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## Retirees Association of Mohawk College News Letter April 1999

Spring is once again upon us and your executive has been busy planning events for the upcoming season. Only two events have taken place since the last News Letter. An Internet workshop conducted at the college on April 11, and the trip to see Michel Tremblay's play *Les Belles Soeurs* in Toronto on April 14..

The Internet session, which was changed from the original date of April 4 (Easter Sunday) to April 11, was attended by 13 retirees and guests. Margaret Dent of Computer Services arranged for the use of a lab. and taught the course. Retiree Carl Easton coordinated it on behalf of the Association. Many thanks to both.

*Les Belles Soeurs* was a thoroughly enjoyable production as was lunch at the Town and Country Restaurant. Twenty nine retirees and guests attended. The play, probably one of Tremblay's most successful was both humorous and sad in the vein of true comedy.

### Coming Events

Wednesday, May 19 Tour of Dundurn Castle, Cream Tea, and Annual General Meeting. The information for this was included in the last mailing. If you have misplaced it full information can be obtained by phoning Shirley Ann Wray at 529-2036. There was some confusion in the date and location in the Coming Events Section of last News Letter although the flier itself was accurate.

Wednesday, May 26 Toronto Zoo to see the "big cats". The information for this was included in the last mailing also. There are only a few places left so if you intend to go get your reservation in at once.

Tuesday, June 8 Stratford Festival production of the musical **West Side Storey**. See the accompanying sheet.

Thursday, June 24 Grand River Cruise, Lunch and tour of Caledonia. See the accompanying sheet.

Thursday, July 8 Visit to the Donkey Sanctuary, lunch, the Guelph Museum and McCrae House Museum and Garden. See the accompanying sheet.

In the "in memoriam" in the last issue, we reported that Joseph Marko was a retiree from the Mechanical Department. While this was the last department in which Joe taught, he will best be remembered for the work he did in establishing and heading the Athletic Department at the College for many years.

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## Toronto Zoo Trip

There are still a few spaces available for the May 26 trip to the Toronto Zoo to see the big cats and other exhibits. Cost \$23.00 including admission and transportation. Lunch is not included. Call Geoff Brooker or any board member for more

Student Association -- Arnie

## Project

After many years of service the Al Arnold student centre is being renovated by the Mohawk Student Association. The potential theme of the renovation is to feature artifacts and other memorabilia from the early days of the college. The MSA and the designers are interested in obtaining pictures, artifacts or other memorabilia for decorating the renovated student centre. Items from all campuses faculties and divisions of the college including apprenticeship and nursing are wanted. Pictures will be copied and other items will be returned if not used..

If you have anything that you think might be of use please, contact the MSA General Manager, Kim Van Louwe at 575-2391, or by email at [vanlouk@mail.mohawkc.on.ca](mailto:vanlouk@mail.mohawkc.on.ca) as soon as possible. His office is in the Fennell campus, room G109

## McMaster Invites

- ▶ Wednesday, June 16, The Old Mill, Toronto **Mystery Dinner Theatre**, \$60.00 including Transportation and dinner, of course.
- ▶ Friday October 29, Shaw Festival, **Heart Break House**, \$55.00 including lunch and transportation

For further information or reservations contact **Joy Baby** at (905) 527-2865

## In Search of Sustenance

Recently Mary and your humble editor found themselves on the road to Brantford as lunch time approached. Opening our trusty Entertainment Book, obtained from our President Alan, we found several possible hostelrys. The first was a Japanese restaurant at 460 Fairview Dr. We turned off Park Rd. on to Fairview and started our search. Up and down Fairview twice without success caused us to give up the search. Okay, the *Trattoria Al Forno* on Dalhousie St. just west of King St. was listed and we had had lunch there before. Taking the scenic route, we travelled across

Fairview to the Paris Rd. and in a long Brant Ave. to Colborne St. through "beautiful" downtown Brantford. We missed King St. and had to travel a long long way before we could go left and get on to Dalhousie.

Never mind, parking is plentiful and relatively cheap in Brantford; we parked opposite the **Trattoria Al Forno** and dutifully fed the meter and crossed the road to have lunch. Woe, it was closed and on a Friday! Our next try was a pub type establishment on Colborne St. We parked and fed a meter again with enough coin of the realm to see us through lunch, and after taking one look inside, decided that we had made a bad mistake. Fortunately Mary had decided to visit a shoe store while we were on Dalhousie St. and had enquired about the Japanese restaurant. The main entrance to the **Tokyo** is located off Park Rd. (Wayne Gretzky Parkway?) Just south of Fairview. We finally had lunch there and thoroughly enjoyed it. Which brings us to...

### Let's Do Lunch

Mary and I try to get out for lunch at least once a month. It provides a welcome break and is generally much less expensive than having dinner out. We thought we would share with you some of the interesting places that we can recommend. One of the best Chinese-Canadian restaurants we have found is the **Tim Shan** in Ancaster in the plaza opposite the new Fortino's store just east of Fiddler's Green Road. The buffet is reasonably priced at under \$8, has a large number of choices, and the food is excellent. We usually have a *Tsingtao* (a Chinese beer) with lunch and the total bill including tip is less than \$30.

For more authentic Chinese food, the *Dim Sum* at the **Crystal Dynasty**, 94 Cannon Street West (just across the from Sir John A MacDonald High School) in Hamilton is excellent. On Saturdays and Sundays the food is brought around on carts and you select the dishes you want. (On other days you order from the *Dim Sum* list). Because of language difficulties it is not always possible to understand exactly what the dishes are, but they are invariably good, although I would not recommend the curried pig stomach to everyone. If you stick with the Chinese tea and eat moderately (say 3 or 4 selections) your bill should be well under \$20.

For a modest priced lunch and a somewhat unusual dining experience, we recommend the **Mex-I-Can** restaurant and food shop at 107 James St. N, just south of Vine St. Lunch for two should be no more than about \$10 with tip if one forgoes a *Corona* which, incidentally, is served in the bottle with a wedge of lime. The food is typically Mexican specialties including refried beans .

The **Viet Nam** restaurant at 90 Wellington St. N (in a small mall at the SE corner of King William St.) has very good Vietnamese food. We would particularly recommend their *hot and sour soup*. Once again if you forgo the *Tsingtao*, lunch for two can be had for \$15 or so.

**La Trattoria** at 629 Barton St. E (between Birch and Sherman) is not so modestly priced, but the food is excellent. Rather than ordering from a menu, the wait staff will recite what is on the bill of fare for that day. If you have an Entertainment Book, you will find La Trattoria on page A16.

The **Tokyo** at 460 Fairview Ave. in Brantford offers *sushi* and other Japanese specialties. Lunch for two could be had for about \$20 if you forgo the very good *Sapporo* (Japanese beer). With beer

and tip, lunch came to about \$32. (Entertainment Book B126)

Another Japanese and Korean Restaurant in Hamilton is the **Hoya** at 162 King Street East. There is a coupon in the Entertainment Book (B29). The food and prices are comparable to the Tokyo, but of course with the coupon it was very reasonable.

The **Phi Be Vang** (Golden Cow) advertises authentic Vietnamese, Chinese and Thai fare. It is located at 1 Wilson St., Unit 7 in the Centre Point Plaza just opposite Eatons. It is not only inexpensive but the food is delicious. Try a large bowl of the Beef Noodle Soup, the house specialty. Lunch for two including beer and a tip cost about \$20.00.

If you have favourite luncheon or dinner spots please let us know and we will report them in later issues

### Ale Trail 1999 Open Houses

As promised in the October Newsletter, we have information on this year's Ale Trail. There will be seven open house weekends. The breweries will be open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday on the following dates:



April 17 & 18

May 15 & 16

June 19 & 20

July 17 & 18

August 21 & 22

September 18 & 19

and October 16 & 17



Start your Ale Trail trek at any one of the six craft breweries (Brick and Gold rown in Waterloo, Sleeman, F & M and Wellington County in Guelph and Old Mill in Elora). We strongly recommend a designated driver.

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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. In Elora The Old Mill Brewery is located at 55 Mill St. And 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.

For more information call 1-800-334-4519 or visit the web site at [www.AleTrail.on.ca](http://www.AleTrail.on.ca).