



**ST. CLAIR COLLEGE**

**RETIREES' ASSOCIATION**



*Newsletter*

*Autumn 2020*

**From the President**

*Kathy Dupuis*



I have found it difficult trying to put thoughts together in this issue's President's Report. This is usually the time of year to celebrate with our St. Clair family attending the SCC Christmas brunch, the annual Christmas Luncheons, and the Christmas production performed by the students of the Music Theatre Per-

formance Program. Many of you have not been with your families since March and yet you give me hope with demonstrating your ability to stay in touch with your loved ones. Two conversations stand out for me of members celebrating Thanksgiving. One member shared a meal virtually with his family who lives out of province. He said it was as though they were right there at the dinner table with them. Another member met with his children at a campground and shared their meal while sitting at different picnic tables. In this issue you will find articles that will keep you in touch with your fellow members.

The St. Clair College Retirees' Annual General Meeting took place in virtual mode in October. Details are highlighted in the AGM article on page 4

The social directors, Mimi McPhederan and Pat Taylor initiated an online "Just for Fun Photo Contest". Members were invited to submit photos in the following categories; animals, landscape and still life. The photos were amazing. Congratulations to the winners. Read about it on page 7.

If you have driven by the College lately, you will have noticed that the Zekelman School of Business building is under way. Check out the article on page 9 to see the architect's rendition of the new building. It is going to be a beautiful addition to the main campus.

The RA Executive is sad to inform you that due to the pandemic we are not able to hold large gatherings; therefore, the Christmas Luncheons for Windsor and Chatham have been cancelled. Keeping with the spirit of the season, the Social Committee is requesting your help. Details are in the Windsor Christmas Luncheon Announcement on Page 3.

Join us in congratulating members who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The pictures are sure to put a smile on your face. Take a look on page 8.

Have you ever wanted to be on the game show, Family Feud? Two St. Clair College staff members are doing just that but on Canada's game show, Family Feud Canada which airs on CBC. The staff members and their families are featured on page 6.

Parking renewals are due in December, but due to the extenuating circumstances of the pandemic, the RA Executive has been in communication with the Parking Office. A summary of the conversation is highlighted in the Retiree Parking article on page 6.

Thank you to the Executive Board for all of your contributions this past year. It was a challenge in the beginning to continue to meet on a regular basis, but with perseverance we mastered the technology and continue to support the Retirees' Association members.

Although we are not able to celebrate the Season as we have in the past, I pray that you will be able to gather with your loved ones in your homes or virtually. The Executive Board wish you and your family a safe and healthy New Year.

Merry Christmas

Kathy Dupuis





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



### Chatham Christmas Luncheon Announcement

We regret that the Chatham St. Clair College Retirees Christmas Luncheon for December 2020 **has been cancelled** because of the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We look forward with hope to meeting at next year's Christmas Luncheon in December 2021.

**Merry Christmas  
and best wishes for a  
Happy New Year.**

### Bridge Club Announcement

Dean Campagna, Bridge Club convenor, has indicated that the Bridge Club will remain inactive until at least January 2021.

Roseland Golf & Curling Club is currently closed; however, Dean will continue to communicate with management there in order to determine when Bridge Club activity can resume.

### Notice

The St. Clair College web site has recently been updated at <https://stclaircollege.ca/>

The Retiree Web site is accessed by clicking on "About Us" and then clicking on "Retirees' Association". This will provide access to Folklore, Picture Gallery, Minutes, Schedule of Events, etc. ENJOY!

### 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 [sretiree@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:sretiree@stclaircollege.ca)

### Executive Board Composite Photo At Left

Top row from left - Elizabeth Barr, Cindy Bissonnette, Lori Caba, Jim Chambers, Kathy Dupuis,  
Middle row from left - Pat Hallahan, Bill Jones, Jim Martin, Sue McLelland, Mimi McPhedran  
Bottom row from left - Lyn Medler, Marilyn Portt, Patricia Taylor, Bill Totten, Tony Ellul

### Windsor Christmas Luncheon Announcement

We regret that this year's Windsor Christmas Luncheon and student performance for SCCRA members **has been cancelled**.

Just as so many events that we have enjoyed over time, COVID-19 has forced us to put our usual Christmas gathering at the Centre for the Arts on hold until next year.

Your health and safety is our primary concern and we are looking forward to seeing everyone soon so we can catch up, laugh, and share stories with friends and colleagues.

We have been informed that the students this year are experiencing food shortages due to COVID-19. The college's current protocols for entering the buildings remains complicated hampering food collection this year. Should you be interested in sending a monetary donation, Marilyn Portt will be accepting donations to be forwarded to Student Council/all campuses until Dec 18th. FYI - the cost of last year's Christmas Luncheon ticket was \$25.00. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Please forward to:

Marilyn Portt

208-5831 Newman Blvd., LaSalle, ON, N9J 0E1

Donations can be made by e-transfer at [scramembership@gmail.com](mailto:scramembership@gmail.com).

Security answer Retirement.

**Be Safe, Be Well  
With Best Wishes to all for a  
Happy Christmas and Holiday Season.**



### 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. 468 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)

## 2020 SCCRA Annual General Meeting

The St. Clair College Retirees Association Annual General Meeting was held on October 28, 2020. There were approximately 25 retirees in attendance at the AGM which took place virtually via Zoom.

This year's event featured an update on College activities by Vice President John Fairley, highlighted by an increase in enrollment of 8 percent. Many Colleges had a decline in enrollment due to the pandemic. The new South Campus Sports Park is near completion. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be taking place November 17th. Construction is under way for the Zekelman School of Business

AGM, elections were held, chaired by President Kathy Dupuis and Vice-President Sue McLelland. There are no changes to the Executive Board and Coordinators.

This year's event was quite different as we were not able to meet physically but members were able to socialize virtually before and after the meeting.

Thanks go out to Sue McLelland for organizing the event and the retirees who were able to join us. ✨

Contributed by **Kathy Dupuis**



### How The Robin Got Its Red Breast



Ever since the first Christmas over two thousand years ago, many stories and legends have sprung up about Christmas. One of the stories relates how the robin got its red breast.

The fire that was keeping the stable warm was dying down that first Christmas night. It was a very cold night and the baby boy was cold. Mary asked the animals that were gathered around to help keep the fire burning, but none of them came forward.

Suddenly, a little plain-looking bird flew close to the fire and began flapping its wings to fan the dying embers until the flames reignited. The little bird then flew out of the stable returning with some twigs in its beak, which it put on the fire. As the little bird did this, a spark flew out of the fire and landed on the bird's chest turning it red. Grateful for the bird's kindness, Mary proclaimed that henceforth the bird would always have a red breast as a symbol of its generous heart.

## College Update

The College has been garnering a positive image in the community with the use of the Windsor Sportsplex as a Covid-19 field hospital for Windsor Regional Hospital and the Chatham Healthplex as a Covid-19 field hospital for Chatham Kent Health Alliance. Both sites have been used for COVID-19 testing sites. Windsor Regional Hospital just discontinued using the Sportsplex for testing since they opened a new testing site at their Met campus.

Enrollment at the College for Fall 2020 is at 13,885, an 8% increase over last year. Only four (4) colleges in the system have had an enrollment increase. The enrollment distribution is as follows: 2668 in Downtown Windsor, 7295 at the South Campus, 1223 in Chatham, 2699 at the Ace Acumen Toronto Campuses. Thirty percent (30%) of first year students are international.

College Athletics are discontinued for the school year. Along with some new parking spaces having been created, a new fence has been built on the east border from Cabana to the main building. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Sports Park will be held on Tuesday, November 17. The SportsPark will include a soccer/football stadium with 1,500 seats, ladies softball diamond, the Zekelman Tennis Centre, and four (4) sand volleyball courts. ✨

Contributed by **Pat Hallahan**

### *In Flanders Fields*

In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Lt. Col. John McCrae M.D., Canadian Army Medical Corps

## Charlie Jackson, First College Vice President, Marks 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday With Drive-by Celebration

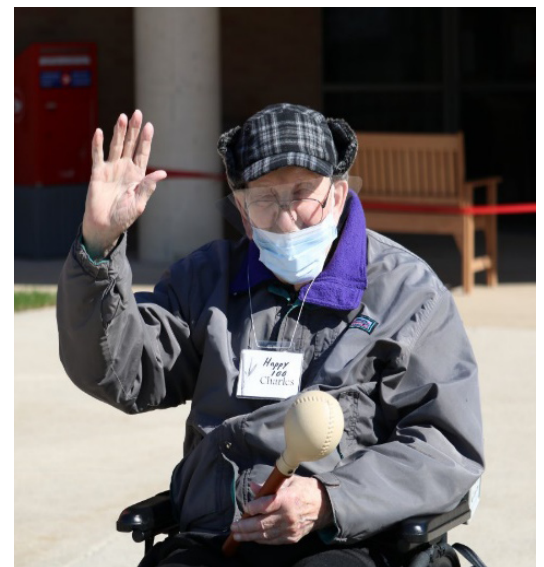
Family and staff at the Parkwood Institute surprised Charles (Charlie) Jackson with a birthday drive-by to mark his 100th birthday in London, Ont., on Saturday.

Jackson and his wife, Jean, sat outside Parkwood Institute, waving and shaking maracas at a parade of family, friends, and community members driving by and giving well wishes.

Speaking to reporters after the event, Charlie joked that he did not think he had that many friends. “I am so grateful because they all came together at the same time,” he said.

His family describes him as not the best student but someone who liked to play with radio sets. This led him to enrol in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 during the Second World War. He was one of a number of Canadians chosen for radar training during the war, which had only been invented five years earlier.

After the war, Brian Jackson said his father played an “instrumental role” in setting up the community college system in Ontario, eventually becoming Vice-president, Academic of St. Clair College, where he was a leader in bringing the college from its roots in downtown Windsor to its South Campus location.



Charlie married Jean in May 1949, and the two have been married for 71 years. They have four children, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. ✨

*Sawyer Bogdan, Global News*

*We thank Ms. Sawyer Bogdan of Global News, London for her kind permission to include her article here.*



## St. Clair Folks on Family Feud Canada

Two members of the St. Clair College family are competing on the CBC TV show, Family Feud Canada. The families of Susan Favaro (President's Office) and Nancy Teves (St. Clair Centre for the Arts) are representing Windsor-Essex on the second season of the show, hosted by comedian Gerry Dee.



The Favaro family went to Toronto on Saturday, October 24 where they took a COVID-19 test and remained in isolation in a hotel until filming began on Monday, October 26.

Susan Favaro (2nd from left) Photo: Courtesy of CKLW AM800



Nancy Teves (first from left) Photo: Courtesy of Windsor Star

The Teves family, from Harrow, found out last week they'd made the cut and will appear at some point on the upcoming season.

If either or both teams win, they can film up to three shows in one day and have two rehearsals.

As of the newsletter printing deadline, their fate nor the date the show will air were not known.

**Late news flash** - The Teves family episode on Family Feud Canada will be airing on Jan. 11th at 7:30 p.m. on CBC. ✨

## Membership Renewal

Hi everyone, it is that time of year again to renew your St. Clair College Retirees' Membership. I know this has been a crazy year, but we're hoping that by summer we will be back to having events, such as, education seminars, wine tours, and luncheons. Enclosed with this issue of the newsletter is the renewal form with a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Take care during the winter months; and we look forward to seeing you in the Spring or Summer.

Marilyn Portt  
Membership Secretary

## Retiree Parking

Retirees have been fortunate to receive complimentary parking privileges in Lot T at South Campus. Current tags remain in effect until they expire on December 31, 2020.

Currently, COVID-19 has prevented retirees from entering the buildings, and this remains in place. Further, the College is not charging for parking during the Fall semester.

However, disruptions due to construction of the Zekelman Building have significantly reduced capacity of Lot A, and new retirees with Lot A credentials will be required to park in Lot T.

It has been suggested that the College continue to honor current Retiree parking tags (dated to expire December 31, 2020) indefinitely. For the Winter 2021 semester, the College will continue the practice of not charging for parking during COVID-19. Retirees may be required to register their licence plate number.

Updates will be distributed by email to retirees in the Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent regions as soon as they are received.

## Mandatory Face Masks Required at St. Clair College

In compliance with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit's direction on mandatory face coverings in all commercial establishments, effective June 23rd, face coverings will be mandatory at St. Clair College in common areas. This means hallways, stairwells, lounges and food service areas. While we are not a commercial institution, we felt it is important to be consistent with public health guidelines. This requirement will be in addition to the specific requirements for PPE outlined in labs/shops.

## People's Choice Awards Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to all contestants! We were all impressed with the submissions. Our semifinal judge, Paul Chortos, said "It was a difficult choice" and your comments confirmed it was a tough decision.

The winners will receive a \$50.00 award.

**The Hawk** is the People's Choice Award Winner - Series #1 - "Animals". Photographer - **Silvio Carlini**. Congratulations Silvio!



Paul Chortos' comments – "Hawk, very dramatic and technically great shot....this is a difficult shot to get."

**Sunset Pink Skies** – People's Choice Award Winner - Series #2 – "Landscape" - Photographer - **Kathy MacDonald**. Congratulations Kathy!



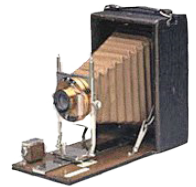
Paul Chortos' comments: "This photo has the WOW factor and great composition. It has a subject that is framed by the willow branches, rule of 3rds, and a low horizon line to keep the image dynamic."

**Horseshoes and Lantern** – People's Choice Award Winner – Series #3 – "Still Life" – Photographer- **Kathryn Rousseau** – Congratulations, Kathryn!

Paul Chortos' comments- "This is a wonderful mood photo, well composed and well lit."



Your Social Committee thanks you for your participation, enthusiasm, and comments. This activity was well received and demonstrates your support for your friends and colleagues. Hope you had a good time.



Happy Trails and That's A Wrap  
P&M Productions. ✨

Contributed by *Mimi McPhedran & Patricia Taylor*

### Bits 'N Pieces

Fellow retiree Casey Huisman has "Walked the Block" for Parkinson's. If you would like support the cause, please e-mail him at [cjhuisman@gmail.com](mailto:cjhuisman@gmail.com).

Bill Hockey took up the piano and the ukulele as a form of mental engagement while caring for his wife during her illness with dementia. He enjoys playing the piano, a solo activity, and has joined several virtual ukulele groups.

### Humour Is Good Medicine

During an auction of exotic pets, a woman who had placed a winning bid told the auctioneer "I'm paying a fortune for this parrot. I hope he talks as well as you say he does."

"I guarantee it madam," replied the auctioneer, "who do you think was bidding against you?"

*Five 50th Wedding Anniversaries In One Year  
Extraordinary*

Who in 1970 could have foreseen that in 2020 five members of our association and their spouses would be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries, and who could have foreseen that any celebrations planned by these five couples would be thwarted by a pandemic that has virtually shut down all social interactions world-wide?

The SCCRA extends their warmest congratulations on their 50th wedding anniversary to Patricia and Frank Taylor (January 22, 1970), Emma and Tony Ellul (March 19, 1970), Pat and Bill Kell (August 22, 1970), Cathy and Jim Chambers (October 10, 1970), and Mary and Dan Loncke (October 11, 1970) and we wish them all a long and happy future together.



*We congratulate  
Patricia & Frank  
Taylor  
on their  
50th Wedding  
Anniversary*

*January 10, 1970*

*January 10, 2020*



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*March 19, 1970*

*March 19, 2020*



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Bill and Pat Kell  
on their  
50th Wedding  
Anniversary*

*August 22, 1970*

*August 22, 2020*



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on their  
50th Wedding  
Anniversary*

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*October 10, 2020*



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Dan & Mary  
Loncke  
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## Growth At The College

St. Clair College is growing again, with a new Zekelman Centre of Business and Information Technology at the school's Windsor campus.

The College has unveiled a unique design that will see the erection of two floors for an additional 40,000 square feet of space to the southwest wing of the campus. The \$23-million expansion will feature classrooms, student study areas, meeting rooms, and offices for faculty. A large auditorium, called Alumni Hall, and Canada's first Esports Arena will be the centerpieces of the new build.

Many of the 5,000 business students will continue to attend the Zekelman School of Business and Information Technology, located at One Riverside Drive West.

The Alumni Hall Auditorium in the new Zekelman Centre will be used for guest speakers, lectures and other events that require such a space.



*Architect's rendering of the Zekelman Centre of Business and Information Technology*

“To finally have a modern building to call our home is pretty exciting,” said James Marsh, Dean of the Zekelman School of Business and Information Technology. “It will allow us to grow further.”

The new Esports Arena will be the first of its kind in Canada, setting the bar not only in Canada, but internationally for collegiate esports facilities. “St. Clair College is leading the way,” Marsh said.

SRC President Jorge Gutierrez Calzada said he is excited about the refurbishment and expansion of a Student Centre that was originally constructed in the 1990s.

“I believe that this addition to the College will be beneficial for everyone as it will provide more available space to study and to feel more welcomed and comfortable here at St. Clair”, Gutierrez Calzada said. “This centre will add more value to our future students when they are deciding which college to attend as well.” \*\*

Contributed by **Bill Totten**



## The Ace Acumen Campus In Mississauga

The latest enrolment data indicated that St. Clair College has recorded 2699 students at the Ace Acumen Toronto Campuses, and that 30% of first year students are International. Questions have been asked - "What is Ace Acumen?"

St. Clair College has established licensing agreements in Toronto and Mississauga with Ace Acumen Academy to provide educational opportunities for international students. Students of St. Clair at Acumen are deemed students of St. Clair and receive full credit from St. Clair College for all St. Clair College courses completed at the Ace Acumen campuses. Students who meet program graduation requirements will graduate with a credential from St. Clair College. All services and classes are delivered by Ace Acumen employees.

Programs offered at the two locations are:

- International Business Management - Logistics Systems
- Business - General
- Human Resources Management
- Office Administration - Health Services
- Computer Systems Technician - Networking
- Social Service Worker - Gerontology
- Data Analytics for Business

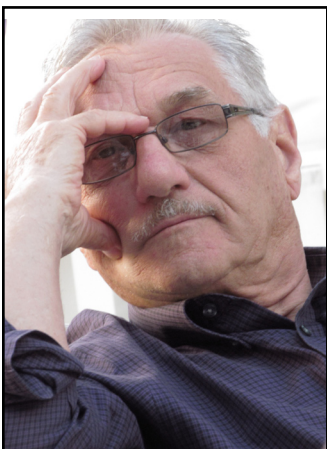


\*\* Contributed by **Bill Totten**

Photo courtesy of St. Clair College



## Meet The Winners Of The Photo Contest



**Silvio Carlini**

Silvio is married to Maria who retired from the College cafeteria at South Campus.



**Kathy MacDonald**

Kathy is a retired former Professor of Nursing at South Campus.



**Kathryn Rousseau**

Kathryn is a retired former Professor of Nursing at South Campus.

# In Memoriam

*We remember the following Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period August 20, 2020 - November 17, 2020*



**George Patrick TRONIANKO** passed away on Thursday, August 20, at the age of 85. George was predeceased by wife Gail (Nee Potter) and was the father to Tara (Derek) and Petra (Jeremie). George was a mathematics teacher at St. Clair College prior to his retirement. He was an avid trap-shooter, being inducted into the Ontario Trapshooting Hall of Fame in 2005, having won numerous Canadian and Provincial championships in his 40 plus years of shooting.



**Patricia Carole MICHIE** passed away on September 28, 2020 in Windsor at age 84. Mother of Debra Michie and Kristine Maggs. Predeceased by her loving husband of 55 years Thomas (2013) and her son Jeffrey (1983). Pat worked in the College Bookstore.



**Margaret Olive DORE** passed away at Hospice in Windsor on October 21, 2020 at the age of 74. Wife of the late John Christopher (2006). Mother of Paul Dore and John Dore (Janice). Marg started her career at St. Clair College as a Secretary and retired after 31 years as the Director of Human Resources.



**Francesco (Frank) MOCERI** passed away on September 3, 2020, at age 63 leaving his wife of 41 years Kathryn (nee Adams), and his children Nina and Tony DaFre, Teresa and Paul Pare, and Rocco Richard and Jennifer Mocerri. He was currently employed at St. Clair College as Industry Liaison. He was a committed community volunteer for charities such as In Honour of the Ones

We Love, Respite Services of Windsor, and Windsor Regional Hospital Palliative Care.



**Suzanne (Suzie) BRUCE, (née Jackson)**, passed away on Friday, October 23rd at the age of 65. Wife to Gary for 44 years. Mother to Jennifer (Dave), and stepmother to Scott. Sister to Billy (Sandy), JoEllen (the late Carl), Kathy (the late Jim), Bobby (Kim), Peggy (Hugh), David (Bonnie), Danny, Andy (Colleen), and the late Joy, and step-grandma to Logan. Suzie retired from the Registrar's Office at St. Clair College.



*We remember also the family members of Retirees/Full-time Staff who passed away during the period August 20, 2020 - November 17, 2020*

**Peter Hodgson** passed away on July 8, 2020 at the age of 55. Peter was the brother of St. Clair retiree **Mari- anne Crundwell**.

**Albert Ellul** passed away in Malta on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at the age of 68. Albert was the brother of St. Clair College retiree and SCCRA newsletter editor **Tony Ellul**.

**Linda Uher** passed away in Chatham Kent on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the age of 79. She was the mother of St. Clair staff member **Janice Vandehogen**.

**Charles Joseph Labonte** passed away on August 20, 2020 at 86 years. He was the father of St. Clair retiree **Charlene (Richard) Janisse**.

**Amy Kathleen Grondin** passed away on September 25, 2020 at 49 years. She was a part time staff member at Chatham and was the sister of St. Clair staff member **Heather Putman**.

**Antonio Citton** passed away on October 16, 2020 at 91 years old. He was the father of St. Clair mathematics professor **Jane (Phil) Specht**.

## Executive Board 2020-2021

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## *Upcoming Events*

We regret that in keeping with the current health directives issued by the Ontario Health Authorities regarding the Coronavirus pandemic there are no plans for upcoming events for the foreseeable future.

Plans for future events will be forthcoming and announced once the Ontario Health Authorities issue new directives.

**Until we can all meet again,  
stay safe and stay well.**

For the Retirees' Association  
Quarterly Calendar of Events  
and listing of activities  
visit our calendar webpage at  
<https://stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar>

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