



Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

November 2008

Our fall dinner was a little later than usual this year due to my travel schedule but we still had almost 40 people out. Some "snowbirds" have already left for warmer climates and several retirees were out hunting but we had a good turnout nonetheless. As always, it was great to see everyone at North 82.

The newest retirees since our April dinner are as follows: Jack Bowes, Dennis Clement-Socchia, Fran Dew, John Giguere, Ida Guido, David Kelly, Mike McFarling, John Mitchell, Richard Page, Toni Provenzano, Peter Szilagyi and Ruth Wilson. Fran Dew and her husband Larry as well as Toni Provenzano was able to join us. By the time you receive this newsletter, Sally Kennedy and Esterina Pucci will have retired. Congratulations to everyone and we hope to see you at future dinners.

The following retirees contacted me indicating prior commitments and sent their regrets. Hopefully we will see them out at our next dinner on April 8th in the Gallery.

- Gwen Iburg – working at flu clinic
- David Kelly – receiving chemo
- Judith Rose – Egypt
- Marg Hurtubise – babysitting one and only grandchild in southern Ontario!
- Tycho Black – other commitment
- Carol Coutu – on a well deserved vacation
- Barb and Wally MacQuarrie – had reserved but had to change plans
- Rick McGee
- Joyce Batter
- Judy Henderson
- Sharon Lane
- Jim Korrey – is in Florida already
- Penny & Gary Gardiner – away
- Ron Doyle
- Tom Cook – Knee surgery in London, November 6th
- Jim Erb – daughter (Associate Registrar at Kings College at the University of Western Ontario) going to Trinidad on business and asked him to join her.
- Sharon Lane – serving at a dinner
- Bob Tulloch
- Myril Lynn Brason-Lediatt
- Doug & Diane Heggart – chair of animal shelter in BR and had a meeting
- Angie Ballantyne
- Gloria Grummett – sick with a cold
- Mel Ursell – cold
- Denise McCarrel

Marg Simpson has sent out 131 cards since 2005 when we started acknowledging new retirees, deaths of retirees/loved ones or just a "Thinking of You" card. More than half of those have been sent out since

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our last dinner in October. Sault College has graciously provided us with printed cards and we buy the envelopes and stamps. This (and name tags) are the only expenditures our group has and we “passed the hat” for this purpose. If anyone knows of someone who is ill or who would appreciate a card, contact Marg at marg.bert26@shaw.ca or by telephone at 945-8674. Thanks Marg for all your hard work.

Sault College Retirees Award

Harvey Robbins had some very positive updates with respect to these funds. Our account now stands at over \$10,000 and the Committee's report is reproduced below. Thank you Harvey and Gwen for overseeing this on behalf of the Retirees. If you haven't made a contribution and would like to do so, please send your cheque to Sault College and clearly mark it for the Sault College Retirees Award. The government matches contributions and an income tax receipt will be sent to you by the College. As our funds grow, so do the number of awards we can grant.

Retirees Award – Update November 2008

We have some very positive news regarding the Retirees Award. As most of you are aware, an annual award in the amount of \$300 is given to a worthy first year student (who also has a bona fide financial need) in any college program. At last spring's dinner, I reported that we had \$4,125 in the capital fund, which would generate \$200 in interest income by this winter's SBA evening.

I am most pleased to report that we now have \$10,105 in the fund including \$360 in interest income. Thus the fund is now self-supporting on a continuous basis. For the time being, I would recommend we allow the extra interest income to build up and consider a second \$300 award when sufficient extra income has accumulated. At this point, we should be able to do so every second year. An advantage that we now have as well is that all new donations are eligible for the matching Ontario Government grant.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those donors (I assume they are retirees) who have made contributions of nearly \$3,000 since this past spring thus triggering the matching government grants. The donors remain anonymous and only the college employees who process the payments are aware of who they are (and they are bound to secrecy). I am aware only that the donations were not bequeathed.

New contributions, large or small, are always welcome and all will now trigger the matching government contribution. We are all most fortunate in having secure pensions in this uncertain world and sharing a little with a needy, but worthy, student is a fine thing indeed. I would like to encourage those who have not made a contribution, especially those who have joined our retired ranks in the last year, to do so. Perhaps we can even reach our goal of giving out a second scholarship earlier than expected.

The best way to make an anonymous contribution is by sending a cheque to Terry Ableson at the college. But make sure you indicate that it is for the Retirees Award.

Once again thanks so much for your support.

Your award committee:

Harvey Robbins

Gwen Iburg

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Remembrance Book

Carol Coutu continues to be in charge of the Remembrance Book and, whenever possible, includes a photo of the deceased. You can order directly from Paula Cormier AK Graphics <Paula.Cormier@saultcollege.ca> or through Carol by telephone at 759-7902 or email at carolene.coutu@sympatico.ca. These are black and white booklets and the cost is \$1.50. If your computer can handle a PDF file, let me know and I can mail you one by email. If, when reviewing the Remembrance Book, you notice any errors or omissions, please let Carol know so that she can make corrections.

The updates this year include the following:

Faculty and Staff

Kitty DeRosario

John Wiskin

Richard Pearman

Hazel Green

Alice Miller

Robert (Bud) Gallagher

Sandra Pold (Part-time Support Staff: Campus Shop)

Bill Armstrong

Graduates:

Freddy Albert

Graduate: 1995 Environmental Engineering Technician Program

Graduate: 1996 Environmental Engineering Technology Program

Dana Tomljanovich

Graduated: 1995 Native Community Worker - Addiction Counsellor Program

Former Student:

Brandon Krusch, Aviation Program

Retiree ID Cards

If you don't have your photo ID, please contact Lisa Bagnall at Sault College (some time after the New Year please). Many businesses give seniors' discounts starting at age 50 or 55. Some examples:

- Zeller's restaurant offers a 10% discount to anyone over 55 as well as 10% in store discount on the 1st Monday of the month
- Pet Food Store at Churchill Plaza has 10% seniors day on the first Monday of every month for anyone over 55
- Market Mall Pharmacy and Shopper's Drug Mart—20% on the last Thursday of the month for anyone over 55

I am sure there are others but these are below the standard age 65 for seniors. A College ID card could be helpful.

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Parking Passes

For those of you who have parking passes, they will be mailed out in early January. For new retirees, you need to make arrangements through the College and they will issue a parking permit which will allow you to park free of charge in a designated lot. Please contact Gina Drinkwater to make arrangements.

CAAT Pension

In the event you need to change your bank information, address, telephone number and/or beneficiary status, Gina Drinkwater in Human Resources have a form that you need to complete. You can contact her at 759-2554 extension 2696 and she can forward the information if you need. There is also a toll free number if you would like to speak to someone at the pension office. It is 1-866-350-2228.

Email addresses

If you have email and you are not on my distribution list, please forward it to me. It is still the best way to contact everyone quickly. I will not be sending out the Scuttlebutt via email any longer. It created problems with some accounts.

Please feel free to comment on anything in this newsletter by email at rose.caicco@sympatico.ca or by phone at 942-3891.

Our next dinner will be on April 8th in the Gallery at Sault College so mark it on your calendar and I will provide you with particulars closer to that date.

Rick Webb, Director of Human Services at the College sent out an invitation to all retirees to attend the College's annual Christmas function, which will be held on Wednesday, December 24th starting at 1:00 p.m. in the College's cafeteria. Since the season is almost upon us let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. May all your problems be little ones and may you be surrounded by family and friends.

Regards,

Rose