



Sault College Retirees' Newsletter

October 2007

Once again we had a great turnout for our semi-annual dinner (approximately 46) and if the noise level at North 82 was any indication, there was a lot to catch up on. Every time we get together, we have new retirees and guests join us. We gave a special welcome to Tycho Black who joined us this year as part of the latest group of retirees.

You may have already heard that the "mystery retiree" was former president Ron Doyle and his guest Helga Bellmore who travelled from Kingston to join us. Ron shared a short video with us of his skydiving adventure last May. At age 77, Ron realized one of his dreams—to fly like a bird. He's a strong believer of following one's dream while you are still able and not to let age get in the way. Way to go Ron!

It was wonderful to see Kitty DeRosario and Ruth Williamson. Both ladies have not been well enough to come out for a while so thank you Kitty and Ruth for joining us.

Once again, the interest in staying in touch was demonstrated by the number of retirees who contacted me to extend their regrets and to say hello on their behalf. This includes the following:

- Sharon Lane, Rene Steuer, and Roger St. Jules who, together with Tycho, retired this year
- Marg Hurtubise – attending Shaw Festival
- Bob Tulloch
- Linda Tozer-Johnston
- Joan Moore – travelling to South Carolina
- Ken McClelland – under the weather
- Leslie Foster
- Ivan and Pat Murphy – away
- Gwen Iburg
- Peter Savich
- Walter Morrow

With the money collected last time we met, Marg. Simpson, purchased stamps and envelopes. You will recall Sault College kindly prints off cards with our Retiree logo on it but we need to provide the envelopes. The cards are blank and Marg sends them out with a message on our behalf. Since our last dinner, cards have gone out to the following:

- Thank-you note to the Hospitality students for their service as well as to Professor Deron Tett for the excellent training provided
- Norm Barker

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- Cindy Onofrio – not a retiree She is ill and off on sick leave
- Kelly Sweeney – under the weather
- Mike Farelli – fell and hurt himself at Sault College
- Ken McClelland – has not been feeling well

Since our last Retiree Newsletter, retirees Ken Clarke and Ed Caple have passed away and Marg. sent sympathy cards. Other retirees or former Sault College colleagues have lost loved ones and cards have been sent out to them as well. These include the following:

- Fran Valade – mother-in-law passed away
- Wally MacQuarrie – death of his son Scott
- Stan Fischer – mother passed away
- Tom and Darlene Cook – passing of Darlene's mother
- Vera Hobbs – mother passed away
- Valerie Uchmanowicz – father passed away

Retiree Bursary update:

The Retiree Bursary Committee is made up of Harvey Robbins and Gwen Iburg. Gwen had another commitment and Harvey presented their recommendations.

- The award would go to a student in need of financial support in any college program so that the award is not tied into one specific program
- The award will be for \$300
- That the award is to be presented this school year. Awards night is March 18, 2008
- That we not wait until we have sufficient money to generate interest to cover the award
- That any shortfall be made up of direct donations until such time as the fund is able to generate enough interest.

Harvey collected a total of \$410 in donations from retirees at the dinner and it was agreed that the shortfall could be taken out of that sum.

As of the night of the dinner, the College had received a total of \$1,750 in donations. We received several donations as a result of requests made by the families of deceased retirees. These donations were made in lieu of flowers and our thanks go out to them for their thoughtfulness.

In order for the fund to be self-sufficient and for awards to be offered in perpetuity, we need to bring our total direct contributions to \$5,000. With matching government funds, this will become at least \$10,000 so if you just haven't got around to sending in your cheque, please take a minute and do so now. Make cheques out to Sault College SBA Committee and reference retiree bursary. They will send you a receipt for income tax purposes.

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Website update

Carol Coutu and Myril-Lynn Brason-Lediect manage our website. It can be found by keying in www.saultcollege.ca/scretirees/default.htm or go to the Sault College website at www.saultcollege.ca. At the bottom right-hand corner of the home page, you will see “search contents”; enter the word retirees, and it will take you to several pages, including one that has photos of retirees who were present at our dinners. It's fun to see everyone so if you were unable to attend, visit the site and enjoy the photos. The website will be updated to make our site more user-friendly but that will have to wait until the College updates its own site which I understand is, as they say, “under construction”.

Suggestions always welcome

I am always looking for suggestions and ideas for our group. A couple were put forth at the get-together and I would like to get input from you. Do you want speakers at our dinners? This doesn't necessarily have to be at every function but are there topics which would interest you? Let me know topics and names of speakers and I'll make the necessary arrangements.

Another idea was to form reading groups. There are a lot of avid readers amongst us. Would anyone be interested in forming or participating in one?

The final suggestion for this round came from Doug Heggart. Doug suggested having volunteers who would be willing to visit anyone who can't get out or who may need a ride to the dinners. I think this is a great idea but it is important to remember that some people are very private while others would welcome the company. Please let me know your thoughts on any of these suggestions and feel free to offer others.

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 Gallery in April. It may be a little early but Christmas will be upon us before we know it. Have a great Christmas holiday filled with family and friends!

Regards,

Rose