

St. Clair College Retirees' Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
South Campus Residence
May 7, 2008

1. George Rapaich motioned to accept the agenda for the meeting and Ron Dimenna seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Lynn Watts motioned to accept the minutes from the last General Membership Meeting.

Norma Grainger seconded the motion.

CARRIED

3. **President's Report**

Jay Ertel gave his President's Report

It's my pleasure to welcome everyone to the St. Clair College Retiree's Association AGM and extend a warm welcome to the new retirees. We are having a very successful year with our Program so I want to begin by thanking all of you for supporting the Association's activities. Throughout the year, we receive tremendous support from **Dr. Strasser and the College** in addition to Dr. Strasser's generous initiative to annually match our St. Clair College membership fees collection. We thank Dr. Strasser and the College for including the retirees at the President's Staff Appreciation Brunches in December and this spring in June, meeting with the Executive twice per year for Breakfast Meetings and truly demonstrating a sincere interest in keeping the retirees as part of the College Family. Fundraising is now underway for the College Recreation and Wellness Projects in Chatham and Windsor which are planned for 2010. The College is handling the contacts for the large corporations. Dr. Strasser has asked the retirees to help through their contacts with small businesses in Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent.

- **Del Zangari**, Newsletter Editor, one of the founding members of the Association, has been our only Newsletter Editor since day one. We receive many positive comments for our Newsletter so Del we thank you for doing an outstanding job, for chasing after the rest of us to contribute articles and for choosing such a great assistant, your husband **John Zangari**.
- **Bill Totten**, President Emeritus, **Pat Hallahan**, Past-President and **Anita Blair**, Membership Director, have all made significant contributions to our Association. They will be reporting on the Archive Project, our Educational Activities, Memberships, and the CAAT Retiree Benefits Plan. In addition to these major initiatives, we thanks them for organizing our Cancun Trip, working with OCRA, managing the Art Project, leading the Retirement Planning Service and attending to

a whole lot of things like keeping the rest of our on track for the Association to run smoothly. Anita, Bill, and Pat are usually at the College every week.

- **Jim Martin**, Vice-President, we thank you for organizing and generating a profit from last spring's CURAC Conference. This was a major new initiative which meant a lot of work. We thank Jim for taking the lead and also thank **JoAn Dale, Pat McMahon and Lynn Watts** for assisting. Jim also worked on our SCCRA projects throughout the year.
- **Carol Pratt**, Social Convener and Goodwill Director. Most of you know **Heather Milne-Dube** has been on sick leave for quite a while before her passing. Our thoughts are with her and she is missed. Carol has been taking care of those many cards—sympathy, thinking of you, congratulations, in addition to her other duties. Carol we really appreciate your willingness to always pitch in and get involved and we thank you for continuing to feed us well at these events. **Lori Caba**, Recording Secretary. Lori we thank you for joining the Executive and continuing to keep us organized.
- **John Charlesworth**, Social Director and **John Payne**, Treasurer. We thank these two for keeping us in the black and continually entertained. You see them working together at social events like the Christmas Party, but they also cover well for each other when the other may be away at dog shows or travelling. We thank both of you for your ongoing long term dedication and commitment to the Association.
- **Elizabeth Barr**, Chatham-Kent Rep and **Eunice Robinson**, Chatham-Kent Social convener. We thank you for taking care of our Thames group by running a very active Social Program in Chatham-Kent. Like Del, Eunice has an excellent assistant, **Jim Robinson** who attends, helps organize and supports many of our Association's Activities. Jim we appreciate your involvement with our group and you make a great Santa.
- **Gary Docherty**, Benefits Director. Benefits and our pension are major concerns to all of us. We thank Gary for taking a leadership role on these important issues. Again this year on May 28 and June 4, Gary will be involved with the Retirement Planning Workshop along with Bill Totten, Pat Hallahan, and Duncan Almond. Gary and other members of the Executive attended the OCRA and CURAC presentations made to the Expert Commission on Pensions in November when the Commission was in Windsor.

We are also indebted to many other people who wish to thank:

- **Brian Agar**, Web Site Manager for keeping our web site up to date with Association Information—Activities/Newsletters/Photo Gallery. The web site has had major changes and updates to tie in with the College's web site new look.
- **Susie Korchnak**, Telephone Committee along with Eunice Robinson
- **Marilyn Charlesworth, Shirley Dzudz, Elsi Hallahan, Mary Loncke, Ida Totten, Hanno Barten, Les Taffinder**, our BBQers and Hospitality Team.

- **Jim Chambers**, Auditor, Board Observer along with **Jim Cameron for Thames**.
- **Dan and Mary Loncke**, Bridge Club and Trivial Tuesday.
- **Gary MacLeod**, Social Convener, has plans to introduce many new social events. Please join us for the June 11, Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village Tour and the September War of 1812 Bus Tour in Windsor-Essex.
- **Ruth Hicks, Pat Hallahan, Jim Martin, Bill Totten**, Student Elections.
- **Sheila McCabe, Dick St. John**, Retiree Tutoring Service. **Help!! We need more people involved.**
- **Hanno Barton, Lea Garber, Dick St. John, Art Rae, Rick Erwin**, Archive Project.

In conclusion, this has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year with so many members helping out to ensure success with our Association and Retirement. Thank you to all.

4. **Membership Report**

Jim Martin presented the report for Anita Blair

There was some clean up of the database this year and the 23 retirees with no address or other information on file were moved to a separate list. This left us with 413 members, of the 29 are Associate Members.

Associate Members are mainly spouses of deceased retirees and past employees. This year we have 229 active retirees—those who have paid their 2008 dues. You probably noticed that we had a glitch with this year’s mailing. The return envelope was inadvertently left out of the mailing, but we mailed it out the next day. Fortunately, the college generously pays for all our mailings.

For the first time the complete database is now on the Retirees’ computer in Room 45J. It is updated weekly. This will protect us from any computer disasters with my home computer.

Dr. Strasser matched our dues again this year and we thank him for that.

5. **Social Convener’s Report**

John Charlesworth presented his report.

Another year has passed and our social activities continue to be supported by the same group of members time after time. We have increased the committee with very hard-working members who try their best to vary the events that we feel will interest most of you so come along and spend an hour or so at one of the events with your friends from days gone by, or suggest something creative for us to investigate.

The feature event last year was the Christmas Luncheon moved to the St. Clair Centre for the Arts and although it was different after many years at the “Other Place Catering” we broke all attendance records and had an enjoyable meal, and some of you won prizes so what could be better. The 2009 Christmas Luncheon of course will be even more satisfying than last year so mark your calendars now.

Keep your eye on the Newsletter for more exciting place to go and activities to participate in and thank you for your continued interest in YOUR association.

6. Education Committee Report

Pat Hallahan presented the Education Committee Report

The Education Committee organized two educational seminars again this school year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The fall seminar was on protecting oneself from identity theft and was presented by Detective Grey Yearly of Windsor Police Services. The spring seminar was on the services available at the Windsor Canadian Mental Health Association. It was arranged by Gary MacLeod and supported by Pat McMahon, Chair of the Association. The presenter was Jill Cadarette.

Upcoming educational opportunities include the May 28/08 presentation: Understanding Your CAAT Pension Plan by Paul Owens, CAAT Pension Plan Manager and CEO. P. Owens will provide an overview of the Plan and is prepared to field questions re the Plan's recent investment performance.

On June 4/08, Bill Totten, Gary Docherty, and Pat Hallahan will conduct a Retirement Planning Workshop for prospective and current retirees. The workshop will provide an overview of CAAT Pension Plan, Sun Life Health Benefit options, and legal issues to consider when retiring. If you will be turning 65 and must choose from one of the three Sun Life Health Benefit Plans, you may find this workshop helpful. The Education Committee welcomes suggestions for future workshops, seminars, or presentations.

7. Chatham-Ken Report

Elizabeth Barr made the following report on behalf of Chatham-Kent.

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

In June, members enjoyed a bus tour along the Trail of Tecumseh and the War of 1812 with local historian, Jim Gilbert, as our host. We followed the fateful footsteps of the great Chief Tecumseh as he heroically lived out his last few days. We also learned of eerie ghost tales of the Thomas River. 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 24, 2007. 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. In November, members joined Jim Gilbert and Sheila Gibbs, on an exciting exploration of the ghostly past in old Chatham and along the River Road, Cover and Raleigh, Ontario.

Many ghost stories of the area were told and historical residential sites were pointed out where restless spirits often have left unfinished business and many appear when major structural changes have been made in a home which they do not approve. All of these events were very successful. We hope to continue with the joint luncheons and events in 2008/2009. The annual Christmas Party was held at the Country View Golf Club on the evening of December 12, 2007. The evening, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. 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.

8. **Archive Committee Report**

Bill Totten reported that the committee has been in place for five years and members meet every Monday morning. Supplied and various items were purchased this year along with a software package that allows them to identify various articles.

We currently have a complete set of Journals that have been bound, as well as a complete set of Saint Newspapers that have also been bound. In addition, we have a set of Convocation Programs and a set of Yearbooks.

The Archive Committee members are now identifying various photographs and we are proud to say that the photographs submitted for use in the St. Clair College 40th Anniversary Newspaper issue were supplied by the St. Clair College Retirees' Association. Bill informed the membership that we now have a scanner. Pat Hallahan wants to identify retirees who are involved in doing Community Service in the Windsor-Essex County area and he will submit articles for publication on these individuals in our upcoming Newsletters.

The project is continuing to evolve and anyone interested in devoting some time to help out will be made to feel most welcome.

9. **Treasurer's Report**

John Payne advised the membership that Jim Chambers acted as Auditor.

John Payne reported that as of year-end—December 31, 2007.

	Actual (2007)	Projected (2008)
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$1,766.39	\$4,203.06
Receipts	\$6,456.14	\$4,900.00
Disbursements	\$4,019.47	\$5,300.00
Surplus (- Deficit)	\$2,436.67	-\$400.00
Balance, End of Year	\$4,203.06	\$3,803.06

10. **CAAT Retiree Benefits**

Pat Hallahan presented the CAAT Retiree Benefits Report

Pat reviewed Plans I, II, III and explained the new drug card. He also explained some differences between our Travel Medical Plan and the plan that RTO uses.

11. Nomination Committee Report

Jim Martin presented the list for nominations.

It was moved by Bill Stammer that the 2008-2009 nominees be elected. Dan Loncke seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Nomination Slate for 2008-2009

President Emeritus	Bill Totten
Past-President	Pat Hallahan
President	Jay Ertel
Vice President	Jim Martin
Membership Coordinator	Anita Blair
Recording Secretary	Lori Caba
Treasurer	John Payne
Chatham-Kent Rep	Elizabeth Barr

Committees:

Social Convenor	John Charlesworth
Newsletter Editor	Del Zangari
Goodwill Committee	Carol Pratt
Education Committee	Pat Hallahan
Benefits Committee	Gary Docherty

12. Adjournment

George Rapaich adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.