

**From the President**  
*Ross Langill*



Your Retirees' Association Executive has been busy planning the 2026 Annual General Membership meeting as I write this report. The results of the April 29th elections will have been sent out via email to most members by the time you read this. Otherwise, some

of you may not see those results until our next newsletter edition. I thank all Executive members for their hard work and dedication over the past year, and I am sure that work will continue with the newly elected members.

Thanks also to Lyn Medler and Sue McLelland for arranging Retirement Planning sessions, in both Windsor and Chatham. These sessions will have taken place in mid-May, before the publication of this issue. The information provided to those considering retirement is of great value.

Since social activities are part of our Association's mandate, I want to thank Mary Beth Rush in Chatham and Sue McLelland in Windsor for their continued leadership in organizing various events for our members to attend.

In Chatham, a luncheon is being planned for Tru's Restaurant on June 17 following our Board meeting held annually in Chatham. Mary Beth is also working on a lunch gathering in the fall, as well as on the annual Christmas Luncheon, and is in contact with the Links of Kent regarding this annual event. An article elsewhere in this newsletter will note that members in Chatham area are encouraged to contact Mary Beth with any ideas they have related to other social activities in the Chatham-Kent area.

Events/activities being considered in Windsor include a tour of the Canadian Aircraft Museum and the AAR aircraft servicing

facility at Windsor Airport. Additionally, you may be interested to know that Sue is looking into making arrangement for a tour of Assumption Church, the fall social event, and is in contact with the St. Clair College Centre of the Arts regarding the annual Christmas Luncheon and show.

Marilyn Portt and Mimi McPhedran continue to look for new venues to hold the *Out-To-Lunch-Bunch* lunches. One of my personal favourites was our outing last year at Twiggs in Emeryville, as I enjoyed the large and tasty chicken wings. Some of you may have recently attended a lunch at the Riverside Sportsmen Club which I hope you enjoyed. These lunches seem to have grown in popularity thanks to the efforts of Marilyn and Mimi.

Chatham and Windsor members are urged to keep their eyes open for emails and notices in future newsletters regarding upcoming events.

St. Clair Day for College Staff and Retirees will be held on Friday, June 12 in the Windsor South Campus Cafeteria. As is our usual tradition, we will be honouring the memory of our members who have passed away over the past year.

In closing, I want to mention the fine work done on our display case in the main lobby of the Windsor South Campus. This case is located against the north wall of the lobby, immediately outside of the cafeteria. Sue McLelland, Deborah Martel, Silva Stambouljian, and Suzanne Norris have done an excellent job of updating this display during change of seasons or for other appropriate reasons. ✨



*Ross Langill*

Photo: *Tony Ellul*

## Around The College

1. A new tradition has started at St. Clair College with the formation of The St. Clair College Honour Guard, consisting of students from the **Protection, Security, and Investigation (PSI)** and **Police Foundations** programs. The inaugural march took place in the SportsPlex on March 6, 2026 at the opening of the OCAA Men's Basketball Championship. The group of 13 students began training for the exercise two months prior, and have been fitted with unique uniforms. Their commitment to the traditions of drill and ceremony reflects hours of preparation and a deep respect for the values of service.



2. St. Clair College signed an agreement with the *Canadian Military, Veteran, and Family Connected Campus Consortium (CMVF3C)*, reaffirming its commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families. The CMVF3C is a consortium of post-secondary institutions and associated community partners committed to advancing military, veteran, and family connected campuses in Canada and beyond.

3. Students from across numerous programs spent a 'Rough Night Out' to raise awareness and to fundraise much needed dollars for those experiencing homelessness in the Windsor-Essex community. The event – held on Feb. 20, 2026, at St. Clair College's Main Windsor campus from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. – challenged participants to spend the night outdoors while taking part in games and awareness-building activities. The event was a huge success, raising approximately \$9,300 for the Windsor Residence for Young Men.

4. Saints athletics saw the Women's Volleyball team awarded the OCAA Silver medal and the Men's Basketball team winning the OCAA Bronze medal.

5. St. Clair College Esports program announced the return of the 2026 March Break Camp for ages 8 and up in the Esports Nexus facility. Campers will participate in a variety of activities including in-game development, technical skills in esports content and production, and learning about the importance of health during off-screen time.

6. Coffee and Companionship is a student-led initiative, where a group of students visit neighbours at Schlegel Villages, the

on-campus long-term care home. Students in St. Clair College's **Protection, Security, and Investigation (PSI)** and **Police Foundations** programs. spend an hour with residents, and share stories, experiences and wisdom.

7. On Feb. 14 and 15, 2026 St. Clair College students in the **Music Theatre Performance** program joined lead vocalist Lee Siegel on stage for two Windsor Symphony Orchestra performances, including Broadway productions including *Paradise Square* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

8. Students in St. Clair College's Advertising and Marketing Communications Management program have taken the top prize at the NHL Hockey Innovation Competition in Ottawa. Students from dozens of Colleges and Universities from across Ontario were challenged to pitch bold, practical solutions for hockey infrastructure — ideas aimed at expanding access, improving participation, and modernizing arenas for the future of the sport.

9. Seven St. Clair College students and three professors in the School of Health Sciences spent 10 days in January providing essential health care, dental care, and medication to people in the remote Village of El Triunfo, Guatemala.

10. Two teams of students from St. Clair College have come out on top at the Ontario Colleges Accounting Case Competition hosted at George Brown Polytechnic in Toronto, Ont. The competition required students – in teams of three – to solve a real-life case - that is, to make recommendations and select the best course of action. ✨

Contributed by *Bill Totten* Photo: *St. Clair College*

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### Lines Written in Early Spring

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.



The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—  
But the least motion which they made  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure...



*William Wordsworth*



## Save the Date - Fall Social 2026

**Date** - Wednesday September 9, 2026

**Time** - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Place** - This year, the Fall Social has moved to the  
**Kings Coast Winery**  
1000 McCain Side Road, Kingsville

Check it out and mark your calendars.  
Watch your email for further information.

[kingscoastwinery.com](http://kingscoastwinery.com)



### The Passionate Shepherd to His Love

Come live with me and be my love,  
And we will all the pleasures prove,  
That Valleys, groves, hills, and fields,  
Woods, or steepy mountain yields.

And we will sit upon the Rocks,  
Seeing the Shepherds feed their flocks,  
By shallow Rivers to whose falls  
Melodious birds sing Madrigals.

And I will make thee beds of Roses  
And a thousand fragrant posies,  
A cap of flowers, and a kirtle  
Embroidered all with leaves of Myrtle;

A gown made of the finest wool  
Which from our pretty Lambs we pull;  
Fair lined slippers for the cold,  
With buckles of the purest gold;

A belt of straw and Ivy buds,  
With Coral clasps and Amber studs:  
And if these pleasures may thee move,  
Come live with me, and be my love.

The Shepherds' Swains shall dance and sing  
For thy delight each May-morning:  
If these delights thy mind may move,  
Then live with me, and be my love.

**Christopher Marlowe**



## Out-To-Lunch-Bunch News

On Thursday Feb 12th, an unseasonably sunny and mild day, we had a very successful *Out-To-Lunch-Bunch* gathering at the Ciociaro Club in Oldcastle, Ontario, as always so ably organized by our *Out-To-Lunch-Bunch* ladies, Marilyn Portt and Mimi McPhedran. We enjoyed a great buffet of appetizing cuisine prepared by the Ciociaro culinary staff. Since it was close to Valentine's Day, we celebrated the event with heart-shaped chocolates and some festive decorations on the tables. It was great seeing so many people. The private dining room - which holds 30 - reserved for us turned out to be not large enough to accommodate all of us. A couple of large tables in the adjacent Ciociaro's members' bar helped with the overflow. Great turnout.



From Left - Suzanne Norris, Mimi McPhedran, Silva Stambouljan, Sue McLelland, and Debra Martel readying their lunch at the Ciociaro Club buffet table.

On Wednesday, March 18th, we all met at Chuck's Roadhouse on Huron Church Road - Great Rib special that day! Another great turn out! Thanks to all that joined us.

During both events we all enjoyed great conversation and our traditional St. Clair camaraderie.

We are looking forward to our next lunch gathering at the Riverside Sportsmen's Club on May 14, at 1 p.m. See you there. ✨

Contributed by **Sue McLelland**

Photo: **Tony Ellul**



## 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](http://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

Questions:

1. In his obituary in 1991, the New York Times said "*English was too skimpy for his rich imagination.*" and that "*his meter was irresistible.*" Who is this children's author?
2. Some electrical and light standard poles are bolted to the ground and some are sunk right into the ground. What is the reason for the bolted poles?
3. We see these bars on the back of all transport trucks. What is their purpose and what are they called?
4. What are the origins of the name of the band Led Zepplin?
5. What soda brand, popular for over 100 years, with over 50 flavors (e.g. Cotton Candy, Firework, Jazzin' Bluesberry) has been a "Michigan thing" with its headquarters in Detroit?



Answers on page 5

## Membership Renewal Reminder

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.**

**Please pay by cheque payable to SCCRA** or by **e-transfer** at [sccramembership@gmail.com](mailto:sccramembership@gmail.com) using security answer **Retirement.**

**Marilyn Portt**  
Membership Secretary

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:contact@caatpension.on.ca)

## 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 [scretirees2018@gmail.com](mailto:scretirees2018@gmail.com).

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

## Chatham Retirees - Save the Date

The SCCRA Executive Board will make the annual trek to Chatham on Wednesday June 17 for the last meeting before summer break. Following the meeting, all Chatham retirees are invited to join the committee for lunch at Tru's restaurant at 11:30. We have reserved the back room that can accommodate up to 45 people. RSVP will be required as we must advise the restaurant of anticipated attendance no later than June 10. An email will be sent out in May with further details and contact information. Hope to see you there! ✨

Contributed by *Mary Beth Rush*

## Save the Date - Field Trip Event

**Date** - Wednesday May 27, 2026

**Time** - 9:00 am – 10:45 am Tour of AAR (Allen Aircraft Radio) facility

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Early lunch at Route 42 Diner

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Tour of Canadian Aviation Museum  
Admission fee - \$9.00 per person at the door.



**RSVP to Sue McLelland by Monday, May 25, 2026**  
At [suemcllland1@outlook.com](mailto:suemcllland1@outlook.com). ✨

Contributed by *Sue McLelland*



## Social Activities

Chatham-Kent has such rich history, with a plethora of interesting places to explore. I am considering adding a social event to our calendar and am looking for input from all of you. What interests you? What have you seen or done in the past that you think others might enjoy? It doesn't have to be grand, just an enjoyable day with good eats along the way (and sometimes the out-of-the-way spots are the best). I'm confident that many of you day trippers will have great suggestions. If you have an idea to share, please email me at [rush@cogeco.ca](mailto:rush@cogeco.ca). ✨

Contributed by *Mary Beth Rush*

## Save the Date - Field Trip Event

**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a tour of Our Lady of Assumption Church here in Windsor. Recognized for its heritage value, Assumption church is the oldest continuously operating Roman Catholic parish in Ontario. This beautiful historic landmark has a remarkable history along with majestic architectural features. Frank Perissinotti, one of our retirees, has generously offered to take us on a tour of this church and explain some of the historical features it holds. Afterwards, we can head in to Sandwich town and have a bite to eat. Watch your email for details to come. ✨



Contributed by *Sue McLelland*

## Summer 2026 Newsletter Alert

Please note that the Summer 2026 issue of our newsletter will be delayed by one month and will be **published on September 16, 2026**.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

## Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. Dr. Seuss
2. The bolted-in poles are on a breakaway pole base. This is a safety-critical component designed to fracture or separate when struck by a vehicle. Instead of acting as a rigid obstacle that transfers impact energy to the driver, these bases allow the pole to yield, significantly reducing the risk of severe injury or death.
3. It is designed to prevent smaller passenger vehicles from sliding underneath a truck's trailer during a rear-end collision. It is called a Mansfield Bar, named after Hollywood actress Jayne Mansfield, who tragically died in 1967 when her car slid under the rear of a tractor-trailer.
4. Led Zeppelin got their name from a joke made by The Who's drummer Keith Moon who remarked that a proposed group featuring Jimmy Page would "go over like a lead balloon". Page modified the phrase to "Led Zeppelin" for his new band, dropping the "a" in "lead" to avoid mispronunciation, and replacing "balloon" with "zeppelin" to represent a combination of heavy and light, or power and grace.
5. Faygo

## Proud To Be Canadian

### We Celebrate Canada's Inventors and Discoverers, and their Benefits to Humanity

**Telephone** - Alexander Graham Bell's ground-breaking invention of the telephone happened in Brantford, Ontario, in 1874. It was there that Bell first conceived the idea of transmitting voice through electrical wires, leading to his patent in 1876.

**Standard Time** - Sir Sandford Fleming considered "*the father of international standard time*" was responsible for North American railways adopting standardized time. In 1883, Fleming convened the International Prime Meridian Conference, where 25 nations from around the world agreed to adopt international standard time.

**Peanut Butter** - Marcellus Gilmore Edson first patented peanut butter in Montreal, Quebec on October 21, 1884.

**Basketball** - In 1891, physical education instructor James Naismith, a Canadian from Almonte, Ontario, invented basketball while teaching in Springfield, Massachusetts when he was tasked with creating an indoor winter sport to help students stay physically fit.

**Marquis Wheat** - In 1904, Dr. William Saunders first bred Marquis Wheat - famous for its high yield and early ripening qualities - to replace the Red Fife strain that ripened too late in the season for the Canadian climate.

**Egg carton** - When in 1911 newspaper publisher Joseph Coyle of British Columbia overheard an argument about a delivery of broken eggs that had literally all been put in one basket, he came up with a great idea crafting a carton of individual slots so the eggs wouldn't bump against each other and break in transit.

**Zipper** - In 1913, Canadian engineer Gideon Sundback perfected the "Separable Fastener". While working at the Universal Fastener Company in St. Catharines, Ontario, Sundback turned a clever idea into one of the most practical tools of modern life.

**Sonar** - In collaboration with French scientists, Robert William Boyle of Carbonear, Newfoundland, helped to develop sonar in 1916 during the WWI as a method of detecting underwater objects through sound waves.

**Insulin** - The discovery of insulin in 1921 by Dr. Frederick Banting and Dr. Charles Best and their team of researchers at the University of Toronto improved the lives of diabetics worldwide. Banting and his supervisor, John James Rickard Macleod, won the Nobel Prize the following year.

**Snowblower** - Arthur Sicard built the first commercial snowblower in Quebec in 1925.

**Snowmobile** - Joseph Armand Bombardier of Quebec patented the first snowmobile in June 1937. Bombardier later developed a series of snowmobiles for use in the WWII.

**Electron microscope** - James Hillier and Albert Prebu, two graduate students at the University of Toronto, built the first practical electron microscope in 1938. The microscope's magnification power of 7,000 more than tripled the 2,000 magnification of other microscopes.

**Walkie-talkie** - Toronto-born Alfred Gross is credited by top science and technology universities as the inventor of the walkie-talkie that he patented in 1938.

**Paint Roller** - In 1940, Norman Breakey, a Toronto house painter, invented the paint roller that revolutionized home renovation.

**The Pager** - Canadian Alfred J. Gross invented the pager in 1949 revolutionizing wireless communication long before smartphones existed.

**External Heart Pacemaker** - While studying hypothermia treatments in 1950, Canadian electrical engineer John Hopps invented the first external artificial pacemaker.

**Electric wheelchair** - George Johan Klein of Hamilton, Ontario designed and invented the electric wheelchair shortly after the WWII in 1952 to assist veterans who suffered serious injuries in the war.

**Instant TV replay** - George Retzlaff, head of CBC Sports and producer of Hockey Night in Canada invented Instant TV replay in 1955 to replay a goal during CBC's Hockey Night In Canada.

**Hawaiian Pizza** - For the foodies among us. In 1962, Sam Panopoulos, a Greek-born Canadian, created the first Hawaiian pizza at the Satellite Restaurant in Chatham, Ontario.

**IMAX** - In 1967, following Expo 67, IMAX inventors Graeme Ferguson, Roman Koritor, William Shaw, and Robert Kerr invented a camera system capable of filming high-resolution images and projecting onto large screens.

**Canola Oil** - In 1970, scientists in Saskatchewan and Manitoba developed a new type of rapeseed oil as a low-acid, heart-healthy edible oil as an alternative to the outdated rapeseed oil and its undesirable traits. Canada produces some of the highest-quality canola oil in the world.

**Tilley Hat** - Frustrated with losing his sailing hats that blew off in the wind or sank, in 1980 Alex Tilley founded his Canadian hat company *Tilley Endurables* to create unsinkable, durable, wide-brim hats designed for adventure use.

**Canadarm** - In 1981, in partnership with the National Research Council of Canada, Spar Aerospace designed and built the Canadarm, a major innovation that NASA's Space Shuttle Program used for satellite deployment, repair, and maintenance.

There are many more achievements by Canadians, but space does not allow. ✨

Contributed by *Tony Ellul*



# In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period  
January 29, 2026 - April 22, 2026*

**Note:** We are deeply grateful that there were no reported deaths of St. Clair retirees or Full Time St. Clair Staff between February, 2026 and May, 2026

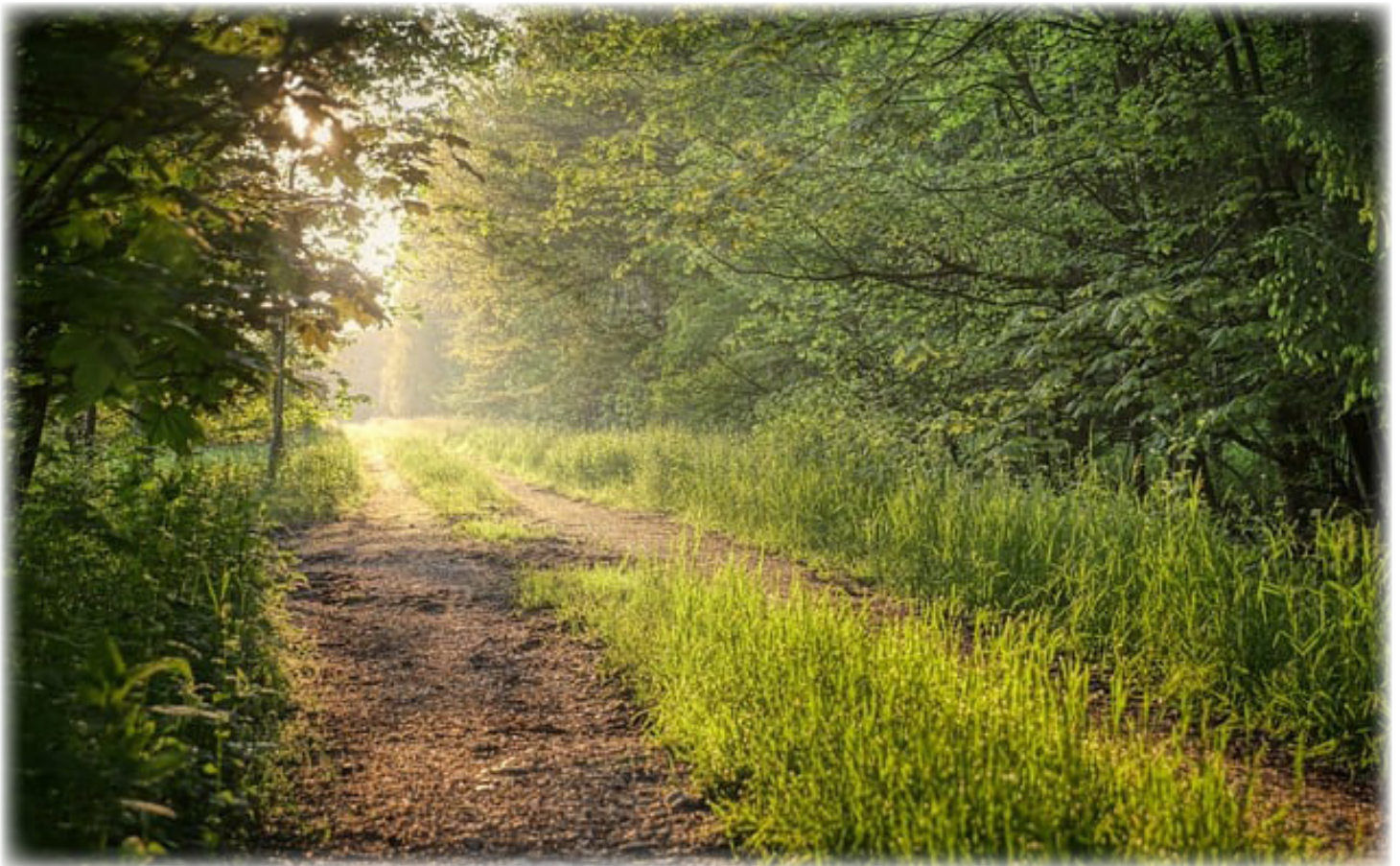
*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period  
January 29, 2026 - April 22, 2026*

**Vincenzo Mastrogiacomo** passed away on February 3, 2026 at the age of 82. Vincenzo was the husband of **St. Clair retiree Ramona Mastrogiacomo**.

**Daniel (Danny) Roberts** passed away on February 23, 2026. Danny is survived by his wife, **St. Clair Retiree Pearl Roberts**.

**Cecil (Cec) Charles Southward** passed away on March 7, 2026 at the age of 79. Cec was the brother of **St. Clair retiree Cindi Wheeler (Rick)**.

**Patricia Anne Regier** passed away in late March, 2026. She was the mother of **St. Clair retiree William (Bill) Regier (Mary Jo)**.



## Executive Board 2026-2027

<b>President</b>	- Ross Langill
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	- Tom Williams

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## Coming Events

May 8	Alumni of Distinction Gala	SCCA
May 10	Mothers' Day	
May 13, 14	Retirement Planning Workshops	Windsor/Chatham
May 14	Out-to-Lunch Bunch	Riverside Sportsmen's Club
May 18	Victoria Day	College Closed
May 20	RA Executive Meeting	Room A0216
May 20	Spring Newsletter Distribution	By email
May 27	AAR / Aviation Museum Tours	Lunch at Route 42 Diner
Jun 2, 3, 8	Spring Convocations	Volunteers welcome
Jun 12	President's Appreciation Brunch	South Campus Cafeteria
Jun 16	Assumption Church Tour	See page 5
June 17	RA Executive Meeting in Chatham With Chatham Members' lunch	
Jun 18	Out-to-Lunch-Bunch	King's Coast Winery
Jun 22	Fireworks	SCCA - \$59.95 / person
Jul 1	Canada Day	College closed
Aug 3	Civic Holiday	College closed
Aug 19	RA Executive Meeting	Room A0216
Sep 7	Labour Day	College closed
TBA	Retirees Fall Social	Details to be determined
Sep 16	RA Executive Meeting	Room A0216
Sep 16	Fall Newsletter distributed	By email
Sep 23	Chatham / Windsor Luncheon	Details to be determined
Dec 2	Chatham Christmas Party	Details to be announced
Dec 12	Windsor Christmas Party & Show	Details to be announced



For the Retirees' Association  
Quarterly Calendar of Events  
and listing of activities  
visit our calendar webpage at

<https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar>

## Have you changed your address?

Please update your address to continue receiving the Retirees' Association information.  
We **do not share** your contact information with anyone.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street/Apt. City Postal Code

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E-mail to: [sretiree@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:sretiree@stclaircollege.ca)