



Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

April 2007

I have had numerous comments from retirees that they like the Retiree Newsletter and would like to see it continued. One of the advantages of organizing this is that I am in contact with so many people.

It is very gratifying to have retirees contact me from wherever they may be (Spain, Mexico, Arizona, Florida, P.E.I.) to say they won't be able to attend the most recent dinner on April 18th but to please say hello on their behalf.

- Vera Hobbs – out-of-town
- Judith Rose – out of town
- Gwen/John Iburg – winter in Mexico
 - On to England for a wedding
 - On to Holland to visit John's family
- Doris/Ken Clarke (Ken broke his leg and had to have surgery)
- Ruth Williamson
- Heather Fox – selected by Q104 be one of 104 contestants hoping to win a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. (She made it to the last few but no bike!)
- Ron Doyle from Kingston
- Tim Meyer still stays in touch
- Fran Valade
- Dorinda Marquardt

Since our last dinner, Marg. Simpson, sent cards on behalf of us to the following:

- Jim Foster
- Ed Caple
- Tom Cook
- Kelly Sweeney
- Theresa Prentice
- Rex Leeson
- Edith Spitzbarth
- Gord Frech
- Jenny Jenkins (Bill's widow)
- Mary MacLean (Gary's wife)
- Alvin Mortimer (Thank you for all his help with retiree mailings)

Since our last Retiree Newsletter, we have lost a good friend in the person of Bill McGauley.

Whenever possible, I attend the wakes (as do others) to pay our respects. Marg sent sympathy cards as deemed appropriate and these included the following:

- Nancy Davison, Paul McLarty's partner
- Penny Perrier (loss of her sister)
- Vivian Graham, widow of Harry Graham
- Kaye and Gerry McGuire (Mrs. Bumpstead, Kaye's mother)
- John McGauley and family on Bill's passing

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- Retiree Bursary update: As of April 18th, we had \$880. A generous donation the evening of our April dinner brought us up to \$1,080. Terry Ableson said bursaries of \$250 are more appropriate for today's times and we could either offer it or continue to raise funds or we could wait and try to raise enough to offer one in perpetuity. I had sent out an email earlier asking for volunteers and Harvey Robbins and Gwen Iburg have come forward. We would like one more volunteer who can then meet and make some recommendations on criteria which would then be brought forward to the retirees for approval.

If anyone has suggestions for this committee, please let us know. If you are interested in getting involved, please call or email me. The time commitment should not be onerous. I foresee the committee making their recommendation, presenting it to the group at one of our dinners, and then leaving it up to the Sault College Scholarship, Bursary and Awards Committee to make the final selections.

If anyone wants to make a contribution, please send it to Sault College with a note that it is for the Retiree Bursary and you will receive the appropriate receipt for income tax purposes.

- Convocation volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Convocation on May 25th at the Steelback Centre, please let me know. I will be representing retirees this year and another retiree should do this next year.
- Thanks to my committee: Marg , Gloria, Myril Lynn and Carol. They have been busy working on several projects.

Myril Lynn & Carol on updating our website. Part of the website will include retiree photos taken at some of our events. Written permission is required to use these photos and most of you signed the release form. Photos will not be posted without permission.

Carol is working on producing letterhead for us now that we have our own logo. The College will print a supply for us.

- We would like to buy a self-inking, return address stamp with our Retiree's logo on it so we can use it in our communications but, as we did not have enough money, we passed the hat for this and, for more postage and envelopes. \$61 was collected. One of our retirees came forward and kindly offered to pay for the stamp for us (thank you Ron Bridge) so all funds collected will now go towards postage and envelopes when we have mail outs.
- Soogrammas Unlimited are having a fund raising lunch on May 6th at 12:30 at the Water Tower Inn. They are part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation and it's not only for grandmas. They welcome anyone who is interested in helping grandmothers in Africa who are raising their orphaned grandchildren, many of whom are HIV positive. Includes speaker from Stephen Lewis Foundation. I was in South Africa last year and saw how difficult it is for these grandmothers to raise these children who are the innocent victims in all of this. Tickets are \$20 and all the proceeds will go to the grandmothers (through the Foundation). I have some tickets so please contact me if you are interested.

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 in the fall. Have a great summer!

Regards,

Rose