



# Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

November 2014

A last minute situation caused me to change my travel plans so that I was unable to be back in time for the dinner. I have always said that I have some of the best people possible on our Informal Committee (IC) and this is a case in point. With a couple of simple phone calls, Gloria Grummett and Marg Simpson took over and everything went on as planned. Thank you ladies.

## New Retirees

We have three new retirees since our last function – Lillian Currier, Karen DeLuco, and Sheila Patterson. Welcome to the Sault College Retirees. We wish you many years of health and happiness. We hope to see you at future functions.

## Food Bank Donations

Ally Golding of the Student Union was there to accept the food donations brought in by retirees and you were very, very generous. Ally thanked everyone for continuing to support Sault College students.

## Greetings/Regrets

Retirees continue to travel far and wide but they still stay in touch.

Harvey and Ida Robbins, Machu Picchu (Peru) and the Galapagos; Phil and Sharon Lemay, Florida; Penny Gardiner, Florida; Doug Heggart, just back from Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore; Rosemary LeBlanc, Florida (now living in Welland); Karen Robb, travelling south; Toni Provenzano, travelling to England/ Ireland; Ron Fraser, in Halifax; Gwen and John Iburg, moved permanently to Batawa (10 min north of Trenton), selling her home on Greenview Lane in spring, Palm Springs for the winter.

Greetings also from Doris Boissoneau who is recovering from surgery on her ankle; Joe Williams has a new knee and hopes he can now keep up golfing with Jim Erb who has two new hips! Bonnie is doing well; Cindy Trainor; Penny Perrier; Marg Hurtubise; Leslie Foster; Gerry

McGuire who has just completed his last chemo treatment and who said he is doing better than he was ten years ago – great news Gerry!

Thank you all for making the effort to stay in touch. That is very important and is much appreciated.

## Attendance at dinners

Attendance at the past couple of dinners has been around 30 which is quite low compared to our 40-50 at previous functions. I asked Marg to get feedback from the group to see if we wanted to make changes, perhaps dropping down to one function per year.

What came back was that we might want to consider a lunch for the fall because some retirees don't like to drive in the winter darkness but to continue with two functions. If this is the decision, we will not be able to have lunches in the Gallery – now renamed Willow – because they only serve dinners on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Feel free to make reservations by emailing [willow@saultcollege.ca](mailto:willow@saultcollege.ca) or calling 705-759-2554, ext 2513.

Another suggestion was to have it earlier say, October, to catch retirees who are already on their way south.

Your feedback is important so please email me or call me at the numbers at the end of this newsletter.

## Cards Update

Marg reported that she sent out a total of 45 cards with 28 of those being sympathy cards. Marg sends them out not only to families of retirees but also to friends who are still employed at Sault College. This is another way to show that retirees continue to support Sault College. Thanks Marg for continuing to do a fine job.

### Sault College Retirees Bursaries

Representatives of this committee were unable to attend but we are still looking for donations to increase our awards either from three to four or to increase the amount from \$350 to \$500.

As I mentioned before, the government no longer matches donations made to this fund so it will be more difficult to increase the total.

Anyone interested in contributing to the account should contact the Financial Aid Office. Any cheques should say that the funds are to be directed to the Retiree Awards. The College will provide income tax receipts.

### College's Staff Christmas Social

Dear Friends of Sault College:

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

Friday, December 19th at 2 p.m.  
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, please, 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 time.

### Newsletter Contributions

If you have a story to tell or want something included in this newsletter, please contact me at [rosecaicco@shaw.ca](mailto:rosecaicco@shaw.ca) or by telephone at (705) 942-3891.

It may be a little early but one would never know by the snow we received recently so I will take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2015.

I am reminded also of some of Jack Layton's thoughts.

*My friends, love is better than anger.*

*Hope is better than fear.*

*Optimism is better than despair.*

*So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic.*

*And we'll change the world.*

*Rose*