

Retirees' Newsletter

Faculty and Librarian Retirees' Association, University of Windsor

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Editor: Bill Phillips

NO ELECTION NEEDED; ONE NOMINATION FOR EACH ELECTIVE OFFICE

**THE
ELECTION
THAT
WASN'T.**

DEARTH OF NOMINATIONS AVERTS NEED FOR BALLOTING

EDWIN HABIB IS PRESIDENT; WILLIAM LIBBY IS SECY-TREAS

The mail-ballot election for which the Association was geared up, will not be necessary after all. Only one valid nomination was received for each of the four elective offices. (See the story immediately below).

The current Executive Committee, in a special meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7th, declared the four nominees the new office holders. It is expected that they will take over their posts at the Spring meeting slated for Thurs., March 23rd. (See pg. 7, below).

EXEC COMMITTEE DISQUALIFIES ONE NOMINATION

In its meeting on Feb. 7th, the existing Executive decided that one nomination which had been made for President, could not be accepted, on the ground that the nominee involved will not retire from the University faculty until June 30th of this year, and consequently could not be considered a member of the Assoc'n. for the purpose of this election.

DAVID BOOTH, ROBERT WHITEHURST ON EXECUTIVE

The persons, six in all, who will constitute the new **Executive Committee** are thus as follows:

President: Ed Habib, nominated by Lucjan Krause;

Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Libby, nominated by Joan Hackett.

Executive Committee Members:

1) Dave Booth, nominated by Joseph Habowsky;

2) Bob Whitehurst, nominated by Pat Galasso.

In addition to the above four, will be **two ex officio members** of the Executive, namely the immediate past president, Norm Shklov; and the Editor of *The Newsletter*, Bill Phillips.

For the information of members, ***The Newsletter* will carry a brief profile of each of the four new officers in its next issue, No. 12, March/April, 1995, including a synopsis of biographical, personal and academic information.**



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ARANKA KOVACS APPOINTMENT

Aranka Kovacs has been appointed for a three-year term to the Board of Governors of St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology.

MEMBERSHIP NOW EXCEEDS 90

THE ASSOCIATION now has 93 listed members. This total includes 11 faculty members who retired at the end of the last academic year: **Mansell Blair** (Soc & Anth), **Alan Brown** (Econ), **Bob Chandler** (Soc Wk), **John Huschilt** (physics), **John Manzig** (Law), **Ed Rosenbaum**, (Bus Ad), **Leslie Sabina** (Biol), **Don Stewart** (Soc & Anth), **N.F. Taylor** (Chem & Bioch), **Dennis Tuck** (Chem & Bioch), **David Wearne** (Edn).

A COMPLETE LIST of members, with addresses and telephones, will be included in the next issue of *The Newsletter* (12, Mar/Apr'95).

It will update the most recent list, which appeared in Issue #8, June, 1994.

IF YOU'D LIKE any addition/correction in your listing, please call the editor, Bill Phillips at 972-0588.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NEWSLETTER? TRY E-MAIL

DID YOU KNOW that you can use the Internet to transmit all those urgent documents to *The Newsletter*?

OR EVEN JUST A "HI" to the editor from time to time! And, if you have an item you'd like included in *The Newsletter*, send it cruising down the information highway as well.

That E-mail address is philli3@uwindsor.ca

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

New addresses are:

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c/o Wilmot North Apts., 445 North Wilmot, Tucson, AZ. 85711. (602) 745-5900 (602) 745-5900 ; or (602) 792-4112 (602) 792-4112 .

Leddy, Francis J. c/o Central Park Lodge, 3387 Riverside Dr.E. Windsor, ON., 945-3953.

MacInnis, Cameron: 80 Front St E. #214, Toronto, On. M5E 1T4.

Purushotham, D., Suite 407, 3855 Southwinds Drive, Windsor, On. N9G 2N2

THANKS FOR THE PICTURE FRAMING: FACULTY CLUB

BASIL D. KINGSTONE, Secretary of the Faculty Club Executive, wrote as follows:

On behalf of the Faculty Club and all users of the Club, I would like to thank your Association for kindly donating the framing of Pina Fralotta's *Dillon Hall in Winter*, which hangs in the dining room.

I see members of the Retirees' Assoc'n at lunch from time to time - Bob Doyle, Joe Habowsky, etc...I have been slow thanking you all for your kind gift, and I apologize for that.

THE PICTURE (see *Nsltr* #7, Apr/May '94, p.2) may be seen hanging in the Faculty Club. An ideal time is at 1p.m. any Tues. That's when members may meet with colleagues for a friendly lunch and conversation.

FOR THOSE who want to work up an appetite for lunch, there's a workout at the Human Kinetics Bldg. at noon Tuesday. Joseph Habowsky has suggested some might prefer to do a walking routine around the track, which is fine too. (Just walking: no somersaults!). For details, call him at 738-4283.

A PARKING REMINDER

Remember that the University has agreed to provide reduced-rate parking to members of the Association. Pick up a booklet of ten tickets for \$10., for parking on the "church" lot. Get them at Campus Police Services.



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ARTICLE ON MEDEX WAS "INACCURATE", SAYS FLORIDA OFFICIAL; BUT JIM SKINNER STANDS HIS GROUND

A REPORT IN THE LAST ISSUE of *The Newsletter* (Nov/Dec '94) caused ripples which reached to Florida and back.

THE REPORT HAD SAID that, according to comments by Jim Skinner to the Association's Fall meeting, "many Florida hospitals now won't recognize our Medex coverage, demanding their money up front".

Blake Gertz, a Bus. Admin. retiree, who lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla., took the report to the office of his local member of the Florida House of Representatives, Mr. Ken Pruitt. Rep. Pruitt in turn relayed it to Florida's Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Charles Dusseau.

Mr. Pruitt expressed doubt about the accuracy of the report, and added that "this type of misinformation could have a serious adverse impact on Florida's tourism". Pruitt asked that the Commerce Secretary give serious attention to the matter.

WAS THE REPORT INACCURATE ?

As indicated above, **Jim Skinner**, the U's Manager of Benefits and Pensions, first brought the matter to the attention of our Fall meeting, the basis of the original report. Mr. Skinner backed up his contention in a recent letter to the editor of *The Newsletter*:

"From personal experience, **I was told by a hospital employee that unless the Insurance Company has a business office in the United States, Florida Hospitals as a rule would not honour the Medex Coverage. The patient would have to pay up front, and be reimbursed by Medex directly**". Skinner added that at least two

University employees have had difficulty in Florida using this coverage.

Blake Gertz informs us from Florida that "in actual fact each hospital decides for itself whether or not to accept the insurance". He and Rep. Pruitt contacted two hospitals and found that those two do accept, provided 50% of the (estimated) fee is paid in advance.

Blake added, by the way, that in both those cases the billing departments told him that **Medex is very slow to pay claims**. Further, he will keep us informed of any other action which the Florida Department of Commerce takes on the matter.

A SOLUTION, OF SORTS

Writing to *The Newsletter*, January 20th, Skinner revealed that at least a tentative solution has been achieved by Green Shield. Members travelling in Florida should note.

"I have been informed by Jim Mousseau", said Skinner, "**that Medex has set up a network of hospitals across Florida who will honour (the Green Shield Medex) coverage. If a member becomes ill, they should dial the 800 number on their card and they will be directed to the nearest hospital which honours Medex.** This is not perfect but perhaps, after my contact with Ken Pruitt, a better solution can be arrived at". We'll report further.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Each member should receive with this issue a membership card for the the Retirees' Association. To save costs, the Sec'y-Treas. printed them on his laser printer, the same one that does *The Newsletter*. He said this was in keeping with his budgetary rule of thumb, viz. 'parsimony at all costs', adding that at some future date something more elegant might be found to lie within our grasp. *Fata viam invenient*, intoned the S-T.

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President Shklov's Message upon Leaving Office

In my estimation, we have a wonderful, vibrant and flourishing organization. We have been vigilant in the vital matters concerning pensions and health benefits. We have a group that has organized a bursary program to help students. We have a group that promotes fitness activity for members and which meets regularly at the Faculty Club for discussion and fellowship. We have a group that is concerned with the social side of retirement, having arranged dinners and concerts that have brought enjoyment to our members.

I must commend, among others, Bill Phillips, Dave Booth, and Alan Brown, for their work on the Retirees' Bursary Fund and other gifts to the University; Joseph Habowsky on his efforts in organizing the fitness and fellowship group; and John LaGaipa, Dave Booth, Bill Libby and Bob Whitehurst on their work in arranging and organizing trips to concerts and plays.

Our pension and benefits group has established lines of communication with the University Administration, and this has grown into a most cordial and productive relationship. In addition, we have been able to arrange for access by retirees to many of the University facilities, including the Faculty Club, Library, Athletics, Computer, and reduced-rate parking. I hope that this cordial relationship, based on a mutual respect, will continue and will flourish in the future.

For this I extend my commendation and thanks to Bill Phillips, Pat Galasso, Ed Habib, Walt Romanow, Carl Querbach, Miriam Bunt and Peter Sonnenfeld, who contributed in their various ways.

I must single out for special commendation the Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Phillips. Bill has produced a first-class Newsletter which is always a treat to read. It is, by far, the most entertaining and informative Newsletter that I have encountered. In addition, Bill has done a stellar job in the combined post of Secretary and Treasurer, aided and abetted by his wife Helen, who keeps him on the straight and narrow when it comes to finances!

I also must thank my wife Ann, for acting as a social secretary and answering all those phone calls.

After all these years it is time to pass the torch. As I stated at the Fall Meeting, and as has appeared in *The Newsletter*, I am not standing for re-election. It is time for new ideas, and I am sure there are others who can contribute a great deal to this wonderful organization of ours.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the enthusiasm and cooperation during my term of office and to wish my successor the utmost good fortune.

Sincerely,
Norm Shklov

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The Editor Invited Five Members to Write about their Retirement in

summer fest

JOAN HACKETT - DRAMA / *Busy Perfecting the art of "puttering" -- pure heaven !*

Since I retired three years ago I have been busy perfecting the art of "puttering". A putterer has no set schedules, no projects and no dead-lines -- pure heaven! But it is also a taxing activity, so I have to take time off; and when I do, I travel. So far, I've had two trips to New York City, one to Madrid and Barcelona, and one to Paris and its northern environs.

I have visited New York and Paris a number of times and they are my favourite cities. Both are not only great cultural and commercial centres, but they are what I call good "walking" cities. They are made up of fascinating streets and squares, parks and rivers, shops and restaurants as well as diverse styles of architecture - all of them luring me on from one to another until I can go no further and I fall into a sidewalk cafe for a glass of wine or a beer.

It is here that it dawns on me that I had started the day with the intention of going to an art exhibit - well too late now. Only the very strong-willed tourists can achieve their goals in these two cities. Putterers very rarely can - and, what's more, they just don't give a damn!

J.H., Harrow, ON.

JOHN CALLAGHAN - ECONOMICS / *Running the Basilian Community's Infirmary in Toronto*

In 1988, I began three lovely retirement years. Then in 1991 my Basilian community sent me to Toronto to be in charge of their infirmary. There are twenty-some elderly or infirm, and the main work of looking after them is done by our nursing and housekeeping staff. So I'm not overworked but there is some amount of stress. Some colleagues may remember Father Ed. Garvey, who was head of Philosophy and Principal of University College in the early sixties, just before the establishment of the University of Windsor. He lives here and is almost 88. He still has fair health, but is getting frail.

I have happy memories of the Economics Department and the University of Windsor and the community. Perhaps one day I'll get to move back there. I send my best wishes to old friends, retired or still active.

J.F.C. Toronto.

FRANK AULD - PSYCHOLOGY / *Professional Activity + Fitness + Recreation = One Very Full Week*

Professionally, during about ten hours a week I see patients in a private psychiatric outpatient clinic. One day per week I go to Windsor where I supervise several graduate students in psychology, who are in the beginning course in psychotherapy.

Occasionally I still write book reviews for psychological or psychiatric journals, or articles for professional journals - usually in collaboration with former graduate students.

To help keep fit and enjoying life, on MWF's I do early-morning aerobics classes at the YMCA. Tuesday nights find me bowling with the league of St. James Episcopal Church of Birmingham. I spend Friday afternoons with the duplicate-bridge group of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. On some Fridays, you would see me at Orchestra Hall attending concerts by the Detroit Symphony.

I sing in the choir at St. James, and attend choir practice Wednesday evenings. Like many others, I find that, in retirement there is simply not enough time to do everything I want to do.

F.A., Birmingham, Mich.

RETIREMENT GLIMPSES ARE CONTINUED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

RETIREMENT GLIMPSES / CONTINUED

RALPH COWAN - BUSINESS ADMIN. / *Positive Attitudes & Good Friends -- the Best Medicines of All*

Approaching retirement means facing a powerful question: "What are you going to do now?" Most retirees give a lot of thought to what to do with their "golden years". They ask, what mix of activities do I want? What skills do I need to hone, what areas of my specialty do I wish to continue to have contact with, so that I might still hopefully make a contribution? How should I spend leisure time -- travel, theatre, camping?

In my own case, there are negative as well as positive elements affecting that mix. In spite of some continuing health problems, I still follow my favourite fields - autos and economic conditions. I read novels, play a little bridge, spend part of the winter in the south and part of the summer in the north. However, the glue that holds the picture together is my many friends from academia and business, my wife, children and especially grand-kids. And don't forget a daily exercise program, good diet and regular medical check-ups. They pay off.

Finally, focus on the positives and do your best to side-track those negative forces. I can say, without reservation, that retirement life can be both pleasant and challenging..

R.K.C.

Leamington, Ont.

CAMERON MacINNIS - CIVIL ENGINEERING / *Interesting World Travel -- and a move to the big T-O*

In November, 1992, a year after retirement, I presented a paper to the International Conference on the Chemistry of Cement in New Delhi, India, following which I toured Northern India and Nepal, including the great temple city of Khajoraho, Varanasi on the Ganges and Katmandu in Nepal. Then on for two weeks in Jordan and Israel. The highlight in Jordan was Petra, where 2000 years ago the Nabataeans literally carved a city out of the rose-red rock, based on agriculture and control of the area's strategic silk trade route. Petra was protected for several hundred years (approx 500BC-500AD) by a ring of impenetrable mountains known as the siq.

I crossed from Jordan to Israel via the famous Allenby bridge on the River Jordan, and visited Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, with a tour around the north, viewing the Golan Heights, visiting a kibbutz and a major "dig" at a Roman site south of the Sea of Galilee. I also had a trip down the "West Bank" to the Dead Sea and Masada, the site of Israel's last battle with Rome. In Jerusalem I literally bumped into Patrick Watson (*The Globe's* correspondent in the Middle East) and travelled with him on my return trip from Jerusalem to Amman (courtesy of *The Globe and Mail*).

Many members may know that I moved to Toronto six months ago, and am now fairly settled in a condo at 80 Front Street East, across kitty-corner from the St. Lawrence market. I am enjoying myself immensely -- do lots of reading, am taking two courses at the U of T (continuing studies program), take in a lot of theatre and music events, swim almost every day, do lots of walking, play some bridge, do some volunteer work and belong to an Amnesty International group. I see Kate McCrone on her frequent trips to Toronto, and she keeps me up to date on activities at the University of Windsor.

I have plans for a trip to Salt Lake City in March for the spring conference of the American Concrete Institute, of which I serve on two committees. Am also planning a brief trip to New York in early April. When any of you are in Toronto, I hope you will give me a call, and we might have a drink or meal together. (416-214-1743 416-214-1743).

C.M., Toronto

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The Retirees' Association was founded in 1990. The Executive Committee consists of Norm Shklov, Association President; Bill Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer; Pat Galasso and Peter Sonnenfeld. Correspondence should be addressed to the Association (as above).

PRE-VALENTINE DINNER PARTY A SUCCESS

Ruth and Dave Booth made available their beautiful home on Orion Crescent for an Associat'n dinner party Sat., Jan 21st.

Some 35 people attended. The entrée was catered and salads and desserts were provided by the guests. An assessment per guest was made to cover the costs.

It was all light-hearted and thoroughly enjoyable. Laughter and good conversation dominated. To top off the event Dave demonstrated his piano skills and the folks sang along.

BURSARY FUND TOTALS \$4,068.00 IN EARLY JANUARY

Orville Houser, Director of Student Awards, has confirmed this total.

This includes \$3668.00 from donations reported received by the **Annual Giving Campaign** of the University (donations, that is, which were "designated" to the Fund); and \$400. donated directly by the Assocn in memory of deceased members, as was provided for in the motion setting up the Fund.

DATE OF SPRING MEETING SET FOR THURS., MARCH 23

That's March 23rd, for the Spring Meeting. Why not **mark your calendar** immediately? The Spring Meeting will give us all a chance to celebrate the end of winter, to enjoy talking with old friends again, and to catch up on all matters of interest to retirees.

The agenda will feature final reports from the outgoing executive, and the introduction of the new one. It will be a good chance to bring up for discussion new ideas about our purposes and direction.

Jim Skinner from the University will be on hand to discuss and answer questions on the pension and health programs.

Looking forward to seeing YOU!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

DID YOU GIVE

**TO THE UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM?
AND DID YOU "DESIGNATE" YOUR GIFT TO**

THE

RETIRES'

BURSARY FUND?

**IF YOU DID,
WOULD YOU PLEASE
LET US KNOW?**

THE REASON IS THAT THE ASSOCIATION *MUST* HAVE ITS OWN RECORDS OF WHAT TOTAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE FUND. WE REGARD THAT AS QUITE *ESSENTIAL* TO OUR OWN PROPER RECORD KEEPING.

THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

PLEASE CALL

BILL PHILLIPS

CHAIRPERSON, BURS. COMM.

AT

972-0588

T H A N K S !

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NOTES TO READERS: FROM THE EDITOR

YOU'VE PROBABLY NOTICED that *The Newsletter* is now **two-sided**, saving both paper and postage. Two-sided will now be the rule... Did you like the **Retirement Glimpses** feature in this issue? I know it looks a bit like *How I Spent my Vacation*, but I feel sure **all** of us are interested in what old friends are doing. Thanks to the five that responded so well this time. I expect to invite a few each issue; and if **you** have a personal item you'd like to share, please send it along any time.

I MENTIONED EARLIER that, if you do send in something with a view to its being included in *The Newsletter*, it would help me enormously if you could put it **on a diskette. But if you can't, that's OK too.**

Do you read books for enjoyment? If you do, I'd be glad to pass on your (brief) impressions as a tip to other reader-members. **Here's one for starters:** I just finished **James A. Michener's** *Recessional* (Random House, 1994). It's about a group of (to me) overly-rich old folks in a retirement centre in Florida who engage in lengthy debates on health care and related issues in the U.S., some interesting but most of it polemic. I kept feeling I was reading a political pitch by Michener dressed up to look like a story - unlike some of his earlier stories, which I have enjoyed. Windsor Library has the book in **LARGE PRINT**, which I love..

I called **Kathleen Leddy** at the Central Park Lodge the other day, to enquire about **Francis**. She said he has come along well after a recent fall though he continues frail. He appreciates visits from his old friends, but Kathleen says don't be distressed if he doesn't fully remember you. You should call first; they have a direct line at Central Park Lodge on Riverside Drive East, and the number is 945-3953.

MANY OF YOU probably belong to **The Canadian Association of Retired Persons**. Its bi-monthly publication, *CARP News* (a slightly unfortunate name, methinks) carries articles that can be quite helpful to retirees. For example, should you happen to have one of those fashionable "gold" credit cards, you will be interested in an article in the Feb. issue comparing various such cards from the point of view of the extent to which they re-imburse **travel insurance premiums**. It's worth checking out. If you wish to join C.A.R.P., write their Membership Department, 27 Queen St.E., Suite 1304, Toronto, Ont. M5C 2M6. Cost: \$10 a year, which includes the publication.

Bill Phillips., Editor

UNSURE ABOUT WHETHER YOU'VE PAID YOUR \$10. DUES? Our records show the following **have paid** for this year (which runs from **Fall 1994 to Fall 1995**): surnames only, to help you check. Auld, Basic, Benedict, Billingham, Birch, Blair, Booth, Brown, Brownlie, Bunt, Callaghan, Chandler, Colborne, Cowan, Doyle, Fallenbuchl, Galasso, Gertz, Goerzen, Gregor, Gupta, Habib, Habowsky, Hackett, Hartt, Howell, Huschilt, Kennedy, Kovacs, Krause, Kroon, LaGaipa, Laba, Lanz, Libby, Long, Magee, McGarvey, Meyer, Molloy, Moore, Morrow, Mouratides, Murrah, Nease, Nelson, Nolan, O'Farrell, O'Meara, Ogata, Pazik, Phillips, Powley, Purushotham, Quinn, Reif, Rosenbaum, Sabina, Shklov, Smith, C., Sonnenfeld, Starr, Stollman, Suttor, Szamosi, Taylor, N.F., Taylor, C.M., Vuckovich, Wearne, Whitehurst, Wilkinson, Zin. If you're not there, please send a cheque when you can. **If I've made a mistake, let me know.**

RECENT DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Executive on Feb. 7th, Pat Galasso agreed to set up a committee to determine the best way to outline our position on proposals now under consideration in the University respecting possible levy of charges on faculty members for use of athletic facilities of the U.

Mozart's Don Giovanni at the
Masonic Temple, Detroit
2 p.m. Sunday, April 30th, 1995
The Michigan Opera Company

John LaGaipa advises: Seniors at half price if there one hour early. Meet for rides at usual rendezvous: N&D lot on Grand Marais West at 12.15 p.m. After the show, plan to go to dinner at Stewart's. Afterward, we may go to someone's house for coffee. If so, be prepared to kick in \$1 p.p. to defray costs. Any volunteers for the venue? Phone John at 966-2350 by April 15.