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The Association

The Windsor University Retirees' Association (WURA) (Faculty, Librarian, Administrator) at Windsor was formed in 1990, to give a unified voice to retirees; to provide a bridge for communication with the University; to encourage social contact among the retirees; and to open a few doors through which retirees could continue to contribute to the University of Windsor.

Thus the Association is meant to fill what could otherwise be a void in the lives of retirees – possible isolation from the University and from their former colleagues; and possible lack of understanding of vital pension and health issues that affect them directly.

There are only two meetings of the full membership per year: in the spring and the fall. An informal social committee arranges several other events per year – dinners, plays, picnics, and so on – all of which are paid for by those who take part. The Association encourages smaller special interest groups to form as occasion and their interests warrant. Because of extreme economy of operation, dues have been kept at the level of \$20 per year. This includes four issues of The Retirees' Newsletter.

Officers of the Association are:

President: Alfie Morgan
Vice-President: Kate McCrone (LOA)
Secretary: Jerry Malone
Treasurer & Membership: Norman King

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Spring General Meeting Oak Room, Vanier Hall, 11.30 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2010 Lunch Follows at the Conclusion of the Meeting

Agenda

1. Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes
2. Business arising from Minutes
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6. Committee Report:
 - a) Bursary Fund Report - Dr. Wilfrid Innerd
 - b) Pension & Benefits - Dr. Ihor Stebelsky
Green Shield Premium Increase - May, 1, 2010
 - c) Pension Plan Fund Report - Dr. William Miller
 - d) Endowment Report - Dr. John Meyer
 - e) Social Committee Report - Dr. Mary Lou Drake
7. Remarks - Dr. Alan Wildeman, President UW
8. Welcome & Remarks - Dr. Leo Groarke - Provost UW
9. Remarks - Mr. Brian Brown, President WUFA
10. Remarks - Ms Rita LaCivita/Ms Cheryl Paglione HR
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The Windsor University Retirees Association is grateful to the support of the University Advancement Office for printing and mailing this Newsletter.

Campus News

**New Provost
& Vice President
Dr. Leo Groarke
Assumes Charge April 1,
2010**

Dr. Groarke comes to UWindsor following a 26-year career at Wilfrid Laurier University, where he held a number of teaching and administrative positions, most recently as Principal and Vice-President of Wilfrid Laurier's Brantford Campus, and the university's acting vice-president, academic. "Dr. Groarke's distinguished academic achievements and administrative experience will bring enormous credibility and strength to the University of Windsor's future. He is committed to students and issues of diversity, to working with faculty and staff, and to engaging the community as we embark on an exciting future," said Dr. Wildeman. "He is recognized widely for his outstanding leadership, diplomacy and problem-solving skills, and he will be a welcome addition to the University of Windsor team."

Groarke received his BA and Master's degrees in philosophy from the University of Calgary, studied at the University of Helsinki, and completed his Ph.D at the University of Western Ontario.

**Windsor Medical School
Future Secure**

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry-Windsor Program, which will graduate its first class in 2012, is preparing for a strong future. **Leaders of the University of Windsor, The University of Western Ontario, the Windsor region medical community, and the Windsor hospitals met recently in Windsor to discuss the next steps in assuring the continued growth in the Windsor Program of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.**

University presidents Alan Wildeman (Windsor) and Amit Chakma (Western), Dean Carol Herbert of the Schulich School, interim Associate Dean of the Windsor Program, Dr. Jim Silcox, along with provosts Fred Longstaffe (Western) and Kate McCrone (Windsor), were joined by Windsor Regional Hospital CEO David Musyj and WRH Chief of Staff Dr. Gary Ing, Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital CEO Warren Chant and Chief of Staff Dr. Kevin Tracey, former Chief of Staff for HDGH, Dr. Art Kidd, and Essex County Medical Society President Dr. Greg Hasen.

The meeting focused on three items. **First**, there was an opportunity for all participants to reaffirm their support for the development of the Windsor program, and to acknowledge the excellence and extraordinary success of the program that is seeing doctors trained in the Windsor-Essex region much sooner than anyone could have imagined.

Second, there was recognition given to the contributions of all parties to the successes to date, including the hospitals, the universities, the Windsor region and London physicians who help teach medical students and residents, and the many community members at large who see the importance of medical education as a vital endeavor for the future of the Windsor-Essex region.

Third, there was discussion about the program review that was commissioned by both universities in November of 2009 and is underway at present. This review is the first of what will be periodic reviews of the program in the years to come. All participants agreed that the review will involve consultation with all parties that contribute to the success of the Windsor program. They also agreed that through these periodic reviews, the organization and functioning of the Windsor program will be evaluated, and adjusted as necessary to ensure that the aspirations of students, the medical profession, and the community remain foremost.

**Windsorite to Head
Schulich School of Medicine
& Dentistry**

Windsor-born Michael J. Strong will begin a five-year term succeeding Carol Herbert as dean of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry on July 1, the University of Western Ontario announced Friday.

Dr. Strong is currently chief of neurology and co-chair of the Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences at the London Health Sciences Centre, director of the London Motor Neuron Diseases Clinic, the Arthur J. Hudson Chair in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research, and a scientist at the Robarts Research Institute.

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry – Windsor Program is now in its second year of operation on the University of Windsor campus.

**University to Partner with
Lambton College
to Train Early Education Teachers**

President Alan Wildeman told Senate at its recent meeting that the University will sign an agreement with Lambton College early to launch a new joint program designed to prepare new teachers in early learning.

The two-year program will begin in September 2010. Graduates will receive both a diploma in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Education degree. It was developed in anticipation of an increased demand for early childhood educators and primary teachers for Ontario's Full Day Early-Learning program.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty announced yesterday that 35,000 children aged four and five—15 percent of those eligible—will be able to enrol in the program in September of this year. The program will be fully implemented by 2015.

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Windsor Law Degree Switch to Juris Doctor Designation

At a recent meeting the Senate approved a change in the name of the University of Windsor law degree from LLB to JD.

Although the LLB is the traditional designation for a first law degree in Commonwealth countries, a growing trend has seen Canadian universities moving to the designation *Juris Doctor*. The name change entails no change in the program or admission requirements.

Dean of Law Bruce Elman told Senate this change was initiated at Windsor by students, who voted overwhelmingly in its favour in a referendum held in spring 2009.

The new degree title will take effect for the incoming cohort, the graduating class of 2013. Students who are in-course and alumni who graduated earlier will have the option to change their degree designation.

Federal Funding to Support Research Infrastructure

UWindsor researchers received more than \$577,000 in federal funding for equipment to study the composition of solid materials, vascular disease, new methods of musical expression, and fish ecology.

Canada Foundation for Innovation Leaders Opportunity Fund grants were awarded to:

Joel Gagnon, an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences who works in the Great

Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, received \$135,528 to purchase sample preparation equipment and an infrared microscope for a system which uses high-powered lasers to blast micro-samples of solid geologic materials into vapour to determine their composition. Solid materials analysis is crucial for a wide variety of scientific applications.

Marlys Koschinsky, Dean of the Faculty of Science, and collaborator **Michael Boffa**, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, received \$198,897 to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to study two mysterious proteins that appear to contribute to the risk of such vascular diseases as heart attack and stroke.

Brent Lee and **Nicholas Papador** from music and **Sigi Torinus** from visual arts received \$94,014 for studio space, instruments, and audio and video processing equipment for the Noiseborder Multimedia Performance Laboratory. The Noiseborder Ensemble collaborates with artists from many countries and explores relationships between sound, image and emerging technologies.

Trevor Pitcher, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology received \$149,093 to develop an experimental research hatchery system to study the evolutionary ecology and conservation of genetic quality in fish.

"These grants will support cutting-edge research infrastructure which will enable University of Windsor faculty members to conduct innovative research and train highly qualified people," said UWindsor Vice-President, Research, Ranjana

Bird.

The Canada Foundation for Innovation is an independent corporation created by the federal government to strengthen the capacity of Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, and non-profit institutions to do world-class research and develop technology. Since 1997, the foundation has committed almost \$5.2 billion to more than 6,300 projects across Canada.

Search on for School of Music Director

A search committee is inviting nominations and applications until Monday, March 8, for the position of **director of the School of Music**. The appointment will commence July 1, 2010, for a term of three to five years. This position is directed to tenured faculty in the University of Windsor. For more information, please see the online posting of the call for nominations.

Search Is on for the Following Positions

Dean of Education

Dean of Engineering

Dean of Law

Dean of Nursing

University Agrees to Cooperation with Chinese Institution

UWindsor President Alan Wildeman (right) and Dejiang Zhang, president of the Changchun University of Technology, celebrate a memorandum of understanding signed between the two schools Friday.

The city in northern China is twinned with Windsor. CCUT is interested in developing joint academic programs, research projects, and exchanges of students and faculty

Campus News

Dr. Kate McCrone
Professor Emeritus

Served as Acting Provost and Vice President, Academic, since July 1, 2009 until March 31, 2010 for nine months, while the new Provost, Dr. Leo Groarke was only available to join the University of Windsor on April 1, 2010.

This is another service that a retiree has provided the university in times of need.

2010 Retirees

Robert Bamberry, Facility Services – Heating & Cooling -S

Daniel Britten, Mathematics & Statistics - F

Angela Capaldi, Faculty of Science - S

R. Julian Cattaneo, Odette School of Business - F

Robert Elliott, Leddy Library - L

Karen Fung, Mathematics & Statistics - F

Anne Gray-Rattee, Chemistry & Biochemistry - S

Rosemary Halford, Humanities Research Group - S

Usha Jacob, Biological Sciences - S

Francis Lemire, Mathematics & Statistics - F

Charlotte Mackie, Facility Services – Housekeeping & Grounds - S

Frank Marar, Facility Services – Housekeeping & Grounds - S

Brian Mazer, Faculty of Law - F

Marguerite Merrifield, Office of the Registrar- S

Harold Musson, Odette School of Business - F

Bonnie Nicholson, Law Library - S

Barbara Niewitecka, Student

Development & Support - S

Janet Nowitsky, Electrical & Computer Engineering - S

Lee Rabideau, School of Visual Arts - S

Bonifacio Sotto, Facility Services – Housekeeping & Grounds - S

Shane Twomby, Facility Services –

Housekeeping & Grounds - S
J. Leigh West, Faculty of Law - F
F - faculty; S - staff, L - librarian

**Retirees Reunion Dinner
2010**

The 2010 annual Retirees Dinner/Reunion is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Ambassador Auditorium.

Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available from **Mary-Ann Rennie**, Special Events Manager, Office of the President, at ext. 7059

2010 Clark Awards

The University of Windsor is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Clark Awards:

Eddi Chittaro, BA '55, MA '58

Martin Komsa, BComm '76

Justice Mary Jo Nolan, LLB '81

Dr. Roger Thibert, BA '51, D.Sc. '04

A dinner to honour these individuals will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Ambassador Auditorium, 2nd floor, CAW Student Centre.

Tickets are priced at \$75 each and available by contacting **Mary-Ann Rennie**, mrennie@uwindsor.ca or 519-973-7059.

Pandey Lab Gets Boost**From Knights of Columbus**

A group of philanthropists got a first-hand account of how their donations are being used by researchers here in the battle against cancer.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Branch 9671 dropped off a \$6,000 cheque Thursday to support the work of biochemist **Siyaram Pandey**, bringing the total amount the Catholic service club has donated to the lab to date to \$26,000.

Dr. Pandey and his students gave club members a tour of their lab and a progress report on their research, but also had the opportunity to express their gratitude to the group.

"You motivate and enrich us so that we can give back to the community that supports us," said Katie Facecchia, a master's student in Pandey's lab.

Pandey said that it wasn't so long ago that his lab was struggling to secure funding, so donations from the K of C provided a great deal of inspiration.

"This relationship has been tremendous, not just for the financial help, but for the motivational boost that it's given us," he said.

Masters student Sudipa Chatterjee and doctoral candidate Carly Griffin told the group that their experiments with a variety of compounds such as pancratistatin, tamoxifen, curcumin—and even dandelion root extract—have demonstrated promising results in halting the growth of certain cancers cells and tumours and that several of their research papers have recently been accepted for publication in academic journals.

Dean of Science Marlys Koschinsky and Phil Dutton, head of chemistry and biochemistry, both drew attention to the importance of nurturing relationships with community partners and noted that in addition to delivering quality research, the university is producing highly trained individuals such as the students in Pandey's lab who will be the scientists and cancer researchers of the future.

"You just know that these people are going to be going on to bigger and better things," Dr. Dutton said.

Knights of Columbus member Alan Stewart looked at some samples in a microscope while graduate student Sudipa Chatterjee explains the Pandey lab's research to K of C members, from left, Michael Trepanier, Rick Macdonald, Ron Gauthier and Len Jennings.

Association News**Minutes of the WURA Executive Committee Meeting, Monday, January 25, 2010, Room 202 Assumption Building, 1:00 p.m.****(Abridged)**

Present: Alfie Morgan (chair) Sheila Cameron, Mary Lou Drake, Norm King, Bernie Kroeker, Jerry Malone, Alan Metcalfe, Gord Olafson, Datta Pillay. **Minutes of the Executive Meeting of November 25, 2009:** The Minutes of this meeting were not available.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes: The message from Waterloo Insurance was placed in December Newsletter as agreed at the last meeting.**3. Correspondence:** None**4. Announcements:** Representatives are needed to serve on the D7 Committee.**5. Business Arising:** None**6. New Business:**

a) Health Benefits-Green Shield Rate Increase-Out of Province Travel: In early January Cheryl Paglione informed Alfie Morgan that Green Shield has notified the University of a premium increase on travel insurance that will be effective May 1, 2010. C. Paglione was asked how many or what per cent of retirees use the 180 days coverage.. She stated GS can only advice about the number of claims. The Executive agreed to place an article in the March Newsletter to include giving the new rates for travel insurance from Green Shield , an explanation that

the day maximum applies on a per trip basis and asking members if they want 180, 90, 60, or 30 days coverage.

b) Second Opinion Corporate Services/Fiduciary Duty: An e-mail was received from Greg York of the above company offering a programme providing financial advisory services. It was agreed that this may be more pertinent to active members. A. Morgan will so inform Mr. York.

c) AHED- Academics for Higher Education and Development: Because of his commitments as president of CURAC John Meyer resigned as the UofW representative to the above organization. A request has been received from Prof. Steven Davis,Executive Director of AHED asking if there is anyone at the UofW who would be willing to take on the job. A note will be placed in the Newsletter informing the members of this request.

d) **Reports-WUFA Contract & Exec/Council Committees:** Reporting about the recent WUFA Council meeting Mary Lou Drake said that there is concern about a plan to implement a programme from the Inter College Group to provide language and culture courses to students with English as a second language. The big question for WUFA is who will teach courses. There is also concern about a few tenure track appointments that have been made without going through the Association. Concerning budget cuts in those cases when deans must make 35% cuts WUFA members can ask where the cuts were made.

e) Update WURA Christmas Lunch: Mary Lou Drake reported that the date for the 2010 Christmas lunch

has been reserved and the menu will be very similar to that of the past year.

7. Other Business: Members were reminded of the Brown Bag Lunch to take place on February 1, in the Katzman Lounge.

A request was received from CURAC asking if any of our members would be interested in presenting a brief paper on retiree related issues at the 2010 conference. If anyone is interested they should contact John Meyer.

Gordon Olafson recommended that WURA conduct a review/analysis of the 1.2 and 1.5 factors. This was last done 5 years ago. There was a recommendation to look into what things WURA and UNICOM could do together. There was discussion of the return rate of the pension plan and it was suggested that Bill Miller be asked to give an analysis at the Spring Annual Meeting why the return is so low. Several members of the Committee said they were having problems with their e-mail using Lotus Notes and wondered if many members were experiencing problems. A note will be put in the Newsletter asking for comments. Work on the article on WURA for View magazine is in progress.

CURAC Conference 2010

The printed Program and Registration Package for the 2010 CURAC/ARUCC Conference and Annual General Meeting at York University will soon be mailed out. In the meantime, you can find preliminary information posted on our web site .

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Association News

inning teacher—and proud alu
University Professor Emeritus
Named Fellow of Engineering Society

Jatinder K. Bewtra, University Professor Emeritus in civil engineering, has been elected a **fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers** in recognition of his contributions to the profession.

In a professional and academic career spanning 50 years, Dr. Bewtra published more than 200 papers and supervised more than 70 graduate students. He attained the rank of university professor in 1998 and was named a fellow of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering in 2001.

Now retired from teaching, Bewtra continues to supervise graduate students and conduct research.

The American Society of Civil Engineers identifies its fellows as an elite few, limited to no more than five percent of the organization's membership. In its election criteria, it specifies leaders who have achieved significant accomplishments during their career; professional distinctions within the industry; and the respect of other civil engineering authorities.

Professor Emerita Named to Order of Ontario

It was a phone call Diana Mady Kelly was glad she took. When the phone rang late one evening before Christmas, she assumed it was a telemarketer, but picked up anyway. Instead, it was a representative of Lieutenant Governor David Onley telling the UWindsor drama professor emerita she had been appointed to the **Order of Ontario**.

"I told her I was glad I didn't answer the way I usually do for telephone solicitors," Mady Kelly said Monday, after the province announced her appointment, noting her contributions to theatre and arts administration. She received the

honour—the province's highest at a Ceremony in Queens Park.

The Order of Ontario was created in 1986 by the Government of Ontario to recognize the highest level of individual excellence and achievement in any field. **Mady Kelly is one of 29 appointees to the order announced Monday.** Others included James Orbinski, a founding member of Doctors Without Borders who received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University in 2006, and former director of the Canada Council for the Arts Shirley Thomson, recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1996.

Librarian Emeritus to Receive Rotary Humanitarian Award

Dr. Tad Venkateshwarlu received the 2009 Humanitarian Award from the Windsor-St. Clair chapter of Rotary .. A librarian emeritus who retired after 35 years of service from the Leddy Library and the economics department in 2006.

The local Rotary club bestows the award each year to an individual whose career has made significant contributions to the betterment of society.

In 1992, Venkateswarlu founded a school for orphaned, handicapped, and abandoned children in his native Tenali, India. He has supported the school with his own resources as well as fund raising efforts in Windsor. This philanthropic work has previously earned him recognition, including an honorary doctorate from the University of Windsor in 2007; the Centre for Studies in Social Justice Person of the Year in 2004; and the Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal in 2003.

Out Of Province Travel Insurance

Green Shield has notified us of a premium increase on travel insurance that will be effective May 1, 2010. The rate increase also applies to the retiree travel insurance.

Current monthly Retiree rates (excludes RST) : \$22.00 single; \$44.00 couple/ family .New monthly Retiree rates (excludes RST) : \$31.00 single; \$62.00 couple/ family

Current premiums have been in place since May 1, 2007. Green Shield advises that travel rates are based on 180 days duration of the plan. The day maximum applies on a per trip basis (not on a per year basis) and can be repeated multiple times within a year as long as the participant returns to their home for 3 or 4 days in between trips. As the travel plan is part of the benefit program, travel coverage on its own cannot be waived. This means everyone participating in the health care portion of the benefit plan must pay the travel premium, regardless of whether they are able to utilize the benefit or not.

Some optional plans with new rates:

30 day plan - \$14.00 single; \$28.00 couple/family
 60 day plan - \$19.50 single; \$39.00 couple/family
 90 day plan - \$25.25 single; \$50.50 couple/family

This increase is fairly significant (almost 50%) and affects about 200 faculty retirees.

WURA Executive would seek in put from members about their preference regarding the above options - 30, 60, 90 and 180 days.

It is agreed that Premium for 180 is too high.

90 day coverage may be preferable because of rates

Please advise us by telephone / leave a message at 519-253-3000, Ext 4260. Your preference.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS**In MEMORIAM**

CROWLEY, J. Edward Born in Cork, New Brunswick, July 11, 1919. Died January 16, 2010, in Windsor, Ontario. Loving husband of Pamela J. Milne and brother of Mildred (Joseph) Connors, Alma (Harold) McDade, and Therese (Dolphus) Russell. Survived by many wonderful nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Edward was a biblical scholar who earned a B.A. at St. Joseph's University in Moncton, New Brunswick, an S.T.L. at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and an S.S.L. at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. He did further studies at the Ecole biblique et archologique franaise and Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. He taught biblical studies at Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan, Holy Redeemer College in Windsor, Ontario, and at the University of Windsor from where he retired as a full professor in 1984. He was awarded the rank of professor emeritus in 1986. Through his teaching career, Edward authored several books and articles on a variety of biblical subjects. He annotated four biblical books for the Oxford Study Edition of the New English Bible. After retiring from teaching, he produced and published English translations of important books and articles by French biblical scholars. Edward had a strong commitment to human rights and social justice.

Miriam Bunt Dr. Miriam Elizabeth (Professor Emeritus of the University of Windsor and also a Psychologist in Private Practice in Grosse Point, Michigan) Passed away at the Champlain Manor, Orillia on Monday, March 8th, 2010. Miriam, beloved wife of the late Cecil Bunt who was a respected teacher at Walkerville Collegiate in Windsor. Loving mother of Jo Ann Bunt Eppstein & husband Richard of Haliburton and Dr. Wendy Bunt of

Collingwood. Dr. Bunt volunteered on a number of community Board's of Directors including Windsor Western Hospital and the Art Gallery of Windsor. She served on the Board of Hiatus House for 25 years from 1977 to 2002 and was integral in the development of many of its programs. In September 1989, as President of the Board, she chaired the official opening of the agency's 42 bed residential shelter at 250 Louis Avenue. Dr. Bunt was a woman of courage and compassion and cared deeply for abused women and their children.

Alan Andrew BROWN Ph.D. 80, of Malden formerly of New York City and Windsor, Ontario. Entered Eternal Rest unexpectedly March 22, 2010. Dr. Brown was a Holocaust survivor and Professor of Economics, specializing in the economies of Eastern Europe. Devoted husband of 54 years to Barbara (Delson) Brown. Beloved father of Fern Remedi-Brown & her spouse Ginny Remedi-Brown, Stephen Brown & his spouse Marianne Brown, the late Dennis Brown & his spouse Heidi Brown. Cherished grandfather of Samantha, Robert, Alexandra, Michael-Mackenzie, Daniel, Aaron, Netta and Maya. Dear brother-in-law of Phyllis AlRoy, Rozanne Richman and Sheila Delson. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Holocaust Center of Boston North, Peabody; Temple Tifereth Israel, Malden; or Jewish Family & Children's Services, Waltham.

Margrit Meyer Died in Detroit, Michigan, December 22, 2009. Margrit taught at the University of Windsor in the School of Social Work from 1973 to 1993 when she retired. Detroit Friends Meeting (Quakers) held a Memorial Meeting in February to celebrate and remember Margrit Meyer's life and gifts. Margrit was born on August 26, 1928, in Braunschweig, Germany. In March of 1939, Margrit, her brother and her mother emigrated to New York to join her father,

who had been forced to leave Germany several months earlier because of his Jewish ancestry. Margrit grew up in Konnarock in southwest Virginia where her father secured a position as a country doctor. After receiving a B.A. degree from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Margrit taught elementary school for a year and then engaged in some community social work positions. In 1955, after receiving an M.A. in Social Work from Bryn Mawr, she worked as a social worker in Germany and then in Champaign and Urbana in Illinois. In 1969, following graduate study at the University of Chicago, she was appointed Associate Professor of Social Work at Michigan State University. In 1973 she moved to Windsor and became an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Windsor. She retired from the University in 1993. She was a political activist who fiercely and fearlessly pursued social justice. She was both courageous and trusting.

STEVE RADIN, Dr. M.D., F.R.C.S.© February 26, 1932 -- March 18, 2010 Dr. Steve Radin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend and surgeon, passed away peacefully at home at the age of 78. Steve was born and raised in Windsor; his parents, Helen and Daniel, were hard working immigrants from Hungary. He was a caring surgeon in the city of Windsor for 36 years (1966-2002); He also served on the Board of Governors of the University of Windsor and the Board of Trustees of the McMaster University Divinity School as a medical advisor, then as a member of the Board of Directors, and finally as President of the Endowment Foundation.. Dr. Radin put his surgical skills to good use in some of the poorest parts of the world through volunteering as a surgeon in mission hospitals in India, Nepal, and China.

WURA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues:

Retirees continue to face challenges and your executive continues to address them. Two major challenges lie beyond our control: the continuing decline in our pension--we are all on the minimum guarantee. The second is the increase in the cost of the extended health care plan by Green Shield. Because of declining returns, the University's contribution to the plan (part of the dental coverage) will not be available this year. To make things worse, Green Shield is introducing an increase in May. The increase extends from the travel plan cost (more about it in the newsletter) to the regular premiums themselves. As you may recall, in our last general meeting, we wanted extra benefits which will increase the plan cost further. Brace yourselves.

We have an upcoming meeting of the D7 Committee meeting. Our goal is to have the University set up a fund (like Brock and other universities) to partially support the retirees extended health care plan. Wish us luck. If you have any suggestion on this matter, please let your colleagues on the executive committee know. We will continue the fight, but we need every retiree to come to the battle field. Whatever you can bring to the table, please do bring it--the sooner the better.

Please let us hear from you."

Regards,
Alfie Morgan, President, WURA

Membership Dues

Please forward your 2009 - 2010 dues, if you have not already paid to the Treasurer:

Membership Dues of \$ 20 for the year 2009-2010 is now due. If you have not paid the dues at the Fall General Meeting On October 21, 2009, please mail your cheques to the Treasurer.

Thank You

AHED- Academics for Higher Education and Development: Because of his commitments as president of CURAC John Meyer resigned as the UofW representative to the above organization. A request has been received from Prof. Steven Davis, Executive Director of AHED asking if there is anyone at the UofW who would be willing to take on the responsibility.

2010 CURAC/ARUCC 8th National Conference and Annual General Meeting May 18 – 20, 2010

Conference Location: YORK UNIVERSITY (Keele Campus), Toronto

**Technology Enhanced Learning Centre (TEL) Building
Seneca College Building (at York)**

Parking lot number 88

Transportation arrangements

Delegates are expected to make individual travel arrangements with the airline of their choice. We have not arranged for special conference fares.

The nearest airport is Pearson International Airport, Toronto. There are no airport buses. Taxi fare to the University Campus is approximately \$50.

Hotels - Reservation are recommended at the following hotels. Delegates are expected to make individual accommodation reservations

**Schulich Executive Learning Centre
Schulich School of Business
York University, 4700 Keele Street
Toronto, Ontario
M3J 1P3**

**Phone: (416) 650-8300
Fax: (416) 650-8333
Website: www.elc.schulich.yorku.ca
E-mail: reservations@schulich.yorku.ca**

Executive level accommodation – on Campus – *Limited number of rooms*

\$130 per night

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