



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

Winter 2019

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Happy New Year! What wonderful weather we had over the holidays. Winter came with a vengeance, in January. Just in time for winter sports enthusiasts.

The Retiree Association was quite busy enjoying festive activities both in Chatham and Windsor.

We had a wonderful Christmas Luncheon at the Countryview Golf Course in Chatham and, In Windsor, at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. The food and camaraderie was excellent. Check out the details of this and other events inside this edition of the newsletter.

Here we “grow” again. SCC is leasing space at One Riverside Drive to increase student capacity. SCC broke ground February 1st for the new Sports Park.

My husband Frank and I are looking forward to warmer weather on our next adventure to Australia, New Zealand and the French Polynesian Islands. During my absence, Jo-An Dale and Cindy Bissonnette will be acting presidents. Thank you, ladies for graciously volunteering your time.

Ross Langill has stepped down as Vice President, due to personal commitments. Thank you, Ross for your contribution to the RA, and also for your continued contribution behind the scenes. Jim Chambers has agreed to step in as the Vice President until the position can be permanently filled.

We are truly blessed to have an amazing team working for the Association. I would like to express my appreciation to the RA Executive for their hard work and dedication.

I would like to also thank the following members who volunteer their time to the Association:

- Dean Campagna organizes all aspects of the Bridge Club.
- Ken Garber manages all of the RA emails and provides the RA with a statistical report.
- Lea Garber Co-ordinator of Archives assisted by the following members Hanno Barten, Keith Brown, Art Rae, Pat Hallahan and Marilyn Portt.
- Folklore – Mike Kubjida
- Tony Ellul is the resident photographer, who creates the videos for our special events.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!

Kathy

### INCOME TAX 'HEADS-UP'

The majority of CAAT Retirees are aware that the premiums paid for the Retiree Extended Health plans are income tax deductible. However, we have been made aware that many do not know that the same applies to the premiums paid for out-of-province TRAVEL INSURANCE. It is necessary to obtain a statement from your insurer which states what portion of the premium paid is applicable to 'health' insurance. This amount is an eligible deduction.

# WINDSOR 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

*submitted by Pat Hallahan*

*photos by Tony Ellul*



Many thanks as well to the many prize donors, including President Patti France, Ginny Smith in the Bookstore, the Marketing Department, and the SRC.

Thanks also to Joe D'Angela, Christina Frye and the rest of the staff at the St. Clair Centre for their excellent work and to John Fairley and the College for subsidizing this event: \$20 for the dinner and show is truly a holiday bargain!

This year's Windsor St. Clair College Retiree Association Christmas Party, held at the St. Clair Centre in downtown Windsor, was the Association's most successful to date with 135 tickets sold!

The venue, the meal, the prizes and the stellar organization made for a wonderful afternoon and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

And, of course, the event was capped off with an outstanding performance of "A 1930's Christmas" by the College's Music Theatre Performance and Entertainment Technology students.

Many thanks to Jay Ertel for yet another outstanding organizational effort, to Marilyn Portt for handling the ticket sales, to Tony Ellul for his professional video capturing the year's activities and to the many others who contributed as well, including our Christmas elves, Jim Martin, Cindy Bissonnette, and Kathy Dupuis.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE & EDUCATIONAL REPORT

*submitted by Sue McLelland*

*Hi Fellow Retirees!*

We are starting off the New Year with an information event to be presented by our local Canadian Mental Health staff to discuss Depression, Seasonal Affective Disorder and strategies to help us beat the Winter Blues on Feb. 5th . We will also hear about other services Canadian Mental Health provides to our community, specifically pertaining to seniors. Some will meet for dinner first at our Eatery 101 to enjoy some terrific culinary cuisine. Then at 7 pm we will all meet for an hour long presentation.

On Feb. 19th, come out and join us for a game of Trivial Pursuit at Roseland Golf Course at 2:00 pm. Prizes for the best and worst team! Then join us for dinner afterwards right there at Roseland. This should be a fun afternoon that will help turn away those winter blues.

In March we are looking at an afternoon at Wolfhead Distilleries for a luncheon get together. The date for this will be forthcoming! Watch your email!

In April – think about joining us for a ride out to the county! We will enjoy stopping in to places like Cindy's Home & Garden, Anna's Flowers and Jack's Gastropub for lunch in Kingsville. From there – consider a winery or two! More on this to follow next month! Again....watch your email!

Coming up in early May, we will be planning a trip out of town to attend a play. We are looking at possibly Petrolia, or Port Stanley or Grand Bend.....will let you know once arrangements are finalized.

For further information on any of these events OR if you have an idea for an event that you would like to share please contact Sue McLelland, your Retirees' Association Social Committee Coordinator at [smclelland@mnsi.net](mailto:smclelland@mnsi.net) or 519-564-2442.

## ANNUAL WINTER TRIP

Thirteen retirees, partners and friends left from Windsor airport on Sunday, January 27/19 for Montego Bay, Jamaica. They returned to Windsor on February 3, 2019, which was too late for an article for this issue of the newsletter. We hope to have an article in our next issue.



# MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

*submitted by Pat Hallahan*

You know her as Kathy Dupuis, but she was born Katherine Theriault in Moncton, New Brunswick, where Dad worked as a chef and mom as a homemaker.

"After some unsettled early years, mom moved to Montreal where she worked as a dietician. . The move was complicated by the fact that Kathy had only gone to school in French. And so, she was put into a grade 2 class while she began to learn English! They stayed there until Kathy turned 14 at which time the family moved to the Windsor area.

Fortunately, Kathy was a quick learner and eventually attended Amherst High School where she took the 4 year Business Program, subsequently graduating from the brand-spanking new Sandwich Secondary School as the editor of the school's inaugural yearbook. Not bad for an EASL student!

Upon graduation, Kathy attended St. Clair College, where, after negotiating with an incredulous Joe Korchnak, she completed a two year Data Processing Program in one calendar year while capturing the Dean's Award as well!

Her first full time job was in the print shop at the now defunct Bendix Plant. Before too long, however, Joe Korchnak and Craig Beemer asked her to work in the Computer Programmer Lab at the College. However, she had to work, did not have transportation, and it was 1984 and faculty were on strike. Bendix employees did not cross picket lines! No problem, a car was waiting for her at the end of the work day, a meeting was held off campus, and Kathy began her career at St. Clair College!

After four years at the College, she took a job at Green Giant as a programmer analyst. During her five years there, she developed a payroll system for their plants in Windsor, London and Montreal.

Anticipating Green Giant's departure, Kathy took a programmer analyst job at Fabricated Steel where she

was developing management and processing systems for the company. However, once again, St. Clair College came calling, this time in the person of Bill Jones, during his stint as a chair. Kathy returned to the College as a teacher, worked as chair from '95-'97 and eventually retired in 2012.

During her time at the College, she was also designated as the Business Program's liaison person with the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, developed an apprentice program for Sutherland Call Centre employees, and modernized the College's financial, payroll and purchasing systems.

In 1973, Kathy married Frank Dupuis, a '70 St. Clair Business Marketing graduate. Frank held a number of different jobs, eventually retiring from the maintenance department with the Catholic School Board. Frank and Kathy have two children, both College grads: Michael is a master electrician with the City of Windsor and Denise does press operations work with Vista Print.

In addition to enjoying her 5 grandchildren, Kathy loves to read, walk and do yoga. Kathy is a committee member of Members and Personnel at Riverside United Church. She and Frank are also serious travellers and have done land and cruise trips over most of the world: Asia, Australia and New Zealand – brace yourselves!

Kathy's fondest memories of St. Clair are its culture, family atmosphere and people and has an especially warm recollection of Craig Beemer and Joe Korchnak, while still enjoying the company of Bill Jones, Bob Aylesworth, Dan Rorai and Gloria Dyrda.

Of course, Kathy also works as our dedicated and competent President of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association.

Thanks for being with us, Kathy...we are most fortunate to have you!

# CHATHAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

*submitted by Elizabeth Barr*



*Kent McLain, Keith and Liz Bruce*



*Eunice Robinson was the recipient of the Retirees Christmas basket. Congratulations!*

The Chatham Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the Countryview Golf Club in Chatham. This was a mild day for the kick-off of the Holiday Season. Thirty people attended and enjoyed a buffet luncheon. Musical entertainment was provided by Canto Armonia, a group of 5 singers from Christ Church, Chatham. Elvy Deline and Elizabeth Barr were thanked for arranging the door prizes and organizing another successful Christmas Party.

People enjoyed their social time especially with presentations being made by Santa, assisted by Elvy Deline. We wish to thank Kent McLain and Bill Totten for setting up Tony Ellul's excellent powerpoint presentation which showcased the Retirees' social activities of 2018.

The retirees were invited to attend the Christmas Pageant and the Windsor St. Clair Retirees Christmas luncheon on December 15, 2018 at the St. Clair Centre of the Arts.



# ST. CLAIR COLLEGE SPORTSPARK

*submitted by Kathy Dupuis*

Groundbreaking for the \$21.5 million St. Clair College Sports Park took place on February 1, 2019.

To pay for the project, St. Clair College students approved a fee protocol that will contribute \$13 million. The college's Student Athletic Association has pledged an additional \$1 million. Making up the difference are sponsors Mike Schlater, owner of Domino's Pizza in Canada, philanthropist Barry and Stephanie Zekelman, and Windsor Family Credit Union.



The Sports Park designed by Architectura, which will be constructed by Fortis Group will include the following amenities: beacon entrance presented by Windsor Family Credit Union; outdoor sand volleyball complex with snack bar/restaurant; Zekelman Indoor tennis courts, four indoor courts, pro shop, dressing rooms; soccer stadium with artificial turf with seating capacity for 1,500; Press Box; Domino's Canada jumbo video score board; ladies softball diamond with artificial turf with portable bleachers for 400; an additional pond at the entrance of the College as well as multiple areas for students to congregate, study and relax.

Student Representative Council (SRC) is the project lead. Daily operations of the Park will be in collaboration with SRC/SAA (Student Athletic Association) and St. Clair College.



## CONTACTS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSION

The College contact person for retirees seeking information on pensions and benefits is Kim Bode, 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)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*Submitted by Marilyn Portt*

If you have not already submitted your membership renewal form, please do so now. The Retirees' Association has worked hard to give you interesting events to attend and your membership fee helps us to offer these events.

Please mail your fee of \$10.00 or \$20.00 if you are an OCRA member to:  
Marilyn Portt, 715 Morand Avenue, Windsor, ON N9G 1J1.  
We hope to see many of you in the coming year.

### I am a SEENAGER (Senior Teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a  
teenager, only 50 years later.  
I don't have to go to school or work.  
I get an allowance every month.  
I have my own place.  
I don't have a curfew.  
I have a driver's license and my own car.  
The people I hang around with are not scared  
of getting pregnant, and they do not use drugs.  
And I don't have acne.

**LIFE IS GREAT!**

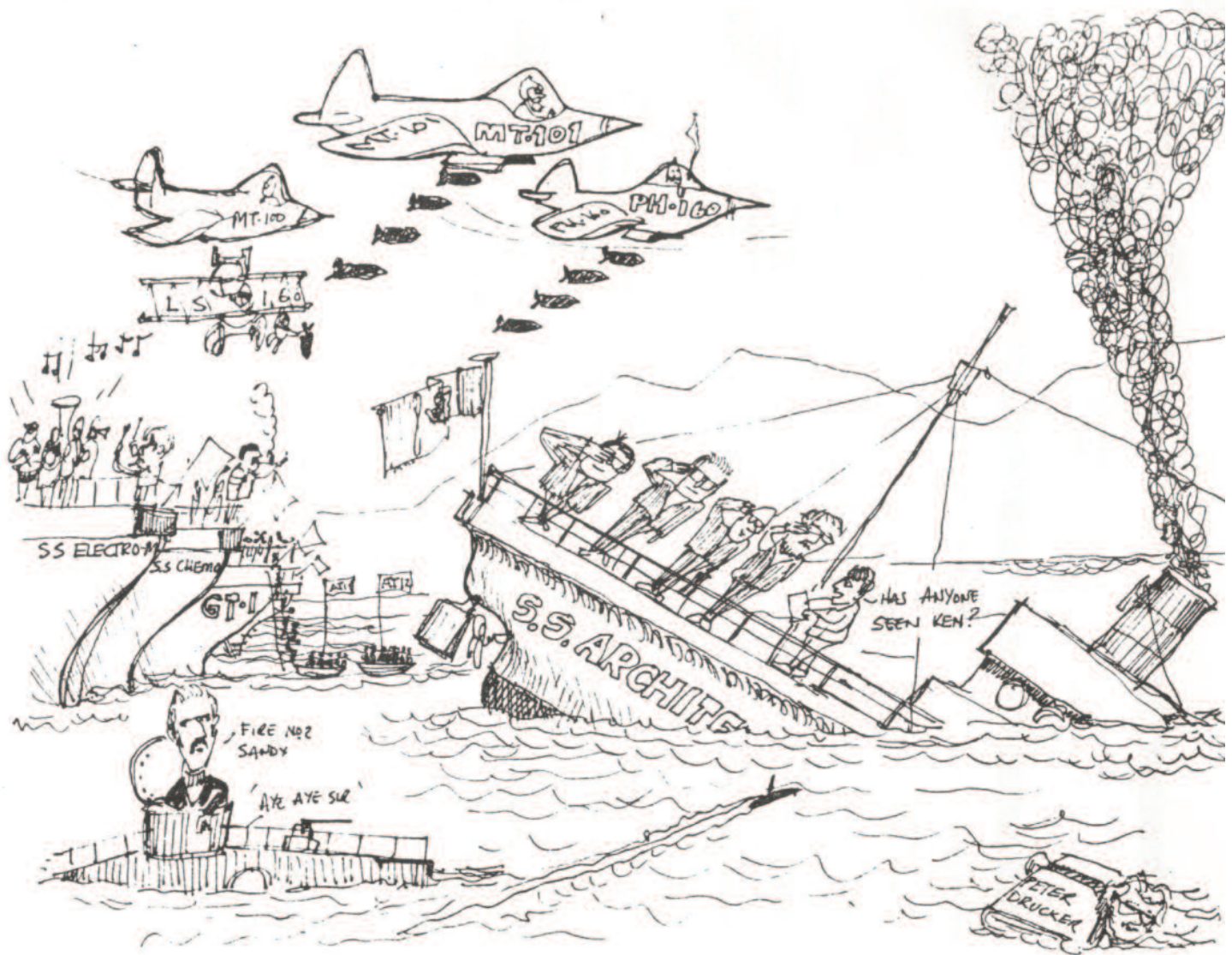


### ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STAFF

All College staff will now receive each quarterly issue of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association Newsletter via email. We welcome your feedback and hope that you enjoy seeing what is available to your colleagues who are already enjoying retirement.

The electronic version of this and past newsletters can be found at  
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/newsletters.html>

## ANOTHER OF OUR TOM MALONE CARTOONS



UNPOPULAR PLAN TO MERGE FIRST YEAR ARCHITECTURE WITH GENERAL TECHNOLOGY.

### Out of the mouths of babes ...

*Author unknown*

My three year old girl asked me: "Where does poo come from?"

I was a little uncomfortable but decided to give her an honest explanation. So I said, "You just ate breakfast, yes?"

"Yes" she replied.

"Well, the food goes into our tummies and our bodies take out all the good stuff, and then whatever is left over comes out of our bums when we go to the toilet, and that is poo.:

She looked a little perplexed, and stared at me in stunned silence for a few seconds and asked, "And Tigger?"



# GOLF at WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE

*submitted by Jim Chambers*

As in the past couple of years, 9:30 every Thursday morning starting May 2nd, has been set aside for a SCC Retiree golf outing – it is informal and meant to be a fun time.

To our golfing members, it is a great place to practice your short game.  
To our non-golfing members, what a great time to try the game.

If you ever wanted to try the game, please join us on Thursday morning. I am sure you will receive a few tips and most importantly you will receive a good deal of moral support from your fellow retirees.

After your round of golf, Woodland Hills is a great place to have a drink, something to eat, relax and socialize.

## **Please note:**

We are hoping to be able to once again offer ‘Free’ golf to our paid-up SCCRA members who show their 2019 Dues Card; all non members will be subject to the regular course fees. There will be a cost (at a special retiree rate) to use the driving range.

We will be sure to let you know if this added perk will be offered again this year. Watch for the announcement in your Spring 2019 Newsletter.



## **Light Reading**

*submitted by Ken Garber*

Nineteen rednecks go to the movies. The ticket lady asks, “Why so many of you?” Bubba replies, “The write-up said 18 or over.”

My daughter asked for a pet spider for her birthday. I went to the pet shop and they were \$70. Forget it, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the Web.

I was at an ATM yesterday. A little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

Statistically, six out of seven dwarfs are not Happy.

Neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 am! Can you believe that? Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

Wife was counting nickles, dimes, and quarters on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, “She’s going through the change.”

An East Indian man moved in next door. He has travelled the world, swam with sharks, wrestled bears, and climbed the highest mountain. Not surprised to learn his name is Bindair Dundat.

## FUNDRAISING

*submitted by Jay Ertel*

### **DONATIONS FOR 2018 - \$2,150**

**Sports Park:** \$1,000

**Scholarships (2):** \$500 - Chatham 1, Windsor 1

**Sponsoring a Hole at Woodland Hills**

**Golf Course:** \$650

This donation makes it possible for SCCRA members to have Free Golf for the 2018 Season.

Details to follow on these initiatives.

### **ST. CLAIR COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION FOR LIFE**

The College is now in Phase Two of the capital campaign which has been named "Foundation for Life". This \$10 million community campaign will strengthen the College pillars of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Academic Excellence and Student Life.

### **Our Participation to Student Success - \$2,000**

The SCCRA has made a donation to the President's Circle campaign. This entails a total gift of \$2,000 over a two year period. The first gift of \$1,000 was made in 2016 and the second gift of \$1,000 was made in 2017 and was aligned with the College's 50th anniversary celebration. There are only 500 members of the President's Circle campaign and the Association will be recognized during the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

### **HEALTHPLEX & SPORTSPLEX**

St. Clair College retirees have raised \$38,329 to date, 127% of our \$30,000 goal.

We were pleased to advise the College that we retirees have surpassed our Fundraising Target.

Retiree fitness memberships are available for us both in Chatham and Windsor. We are pleased to see the Bricks in place from our fundraising at both the HealthPlex and the SportsPlex. The Landscape Architect has done a nice job at the entrances of both complexes.

We are now in year 10 of this 10 year fundraising campaign. We advised Patti France that the SCCRA will continue to support and contribute to the College fundraising initiatives.

Thank you to the retirees who have already made their contribution to the HealthPlex Campaign. The retiree pledges made during the Brick Campaign ranged from \$100 to \$10,000. The HealthPlex Brick Campaign forms were included with an earlier Newsletter and they are available on request. The SCCRA has purchased two bricks for \$150, one for both Chatham and Windsor. Please consider supporting the Fundraising Brick Campaign.

### **ATTENTION ALL RETIREES**

If you believe you are not receiving emails from the Retiree's Association, please send an email with your name and phone number to [retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca) or call or email one of the Retiree Association executive which are listed on the back page of the Newsletter, so that we can investigate and remedy the situation.

*Today's Smile*

*Author unknown*

*I was visiting my daughter last night and I asked if I could borrow the newspaper.*

*"This is the 21st Century" she said "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad" I can tell you this ... that fly never knew what hit him.*

# In Memoriam

*The following Retirees/Full Time Staff passed away during the period from November 11, 2018 to February 5, 2019*



Jemima "Mamie" **SHIELDS** (nee Shields) passed peacefully on November 25, 2018 at 86 years of age. Reunited with her husband Bill. Mamie was a long-time familiar voice on the St. Clair College switchboard.



Peter J. "Pete" **DZIVER** passed away on January 9, 2019 at the age of 74 years. Husband of Etta (Kovacs) Dziver and father of Shelley Dziver, Michelle Dziver (Charlie) and Peter Dziver, Courtney May Phillips (Rob Phillips). Peter retired from St. Clair on August 31, 2009, where he

was a professor in Mouldmaking.



John Henry **JENNINGS** passed away on November 28, 2018 at 79 years of age. Companion of Eileen, and father of Michelle and Mark. John was a long time professor in the Industrial General Machinist Program and the Basic Machine Shop Program, retiring in 2004.



Bernard Vincent **LABUTE** (Chico), passed away on January 16th, 2018 at age 54, during surgery. He leaves his wife Virginia and five children. He worked as the Manager of Athletic Events and Advancement at St. Clair and was also an Assistant Coach for the

Saints Varsity Baseball team during a period of unprecedented success for the program.



Jacob **DECH** passed away on December 06, 2018 at his home in London, Ontario. Survived by his wife of 30 years, Doreen, and predeceased by his first wife Barbara. He was the father of David, Jamie and Kevin. Before retiring in 1988, Jacob was a teacher of Numerical Control in the metal cutting trades. He was a member of a musical trio which performed satire at a few IRC Christmas Parties.



Anthony 'Tony' **BRECHKOW** passed away on January 24, 2019 at age 82 leaving his partner Donna Tuck and one daughter. Tony was the brother of St. Clair retiree **June Egan**. He taught at St Clair College for 32 years, retiring in 2000.

*The following relations of Retirees/ Full Time Staff passed away during the period from November 11, 2018 to February 5, 2019*

Trilain **TUCK** passed away on November 24, 2018 at 32 years of age. Precious daughter of St. Clair staff member, **Barbara Gatt** (Chris) and granddaughter of St. Clair retiree **Gwen Gatt**.

Andreas **MUELLER** passed away on December 29, 2018, at the age of 88 years. Andreas was the father of St. Clair retiree **Elizabeth Weglarz** (Mark).

Margaret Ellen **SALMONS** passed away on January 8, 2019 at the age of 79 years. Mother to St. Clair staff member **Angela Mans** (Scott).

## EXECUTIVE 2018-19

### ***Past-President***

Cindy Bissonnette

### ***President***

Kathy Dupuis

### ***Vice-President***

Jim Chambers

### ***President Emeritus***

Bill Totten

### ***Secretary***

Lyn Medler

### ***Treasurer***

Jim Chambers

### ***Membership***

Marilyn Portt

### ***Chatham Rep.***

Elizabeth Barr

### ***Communications***

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### ***Social***

Sue McLelland

### ***Fundraising***

Jay Ertel

### ***Newsletter***

Nancy Dupuis

### ***Goodwill***

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### ***Board Observer***

Bill Jones

### ***OCRA Representative***

Jim Martin

### **Retirees' Voice Mail**

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### **Retirees' Website**

[www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tues., Feb. 19 - Trivial Pursuit Tuesday  
2:00 pm, Roseland with dinner to follow.
2. Bridge Club Dates:  
Feb. 12 + 26  
Mar. 12 + 26  
Apr. 9 + 23
3. Wed., Feb 27 - Thames Luncheon, 11:30 am, Smitty's
4. Wed., Mar. 27 - Thames Luncheon,  
11:30 am, Links of Kent Golf Course
5. Thurs., Apr. 25 - Thames Luncheon,  
11:30 am, Rossini's Restaurant
6. Wed., May 01 - Annual General Meeting,  
TBA, SportsPlex
7. Thurs., May 02 - Retiree Golf begins,  
9:30 am every Thursday at Woodland Hills
8. Wed., May 29, - Wind Turbine Tour at the Merlin  
Krueger Site, TBA, Lunch at Deer Run Golf Course

FOR QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
LISTING ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
RETIRES ASSOCIATION GO TO  
<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/retirees/calendar.htm>

## CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS??

Continue to receive the Retirees' Association information by updating your address.  
We do not share your contact information with anyone.

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or email to: [retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:retireeassociation@stclaircollege.ca)