



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



From the President

Ross Langill



Those of you who know me will chuckle when you read that I will try to keep this report short and sweet. Many know that my definition of “short and sweet” is different than most. However, I will try.

The Retiree's Executive welcomes Mary Beth Rush

as our newest member. While Mary Beth is representing our members from Chatham, her career saw her work in both Chatham and Windsor. We expect to have a bio of Mary Beth in this edition of the newsletter.

Since our newsletter in August, we have held a number of social activities. Maybe it's only me, and I'm not complaining, but it seems that the common theme of many of these events is food, and may that theme continue for a long time. Speaking of social activities, a great amount of thanks is owed to the retirees who volunteer their time to organize events for us. Usually it is Pat Taylor and/or Marilyn Portt and Mimi McPhedran who take the lead; and they are quite adept at commandeering a few other members to assist them back in our working lives, we called it being “volun-told”.

I would be remiss to not thank Bev and Paul Chortos who welcomed us at their property for the B-B-Q that we held in September. The last minute change of date due to inclement weather did not seem to affect the attendance or Bev and Paul's plans. Hosting us is such a generous gesture on their part and the big surprise of the day was that there was a band waiting to entertain everyone. Perhaps to the relief of all, no one was seen dancing like Seinfeld's Elaine Benes.

Many thanks to Bill Totten, who arranged for the Retirees' Executive to hold our September and October meetings in an off-campus location, due to the Support Staff strike. We do however look forward to getting back to our regular basement location at South Campus sometimes jokingly referred to as The Dungeon.

In closing, planning is underway for what are customarily our biggest events of the year ... the Chatham Christmas Luncheon (scheduled for Dec 3) and the Windsor Christmas Luncheon and Show (scheduled for Dec 13). Details of both of these events will appear in this newsletter and/or future emails. We hope you can attend.

All the best. **

Ross Langill

Choose Newsletter By E-mail Appeal

As we have reported, the College is undergoing one of those budgeting cycles that are unpleasant and which many of us have experienced during our own College careers. We are now being asked to help.

Until recently, we have sent the quarterly newsletter to all members by both e-mail (when an address is available) and a hard copy by Canada Post. The College generously absorbed the mailing cost. Under the current conditions, and in view of the postage cost increases, we are now being asked to try to reduce this mailing cost.

Recently, with changes to our mailing list, we are now able to separate those who would prefer to receive an e-mail copy only. Many of you have already indicated that preference. However, those of you who have chosen to receive a hard copy through Canada Post are now **being urged to reconsider your choice and to notify us that you are agreeable to receiving the e-mail copy only**. It is our hope that we can make the needed contribution to the cost reduction effort through your personal choice to forgo the hard copy by Canada Post and to receive each edition by e-mail only.

Please notify the R.A. by phone (519-972-2727, Ext. 4439), and leave a message; or e-mail to - sretiree@stclaircollege.ca

Note: We recognize that there are those of our members who do not have an e-mail address or access to a computer. In these cases we will continue to use Canada Post.

*The Executive Board of the St. Clair College
Retirees' Association extend their best wishes for a
Joyous, Peaceful, Healthy, and Safe
Christmas Season to all College retirees and to the
entire St. Clair College community.*



*Peace on Earth
to people of good will*



From left - Silva Stambouljian, Tony Ellul, Marilyn Portt, Pat Taylor, Bill Totten, Mary Bath Rush, Dolph Barsanti, Sue McLelland, Tom Williams, Lyn Medler. Absent from photo - Ross Langill, Ken Garber, Brian Hucker, Florry Foster



Annual Chatham Campus Retirees Christmas Party

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time: 11:30 a.m. - **Lunch:** 12:30 p.m.

Location: Links Of Kent
120 Indian Creek Road West,
Chatham, Ontario
River Deck Room - Entry from the
parking lot at the side of the building

Cost: \$32.00 (Includes taxes and gratuities)
Payment will be made prior to your meal
** Alcoholic refreshments are additional **

Served at your table
Garden salad with balsamic dressing
Roast turkey with gravy and cranberry sausage dressing
Garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Cheesecake with mixed berry topping
Coffee or tea

Dietary needs can be accommodated.
Please let us know when you confirm.

Non-perishable items to support the Chatham student
food bank are sincerely appreciated, with thanks.

Kindly confirm to Mary Beth Rush
by November 30, 2025
Call or text - 519-359-9452
Email - rush@cogeco.ca

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



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
sccretirees2018@gmail.com.

But first, make sure there's nothing sitting in your
Junk/Spam folder(s).



Windsor Christmas Luncheon

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at
the Windsor SCCRA Christmas luncheon and
show. Please save the date ...

Location: St. College Centre for the Arts

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Time 12:00 p.m. - Meet and Greet
12:30 p.m. - Lunch
2:00 p.m. - Student Christmas Show

Watch your e-mail for further information

Patricia Taylor, Social Committee

The Tragic Futility Of War - Lest we Forget

Monday, November 11, 1918 dawned a rainy, dreary day in the Mons sector of the fluid front separating the hostile parties in WWI. At 6:30 that morning, the Canadian Corps received official communication that an armistice was to come into effect at 11:00 a.m. ending the **Great War**, the "**War to end all wars**". By 9:30 a.m., most Canadian units had received word of the armistice by telegram or runner. There are reports that most of the officers urged their soldiers not to endanger their lives and to find a hole in the ground and stay there.

For Pte Price and a few soldiers of the 28th Canadian Infantry Battalion, the war was not yet over. Price was leading a small patrol to the east of Mons to look for German soldiers. They crossed a small bridge across a narrow canal to search houses concealing a German machine gun post. In the first house that they entered, they found only the owner and his family. The Germans had retreated through the back door. As he was leaving the next house, Pte Price fell mortally wounded, shot in the right chest by a German sniper, just one month short of his 26th birthday.

At 10:58 a.m., 2 minutes before the armistice, Pte George Price was the last Canadian and Commonwealth soldier to be killed in a war that claimed the lives of an estimated 15 to 22 million human beings.

George Lawrence Price was born and raised in Falmouth, Nova Scotia. Like many young men, he had moved west in search of work and adventure. He worked for a time as a farm labourer in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan, and later was conscripted into the Canadian army in Regina.

Such is the insanity of the human race in the pursuit of war. ✱

Contributed by **Tony Ellul**

Meet Your New Chatham Campus Coordinator



For Mary Beth Rush, it all started in Chatham and continues there to this day.

Dad, now deceased, worked at Campbell Soup for 40 years; Mom, now 91, worked for Bell early on before having five children and deciding it was best she stay home. Mary Beth is the second oldest.

Mary Beth's early years in school started in a country school in Charing Cross, where the family lived for most of her childhood. When the country school closed she was bused to St. Mary's in Blenheim and then to Blenheim District High School.

Right out of high school, she took an entry-level job at the Union Gas Head Office in Chatham, and, over a span of ten years, worked her way up to the position of Corporate Lead Operator - the company's first word processing specialist, responsible for training, support, and application design for users throughout the company.

During this time, Mary Beth married Joe, a millwright who worked at Siemens and Meritor (MSSC). Their only daughter was born in 1983 and Mary Beth went on maternity leave. Shortly after returning to work, and while contemplating a lifestyle change to stay home with her daughter, a relative left the College, creating an open position teaching word processing courses evenings and weekends, reporting to Lynn Wraight. Mary Beth jumped right in! The year was 1984.

From there, her career at the College was a dizzying array of activities: while she continued to work for Continuing Education, Jay Ertel came calling for a sessional Office Administration teacher to cover a maternity leave. That opened the door to several years as a part-time and sessional instructor primarily for the Business and Office Administration Programs, as well as Corporate Training, and professional development. During this time, she also covered a temporary vacancy as secretary in the Business department and was later hired full time in the position after a short hiatus at home. Mary Beth continued in these dual roles until the early 90's.

In 1993, the Paradigm Shift under the direction of Gaston Franklyn resulted in new positions for classroom technicians. Mary Beth was hired, but before she could even begin, the College went searching for an Office Automation Specialist at the Windsor campus— someone who could learn the new Word Perfect Office software, write training manuals for both VAX and PC users, and develop and execute a training program for the email and scheduling components of WP Office. During that 2-year project the vast majority of then current employees at all campuses attended training sessions at Rhodes Campus and met Mary Beth, (whether they remember it or not!)

At the end of 1994, Mary Beth returned to Chatham to the Computer Services Technician role, sharing her time between the classroom and Computing Services until 2000. Then followed a two-year stint in the Centre for Instruction Delivery at Thames Campus. After the closing of the CID's, Mary Beth moved to the role of Administrative Assistant to Patricia McFarlane, the Principal of Thames Campus, and to John Lawrence, Manager of Corporate and Community Training, and she remained there until Tricia's retirement. After a relatively brief role in Scheduling, Mary Beth moved to Student Services as Assistive Technologist/Learning Strategist and Peer Tutoring at the Chatham Campus. Whew! She retired in 2021.

Mary Beth served for many years on the Chatham Health & Safety Committee, and as steward and executive member for Local 137. She participated on Academic Affairs, Academic Council, and Strategic Planning Steering Committees, the Thames Retention and Orientation Committee, and the College's 50th Anniversary Committee to name a few.

A lifelong learner, Mary Beth completed her Information Technology and Multimedia Applications Certificates, Office Admin Executive diploma, Instructional Skills workshops, and received her Adult Education Certificate from Brock University along with a long list of professional development courses.

Some of her fondest College memories include her years working in the classroom. She credits Dawn Erickson and Tricia McFarlane as mentors who became life-long friends, along with so many others that were part of the close-knit Chatham family and the extended Windsor family she met and worked with over the years. She particularly enjoyed being part of the Thames Party Planners, who collectively threw some legendary staff retirement parties and pot-luck gatherings over the years! And she is forever grateful to Lynn Wraight and Jay Ertel for giving her those early opportunities.

Mary Beth also loves to travel and has been to several countries in Europe, Alaska, Australia, and points across Canada, the US, and Central America. She is also an avid gardener and enjoys relaxing in her happy place. Mary Beth's and Joe's daughter, now an RPN, has seven children, so now it's Grandma Mary Beth!

The Retiree Association is privileged to have you on the Executive Mary Beth and looks forward to all your energy and enthusiasm. ✨

Contributed by **Pat Hallahan**

Tour of Historic Amherstburg

The day started out just as the last few days had, just below blisteringly hot! Memo to self - no more outdoor events in July. All in all, our historical tour of the Town of Amherstburg was an eye opener for those of us who had maybe not realized how much of a role the area played in making Canada a sovereign nation.

We were initially greeted by the Town Crier, Norm Ross, who announced to the town that the St. Clair College Retirees had arrived, what a way to feel special! We were invited to tour the Gordon House and Visitor's Centre. Built in 1798 the house is the oldest building in Amherstburg and boasts four fireplaces, original pine floors and a unique Doll Exhibit featuring, amongst many, a shelf of various styles of Dionne Quintuplets dolls.



Photo: *Pat Taylor*

Our next stop was the King's Navy Yard where our guides, Norm Ross (Town Crier) and Murray Speers - Courier de Bois and self-proclaimed knitter - took turns explaining how the now beautifully landscaped waterfront was once docks and wharves as far as the eye could see. Ships of all sizes and from many locations docked in Amherstburg to bring supplies and trade for furs and other goods from the area. They also brought soldiers, armaments and equipment for the war with the United States. The tales Norm and Murray regaled us with gave a picture of a settlement that, with the assistance of the local indigenous people, fought the invasion of Canada from the American forces.

Although the heat and humidity were a bit oppressive, we pressed on to the Park House, the end of our tour. Beautifully displayed with period furniture, the house is an example of Piece sur Piece log construction and was built

in the mid 1700's. The building was moved to its current site in 1972. Currently the basement serves as a classroom for those who want to learn tinsmithing. The fruits of the labour of participants are sold in the onsite gift shop.



Photo: *Lyn Medler*

After a short walk back up the street, we enjoyed a great lunch at The Artisan Grill, a local history icon in its own right. Formerly the Sarah Elliott House, it was built in the mid-1800s and boasts an impressive main staircase. Relaxing with good food and excellent company, we reviewed the tour and agreed we are lucky to have such history so close to our own backyard. Thanks to the 25 attendees for making this an excellent learning experience. ✱

Contributed by *Patricia Taylor*

Retiree Parking Permits -2026

The College Parking Services Department has graciously agreed to extend the validity of no-charge 2025 parking permits for our SCCRA members until March 31, 2026. We will provide further information about renewing or applying for 2026 Retiree Parking permits in the Winter 2026 issue of our newsletter and by e-mail. **Any new members requiring a retiree permit will be required to contact parking services at parking@stclaircollege.ca. Please note that membership validation will be required through SCCRA prior to issuing any permits.**

Please Note ...

You'll find the main College home page at <https://stclaircollege.ca/>

The Retiree pages are found by clicking on "About Us" or you can click on the following link <https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees>. You can then save it in your bookmark folder.

Down the right side of the Retiree page, you'll find a plethora of menu items from which to choose. Enjoy!

Around The College

1. The official Fall enrolment numbers show an overall decrease in students enrolled at St. Clair College campuses. The College has seen a 23 per cent reduction in the number of students enrolled at Windsor and Chatham campuses for Fall 2025, with 9,383 students, compared to 12,235 at the same time last year. The decline is tied directly to a shrinking international student population, which dropped from 4,641 in 2024 to 1,732 students at the Windsor and Chatham campuses which represents a nearly 63 per cent decrease in the international stream. There were 7,645 domestic students compared to 7,594 last Fall.
2. As a result of the enrolment changes, the College is undergoing financial stress which is resulting in major program and staff adjustments. For example, the College is looking to reduce its footprint in downtown Windsor and has suspended over 20 programs.
3. Thousands of other new graduates had their diplomas and degrees conferred at St. Clair College's eleventh and twelfth sessions of Fall Convocation on Sept. 30, 2025, at the WFCU Centre. This increases grad numbers to well over 150,000.
4. The Canadian Mental Health Association and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit held the annual Suicide Awareness Walk at St. Clair College on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025. Hundreds of people gathered this weekend to walk in solidarity, share stories of loss and hope, and raise awareness for suicide prevention, turning grief into action one step at a time. St. Clair College President Michael Silvaggi and student government leaders presented a cheque for \$15,000 at the event.
5. The work stoppage by College support staff began at Ontario's 24 Public Colleges, including St. Clair College, on September 11, 2025. A tentative settlement was reached on Wednesday, October 15. The results of a ratification vote were not available at this writing.
6. St. Clair College Alumni and Windsor International Film Festival have partnered for new custom cinema screen at Chrysler Theatre. The custom-made high performance cinema screen at St. Clair College's Chrysler Theatre will be front and centre at this year's WIFF.
7. The Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) Baseball playoffs were hosted at Lacasse Park in Tecumseh, Ont. from Oct. 16 to 18, 2025, where the Saints Men's Baseball team is looking to win its fifth consecutive banner.
8. Dr. Gelsea Pizzuto Serra and the Research and Innovation department at St. Clair College has been awarded \$20,000 from the WE-SPARK Igniting Discovery grant program to launch a project that promotes literacy beginning at birth.
9. St. Clair College's nationally recognized Saints Esports program continues to build on its global reputation, announcing the recruitment of 63 new varsity student athletes for the Fall 2025 season. This year's class includes 38 recruits from the Windsor-Essex region and 11 from various countries.
10. Students in the Architectural Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technician – Industrial (Millwright) program put their skills to the test while assisting a local athletic club, designing and constructing a brand-new announcing tower pavilion for Wolfe Creek BMX Racetrack in Chatham.
11. The Saints Student Athletics Association (SSAA) has provided the Athletic department with a cheque for \$21,000 after a series of successful events and fundraisers over the summer. **

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

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Membership Renewal Notice

Hello everyone, it is the time of the year for renewing your St. Clair College Retirees' Association Membership.

Your association has plans in the works for more activities and events such as socials, luncheons, Christmas parties, winery tours, educational seminars, and other events in the coming year. Refer to the Coming Events item on the last page of this newsletter for a preview **of some of the events**.

Enclosed with this issue of the newsletter is the membership renewal form for 2026. We look forward to seeing many of you at various events and activities.

Please pay by cheque payable to SCCRA or by e-transfer at sccramemberhip@gmail.com using security answer *Retirement*.

Marilyn Portt
Membership Secretary

OCRA Membership

We highly recommend taking a membership in OCRA (Ontario College Retirees' Association) when renewing membership in our association. The cost is \$10.00 annually (or a lifetime fee is available).

OCRA represents the interests of retirees of Ontario colleges and actively advocates on our behalf regarding post-retirement benefits.

The link to the OCRA website is ocraretirees.ca. There, one can find information about the CAAT Pension Plan, health benefits and health providers, websites of other retiree associations of other Ontario colleges, and a membership application form. Access to other Retiree Association newsletters can also be available.

Trivia Quiz by Lyn Medler

1. What is the weirdest thing to win the Nobel Prize?
2. Why are shuttlecocks used in professional badminton made only of feathers from the left wing of a goose?
3. Which vegetable has more vitamin C than an orange?
4. Which Chevy car has its own national museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky? (Hint: Tom Williams has probably been there.)
5. Which cloud only exists because of humans?

Answers on page 8

Fall with Bev and Paul - 2025 Edition

It was a glorious day for all things outdoors - sun shining, light breeze blowing, and white tablecloths slightly rippling on the tables under the canopy. Once again, 43 of us gathered to celebrate fall and reconnect with former coworkers and friends.



This year we decided to try a BBQ instead of ordering food in and I'm happy to say it was a wonderful success. Chefs Paul and Dennis, dressed appropriately in aprons and hats, did an outstanding job of grilling burgers, sausages and hot dogs. Many thanks to them for an outstanding job.

A fun sidebar was our own mini (2) classic cars show. To throw a little joy into the mix for the motor heads in our group, Tom Williams, our new VP, brought his beautiful yellow Corvette and Frank Taylor brought his '57 Pacific Green Austin Healy. Could this be a future trend? The more the merrier.

Our second surprise was a band, courtesy of Bev and Paul. We were entertained

by Bev's brother's group playing tunes most of us could actually sing. They were a fun addition to our yearly fall event and we want to thank Bev and her brother for this much appreciated surprise.

Lunch was followed by our 50/50 draw with lucky winner Jim Martin walking off with half the pot while the other half went to the Student's Food Bank. Bev had one more surprise for the group; she had purchased several beautiful hanging baskets that were won only by correctly answering a College-related trivia

question. Several of us had to test the little grey cells thoroughly to come up with the answers.

Once again, our fall event ended on a



wonderful note, good food, great company, fun surprises, and many laughs. We are so lucky to have such wonderful former colleagues and friends.. **

Contributed by **Patricia Taylor**
Photos: **Sue McLelland & Tony Ellul**

College Retirees in the Community

St. Clair Retirees Joanne and Tom Williams were both elected as Board Members during the last elections for the Corvette Club of Windsor. Joanne is the Corresponding Director and Tom is the Vice-President (a role he matches with us).

In September, they took part in what is now an annual parade around the Windsor Regional Hospital's Met Campus. This parade is part of the Corvette Club's cheque presentation, to the hospital's Pediatric Oncology Department, of the funds they raised at their annual Car Show. This year's Car Show raised a record \$40,000, bringing the total to \$180,000 since 2006.

Joanne and Tom - Congratulations, and thank for your contribution to the community. **

Contributed by **Ross Langill**

Griff's Garage

When desktop computers were starting to be implemented in classrooms and faculty workstations, a need arose to train faculty who were new to this technology. In answer to this need, a special computer lab and training facility was set up at South Campus to provide a venue for faculty to receive assistance in becoming acquainted with using computers. Headed up by Electronics Technology faculty member Paul Ramey, the facility opened up in what at the time was Room 75. The facility provided access to desktop computers, printers, a slide copier, and other peripherals that users would need experience with when working with their applications. To draw attention to the facility, the lab was labelled "Griff's Garage". To spread the word, faculty were provided with souvenirs like pens and key fobs



with the logo on them advertising the lab and its location. Many faculty members

used this facility as a means to help them adapt to using computers. **

Contributed by **Art Rae**

Out-To-Lunch-Bunch At Viewpointe Winery

It seems as if it were only yesterday, but it was August 11 when we gathered at Viewpointe Estate Winery. We sure lucked out as the weather was a perfect summer day.



Clockwise from left - Debra Rymal, Nancy Dupuis, Betty Michaud, Michael & Linda Belchuk, Marilyn Portt

Our gathering consisted of 40 retirees, enjoying excellent food and service. As always, many of us enjoyed beverages with the meal. We are pleased to state that our retirees enjoy going out to the county at least once per year.



Clockwise from left - Anita Blair, Elizabeth Barr, Lynne Watts, Anne Bennett

We have discovered a new venue for next spring. We know you will all want to participate in that event. Keep tuned to your e-mails. Have a good holiday, and see you at the Christmas Party. **

Contributed by **Mimi and Marilyn**
Photos: **Kathy Dupuis**

Chatham-Windsor Luncheon at Rondeau Joe's Lunch by the Bay

The Chatham summer luncheon was held on Wednesday, September 24th at Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery on the shore of beautiful Rondeau Bay. It was a lovely afternoon with 22 people in attendance. We expressed



Clockwise from left - Naz Binck, Silva Stambouljian, Sue McLelland, Barb Barron, Dale Jarrell, Glenda & Ron Morris

our appreciation to owner Paul Trudell and Chef Rebecca for opening up just for us and for the good food had by all. I know we all left with full bellies. It was a wonderful fun time from start to finish. Thank you to all who attended. **

Contributed by **Dale Jarrell** Photo: **Elizabeth Barr**

Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. **Liquid cats.** Physicist Marc-Antoine Fardin won the 2017 Ig Nobel Prize in Physics for his research using the principles of fluid dynamics and the definition of a liquid to determine if cats can be both solid and liquid. His paper, "On the Rheology of Cats," concluded that cats could be considered liquid under certain conditions because they can adapt their shape to fit their container, a property of liquids.
2. Feathers from the right wing make them spin the wrong way.
3. A red pepper
4. Corvette
5. A contrail, the 'cloud' behind an airplane. They are made of ice crystals and are formed when the hot, humid water vapor from an aircraft's exhaust condenses and freezes around tiny particles in the cold upper atmosphere.

From the SCCRA 'IT' Department

The 'face' of the internet is forever changing with new and evolving scams and such. It's extremely difficult to keep track of them all. Some of the media outlets do keep track of the latest in scams, but others don't. You may find an article on the outlets' web page but not necessarily in print. If you can handle the other "junk" online, check out the webpages at media sites such as windsorstar.com, lfpres.com, thestar.com, torontosun.com, and nypost.com. A story which may pop up on one site may not make it to others. There are reputable creators on YouTube who are worthy of following. That list is to follow.

My Cogeco account sees a plethora (I like that word) of spam, phishing, and other nefarious emails.

So, to clear out the Junk folder, here is a summary of what I have, and what you should be looking for.

True Spam - Believe it or not, there will be actual spam (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/spam>). These obvious messages want to sell you something. Ignore and delete them. There may even be a document for you to look at. Just ignore them.

Even the SRetiree account gets the occasional real spam message. The College Outlook e-mail program usually and correctly recognizes them and throws them into the Junk folder.

False Promises - Someone wants to give you a \$2 or \$3 million share of their multimillion (or billion) dollar winnings. The name is legit (but several years old) but the sender is not the winner.

Same goes for those e-mails wanting to share their millions (or billions) for a long departed relative or government official, usually from Africa (hence the Nigerian scams). The text may refer to an account manager at a recognizable bank. But note, it's a Gmail account not the bank's.

Questionable Sender - When you receive an e-mail from someone, one thing to check is the sender and his or her address.

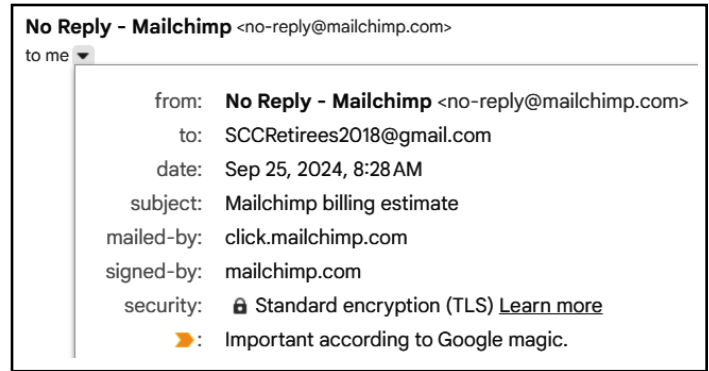
My Cogeco Thunderbird program (as does Outlook) shows the purported sender and their email address. For example, a message from "Cogeco" comes from Team ID <mc.western@talktalk.net>; and there are many messages with that same theme. (Once you're on a list....)

In addition, they usually come with some sort of threat – Oh No, no more mail for you, etc.

A message from the CRA with a refund comes from an e-mail sent from the Caribbean, or it has a major error in the name, such as Revenue Agency of Canada <.....@labgex.com>

If you are a Gmail user, the sender's email address may be hidden. To see it, click on the down arrow below the from/to field. It will show the email address AND the domain it was

emailed from. You can also click on reply to see where it's going but DON'T send it.



The above box will reveal info to help determine if it's fake.

Questionable Text/Language - See anything wrong here? "CLAIM YOUR GRATUITOUS_CAR_EMERGENCY_KIT"

This one cannot get it right. Yes, what you see is what I got:

Dubious Links - This can be a big giveaway. (No, not that kind of giveaway – see the Nigerian scam above). If you're provided with a link to continue whatever process, do not click on the link. Take your mouse and place it (hover) over the link. If it claims to be from the CRA, then why does it want you to go to some random third party site?

Dubious Contact Info - Don't rely on contact information provided in a dubious message. The link (shown above will be one way to redirect you, but also phone numbers can too. It could be an 800 number, or a long distance. Area codes 613, 343, and 753 are popular sources. They are Ottawa, Ontario numbers intended to make you believe that they are official government numbers. You may see a number from a local area code (519 or 226, and now 548) for example), but the remaining number will be a mystery.

Use a reverse lookup utility such as <https://www.canada411.ca/search/reverse.html> to check first. Unknown 800 numbers can be searched at <https://800notes.com/>.

Possibly more to come ... **

Contributed by **Ken Garber**

Contacts for Health Benefits and Pension

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is:

Jayne Gardiner 519-972-2727 Ext 4190,
jgardiner@stclaircollege.ca

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

Out-To-Lunch-Bunch At Wolfhead Distillery

Although October 22, 2025 turned out to be a dreary, wet, and raw day, 42 of our members and their guests braved the inclement weather to gather for another Out-To-Lunch-Bunch event at the restaurant of the Wolfhead Distillery in Amherstburg where they enjoyed each other's company while savouring a delicious lunch served by an attentive serving staff.



Clockwise from left - Ron & Glenda Morris, Sue & Ken Cosford, John & Joanne Chiarcos, Pearl & Dan Roberts

This venue appears to have become a favourite. With the Christmas Season soon to be upon us, several of our members followed the lunch by visiting the distillery's gift shop where they purchased some of the distillery's potent products and souvenirs to take home with them perhaps as gifts for loved ones and friends. **



Clockwise from left - Carol Sannes, Linda Grineage, Leslie Graham, Irene Helinski, Doris Summerfield

Contributed by **Marilyn Portt**

Photos: **Tony Ellul**



Where Have All The Flowers Gone

words and music by Pete Seeger

Where have all the flowers gone?
Long time passing.
Where have all the flowers gone?
Long time ago.
Where have all the flowers gone?
Young girls have picked them every one.
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?



Where have all the young girls gone?
Long time passing.
Where have all the young girls gone?
Long time ago.
Where have all the young girls gone?
Gone to husbands every one.
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?

Where have all the young men gone?
Long time passing.
Where have all the young men gone?
Long time ago.
Where have all the young men gone?
Gone for soldiers every one.
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?



Where have all the soldiers gone?
Long time passing.
Where have all the soldiers gone?
Long time ago.
Where have all the soldiers gone?
Gone to graveyards every one.
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?

Where have all the graveyards gone?
Long time passing.
Where have all the graveyards gone?
Long time ago.
Where have all the graveyards gone?
Gone to flowers every one.
When will we ever learn?
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In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
July 24, 2025 - October 22, 2025*



Shirley June Templeton passed away on July 24, 2025 at 90 years of age. She was the wife of Russell “Bud”, and the mother of Randal (Helen) and Elizabeth Postma (Bill). In 1988 she joined the teaching staff at St. Clair College, Thames and Wallaceburg campuses.



William (Bill) Jones passed away at the age of 95 on September 9, 2025. He is reunited with his beloved wife, Shirley and leaves behind his children, William (Bill) Jones (Barb), Merridy Heimann (Harry), and Sandra Sinclair (Brian). Bill was a wise and capable mentor to his many students at St. Clair College in the

Computer Sciences, dating back to the earliest days of computer use. Bill was a dedicated volunteer in many community associations reflecting his generous spirit and passion for helping others, including St. John’s Church, United Way, Parkinson’s Canada, and the Sandwich Teen Action Group (S.T.A.G). Following retirement from St. Clair College, Bill remained actively involved with the College and the St. Clair College Retirees’ Association.



remained there to teach English for more than three decades.

Richard Harris St. John passed away on August 21, 2025. Husband of Agnes (Nan), father of Julie St. John (Craig Houle). Richard started teaching at Western Ontario Institute of Technology in 1966. He was a member of the inaugural faculty of St. Clair College when it transitioned from WOIT, and he re-



Joseph “Joe” Dziver passed away in Panama on Oct 18, 2025 on the eve of his 89th birthday. He is survived by his wife Ingrid and children Rachel Dziver (Mark), Joseph Dziver Jr. (Chauntelle), and Rebecca Dziver Blankert (PJ.) After a varied career, Joe came to St. Clair in its earliest days as an English teacher, first in Chatham and later in Windsor. After retiring from St. Clair College, Joe became Director of the English Language program and Cambridge exams at Florida State University in Panama.



*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
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Dennis Staton passed away on August 3, 2025. Dennis was the brother of **St. Clair retiree Sandy Delapenotiere**.

Margaret Ellen Howell passed away on August 1, 2025. Ellen “Elle” was the wife of **St. Clair retiree Wayne Howell**.

Robert Walter Carter passed away on September 8, 2025. Robert was the husband of **St. Clair retiree Maureen Carter**.

John Gulbransen passed away on October 4, 2025. John is survived by his wife, **St. Clair retiree Michelle Gulbransen**.

Agnes Oliver passed away on October 20, 2025. Agnes was the mother of **St. Clair retiree** and current Retiree Association President **Ross Langill**.

*Swing low sweet chariot,
Comin' for to carry me home.
I looked over Jordan and what did I see?
A band of Angels coming after me,
Comin' for to carry me home.*

*In life we loved them dearly,
In death we love them still,
In our hearts they hold a place
That no one else can fill.*

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Coming Events

Dec. 3	Chatham Christmas Party	11:30 am Links of Kent
Dec. 13	Windsor Christmas Party & Show	11:30 Meet & Greet, 12: 00 Lunch
TBA	President's Holiday Brunch	TBD
Dec. 25/26	Christmas Day/ Boxing Day	College Closed
Jan. 12, 19, 26	Archive Work Group	9:00 am Room A0216
Jan. 5	Classes start	
Jan. 21	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
Feb. 2, 9, 23	Archive Work Group	9:00 am Room A0216
Feb. 16	Family Day	College Closed
Feb. 18	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
Feb. 18	Winter Newsletter Distributed	
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23	Archive Work Group	9:00 am Room A0216
Mar. 9 – 13	March Break	
Mar. 18	Executive Meeting	Room A0216
Apr. 3	Good Friday	College Closed
Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27	Archive Work Group	9:00 am Room A0216
Apr. ??	Golf Begins	Woodland Hills Retirees with membership play free
Apr. 15	Executive Meeting	Room A0216

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Quarterly Calendar of Events
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