

DCRA News

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Mission Statement

The Durham College Retirees' Association is an organization whose function is to provide members with companionship, pertinent information, opportunities for service, and response to their concerns.



President's Message

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Welcome to summer, where does the time go? Another year has gone by with our third Annual Meeting in June. We were delighted to be updated on things that are going on at the College. Brenda Jackson, Carolyn Campbell and Ken Babcock were our special guests. Brenda and the library are offering an opportunity for retirees to dedicate a book. Carolyn announced some of the 40th anniversary plans, more details will follow. Ken told us about the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre, more later in this newsletter.

We continue to get terrific support from the College; most anything we ask for they provide. The Executive meets 3 or 4 times a year dealing with Association matters and planning future events. Any suggestion you have would be welcomed. Have a great summer; see you at the golf day or the Christmas lunch.

Gerry Pettit Elected to Provincial Sports Hall of Fame

Gerry Pettit has been elected to the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place at the OCAA General meeting in May in Oshawa.

Gerry had a long career coaching many different Durham College sports teams. In the early days of the College he coached the Basketball and Hockey Teams. Later his major successes came with the Golf Team capturing many Provincial Championships. Gerry is a member of the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame and returns to the College each year for the awards evening. **Congratulations Gerry!**

Annual General Meeting

Approximately 45 members attended the dinner and meeting at Trillium Trails in Columbus. Once again, we visited with our College friends, enjoyed a meal and participated in the Annual Meeting.



We had three presenters. Brenda Jackson, our first presenter, spoke on the Library Book Dedication Program. Brenda brought a number of books that were already ‘dedicated’ to Retirees. Detailed explanations of the process and the ongoing formation of the Campus Archives Library were extremely interesting. Brenda asked us to contact her with any information on the various departments from the early days.

Carolyn Campbell spoke on the up-coming 40th Anniversary Celebration noting September 18th as the Kick Off for the Celebration and the Homecoming Weekend. Municipalities will be asked to declare a “Special Day” for this Celebration. Dianne Aru is our representative on the 40th Anniversary Committee.

Ken Babcock, Director of Athletics outlined the new state-of-the-art Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre. The facility includes everything a modern Wellness Centre should have. It is located just west of the existing facility and is scheduled to open mid June. Ken announced that retirees would have **complementary membership** (College staff \$205/year, general public \$345/year)... Details of fitness classes are still to be worked out. A great chance for retirees to stay in shape. For more information contact Ken at the College.

Ante Vrdoljak and Alice Michaud won the flower baskets (door prizes).

Although this is our Annual Meeting – it is more a social event as you can see from the pictures on the last page (more soon to be on our website – www.durhamcollege.ca/retirees). To those who were not able to attend, we missed you and hope you can make it to our Golf Tournament/Barbeque, September 6th or our Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 4th.

We, The Executive, would like to have your email address.

Why? To inform members of sudden developments – news items – health coverage changes etc.... This service is meant to serve you better without being intrusive. Just send your current email to Jimannabel@sympatico.ca

All addresses are kept in strictest confidence.

ENTERTAINMENT THIS SUMMER

Parkwood Estate, Simcoe Street North, Oshawa (www.parkwoodestate.com)

(From their website) Parkwood is one of Canada's finest and last remaining grand estates, featuring architectural, landscape and interior designs of the 1920's and 1930's.



The majestic estate that was once a private enclave to auto baron R. Samuel McLaughlin (founder of General Motors of Canada from 1917 until 1972) is now a National Historic Site, open year-round to be enjoyed by all. The large property still reflects not only the personal interests and tastes of its owner, but also five remarkable decades in history as Canada and the world embraced both the automobile and 20th century technology.

To experience all that the grand estate has to offer, plan your summer visit to include the new House and Garden Tour Experience, followed by a leisurely lunch or afternoon tea in the Formal Garden Teahouse.

Mansion Tours are available Tuesday through Sunday and last approximately 1 hour. The mansion is closed Mondays.

270 Simcoe Street N.
Oshawa, Ontario
L1G 4T5 Tel: (905) 433-4311

June through September - 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

After Labour Day - 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adults	\$ 7
Seniors (age 65+)	\$ 6
Youth (14-17 yrs.)	\$ 5
Children (6 - 13 yrs.)	\$ 4
Family of Four (2 adults + 2 children under 13)	\$ 16

Scugog Island Cruises --Port Perry, Ontario

(www.scugogcruises.com)

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We offer many types of cruises that are fun and exciting! Groups, Senior's and Bus tours are welcome and we have group rates for more than 20 passengers. Call our office if you

would like to receive our group tour package.

2007 Pricing	Adult	Child (4-11 years)	Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)	Group Rates Available
Sightseeing Cruises	\$21.50*	\$10.50*	\$60.00*	✓
Light Lunch Fare Cruises	\$29.00*	\$18.00*		✓
Brunch Buffet Cruises	\$50.00*	\$25.00*		✓
Hot Lunch Cruises	\$50.00*	\$25.00*		✓
Dinner Buffet Cruises	\$62.00*	\$31.00*		✓
Themed Dinner & Dance Cruises	Varies	Varies		✓
*Prices exclude taxes and service charges. Please check our online schedule for more information about times, pricing and reservations. For group rates, please call our office at 1-877-877-2091				

Discount Tickets from the College

Don't forget, the College offers discounted tickets for Canada's Wonderland, Toronto theatres and Toronto Raptor games, contact Kelly Bailey at the College (905)721-2000) for more information.

New Retirees since April 2006

Gary Polonsky
 Judy Moreton
 Romona Worden
 Janet Nisbet
 Daphne Bertram
 Keith Watson
 Diane Anderson-Campbell
 Irene Thompson
 Bev Balenko
 John Woodward
 Betty-Anne Blyth
 Wendy Trotter
 Bob Bell
 Fred Thompson
 Peter Schloen
 Bob Myszkowsky
 Monique Garber
 Heather Finley
 Fran Clarke

Recent New DCRA Members

Betty-Anne Blythe
 Alick Preslie
 Lynda Sauriol
 Ron Stairs
 Bill Swan

Thinking of You
 Bill Dulmage

Condolences to Families & Friends

Bert Dejeet
 Peggy Kirkconnell

UPCOMING EVENTS

You Can't Dance to Mozart

by John F. Green
 – Class Act Dinner
 Theatre,
 Aug 2 – Aug 25, 2007

Golf Tournament & BBQ

– Thursday September 6th
 – The Academy – Deer
 Creek

Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007
 at LVIV Hall, Oshawa.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PICTURES

