



Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

April 2008

Even though the Soo Greyhounds were playing a very important game (which they won, of course), we had a capacity crowd of 50 for our Retiree dinner in the Gallery. Thank you to all who come out and for those who continue to stay in touch.

Our congratulations have gone out to Marcy Ciferri who retired just before Christmas. Marcy was a student prior to joining the college and now she joins our illustrious group and has already started her travels by going to Cuba. Susan (Morrison) Cook retired just a few weeks ago and, of course, our congratulations go out to Susan as well. We look forward to seeing both these ladies at our dinners.

Regrets came in from the following:

- Mary Melesky – dislocated finger and is in London for surgery
- Nancy Peters – in Florida until April 25th
- Diane/Doug Heggart – committed to a fundraiser for Animal Care and Rescue.
“Best wishes for a warm and leisurely summer”
- Marg Hurtubise – out of town commitment
- Dianne Armstrong – visiting grandchildren in Vancouver
- Marie Price – another commitment
- Pat Story – out of town
- Marcy Ciferri – Cuba
- Don and Ruth Morrison—in Texas until the end of the month
- Warren Robertson
- Barbara White – out of town
- Bev Browning – out of town

Our Social Convener, Marg Simpson, sent “Thinking of You” cards to 32 retirees since our last dinner in the fall. These included sympathy cards to the families of Kitty DeRosario, John Wiskin, Richard Pearman and Hazel Green. 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 945-86/4. Thanks Marg for staying on top of this.

It was great seeing Jim Korrey at our dinner. Jim is recovering nicely from a stroke this past winter and is usually in Florida doing everything he can to avoid the snow. According to Joe, Bonnie Williams is also coming along very well after her surgery. Last, but not least, Kelly Sweeney is recovering from a broken shoulder. Our best goes out to Jim, Bonnie and Kelly, as well as others who may be “under the weather”.

Sault College Retirees Award

Harvey Robbins reported on the first Sault College Retirees Award. This year's recipient was Andrew Bannon, a first year Business student and he was in attendance at the awards night on March 18th. Andrew's thank you letter gives a little of his background and is included in this newsletter.

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This committee is made up of Harvey Robbins and Gwen Iburg and our thanks go out to them for all the work they did and continue to do on our behalf. Harvey reported that the account now has approximately \$4,300 made up of direct contributions (retiree and memoriam donations) and matching government funds.

Currently, the interest generated is \$200, which means we will need to make up the \$100 shortfall for the next award. We will continue to add to the account and hopefully it will build to the point where it generates at least \$300 in income. If you have not made a donation and wish to do so, please forward it to the Financial Aid Office at Sault College and clearly mark the cheque for the Retirees Award. They will mail out an income tax receipt.

Remembrance Book

When Carol Coutu was still working at the College, she kept the Remembrance Book current. Carol is continuing to do this as a retiree. She met with Dr. Common, the new President, to ensure that we have his support and was assured that we do.

Carol had copies of the book at the dinner and is taking orders for anyone wishing to have their own copy. Retirees 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.

Sault College Alumni

I met earlier in the year with Dr. Common to discuss our Retiree group and generally, to have an exchange of ideas. He is very supportive of our efforts to stay in touch with each other and with the College. In fact, it was his intention to attend our dinner but he was away in Africa working on some educational projects.

Among other things, he asked if retirees would be willing to be a resource to a staff person who would head up an Alumni Office. You may recall I asked for volunteers and several came forward including Ken McClelland, Gloria Grummett, Carol Coutu, Lou Oraziotti, Roger St. Jules and Joe Williams. Thank you.

Susan Hunter, Director, Promotion Services (who worked with Joe Williams as a summer student about 20 years ago) gave a brief presentation and asked for us to be a resource for this person when the position is filled. This is where the volunteers come in and we may be asked to pitch in, depending on the direction this takes.

Presentation on Africa

Thank you to Harvey Robbins for his wonderful presentation on his trip to southern Africa. It was great to see so many stay after the dinner to hear about Harvey and Ida's travels. It also produced some requests for other retirees to do the same. It doesn't have to be in the form of slides or PowerPoint but could be as simple as giving us highlights, what to do, what to avoid, etc. If you have had really good service or found some "real deals", share those with us as well. Many retirees like to travel and to hear about your experiences too.

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Suggestions please

My last request for suggestions didn't yield any but that doesn't mean you can't make one now or at any time one pops into your head. I'd love to hear from you.

Please feel free to comment on anything in this newsletter by email at rose.caicco@sympatico.ca or by phone at 942-3891. If you are not receiving email from me, please let me know so I can add you to my list.

Occasionally, I "lose" an email from my distribution list and I am at a loss to explain why. I apologize if that has happened to you. Please help me stay current and email me at the above address.

Our next dinner will be in the fall and the consensus appears to be to continue with North 82.

Regards,

Rose