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ANNOUNCING: 20th Anniversary of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Founding

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As I do this first report as President, I want to thank Anita Blair for all the work she did the last three years as President. In her role as Past President, she will be available as a mentor for the Association. Also thank you to John Payne for his role as Treasurer of the Association for several years. We wish him well as he accepts other community challenges. I want to welcome several new people to the executive- Cynthia Bissonnette as Vice-President, Sue Bezaire as Treasurer, Margaret Goodman as Social Convener and Dr. Owen Klein as Representative to the Board. These people will augment those already on the Executive and with this team, I look forward to planning many exciting events for our Retiree Group as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Retiree's Association.

This edition of the newsletter will be sent to all staff and will include the report of the Annual Meeting held in May. On behalf of the Executive, I want to thank the following staff members who have been supportive to the Association- Shelley Armstrong, Dolph Barsanti, Kim Bode, Terrence Burke, Vinoo Dayal, Susan Favaro, John Fairley, Christina Frye, E.P. Chant, Paul Chortos, Don France Patti France, Lynn Fujimoto, Ken Garber, Lezlie Graham, Adele Metcalfe, Joan Pocock, Mary Beth Rush, Sherry Sharon, Mike Sorrell, Lynn McGeachy- Schultz, Amar Singh, Julie Stockwell, and of course Dr. Strasser for his continued support. Retirees appreciate being invited to the Christmas Brunch, the Staff Appreciation Brunch, the special dinners held throughout the year and the St. Clair Student Productions.

The Retiree Association wishes to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Dr. Richard Quittenton (Dr. Q) who passed away in June. We are pleased that he knew that the residence in Windsor was named in his honour. We have many memories of his time at the College and are very appreciative of all his accomplishments as the College was beginning.

We are welcoming more than twenty people as the next group of retirees begin this new stage of their lives. On September 12th, a social event is planned for our most recent retirees and we hope we can encourage them to take part in some of the Retiree Events and learn more about the role the retiree group plays. More information about this event is included in the newsletter.

The first event of the Fall Season is the Fall Social which will be held on August 22, 2012. The afternoon will begin with a tour of the new manufacturing and technology buildings at 1:30pm and finish with a barbecue in Chez Talbot at 3:00 pm. We hope you can attend and catch up with your friends at this event. You will have the opportunity to find out about our Fall Events.

President's report continued...

New events planned for the Fall include the introduction of pickle ball as a new sport's event for our group as well as the continuation of the Bridge Club, Christmas Parties in

Windsor and Chatham, the RM Classic Car Tour on October 31, the joint meeting with the Windsor and Thames groups at Lighthouse Cove on September 26 and some other events that are still in the planning stages.

I look forward to meeting you at one of the Fall Events, The Executive is eager to hear from you with any ideas that you have for our Group. Any suggestion you have will be considered. We are especially interested in hearing from those of you who are outside the Windsor/Essex and Chatham-Kent areas to give us ideas of how we can be of more support to you. Please remember to inform us if you have a new home address or email address and don't forget to check our web site at www.stclaircollege.ca/people/retirees to keep up to date with our activities.

JoAn Dale, President

A LETTER OF THANKS - TRINA HUNEALT

July27,2012

Dear St. Clair College Retirees,

I recently received a letter from the St. Clair College Foundation informing me you had made a donation in memory of my husband, Lambert (Bert), to the Foundation and Health Plex.

Thank you for your donation. Our family is happy that part of it will be used to grow the scholarship program. Bert always supported his students in any way he could. It was a priority in his life to keep the content of the Manpower Retraining electronics course upto-date and relevant in order that his students could take advantage of new, emerging job opportunities. If a student needed extra help to understand the course material Bert would gladly provide it. He also went out of his way to maintain his personal workplace contacts to ensure potential employers knew how St. Clair College graduates could contribute to the success of their companies and that those employers would automatically think of St. Clair College graduates when they needed to hire someone.

It greatly pleases our family to know that Bert's commitment to helping St. Clair College students reach their educational and employment goals is going to be continued through your donation to the Foundation. Thank you, once again.

Warmest regards,

Trina Huneault

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 02/12 was the date for the Retiree Association 2012 Annual General Meeting held in Chez Talbot at the South Campus.

Over 50 retirees attended the short business meeting which included the annual election of officers.

For 2012, Jo An Dale will assume the presidency, Cindy Bissonnette will be the vice-president, and Sue Bezaire is our new treasurer.

Other notable changes include Owen Klein as the Board of Governors observer and Margaret Goodman as social coordinator. Many thanks to John Payne, who served as treasurer for many years!

Those in attendance enjoyed a very professional slide show, expertly prepared by Tony Ellul, which highlighted many of the events of 2011. It was noted

that the Association offered 23 different activities for its members, an impressive number given that it is staffed exclusively by volunteers.

The brief business meeting was followed by the annual AGM BBQ which featured three rookie chefs: Jay Ertel, Tony Ellul and Jim Martin. Many thanks for a job well done.

It was noted that the majority of attendees stayed late, obviously enjoying each other's company. It truly is fun to see former friends and colleagues. Stay tuned for an announcement re the Annual Fall Social in late August.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

WINTER TRIP 2012

This year's retiree January trip will be to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

Kathleen Warren our travel agent at Allison's has recommended

OCEAN BLUE AND SAND RESORT

It is a fairly large all- inclusive resort with 748 rooms. Our accommodation includes a junior suite with separate living area, cable TV, a mini fridge, coffee maker and safe. There are 8 restaurants and 8 bars.

The price at this time is \$1417.20 US per person. This is subject to change up or down. With a minimum of 10 people there is another \$50.00 off per person and an additional discount if our numbers reach 20.

This is not a charter flight but a regularly scheduled Delta flight leaving from Detroit.

lv. Detroit 8:45 arr. Punta Cana 2:22 Sat.
Jan. 28, 2012

lv. Punta Cana 3:17 arr. Detroit 7:12 Sat.
Feb. 4, 2012

Last year we chartered a bus to pick us up at two locations in Windsor and take us to the Detroit airport. It also picked us up on our return. This was an inexpensive and easy way to get to the airport.

If you want to get away in the cold of our winters, plan on coming with us. We have a good group and we have a good time.

Submitted by Anita Blair

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own Mother?"

He answered, "Call for backup."

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION – 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

St. Clair College Retirees' Association 2012 ANNUAL REPORT May 2, 2012

PURPOSE

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association is an organization whose function is to provide its members with fellowship, pertinent information, opportunities for service and responses to the concerns of members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Anita Blair, President

In this my last report I wish to thank the members of the Executive for their time and energy spent on Association matters. All of our Executive have some involvement in our major events and this lessens the work for any one person. For a brief while Del Zangari thought she would have to leave the position of newsletter editor due to health reasons but she and her husband John are continuing their work of producing four lengthy newsletters a year. John Payne after many years of keeping track of our expenses and income is leaving our Executive. We wish him all the best and will miss his reasoned approach to our discussions. This year we are fortunate to have four new people putting their names forward to serve on the Executive.

It is not only the Executive that plans events and works for the retirees. Special thanks go to Dan and Mary Loncke for Trivial Tuesday and bi weekly bridge, Gary MacLeod for organizing many of our events, and Jim Chambers for the golf tournament and the Audit Report.

Any successful Retirees' Association must have the support of the College President and we are lucky to have Dr. Strasser's full support from matching our dues collection to retiree invitations to the President's two annual staff brunches. Dr. Strasser meets with the Executive twice a year at a breakfast meeting where we exchange updates on what is happening around the college and with the Association. I also would like

to thank Patti France for all her assistance and John Fairley for his generosity to the Retirees. In the Summer newsletter we try to list all the staff who have helped us in one way or another. They are too numerous to mention in this report but in general the college staff go out of their way to assist us.

Last fall we visited the Agawa Canyon, a six hour train ride from Sault Marie. This was our first three day trip and we were pleasantly surprised by the enthusiasm shown for this trip. Tony Ellul put together a pictorial show of our trip complete with classical music. He now is doing the same type of presentation for retiree activities throughout the last year. Dan Loncke a knowledgeable and enthusiastic birder started Birds and Breakfast for the retirees. Last fall and winter we visited local bird watching habitats followed by breakfast at a near-by restaurant.

This year there will be a substantial number of new retirees thanks to the VELI being offered by the College. In order to acquaint these retirees and their spouses to our Association we are planning on a social get together this September for the new retirees from the last three years. Hopefully we can entice the newer retirees to become active participants of our Association.

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 this event, with the date to be published in the Retiree newsletter.

GOODWILL COORDINATOR'S REPORT – Lori Caba, Goodwill Coordinator

As one of the mandates of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association the Goodwill Committee is responsible for sending out cards to retirees and their family members and St. Clair College staff. Since our last AGM was held 74 cards have been mailed to
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help support our retirees and college staff.

Thank you to all who have helped the Executive acknowledge these retirees and staff members. If you know of someone who should receive a card please inform Lori Caba or any other member of the Executive. The names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Executive are listed on the front 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 & John Zangari, Newsletter Co-Editors

This past year, my husband John, joined with me to produce the newsletters. He brings with him, 15 years of experience as the newsletter editor of the Retired Teachers of Ontario, Windsor/Essex District. Together, we will continue to produce the newsletter for you, the St. Clair College Retirees. This past year, we again produced four newsletters which were distributed to you in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Our goal in the production of this newsletter is to provide you with information which is of particular interest to you and to make you aware of all that is happening with and through the Retirees' Association. John and I can be reached at 519-974-8932 or zangari@wincom.net. We encourage your input in the production of your newsletter.

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 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 26, 2011. RM, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in classic and collector cars. 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 7, 2011 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Our April luncheon included a speaker who shared his research on the anniversary of the War of 1812 and the importance it held for this area.

All of these events were very successful. Normally, approximately 25 retirees attend the luncheons. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2012/2013. We invite all retirees to join us at any of the luncheons for fellowship and friendship. 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.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT– Gayle Harrick, Membership

As of April 1, we have collected dues from 215 members. This number is down from last year at this time. We will, however, continue to collect dues for 2012 until the end of August. For those that may need a reminder a "Second Notice" was sent out with the April 18th Newsletter.

As a result of the VELI offered by the college, we look forward to many new members joining our Retirees' Association. A welcome "wine and cheese" is being planned to introduce these new Retirees' to our Association and invite them to participate in the many activities we are planning for this year.

It is important to us that we receive these dues because once again, Dr. Strasser has been kind enough to agree to match our dues for 2012. We thank Dr. Strasser for his continued support.

Along with our membership dues, we also collect dues for the Ontario College Retirees' Association (OCRA) the provincial organization. The money collected is sent on to the OCRA Membership Coordinator, Jennifer Moore.

**SOCIAL CONVENER'S REPORT –
Pat Hallahan, Social Convener**

This past year has been another very busy and full year, socially, for your Retirees' Association, comprised of both annual activities and new ventures.

Among the fixed activities were Trivial Tuesday, the International Trip, winter and summer golf outings, RM Classic Car tour, two staff appreciation brunches, the Retiree Association AGM and Fall Social, Thames and Windsor Christmas parties, monthly Thames luncheons and Bridge Club.

New activities for the year included the Birds and Breakfast activity, Victoria Playhouse outing in Petrolia, the Agawa Canyon trip, a Chatham Capitol Theatre performance, a winery tour, the Ojibway Nature Centre tour, Mediaplex tour, the Great Lakes Institute tour and an Identity Theft workshop.

I am pleased to announce that Margaret Goodman has offered to take the leadership of the Social Committee for the next year.

COLLEGE CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

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

UNITED WAY 2012

For many of us St. Clair College was the place where we worked for most of our career. During that time, we were reminded annually to donate to our local United Way Campaign. The opportunity to continue participating is available to us as retirees as well.

For the last two years the Windsor retiree group participation has consisted of an average of 29

donors, (8.8%) , donating an average of \$160 per person.

Please consider donating to your local United Way Campaign in 2012. The needy continue to be among us. And don't be shy about donating as a College retiree!

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

DR. RICHARD C. QUITTENTON



Dr. R. C. Quittenton died on Fathers' Day, Sunday June 17, 2012 in Qualicum Beach, B.C., just weeks short of his 91st birthday, from the effects of a stroke suffered several years previously. Born July 7, 1921, he was married for 69 years to Diane Marie Ethier, and was the father of Michele, Nicole, Derek, Peter and Geoffrey.

As the college's inaugural president in 1966, he drove St. Clair to be one of the premier colleges of his day. Dr. Q, as he was fondly known, was noted for his free thinking and his strong belief in the inherent goodness of all mankind. This was conveyed in his relationships with both staff and students. He was easily recognizable because of his unconventional and uninhibited communication techniques, including his red phone open hot line to any student, his 'open door' philosophy, his monthly bear pit sessions with the student body and his trade mark Hudson's Bay coat.

Dr. Quittenton sincerely believed in the potential of every individual student. He addressed every first year class, every year, using his "big beans" speech whereby he shook up a large glass jar of various-sized beans and demonstrated that the "big beans always rise to the top." Returning alumni always recall the president's big bean address.

Staff were encouraged to 'run with' their ideas and "Q's" support in these instances was tangible. He verbalized the concept that every staff person was a 'knowledge worker' with the innate ability to succeed.

Dr. Q was also an ardent believer in the 'latent curriculum', supporting out-of-classroom activity as important and worthwhile opportunities for life-long learning.

In his honour, the student residence at the Windsor campus was named Quittenton Hall, and was dedicated in an impressive ceremony on June 4, 2010 attended by many retirees and former students.

Although "Q" was unable to attend, he was ably represented by his son Derek and was provided with photos and a DVD of the day's events.

Throughout his tenure at St. Clair College Dr. Quittenton was guided by what he termed the "St. Clair Philosophy". That philosophy, which so aptly describes the man himself, is inscribed on bronze plaques which are still on the college walls today:

"It is my personal philosophy that St. Clair be a student-oriented college, where students and staff have a jolly time and where the students get a jolly good education so that they leave with a glowing pride of workmanship and scholarship, a strong self-reliance and a cheerful outlook. Such are St. Clair People."

*Dr. R.C. Quittenton
President
September, 1967*

ARCHIVE APPEAL

In room 45j we have collected a wide variety of photographs and negatives, physical items (vintage computer equipment, wearing apparel, plaques and trophies, etc.) documents and publications.

Weekly, a group meets (on Monday mornings) to identify, catalogue and file these symbols of the college's past. This collection has become a source of material for a number of events and activities.

We have a two-pronged appeal to all recent and

upcoming retirees and (current staff); we welcome any items which are of significance to the college's history; and, we are in need of people who would be willing to offer a few hours to assist in the identification and cataloguing of items.

Contact Lea Garber (lgarber@cogeco.ca) or Bill totten (wtotten@sympatico.ca) if you have donations or if you are willing to help.

PRESIDENT'S STAFF APPRECIATION BRUNCH

The President's Staff Appreciation Brunch took place at the College on Friday, June 22, 2012. 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 up to June 22, 2012 are:**

Patricia Belanger	Suzanne Bezaire	Cynthia Bissonnette	Susann Byrne
Jayne Dillon	Tim Field	Irene Helinski	Louise Hillier
Mary Lee Hussey	Daniel Leavoy	Kathryn Rousseau	Janet Tuite
Rodica Vlad	Bonnie Wonsch		

Another 15 people will be retiring at the end of this academic year and will be recognized at the 2013 Staff Appreciation Day. We welcome you to the Retirees' Group and hope to see you at our Fall Events.

25 Year Pin Recipients were presented to:

Wayne Campbell	Deborah Crew	Patricia France	Sherry Frey
Christine Haskell	Darren Holmes	Laiman Ng	Virginia Russell
Scott Shoji	George Vrantisidis	Mark Whelan	Jamie Wilson

How the time passes. Many of the retirees could remember when these people started their careers at the College. Congratulations to the Retirees and 25 Year Recipients

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 **JoAn Dale led the Memorial Dedication for the following people:**

Lorne Clarke	William (Bill) Barker	Raymond (Ted) Rigden	James Castle
Norma Harrison	Al Hoffman	Lambert (Bert) Huneault	Robert (Bob) Price
Dennis Downes	Renato Panella	Irma Del Bel Beluz	Richard King
Annette Wilson	Richard (Rick) McMaster	Dr. Richard Quittenton (Dr. Q)	

We are saddened by the loss of our friends and colleagues and will remember the many contributions they made to the College and Community.

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.

Dr. Strasser updated the Assembly on the many accomplishments attained at the College this past year. Four new buildings opened this year –The Health Sciences Building in Windsor, the Manufacturing/ Technology Buildings in Windsor and Chatham and the Health Plex in Chatham. All have classes in them and have provided the opportunity to offer new programmes at each campus site.

Plans are moving forward to build the Health Plex in

Windsor, develop the TD Bank Complex in Downtown Windsor and finalize plans for a Seniors Residence on the Windsor Campus Site.

Students had done well in the Skills Competitions and St. Clair has been honored as the College of the Year for these efforts.

All in all a successful year has passed at the College due to the dedication of staff, students and retirees who all are looking forward to the holidays to become refreshed and ready for the challenges of the 2012/13 Academic Year.

*Submitted
by JoAn Dale*

BIRDS AND BREAKFAST

“Was that a Yellow Warbler or a Warbling Vireo? No, listen to it. I think it was a Cedar Waxwing. Are you sure it wasn't a Gray Catbird?”

These are the kinds of comments one could hear on May 17/12 at 8:30 AM in the Little River Corridor on a beautiful spring morning as Dan Loncke led a group of 17 retirees for the third Birds and Breakfast outing.

Good walking shoes and a pair of binoculars are all that is required to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature unspoiled right in the heart of the city.

The group also enjoyed some Baltimore Orioles, a Brown-headed Cowbird, some Mute Swans and Kildeer with young and, possibly the most interesting

of all, a Northern Flicker digging a nest cavity in a dead tree.

If you wish to be added to the contact list, email Dan at; danloncke@yahoo.ca or call 948-2906.

An email is sent out just a few days before the outing and no response is required. After an hour or so of birding, the group gathers for an optional breakfast at a local restaurant.

This is a relatively new outing for our retirees and certainly one worth trying. See you next time.

Submitted by P.Hallahan



RETIREE PROFILE

This is the 20th anniversary of the founding of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association. This edition of the Retiree Profile is intended to honour the Association founder, Mason MacDonald.



Mason MacDonald was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia and, although he left the east coast at the tender age of 21, he continues to be a proud Cape Bretoner.

While his father was a chief inspector in the steel industry, Mason opted for a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dalhousie University. With limited job opportunities available, Mason continued his education at the YMCA Training College in Springfield, Massachusetts, after which he worked for two years at a YMCA in Halifax. Unfortunately, although noble work, the job did not pay very well and Mason left for an opportunity in New York State.

While there he received a letter from the Canadian Government encouraging him to return to Canada and offering a job opportunity in education, specifically in the formation of an Ontario Institute of Technology in Windsor, Ontario. It was an opportunity too good to pass up!

And so, working with the likes of Peter Jaffray and Justin McNamara, Mason was one of the founders of WOIT, later to become St. Clair College. The year was 1958.

Although he taught English and Physical Education, he very much enjoyed working with Technology colleagues, such as Dirk Grolman, while fondly remembering the late Frank Sheehan, Fred Carruthers and Vic Burgess. The Ontario Institutes of Technology were very fortunate to be in a position to hire engineers from the recently aborted

Avro Aircraft Project.

Mason's career at the College was interesting and varied. In addition to teaching, he also worked as a librarian and served as both a Chair and Dean of Liberal Studies, challenging work in the early days when the College had such a strong technology focus.

He also provided a leadership role in the introduction of a number of Arts programs, such as Interior Design, Journalism, Travel and Tourism and the original Theatre Arts Program. This work involved extensive travel to Toronto and intensive liaison with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Not surprisingly, Mason's most memorable moments involve working with some of the College's highly qualified and interesting staff. When pressed, he mentions the likes of Gaston Franklyn, Joe Lucas, Pat McCurdy, Larry Kirk and the late Tom Callaghan.

Mason is married to Dorothy, who worked at the College in the mid-eighties in the Health Centre as the Campus Nurse. They have two sons, Dalton, who works at the Chrysler Corporation, and Mason, who works in the home renovation industry. Mason and Dorothy have two grandchildren.

Mason returned to teaching later in his career and, after 30 years at the College, retired with the knowledge he had contributed mightily to the development and success of St. Clair College.

Many thanks to Mason as well for founding and serving as President of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association, now in its 20th year!

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

FALL SOCIAL 2012

This year's annual Fall Social will take place in Chez Talbot at the South Campus on Wednesday August 22/12.

Last year the get-together included a tour of the new Health Sciences facility. This year a tour will be conducted of the new Centre for Construction, Innovation and Production (CCIP)

and Truck and Coach Building. Both buildings are adjacent to the FCEM.

The tour will be led by Robert Chittim, Technology Chair. He suggests meeting at Chez Talbot at 1:15.

The tour will then start at 1:30 and be completed in time for the 3:00 meeting start time. BBQ to

EXPERIENCE CASA LATINA

On Saturday, June 16, 2012 fifteen retirees and friends had a wonderful visit to the Spence Farms to enjoy a farm to fork meal through Experience Casa Latina.

The Spence Farms in Chatham-Kent offer two offshoot ventures. Lo Maxima Meats sells Spanish cuts of meats and traditional cuts as well at the Masonville Farmers Market in London or direct from the farm in Chatham-Kent. The people responsible for the Ecuadorian food at Experience Casa Latina are Canadian farmer Paul and his wife Sara who is from Gauyaquil, Ecuador. Livestock are raised the traditional way since the 1800's without any unnatural inputs and then the meat is introduced to promote Latin-style cooking and cuisine, What's in the meats which include: beef, pork, chicken, free range eggs, lamb, goat? No growth hormones, no fillers, no additives, no pumping. The chickens are pasture raised. When Paul started selling his meat in London

he identified a need to educate people on how the farm's meat differs from standard grocery fare and hence expanded this educational aspect of the business with Experience Casa Latina.

The Experience Casa Latina evening included a farm tour which started five generations ago, a meat workshop in the old schoolhouse delivered by Paul, a Latin Style BBQ called *parrillada* with several cuts of their meat and Salsa Dancing taught by Sara. With Chatham-Kent beef, Ecuadorian flavours, Latina flair and local hospitality, this meal was delightful and enjoyed by all. This is a unique Ontario farm experience. A few words from the workshop worth checking out on Google – “unami”, “aging meat”, “maillard reactions”.

Submitted by Jay Ertel



Back Row

Owen Klein, Elizabeth Barr, Gary MacLeod, Elsie & Pat Hllahan, Jay Ertel, Jenny Pelisek, Jason Fox

Front Row

Sara Caiche (Spence Farms), Jean Klein, Jean Trudell, Alice MacLeod, Karla Ertel, Audrey & John Payne, Bethany Parr

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW SOCIAL EXPERIENCE? WHY NOT PICKLEBALL - THE NEW ZOOMER'S SPORT

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

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

Pickleball has been established in many local community centres such as Riverside, WFCU, Essex, Oakwood and Chatham. Pickleball provides great exercise and is FUN! You are never alone on the court because pickleball is played as a doubles sport. Also, many of the leagues that have been established are

senior's leagues (55 and older). Retiree Florence Grondin and her husband Ken are pickleball enthusiasts and very good players.

The Executive is offering free pickleball lessons/play at Riverside Sports Centre, 6865 Ontario Street behind the St. Rose Church, on Wednesday, October 3, from 1 to 3 pm. The Executive has reserved 3 courts that will accommodate 12 players on the floor and 12 on the benches. Players will be rotated in/out. Therefore, the Executive is asking interested retirees to respond to Margaret Goodman, mgoodman6@cogeco.ca to reserve a spot. All respondents will be placed on a list in the order they respond.

Come out, have some fun. There are lots of pickleball courts in the Windsor-Essex County and Chatham-Kent area. Also, there are several courts in Florida for Snowbirds. So, learn the sport of Pickleball and enjoy!

Submitted by Margaret Goodman

RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR 2012

Once again, the Retirees' Association offered a Retirement Planning Seminar to prospective College retirees.

On May 29/12 Jo An Dale, newly elected SCCRA President, and Shelley Armstrong, Director of Financial Services, introduced the session which was then delivered by Kim Bode, Benefits Officer and retirees Bill Totten and Pat Hallahan.

Kim focussed on issues related to the process of retiring, Bill gave a detailed explanation of the three CAAT Health Benefit Plans available and Pat highlighted the main features of the CAAT Pension Plan.

Bill also shared some research related to retirement and identified some administrative and legal considerations often attended to upon retirement.

The seminar was attended by 17 very interested and well informed staff who asked numerous insightful questions.

This is a service the SCCRA is happy to provide annually. The SCCRA is also very appreciative of the cooperation received from the Financial Services staff.

Submitted by Pat Hallahan

REMINDER
SHINGLES VACCINATION

Have you had your Shingles vaccination yet? If you had chicken pox as a child you could get shingles as a senior. The vaccination is not covered by the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan but our CAAT Benefit

Plan with Sun Life will cover 85% of the \$175.00 to \$200.00 cost. Talk to your doctor and arrange to get this important vaccination.

submitted by Anita Blair

THAMES/WINDSOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

**11:30 am - The Lighthouse Inn
Lighthouse Cove, Tilbury**

Cost: Lunch at own expense.

Confirm Lunch by contacting Euice Robinson - (519)-351-3670 - robsan@mnsi.net

Confirm Car Pool by contacting Pat Hallahan - (519)-945-4304 - phallahan@cogeco.ca

**DINNER IN CHEZ TALBOT AND A PRESENTATION ON
THE WAR OF 1812**

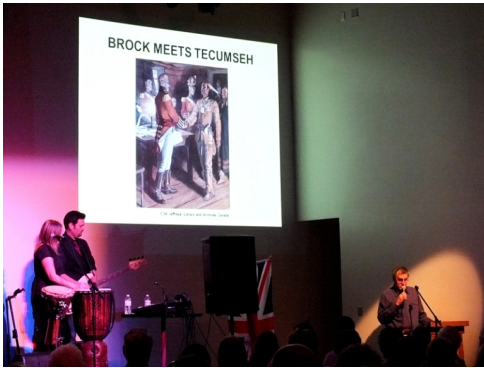
The retirees are planning to meet for dinner in Chez Talbot on Monday, November 5th. The dinner will be followed by a presentation by Dan Lonke on the War of 1812. Dan will talk on some highlights and stories about the War of 1812 on the Detroit River Frontier. The talk will include a visual presentation and will take place in the staff lounge at 7pm.

The menu for Chez Talbot will be sent out by e-mail when it is finalized in September/October.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Goodman at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca.

Submitted by Margaret Goodman

1812 IN STORY AND SONG



St. Clair retiree Dan Loncke has, for many years, had a passion for history of the War of 1812. With the bi-centennial in 2012, Dan has been in high demand as a lecturer. During his many engagements he became of a singer/song writer by the name of Peter Boyer who also had an interest in 1812 folklore. Dan contacted Peter and they collaborated on songs about the War of 1812, primarily as it relates to the area of Essex and Kent counties. Dan's lyrics and Peter's lyrics and music resulted in the production of a CD made up of ten 1812 songs. Among the titles: Skirmish on the River Canard; Brock at Detroit; Caldwell's Rangers; and, Battle of Stoney Creek.

On June 23, 2012, the CD was officially released at Windsor's Mackenzie Hall with a production of "The War of 1812 in Song and Story" featuring the narration by Dan Loncke and the songs by "Same Latitude as Rome, Peter Boyer's musical group consisting of mandolin, bass guitar, two guitars and djembe (folk drum). The two hour presentation was entertaining, interesting and informative. A large group of St. Clair College retirees were present for the presentation, many of whom joined for dinner at "The Bake Shoppe" prior to the show.



A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past.

Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog.

The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

IDENTITY THEFT WORKSHOP

The workshop was presented by Cst. Lori Timpson, Criminal Investigation Branch, Chatham-Kent Police Service on Wednesday November 16, 2011 at the College to 20 retirees. Lori Timpson (519)436-6600 ext 267 lorit@chatham-kent.ca. Identity theft - the theft and use of personal information for a criminal purpose is one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada and it could happen to you. In 2008 there were 5,866 victims in Canada who lost \$23.4 million. The Canadian Credit Bureaus receive 1,400 to 1,800 complaints yearly.

Topics include the following:

Mail - Watch for bills don't arrive. Thieves target Canada Revenue Agency mailings, financial statements and documents with S.I.N .numbers.

Internet - Buyer beware! Use separate low limit credit card. Use only an escrow service that can be checked. Use Pay pal.

Debit Cards - Avoid using ATM's in non secure areas. Cover the key pads when entering your PIN number. Watch for hidden cmeras and card traps at the ATM location.

Credit Cards - Watch for swiping below the counter

and add-on devices to swiping machines. Advise your credit card company if anticipating different e.g. out-of-country credit cards with RFID chips (Radio Frequency Identification). Pay Pass are vulnerable to identity theft by remote access while in your wallet or purse. Use non RFID cards or RFID protection.

Personal ID - Just carry what you need . Shred documents with personal information before disposal.

Credit Bureaus - Know the location (country) of your credit card file with Equinox and transUnion Canada. If you place a fraud alert on your file, they will call if someone makes a credit application in your name.

Grandparents Scam - long term Care facilities are targeted. This is an organized crime activity. Grandchild impersonators call for money to get out of jail.

Hotel Cards - Don't leave them in the room when you leave. These cards contain personal information. Have it removed at the desk.

Should you be a victim, Lori has asked that you contact the local police as well as your financial institution.

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre 1-888-495-8501 <http://www.antifraudcentre-centea-centreantifraude.ca/>

Equifax Canada 1-800-465-7166 www.equifax.ca

TransUnion Canada - 1-800-663-9980 www.transunion.ca

Consumer Identity Theft Kit - <http://cmcweb.ca/cic/site/cmc-cmc.nsf/eng/fe00084.html>

Canadian Consumer Information Gateway - Identity Theft -
<http://consumerinformation.ca/app/oca/ccig/html.do?page=focuson2language=eng>

Government of Canada Competition Bureau - Fraud Prevention

[Http://www.competitionbueu.gc.ca/cic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/h-0122.htm](http://www.competitionbueu.gc.ca/cic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/h-0122.htm)

Government of Ontario - Consumer Branch, Ministry of Consumer Services

1-800-889-9768 www.ontario.ca/consumerservices

Submitted by Jay Ertel

VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE – PETROLIA

For the second year in a row, a group of retirees attended a presentation at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia. The Playhouse is the former Petrolia Townhall which was recently restored following a fire which destroyed the entire building except for the outside walls. The theatre seats approximately 400 and is a wonderful venue.

This year we went to see Heart and Soul of Broadway. As might be expected from eh name, it featured the hit music of Broadway plays. While there was no ‘play’ as such, the music was sung by a talented cast of six who were outstanding.

The numbers attending, around 20, were not sufficient to warrant hiring a bus, so we carpooled, and this worked out very well. Following the show, the group stayed in Petrolia for a very nice dinner at the Actor’s Restaurant located directly across the street from the Victoria Playhouse.

This was a very pleasant way to spend a Spring afternoon.

Submitted by Bill Totten



RM CLASSIC CARS TOUR

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

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 2012 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)

1. 401 East from Windsor to Chatham
2. Exit at 2nd Chatham Exit (Hwy. 40)
3. Turn right (south) towards Blenheim
4. Travel several hundred metres to Classic Car Drive
5. 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: \$5.00 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

Bit “n Pieces



The week of May 1, 2012 marked a milestone for St. Clair College and our President. **Dr. John Strasser** is now the longest serving president of St. Clair College. This week, he surpassed President Bruce McAusland who served as President from August 2, 1977 to April 30, 1989. Dr. Strasser was appointed the President of St. Clair College on August 1, 2000.

On April 15, 2012 at Kahhite Golf Links at Tellico Village Golf Course in Tennessee, retiree **Les Taffinder** added his name to the list of retirees who have a hole-in-one to their credit. Les used a 6 iron on the 165 yard 3rd hole. CONGRATULATIONS, LES!



On the weekend of May 19 – 21, Walkerville Collegiate in Windsor held its 90th Anniversary reunion. Many St. Clair retirees and staff were in attendance. Of special note was the recognition received by our own **Tom Kilpatrick**. Tom was centred out as the person most responsible for the saving of WCI when the Board of Education was proposing to close the school because of declining enrolment. As a Board member, Tom led the fight to keep the school open and to convert it to a very successful performing arts institution.

HEALTHPLEX FUNDRAISING

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$20,754 to date, 69% of our \$30,000 goal.

Thank you to the retirees who have already made their contribution to the HealthPlex Campaign. The retiree pledges made during the Brick Campaign ranged from \$100 to \$5,000. **The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with previous Newsletters.** If 93 further retirees participate by pledging \$100 for 1 brick we would meet our

Please consider supporting the HealthPlex Brick Campaign. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Thames and Windsor. **It's time to send in those forms that may be sitting on home desks.**

Submitted by Jay Ertel

“LETTERS TO THE EDITORS”

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association does welcome letters to the Editors which are of an information nature to the retirees' membership.

The letters are to be no more than a third of a page in length and are **not** to be of a commercial interest.

The Editors reserve the right to refuse a letter for insertion in the newsletter if it is felt to be in poor taste.

In Memoriam



Rick McMaster

Annette Phylis Wilson

Ely Deline's brother, Bert Brooks

John Fairley's father, Henry "Harry" Fairley

**Shirley Freeman, Marge Preston, Lillian French's stepmother,
Doreen Gillingham**

Scott Shoji's aunt, Martha Shoji

Marilyn Sinclair's brother-in-law, Jack McIntyre

Period covering April to August 2012



HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Bernice and Len Jobin



60th: Bernice and Len Jobin were married June 14, 1952, at Holy Trinity Church in Windsor. They have three children and seven grandchildren. They celebrated their diamond anniversary with family and friends.

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Congratulations from the St. Clair College Retirees' Association!



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
ANNUAL THAMES CAMPUS RETIREES
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DATE: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

**LOCATION: COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUB
HWY. 40 NORTH**

TIME: 11:30 AM - LUNCH: 12:00 PM

**COST: \$16.00 INCLUSIVE PER PERSON
(FULL BUFFET LUNCH)
Alcoholic refreshments are extra**

**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:
EUNICE ROBINSON at 519-351-3670 or robsan@mnsi.net**

WINDSOR CAMPUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

**TIME: 11:30 AM - Meet
12:00 PM - Lunch**

PLACE: CHEZ TALBOT, SOUTH CAMPUS

***BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON MENU
(Catered by St. Clair Centre for the Arts)***



Join us to honour the founding Retiree Executive on the occasion of our 20th Anniversary

Please hold this date. Details will be in the Fall Newsletter.

Submitted by Jay Ertel

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Annual Fall Social - August 22 - Check page 10
Chez Talbot - Windsor Campus
2. Thames/Windsor Annual Luncheon - September 26 - Check page 13
Lighthouse Cove
3. Bridge Club Dates:

September 11 & 25
October 9 & 23
November 13 & 27
December 11
4. Pickleball - October 3 - Check page 12
Riverside Sports Centre
5. RM Classic Car Tour - October 31 - Check page 16
6. War of 1812 Presentation - November 5 - Check page 13
Chez Talbot - Windsor Campus
7. Thames Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 5 - Check page 19
Countryview Golf Course
8. Windsor Annual Christmas Luncheon - December 12 - Check page 19
Chez Talbot - Windsor Campus

TRIP SURVEY

The executive would like retirees to fill out this survey form. We would like to provide trips/social/educational activities that you are interested in doing as a group.

TRIP	TIME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Las Vegas Spring	2013 4-5 nights Fall 2013			
Stratford	Spring 2013 Fall 2013			
Niagara on the Lake	Spring 2013 Fall 2013			
Petrolia	Spring 2013 Fall 2013			
Niagara Falls	Spring 2013 Fall 2013			
St. Jacobs & Elora Gorge	Spring 2013 Fall 2013			
Frankenmuth & Birch Run-Shopping	Dec. 2012			
Explore Detroit	Spring 2013 Fall 2013			
Run Runners Tour	Spring 2013 Fall 2013			
Explore Chicago	Summer 2013 Fall 2013			

What mode of transportation would you like to take within Southwestern Ontario?

Car Pool

Van Rental

Chartered Bus

Survey continued...

Please submit any ideas you have for trips .

Thank you for participating in this survey. If you have any questions, please e-mail Margaret Goodman at mgoodman6@cogeco.ca

The completed survey may be returned to the St. Clair College Retirees' Association to the Windsor or Thames Campus by dropping it off or mailing it.

Windsor Campus

St. Clair College Retirees' Association

2000 Talbot Road, Box 41

Windsor, ON N9A 6S4

Thames Campus

C/o St. Clair College Retirees' Association

11001 Grand Ave. W.

Chatham, ON N7M 5W4

Thank you!