



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION



From the President *Susan McLelland*



Happy New Year everyone! Hopefully you have been able to keep the winter blahs at bay. Perhaps some of you will get the chance to go south for some warmth and sunshine. If you do – please bring it back with you! But in the meantime, if you are bored and looking

for some fun activity, I just thought you might like to know there are a group of our retirees that walk at the Devonshire mall at 9:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; usually for 1 hour. Then we all meet at the food court at 10:00 for a coffee and fun conversation. Feel free to join us! There is usually a group that walks faster...and then my group that goes at a little slower pace.

Our Christmas Luncheon and Show this year was fantastic. Many thanks to the St. Clair Centre for the Arts staff for providing a wonderful meal – and for the Music Theatre Performance presentation provided by our students with Kristyn Wiklanski, the Program Coordinator. It was a great day with lots of fun conversation with you all! Pat Taylor did a great job setting this up for us and Marilyn Portt had all of our membership cards ready for us which made it very convenient for all. Thanks to you both! Lori Caba and Kathy Dupuis also helped out at the entrance and Emma Ellul took charge of all the donations of hats, mittens, socks and gloves. (She made a beautiful arrangement with them to show them off! Very artistic touch! Thanks Emma!) The show was very entertaining and got everyone into the Christmas spirit! Many thanks to all that attended.

President Mike Silvaggi's staff luncheon was held in the cafeteria this year. Once again, the food was wonderful, courtesy of St Clair Centre for the Arts. It was wonderful to see all the staff and to welcome some

new retirees to our group. I was also able to attend the Chatham Christmas party on December 4, 2024, held at The Links of Kent in Chatham. Again – this was well thought out and arranged by Elizabeth Barr and Dale Jarrell, our Chatham Reps. Many thanks to them and to the Links of Kent staff for making that event a very festive and lovely affair. There were also food donations that came in at that event as well for our SRC student food bank in Chatham.

Once again, our College was very generous in providing door prizes to give away between the two events. Our thanks go out to the College, including The President's Office, John Fairley, and Mike Sorrell for your assistance on this. The folks on our College Administration are so supportive of our Association, and we are very lucky to have their support throughout the year. In addition, the Executive members in our Association work their hardest to ensure the best for our members.

Our Executive monthly meetings have been continuing in person at South Campus. We are looking for new faces for our Executive Board. If interested please let us know. We are always looking for fresh ideas to bring to the table for our retirees to become involved in so please do not hesitate to join us. Just contact anyone on the Executive or join us for a meeting in room A0216 in the basement on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9am. We have fun and enjoy sharing ideas for new events that we can put together for our members.

Watch your email for new events that we will be putting on in the spring. Also keep in mind we are always open to ideas if you know of a presenter that would be willing to share their interests or skills with our members, please contact us.

Our **AGM** this year is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7**. We are just in the process of securing a

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Chatham Christmas Luncheon

Our annual Chatham Christmas luncheon was held on Wednesday Dec. 4 at the Links of Kent in the River Deck Room. Thirty people attended on a sunny afternoon, with the room decorated in black & white with red poinsettias on each table. Elizabeth Barr welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Dale Jarrell did the reflection.

Tony, as always provided the slide show presentation of events that took place in 2024. Thank you, Tony, for doing such a great job as always.

Thank you as well to the IT department at the Chatham Campus for the use of their laptop for the slideshow presentation.

Through the generosity of those attending, we were able to collect four large boxes of an assortment of foods for the Chatham St. Clair College Student Food Bank.

We thoroughly enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal of turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, stuffing, cranberries & blueberry cheesecake for dessert.



Enjoying the festivities, from left - Pearl Roberts, Cindi and Richard Wheeler, Jay Ertel, Irene Carey and Marilyn Portt

We had eleven door prizes given out to the winners with the lucky ticket numbers. The lucky winners were:

Christine Haskell - large Christmas teddy bear
Irene Helinski - A set of Christmas kitchen towel & drying mat
Carolyn McRobbie - A Christmas scarf
Leslie Graham - A bottle of wine
Elizabeth Barr - A large poinsettia
Linda Grineage - A large poinsettia
Pat Belanger - 4 tickets to a Spitfire Hockey game
Patricia MacFarlane - Assorted gift basket from the SCCRA
Bill Green - Large assorted basket from Rondeau Joe's Pub & Eatery
Pearl Roberts - Assorted gift basket from the Retirees Association
Carol Sannes - Assorted gift basket from the President's Office

Thank you all for making it such a wonderful afternoon of seeing & spending time with new & old friends. **

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

Let The Christmas Bells Ring!

The culmination of each year for the SCCRA is our Christmas Luncheon followed by the Student Christmas performance, and this year was no exception. The students' Christmas review was one of the best I can remember; they really put their hearts and souls into it. Many thanks go to Rosita Blackman-Smith, Senior Manager of Catering Sales and Business Development, Sean Briand, Manager and technical guru, and Kristyn Wiklanski from the Performing Arts Program for their continued support.

We were treated to a tasty Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and the camaraderie was evident by the sounds of laughter throughout the room. Many thanks go out to our President, Sue McLelland for her great job emceeing and to Tony Ellul for his slide presentation celebrating the lives of those we knew and who are no longer with us, and highlighting SCCRA activities during the past year.

As in the past, the lovely poinsettias that graced each table where gifted to lucky attendees. Our thanks go out to Jay Terryberry and the students in the Horticultural Program for their beautiful blooms. Several door prizes were won, and I thank those who assisted with handing them out. There is nothing like the feeling of hearing your number called and receiving a gift. The highlight was the 50/50 draw, and as those who were there can attest, we were in a bit of a quandary when the number we pulled didn't seem to have an owner. After several minutes, it was necessary to draw again, and our lucky winner was Betty Michaud, who split the \$340.00 we raised with the Student's Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket or donated cash, and to those who donated hats, gloves and scarves.



Clockwise from left - Pat and Elsi Hallahan, Ida and Bill Totten, Bryan and Frances Girling, Frank and Kathy Dupuis, Emma Ellul.

Many people work behind the scenes to make this event a success, and I wish to acknowledge their assistance. To our Board members, whose participation is so very much appreciated, and to those who volunteer because they just want to lend a helping hand, thank you. Just as a heads up, mark your calendars for December 13th, 2025, and see you all then. **

Contributed by **Patricia Taylor**, Social Committee
Photo: **Tony Ellul**

Around The College

1. For the first time in 25 years, the **St. Clair Saints men's football team** have won the **Canadian Junior Football League National Championships** at the 115th edition of the Canadian Bowl. In front of more than 2,500 in attendance at Acumen Stadium, fans were able to witness history on Nov. 9, 2024, when the Saints Football team became the first ever College team to win the CJFL National Championship.

2. Back in September, the city installed string and globe lights along the sides of Ouellette Avenue, which can transition in colour. City Ward 3 Councillor Renaldo Agostino announced that the City of Windsor would be illuminating the downtown streets with **Saints colours along Ouellette Avenue** "We're celebrating the Saints," said Councillor Agostino.

3. Dr. Patti France made it her mission to create a space where students could have access to all necessary services in one location. That vision became reality when France's lasting legacy project opened to students, and on Monday, Oct. 28, the **Patti France Welcome Centre** was officially celebrated with a ribbon cutting.

4. And, more well-earned recognition – On Monday November 25, 2024, at the Sheraton Centre in downtown Toronto, former President **Patti France** was honoured with the **Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award** for her dedication to strengthening St. Clair College, the local community, and the Ontario College system. . The Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award is an honour bestowed by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, reserved for those who have made an enduring difference to the college system.

5. Winter is coming, and the **Warm Hands** campaign is well under way to ensure those in need can stay cozy with proper outdoor wear as the temperature drops. The School of MAD (Media, Art & Design) and the SRC have teamed up to collect donations of new or gently used gloves, provided for free to anyone who needs them.

6. Forty-one students from **St. Clair College's Police Foundations program** recently volunteered alongside peers from Fanshawe College and Lambton College to participate in a joint "Protest Training" exercise in London, Ontario.

7. Hundreds of students and faculty from around the province created a varsity-style setting for this year's **Ontario Colleges' Marketing Competition. Hosted by St. Clair College** on Nov. 14 and 15, the contest attracted participants from 13 colleges for a series of marketing challenges during the two-day event, where St. Clair's team of third-year Business - Marketing students collected a few awards.

8. Students from the **St. Clair Advertising and Marketing programs** competed in the CRI Global Sustainability Marketing Competition placing **first** as co-winners with "Team Indonesia". This was a global competition with over 1400 students from 120 countries.

9. College Employer Council (CEC) and The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) have agreed to enter into binding arbitration with full-time and partial-load professors, instructors, counsellors, and librarians. The parties have mutu-

ally agreed that arbitrator William Kaplan will further mediate and then arbitrate on proposals that remain unresolved.

10. For the second year in a row, St. Clair College has swept the **Esports Canada Post Secondary (ECPS) Canadian Esports Nationals**. St. Clair ultimately captured all six of the ECPS National Championships in Rocket League, Call of Duty, Overwatch, League of Legends, Valorant, and Valorant Game Changers. **

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

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Did you know that St Clair College now has EXCLUSIVE perks for both Employees and Retirees?

You can sign up for the St. Clair Rewards App on your smart phone. This App provides discounts for 48 companies around town and the province, such as: White Oaks Resort and Spa, Great Wolf Lodge, Quilts, MoCha Bubble Tea, Sketchers, Spitfires, SPECSX, Coral Spa, Volkswagen of Windsor, CAA, The Chrysler Theatre, Macro Foods, Canon and many more.



The APP is available for both **IPHONE** and **ANDROID** devices. Simply go to the appropriate APP store and download it today!

• How to Register:

- Download the APP to your smartphone device
- Select "**SIGN UP**"
 - **Option 1**
 - Enter in your Employee ID and date of birth
 - Your Employee ID can be found on your pay stub
 - Fill out all necessary information to start using your perks!
 - **Option 2** – Retired/No Access to Employee ID?
 - If you are a retiree and do not have access to your Employee ID, you may request an account by clicking the button: Request an Account

* Please note, this request may take up to one week to process.

Lea (Simms) Garber Archive Coordinator



One of the longest running and most focussed group of retirees has been a regular Monday morning group known as, (for the want of a more imaginative name), the Archive Group. For over 20 years this dedicated group has met at 9 am every Monday morning from September to June, collecting, classifying and storing a large mass of historical material related to the origin and growth of St. Clair College.

The coordinator of this group has been **Ms. Lea (Simms) Garber** without whom the activity would not still be in existence today. Lea's background as a Library Technician enabled her to organize a mass of photos, articles, publications, objects, and media that documents College activity dating as far back as the original Western Ontario Institute of Technology (1958 to 1967) and its amalgamation into St. Clair College (1967). Amongst the collection is every issue of the student newspaper until its virtualization; every issue of the Journalism class newspaper; every graduation program; every yearbook; etc. Lea has coordinated the collection and filing of all of these, and many others, documents in order to provide a historical record of College activities.

One of the most ambitious activities was the preparation of chronological information and material used to highlight the College's 50th anniversary in 2017. With Lea's direction and guidance, the College's historical activity was on display at various 50th anniversary events.

The collection, identification and retention of this valuable resource since its inception to today is a result of Lea Garber's guidance and direction. Lea's St. Clair Career as a Library Technician began on August 25, 1969 and continued until she retired from the College in 2003. Shortly after, also in 2003, she became involved with the Retirees' Archive Project where she continued to volunteer in a leadership role up until last year. After more than twenty years of guiding the project, Lea made the decision to retire.

Thank You Lea for all you have contributed to the Retirees' Association, and more importantly, to St. Clair College over the past 20+ years! ❄️

Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Caring For Our Students and Community

At our Christmas celebrations, it has become a tradition for our association to make donations in various ways to support our students and our community at large.

At the Chatham Christmas luncheon, members and guests donated four large boxes of assorted foodstuffs for the Chatham St. Clair College Student Food Bank

At the Windsor Christmas luncheon, our members donated a total of \$470 - \$300 collected at the doors, and \$170 collected from a 50-50 draw. Shown in the photo is our treasurer Dolph Barsanti presenting cheques for \$300 and \$170 for the Student Food Bank at the Windsor campus to Ryan Peebles, SRC General Manager.



In addition, we collected 119 items of clothing - hats, gloves, and scarves. Kathy Dupuis passed these on to Carol Cyphery of Riverside United Church who delivered them to the Divine Mercy Food Bank on behalf of our association. ❄️



Emma Ellul volunteered to "mind the store" for the clothing items donated.

Contributed by **Tony Ellul**

Photo: **Tony Ellul**

Out-To-Lunch-Bunch Event In November

Our last get together was at Oven 360 Pizza on Tecumseh Road in Tecumseh on November 21. The weather was not the best, but those who ventured out enjoyed different styles of pizza and an afternoon of great conversation. The staff was very attentive providing great service. If you live in Tecumseh, drop in and enjoy. Check out the photo below. **



Clockwise from left they are – J. J. Carcelen (owner & host), Debra Martel, Bob Martyniuk, Pearl Roberts, Frank Dupuis, Gary Glatter, Kathy Dupuis, Marilyn Portt, Sue McLelland, Suzanne Norris, George Rapaich, Nik Rapaich

Contributed by *Marilyn Portt & Mimi McPhedran*

Photo: *J. J. Carcelen*

2025 Membership Renewal Reminder

The postal strike is over. Unfortunately, due to the strike, we were unable to send out the November Newsletter before Christmas.

This little note is to remind everyone to renew your 2025 Membership. The cost is still \$10.00 and for your convenience, an e-transfer will suffice. Send to sccramembership@gmail.com. Please use the security answer as "Retirement". Remember to please let us know, if any of your information has changed, and how you would like to receive your newsletter -- snail mail or e-mail only. Hope to hear from you soon.

Please make all cheques payable to SCCRA.

Marilyn Portt
Membership Secretary

Trivia Quiz by Lyn Medler

1. Which vegetable has more vitamin C than a navel orange?
2. Which popular soft drink has the most caffeine?
3. What was the first country to give women the right to vote?
4. A group of owls is called a _____?
5. A group (more than 2) of crows is called a _____?

Answers on page 7

Mixed (Ladies & Gents) Golf Summer 2025 at Woodland Hills



Jim Chambers and I are planning a 1:10 tee-off on Wednesdays starting when Woodland Hills opens in April.

Interested in joining us?

Send an email to dolphbarsanti@gmail.com

I will add additional tee-times if necessary. **

Contributed by *Dolph Barsanti*

Wedding Anniversary Announcements

The SCCRA is pleased to include for its members announcements in our newsletter of significant wedding anniversaries – 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years. We ask members who wish to have an announcement published in our newsletter to provide the wedding date, a recent photo, and preferably a wedding photo.

Changes by OHIP to Eligibility for Optometric Services for Seniors

An agreement between OHIP and the Ontario Association of Optometrists that came into effect on September 1, 2023 has resulted in several changes to eye exam eligibility for senior citizens.

Easy to understand information is available at - <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002861/ontario-government-and-ontario-association-of-optometrists-reach-historic-agreement>

More detailed information is available at - https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/sob/optometry/20230901_SOB_optometry_services.pdf

President's Message

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venue at South Campus for us to meet. Keep watching your email for updates. Speaking of which, have you gotten your 2025 parking permits yet? Providing you have paid your 2025 membership to Marilyn Portt, you can go ahead and order your new parking pass on-line for 2025 from the parking office. See further information about this on page 8.

If you are having problems ordering your permit, please contact the parking office directly – 519-972-2727 Ext. 4515 in Windsor or 519-354-9100 Ext. 4515 in Chatham. parking@stclaircollege.ca. It can be picked up in the new Welcome Centre on campus

I am looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Try to enjoy the winter season, such as it is, and soon we will all be enjoying sunshine and spring air again. Keep well my friends! **

Sue McLelland

Be Careful With How You Use Social Media

A video recently appeared on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LP817dinEDw> - that offers the public heads-up information for people planning going on a cruise.

The video talks about scammers attempting to trick people with false/fake information or offers, but can also apply to the fact that if you supply too much information on-line, your home could also be a target.

The suggestions in this video can also apply to just about any event you may be planning on attending, be it a cruise, or a train trip to Toronto. Even posting pictures while on a trip can lead to problems. Save the photos and share them after you return home.

“Scammers love it when people post about upcoming cruises.” **

Contributed by **Ken Garber**

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!

About OCRA

The Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association (OCRA) is a provincially incorporated association that advocates for the retirees of the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT).

Mission

On behalf of its members OCRA:

- Builds relationships with CAAT Pension Plan management and its associated sponsors in order to have members' questions and concerns heard. The sponsors include the:
 - College Employer Council (CEC)
 - Ontario College Administrators Network (OCASA)
 - Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU)
- Advocates for members on issues of concern about health and dental benefits as well as insurance through the CAAT Retirees Group Insurance Advisory Committee (CRGIAC).
- Develops and presents common positions regarding government policies that may affect pension and health benefits.

Communication

The OCRA Board is composed of CAAT retirees who are elected by the membership at the Association's General Meeting. OCRA recognizes that current and relevant communication is vital to attracting and maintaining members. OCRA communicates through newsletters, bulletins, and a website (ocraretirees.ca). The OCRA website has resources and links on topics it considers important to our members.

OCRA recognizes the close bond retirees had with former colleagues. It provides an opportunity for members to network, communicate and share experiences resulting in building a sense of camaraderie and community.

Membership

Membership is open to members of the CAAT Pension Plan, which includes all support, administrative, and academic retirees of the 24 Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology.

- The annual membership fee is \$10.00 and is renewable at the beginning of each calendar year.
- A lifetime membership is available. Amount based on age in chart below:

Lifetime Membership Rate Table	
Age	Fee (\$ CAD)
70 years or older	\$ 50
69 years	\$ 60
68 years	\$ 70
67 years	\$ 80
66 years	\$ 90
65 years	\$ 100
64 years	\$ 110
63 years	\$ 120
62 years	\$ 130
61 years	\$ 140
60 years or younger	\$ 150
OCRA Lifetime Membership is for the lifetime of the individual and is not refundable.	

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Contributed by **Marilyn Portt**

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Newsletter by E-mail or Snail Mail?

The newsletter is distributed four times a year – on the third Wednesday of February, April, August and November. It is distributed to approximately 550 persons on our snail mail list via Canada Post. In addition, it is distributed via e-mail to approximately 415 retirees as well as to all College staff.

We are often asked why we send it both ways. The answer is that we have not had the ability to separate those who want only to receive it by e-mail.

Well folks, we can now accommodate your preference – receive the newsletter by both e-mail and hard copy, or, by e-mail only.

If you prefer e-mail only, send a message to sretiree@stclaircollege.ca **indicating your preference**, or when you renew your annual membership, you are provided with an opportunity to indicate your preference.

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).

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

Answers to Trivia Quiz

1. Red peppers
2. The most caffeinated soft drink is Mountain Dew Zero Sugar, with 68 mg of caffeine. (Coke has 34 mg)
3. New Zealand in 1893 - For reference: US 1920; Canada 1918 (but status First Nations were not given voting rights until 1960!!!)
4. Parliament.
5. Murder (so if you only had 2, it would be attempted murder) 😊

Inauguration of the Patti France Welcome Centre

On October 28, 2024, St. Clair College officially opened the beautiful, 16,000 square foot, **Patti France Welcome Centre** at a ribbon cutting ceremony in front of many students, staff, Board of Governors members and city dignitaries. I, along with several retirees also attended the ceremony that day.

This two-story, 10.5 Million dollar facility is amazing with its ability to provide one-stop services for incoming students to get everything they need for a smooth start in their school year. There are now added Registrar office stations, Parking Services, along with a queuing system, which allows students to relax and enjoy the comfortable lounge areas while they wait and can watch on a screen for their turn to come up. Designed by Architecttura Inc. and built by Oscar Construction, this facility is a true gem for our students to enjoy. I also learned that day that the Alumni Association provided a substantial donation towards this building.



Cutting the ceremonial inauguration ribbon Charlie Hotham, Vice-chair College Board of Governors (2nd from left), and College Past-President Patti France. Looking on - College President Michael Silvaggi (L) and SRC President Rishi Vattish (R).

This is truly a beautiful, bright, and inviting environment for our students to enjoy.

To quote Patti in her true, genuine, and elegantly unselfish style, *"I hope this facility will serve to recognize and remember my commitment, and that of all current St. Clair employees, and those who follow in our footsteps to our service on behalf of our cherished students,"*

A facility such as this is truly a wonderful tribute to a person who gave unselfishly her whole career to better the lives of the students in our community. ✨

Contributed by **Sue McLelland**

Photo: **St. Clair College**

Mark Your Calendars

St. Clair College Retirees' Association 2025 Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 7, 2025

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, approve the 2025 budget, consider bylaw changes, and receive committee reports.

Parking Permits for South & Chatham Campuses 2025

Have you received your 2025 Parking permit yet? Application for "Renewal" for a "2025 New Permit" is an "on-line application".

Here are the steps involved to get this:

1. Contact Marilyn Portt to pay your membership. Wait a few days for her to get your info over to the Parking folks and for them to put your email on to their Parking data base. Marilyn will mail you your membership card.
2. Complete the application online and submit it. There is a 3-5 day waiting period to process your request.

[Stclaircollege.ca/parking](https://stclaircollege.ca/parking)

3. Either pick up your parking pass at the Parking Desk or you can choose the option online to have them mail it to you. When picking it up, the Parking Department staff will require the applicant's email address and verification of paid membership (your membership card) in the SCC Retirees Association for 2024.

Note: **You will not be able to access the online parking process if you have not renewed your membership for 2025 or if your email address does not match what is currently in the Retiree Association records.**

When you go on-line to complete your application for a parking permit, should you require assistance, you can call the following numbers for help:

Windsor - 519-972-2727 Ext. 4515

Chatham - 519-354-9100 Ext. 4515

The Parking Department will allow someone else to pick up the permit or submit a completed application on a retiree's behalf, provided they provide written authorization to the Parking Office at parking@stclaircollege.ca.

Remember - proof of membership is required when picking up your parking permit! To renew your membership or update your email, please contact Marilyn Portt, our membership Secretary: Marilyn Portt mpportt@gmail.com (519) 969-0693. You can send her your \$10.00 yearly fee by cheque or e-transfer. If you wish to be a member of OCRA (Ontario College Retirees Association) as well, the fee is \$20 for both.

From the SCCRA 'IT' Department

Chapter 3a - Threats and Pre-paying.

These types of messages can appear via e-mail, snail mail and by telephone – by voice or by messaging.

In all cases, you are 'asked' to purchase X number of gift cards and supply the contact with the card numbers so that the debt or threat can be withdrawn or cancelled.

Pre-paid cards are also used when the 'bank' wants to test for a security flaw.

Be very aware that these threats will be groundless and they only want your money. Once you've supplied the card numbers, the cash is as good as gone.

If the contact claims they're from a known-named service such as your bank or the CRA, and you're not sure, directly contact the service to confirm using the contact info you have on record. Don't rely on an e-mail address or phone number supplied by the contact. It will likely go to their colleague at the next desk.

Chapter 3b - Too Good to be true and Pre-paying.

If you get an e-mail stating that you are the beneficiary of an enormous amount of money especially from a previously unknown relative or the survivor of a random person in a far-off country. (Notably Nigeria or Kenya). To get that payoff, you are first required to pay some sort of advance fee and/or to provide some level of personal financial information. Pay nothing and provide no information. Another trick is to provide an actual name (of a lottery winner, sometimes with a link to an actual story) so if you google it, you'll think it's legit.

An example: *My Long Lost Uncle Left me a Fortune.*

A YouTube video on "too good to be true" hosted by "Ben Dover" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jl2aXRLtQaY>. ❄️

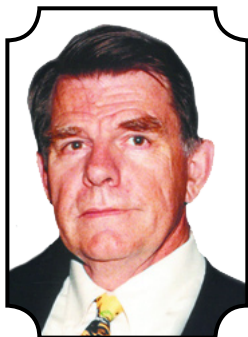
Contributed by **Ken Garber**

Carnival

Carnival is a winter festival celebrated in many cultures around the planet. It occurs in the final few days preceding the solemnly austere season of Lent, the forty-day period of fasting leading up to the celebration of Easter. It is commonly held that the word Carnival comes from the Latin *carnem levare* and *carnelevarium*, meaning *removal of meat*, or from *carne vale* meaning *farewell meat*, referring to the practice in which Catholics observe the 40-day Lenten period of fasting by refraining from drinking alcohol, and from eating meat, milk products, and eggs. *Mardi Gras* (Fat Tuesday) is the last day of Carnival in which traditionally all drink and food that would be given up during Lent would be consumed in one final rush of hedonism.

In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
October 24, 2024 - January 29, 2025*



Loran (Larry) Walter Smith passed away on November 9, 2024 at the age of 82. Larry was the husband of late Deanna Kay Smith. He is survived by his sons, Michael Smith (Susan Knight) and Jeff (Lisa) Smith. Larry retired from St. Clair College as a Professor of Tool and Die.



Norma Jean Smith passed away at age 75, on November 12, 2024. Norma is survived by her husband, Dick and her daughter, Julianne. Norma began her career at the Southwest Regional Centre and soon after joined St. Clair College teaching in the DSW program. She was an asset to the program, and a strong advocate of people with disabilities.



John "Jack" "Lefty" McGuire passed away on November 11, 2024 in Windsor. Survived by his sister Claire McCurdy and a number of nieces and nephews. Born in Montreal, Jack was a St Clair College retiree who was an Administrator who worked in several capacities at the college including managing the Employment Services offices in Windsor for many years.



Nancy Kominek passed away in Komoka on January 3, 2025 at the age of 87. She was the wife of the late Joseph Kominek (2011) and mother to Brian Kominek (Sheila), Janet Kominek and Susan Graham (J.D.). Nancy was a Nursing teacher at St. Clair College, Chatham Campus.

*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period
October 24, 2024 - January 29, 2025*

Vickie Arlene Fields passed away on November 16, 2024 at age 71. She was the mother of **St. Clair staff member Kimberly Halliday**.



Save the Date

We will be visiting the
**Canadian Transportation Museum
& Heritage Village**
6155 Arner Townline, Kingsville

Date: Thursday April 17, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. - Tour 1
Lunch at 12:30 p.m.
After Lunch - Tour 2



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).

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.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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Coming Events

February 14	Valentine's Day	
February 17	Family Day	College closed
February 19	RA Executive Meeting	9 a.m. in A0216
February 20	Out-to-Lunch-Bunch	Location/time TBD
February 24	Archive Group	9 am in A0216
March 3	Archive Group	9 a.m. in A0216
March 9	Daylight Savings Time begins	
March 10	Archive Group	9 a.m. in A0216
March 17	Archive Group	9 a.m. in A0216
March 19	RA Executive Meeting	9 a.m. in A0216
March 20	Out-to-Lunch-Bunch	The Grove, Kingsville
March 24	Archive Group	9 a.m. in A0216
March 31	Archive Group	9 a.m. in A0216
April	Golf begins at Woodland Hills	TBD
April 16	Distribution of Spring Newsletter	
April 17	Tour & Lunch	Heritage Village & Museum
April 18	Good Friday	College closed
April 20	Easter	College closed

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

visit our calendar webpage at

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