



## ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

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### RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



## Newsletter

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### From the President

*Ross Langill*



Who'd have thunk it? Certainly not I back in September 1977. I never imagined my first full-time job at the College would lead me, many years later, to writing the President's Report for the Retirees' newsletter. I didn't always make the smartest decisions, especially in the early years of my career, but the guidance of

some wonderful people....and a little luck....saw me through. But, enough about me. I want to concentrate on a few items for this report.

We held our Annual General Membership meeting on May 7 in Griff's Cavern at the College's South Campus. The main order of business was elections. Before speaking to the results I want to thank a few people for their previous service to the Retirees' Association. Both Elizabeth Barr and Dale Jarrell stepped away from their positions as Representatives for our Chatham Retirees. Elizabeth has served 20 years with the Retirees' Executive and her contributions will not be forgotten. She had basically retired from the College and in a very short matter of time was serving on the Executive. She will be missed in this role. Dale, who served 4 years on our Executive, is known by many from Chatham as a talented organizer of social events and we hope she will continue to assist future Chatham Representatives with such events. Of course, history would not be complete if I failed to mention that Bill Totten continues to fulfill his role as President Emeritus with excellence and caring. We rely on Bill's expertise more than we can ever hope to fully explain. Finally, Sue McLelland has completed a 4-year term as President (and almost 10 years on the Executive) and will now fill the position of Immediate Past-President. I have already called on Sue many times in the short time I have been President and I will have to find out if there is a limit to the number of questions I am allowed to ask her in any given time period ... lol.

On to the elections. All of the Officers' positions were acclaimed as follows:- Ross Langill - President, Tom Williams - Vice-President, Lyn Medler - Recording Secretary, Marilyn Portt -

Membership Secretary, Dolph Barsanti - Treasurer, and of course Sue McLelland as mentioned above.

At the first Executive meeting, on May 21, the following Coordinators were approved by the Officers. They are:- Pat Taylor - Social/Education, Silva Stamboulion - Goodwill, Florry Foster - Board of Governors Observer, Ken Garber - E-mail Systems/Operations, Tony Ellul - Newsletter, Brian Hucker - Member at Large.

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### 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, and 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](mailto: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.

## Introducing Our New President



Ross Langill was born in Windsor and lived in what was then Sandwich West. His dad was a jeweller in both Windsor and the US. Mom was a late blooming teacher who started at the Sun Parlour School for the Developmentally Delayed, and younger brother Ron lives in Waterloo where he provides IT services for an insurance company.

Ross attended Ivor Chandler Public School, and then split time in high school among Centennial, Massey, and Sandwich West Secondary Schools. Upon graduation, he elected to go to St. Clair College for the Travel and Tourism Program taught by the likes of Jean Brechkow. Unfortunately, Ross found attending classes challenging. He then tried Business Common also to no avail, although he values to this day the typing elective taught by Bernice Jewell, and the friendship he developed with another elective teacher, Joe Lucas.

Although Ross loved being at St. Clair College, he was on the verge of gaining a diploma in Cafeteria Skills Management, when he was approached by fellow student Tom Markham who was active with student government and reported to Cal Haddad. Tom asked if Ross wanted to help the student government with marketing. Therefore, for three years Ross helped with developing flyers, working at the pub and radio station, and doing lots of College Marketing at Devonshire Mall. Then, Ross became aware of the OCAP Program run by George Lewis and Florence Lytle. For one year, he was trained to do shipping and receiving under the tutelage of Sam Siddall. When Sam left for typewriting repair training, Ross took over, reporting to Chuck Harwood. In 1977, that job was posted as a full time opportunity and Ross jumped at it while later adding mailroom duties to his resume. In 1990, the New Democrats introduced the JobsOntario Program that assisted unemployed youth to access on-the-job training. Ross applied successfully for this work at the Eugenie Street location reporting to Ann Miskovsky. Then, in 1995, when Ontario Premier Mike Harris eliminated this program, Ross, faced with layoff, bumped into Parking Services, reporting to Brook Gardner. In 2010, the newly founded Employment Ontario Program at the Roundhouse Centre offered work Ross with which he was very familiar. He worked there for three years until his retirement in 2013.

Ross has two daughters: Diane is a nurse living and working in Michigan; Kellyanne is working locally in the fast food industry. In addition to having played his trombone with a number of bands over the years, Ross has also dabbled in theatre work.

At the College, Ross was very active with OPSEU Local 137 for a good 30 years, serving with the likes of Jill Morgan, Sam Siddall, and Sherry Sharon as a VP and Secretary while also representing the Local at both Divisional and Provincial meetings. He also represented Support Staff for many years on Academic Council and worked with Al Hoffman and Brook Gardner drafting the first College Student Code of Conduct. Ross values his time at the College and the many friendships that he developed during this employment. He is now thoroughly enjoying his retirement, and is excited to be working with the Retirees' Association. \*\*

Contributed by *Pat Hallahan*

### Flashback - Stolen From St. Clair College

In the early 1970s when the College was being established and growing, like other institutions in order to promote themselves the College imprinted their pens in use around the facility. Soon, these pens with the words **St. Clair College** engraved on them became collectable souvenirs and all of a sudden, the budget for College pens skyrocketed. Realizing what was happening, the Purchasing Officer at the time, Keith Studman, being the witty person he was, decided to change the engraving on the pens that would point out they belonged to St. Clair College. The next batch of pens he ordered had the inscription on them as **STOLEN FROM ST. CLAIR COLLEGE**. \*\*



Contributed by *Art Rae*

## Meet Our New Vice President



It all started in Toronto, but only very briefly, before Tom Williams and his family moved to Windsor.

Dad, a customs officer, was transferred to the Windsor area at which time the family settled in Essex. Mom secured a job working for the Canada Employment Centre. Tom went to Maplewood School in Essex, but the school only went up to grade three. A short time later, the family relocated to the west end in Windsor where Tom went to Marlborough Elementary School and then Forster Secondary School.

Tom worked for a time after high school, after which, the love of his life, our own Joanne Williams, came up with a brilliant idea. It went something like this: “Hey Tom, why don’t you go to St. Clair College?” And so he did.

Tom enrolled in the 3 year Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology Program, where he was taught by the likes of Doug Warner and Ben Hlady. Upon graduating, Tom made a couple of life altering decisions: he married Joanne and took a job in Ottawa. A company by the name of Mitel was developing the smart phone and was aggressively recruiting top College graduates. The top five graduates in Tom’s program were offered employment. The year was 1981.

After 4 years in Ottawa, Tom and Joanne were getting a little homesick and, with the threat of layoffs, Tom decided to respond to an ad for a position as a Lab Manager in the Industrial Engineering/Computer lab at the University of Windsor. Tom worked there for 12 years. While there, ever the slouch, he also completed a Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science and started a Master’s Degree.

While working at the University, a position at the College caught his eye. He applied and soon thereafter, he started work at the College as a Technical Support Specialist, a position he held for 17 years.

While at the College, Tom completed his Master’s Degree in Computer Science and then, as if that were not enough, incredibly, pursued and completed a PhD in Electrical Engineering!

To no one’s surprise, Tom then taught part time at the University and, subsequently, in 2014, joined the faculty at the College in Computer Science. He retired in 2018.

When he was not busy at work or taking courses, Tom was, and is very active to this day, in the local Corvette Club. He is the proud owner of both a 1970 Corvette (currently in restoration mode) and a 2017. In 2021 he became the VP of the Club.

Now, he is our Retirees’ Association VP where undoubtedly he will be a positive influence. Be wary though: you might just find yourself enrolled in some hi-tech PhD. Program.

Welcome, Tom...we all look forward to working with you. ✨

Contributed by **Pat Hallahan**

### Save The Date

#### St. Clair College Chatham Campus Retirees Christmas Lunch

**Date:** Wednesday, December 3, 2025

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Location:** River Deck Room

Links of Kent

120 Indian Creek Road West

Chatham, ON



Further information will follow in early  
November 2025.

### Save The Date

#### Christmas at the Centre for the Arts

Although Christmas seems light years away, it will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 13th** for our annual luncheon. Further details will be forthcoming. Watch your e-mail for our flyer in October.



Patricia Taylor  
Social Committee

## President's Report ... continued from page 1

As of July 20, the Archives Coordinator position and the Chatham Representatives' positions remain vacant. We do have one candidate interested in one of the Chatham positions, but that role will not become official until at least August 20.

Switching topics, I hope you have enjoyed the various events hosted by the Retirees Association in the past, and you consider attending some/all of the future events that are currently being planned during the remainder of 2025. They are, lunch at Rondeau Joe's, Annual Fall Social at the home of Bev and Paul Chortos, lunch at Wolfhead Distillery, tour of Tsunami Glassworks in Windsor, History Tour of historic Amherstburg, lunch at Harbour House in Windsor, Christmas gathering at the Links of Kent in Chatham, Christmas Lunch and Show at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts in Windsor. The above events are subject to change. Details for these events can be found elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter (see pages 3, 10, and 12), and as always, via future e-mails.

This edition of our newsletter, or future editions, may contain articles explaining possible changes to our newsletter distribution methods. Regardless of the direction that we will take, we plan to still offer one of the best and most comprehensive newsletters for retirees in the Ontario College system.

All the best. \*\*

*Ross Langill*

### 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](mailto:sccretirees2018@gmail.com). But first, make sure there's nothing sitting in your Junk/Spam folder(s).

### Trivia Quiz by Lyn Medler

1. Which singer/songwriter won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016?
2. What is the national animal of Scotland?
3. The running joke was that this TV family was so wholesome they never used the bathroom. The joke started because the network wouldn't allow a toilet to be shown on screen. What was this 1969 sitcom?
4. What is the term for a group of flamingos?
5. When she first started singing, Ella Fitzgerald had difficulties getting gigs because she was black. What famous movie star helped her rise to fame in spite of her race?

Answers on page 9

## Out-To-Lunch-Bunch Gathering

Our latest gathering was on June 24 at Twigg's Bar and Grill in Emeryville. It was a hot humid day, and we are glad and delighted to report that we saw some new faces joining us. Thirty-three former colleagues gathered to renew acquaintances and to enjoy a great lunch. We highly recommend that you drive out and stop for a quick bite. We have many more local restaurants to visit – will keep you posted by e-mail. \*\*

Contributed by *Marilyn Portt & Mimi McPhedran*

Photos: *Cindi Wheeler* on pages 5 and 10

### 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 [ocra retirees.ca](http://ocra retirees.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.

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

### 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!

**Victoria Playhouse, Petrolia**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

I am glad to report another successful trip to Petrolia to see “*Rockin’ the 50s*”.

Thirty-seven fellow retirees and friends enjoyed the ride on a brand new bus. Corinne, our driver made the trip very pleasant. Lunch at Crabby Joe’s was delicious, and the weather turned out perfect. Many decided to stroll and window-shop down Petrolia Line - the main street.



Members of our group gather in the parking lot of Crabby Joe’s restaurant shortly after arrival in Petrolia in time for lunch.

We had guests from South Africa and Florida joining us. Everyone enjoyed the show, toe tapping and clapping along with the music that brought back so many pleasant memories. In addition, most of us remembered all the lyrics.

The show was excellent, and the harmony of seven cast members outstanding. Highly recommend to anyone thinking of going.

As an added bonus, a member our group won the 50 – 50 draw. All had a great day.



Enjoying lunch. Clockwise from left - Frank & Kathy Dupuis, Elsi Hallahan, Ida Totten, Pat Hallahan, Anne Bennett, Lynn Watts, Marisa Esterhuizen and mother Helen Campagna.

Many thanks to the SSCRA Executive Board for approving funds to make this trip possible at a reasonable cost. \*\*

Contributed by **Marilyn Portt**

Photos: **Tony Ellul**

**Save the Date - 2025 Fall Social**

**Fabulous Fall With Bev And Paul. Let’s BBQ!**

It’s time to reconnect, and this year we are going to test Bev and Paul’s skills at the BBQ. Get ready to pick your burger, sausage, or even the old standby hot dog, and watch the pros create your perfect lunch.



**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 3. Rain date Wednesday, Sept. 4.

**Time:** Meet and greet 11:30am

**Lunch:** Begins at 12:30pm

**Menu:** Burgers, sausages, hot dogs, salad, chips, pop, and water

**Price:** \$15.00 per person payable at the door or  
**e-transfer** to [sccramembership@gmail.com](mailto:sccramembership@gmail.com)

**RSVP:** To Patricia Taylor at [setineffi2@gmail.com](mailto:setineffi2@gmail.com) by  
**August 28.**

Don’t forget to bring your **Toonies** for the 50/50 draw; our students appreciate the donations to their food bank that your contributions make.

**Directions To Paul And Bev’s:**

**From Windsor:** Take Hwy 3. Right on Arner Town Line to County Rd. 20. Left for approximately 2.5 km. Look for several roadside solar panels and balloons, turn right at the balloons. Follow the road until you reach the house.

**From Chatham:** Go to Google Maps and in the search bar type in 1321 County Rd. 20 W, Kingsville, ON, N9Y 2E6 or Hwy 77 thru Comber, Leamington to County Rd. 20, turn right and proceed through Kingsville to 1321 County Rd. 20 to the balloons, turn left.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



Clockwise from left - Glenna Morris, John and Joanne Chiarcos, Ron Morris, and Nino Marion sharing a lighthearted moment at Twigg’s.

## Around The College

1. St. Clair College has collaborated with local industry partners to develop a **portable, solar-powered charging station** for electric vehicles. The Research Department specializes in developing tailored solutions to address industry-specific challenges by harnessing our student and faculty talent and expertise.

2. The College has **suspended 18 programs** and is in the process of eliminating 69 positions as efforts continue to erase a \$6.5-million deficit, which was largely inflicted by federal government limits on foreign student numbers. President Michael Silvaggi isn't ruling out more cuts to "right-size" the school as it slides from surplus to deficit amid a forecasted revenue loss of \$122 million. The fall enrollment will have a huge impact.

3. Some local moms got the royal treatment at the St. Clair College Student Spa in advance of Mother's Day. The session was a collaboration between Family Respite Services Windsor-Essex and the College's **Fast Track Esthetician program**. It provided a relaxing experience for many local women who were treated to manicures and pedicures, along with a special dinner.

4. Students in the **Liberal Arts program** showcased projects which are having a positive impact at a number of community organizations. Four groups of students worked to support local organizations, addressing critical issues such as mental health, homelessness, accessibility, and immigrant support in the Windsor/Essex region. Their efforts resulted in impactful contributions at: **Maryvale**; the **Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families**; **Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario**; and **Immigrant Support**.

5. Universities across Canada recently gathered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the Canadian Society of Civil Engineering's **National Concrete Canoe Competition**. Twenty-two teams entered their six-metre canoes made entirely out of concrete. St. Clair College was the **only College** entrant among the post-secondary institutions from across the nation.

6. The **largest ever graduating class (over 5,500 students)** from St. Clair College had their diplomas, certificates, and degrees conferred during five Spring Convocation sessions in Windsor from June 2 to 4, 2025.

7. St. Clair College and the University of Windsor have received the maximum seven-year accreditation from the **national accrediting body for nursing education in Canada**, for the Collaborative Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) and **Registered Practical Nurse Pathway to BScN programs**. This is the highest possible term length for accreditations, only given to programs that exceed expectations, also recognizes the strength of curriculum, level of student support, quality of faculty, and commitment to innovation and improvement.

8. St. Clair College and Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. have **signed a new transfer agreement** that will streamline the pathway process for St. Clair graduates in Paramedic or Occupational Therapist Assistant/Physiotherapist Assistant programs to complete a bachelor's degree at Wayne State University.

9. St. Clair College has been named one of **Southwestern Ontario's Top Employers** for Mediatrix Canada Inc. One of the key highlights which landed St. Clair College on the list is the College's community involvement, as well as that of its employees.

10. On Sunday, January 28, 2025, the College hosted a **special convocation ceremony** for the first cohort of the **Battery Manufacturing program**. St. Clair College partnered with Unifor, Stellantis, LG Energy Solutions, and NextStar Energy to offer this exciting new local manufacturing advancement. This was the first of two cohorts in the program, with the hopes that in the future it could evolve into a post-secondary program. \*\*

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

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## Alumni Of Distinction Awards 2025

St. Clair College proudly celebrated the achievements of six exceptional graduates at the 32nd annual Alumni of Distinction Awards on Friday, May 2, 2025, in the Alumni Skyline Room at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. The elegant evening brought together more than 300 guests who enjoyed a four-course dinner while each honoree shared heartfelt reflections on their personal and professional journeys since graduating from St. Clair. This year's Alumni of Distinction honorees, shown in the photo from left to right, are:



- **Dino Miceli** (Class of 1992 – Mold Maker)  
President & Owner, Calibur Tool and Mold.
- **Chuck Kelly** (Class of 1991 – Ambulance and Emergency Care)  
President & CEO, Movati Athletics.
- **Adelina Sisti-DeBlasis** (Class of 2011 – Culinary Management)  
Red Seal Endorsed Chef and Culinary Teacher, GECD SB
- **Sheri Lynn Koscielski** (Class of 1986 – Business Common)  
Senior Mentor, FIRST Robotics Windsor-Essex.
- **Walter LaPlante** (Class of 2009 – Mechanical Engineering Technology – Mechatronics)  
Control & Industrial Connectivity Supervisor, Ford Motor Co..
- **Paula Reaume-Zimmer** (Class of 1994 – Nursing)  
President & CEO, Bluewater Health, Sarnia, Ontario. \*\*



Representing the SCCRA were from left to right - Patricia Taylor, Marilyn Portt, Elizabeth Barr, Emma Ellul, Ida and Bill Totten

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Photos: **Tony Ellul**



## Flashback

For over 20 years, the St. Clair College Retirees' Association has been collecting, identifying, and cataloging College memorabilia. It is time to start **using** this material to entertain and educate retirees, staff, and students via regular **Flashbacks**. This is the first of many recollections on the College's creation and growth.

### Birth Pains - Role of the College

St. Clair College was created in 1966, along with 17 other Ontario colleges, with one stroke of the pen by then Education Minister William Davis. St. Clair was one of a small number of colleges that had the good fortune of having a solid foundation upon which to build. Unlike a dozen or so new colleges, St. Clair absorbed the existing Western Ontario Institute of Technology (W.O.I.T.) which had been operating out of a condemned grade school building on Mercer Street, South of Wyandotte Street, offering programs in Mechanical, Chemical, and Electronic Technology, and Business Administration. These three-year programs all required a Grade 13 high school diploma, and admission was very selective. Students had a strict dress code, and were treated as if they were employees in industry. Class instruction ran from 33 to 36 hours per week.

While St. Clair College was very fortunate to have W.O.I.T. to build upon, not all was "roses" during this transition, as was reported in several early edition of "*The Saint*", the student newspaper of the day. While the other new colleges were all in a position to define brand new characteristics of their new student body, this new 'upstart' College had an existing student body with its traditions and rules that had to be considered.

Some of the strongest feelings were revealed over the dress code. While the new College leaned toward the relaxed dress codes experienced at various high schools from which the majority of students came, the remaining W.O.I.T. students favoured the strict dress code at W.O.I.T. As was traditional in the business world at the time, W.O.I.T. students were required to follow the dress code – blazers, dress shirt, and tie in all lectures and labs.

On page 3 of the January 12, 1968 issue of *The Saint*, an item expressing concern by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) over the design and colour of student graduation rings described a confrontation at a Board of Governors' meeting. The red grad ring was the choice of W.O.I.T. students; while new St. Clair students preferred a looser rule allowing a possible three-colour choice and availability for all students, not just for 'grads'.

The October 20, 1967 issue of *The Saint* described the contention over the school colours. W.O.I.T. students favoured red used on their blazers and sports teams. After alternatives were presented, the Board of Governors eventually chose, and approved, the current green, gold, and white. \*

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

## From the SCCRA 'IT' Department

### Chapter 5 – Dealing with a phone spammer/phisher

There will be a bit of crossover (similarity) between email and phone scams, spams, and phishes.

First off, a few "tools" to help you deal with them.

#### 1. Caller ID.

Phone numbers can be spoofed (faked) so you can't be sure the call coming in will be legit (just like an email address from a 'friend'). So having CALLER ID on your phone can be very handy. CALLER ID can be either phone number or caller's name – both spoofable. Some spoofed numbers can fake your area code so you'll think it's a local call. Do they look suspicious? Do you recognize either? There's nothing in the world that says you have to answer the call. Optional View: How the Caller ID scam works <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGsU-axXOsg>. So thusly the next 'tool':

#### 2. Voice Mail (aka the answering machine)

Whether supplied by the phone carrier or by your phone itself, if you're unsure of the incoming call, just let it go to voicemail. Then you can check the message and see if it's legit. Some calling services tend to not recognize the caller id system and will go right into their spiel cutting off the intro so you actually miss the sender name. I typically just delete those messages. These sometimes threaten with CRA type content so even more reason to ignore.

#### 3. Calling back a message

There is a danger to returning a message- particularly if it's not local. There is a set of North American area codes that are NOT in the NA dialing system. These include many islands in the Caribbean, and territories of the US. They will typically have an additional (aka higher) long distance charge.

See <https://diamondvalleyfcu.org/blog/don%E2%80%99t-answer-calls-these-area-codes> or Google "One Ring Scams"

And now for a quick scam/phish update.

My junk folder went quiet for a while, and then all of a sudden new ones popped up. This includes fake billing, security warnings, and updates to software I don't have. The 25 junk mails I've received recently are all easily dismissible. Watch the sender's name and address, misspellings, and any questionable links, and you should be fine.

And as noted, if you right-click on the link in the message, you can submit it as a phish or scam. Just not sure if it actually works.

And a little trick (I think). Don't open an HTML (URL) attachment/link. But if you're curious, save it as a text (.TXT) file, and have a look.

In a recent example, the attachment **Remittance Advice recieved #EMF-640098312.html** (note the spelling) actually contained another HTML link which can lead to trouble.

**New: Smishing** - It's a text message that comes to your phone, claiming that you owe money for using a toll road or for owing fees on a package delivery.

The message does not come from the official site.

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnxJRy4gHnM>

See also: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-gAepaVU8c>

Email Spoofing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKskmYuVlXy>

Amazon Scams <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC5yjegn5Q> \*

Contributed by **Ken Garber**

## Tours of the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village

The gods of good weather were with us on our outing to tour the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village in Kingsville on April 7th. It was a glorious spring day, and we all hoped that winter was finally done with us and gardening could commence.

Twenty-seven retirees and their guests spent an hour touring and exploring the past with our guide. We started with the horse and buggy, and worked our way through eras of automobiles, many on loan or donated to the museum, but all in wonderful condition; a time capsule of the way we were. A beautifully maintained Rolls Royce gave us a glimpse of how the rich and famous lived in those days.

Many a nostalgic head turned as we passed the tribute display to the Big 8, the radio station to which many of us grew up rocking and rolling. A mock-up garage displayed motorcycles of every vintage and a few of us, with memories of our cruising days may have wondered, "What was I thinking?" Our guide was a font of information regarding each display and was able to answer all our



Pat Taylor (in greens sweater) and Silva Stambouljian (in patterned hoodie) checking out one of the vehicles on display. Photo: *Suzanne Norris*



questions regarding the vehicles on view including how the Museum acquired them.

After our first tour, we stopped for lunch provided by the 50's Diner - burgers, fries, onion rings, and all things 50's. The staff members in the Diner were efficient, friendly, and more than accommodating. Once lunch was over, it was off to tour the Heritage Village. Those

who took the second tour enjoyed it, and the lovely weather we had made it a perfect day in the country.

On behalf of the SCCRA, I thanked all the volunteers who are the backbone of the Canadian Transportation Museum, the Heritage Village, and the 50's Diner.

A special thank you goes out to Courtney Gregorian, Education Coordinator, for all her assistance in helping to set up our great day. \*\*

Contributed by *Pat Taylor*



Deborah Martel has a go behind the wheel of a Rolls Royce. Photo: *Sue McLelland*



## AGM 2025

Our Annual General Membership meeting was held on May 7 in Griff's Cavern Restaurant at the South Campus.

There were 41 members in attendance. Many came early to socialize, munch on pizza and Timbits, and mingle with folks they have not seen in a while.



This was Sue McLelland's last meeting as President. Sue has headed the committee for the last four years and has been an excellent liaison with the College and with members, overall. As an attentive Chair, meetings were run smoothly and orderly (it can be a raucous group, sometimes). Sue's temperate guidance and heartwarming laugh ensured even tough subjects were resolved with diplomacy and aplomb. Sue will continue to attend meetings as a Past President and we are grateful to have her.

Ross Langill, who has been Vice President for the last year, was elected the new President with Tom Williams the new Vice President. Ross doesn't like the title President so we told him we 'd just call him, "The Boss".

The two Chatham representatives, Elizabeth Barr and Dale Jarrell have decided to step down. We are thankful for their dedication and years of service to the organization. Elizabeth has been with the group for twelve years and Dale three years.

A couple of By-law changes were brought to the floor with vigorous and interesting debate and discussion. The main subject being around the definition of "retiree" as it relates to the College.

Following the Business Meeting, folks headed out, satiated with food and good vibes after reconnecting with old friends.

(A copy of the Draft Minutes from the meeting will be posted on the Retiree Website until they are approved at next year's meeting.) \*\*

Contributed by **Lyn Medler**

Photo: **Tony Ellul**

## Ross Langill Recognized by SSAA

The Saints Student Athletic Association (SSAA) has honoured Ross Langill, our new President of the Retirees' Association, with the Roy Washington Super Fan Award. This award is presented to individuals who exhibit dedication in support of the St. Clair College Varsity



teams while encouraging them in a positive manner. By virtue of their presence at Saints Varsity events, the program is elevated, and this pride in St. Clair College should be celebrated. This award is dedicated to the memory of Roy Washington who was a long-time supporter of the Saints Varsity teams. \*\*

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Photo: **Bill Smith**

## Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. Bob Dylan "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition" according to the Nobel Prize Committee. This was the first time a musician had received the Nobel Prize in Literature.
2. Unicorn
3. The Brady Bunch
4. Flamboyance
5. Marilyn Monroe - See photo below



## Chatham-Windsor Joint Luncheon

Please join us at **Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery**  
overlooking Rondeau Bay

**Date:** September 24, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 pm for lunch (Open menu)

**Place:** 1521 Wildwood Line, Rondeau  
(outside of the Park Gate)

Lunch at own expense

Please confirm by September 19, 2025 to

**Dale Jarrell** – 519-354-5144  
rdjarrell@teksavvy.com

or

**Elizabeth Barr** – 519-354-3274  
ebarr1951@gmail.com

Directions – If coming from Windsor or Chatham via HWY 401, take exit 101, Kent County Road 15. At the end of the ramp, turn right and continue until you come to the end of the road. Turn right onto Wildwood Line and continue until you see Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery on the right hand side of the road.

If you take HWY 3, continue through Blenheim until you come to Eatonville. Turn right onto Kent County Road 15 and continue until you come to the end of the road. Turn right onto Wildwood Line and continue until you see Rondeau Joe's Pub and Eatery on the right hand side of the road.

If you have GPS, the address is listed above.

## 2025 Staff Appreciation Lunch

The 2025 Staff Appreciation lunch was held on June 20 in the Classic Gym at the South Campus. As part of the ceremony, the Retiree's Association had the honour of recognizing those who passed away during the last year. Those present rose in a moment of respectful silence as SCCRA President Ross Langill and Vice-President Tom Williams read the names of the College employees and retirees who we lost during the past year.

As well as paying tribute to those whom we lost, the ceremony also celebrated 13 College faculty and staff members who received their 25-year Service pin from President Mike Silvaggi. He also congratulated 26 new College retirees.

We congratulate the recipients of the 25-year Service Award and wish them continued success at the College, and we extend our congratulation to the newly minted retirees as we wish them a long and happy retirement while cordially inviting them to join our association.

Shown below are the names of the 2025 retirees and of the recipients of the 25-year Service Award.

### 2025 Retirees

Monica Aquilina	Jeanette Giroux
Crystal Avolio	Kathryn Hansen
Eva Beattie	Bruce Hayward
Warren Beck	Nancy Hempel
Cathy Beecroft	Linda Hill
Mark Benoit	Tracy Holgate
Patricia Berthiaume	Brenda Huff
Edward Cott	John Karr
Nancy Davis	Paula Kellam
Aspa Delis	Kim Kubis
John Duic	Marlene Lachance
Deborah Ferrari	Catherine Linner
Lynn Fujimoto	James Ziolkowski

### 2025 25-Year Service Award Recipients

Rowena Cacciato	Luc Panella
Jerome Collins	Linda Quick
Kelly Henley	Wayne Riley
Linda Hill	Lisa Stott
Nicholas Kuipers	Mulugeta Tedla
Michael Malkoun	James Ziolkowski
Jason Milling	



Rick and Cindi Wheeler, Pearl and Danny Roberts enjoying a drink at Twigg's.

# In Memoriam

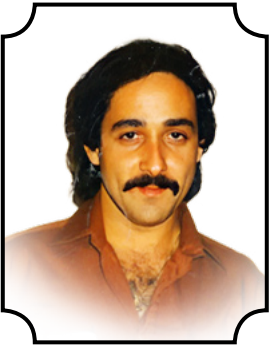
*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period  
March 20, 2025 - July 23, 2025*



**Robert Turpin** passed away on May 10, 2025 at 89 years of age. Bob leaves behind his partner, James “Brooke” Murray, sister Susan La-Rocque (late Richard), and Timothy Turpin (Stacey). Predeceased by several siblings. A gifted florist with an eye for beauty and creativity, Bob taught floral design at St. Clair College serving also as an administrator in the Continuing Education Department at St. Clair College.



**Casey Huisman** passed away on May 21, 2025 at 74 years of age. Predeceased by his wife Jan Huisman (2020). Casey was the father of seven children: Sharon (Allan), Karen (2003), Judy (2016) (Martin), Nancy (2018), Doug (Penny), Christine (Robert), and Steve (Casey). Casey taught in the Developmental Services Worker program in Chatham, and retired from St. Clair College in 2016.



**Emmanuel Michael Gatt** passed away on May 18, 2025 at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife Maria Gatt and his children Josie (Danial), Emmanuel Jr. (Michele-na), Luca, and Brandon. Manny retired from St. Clair College where he worked in Plant and Services.



**Gerald Trottier** passed away at age 88 on May 28, 2025. Gerald is survived by his wife Patricia and by his children Laura Trottier, David Trottier (Donna), Peter Trottier (Carmen), and Nicole Cotter (Tom). Gerald was an electrician by trade and taught at St. Clair College in the Architectural Department.



**Lorna Florence Boyce** passed away on May 19, 2025 at age 86. Lorna leaves son David and her granddaughter Christina. Lorna’s career was characterized by her commitment to the community, particularly through her years of dedicated service in the Registrar’s Office at St. Clair College, from which she retired.



**John James Martel** passed away on July 17, 2025 at 82 years of age. Husband of Kathy McGuire and father of Jim (Claudette) and Jerry (Tanya). John was a professor at St. Clair College for 25 years. John worked with local and provincial politicians, doctors, and nurses to enhance the reputation of the College and to improve the student experience. John coached the St. Clair Women’s Basketball team, traveling to Europe and also winning the OCAA Western Division Title multiple times. John has dedicated his entire life to giving back to the community.



*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period  
March 20, 2025 - July 23, 2025*

**John “Johnny” June** passed away on March 20, 2025. Johnny was the brother of **St. Clair retiree Barry June**.

**Sharyn Briscoe Bonkoski** passed away on March 22, 2025. Sharyn was the wife of **College retiree Mark Bonkoski** and the mother of **College employee Scott Briscoe**.

**Larry Everaert** passed away on April 8, 2025 at the age of 80. Larry was the brother of **St. Clair retiree Edward (Ed) Everaert**.

**Brian Buchanan** passed away on April 13, 2025 at the age of 61. Brian is the **brother of St. Clair staff member Cheryl Smith (Jim)**.

**Ondina Sirianni** passed away on May 19, 2025 at age 90. She is the **mother of St. Clair retiree Nino Sirianni (Patti)**.

**Robert Maurice McLean**, age 66, passed away on May 26, 2025. He is survived by **his brother, St. Clair retiree Larry McLean**.

## Executive Board 2024-2025

<b>President</b>	- Ross Langill
<b>Vice-President</b>	- Tom Williams
<b>Past-President</b>	- Sue McLelland
<b>President Emeritus</b>	- Bill Totten
<b>Secretary</b>	- Lyn Medler
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Dolph Barsanti
<b>Membership</b>	- Marilyn Portt
<b>Chatham Reps.</b>	- Vacant
<b>Social Director</b>	- Patricia Taylor
<b>Newsletter</b>	- Tony Ellul
<b>Goodwill</b>	- Silva Stamboulion
<b>Board Observer</b>	- Florry Lang
<b>Email/Mailchimp</b>	- Ken Garber
<b>Archives</b>	- Vacant
<b>Member at large</b>	- Brian Hucker
	- Kim Bode

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<https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees>



## Coming Events

September 1	<b>Labour Day</b>	College Closed
September ??	Classes start	
September 3	Fall Social – Chortos' Home	11:30 am BBQ @ 12 noon
September 17	RA Executive meeting	9 am in A0216
September 22	Archive Group Start up	9 am in A0216
September 24	Chatham-Windsor Luncheon	Rondeau Joe's
September 26	Rise Above Community Health Conference	
October	Fall Convocation	
October 6, 20, & 27	Archive Work Group	9 am in A0216
October 13	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	College closed
October 16	RA Executive meeting	9 am in A0216
October 21	Wolfhead Winery Tour / Lunch	Time TBA
October 27	Tsunami Glassworks (Max – 25)	TBA
November 2	Daylight Savings Time ends	
November 3, 10, 17, & 24	Archive Work Group	9 am in A0216
November 11	<b>Remembrance Day Ceremony</b>	On campus
November 12	Out-to-Lunch-Bunch Harbour House	Details TBA
November 19	Executive Meeting	9 am in A0216
November 19	Newsletter distribution	
December 1 & 8	Archive Work Group	9 am in A0216
December 3	<b>Chatham Christmas Party</b>	Links of Kent Golf Club
December 13	<b>Windsor Christmas Party &amp; Show</b>	11:30 meet & greet; 12 - lunch
December TBA	College President's Holiday Brunch	Details TBA
December 25	<b>Christmas Day</b>	College Closed

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: St. Clair College Retirees' Association, Box 41, 2000 Talbot Road, Windsor, ON N9A 6S4 or

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