



Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

June 2012

The Retiree dinner took place at the Marconi on June 5th and I was very pleased to see many of the retirees who come out regularly at our functions plus some who are generally not able to attend because they are still vacationing in warmer climates. Because the dinner was in June rather than our normal May period, Nancy Peters and Penny Gardiner joined us. Also, Vila Smith who recently retired from the Nursing faculty was able to join us. Welcome to all of you.

New Retirees

Other new retirees include Janine Timmermans, Support Services Officer with Job Connect in Blind River, Terry Foster of Job Connect in Elliott Lake, Dora Burzese from the Health Centre and Gus Grisdale, Director of Physical Resources.

Congratulations to all of you. I look forward to seeing many of you out at our twice-yearly socials.

Greetings/Regrets

I heard from several retirees who were unable to join us but who send their regrets and greetings: Penny Perrier, Walter Morrow, Bernie McComiskey, Ken McClelland, Joe Lucchetti,

Rick McGee, Joe Williams, Toni Provenzano,

Bruce Campbell, Joan Moore – traveling in the US visiting civil war sites, Judith Rose – living permanently in Port Coral Florida, Rick Wark – having surgery this week, Linda Tozer-Johnston: bird watching in USA, Marie Price – attending 60th year celebration with University of Toronto,

Gerry Page, was just here recently, Richard Page – family birthday, John Real in England and Ireland

Peggy Storey-Inkster—wedding next week,

Dora Burzese (new retiree)– out of town

Lou Oraziotti-just returned from Italy, Doug Heggart, and Dianne Armstrong – she and Barry will have all 9 grandchildren for the month of July!

Cards Update

Since last May Marg sent out 55 cards, 28 since our November lunch. Five were for the deaths of faculty/staff.

- Norm Barker
- Dorothy Vena
- Peter Pacque
- Charlie Shand
- Verdun Venn

A congratulatory note went out to Judy Morris who was faculty at Sault College but who is now President of Lambton College in Sarnia.

If you know of anyone who has passed away or someone who is not feeling well or just needs a note to let them know we are thinking of them, let Marg or myself know. It only takes a minute and we know it is appreciated. Marg has received calls to say how nice it is that someone cares.

Sault College Retirees Bursaries

This committee is made up of Harvey Robbins, Gwen Iburg and Heather Fox. Harvey reported that we have approximately \$24,200 in the fund. The capital is not touched and only the interest is used to support three \$300 awards annually.

We all know how the cost of living rises every year so we are hoping to increase these awards to \$500 each.

Retirees have been very generous with their support. If you are able to, please consider contributing a little more to this fund by forwarding a cheque made out to Sault College to

Student Financial Assistance Office

Room E1301, Sault College

443 Northern Avenue

P.O. Box 60, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5L3

Be sure to make a note that it is to be applied to the Sault College Retirees Award. Every dollar you contribute is matched by the government.

New Business

Canned Food Drive for Students: Most of us are aware that the College has a food bank for students. As each semester comes to a close, students' finances are stretched and a food bank helps them get through the semester.

I asked if retirees would be willing to have a canned food drive (any non-perishables, including hygiene items) when we meet in the College Gallery next Fall for our luncheon. The response was very positive and it was decided that's what we would do in the fall.

Thank you everyone for supporting this proposal.

Naming rights to a classroom: Recently I had a discussion with Dr. Ron Common, the President of Sault College about naming a classroom "Sault College Retirees". This would be different than contributing to "bricks and mortar" and Dr. Common volunteered to speak to the group and provide more details if there was an interest. The interest was there and I will make arrangements for him to speak to us at our Fall function if he is available.

Johnson Insurance: I was asked if retirees could purchase insurance from Johnson Insurance who may have better insurance rates, especially travel insurance. Apparently we have to be a group of at least 500 for them to offer coverage. After some emails back and forth, they said they could not work with our group because we were too small but they are considering dealing directly with the College. If that materializes, coverage could be extended to retirees as well. Stay tuned!

Email Addresses

If you are receiving a hard copy of this newsletter and have an email address, consider receiving it electronically. Provide me with your email address and I will take it from there. If your email has changed, let me know so that I can update your information.

Newsletter Contributions

Please feel free to provide me with information for this newsletter. I may be reached at rosecaicco@shaw.ca or at (705) 942-3891.

A Final Word

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of emergency, I think you should write, "A Good Doctor"!

Have a safe and health filled summer. See you in the fall.

Rose