



Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

May 2010

Our move to the Gran Festa Restaurant for spring dinner was well received by all in attendance. The service was great, the food was appreciated by all, and we were not rushed so there was plenty of time to visit and catch up.

The new retirees since our last get together are Valerie Uchmanowicz, Chris Delyzer, Nicole Hill and Bob Currell. Bob was able to join us as was his wife Linda. Congratulations to all our new retirees and we hope to see you out at our functions.

Greetings/Regrets

Since starting informally in 2003 with just a few retirees meeting for lunch, we now have approximately 70 who get together from time to time. Approximately another 100 stay in touch and send occasional messages. Here are some of the ones I received this time around.

Hank Henderson, recuperating from open heart surgery in April; Penny Gardiner will be back in two days; Marie Price – visiting Winnipeg where her 14 year old grandson, a student in the Royal Winnipeg Ballet school, has a fine part in a ballet; Ron/Linda Johnston – travelling and visiting in southern Ontario; Wally MacQuarrie – is awaiting surgery for prostate cancer and his prognosis is very good; Marg Hurtubise – in Port Isabel, Texas until the end of May; Marcy Ciferri – in Texas visiting her son; Judith Rose – in Cape Coral, FL visiting with her son but will be moving permanently to Florida in August. She sends her blessings and best wishes; Bernie McComiskey – visiting son; Elsie Lalonde – had cataract eye surgery and is waiting to have other one done; Bill Adolph – out of town; Angie Ballantyne – Regina at a Canadian Needlework seminar and then to Victoria to visit her son; Leslie Foster – in Ottawa visiting children/grandchildren; Harvey Robbins – has guests from out of town;

Joe Sufady – sends greetings but is performing with his choir; Ken McClelland – unable to attend but doing well and is even golfing this year; Manfred Engel – finished teaching and is vacationing in Florida for a couple of weeks. Regrets: Tycho Black, Nicole Hill, Rick McGee, Walter Morrow, Jerry Reed, Marilyn Robb, Lou Oraziotti, Toni Provenzano, Rosemary Reed, Faye Smedley and Sharon Lane.

Cards Update

Marg Simpson continues to send out cards to retirees and their families any time she is made aware of a passing, an illness, or just a note to someone who may need a little reminder that there are people out there thinking of them.

Since Marg's last report, we note the passing of two Sault College retirees.

- Ted Bowser, BTSD (Upgrading)
- Kay Sowka, Housekeeping

Marg sends out a very special thank you for the generosity of the retirees who were at the dinner. As you know, we do not have any fees or ask for money very often. It was necessary to "pass the hat" this time around to replenish the cash used to buy stamps and envelopes. The College prints the cards for us at no cost. The total collected amounted to \$80 which should keep us in the black for a couple of years, depending on activity levels.

Sault College Retirees Bursaries

Two Awards were presented this year in the sum of \$300 each. The recipients were

- Chelsea Fairservice – 1st year RPN from Schreiber
- Elyse Schneider – 1st year Adventure and Outdoor Recreation from Hamilton.

Chelsea had a friend join her from another program and Elyse's mom drove all the way up from

Hamilton for the presentation. This is just a reminder of just how important these awards are to students and their families.

Gwen Iburg and Heather Fox reported that the account had grown slightly and, with interest, was slightly under \$20,000. The interest portion is what is awarded. The principal cannot be accessed because most of these funds were matched by the provincial government. One of their conditions is that only the interest can be used for the awards.

At the present time, the Government of Ontario will continue to match funds. If you wish to make a contribution, you may do so at the Financial Aid Office at the College. Please be sure to inform them that it is for the Retiree Award and you will be issued a receipt for income tax purposes.

A Friend Steps Down

About the time we started work on our website, Myril Lynn Brason-Lediect retired from the College. Myril Lynn volunteered to work through Sault College to set it up and she did. Retirement has given her an opportunity to do some of the things she truly loves. If you caught the February issue of the Scuttlebutt, it gives a little insight into some of her activities which include working at locally-owned "Queen Street Beads" where she not only sells product, but instructs in the art of jewelry design. Other interests are genealogy, basket-weaving, historical re-enactments primarily at the Blind River Museum and our local Old Stone House. Of particular interest to Myril Lynn right now is preparing for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812—this through the Old Stone House. If you missed it, go to the retiree page on the College's website at www.saultcollege.ca and follow the links. She has also recently had surgery on her toe and needs to stay off her feet.

As a result of all these activities and more, Myril Lynn has stepped down from our committee. Personally, and on behalf of our retirees, thank you Myril Lynn for all your help.

Retiree Privileges

It is now possible for retirees to borrow items from the College that we were not able to do before, for example, audio-video equipment. You will need to contact the proper department to get permission.

Photo ID must now be arranged through the Library Services and not Lisa Bagnall. Please call to make

the proper arrangements. As you know, you are entitled to receive discounts in the Campus Shop and one Continuing Education course per year.

We have a new business offering retirees discounts. Gabi Doleske operates Oh Silk! and is offering a 15% discount for retirees with the Retiree ID card. Gabi has hand-dyed silk scarves and camisoles. They could make a wonderful gift for that special person in your life. Give her a call at 942-3673 to make arrangements to see her collection of over 1000 items.

College Luncheon

The following was received from the College.

Dear Friends,

It is that time of year again! All staff are looking forward to summer vacations, and plans are being made for the Annual Sault College Retirement and Service Luncheon.

This year's luncheon will be held in the Sault Campus Cafeteria on *Friday, June 18th*. The event will get underway at noon starting with a cash bar. Lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m., and presentations will start at 1:30 p.m. at which time retirees will be honored and service recognized. We will also honor and acknowledge a number of outstanding achievements made by various members of the Sault College team.

I hope you will be able to share a special occasion with us on June 18th.

Yours truly,

Rick Webb, CHRP
Director, Human Resources

Did You Know?

If you are travelling to foreign countries, it is very advisable to register with Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada at <http://voyage.dfait-maeci.gc.ca>. Leo and I recently travelled to Chile. We were there about the time they had their devastating earthquake. We had actually travelled over the area a few days before and we had emailed our daughter that we were safe. The Foreign Affairs Office actually telephoned our daughter and made very detailed inquiries about our safety. Even though they were reassured that we were safe, they followed up with an email to me a few days later. I often wondered if these agencies worked. This is one example that they do!

On another matter, Gloria Grummett has some advice for us. If you have ever put a claim in to Sun Life and had it rejected, Gloria recommends you “question, question, question”. Both Gloria and I have had personal experiences in that regard and have had our claims rejected, reviewed and subsequently paid. This may not always be the case but Gloria’s point is to not take a rejection of a claim without questioning and being satisfied with the response.

Registry of Retiree Interests

The results of the survey I conducted several months ago are now ready. My original intent was to upload them on our website for easy access. The point was made that there may be some hobbies like stamp or coin collecting that might be at risk of getting into the wrong hands. This was great feedback so the survey results will be emailed or sent by regular mail so that it restricts access to our group.

The survey included hobbies as well as the names of people and where they travelled. An additional list is made up of retirees who want information on prospective travel. At this point, I will leave it up to you to contact each other. I am prepared to set up presentations if enough people are interested. For example if retirees want to know more about travel to certain destinations and we have retirees who

have been there, I can facilitate that. Just let me know.

Email addresses

If you have changed your email address, please let me know. It eliminates “bounced” messages and ensures you receive information in a timely manner. If you haven’t provided me with your email address please do so now. It cuts down on costs and saves precious time.

Newsletter Contributions

All contributions are welcome. Please feel free to contact me at rose.caicco@sympatico.ca or by telephone at 942-3891.

A Final Word

If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

Regards,

Rose

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