



# Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

June 2015

Giovanni's Family Restaurant was a very lively place as about 40 retirees and friends celebrated friendships and connections. We have been having these lunches/dinners for TWELVE years. The first one was October 22, 2003. Wow—how time flies. As long as retirees continue to attend, I will continue to organize them (unless someone else wants to try their hand at it).

## New Retirees

Retirees since our last function in November include Suzanne Dunn (Co-Op Placement), Carol Patterson and Jane Borrelli (Library), Carmen Niessen (Social Sciences), Mary Ritza (Child and Youth Services) and Chris Zielinski (Natural Environment).

Chris was my Administrative Assistant when I was Dean of Business and Hospitality. She kept me organized and was a great help when I first took over from Gary Monteith. Many thanks Chris.

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

## Greetings/Regrets

As is always the case, not everyone can make it to the dinners but people do take the time to drop me a note to pass on their greetings and messages. These retirees include Marcy Ciferri, Fran Dew, Ron Doyle (with special congrats to Carol and Jane from the Library), Jim Erb (visiting grandchildren), Doug Heggart (hip replaced twice!), Gwen Iburg (moved to Batawa, Ontario), Rosemary LeBlanc (living in Welland but sends special congratulations to Chris and Mary Ritza), Walter Morrow (visiting grandkids in Southern Ontario), Mary Ritza, Brenda Rooney (Enjoy retirement and RELAX), Richard Page (visiting granddaughter in London, Ontario), Harvey Robbins, Rick Wing, Dianne Armstrong, Bob

Currell, Karen DeLuco, Terry Foster, Ron Fraser, Denise McCarrel, Kathy Nielson, Anne Reynolds, Peggy Storey-Inkster and Bob Tulloch.

Betty and Bruce Campbell passed on their best wishes and will be starting a new adventure as they move closer to family in Winnipeg. Best of luck and please stay in touch.

## Attendance

It occurred to me that I mention who was unable to attend but not who does. Sometimes people think this is a closed group so the following list will illustrate how all-inclusive we are.

Although we call ourselves Sault College Retirees, it includes friends of Sault College and spouses of retirees who have passed away.

Of special note is one former Sault College faculty member who arranged a vacation so that it would coincide with this dinner. Gerry Page came all the way from Sarnia to attend. Thank you Gerry for your commitment to our special group.

Other attendees included the following:

Angie Ballentine, Jane Borrelli, Carolene Coutu, Leslie Foster, Heather Fox, Penny Gardiner, John Giguere, Gloria Grummett and Mel Ursell, Hank Henderson, Jim Leacock, Joe Lucchetti, Mike McFarling, Gerry McGuire, Mary Melesky, Pat Monteith, Betty Parr, Carol Patterson, Nancy Peters, Marie Price, Diane Ramsay, Karen Robb, Marg Simpson, Betty and Gord Stone, Linda Tozer-Johnston, Valerie and Karol Uchmanowicz, Valerie Walker and Jerry Zuchlinski, Barbara White, Joe Williams, Chris Zielinski, Bob and Karen Zuccato.

## A Special Moment

Many of the retirees who attend our functions were very instrumental in the building of

programs at Sault College in its formative years. One of these retirees is Gordon Stone. Also attending the dinner was Jerry Zuchlinski. Gord told us Jerry was one of his first students when Gord started teaching at the college. Congratulations to you both.

### **Cards Update**

Since last year dinner in November, Marg sent out 31 cards, 4 were for the deaths of College employees.

- Edith Spitzbarth
- Carmine Fiore
- Eric Parlowe
- Lou Oraziatti

Thinking of you cards were also sent to Colin Rising, Mac Headrick, Gus Grisdale, Valerie Uchmanowicz, Carol Coutu, Harold Cooper, Gerry Page, Jim Fuller and Doug Heggart. All of these friends and colleagues have had some health challenges but have recovered or are well on their way. Our best wishes go out to all of you.

Cards are sent as well to anyone who might need a kind word and Marg does a fabulous job. She regularly receives feedback from people who receive her notes and they always let her know how much this small act of kindness means to them.

### **Sault College Retirees Bursaries**

Heather Fox reported that we currently have \$24,789 in this fund. Unfortunately, the interest rate is very low so the amount available for the awards is less than \$500 so that would mean we could only offer one \$300 award instead of our usual three.

After some discussion, the group voted to offer one award of \$500 and that we would work towards increasing the capital funds. Heather left envelopes at each table for the benefit of anyone wanting to make a tax deductible contribution.

In the past, the Government matched any contributions but they no longer do that so it is

more difficult to build on the capital. Retirees have been very generous and supportive in the past. If you wish to contribute, please forward a cheque made out to Sault College SBA to

**Student Financial Assistance Office  
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**.

### **Thank you Gwen and Carolene**

As many of you know Gwen and John Iburg have made Batawa, Ontario, their new home. Gwen has been part of the Retiree Awards Committee since its inception several years ago and we thank her for her input and support.

We welcome Carolene Coutu as Gwen's replacement. Thank you Carolene for agreeing to take this on.

### **Email Addresses**

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### **Newsletter Contributions**

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

### **A Final Word**

A consultant is someone who takes a subject you understand and makes it sound confusing.

May you have a wonderful summer, be spared bug bites and have to use lots of sun block!

*Rose*