



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

Winter 2021

From the President

Kathy Dupuis



Wishing you a Happy New Year and hoping that you have all fared well over the holidays but most importantly through the pandemic. The year 2020 was one I was glad to put behind me, yet it is also the year that gave me time to reflect on gratitude. You really do not appreciate the things you have in life until they are taken away. Unfortunately,

the beginning of 2021 is, so far, a repeat of 2020, insofar that the Retirees' Association is unable to gather in person for meetings and social events. Our Association is thriving during these times. We continue to meet virtually as an Executive Board, offer virtual events and correspond with our members by phone and e-mail. This issue of the winter newsletter is packed full of articles that are both informative and entertaining.

Members of our association continue to contribute to society during these unprecedented times bringing much needed services and joy to others. Jay Terryberry and Walter Stechyshyn are featured on page 2 in this issue for their creative contributions; Jay with his years of experience in landscaping launched a *Garden Makeover*, and Walter has been using his woodcarving skills to produce what he calls *Comfort Birds*.

We all know John Fairley as the College VP of Communications and Community Relations and the host of *Face to Face* on our local Cogeco TV station, but there is so much more to know. Learn more about John in the article, "*Meet John Fairley*" found on page 3.

When the RA social committee requested you to help the SCC Student Food Bank with donations, the donations received exceeded expectations. Thank you to all the RA members who contributed to the fundraiser for the Windsor and Chatham Student Food Bank. Our association was able to contribute \$1,520 in total to both the Windsor and Chatham student food banks. Student Representative Council president Jorge Gutierrez Calzada accepted the

funds on behalf of the South Campus in Windsor and of Hannah Lacroix, president of Thames Student Inc. in Chatham. Check out the article on page 3.

Our members have been actively involved in virtual contests initiated by the RA social directors, Mimi McPhedran and Pat Taylor. Mimi and Pat are committed to keeping RA members engaged. The "*Take a Gamble*" contest was immensely popular. Check out the winners on page 4. The "*Dinner's on Us*" draws are scheduled for the month of March. Check out the details on page 5. You can try your luck through e-mail. If you wish to participate, your e-mail address is required. If your e-mail address has changed or you wish to add your e-mail address to the SCCRA e-mail list, please contact Marilyn Portt at sretiree@stclaircollege.ca.

St. Clair College is still under construction with the new \$23-million GEM (Global Education Mihome) student residence being built at the South Campus. There is a photo with the article on page 8 describing the modules used in the construction. The Zekelman School of Business is taking shape with two storeys rising above the Student Centre. The targeted completion date is January 2022. Stay tuned for an update on the progress of the construction in the spring issue of the newsletter

The very impressive \$26 million Sports Park at the St. Clair College South Campus, was officially inaugurated on November 17, 2020. The photos on page 9 give a sneak preview of this facility.

I am looking forward to the time when we can once again get together to celebrate special events. Personally, I look forward to attending church, celebrating life events with friends and family, and visiting my neighbours in their home instead of 6 feet apart outdoors. I imagine myself becoming very emotional when we have finally come through this pandemic. Get ready for a huge hug!

My deepest sympathy to those of you who have lost loved ones this past year.

Stay safe and healthy. ❄️

Kathy

Community Support By St. Clair College Retirees

An informal survey of St. Clair College retirees recently conducted by the SCCRA has revealed the extraordinary breadth and depth of contributions to the community by College retirees, one that is truly impressive and represents both the diversity of the former staff as well as their commitment to be of service to others.

A number of retirees serve in senior executive positions with organizations such as the Shriners, the arts community, and hospital boards. Equally impressive are the numerous less well-known agencies and service groups that are served by the College retiree group. These include a variety of different food banks and service providers, such as the Downtown Mission, Goodfellows, Meals on Wheels, accessibility services, senior centres, the VON, Hospice, and the Salvation Army. The retiree group's contributions to the aforementioned consist of both active participation and financial support, as is its assistance to a number of other service groups which include: health-related support groups, neighbourhood management committees, churches, city library, food drives, and international women's organizations dedicated to supporting charities, shelters, missions, etc.

Two of our especially creative retirees are artisans who assist the vulnerable and needy by producing wood carvings and doing garden makeovers, including building gazebos and donating outdoor furniture.

Finally, but no less helpful, some retirees simply and quietly drive the elderly to medical appointments, bring the needy food and clothing, and serve hot meals. In conclusion, let's not forget those retirees who energetically participate on the St. Clair College Retiree Association Executive, one of the most active associations in the Province.

St. Clair College can be proud of its retiree group for its continued contribution to the well-being of our community. ✨

Contributed by *Pat Hallahan*

Message from College President Patti to SCCRA President Kathy Dupuis

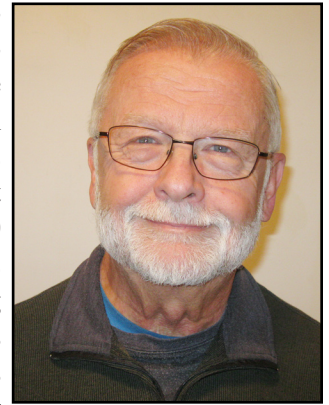
Thanks Kathy to you and the entire SCC Retirees Association for your support and contribution to our SCC Food Bank (both the Windsor and Thames Campus).

Wishing everyone a safe and bright 2021!

Patti

Community Support By St. Clair College Retirees

St. Clair College retiree and SCCRA member Walter Stechyshyn, who is a member of the Sprucedale United Church congregation in Chatham, has been doing his part to support his community during the 2020 pandemic year. Walter has been using his woodcarving skills to produce what he calls Comfort Birds that he donates to residents of Chatham-Kent Hospice and their families in their hour of need. The following is the text of a short interview in which Walter shares his story about his Comfort Birds.



What is a comfort bird?

A comfort bird is a small, stylized woodcarving, intentionally designed to be held and handled.

What is their purpose?

They are intended to bring comfort to anyone facing life-changing circumstances, regardless of cause.



How do they do this?

Wood is a living material which is warm to the touch. Their shape can be recognized by touch alone, providing a point of focus outside the body and a source for pleasant memories.

Why are they used?

The birds have meaning for people regardless of whether or not they have a religious belief. They lend themselves easily to different symbolic interpretations and metaphors.

Who receives a comfort bird?

The person receiving a bird as a gift may be a resident of Hospice or a member of their family.

How is this decided and by whom?

The Supportive and Spiritual Care Provider person for Hospice decides through interactions with the family who and when someone may benefit by receiving the gift of a bird.

Who carves and provides the birds that Hospice uses?

The birds are individually carved and finished by Walter Stechyshyn. ✨

Contributed by *Pat Hallahan*

Photos courtesy of *Walter Stechyshyn*

Meet John Fairley

John Fairley is Vice President of Communications and Community Relations at St. Clair College, and, even more importantly, serves as the Retiree Association's liaison person with the College!



John is a born and bred Windsorite. He attended Glenwood and Central elementary schools and Centennial Secondary School, after which he obtained a Marketing Degree from the University of Windsor.

Upon graduation from the University, John found work in sales with CKLW radio. He then went on to become the General and Property Manager for the Market Square at Walker Road and Ottawa Street. This led to becoming the Vice President of Marketing and Communications of the Classic Bingo County Group which included 13 bingo and gaming centres, and included liaising with over 500 charities and local municipal governments in Windsor-Essex.

It is important to note that while all this was going on, John found time to volunteer for what was then called Cogeco in a variety of fundraising capacities, which led to an offer to host the now iconic **Face To Face** TV show that recently celebrated 20 years on the air. This show, in turn, created an opportunity to create an extremely successful fundraising campaign with Carol Derbyshire, former Executive Director of Windsor Hospice.

As John explains it, his extensive work in the community often included interacting with College staff, so when the position of Alumni Manager was posted in 2007, he jumped at the opportunity. John loves his work, especially as it involves extensive interaction with student groups, staff, alumni, and community partners.

His most satisfying experience to date was planning and coordinating the College's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. A very close second would be organizing the Polar Plunge (Brrr!) for the Special Olympics.

He adds that his work is especially satisfying and enjoyable because of the importance President Patti France attaches to the need for significant community engagement on the part of the College. ➡ ➡ ➡

SCCRA Support For The College Student Food Bank

The St. Clair College Student Representative Council (SRC) student food bank has been experiencing shortages at both the Chatham and Windsor campuses.

Traditionally, SCCRA retirees bring food donations to the SRC food bank at our annual Christmas Luncheon. It was necessary to cancel the 2020 Christmas Luncheon due to the restrictions of the pandemic. Therefore, SCCRA members this year chose to make financial contributions to the SRC student food bank totalling \$1,520, \$600 of which were donated from SCCRA funds.



SCCRA Treasurer Jim Chambers presenting a cheque to SRC president Jorge Gutierrez Calzada. Looking on at right is SRC General Manager Ryan Peebles. Photo: Anna Millerman (SRC)

On January 6, 2021, SCCRA Treasurer Jim Chambers presented a cheque to SRC president Jorge Gutierrez Calzada and SRC general manager Ryan Peebles. In response to a request by SCCRA Executive Board member Bill Jones, the Unemployed Help Centre of Windsor also made an additional donation to the SRC student food bank. ✨

Contributed by **Kathy Dupuis**

Fortunately for us, President Patti is also extremely supportive of the College's Retiree Association. We could not be anywhere as active and effective as we are without assistance from the College. We are most grateful for this and for the help John Fairley provides as our liaison person.

Thanks, John, and do not even think about retiring! We need you! ✨

Contributed by **Pat Hallahan**

Community Support By St. Clair College Retirees

Jay Terryberry is a recent St. Clair College retiree and member of the SCCRA who prior to his retirement was a faculty member in the Landscape Horticulture Program at the College.



Jay is currently President of the Windsor Chapter of Landscape Ontario (LOWC), a member chapter of Landscape Ontario (LO). Early in the fall of 2020, Landscape Ontario

launched a *Garden Makeover* project for each of its 11 chapters. Individuals from across the province were to submit proposals for garden makeovers to aid front line workers. Each chapter was to select a recipient and then carry out the makeover (a \$5,000 value) for the individual or family. Later, LO plans to select a recipient for a *Grand Garden Makeover* estimated to be worth \$25,000.

The Windsor Chapter selected the family of a front-liner couple in Amherstburg that consists of a firefighter, his wife who is a nurse, and two children. The husband recently decided to step back from work to take care of their children while his wife is undergoing cancer treatment.

Members of the LOWC have met with the couple and prepared a landscape design that they loved. The project will get under way in the spring of 2021. The final product will be worth more than \$5,000. All labour will be in-kind while some of the plants and materials will be donated by local landscapers and garden centres. Earlier in 2020, LOWC helped with a fund-raising event that provided the family with some additional funds that were donated towards the project. These funds will go towards the cost of building a gazebo and for outdoor furniture to complete the project.

The LOWC are looking forward to completing the project in the spring of 2021. So watch for this on the news and in the paper in 2021. ✨

Contributed by *Pat Hallahan* assisted by *Jay Terryberry*

Yet Another 2020 50th Wedding Anniversary

Following the publication of the Fall 2020 newsletter, it was brought to our attention that Sadie and George Hearn also marked their 50th wedding anniversary on May 2, 2020. We therefore include here our belated congratulations to Sadie and George with our apologies.



*We congratulate
George & Sadie
Hearn
on their
50th Wedding
Anniversary*

May 2, 1970

May 2, 2020

“Take A Gamble” Event Winners

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Once again you have risen to the challenge and made our *“Take a Gamble”* event a great success. It was really wonderful to hear from members we haven't heard from in some time, please keep being involved and encourage your fellow retirees to do the same.

The nine winners of our *“Take a Gamble”* event are as follows: Pat Kell, Bill Regier, Liz Bruce, Deborah Martel, JoAnne McEwan, Mike Kujbida, Barry Van Biesbrouck, Gianna Manzerolle, and Sheila McCabe. We hope you all had fun scratching your tickets and maybe a little bit of luck.

We are all looking forward to a time when getting out and sharing stories of the *“Year that Was”*, will bring laughter, hugs, and support from those with whom we share friendship and history.

Stay safe and stay well.

Patricia and Mimi
Social Committee



Upcoming "Dinner's on Us" Draw

Cheers Retirees,

"Take a Gamble" lottery draw was such a huge success that Your Dream Coaches have created another and have changed their titles to "Your Favourite Foodies". Tired of wondering what food to prepare? Bored with cooking and doing dishes? Here's your solution! Take a gamble on

"Dinner's On Us" Draw

Just follow the same rules as our "Take a Gamble" event:

Send **only one e-mail entry per week** to this address SCCRAevents@yahoo.com

Please use this e-mail address only.

Include your full name, address and phone number. This will automatically enter you for a draw. Your entry is your consent to publish your name should you win.

There will be 3 weekly draws in March. **You must send in an entry for each draw!**

1st draw starts March 8th. All entries must be in by noon on March 12th. 1 winner will be drawn on March 13th.

2nd draw starts March 15th. All entries must be in by noon on March 19th. 1 winner will be drawn on March 20th.

3rd and final draw starts March 22nd. All entries must be in by noon on March 26th. 1 winner will be drawn on March 27th.

Winners will receive a \$30.00 cheque to be used at a restaurant of their choice. They will be notified by phone. Cheques will be mailed to the addresses provided.

You Can Only Win Once

Know that we are always thinking of you, trying ways to keep you connected with a bit of fun. Send in your entries and take a chance to **skip the dishes!**

Good Luck!



Mimi & Patricia (Your SCCRA Favourite Foodies)

SCCRA Golf

Time to start thinking about GOLF

Woodland Hills Golf Course is scheduled to open in April

Where - Woodland Hills - Belle River Road & Hwy 401

When - Any time from April to October 31

Telephone - 519-975-4653



Cost - No charge

Thanks to St. Clair College V. P. Mr. Ron Seguin, your SCCRA Executive Board is pleased to announce that all 'paid-up' SCCRA members will receive 'Free' golf privileges at Woodland Hills Golf Course.

All SCCRA Members holding a 'paid-up' **2021 membership card*** are eligible to play golf at no cost or to hit golf balls on the Driving Range (a small bucket of driving range balls will be provided at no cost). You simply need to call Woodland Hills at the telephone number shown above to book a tee-time (no tee time required for the Driving Range). **Note:** You must sign in at the pro shop and show your **2021 membership card**.

A special note for non-golfing SCCRA members. This is a great opportunity to "give it a try". You can either hit a few golf balls on the Driving Range (a small bucket of driving range balls will be provided at the course) or you can bring your own golf balls to play a round of golf on the course (a tee time is required). In either case, you must use your own golf clubs.

Contributed by **Jim Chambers**

* **Note:** If you do not yet have your 2021 Membership Card, please contact Marilyn Portt at
sccramembership@gmail.com

Bits 'n Pieces

Retiree John Hackson is recovering from serious surgery on November 17 to repair a leaking aorta.

Retiree Bill Jones is looking forward to Spring Golf as he recovers from heart valve surgery.

Retiree Bob Aylesworth was married to Bev Tornberg on January 2nd 2021 in Charlottetown, PEI. Due to COVID-19 the ceremony was virtual.

Cogeco Your TV is broadcasting 1-hour "Yoga for Seniors" classes. These are usually chair Yoga or Restorative Yoga designed for seniors. They are broadcast daily at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Channel 11.

Hold The Date

St. Clair College Retirees' Association Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 5, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers; approve the 2021 budget; consider bylaw changes; receive committee reports.

Note: We are currently planning for an in-person meeting. However should COVID-19 restrictions persist, the meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM.

Membership Renewal

The St. Clair College Retirees' Association is still going strong. According to statistics, this year is going faster than at any other time in history. March is fast approaching, as we live in hope that we can meet again soon.

If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time. As usual, please send cheques to M. Portt, 208-5831 Newman Blvd. LaSalle, ON N9J0E1, or you may pay by using e-transfer to scramembership@gmail.com. Security word – Retirement.

Marilyn Portt
Membership Secretary

Retiree Parking

Retirees have been fortunate to receive complimentary parking privileges in Lot T at South Campus. Currently, COVID-19 has prevented retirees from entering the buildings, and this continues. Parking permits are not required to be renewed at this time. However, when the parking operation resumes in the future, permits will need to be renewed.

Updates will be distributed by e-mail to retirees in the Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent regions as soon as any changes occur.

Notice

The St. Clair College web site has recently been updated at <https://stclaircollege.ca/>

The Retiree Web site is accessed by clicking on "About Us" and then clicking on "Retirees' Association". This will provide access to Folklore, Picture Gallery, Minutes, Schedule of Events, etc. ENJOY!

Service Ontario Information

A New Year has started and it is time to update your important documents.

Recently it has come to our attention that Service Ontario have stopped sending out any renewal notices, and it is up to each individual to check the status of his/her Driver's License and Health Card. The Service Ontario offices will renew a Driver's License for those individuals who should be writing a test for two more years. You can check on-line which offices are open and the times of operation. I recommend from my own experience to take a little trip to Essex or Harrow, the lines are not long with both Main Streets and new shopping experience.

Marilyn Portt, Membership Secretary

Reflections On 2020 – The Year That Never Was

On December 31, as the final hours of 2020 gradually drifted away into the past, I found myself thinking about the year that for most of us turned out to be the year that never was.

The pandemic that barged its way into our lives enveloping the planet early in 2020 turned life upside down across the globe, made tens of millions gravely sick and claimed the lives of more than two million people. It put millions of people out of work, and made life dismal for the rest of us depriving us of one of the essential necessities of humankind – social interaction.

The necessity for self-isolation and social distancing for our own safety and the safety of others reminded us of the priceless value of human contact in our lives and that we are social beings. We became aware of the precious value of face-to-face personal contact with our family members, friends, and neighbours, and of the invaluable worth of a warm handshake and a tender hug.

We live in the ardent hope that the glorious day will soon arrive when we can all meet again to greet each other with handshakes and hugs. ✨

Contributed by *Tony*

On A Lighter Note - Snow – The Great Equalizer

As I glance at the newly fallen snow in the neighbourhood, one comforting thought comes to mind. For the duration of the winter, snow makes my lawn look just as good as the other lawns in the neighbourhood. *Tony*

Canadian Travel Trivia Quiz

Contributed by Patricia Taylor

1. On December 6, 1917, an explosion killed 12% of the population of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Which two ships caused this explosion?
2. In which Province will you find Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site, and the tradition of “kiss the fish”?
3. Prince Edward Island is famous across Canada for its potatoes. Which famous redheaded fictional character is it famous for all over the world?
4. In 1885 the Government of Canada created the first National Park. What is it called and in which province is it located?
5. The Manitoba Legislative building, once called the Manitoba Parliament building, is famous for what gold covered bronze statue at the top of its cupola?
6. Ontario is home to one of the world’s most amazing natural wonders, Niagara Falls. Name the first woman to go over the falls in a barrel and survive.
7. Who was hanged in Saskatchewan in 1885 after losing the battle of Batoche thus ending the North-West Rebellion?
8. In which province would you find the Plains of Abraham, St. Joseph’s Oratory, and Expo 67?
9. Prior to becoming a colony, British Columbia was called New Caledonia. Who gave it the name British Columbia?
10. In 1999, the geopolitical map of the Northwest Territories was changed to create what?
11. “The Call of the Wild” by Jack London is the story of the gold rush between 1896 and 1899. In which location did it take place?

Answers: 1) The Norwegian ship SS Imo and the French ship SS Mont Blanc. 2) Newfoundland 3) Anne of Green Gables. 4) Banff National Park, originally known as The Rocky Mountain Park of Canada located in the province of Alberta. 5) The Golden Boy based on the Roman god Mercury and the Greek god Hermes. 6) Annie Edson Taylor, a schoolteacher from Michigan in 1901. 7) Louis Riel. 8) Quebec. 9) Queen Victoria in 1858. 10) Nunavut. 11) The Klondike region of the Yukon.

Things I Have Seen Change

Contributed by Bill Jones

I have been around for a few years and have seen many changes during that time. I thought it would be fun to sit down and record some of these.

- Horse drawn milk and bread wagons to trucks
- Ice boxes to refrigerators
- Street cars to buses
- Radio to TV
- Roller skates to in-line skates
- Crank start cars to electric start cars
- Tire tubes to tubeless tires
- Ladies’ bathing suits from 1 piece to 2 piece
- Men’s bathing suits from wool to satin
- Aircraft from turbo prop engines to jet engines
- Bicycles with gears and hand brakes
- Power wheelchairs
- Phones - from rotary dialing to push button to smart phones
- From flat irons to steam irons
- Cars - from stick shift to automatic transmissions
- Highways - from single lane to multi-lane
- BBQs for outdoor cooking
- Frozen food
- End of coal delivery to home
- End of milk and bread home delivery
- End of Depression
- Electric kettles instead of on stove kettles
- Furnaces from coal fired to oil fired to gas fired
- From wringer washing machines to spin dryers
- Trains from coal fired engines to diesel engines
- Electric blankets
- Loss of outdoor skating rinks in parks
- Skywriting
- Rumble seats in cars
- Wooden shafted golf clubs
- Picket fences
- Pump pipe organs
- Doctor’s house calls
- Strap in schools
- Back alley scrap collector
- Garbage dump trucks
- Coal bins in houses



New Student Residence Under Construction

An Open House was held Thursday, November 13, 2020 to provide a sneak peek at the new \$23-million GEM student residence under construction on St. Clair College's South campus. When completed, the 106,000 square foot structure will house 512 students and has been described as one of the most innovative student residences in North America.

This unique building is being constructed with prefabricated units produced by Z-Modular, a Zekelman Industries subsidiary company. Up to 90 per cent of the modules are built in the company's Kitchener factory and are then transported to St. Clair College and hoisted into place with cranes.

"Strictly from the perspective of the unique construction method, in addition to being a residential complex, this is going to prove to be something of an educational site," said College President Patti France. "I have no doubt that our faculty and students in such programs as Architectural Technology, Interior Design, Civil and Construction Engineering Technology and several other trades-related fields will be examining the modular construction method for many years to come." ✨



Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Humouring The Pandemic

The ability of humankind to find humour and wittiness in the face of adversity and tragedy is remarkable. The following are examples of humorous observations and levity doing the rounds during 2020 - the year of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Whose idea was it to sing "Happy Birthday" while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

What do you call panic buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? A wurst-kase scenario. (Note: Wurst is German for sausage, Käse is German for cheese).

The grocery stores in France look like tornadoes hit them. All that's left is de brie.

So many coronavirus jokes out there. It's a pundemic.

Laughter is Good Medicine

Old farmer Ben who owned a farm for several years built a large pond at the back of the property close to the road. He planted some fruit trees around the pond and placed some picnic tables underneath the trees. One evening the old farmer picked up a five-gallon bucket and headed for the pond to pick some fruit from his trees. As he neared the pond, he heard splashing and female voices shouting and having fun. As he came closer, he saw that some young women had parked their car at the side of the road, climbed the fence, and were skinny-dipping in his pond. When the young ladies became aware of his presence, they all rushed off to hide themselves at the deep end of the pond.

One of the young ladies shouted to him, "We're naked and we're not coming out until you leave!" The old man yelled back, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or force you to get out of my pond." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm just here to feed the alligator."

Moral of the story: Old men can still think fast.



Ribbon Cutting Event Officially Opens the New Sportspark

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, St. Clair College's new, \$26 million Sports Park, described as "a game-changer" in the landscape of collegiate athletics was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting event. The new Sports Park features a 1,500-seat Soccer and Football stadium, a women's softball diamond, the four-court Zekelman Tennis Centre, and a sand Volleyball complex.

The Zekelman Tennis Centre is a standalone building within the Sports Park complex, and only one of a few hundred indoor tennis facilities in the country.

The fully lit stadium features artificial turf and a press box. The field will be the



College President Patti France inaugurating the new SportsPark

Photos courtesy of St. Clair College



home of the women's and men's varsity soccer teams, as well as home for the St. Clair Fratmen Football franchise.

President Patti France praised the Student Representative Council and the Saints Student Athletic Association for their commitment to seeing the Sports Park to its completion. France said the student government groups would be responsible for the day-to-day management of the complex. ✨

Contributed by **Bill Totten**



Contacts for Health Benefits and Pension

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Laura Carcelen, 519-972-2727, Ext. 4687 located in Human Resources, room 274C.

The CAAT Pension can be reached at 1-866-350-2228 or 416-673-9000, or Fax: 416-673-9028.

For general inquiries: contact@caatpension.on.ca

Bridge Club Announcement

Roseland Golf & Curling Club is currently closed and, as a result, the retiree Bridge Club will remain inactive until at least April 2021. Dean Campagna, Bridge Club convenor, will continue to communicate with Roseland management in order to determine when Bridge Club activity can resume. Club members will be contacted by e-mail should conditions change.

Verifying The Authenticity Of SCCRA E-mail

A recent e-mail was concerned about the authenticity of a SCCRA broadcast.

Here's what to look for in a legit message:

From Address: retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca (or sretiree@stclaircollege.ca) You might see additional text "via cp20.com" in some cases.

Subject: From the SCCRA - There might be the odd exception (caused by brain freeze) but this phrase (plus the hyphen) will start the subject header.

Reply-to address: The return address will contain the address CP20.COM used by our mail provider Campaigner. (Ignore the gibberish – it's an internal name which redirects to a SCCRA e-mail address; for example sretiree@stclaircollege.ca)

Trouble viewing this e-mail? If you hover over the link, you will see the address <http://secure.campaigner.com>

And of course... the **bottom info block (footer):**



Click on **Preferences** to add or delete e-mail lists or change some personal information. You may not be able to remove all **sublists** but still want to remain a member for future inclusions. You can therefore click on **Unlisted** to reserve your 'spot' without unsubscribing.

Click on **Unsubscribe** if you want to leave the SCCRA e-mail list. Note that I cannot restore your subscription if you change your mind. You have to do that yourself. Save the last broadcast and you can use it to reconnect.

Ken Garber, SCCRA E-mail manager

Attention All Retirees

If you believe that you are not receiving e-mails from the Retirees' Association, please send an e-mail with your name and phone number to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca

SCCRA COVID Planning and Update

It is coming on a year that the Covid-19 pandemic has taken hold of our lives. It is difficult to say at this time when we will be able to gather in person.

Due to the strict protocols at the College, large groups, such as boards or association, are prohibited from meeting at the College at this time. The Retirees Association continues to meet monthly virtually to ensure that our members are represented.

We continue to serve our members with the quarterly newsletter publication and e-mails. The Social Committee has been working their magic with offering virtual events. The response to these events has been incredibly positive.

It is advised that if you **need** to meet in person with personnel at the College, **that you** schedule an appointment **with them**. You will be given the procedure required before your scheduled meeting.

We will continue to keep you informed by e-mail and include pertinent information in the Newsletter publications.

Do not hesitate to contact any of the Executive Board members if you have questions.

On behalf of the Executive Board, we are looking forward to the time that we can all meet again.

Kathy

Wise Observations by Will Rogers

"Buy land. They ain't making any more of the stuff."

"Why not go out on a limb? That's where the fruit is."

"Eventually you reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it."

"Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects."

Correction

The following corrects a memorial in the November newsletter:

Allen Ross (Pete) Hodgson, the brother of St. Clair retiree **Mariann Crundwell** passed away on October 2, 2020 at 83 years of age.

We regret this error.

In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
November 18, 2020 - January 28, 2021*



Joyce Bremner passed away on November 28th, 2020, at 85 years. Wife of Russell, mother of Susan, Rick, Sheryl, and Jeff, and sister of retiree **Gayle Marsh**. Joyce worked in a variety of positions in the IRC (Industrial Resource Centre), Human Resources, Switchboard and as a Secretary in Health and Safety.



Elena Regina Saffran (nee Dario) passed away on December 31st, 2020 at age 85. Survived by her husband of 61 years Mike, sons Michael (Irene) and Peter, and daughter Jessica Reimers (Fred). Elena was a secretarial teacher in the 1970's at St. Clair College.



Joseph Martin Timko passed away in Windsor on December 17th, 2020 at age 85, survived by his wife of 55 years Irene (Kominar), daughter Catherine Dowdall, and son Joey (Kendall Soucie). Joe taught Math of Finance at St. Clair College for 22 years until his retirement.



David Robinson passed away in Brookings, South Dakota on January 11th, 2021, leaving his wife, Rev. Norlita Kaul. Dave worked in the Tool Crib at St. Clair and was the Night School Supervisor within it. There will be a service in Windsor once the border reopens.

*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
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Dalton MacDonald passed away in Windsor on November 7, 2020 at age 59. Dalton, survived by his mother St. Clair retiree **Dorothy MacDonald**, was the son of St. Clair retiree **Mason MacDonald** (deceased 2018).

Salvatore "Sam" Soresi passed away on November 10, 2020 at 78 years of age. He was the father of St. Clair staff member **Frank Soresi**.

Richard (Dick) McEwan passed away on November 14, 2020 in his 81st year. He was the father of St. Clair staff member **Jeffrey McEwan**.

Mary Botek passed away on November 19, 2020 at 96 years of age. She was the mother of St. Clair retiree **Catherine Botek**.

John G.W. (Ted) Manzig passed away on November 28, 2020 at 92 years of age. Ted was the husband of St. Clair retiree **Sandra**, his wife of 65 years.

Clifton James Molyneaux, passed away on December 3, 2020 at 87 years of age. Cliff was the husband of pioneer Retiree Association member **Diane** (deceased 2013).

Murray Deline passed away Tuesday December 8th, 2020, at Windsor Regional Hospital after a short illness at the age of 54 years. He is survived by his parents Roy and St. Clair retiree **Elvy Deline** of Chatham.

Mary Elizabeth Waugh (nee Butler) passed away on December 10, 2020, at age 81. Mary was the sister of St. Clair retiree **David Butler** (Carmel Ravanella).

Alexander (Sandy) Morgan passed away on December 14, 2020, in Leamington. He is survived by his husband, St. Clair retiree **Dennis Dowker**.

Rolland G. Turpin, passed away on December 17, 2020 at the age of 79. He was the brother of St. Clair retiree **Bob Turpin**.

Carolyn Lloyd passed away peacefully on December 18, 2020 at the age of 78 years. She was the sister of St. Clair retiree **Lynn Wraight**.

Mary Frances Meysick passed away in Ottawa on December 26, 2020 at age 86. Mary was the wife of retiree **Horst Meysick** (deceased 2017).

Rose Ann Johnston passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 80 years of age. She was the mother of St. Clair staff member **Marc Johnston** (Jennifer).

Nazira Hallett passed away on January 1, 2021 at age 76. Nazira was the sister of St. Clair retiree **Elias El Helou** (Lilianne).

Alice Estelle Cupryniak passed away on January 9, 2021 at age 95. She was the sister of St. Clair retiree **Beverly Nykor**.

Rebecca Marie Bonkoski passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at age 93. She is survived by her son, St. Clair retiree **Mark (Sharyn) Bonkoski**.

Beverly "Peggy" Jane Minello passed away on January 23, 2021 at the age of 85. She was the sister of St. Clair retiree **James (Jim) O'Neill** (Elaine).

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Upcoming Events

We regret that in keeping with the current health directives issued by the Ontario Health Authorities regarding the Coronavirus pandemic there are no plans for upcoming in-person events for the foreseeable future.

Plans for future events will be forthcoming and announced once the Ontario Health Authorities issue new directives.

**Until we can all meet again,
stay safe and stay well.**

For the Retirees' Association
Quarterly Calendar of Events
and listing of activities
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