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Over the past few months we have been implementing our e-mail system. If you have e-mail, you should have received several e-mail messages from us. We will be using this system to distribute the newsletter in future.

If you have not received any e-mails from us, please contact Gaye Yachetti.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2011

Chinese New Year's Dinner at Le Chinois. Celebrate the year of the rabbit.

MARCH 24, 2011

Dinner show musical "Oh Canada, Eh" at Niagara Falls. Travel through time with the magic of the radio dial and enjoy such classics as

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Hound Dog and many more. Reserve early as this may well sell-out.

APRIL 20, 2011

If mystery is your thing and food is your passion, get your fill at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto. Hal's Kitchen: What's Burning? Is on the menu, along with a delicious meal. So enjoy.

MAY 12, 2011

Travel back to historic St. Jacobs to enjoy a great meal at the Stone Crock Restaurant and a memorable show at the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse: *Hairspray* the musical-comedy phenomenon about Tracy Turnblad as she ushers in an era of radical social change just by landing a spot on a TV dance program.

JUNE, 2011

Annual General Meeting. More details to follow.

OCTOBER 6, 2011

It wouldn't be fall without a lunch at Betty's and a play at the Shaw. This time it's *My Fair Lady*, Lerner and Lowe's unforgettable musical version of George Bernard Shaw's popular play *Pygmalion*.

THANK YOU
from John Guilfoyle

May I extend my thanks to the friends and colleagues, who have written, emailed and stopped me in the hall to pass on their best wishes for the new phase of my career. I appreciate your kind thoughts and I know, though I shall not be far away, I shall miss you. Working at Mohawk College has obviously been a major part of my life, and one that I have enjoyed.

Thanks to those who joined me at the reception, and especially our former colleagues who came back to assure me that there is life "on the other side"!

Special thanks to Barb Evans, Barb Hammill, Helen Maddick and Sandra Evans for arranging the event, and especially for that impressive display of food, which people are still talking about.

Thank you too, for your generous contributions, which will fund a roller, air travel camera case for my upcoming rugby tour in Italy. A trip such as that requires more than a point-and-shoot!

Thanks again,
-John Guilfoyle

Curling Anyone?

The Glanford Mixed Seniors Curling Club has room for a few more members. There are currently five Mohawk retirees on the roster and we would encourage you to join us. No previous experience is necessary. If you have any questions please contact either Bill Fulton or myself.

- Geoff Brooker

Into the Wilderness

with
Jack Freiburger

Outpost Tin – Parding Tots

If I had to do this over again, I'd start at the beginning. I've wasted so much time and energy backtracking to the basics.

But there are things about Hamilton that make Churchill Falls look awfully good. There are super people in both places. I will definitely miss the fresh, clear, *silent* air. And new friends. And a remote car starter when it's -45C. And a community where kids can leave their bikes lying around unchained. And no graffiti. And a community when 62 people turn out to pick up after-winter litter for an hour and clean the whole town.

Conversely, it really doesn't take Churchill Falls to make Hamilton look awfully good. How I'm looking forward to a grocery store that is open more than 10-6 five days a week and doesn't run out of milk and bread the day after the delivery truck comes. Cereal tastes awful with scotch, but it improves as I keep eating. An acquired taste. And a choice of restaurants. And a movie and play and concert, any concert. And a library with more than school-age books and Danielle

Steele. And many good friends who have sustained me in emotionally dark days here.

Every Friday, during the sports segment of the NTV News, Newfoundland and Labrador professional athletes, especially NHLers, are reported on. Adam Purdy (Flames), Colin Greening (Senators) bowed out early. Danny Cleary (Red Wings) and Michael Ryder (Boston) and Ryan Clove (Sharks) followed in succession. If the player's name is easily pronounceable, he probably came from here. Now they can do squid jigging, and that's not a dance. Just like men can be mummers.

I almost can't imagine being allowed to drive more than 30 km/hr again on city streets. That's the municipal limit in all Labrador towns. 70-km/hr on the highway. Probably when I get home I'll get ticketed for "delay of traffic." For a few minutes. If I'm not too frightened by Sudden Untaryo traffic. More than three moving vehicles at a time!

In response to questions about the ferry from the "south shore" (of Labrador) to the "west coast" (of the Island), if you think you see a whale, it's likely a fluke. Sorry, couldn't resist a pun. Icebergs persist into July, but are relatively few this year.

Over the year I helped the Lions' Club ("Loins Cloob") recycle cans and bottles every third Monday night. In gratitude

they feted me with a wine-and-cheese after one of their meetings. I have a nifty souvenir golf shirt testifying that I was a member of the Environment Committee. The Anglican minister bought me a farewell breakfast.

The famous exchanges between John Crosbie and Sheila Copps lead to the local use of "Sheila," which is rooted in Irish legend as a name for a sister, housekeeper or female acquaintance of St. Patrick, presumably then a holy woman. This is why he said she was "no Sheila." Fishermen's hip waders that get worn-out on top and are cut down to rubber boots or lower to slippers are called "Septembers" as that's when the fishing season ends and the boots could be put to new use. Of course, one would not do this to "scroopy boots," ones so new they squeak. "Scroop" is a noun to describe the sound of chalk squealing on the blackboard. I described a jigs dinner previously; served with it is "pease pudding," split yellow peas boiled in a cloth bag, to which butter and pepper are added. For dessert after the jigs dinner, one might have "touton," pan-fried bread dough drenched in molasses. I've made the jigs dinner, but will have to learn to add these!

Eventually Monday will come and I will head out for Lab City to catch my Tuesday

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Mohawk Hikers

On Monday, January 17th a group of eleven hikers enjoyed a return walk between Tiffany Falls and Sherman Falls on the Bruce Trail in the Ancaster area. The weather was cold, the air was clear and the sun was shining. Winter doesn't get better than this!! We enjoyed great conversation and good food and drink at East Side Marios afterwards.

On Monday, May 2nd we plan to meet at the Hermitage parking area off Sulphur Springs road in the Hamilton Conservation Area, at 10 a.m. and hike to the rail trail centre and back. Also we will be going to the Winchester Arms, in



Dundas for lunch. There is a parking charge in the Hamilton Conservation Authority unless you are a member of their organization.

All are welcome!

- Bill Fulton and Barb Hallam

Christmas Holiday Lunch

On December 14, 2010, fifty three retirees and their guests met to enjoy lunch and the matinee musical show at Carmen's on Stone Church Rd.

The event was a complete sell out for Carmen's. There must have been 400 or greater in the audience for a musical presentation by "The Platters". The event was outstanding. Thank you to Donna Dunlop for her time and effort in arranging this event for us and keeping us organized. Hopefully everyone found a new

pen beside their place at the table. Thank you to the Continuing Education Department for this treat.

The lunch really was a full Christmas dinner with all of the trimmings. It was delicious and was enjoyed by all. Throughout lunch, Carmen's provided pre-show entertainment celebrating the season, recognizing birthdays, anniversaries and areas people came from.

The main event, of course, was the entertainment by the "Platters". This group of four singers and three band members are the present day Platters and they charmed us with songs from 1950, 60 and the 70. Absolutely wonderful! They sang all of the favorites, bringing back memories of tunes and times when we used to dance our hearts out. One of our own retirees was the twisting star that afternoon and got to dance with one of the Platters. These gentlemen have been seeing together for years. Monroe Powell, one of the entertainers was an original Platter who joined the group in 1970. They have now added a lovely young female entertainer. Each of these singers took a lead role in a specific song and in fact could have enter-

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flight. Road construction along the way involves blasting granite from roadside pits and dumping it along the road to level and widen it. The rocks are large and sharp and everyone gets flats. The construction zone is 40 km long, so flats are inevitable. Oil money from Hibernia is paying for this, so it's hard for me to complain about oil use – the quandary ecology-lovers find themselves in often. So, on Monday I will obey the slogan on Search and Rescue off-duty T-shirts "Support your local Search and Rescue – Get Lost!"

Dat be eet frum 'ere fer sum toim add laist. Will Oi be back – I dunno. Ask de Spirit. Saying yuz awl at 'ome zoon!

-Chack b'y

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tained as sole performers. As a group their harmony was delightful. Every time they played one of the old favorites you would hear collective sighs from the audience.

Nostalgia was very much a part of the event.

This time was well spent and I

would suggest that there was some toe tapping and humming, out loud or in ones head on the trip home that afternoon. Thank you for a wonderful afternoon.

Happy New Year to Everyone!



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In Memoriam

CHANG, HEN

CROSS, GREG

JONES, GLADYS

Gladys was for many years the head of the commercial department at Stoney Creek Campus.

KORECZ, TIBOR

Tibor passed away on November 4, 2010 from cardiac arrest. He was in Liverpool, England.. The funeral was held after cremation in Budapest. A small donation to the Heart & Stroke Fund would be appreciated.

This fall will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the arrival of the “personal” or desktop computer into my home. Those first computers were unbelievably primitive by today’s standards, yet with my computer, which many scoffed at as being little more than a game machine, I was able to write an “in house” text book and do pretty much everything the much more expensive IBM “PC” (that was released about the same time) could do. I still have that computer and, the last time I checked, it still ran.

One of the benefits of desktop computers was supposed to be the “paperless society”. That, of course, didn’t happen. In fact, we as a society began chewing through more paper than ever. That hasn’t stopped – yet, but what is printed on paper looks a whole lot prettier than before. However, many corporations and other organizations have taken steps to “green” up. American Express is currently holding a contest to encourage people to receive their statements by e-mail. I have long received my Primus phone bills through e-mail. Both the Scouting organization I belong to and, of course, our own retirees are moving towards sending out our newsletters electronically. Whether or not these efforts will actually reduce the amount of paper used depends on the recipients. If you read the newsletter on your computer and don’t print out a copy, then some trees may be saved.

But the benefits of “greening” go far beyond the few sheets of paper that each of us may save.

Less printed newsletters means less time spent stuffing envelopes (and less envelopes); it means less postage paid; that means less “letters” to be delivered which may (or may not) transfer into less gasoline consumed; and so on. Like the proverbial butterfly that can flap its wings and change weather patterns half a world away, the effects of our efforts may be much more profound than we can even imagine.

I must confess that I still love paper. I do print out things a lot less than I used to – partly because the cost of ink cartridges is so high – but I still like to have that bill in my hand before I pay it. I still like to read magazines and books away from my computer. That means they have to be printed on paper – or do they? There are many alternatives to lugging my computer around (even though my computer of choice isn’t much larger than a hard-cover book and only a bit heavier). These include small devices like the i-phone and i-pod Touch, several different brands of e-readers, and the i-pad which, in my opinion at least, is rather awkward to hold in your hand, but doable. All of these devices are capable of displaying the latest magazines or books – or just an e-mail on screen. There are a couple of things that are holding up their wide-spread usage. First of all, another device means more money out the door. Secondly, like our computers of thirty years ago, many devices use documents with proprietary formats that other devices can’t easily read. Third-

Spinning the Web (and other tales)

By
Fred Oldfield

ly, the devices have not yet proven themselves to be as or more convenient than the printed word. Sure they work great indoors, until the batteries die. But how do they perform outdoors in full sunlight or in bitterly cold conditions? Fourthly, there is the question of permanence. We all know that computers and/or hard drives crash, often taking all your data with them. If it’s not backed up, that data is most likely gone forever. Will it actually be more convenient and safer to find an e-book stored on a computer or other device than to walk over to a bookcase? We’ll have to wait and see.

However, I feel the winds of change have blown us in a new, greener, direction. Books printed on paper as opposed to stored in silicon chips may soon become an oddity. Before I retired, I taught adults returning to school the basics of using computers. I don’t believe that is done anymore. Virtually anyone younger than retirement age has been exposed to computers and can, at least, turn them on and off and retrieve e-mail – until something goes wrong. We are nothing if not adaptable. Thank goodness.

RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF MOHAWK COLLEGE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
THURSDAY MARCH 24, 2011



AT "OH CANADA, EH",



NIAGARA FALLS, AND

"Turn the dial and travel through time, enjoying the music, fads and sounds that revolutionized generations. Featured are classics such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", Hound Dog, I Will Survive, Don't Stop Believing, Thriller, Poker Face and many more."

FEATURED MENU:

Canadiana focus with French Canadian Pea Soup, Salad, Alberta Roast Beef, Chicken, Down East Haddock, PEI Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Maple Cake, Tea & Coffee

SCHEDULE

- 10:45 a.m.: Our Coach leaves Fennell Campus, McIntyre Theatre Entrance
- 12: 15 p.m.: Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m: Show
- 5:30 p.m.: Estimated Return to Fennell Campus

Please make cheques payable to RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF MOHAWK COLLEGE and mail to DONNA DUNLOP, 123 SAN FRANCISCO AVE., HAMILTON, ON, L9C 5T8 by Monday Feb 28/11
PHONE: (905)388-2394

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"OH CANADA, EH" MUSICAL SHOW - Thursday March 24, 2011

Please reserve seats at \$75.00 each for members and partners and \$78.00 each for non-members.

FULL PAYMENT: @ \$75.00 = @ \$78.00 = TOTAL: \$.....

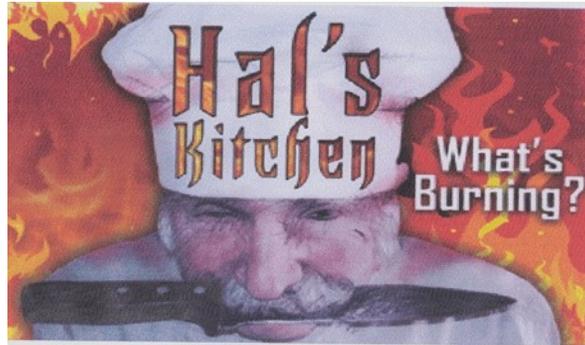
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, 2011
AT THE OLD MILL INN , TORONTO, FOR



“Mystery is on the menu. Join us for a Food Revelation as the world’s greatest chef, Harold Confit presents the ultimate cooking competition to create “The Perfect Menu”. See if you can help Gordon Ramekin, Jamie Oliveoyl, Rachel Bray, Wolfgang Pluck, Glada Alacarte and other chefs solve a case that is both cunning and culinary.”

MENU: A hot & cold buffet lunch with a dessert table and coffee or tea

SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.: Our Coach leaves Fennell Campus, McIntyre Theatre Entrance **11:30**

a.m.: Lunch

12:45p.m. - 2:30 p.m: Show

4:30 p.m.: Estimated Return to Fennell Campus

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PHONE: (905) 385-7109

“MYSTERY LUNCHEON THEATRE - HAL’S KITCHEN - Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Please reserve seats at \$70.00 each for members and partners and \$73.00 each for non-members.

FULL PAYMENT: @ \$70.00 = @ \$73.00 = TOTAL: \$.....

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Please make cheques payable to RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF MOHAWK COLLEGE and mail to Isabel Kerr, 157 Ridge Street, Hamilton, On., L9A 2X4 by Wednesday, March, 30, 2011. Phone: (905) 385-7109

THE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION OF MOHAWK COLLEGE

invites you to join us and enjoy

H A I R S P R A Y

The Broadway Musical

**At the St Jacobs Country Playhouse
Thursday, May 12, 2011**

Get ready for something big with *Hairspray*, the musical-comedy phenomenon that inspired a major motion picture and won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Loveable plus-sized heroine Tracy Turnblad ushers in an era of radical social change when she lands a spot on a local TV dance program . . . without denting her "do"!

Don't miss Broadway's big musical hit!

- 10:00 a.m. Our coach leaves Fennell Campus, Main Entrance
- 11:30 a.m. Arrive at "the Stone Crock Restaurant" for an excellent Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Depart for St. Jacobs Country Playhouse
- 2:00 p.m. Theatre Entertainment Begins

Cost: \$90 per member/one guest and \$95 for non-members

Includes: Coach, Lunch, Show and all Taxes and Gratuities

Need more information? **Contact Hans Bastel at 905-679-8173**
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Please reserve . . . seats @\$90 &/or . . . seats @ \$95 for **Hairspray on Thursday, May 12, 2011**

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RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF MOHAWK COLLEGE

Invites You to Join Us and Enjoy

“MY FAIR LADY” by Bernard Shaw

directed by Molly Smith

at the SHAW FESTIVAL THEATRE in Niagara-on-the-Lake

Thursday, October 6, 2011

A SHAW GLORIOUS MUSICAL:

At long last, the musical Eliza Doolittle comes home! This timeless story of a girl from the gutter given the chance to prove she is a Fair Lady, comes to the Shaw Festival, where the glorious music, words and joy of this story will be celebrated in an innovative and fresh production. For new audiences and old friends alike.

10:15 a.m. Our Coach leaves Fennell Campus, Main Entrance

11:30 a.m. We arrive at the popular Betty's Restaurant

1:00 p.m. Our Coach takes us to Niagara-on-the-Lake

2:00 p.m. Our Show Begins

5:30 p.m. Estimated Return Time to Fennell Campus

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PHONE: 905-383-9772 - by Friday, Sept. 9, 2011

\$82.00 ea. for Members and Spouse

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“MY FAIR LADY” BY BERNARD SHAW, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011

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(Flyer Shaw Festival Oct. 6, 2011 – “My Fair Lady” – Ann Dunn)