



Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

November 2010

I can't thank retirees enough for the wonderful response to the lunch at Sault College. We had a waiting list for the first time ever.

The staff and students always treat us like royalty. Chef Sarah Birkenhauer creates a masterpiece every time we are in the Gallery so it should come as no surprise that Sarah was nominated to receive this year's Premier's Awards for outstanding college graduates. Sarah is a Sault College graduate.

"The Premier's Awards celebrate the many successes of Ontario's college graduates," said Dr. Ron Common, President, Sault College. "We are proud of the achievements of our graduates and are pleased to see them being honoured at this year's Premier's Awards."

Sarah was also recognized on the Ontario Hospitality Institute's list as one of **Canada's "Top 30 under 30"**. They recognize young people on their way up in the foodservice and hospitality industries.

Congratulations Sarah! We are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of your passion for quality cuisine.

New Retirees

The new retirees since our last get together are Jim Thomas, Forestry Technician, Valerie Eddy, Administrative Assistant to Rich Peters, and Wanda Mathewson-Ford from Financial Aid. Congratulations to all our new retirees and we hope to see you out at our functions.

Greetings/Regrets

As is expected, some retirees could not join us but did contact me to send their greetings and messages.

Pat Story, on her way to Phoenix; Dianne Armstrong is in Vancouver and sends greetings to all, especially the new retirees; Judith Rose, from Florida said these gatherings were always dear to her and is thinking of us. Judith has moved to Florida permanently. Joan Moore is on her way to Machu Picchu, Peru; Nancy Peters is on her way to Florida; Penny Gardiner is travelling; Harvey

Robbins is on his way to Egypt and Jordan; Jim Leacock is visiting his son in Calgary; Doug Heggart is babysitting his three grandkids and is busy building/renovating again; Bev Browning is getting ready for another knee surgery.

Regrets from: Ron Fraser, Linda Headrick, Myril Lynn Brason Lediett, Gerry McGuire, Mary Melesky and Leslie Foster.

Cards Update

Marg Simpson has had numerous cards to send out since our last function. If you know of a retiree or a retiree's family member who has passed away or is ill, let Marg know and she will send a note as a reminder that there are people out there thinking of them. We get feedback from some of these people who are always grateful that we remembered them.

Since Marg's last report, we note the passing of Sault College retiree Tiit Tammik. He was fondly remembered at a gathering of friends and family earlier this year.

Several of our retirees were not feeling well or just needed a note to let them know we are thinking of them. These included Norm Barker (now residing at the Davey Home), Colin Rising, Ralph Huculak and Elsie Lalonde.

Sympathy cards went out to the following: Val and Karl Uchmanowicz (Karl's father passed away); Don and Ruth Morrison (Ruth's mother Ausie Biguzs passed away); Jim Fuller and Laurie Barbeau (re passing of Jim's mother); Tom and Darlene Cook (re passing of Tom's mother Dorothy McLarty (Cook) and Susan (Morrison) Cook; Ruth Wilson and husband John Schnablegger (re passing of John's mother); Heather Fox re passing of her infant grandson; Brian Mick re passing of his wife Anna; Les Harvey re passing of his wife Lillian.

Thanks Marg for keeping us in touch with retirees and their families.

Sault College Retirees Bursaries

Gwen Iburg reported we have \$20,071.68 in trust earning approximately \$76 per month in interest or just over \$900 per year. If we could add about \$1,100 to the current balance we could earn \$1,000 a year in interest indefinitely. The interest portion is what is awarded every year. The principal cannot be accessed because most of these funds were matched by the provincial government. 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 Accounting 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.

New Business

There's a lot happening in and around Sault College. Please read the following items carefully so that you don't miss out on anything.

Virtual tour of Sault College

Are you interested in getting a sneak preview of the construction going on at the College? The President has offered to provide us with a virtual tour in the Multi Media Center. The proposed date is December 13th but stay tuned for final arrangements to be announced.

Retirees' Memories Project

All retirees are invited to help record and preserve some of the rich history of Sault College, including the eras when the institution was the Sault Campus of Cambrian College and the Ontario Vocational Centre.

A project is underway to, over time, collect and retain retirees' memories and stories from their experiences at the college.

Their recollections will be compiled in audio (and perhaps video) and print formats, with copies being retained at the college, the Sault Ste. Marie Museum and the Sault Ste. Marie Library. Information will also be provided to the Ontario Historical Society. The Internet provides another natural outlet.

Retirees can contribute to this effort by sharing their memories and stories. This can be done in different ways, according to each retiree's (including those who don't live in the Sault area) preference.

Participants can add to the collection by being interviewed/recorded by other retirees who are volunteering their time to this project. People can be recorded in small groups or individually.

Some retirees may prefer to record themselves and that's fine, too. Others may prefer to put their thoughts down on paper and that also works perfectly well.

Interested retirees are welcomed to help with some of the tasks involved. They include interviewing/recording other retirees, transcribing and proofreading.

If you would like to pitch in, please contact Rick McGee who is leading the project. Several people have already volunteered to help out. They include Toni Provenzano, Carol Coutu, Gwen Iburg and Joe Lucchetti.

Some retirees have already agreed to share their memories.

If you would like to connect with Rick, you can reach him at mcgeewrites@gmail.com or 575-8601.

Project updates will be provided at future luncheons and through the retiree newsletter.

In Other Business

The College is embarking on a capital campaign. Since retirees are part of the alumni group, we may be contacted in the future to get involved. I am not sure at this point just how this would play out and what role we might play, if any. I just want retirees to be aware that I have been contacted and have not committed to do anything.

An Invitation

Dear Friends of Sault College:

You are cordially invited to attend the College's Staff Holiday Social which will be held as follows:

Thursday, December 23rd from 2-4 pm
in the College's Cafeteria

I hope on behalf of your friends at the College that you will make a point of placing this function on your calendar. We look forward to sharing this event with you.

Yours truly,

Rick Webb, CHRP
Director, Human Resources

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 rosecaicco@shaw.ca or by telephone at 942-3891. Please note the new email address.

A Final Word

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

Regards,

Rose