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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In this newsletter that goes to all college staff I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the college staff who assist us throughout the year. Their assistance is crucial in the success of our association. Thanks to Shelley Armstrong, Dolph Barsanti, Becky Beneteau, Kim Bode, Susan Favaro, EP Chant, Paul Chortos, Jayne Dillon, Kevin Fochuk, Don France, Patti France, Sue Garant, Ken Garber, Judith Harris, Irene Helinski, Andy Kovosi, Mike Kujbida, Ross Langill, Sandi Lupton, Romona Mastrogiacomio, Lynn McGeachy Schultz, Amar Singh, Jay Shewfelt, Don Tellier, Dusan Vucak, and of course Dr. Strasser for all his support. We appreciate retirees being included in College events, such as the President's Christmas brunch in December, the Staff Appreciation Brunch in June, and the invitations to the fireworks dinner and the dinner before the St. Clair Christmas musical.

As you read over this jam packed newsletter, please give serious consideration to the Ontario College Retirees' Association request to add your voice to the pension issue. Decisions will be made this year that will affect your pension income.

Our annual trip to the sunny south in January has run into some glitches and as of this writing the location and price has not been finalized. We were planning on going to Puerto Vallarta, but the airline has made major changes to their flight schedule and amounts so alternate locations are being considered. We had an excellent group last year, our largest ever with 24. Most have indicated that they plan to go with the group again next year. If our winter is going to be as cold as this summer is hot, plan on coming with us in January.

Our fall social season will start with the Fall Social on Monday Aug 30. All new retirees are especially welcome to attend their first Retiree event.

President, Anita Blair

PENSIONS

Sometime in this fall a Funding Review Committee of the CAAT Pension Plan will make a recommendation to the Board and Sponsor's Committee of the Plan on the indexation or cost of living for pre 1992 service. Indexation for pre 1992 service years extends only until 2014. Derek Dobson CEO of the CAAT Pension Plan told the Ontario College Retirees Association (OCRA) that retirees with pre 1992 service years should not plan on getting indexation for those pre 1992 years.

From the CAAT Pension Plan Website we have the following:

Who qualifies for indexation?

. For service earned in the Plan prior to January 1, 1992, indexation will be granted until December 31, 2014. Indexation relating to these years is not funded past 2014.

. For service earned in the Plan between January 1, 1992, and December 31, 2007, indexation is funded and will be paid for life.

. For service earned in the Plan after December 31, 2007, indexation is "ad hoc" - it will be granted only if there are sufficient funds in the Plan to do so. The CAAT Plan governors will review the funding of the Plan on a yearly basis to determine if indexation will

apply in a given year. This change was part of the Plan's Funding Policy, which was approved in September 2006."

Think about how your pension will be affected if this indexation ceases. What if the cost of living raises 5 -6 percent a year and you get virtually no cost of living increase. How will you make ends meet? The reality is that retirees with mostly pre 1992 service get much smaller pensions than the retirees of today. They can least afford a stagnant pension.

OCRA urges you to contact Derek Dobson and any of the other names listed in the included bulletin and make your concerns known. This is an extremely important issue that could have a major impact on your life. It is only through raising our collective voices that we have any hope of change.

If you receive an OCRA membership form in this newsletter it means you are not a paid up member for this year. Think about joining OCRA. OCRA needs your support and is the only group that speaks solely for retirees.

Anita Blair
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RETIREE MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST

Did you know that the St. Clair College Retirees' Association maintains an email distribution list. Using this list we are able to transmit immediate information to approximately 250 college retirees.

If you are currently *not receiving* these messages and would like to be kept informed of association and college information, please forward your email address to Bill Totten at wtotten@sympatico.ca.

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION AGM 2010

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association Annual General Meeting was held in the the Chez Talbot at the South Campus on May 05/10.

Over 50 retirees attended to hear reports from the various committees, including the President, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Social Coordinator, etc.

Anita Blair, President, thanked everyone for their contribution to the Association's numerous activities, such as outgoing Goodwill Coordinator Carol Pratt and outgoing Social Coordinator John Charlesworth. In addition to citing some of our upcoming social events, she thanked Bill Totten, our President Emeritus, for his continued support in so many different activities. Throughout the meeting, thanks were also extended to those outside the Executive, such as Dan and Mary Loncke and Gary MacLeod. Dan and Mary continue to organize the Bridge Club and biannual Trivial Tuesdays. Gary has organized numerous educational outings; most recently it was the Kingsville Historical Museum tour, followed by lunch at the newly refurbished and gorgeous Mettawas railway station/restaurant, also in Kingsville. He has another planned for the fall at the J. R. Park Homestead.

The Association's finances are in good stead thanks

to members' dues and the financial support of College President John Strasser. Many thanks to Jim Chambers who continues to act as auditor. Speaking of money, Jay Ertel, Fundraising Coordinator, reported that the Association has reached 45% of its \$30000 goal toward the College's Healthplex fundraising campaign. Donations continue to come in and your financial support is much appreciated.

Bill Totten also reported that planning of the ceremony of the naming of the Residence as Quittenton Hall continues. It will be held on June 4/10. Also Marilyn Portt, formerly of the Registrar's Office, will now serve as our Goodwill Coordinator. Marilyn is also a very welcome addition to our Archive Committee. Owen Klein has also volunteered to serve as Archive Coordinator.

Many thanks to our BBQers and food handlers Les Taffinder, Shirley Dzudz, Keith Brown, Ida Totten and Elsi Hallahan.

For your information, photos of both the recent Kingsville Historical Museum Tour and the AGM can be found on our website, compliments of our website manager, Brian Agar.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



Pat Hallahan, Marg Goodman, John Holsey



Gary McLeod, Frank Harnadek

DEDICATION OF QUITTENTON HALL

As reported a few months ago, the St. Clair College Board of Governors approved a proposal presented by College President Dr. John Strasser naming the student residence “Quittenton Hall” in honour of our first president.

The dedication of Quittenton Hall took place on Friday, June 4, 2010 on the lawn in front of the residence before a crowd of 75 – 100 people on a sunny, warm morning. While the crowd included current staff and Student Government representatives, most of those present were St Clair retirees who have had a relationship with Dr. Q during his ten year term at St. Clair. For health reasons neither Dr. Q nor his wife Diane were able to attend.

Participating in the program were Andy Faas, Student Government President in 1972 who presented the perspective of the students who were so important to Dr. Quittenton, Dr. John Strasser, current President of St. Clair College and Derek Quittenton, son of Dr. Q, representing the Quittenton family.

Andy, who has gone on to an outstanding career as a Vice President of Shoppers Drug Mart, paid tribute to “Q”, noting the influence he has had on so many students. He also highlighted the physical growth that took place during Q’s tenure. Dr. Strasser presented a tribute to “Q”, noting that he had the opportunity to meet Q on a couple of occasions, one of which was at the re-introduction of the hockey program at St. Clair.

Following his comments, Dr. Strasser and Derek Quittenton, unveiled the very attractive name sign designating the student Residence **“Quittenton Hall”**. In his acceptance remarks Derek Quittenton emphasized the significance of the naming of the residence after “Q”, noting that what could be more

appropriate for a man whose main focus was students, to have the *Student* Residence named in his honour. Those of us who remember Q were amazed by the resemblance – voice and appearance – as Derek reminisced about family times.

The dedication ceremony was followed by refreshments on the residence lawn and attendees were invited to add personal remarks to the video which recorded the entire ceremony. **Two plaques which will be permanently mounted in the residence were on display. One, the “Jolly College” plaque, conveys Q’s personal philosophy and hung in the halls during his time at the college. The second plaque carries the inscription:**

“Named in honour of Dr. Richard Charles Quittenton, the founding President of St. Clair College who served from 1966 to 1977. Known as “Q” to staff and students alike, his belief in the innate worth and abilities of every individual dominated his personal philosophy.”

A light luncheon followed in Chez Talbot where memories of the “Q” years were shared by Bill Totten, Andy Faas and Derek Quittenton. All echoed the sentiment that Q and Diane were missed at this ceremony and all closed with “Love and Peace”, Q’s favourite salutation.

It was certainly a ‘day to remember’

Submitted by Bill Totten



RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

On May 20/10 more than 50 active employees and a handful of retirees gathered at the South Campus to attend the 2010 version of the Retirees' Association Retirement Planning Workshop. This event is offered in conjunction with the College's Financial Services Office.

The featured speaker was Derek Dobson, the relatively new CAAT Pension Plan CEO and Plan Manager. He proved to be a very capable and well prepared speaker who covered all the salient aspects of the CAAT Pension Plan. These included eligibility for a pension, pension income calculations, the integration of the CPP and OAS incomes, and a host of other pension issues.

Derek was also available to members of the Association Executive before the meeting and has

proven to be a very accessible contact for the Plan.

Bill Totten gave a very simple and clear overview of the three Health Benefit Plans from which retirees must select. These Plans become increasingly more important as Plan 1 continues to increase in cost.

Anita Blair, Association President, introduced the day's event and Pat Hallahan covered some of the practical considerations related to retiring, such as storing important financial and legal information, updating wills, powers of attorney, etc.

Despite the fact that this type of session has been offered a number of times already, attendance remains high.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan



Anita Blair, Derek Dobson, Bill Totten, Cindy Bissonnette and Pat Hallahan

The sign of growing old!

People call at 9 pm and ask, did I wake you?

2ND ANNUAL PAR 3 GOLF TOURNAMENT

“GOOD NEWS – BAD NEWS”

The Good News

We raised \$240 for the HealthPlex (Total for the 3 Tournaments held since last July - \$575)

The Bad News

The rain did not listen to the weatherman (or my prayers) and came an hour before it was scheduled to.

Inspite of the rain, the 15 golfers who showed up had a memorable time. The last group was on lucky 13th hole when the rains came. By the time those who were still on the course (especially the foursome who were furthest from the Clubhouse) ran back to the Clubhouse there were a few wet golfers.

Some of the memorable happenings

Lars Iversen chipped in for a 2 on the 6th Hole.

Thelma Serviss had Low Gross for Women

Jim Chambers had Low Gross for Men

Gary McLeod had a Par on the 13th

Many Thanks!

To

Jim Martin for acting as the photographer (as happens, no picture of him)

Brian LaBombard for helping to organize the Tournament and for the many great prizes he was able to acquire (unfortunately, Brian injured his back just before the Tournament and was not able to join us)

the various departments at the College for once again donating some wonderful prizes

Kevin Fochuk (Mgr of the Residence) and his Assistant Don for joining us and for the nights lodging gift certificate he donated

My fellow golfers/ retirees for going with the flow – and, we will do it again next year

Jim Chambers – Tournament Organizer



KINGSVILLE HISTORICAL PARK AND METTAWAS STATION

Seventeen retirees and friends were treated to another of Gary MacLeod's wonderful outings when we visited the Kingsville Historical Park, followed by lunch at Mettawas Station.

The Charlie Campbell Memorial Museum, located in the Kingsville Historical Park, promotes education and research in the military history of this area. There are outstanding displays of those military events which are of particular significance to the Essex County area. We were pleasantly surprised to be able to renew acquaintances with a St. Clair College retiree, Dick King, who is a hard working volunteer at the museum, specializing in weaponry. Several of our retirees were thrilled to discover that they had relatives who were featured in displays.

Following the tour we enjoyed an outstanding lunch at historic Mettawas Station. In October 2008 Janet and Anthony DelBrocco opened an upscale but

intimate restaurant, in what was the Kingsville Railway Station, and in so doing, they continue the heritage started by Hiram Walker over 100 years before. Hiram Walker commissioned the eminent architect Albert Kahn to design and build the Kingsville Train Station to be ready when construction of the railway line reached Kingsville from Windsor in the spring of 1889. The interior layout included gentlemen's and ladies' waiting room, ticket office, freight and baggage areas, a covered porch, port-cochere and a second floor bed chamber. Built out of stone, and complete with a slate roof, the station was equipped with gas heating and lighting brought in from natural gas fields nearby. Fares, round trip to Windsor were 80 cents for adults, 40 cents for children.

Submitted by Bill Totten with pictures from Pat Hahllahn



Dick King, Museum Volunteer - Anita Blair



Alice McLeod, Lou Surgent, John Payne



Ida Totten & Elsie Hallahan



Mansell Blair & Art Rae

THAMES/WINDSOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

PLACE: The Lighthouse Inn - Lighthouse Cove Tilbury

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Lunch at own expense.

Please confirm with Eunice Robinson:

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For Car Pool please confirm with Pat Hallahan:

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Submitted by Jay Ertel

W.O.I.T. REUNION – CALLING ALL FORMER W.O.I.T STAFF

It has been 5 years since the last reunion of former students and staff of the Western Ontario Institute of Technology. This year the reunion will take place on Friday and Saturday October 15th and 16th. The weekend will begin with a Friday night “W.O.I.T - Welcome Reception” from 7 until 9 pm. Saturday will begin with a golf outing in the morning and tours of the main campus college facilities during the afternoon. On Saturday evening there will be a dinner and dance.

All events, except the golf are complimentary. **Former staff of W.O.I.T.** are encouraged to attend. This event will be hosted by the St. Clair College Alumni Association and the Retirees’ Association.

Please visit their website www.stclairalumni.com and click on the picture of W.O.I.T. and register online. For further information call the Alumni Office at 519-972-2727 ext 4567.

Truism!

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize that you’re wrong.

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$14,508 to date, 48% 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 the Spring '10 Newsletter.** If 180 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.

The HealthPlex Campaign is now well underway. The Executive advised Dr. Strasser of our support by unanimously passing two motions at an emergency meeting in the Fall'08:

- That the Executive Support the College's HealthPlex Fundraising Campaign and that the support be recommended to the SCCRA general membership.
- That the SCCRA Executive agrees to support the HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of \$30,000 (\$3,000 for 10 years)

Be part of the Retirees' Campaign by pledging your support to the College's HealthPlex Campaign.

Members interested in helping with fundraising through their contacts with small business or helping with a fundraising event are asked to contact Jay Ertel, Coordinator for Retiree Fundraising. The SCCRA HealthPlex Fundraising projection/goal of \$30,000 could be met for example through member donations (eg. 300 retirees @ \$10/year for 10 years) or a combination of fundraising and donations.

Many thanks to Jim Chambers and Brian Labombard for organizing the Retirees' Association Golf Outings as fundraising activities.

We thank JoAn Dale for running the HealthPlex draws at our social events.

Memorial donations of \$25 are being made by the SCCRA in the name of deceased retirees to the HealthPlex Campaign.

At the request of Bob Woods who is recently deceased memorial donations were made in Bob's memory to the Retiree HealthPlex Fund.

The College HealthPlex Projects are planned for as early as 2010 in Chatham and 2012 for Windsor. Construction is now underway in Chatham.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

For those who have had the opportunity to visit campuses in Windsor and/or Chatham, it will come as no surprise that they are 'beehives of construction activity'. For those who haven't visited the campuses, here is a brief summary of that activity.

Applied Health Sciences building – on April 30, 2010 a groundbreaking ceremony was held at South Campus for this \$32 M building located in the former parking lot just north of the Landscaping building.

MediaPlex – located in the former Salvation Army Building at the corner of University and Victoria, this \$5 M renovation is the third of its design in the world,

to house Journalism, Tourism & Travel, and new programs in Public Relations, and Publishing.

Trades and Technology Centre – located beside the existing Thames Campus, this \$5.13M building will house existing and new (approval pending) programs in Powerline Technician, Renewable Energy Technician, Electrical Technician, Electro Mechanical Technician, Construction Electrician Apprentice, Maintenance Electrician Apprentice and Electrical Techniques.

Submitted by Bill Totten

PRESIDENT'S STAFF APPRECIATION BRUNCH

The President's Staff Appreciation Brunch took place at the College on Friday, June 25, 2010. We appreciate Dr. Strasser and the College's ongoing support for retirees and inviting us to this event. The new retirees were recognized and thanked by Dr. Strasser for their contribution and dedicated service to St. Clair College. The new retirees are:

Maureen Carter
Susanne Garant
Sandi Lupton
Joann Marshall
Penny Rivait

Mary Caspers
Margaret Goodman
Elyse Maindonald
Gerri Pomajba
Anthony Robinet

Patricia Dufour
Dennis Holmes
Brian Mardling
Marjorie Preston
Dave Robinson

Submitted by Jay Ertel



Suzie Korhnak, Marge Preston, Del Zangari



John Payne, Gary Docherty, Jay Ertel, John Charlesworth, Bill Jones

MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Since 1999, the St. Clair College Retirees' Association has taken the opportunity to conduct the Memorial Dedication for full time College employees and former employees, now retired, who have passed away. This year Jim Martin lead the Memorial Dedication for the following people:

Mary Jane Baillargeon
John Jerome Haggarty
Joseph Thomas Korhnak
Stuart McWhinnie
Frank James Sheehan
Thomas Robert Woods

Hugh Cochrane
William Graeme Kennedy
Ken Cunnigham
Nora Sales
John William Weatherby

The St. Clair College Memorial Plaques are located in the hall outside Chez Talbot at the Windsor Campus and outside the Board Room at the Thames Campus.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AT THE COLLEGE

Responding to an enrollment growth of over 50% since 2000 and the retirement of a number of senior personnel, a major reorganization was announced and took effect on June 23, 2010.

Senior managers retiring from St. Clair before the end of this fiscal year are **Judith Harris, Sandi (Webster) Lupton, John Lawrence, Roger**

LaPlante and Fred Sorrell. The reorganization emphasized the need to address a "...declining secondary school demographic ... (and) ... to provide more opportunities for international students." The following are the new appointments, reporting to the President:

Dr. Peter Tumidajski - Vice President, Strategic Planning

Ms Patti France - Senior Vice President, College Operations – responsible for academic operations, Registrar's Office, Health and Safety, Information Technology and Student Services.

Mr. John Fairley – Vice President, College and Community Relations –Alumni, Human Resources, Foundation, St. Clair Centre for the Arts.

Mr Dolph Barsanti – Chief Financial Officer – Financial Service, Facilities Management.

Mr Ron Seguin – Vice President, Global Education and Training Services – Contract Training, Continuing Education, Summer Camps or Institutes, Employment Ontario, Self-Employment Assistance Centres, International Education.

COLLEGE CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

The *College contact* person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Kim Bode, Ext. 4687. The Benefits function has recently been transferred to Financial Services, reporting to Shelley Armstrong, the Director of Financial Services.

For the immediate short term, Shelley wishes that all inquiries from retirees be directed to her at 519 972 2727 Ext 4286, or come to Room 345.

The CAAT Pension Plan has an analyst dedicated to St. Clair College. Her name is Amy Lam, and she can be reached at 416-673-9012 or alam@caatpension.on.ca. The CAAT Pension Plan toll free number is 1-866-350-2228. Members who call into the toll-free number can simply say they are from St. Clair College. The Pension Plan mailing address is Two Queen Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, ON, M5C 3G7 and the website is www.caatpension.on.ca

There was the person who sent ten different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh.

.....No pun in ten did.

SMITH AND WILSON ESTATE WINES

On Wednesday, May 26, 2010 the retirees attended the luncheon and Educational Wine Presentation at the Smith and Wilson Estate Wines in Blenheim, ON. Our group of 35 enjoyed the splendid view of Lake Erie for our luncheon in the newly renovated warehouse now a very nice banquet hall. It turned out to be a perfect day. It was one of our hottest sunny spring days with a temperature over 30 degrees C however with the cool breeze from the lake our day was truly a memorable experience!

Smith And Wilson Estate Wines is a small family owned winery that prepares small batches of quality wines to be enjoyed by friends and family. Since the winery began competing in 2006, they have won 13 medals at the Canadian Wine Championships. Who

needs the old world? We saw some antiquity right there! The “Ruins of Cedar Springs”. Our event area included the setting of the broken foundation of the 100 year old cattle barn where we enjoyed the view of the lake, vineyards and Sherry’s Perennials while we enjoyed sipping our samples of the Smith and Wilson wine choices.

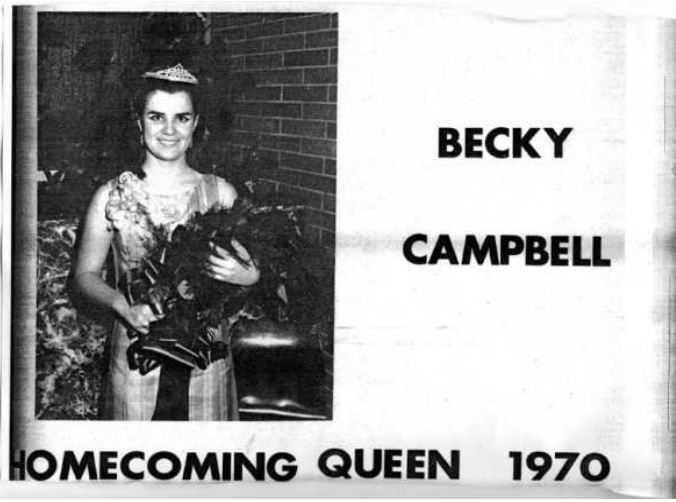
Mary Jane Smith said Smith and Wilson will again be in attendance at this year’s annual Vintage Testing which will be hosted by Muscedere Vineyards on August 8, 2010, featuring all of the SWOVA member wineries latest and best wine releases of the year.

Submitted by Jay Ertel



COLLEGE GRAD MAKES GOOD

The following is another in a series of articles about College graduates who went on to work at and retire from St. Clair College.



You all know her as Becky Queen but she was born Becky Campbell in Chatham, where she spent most of her time either going to school at The Pines or living and working at the Montreal House owned and operated by her parents.

Becky's father, a stroke victim, died when she was only seven, but her mother, trained as a teacher, continued to run the business, which was eventually identified as the best beer business in Kent County.

Also raised in the family were a brother eight years older, also a stroke victim, and an older sister who became a kindergarten teacher.

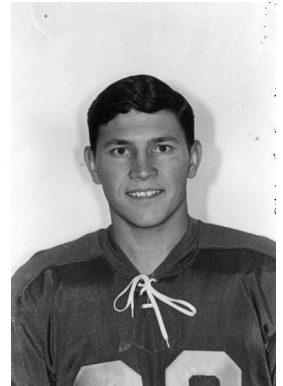
In 1968 Becky entered St. Clair College in Windsor as a student in the Legal Secretarial Program, where she was taught by the likes of Joe Korchnak, Toli Sapoleff and Bill King. Upon graduation from the two year program, Henry White, a Canada Employment Centre counsellor who worked on campus, offered Becky a job working for them at their downtown location. At summer's end, Bob Weepers, aware of Becky from her College cheerleading days, contacted her about a part time job in the typing pool, reporting to Gary Docherty. And so it began.

Becky subsequently obtained work as a clerk in the Registrar's Office reporting to Heather Milne and Al Brown, with Roy Giroux as Registrar. Eventually the Registrar's Office moved to its second floor location, Lynda Pennington left the College and Becky took

over the role of Admissions and Liaison Officer, reporting to Registrar Bill Totten.

Becky went on to become Assistant Registrar and, in 1992, upon Bill Totten's retirement, College Registrar, a position she held until her retirement in 2002. Her appointment was such an obvious decision the College never bothered to post the position!

While a student at the College, Becky met a good looking and athletic fellow student named Doug Queen. Although they never really dated as students, they subsequently did and married in 1972. Doug worked for a while at the Chrysler Assembly Plant and for the Town of Essex before landing a job at the College in the Athletics Department where he worked for many years before leaving to pursue a very successful career selling insurance.



Becky and Doug have two sons: Chris who works in property management in London and Robert who is an insurance adjuster.

Becky has served on the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame Committee and is currently President of the Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Association. She has also learned to both ride horses and to teach therapeutic riding to the disabled. In addition to teaching once a week, Becky will oversee the building of a new 3M facility.

Becky credits her many mentors at the College, such as Brian Desbiens, Bill Totten, Brook Gardner and Roy Giroux, who enabled her to get a degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology, for all their support and encouragement.

Becky Queen is certainly one of the College's most illustrious graduates and a wonderful example of the power and impact a supportive and nurturing institution can have on the life of one of its students and employees.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

MY GOURMET DINNER FOR EIGHT

by Anita Blair

At the last Christmas President's brunch I was lucky enough to win a seven course gourmet meal for eight, complete with wines, to be served at my house by Chef Mike Jimmerfield.

My first big decision was whom to invite. In the end I decided on five of my women friends, Lynne Watts, Carol Libby, Ann Anderson, Marg Artinian and Margo King (Garen). We have been close for over 35 years and I wanted to share this event with my lifelong friends. This decision caused me a bit of concern because this meant my husband was not invited. But he was OK with this, mainly because he doesn't drink, has been on a diet and I don't think he wanted to be the only male at the dinner with seven women. For the other two attendees I decided on family, my daughter Jocelyn and Marg's sister Louise.

The next decision was when this meal would take place. Margo lives outside San Francisco during the winter months and was not coming back until mid May. Delaying until spring when the semester was over turned out to be a good decision for me and Chef Mike. At the end of May Mike e-mailed me eleven suggested courses and five desserts and came to the house to check out my kitchen and finalize the menu. This was to be a tasting menu with small portions of many foods, otherwise we would never be able to get up from the table if we ate seven full courses.

The big day arrived. At three, Mike, assistant Veronica Mancini and server James Gawley arrived and made trip after trip to the car bringing in

refrigerator containers of food, boxes of glasses, plates, cutlery, wine, pots and pans - the kitchen was filled. Veronica immediately started chopping up a huge piece of chocolate for the chocolate strawberry shortcake which was the only course that was not "tasting".

In order to have room for serving I had moved the dining room table into the living room and put the living room chairs in the dining room which made for a much more intimate seating arrangement while we waited. James served us wine as we caught up with one another. Along with the menu tucked into the napkin at each place setting, James set up four wine glasses, seven forks, four knives, and two spoons. A little later Justin Harb from the Centre joined the team to help prepare the meal.

This was the most spectacular meal I have ever had. Each course was a masterpiece of taste and presentation. Asparagus that was tender and crisp, not undercooked or overcooked such as my kitchen usually turns out. A goat cheese and beet salad, chicken in flakey phyllo with a fresh tomato basil sauce, salmon that was moist and tender (and I don't like salmon but I loved this) duck with french green beans (from Costco we found out later) beef striploin with parsnip puree and white wines to go with the chicken and salmon and red wines for the duck and beef. It was an unforgettable meal and I feel extremely lucky to have won it.

Mike is now the Executive Chef at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. I wish him well. He is a very talented chef.



Standing: Marg Artinian, James Gawley, Mike Jimmerfield, Margo King (Garen)

Sitting: Jocelyn Blair, Lynne Watts, Carol Libby, Anita Blair and Ann Anderson

ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL

“NOTE CHANGE OF DATE” – From August 30 to Wednesday August 25, 2010

The 2010 edition of the Retirees' Association Annual Fall Social will be held on **August 25/10** at 3:00 PM in Chez Talbot at the Windsor Campus.

It will again be a BBQ, but will also include an audiovisual presentation featuring Art Rae photos of the Quittenton Hall Naming Ceremony.

The get-together may also include a brief Business Meeting with an information update on OCRA efforts to lobby the CAAT Pension Plan to reconsider eliminating credit for pre-1992 employment service for the purposes of determining a retiree's annual COLA increase. Should this recommendation pass, it

would be in effect starting in 2014.

It is felt that many current retirees worked a significant number of years prior to 1992 and will be unfairly singled out to help the Plan solve its financial problems. Anita Blair, Bill Totten and Jim Martin will be attending a special OCRA meeting on August 12/10 and expect to be in a position to update us on this matter.

In any event, we look forward to seeing many of you on **August 25/10** to kick off the 2010/2011 school year we no longer have to work!

AGAWA CANYON FALL COLOUR TOUR

Sixteen retirees and friends had expressed interest in the Fall Colour Tour in the Agawa Canyon, north of Sault Ste Marie. We had tentatively scheduled a tour for September 28 to September 30. However,

due to unavailability of seats on the train, we have had to cancel this trip. We will look at it again for the Fall, 2011.

BRIDGE AND TRIVIAL TUESDAY DATES

Bridge

September 7 & 21, October 12 & 26, November 23 and December 7

Trivial Tuesday

November 9

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

Friday, November, 19, 2010

No group of child musicians has won more renown than the incomparable Wiener Sangerknaben, founded in 1498. Six centuries later, the Vienna Boys Choir continue to delight music-lovers across the globe with their purity of tone, distinctive charm and diverse, crowd pleasing repertoire. www.wsk.at

The Chatham Capitol Theatre Inaugural Season

The Chatham Capitol Theatre is a 1214-seat entertainment venue in the heart of downtown Chatham. The theatre first opened as a movie house in 1930 and has recently undergone a reconstruction to become a first rate destination for live entertainment.

ITINERARY

3:30 PM	Car Pool – Lot T, St. Clair College
3:45 PM	Departure for Chatham
5:00 PM	Dinner at Casa Bella On The Thames 425 Riverview Dr., Chatham
6:45 PM	Group Car Pool at Casa Bella for Departure to Theatre Distribution of map for transportation and parking
7:30 PM	Showtime

Cost: \$61.00 (Show and dinner including taxes and gratuity)

Casa Bella Special Menu

Entrée: Choice of Lightly Breaded Filet of Grouper with Shrimp, Chicken Forestiere – Boneless Breast of Chicken topped with red wine mushroom sauce with Juliennes of Ham, Veal Parmesan or New York Strip Steak

All entrees are served with house salad and potatoes and vegetables

Apple Pie or Chocolate Brownie, Coffee, Tea

To reserve seats please contact: Jay Ertel (519)436-0589
We have 35 top seats - tickets can be held until September 30, 2010

jertel@netrover.com

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

LEGENDS OF ROCK 'N ROLL

On May 12/10, 30 retirees and friends enjoyed a very professional and energetic musical variety show at the Grand Theatre in London entitled Legends of Rock 'N Roll.

Divided into two acts, this talented troupe, using the old Ed Sullivan variety show format, performed almost 60 different songs/medleys, featuring the greatest hits from the 50's -70's.

The show started with Tina Turner's Proud Mary and never let up. Bill Haley, Fats Domino and Jerry Lee Lewis got the '50's started and were followed by Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, the British Invasion, a selection of Motown songs, some folk rock, the Beach Boys, and some comic routines, including a magic act and the Monster Mash.

There were too many "legends" to mention, but all the biggies were included, such as the Beatles, Stones, Janis Joplin, Elton John, and, of course, the King, Elvis Presley.

The show was followed by a very interesting wine tasting and dinner at the Carolinian Winery in Thorndale, featuring organic fruity wines and organic food.

The two hour drive there and back was very manageable and the final drop off at the South Campus occurred in daylight hours.

Many thanks to Kathleen Warren and Allison's Travel for organizing this delightful outing.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

The Grand Theatre

Carolinian Winery



Lou Surgent and Jim Martin



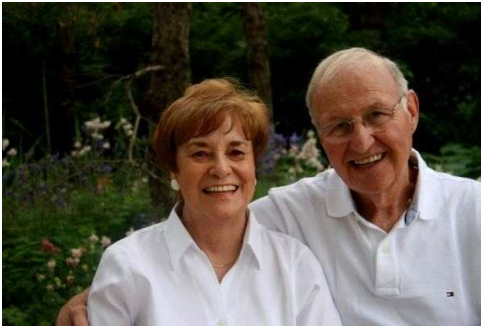
PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again this year Dr. Strasser is hosting the Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament. The tournament is on Sunday, September 19, 2010 and will be held at Blenheim Community Golf Course. All retirees are invited to participate.

Additional information will be forwarded via the retiree email list, or you may contact Rebecca Beneteau, Administrative Assistant to the V.P., Strategic Planning at (519) 972-2727 ext.4370, email rbeneteau@stclaircollege.ca

All Levels of Golfers Are Welcome!

ROY AND MADONNA GIROUX CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH



Roy and Madonna were married on June 18, 1960 at St. Rose Church in Windsor, and currently reside in Mississauga. They were honoured at a surprise celebration arranged by their 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Avid Blue Jay fans, they were escorted to the Renaissance Hotel (in the Rogers Centre) where they had a reception in a room which overlooked the ballpark.

CONGRATULATIONS!

JOHN R. PARK HOMESTEAD CONSERVATION AREA TOUR

Date: Thursday, 07 October 2010

Time: 10:00 AM

Lunch Included: 12:00 Noon (Catered In: Soup, Make Your Own Sandwich, Pie, Coffee/Tea)

Location: On Lake Erie Shore 10 minutes east of Colchester on Hwy #50 to JR Park or about 20 minutes south of Essex Hwy #23 (Arner Town Line) to Hwy #50 west to JR Park.

What You Will See: Staff will tour you through the 1842 Homestead house and out buildings on the farmstead on the beautiful north shore of Lake Erie. Just for us there will be a demonstration of a working forge. There will also be a special appearance of a mystery quest to help with our tour. There is also a museum gift shop on site.

Cost: Tour and Lunch \$21.00 each (Please bring exact cash as Gary MacLeod will collect at the door)

Please Register with Gary MacLeod (phone: 519-972-7080 or email gmacleod102@hotmail.com)

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, 29 September 2010 (JR Park need to know our numbers in order to plan for volunteers, tour staff, and catering in of food)

RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Chatham, ON

...The New Museum is now open...

RM Classic Cars, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. They typically have an inventory of over 100 investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of pre-war classic and important post-war sports cars. **The cars on display change regularly so the 2010 tour will be completely different from previous years.**

Website: www.rmauctions.com

Itinerary

8:45 AM Car Pool – Lot T, St. Clair College

9:00 AM Departure for Chatham

10:00 AM RM Classic Cars Tour (approx. 1 ½ h)

401 East from Windsor to Chatham
Exit at 2nd Chatham Exit (Hwy. 40)
Turn right (south) towards Blenheim
Travel several hundred metres to Classic Car Drive
Turn left at RM Classic Cars entrance

11:30 PM Lunch with Thames Retirees Group
Tru's Grillhouse Restaurant, 220 Riverview Dr., Chatham

1:30 PM Return to Windsor

Cost: \$4.25 ea. for tour plus lunch at own expense

We need to know the number to make lunch and tour reservations. Please confirm with Eunice Robinson:

Eunice Robinson (519) 351-3670 robsan@mnsi.net

For Car Pool please confirm with Pat Hallahan:

Pat Hallahan (519)945-4304 phallahan@cogeco.ca

Submitted by Jay Ertel

WE REMEMBER

NORA LUELLA SALES 1917-2010



Nora Sales, retiree from the Nursing Programme at Thames Campus passed away in April, 2010. She was born and raised on a farm in the Dresden Area. She was one of seven children and has always been a caring person leading her to choosing Nursing as her Profession.

She graduated from the Public General Hospital School of Nursing in 1938- 72 years ago. Nora did a combination of Hospital and Private Duty Nursing. While on one of her Private Duty Cases, she met her husband, Dent a resident of Merlin, Ontario. Nora became a wife, mother and helped out in the Family's Grocery Store. While doing this, she continued to provide advice on health issues to her many customers.

She returned to her Nursing Career and worked for a number of years in the Maternity Ward. She was proud of the many infants she helped deliver and could tell you many details of their accomplishments.

In 1965 she returned to University and graduated with a Diploma in Nursing Education from the University of Windsor in 1966. She began her teaching career at the PGH School of Nursing in 1966 and in 1973 she transferred to St. Clair College Thames Campus Nursing Programme. She retired in 1984 after 18 years of teaching.

After retiring, she remained active in her community was often asked for advice. She had a common sense approach to the care she advocated. She was noted for her many

home remedies, such as rhubarb juice, quince jam and vinegar. If you followed the directions she gave, symptoms improved and soon the person was on the road to recovery.

Her many students will remember her for her caring and kindness to them. She was always willing to go out of her way to help them find accommodations and get the essentials needed to be successful in the programme. She had a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with them. She was noted for insisting that duty shoes and laces should be clean and each nurse should have scissors, a bar of soap and an orangewood stick in his/ her pocket to care for patients.

Nora loved to garden and her flowers were exceptional. In her later years as her vision failed, she continued to be active in the community helping with the Neighborhood Watch and was a regular attendee at the Thames Retirees Luncheons

Nora is survived by two sons Jim and Dan and their families including many grand children and great grandchildren who were very special to her. Her husband, Dent and son Tim have predeceased her

After 93 years, Nora leaves us with many memories. The PGH Nurse's Alumnae, to which she belonged for 72 years has the following motto "What Do We Live For If Not to Make Life Less Difficult for Others" and Nora was a true example of this.

We will miss you, Nora, but our memories will keep you in our hearts forever.

Submitted by JoAn Dale

BOB WEEPERS



Bob Weepers passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. Bob had been confined to long term care where he was visited on a regular basis by Ted Collins and Jack Costello, among other St Clair retirees.

In addition to his work in the Athletics Department at St. Clair College, Bob was very active with the Windsor-Essex Sports Hall of fame where he served on the Board. While on the Board, Bob prepared write ups and pictures of all Hall members for the Hall's 25th Anniversary. He also researched, wrote and edited a

publication "We Are the Champions", highlighting area sports heroes.

Jack Costello was quoted in the Windsor Star tribute to Bob, saying "You couldn't meet a more thorough and dedicated man. He worked so hard, quietly and humbly that he made everyone around him look good, including me".

Our condolences go out to Gertrude, Bob's 97 year old mother who survives him, and also to Jack Costello and Ted Collins who meant so much to Bob, and he to them.

[See Windsor Star obituary – copy and paste on your browser]<http://www.canada.com/windsorstar/news/sports/story.html?id=6c84f0a1-6c0a-417b-96ba-4a784a5f1c1a>

In Memoriam



*Graeme Kennedy
Margaret McDonald
Nora Sales
Bob Weepers*

*Maria Carlini's brother - Primo Favaro
Les Taffinder's father - Don Taffinder
Elaine Labbee's mother - Helen Hodgson*

May They Rest In Peace!

WE REMEMBER

William Graeme Kennedy

Graeme and his wife Ann emigrated to Canada from Scotland. Graeme worked in public health. In the fall of 1969, he was one of the first faculty hired by Dr. Stan Bah into the Health Sciences Department. Along with other early faculty, he helped to design and equip the biology labs established at South Campus. Graeme taught a variety of biology related courses. His specialty was in the field of microbiology. He taught many of these courses to programs in Health Sciences, and Technology over his extensive career.

Graeme retired January 31, 1998.

Graeme passed away on April 8, 2010, at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital. He is remembered by his wife Ann, son Bill Kennedy and wife Stephanie, daughter Evelyn and her husband Eric Chappus, son Andrew Kennedy and wife Judy, and his grandchildren, Jason, Cameron, April, Avery, and Ryan and the many College students, and staff that he interacted with over many years.

Submitted by Jim Martin

PERSONAL FINANCE AND ESTATE PLANNING

Olev Edur Answers Questions Regarding Personal Finance And Estate Planning.
Good Times Magazine, April 2010

Question: My husband and I have our home in joint ownership, but we've kept our bank accounts separate. Our wills state that everything goes to our daughters. What will be required to settle the estate when one of us passes away?

Answer: From what you tell me, and assuming your wills have been vetted by a lawyer to ensure they have the legal effect you intended, when one of you dies your home will revert to the surviving owner, but the assets in the deceased's bank account will go into his or her estate. Once the estate has been probated and settled - meaning the deceased's debts and funeral costs are paid - the balance of that person's assets will go to your daughters.

When the second of you passes on, then the house should go to your daughters as well, along with whatever remains in that person's accounts. Before then, however, the surviving spouse should have his or her will examined against just to ensure that it

properly (that is, legally) reflects the new spouseless circumstances.

Another point that you may want to consider, albeit a remote possibility and not pleasant to contemplate, is what might happen if one of your daughters happens to pre-decease either of you. If you will doesn't provide for this, and it does come to pass, the effect may be to render your own will invalid. It would need to be updated, or your provincial government may step in and make its own determination as to how the assets are disbursed when one of you passes on, according to a rigid formula.

While that formula would likely result in all the deceased's assets going to the surviving spouse and children anyway (the exact ratios vary by province), it might cost the estate some money and could result in frustrating delays. So you should make sure to update your will whenever your circumstances change, just to ensure that the estate can be passed on in the fastest, least costly manner.

WINTER SUN & FUN TRIP – JANUARY 2011

We are once again planning a group trip to the sunny South at the end of January, 2011. This will be our eighth consecutive trip, having travelled to the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Mexico. Over the years, these trips have been enjoyed by a total of 35 retirees, partners and friends. We have had as many as 24 and as few as 18 on a single trip.

Again this year we have attempted to choose a location that is within a reasonable flight distance, has a first class

hotel, is in an area where we can feel secure and is reasonably priced. We originally looked at Puerto Vallarta, but this fell through when the only carrier, Delta Airlines, reduced their departures to one day per week, changed the flight to one with a stop over en route and had a price which was considerably higher than expected. After review and consultation with those who have been involved in the past we have chosen a hotel to which we travelled in 2009 and enjoyed considerably.

Place: Sandos Playacar Beach Resort – Mayan Riviera, Mexico - \$1340.94 US/pp

Via: Apple Vacations

Detroit departure and return:

Jan 26 - lv Detroit 7:30 am arr Mexico – 10:36 am

Feb 02 - lv Mexico 11:26 am arr Detroit – 4:16 pm

If interested, please contact Kathleen Warren at Allison Travel – 519 258-5404, or email at warrenkathleen@hotmail.com

Questions may also be directed to Anita Blair – ablair4@gmail.com; or Bill Totten – wtotten@sympatico.ca.

Here's a web site [copy and paste into your browser] :

<http://www.debbiescaribbeanresortreviews.com/mexico/galaplay.html>

St. Clair College Retirees' Association

2010 ANNUAL REPORT May 5, 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Anita Blair, President

Becoming President last May meant moving away from Membership Coordinator, a position that I was very comfortable with and knew really well. But change is part of life and we must move on.

When he became Past President Jay Ertel agreed to take on the new task of Fundraising Coordinator. He has done an excellent job, keeping track of our progress towards our \$30,000 goal for the HealthPlex and instituting new fundraising opportunities, such as the golf tournaments and the 50/50 draw. Jim Chambers has taken on the task of organizing golf tournaments and the third one will be June 23/10 at Oxley. Gayle Harrick became Membership Coordinator collecting fees for our membership and the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA).

As we went through the fall we realized that our newsletter is becoming larger and larger so we instituted a checklist so we know who is writing what articles. It has been a big help to keep us on track.

In the fall four of the Executive put together a paper for OCRA on Retiree benefits. Currently the Council, who is responsible for Retiree benefits, has an advisory committee made up of management and OPSEU/OCASA representatives. OCRA has always felt that an association of retirees should have some advisory input to retiree benefits. Thanks to Dr. Strasser our paper got to the Executive of the Committee of Presidents. Since then the OCRA Executive has had a meeting with the Council and it has been very positive. And at the Fall OCRA meeting Bill Totten joined the Executive of OCRA bringing us up to three members from St. Clair.

For our seventh annual winter trip we went to Cuba and of the 24 people, 11 were new to this group. That is the most new people we have had since we started the trips. It was a very large resort but we still managed to touch base with one another either on the beach, or at happy hour or at dinner and it worked out very well. We are in the planning stages for the eighth trip so if you like to get away in the cold winter, plan on joining us.

During the year we have had two changes to the Executive. John Charlesworth decided to "back out" of the Executive and Carol Pratt, who has work commitments, is leaving the Goodwill position. We thank both of them for the time and energy they devoted to the Retirees. Pat Hallahan has agreed to take on the Social Coordinator position and Marilyn Portt has taken on Goodwill that is now combined with back up Secretary.

Jim Martin has been our representative at the monthly College Board of Governor meetings. At the beginning of each meeting the Board allows the constituent groups to report out. Jim is producing an excellent written report each month appraising them of all our activities and concerns.

I would like to thank the Executive, the non Executive retirees and the college staff who contribute to the success of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association, the most active in the college system. Particular thanks to Dr. Strasser for, without his support we would not have this Retirees' Association.

AUDITOR'S REPORT / TREASURER'S REPORT- John Payne, Treasurer

In accordance with my appointment as Auditor, I have examined the books and records of the St Clair College Retirees Association, for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2009. I have performed such tests as I felt necessary and am pleased to report that the Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements (including Books and Records) accurately reflects the financial position of the Association as of Dec. 31, 2009. The statements have been presented on a basis consistent with previous reporting periods.

Signed: James Chambers

John Payne reported a positive balance for 2009.

MEMBERSHIP – Gayle Harrick, Membership Coordinator

It has been my pleasure over the past year to act as your membership secretary. I would like to thank the Executive, and especially Anita Blair, for helping me during this transitional period and I look forward to working with the committee in the future. To date, we have 197 paid members and associate members for 2010. This number is currently lower than it was at the same time last year. The Christmas party is usually a time when we receive most of our dues, but unfortunately, the attendance at this year's party was down as well. Due to the decrease in the number of memberships received to date, it was agreed that a second notice would be sent to those who have paid over the past few years, but have not yet paid for 2010. This reminder was sent out with the April 21st Newsletter. We are hopeful that these dues will be received over the next few months.

Along with our membership dues, we also collect dues for the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA) the provincial organization. There are currently 212 members registered with OCRA and 92 have paid for 2010.

SOCIAL CONVENER'S REPORT – Pat Hallahan, Social Convenor

Our retirees' social services are second to none. The Social Committee had another active year with the usual social events. This year's Fall Social was held in the staff lounge next to the Chez. The Windsor Christmas Party was held downtown again at the St. Clair Centre. That will change, however, for 2010. The Thames party was held again as a luncheon at the Countryview. The Thames Group continues to have very successful monthly luncheons and organized another successful RM Classic Car Tour.

St. Clair College Retirees' Association Annual Report (con't.)

New this year was the Country Legends show held at the Drayton Theatre in St. Jacob's. This replaced the annual trip to Stratford. There was also an Alternative Energy presentation (with a timely focus on wind turbines) in Chatham. And there were tours of the historic Canadian Aircraft Museum at Windsor Airport and the Canadian Black History Museum in Amherstburg. Many thanks to Gary MacLeod for organizing the latter two tours.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – JoAn Dale, Education Coordinator

With all the social activities, many of which had an educational component, this year one event was planned and repeated. A St. Clair Student, Jordynne Sharpe presented a session “**Keeping Up With Your Grandkids**” In this presentation a variety of Internet Tools were reviewed including Face Book, Google Earth, Skype, You Tube and Kijiji.

The session was well received. Bill Totten, Gary Docherty and Pat Hallahan continue to assist with a presentation for retirees and St. Clair Staff who are planning for their retirement each Spring. We are always open to suggestions for other sessions, you would like to have presented.

MEMORIALS

The Retirees Association continues to maintain the memorial plaques - one at South Campus and one at Thames Campus - remembering our deceased colleagues. Additional members are honoured each year at a brief dedication which takes place at the President's Annual Staff Appreciation Day in June. All retirees are invited to attend St. Clair Day, scheduled for June in the Hangar. Lunch is served and there is opportunity for socializing with former colleagues.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association has, as one of its mandates, the support of its members on those occasions brought on by poor health of the retiree or the retiree's family member. We have extended this recognition to staff and to 'friends' of the Retirees' Association. This support is usually in the form of a greeting card, but may also be a quick phone call, if appropriate, or a visit to a funeral home. A total of 69 cards were sent out this year. Sixteen were get well cards, a few were congratulations but most of them were sympathy cards sent to retirees or retirees' families. If you know of a retiree or retiree family who should receive a card, please inform Marilyn Portt or someone on the Executive. Executive names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed down the side of the first page of the newsletter.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Sue Korchnak and Eunice Robinson have again served as a one-person telephone committees again this year. This communication with our membership is critical to the success of our activities. A huge “Thank You”, again, to Susie and to Eunice for their pleasant and conscientious work on behalf of the SCCRA.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT – Del Zangari, Newsletter Editor

I thank you for selecting me to be your editor of the newsletter. It is with pride and the help of John, my husband that I have put out 4 newsletters in the past year. I have done my best to keep you up to date with all the news of St. Clair College. Our retirees' executive has been very helpful in supplying much of the information for the newsletter.

I do look forward to you supplying me with articles of interest, such as anniversaries, trips abroad, or items that would appeal to our fellow retirees.

You may contact me at 519-735-7958 or zangari@wincom.com.net

CHATHAM-KENT REPORT – Elizabeth Barr, Thames Representative

The Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon. Thanks are given to Jay Ertel, Eunice Robinson and JoAn Dale for arranging the guest speakers. The members also wish to thank Eunice Robinson, our Social Convener for taking care of all of the social arrangements and keeping the members informed throughout the year.

Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a luncheon meeting in September at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Lighthouse Cove and for the RM Classic Cars Tour on October 22, 2009. RM, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars with annual sales that have exceeded \$300 m. They typically have a \$10m inventory of investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of prewar classic and important post-war sports cars. The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 9, 2009 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Other monthly luncheons have included speakers on local history, home security and a master gardener. Funds have been generated for the Healthplex Campaign from monthly 50/50 raffle draws held at the luncheons. All of these events were very successful. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2010/2011..

The members continue to appreciate the warm, receptive environment that Dr. Strasser has created for retirees at the College and we wish to thank him for his support.

BITS 'N PIECES

New Baking Techniques Program in Chatham

In Early May, it was announced that Thames Campus has received \$308,500 in provincial funding so St. Clair can start a new program in Baking Techniques. The funding will help to purchase and install specialized equipment in a historic building at the corner of King and 5th Street in downtown Chatham.

Bridge Club Dates

After their Summer vacation the Bridge Club is ready to start up again in the Fall. We are inviting any Bridge players, or wannabe Bridge players, to join this group that meets every other Tuesday afternoon. Many join for dinner when they are available. With this in mind, we thought that we would share the Bridge Club meeting dates for the fall of 2010 as many of you will no doubt be scheduling other activities.

Meeting time is 1:30 on Tuesday afternoons with the location to be determined. We will be checking into Roseland again on the condition that we have a room to play in.

BEGINNERS WELCOME

The Fall dates are: BRIDGE - September 7 & 21, October 12 & 26, November 23 and December 3.
Trivial Tuesday Tuesday - November 9.

Award Recipients

June is Seniors Month and on that occasion, the Good Neighbour Club of Belle River and Area recognizes its outstanding seniors. This year they have chosen to recognize St Clair College Retiree **Sylvia Crozier**. Sylvia worked for many years in the Financial Services area and in the Budget Office and in Jobs Ontario. She was recognized for her many hours of volunteer work throughout the years, as a cub scout leader, as a member of the St. Clair College Board of Governors and as a tireless worker on the Board of Directors of the Good Neighbour Club. In addition, Sylvia knits for the Downtown Mission and for the Cancer Clinic.

Two people with connections to St. Clair College have been honoured by the University of Windsor as recipients of the Annual Clark Awards, given to persons making outstanding contributions to the university.

Eddi Chittaro, a secondary school guidance counselor who worked as a summer admissions counselor at St. Clair, was recognized for his work on the University Alumni Board and as the chair of the University of Windsor Alumni Sports Hall of Fame.

The Honourable Madam Justice **Mary Jo Nolan** was recognized for her work with the Faculty of Law at the U of W. Mary Jo work for a number of years as a counselor at St. Clair College.

Bits 'N Pieces continued:

Movers and Shakers

Ruth Hicks was a prime mover and organizer for the 75th Anniversary of Girl Guides in Windsor. The Windsor Association Trefoil Guild celebrated the occasion with a rededication service of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at All Saints Church, the only Girl Guide Chapel in North America.

Bits 'N Pieces continued:

The Riverside Red Hatters enjoyed a day of fun and “wacky games” thanks to the organization of **Marilyn Portt**. Marilyn is currently the Retirees’ Association Goodwill Coordinator (sending cards to members) and is Assistant Secretary.

College Retirements

After 35 years of dedicated service **Judith Harris** is retiring. An Open house was held on June 15. A reception was held for **Sandi (Webster) Lupton** on June 24. Sandi has retired after serving 40 years at St. Clair College.

Retirements in the past year – **Maureen Carter, Mary Caspers, Patricia Dufour, Sue Garrant, Marg Goodman, Dennis Holmes, Nancy Kominek Elyse Maindonald, Brian Mardling, Joann Marshall, Geraldine Pomajba, Marjorie Preston, Penny Rivait, Anthony Robinet, Dave Robinson.**

Submitted by Bill Totten

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Annual Fall Social - **Note change of date from August 30 to the 25th**. Check page 15.
Chez Talbot - Windsor Campus
2. President’s Cup golf Tournament - Sunday, September 19
Blenheim Community Golf Course - Check page 17.
3. Agawa Canyon Fall Colour Tour - September 28 to 30. Check page 15.
4. Bridge and Trivial Tuesday Dates -
Bridge; September 7 & 21, October 12 & 26, November 23 & December 7
Trivial Tuesday, November 9
5. John R. Park Homestead Conservation Area Tour - Thursday, October 7. Check page 18.
6. R M Classic Cars Tour -Wednesday, October 27. Chatham - Check page 19.
7. Vienna Boys Choir - Friday, November 19. At the Chatham Capitol Theatre Inaugural Season. Page 16.
8. Thames Annual Christmas Luncheon - Wednesday, December 1 at Countryview Golf Course
Details in the next newsletter in November
9. Windsor Campus Annual Christmas Lunch- Wednesday, December 8 at Chez Talbot.
Details in the next newsletter in November.