



Retirees Association of Mohawk College News Letter October 1998

Autumn is upon us together with the threat of *La Niña*. Although the summer was very dry and the tomatoes very small, at least we did not have to cut the grass very often.

There were only two scheduled events since we mailed the last news letter, the Mohawk Garage Sale and the trip to Cullen Gardens in Oshawa. The garage sale was successful, with three members taking advantage of the tables supplied by your association.

Unfortunately the trip to Cullen Gardens had to be cancelled because of the poor response.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following two new members to the board: Geoff Brooker and Doreen Vallente

Once again your input is solicited. Your comments, suggestions, ideas for trips, news of members and anything else that you think maybe of interest to other members are always welcome.

Coming Events

- Nov. 18 **Norbalis** Canadian Stage Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts Toronto. **Sold out.**
Dec. 4 **Christmas Lights** – Lewiston N.Y

In Memoriam

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of the following members: **Harold Buck**, retiree from Business Dept., **Edward "Ted" Brown** retiree from the Brantford Campus and. **Shaheed Mohammed**, retiree from the Humanities Dept. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

News of Members

Alan Gregson has the *Entertainment* discount coupon books for sale. Contact Alan at 627-7448

We extend our sympathy to **Geoff Brooker** who recently lost his father.

Alan Gregson reports that **Lloyd Smith**, will be honoured at a celebration of his eightieth birthday on Saturday, Oct. 24, at Christ Church parish hall in Flamboro. All Lloyds friends and former colleagues are invited. In lieu of gifts a donation, either in cash or food for St. Mathews House, would be appreciated. Please let Pat or Pete Smith at (905) 627-1879 know if you plan to attend.

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If you have an email address and have not yet given it to Carl Easton (windy@interlynx.net), please do so. Although a listing of email addresses is planned for the retirees' web page at the college website (www.Mohawkc.on.ca), your address will not be included without your explicit permission.

Also your editor is no longer monitoring the email address mohawk_retirees@hotmail.com on a regular basis. Please direct your messages to mbwelsh@ican.net

McMaster Invites

- ▶ Wednesday October 28, 1998, Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Major Barbara \$50.00 pp including transportation and lunch.
- ▶ Thursday November 26, Cullen Gardens & Miniature Village and Festival of Lights, Whitby, Ontario \$47.00 pp including transportation and dinner.

For further information on any or all of the above contact **Joy Baby at (905) 527 2865**

Ale Trail

Ever mindful of delightful little outings for the membership, your editor took to the ale trail. On the Ale Trail are six craft breweries, three in Guelph, two in Waterloo and one in Elora. Some of the breweries offer tours, but the main object of the visits is to sample their wares. The samples are generous and the products varied. They resemble the normal mainline "Molbat" beers in name only.

In Guelph are: Sleeman Brewing and Malting at 551 Clair Road,, F&M Brewery at 335 Elmira Rd., Unit 135, and Wellington County Brewery at 950 Woodlawn Road West.

At Sleemans, the largest of the Guelph breweries tours are available and the approach is more formal than at the smaller breweries. If you wish to tour the brewery you must not have on open toed shoes though – safety regulations.

F&M is the smallest of the Guelph breweries, but by no means the least. It is tucked away in a mall and sampling their Stone Hammer Pilsner is a must. Their products are only available at the brewery.

Wellington County Brewery is mid sized in comparison with the other two. Again there products are not generally available yet in the LCBO or Beer Stores. Their Duke of Wellington Strong Ale is worth the visit though.

On to Elora, a town which is worth a visit. The Old Mill Brewery is located at 55 Mill St. This is also a small operation and there wares are only available at the brewery and at selected restaurants and taverns.

In Waterloo, both the Brick Brewing Co. Limited and the Gold Crown Brewery are on King St.. Gold Crown at 71 King St. N and the Brick at 181 King St. S. The Brick Brewing Company is the larger of the two and comparable in size to Sleemans. Their products are available at the LCBO and the Beer Stores.

The Gold Crown Brewery is small but they produce some very nice beers and ales in small batches. Of all the stops on the Ale Trail they had the best snacks to accompany the tasting. We particularly liked their Jester Red Ale.

The Open House Sundays have been held once a month during the spring and summer with the last one on Oct. 18. There is a good chance that they will be more frequent in 1999. For more information write Ale Trail, PO Box 21026, Campus Postal Outlet, 35 Harvard Road, Guelph, ON N1G 4T3 or visit the web site at: www.AleTrail.on.ca. Your thirsty editor will keep you informed.

Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre

The Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre, located on the Alberton Rd. South, just south of Highway No. 2, will be celebrating their 25th anniversary next year. It was opened in 1974 in an old school building which the Town of Ancaster purchased from The Wentworth Board of Education in 1973. Two additions have subsequently been added at approximately 10 year intervals and have been fully paid for.. The result is a large well appointed one storey building of approximately 16 000 sq. ft.. Besides the offices it consists of a craft room, boutique, wood shop, paint room, games room with two full size snooker tables, dance and exercise room, lounge and an auditorium. The operating costs are funded by member ship fees and grants from the Town.

Amongst the classes and activities listed in their bimonthly publication , The Journal, are: Ballroom Dancing, Body Sculpt, Body Workout, Bowling, Bridge, Bunka, Carpetbowling, Ceramics, Clogging, Computer Instruction and Practice, Cribbage, Darts, Decorative Painting, Driver's Seminar for 80+ drivers, Euchre, Exercises, Flex Stretch and Strengthen, Foot Clinic, Fun Chorus, Golf, Heritage Rug Hooking, Hydrotherapy, Ice Skating, Line Dancing, Massage Therapy, Movies, Musical Keyboarding, Oil Painting, Quilting, Recorders, Snooker, Stained Glass, Stitchery, Swimming, Tai Chi, Tap Dancing, Wal-Mart Walk, Watercolour Painting, Woodcarving, Woodworking, and Yoga.

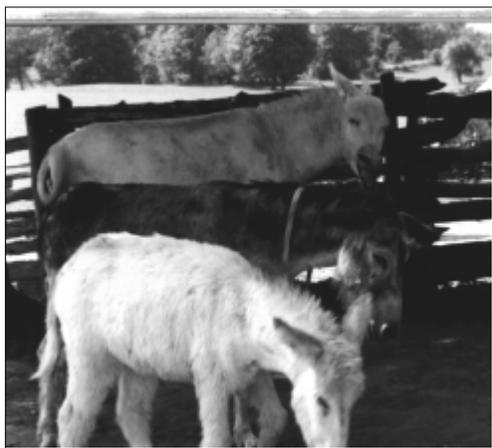
There is a nominal charge to members for most courses and activities but seldom averaging more than \$5 per class (usually 1 to 3 hours duration, depending on the activity) and probably, for the most part, closer to \$2; non-members pay a slight surcharge. As well there are usually 12 to 15 special events scheduled throughout the year including golf tournaments, pub nights, dances etc. Many presentations of special interest to seniors such as travel protection, Medicalert, and financial planning are scheduled. A blood pressure clinic is also held from time to time. The centre also has a 16 passenger van to transport members to and from classes (some restrictions apply).

In our August Newsletter we announced that the Centre was organizing a trip to see the fall colours in Muskoka. They have 13 other trips planned as well from September to December this year. Some of them day trips and some overnighters.

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There is no minimum age requirement for members but preference is given to members who are retired or at least 50 years old when enrolment in courses is limited. The membership has grown from the original 75 founding members in 1974 to approximately 2150 in 1998; 53% are Ancaster residents. The membership year runs from

News from the Donkey Sanctuary



Jan Word has been received that old Clint has died. When Mary and I last visited in late August he did not look well and even the smell of mints did not interest him. He was 27 years old.

D Gentle little Tibet has had a foal. They did not know she was pregnant when she was rescued, but she soon seemed to be eating for two. Her son's name is Tengen. Their web site is: www.mgl.ca-doncsanc

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is \$15 for Ancaster residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Mohawk Social Committee Activities

(A partial list obtained from the official College website www.mohawkc.on.ca)

Nov. 12th - Cabaret & Silent Auction – Contact: Jady Klyve, ext. 3223 - Cabaret
Linda Marshall, ext. 2063 & Michelle Harkness, ext. 2082 - Auctions

Nov. 20th & 21st - Christmas Craft Show (Fennell) – Contact: Laurie Cahill, ext. 2072

Nov. 27th & 28th - Christmas Craft Show (Brantford) – Contact: Dennis Campbell, ext. 6054

Dec. 3rd - President's Reception Contact: – Cal Haddad, ext. 2224

Members of the Retirees' Association are encouraged to become involved in all events.

Sun Life Insurance Premiums

Retiree Derek May is investigating the changes in the various categories of Sun Life premiums. If you have any thoughts on this matter phone him at (905) 689-6435 or email him at dmay@idirect.com

Their address is 622 Alberton Rd. S, Alberton ON L0R 1A0, phone: (905) 648-3466, Fax: (905) 648-3473, email: asac@worldchat.com.

Program Standards

In the April newsletter we mentioned that the Ministry was developing program standards and that these were available at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/college/progstan/intro.html>. After visiting the site again and viewing a few standards the only thing that came to mind was the story of the graduate from the patrician Harvard University who met a graduate of the plebeian New York City University in a men's room. The NYC grad zipped up and headed directly to the door. The Harvard man said "Ahem, at Harvard they teach us to wash our hands before leaving." The NYC grad replied "At NYCU they teach us not to pee on our hands."