Pat Hallahan

The Retiree Association Folklore Project, an attempt to capture on video interesting aspects of the College's history, continues. It will form a part of the College's arsenal of information for the College's 50th Anniversary celebrations, but also add to the College's already extensive archive collection.

By the end of the school year there should be at least 10 videos filmed, edited for quality and with appropriate photos inserted. They will be ready for the big 50th Anniversary bash during the May 24 weekend. The plan, currently, is also to make them available for general viewing on both the Retiree website and the 50th Anniversary website.

Many thanks to recent retiree Mike Kujbida for his invaluable assistance in the editing room.

Once the work is complete, you will be informed as to how to access the videos.

RETIREES' SPRING TRIP PETROLIA

submitted by Marilyn Portt

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Once again this year there will be a Spring Trip. The Victoria Playhouse seems to be one of the more popular events the Retirees enjoy.

This year we've decided to see "Fiddler on the Moose" presented by Jesse Grandmont and his friends. This show will be celebrating Canadian song artists as well as the 150th Anniversary of Canada.

For ticket information call – Marilyn Portt at 519-969-0693 or email mportt@gmail.com. The price for tickets will be \$41.00 per person. You will have to supply your own transportation.

We have discovered a nice restaurant to finish off the day, for those who wish to relax before the drive home.

Please reserve your tickets early.

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**

PRESIDENT'S STAFF APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

submitted by Bill Totten

The President's Annual Staff Appreciation Christmas Brunch was held in the Hangar on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. As usual for this annual event, there was a large turnout of retirees who enjoyed the opportunity to renew acquaintances with fellow retirees and also with current staff. Although President Patti France was unable to be present due to out-of-town college business, the staff were complemented by V.P. John Fairley for their achievements during the Fall semester.

John made a point to highlight activities which are planned for the year 2017 during which the college system will celebrate 50 years of educational service to Ontario. St. Clair College has planned many activities – stay tuned for more details.



Left to Right: Marilyn Portt, Sara Getty, Shirley Freeman and Lori Caba

WELCOME NEW RETIREES

Debra Rymal
Rick Muldoon
Lezlie Graham,
Susan McLelland
Sandy Mohan
Steve Janisse
Joanne Williams

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in May as well as at our other functions.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - St. Clair Sports Plex
(2nd Floor)

2:00 pm	Social
3:00 pm	Business Meeting
4:00 pm	Refreshments

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:
routine business; election of officers; financial statements and budget approval

BYLAW REVISIONS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

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.*

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

THAMES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Submitted by Elizabeth Barr

The Thames Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Countryview Golf Club in Chatham. This was a mild day for the kick-off of the Holiday Season. Twenty-seven people attended and enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon. Elvy Deline and Elizabeth Barr were thanked for arranging the door prizes and organizing another successful Christmas Party. People enjoyed their social time especially with presentations being made by Santa, Jim Robinson. We wish to thank Jay Ertel for setting up Tony Ellul's excellent powerpoint presentation which showcased the Retirees' social activities of 2016.

The retirees were invited to attend the Christmas Pageant and the Windsor St. Clair Retirees Christmas luncheon on December 17, 2016 at the St. Clair Centre of the Arts and the President's Christmas Brunch on December 21, 2016.

THAMES CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Tom and Sandy McCarthy, Lori Caba, Bill and Ida Totten, Eunice and Jim Robinson, Margaret O'Phee

WINDSOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

submitted by Pat Hallahan

On December 17/16 the College Retiree Association held its annual Windsor Christmas Party at a ground floor room at the St. Clair Centre For The Arts.

This year was as at least as good as any in the past. 99 tickets were sold for the event and at \$20 per person for both the meal and student Christmas Extravaganza, it was the best value of the year.

The upgraded turkey with all the trimmings buffet was outstanding as was the service and table settings enhanced by lovely poinsettias.

The Show was somewhat different this year in that it was a variety show format as opposed to a musical with characters and a story line. Reworking the lyrics of many familiar songs to make them Christmassy was very clever. The costumes and sets were truly as good as any you would see anywhere. And the energy of the students was quite powerful.

As you would expect, an event of this magnitude requires the help and cooperation of a number of people. Many thanks to Jim Martin and Kathy Dupuis for playing Santa and emceeing; to Marilyn Portt for managing the ticket sales and to her and Ida Totten for staffing the table at the entrance; to Tony Ellul for yet another professional slide presentation capturing the highlights and memories of 2016; to John Fairley for covering the cost of parking and subsidizing the meal; and, of course, to Jay Ertel for organizing the event.

Thanks also to the College Departments, too numerous to mention, for providing gifts for the gathering.

If you have never attended one of these Christmas lunches, you should put it on your list. It's a great day!

IN MEMORIAM

RETIREE & STAFF MEMORIALS

Susan M. Read passed away on January 19, 2017 in Windsor, at the age of 66. Susan was a retired professor of St. Clair College.



MaryRose Bearfoot Jones, passed away on January 23, 2017 at age 84. MaryRose is predeceased by her youngest son, and is survived by three daughters and two sons. She was a respected elder in the aboriginal community, and a retiree of St. Clair College



Don Campagnolo passed away on January 23, 2017 in Windsor. Loving spouse of Janece and Dad to Kimberley and Nadine. A proud member of IBEW, Don worked as an electrician, enjoying the last several years of his career teaching at St. Clair College as a full time faculty member in the HRAC program, before retiring in 2015.



Angelina Casella, passed away suddenly on at age 76. Angy, a St. Clair retiree, is survived by husband, retiree PJ, and daughters Lara and Sarah. Angie was a long time professor of ESL at St. Clair College.

FAMILY OF RETIREES & STAFF

Anna Matteis, 96, Nov. 19, 2016. Beloved mother of St. Clair retiree Julius and his wife Yaping.

Joy Laframboise, 56, Dec. 2, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Sister of St. Clair retiree Kathy Castle and current college employee Suzy Bruce.

Shirley Anne Steel (nee Desjardins), Dec. 7, 2016. Sister-in-law of retiree Donna Desjardins.

Nilde Callegher, 68, Dec. 24, 2016. Nilde was the daughter of retiree Odette Callegher.

Sadie Agnes Morrison, 96, Jan. 12, 2017. She was the mother of retiree Margaret Rice.

James Philip Demers, 71, Feb. 1, 2017. He was the father-in-law of staff member Art Barron.

Rose Licata, 94, Feb. 3, 2017. She was the mother of staff member Fulvio Valentinis.

Joan Downes, 73, Feb. 4, 2017. She was the mother-in-law of staff member Vicky Downes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Thames Luncheon
11:30 AM, Chatham Breakfast Grill
2. Bridge Club Dates:
 - February 7, 21
 - March 7, 21
 - April 4, 18
 - May 2
3. Wednesday, Mar. 29 - Thames Luncheon
11:30 AM, Links of Kent Golf Course
4. Wednesday, Apr. 26 - Thames Luncheon
11:30 AM, Casa Bella Restaurant
5. April - Las Vegas Trip - Date and Details TBA
6. Wednesday, May 03 - Annual General Meeting,
Check Page 5
7. Thursday, May 04 - Retiree Golf begins,
9:00 AM every Thursday at Woodland Hills
8. Wednesday, May 10 - Victoria Playhouse Theatre,
Petrolia - Check Page 4
Fiddler on the Moose (Jesse Grandmont & Friends)
9. May 19 – 21 - 50th Anniversary Weekend (Windsor)
10. Wednesday, May 31 - Thames Luncheon
11:30 AM, Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant

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

