

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

For my first message as president I would like to make three points and do it in three paragraphs.

Firstly, on behalf of all members I would like to thank outgoing president Barry Bracken for his leadership during the first two years of the association. He has established a solid foundation for the operation of our association and because of his efforts we are well regarded by the College. The new president Leah Myers, Ken Robb and Kelly Bailey continue to support us in any way they can. They are eager to keep in contact with those of us who helped establish the College's reputation. On your behalf I spoke at the installation ceremony for Leah Myers in September. Everyone I have talked to at the College has glowing comments about our activities. Also, on behalf of all members I would like to thank Sharon Babbs and Ray Blomme for their contributions. The time and effort they put in has established a base of activities from which we can build.

Secondly, besides the social fellowship we provide, I think we should be on the lookout for any of our friends and colleagues who might be a little under the weather. I would like us to support them in a manner that is not invasive but let them know we are thinking of them. If you know of someone who could use a reminder of past friendships, please let us know.

Lastly, as we move forward, a) we need to determine what other activities we should undertake, b) we are interested in what else we can do for our now 140 members, and c) we need to know if a retiree is not receiving our communications (please advise). Also, the 40th anniversary of the College is coming up in 2007 and we will be asked to take part in it. Brenda Jackson is creating a significant archive for the College and I think we should support it.

Jim Anderson

Annual General Meeting & Luncheon – Trillium Trails – June 6

Approximately 40 Retirees attended the AGM – socializing, enjoying the delicious luncheon and participating in the meeting and in the Executive Election.

Jim, on behalf of all Retirees, thanked the outgoing executive members, Barry, Ray and Sharon for their hard work during the past few years.

As of June 6, 2006 we have 137 Association members – 114 in the GTA. Ninety-Six members have email.

Kelly introduced the new Durham College Retirees’ Website Check it out at: www.durhamcollege.ca/EN/main/campus_services/93994/retirees.php

Sylvia Pelham, Marg Sills and Brij Logani were the lucky recipients of the hanging baskets.

Retirees’ 3rd Annual Golf Tournament – Deer Creek – Sept 12



Eighteen players attacked the 9 hole golf course with zeal – breaking records – 2 holes in one, and losing more balls than any other players in the history of the Golf Course (just kidding). Eight more Retirees joined the eighteen golfers for a barbeque and the distribution of the Exquisite Prizes presented by none other than Jim (**Tiger**) Anderson.

All kidding aside, the Tournament was once again this year a very successful event – lots of laughs, good food and a very sociable afternoon.

Recently Retired Durhamites	Thinking of You	Condolences to Families & Friends
<hr/> Daphne Bertram Judy Moretton Janet Nisbet Esther Patterson Romona Worden	<hr/> Minna Anderson Herb & Peg Kirkconnell Ron Neun Joyce Parker	<hr/> Earl Barks Dirk Brussee Clyde Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Trillium Trails, December 5, 2006
11:30 Social Hour
12:30 Luncheon - & FUN, FUN, FUN

CLASS ACT DINNER THEATRE

Spring, 2007

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June, 2007

Watch for:

"You Can't Dance to Mozart"

by John F. Green

– Class Act Dinner Theatre,
104 Consumers Drive, Whitby,
(905 668-2229), July 8th – Aug 23, 2007.

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Sports Complex Retirees' Rates

For Fitness Centre memberships contact Ken Babcock at 905 721-2000. Tennis inquiries should go to Ken Crosina at 905-721-3122.

Continuing Education Course Rates

All Retirees can register for in-class credits, general interest and online courses for a fee of **\$20.00 PLUS SUPPLY FEES which vary with each course**. Seats are limited. To find out the actual cost of your chosen course, call the Registration Line and they will be happy to tell you the full fee required.



President Leah Myers

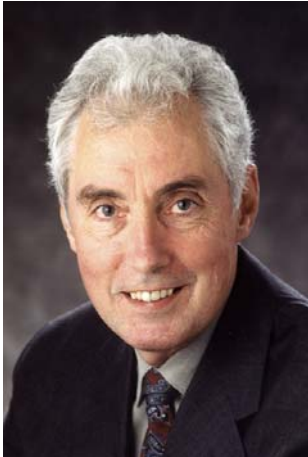
Leah Myers was appointed president of Durham College in April 2006. She brings strong leadership and extensive experience in post-secondary education and training issues to the college from her 20-year career in the Ontario Public Service and her lifelong commitment to the value of education and training in building a prosperous economy and society.

Immediately prior to joining Durham College, Myers played a key role in the design and start-up of the Ministry of Research and Innovation, a new ministry led by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty. In 2004, she was the executive director of the Secretariat that provided research, policy, consultation, communication and project support to the Postsecondary Review conducted by the former premier, the Honourable Bob Rae. The recommendations of the review formed the basis of the government's Reaching Higher Plan - the keystone of the Ontario Budget 2005 which provided significant new investments in the post-secondary system.

From 1999 to 2004, she served in the Cabinet Office as assistant deputy minister responsible for health, social and education policy. She was also instrumental in establishing Policy Innovation and Leadership, a corporate initiative to enhance the skills of policy professionals across the Ontario Public Service. Other senior management roles include acting assistant deputy minister; director, Policy and Programs; and director, Apprenticeship Reform in the Ministry of Education and Training.

Born and raised in Toronto, Myers holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Toronto and is also a graduate of the Ivey Executive Program with the Ivey School of Business.

She is married and has two teenage sons.



President Ronald Bordessa

Ronald Bordessa was born in Wales and attended the University of Wales at Swansea, graduating with a BA Honours Degree in Geography. Doctoral research followed at Liverpool University, where he was awarded a Ph. D. in Geography.

An early appointment to the Geography Department of Atkinson College at York University while he was still a doctoral student turned into more than thirty years of service to that institution. During that period Dr. Bordessa's eclectic research interests resulted in publications that covered many aspects of social life in urban areas as well as essays in literary studies, environmental issues and the politics of land development. Teaching a wide variety of courses in human geography at the undergraduate and graduate levels ensured his continued and close interaction with students. His professorial duties at York soon evolved to encompass an academic administrative career that grew from positions as a Program Co-ordinator (Urban Studies), to Department Chair (both Geography and Social Work), as well as to Associate Dean and Dean of Atkinson College, (renamed the Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies while Bordessa was Dean for a second time).

Bordessa has been a visiting professor of Geography at the University of Western Australia in Perth and at Helsinki University in Finland. He continues to hold the position and title of Docent at the University of Joensuu in Finland. During his two-year tenure at the University of Helsinki Bordessa developed a strong and continuing interest in that country.

In 2001 Dr. Bordessa accepted an appointment at Royal Roads University in Victoria, BC. Royal Roads is an innovative and workplace focused institution which specializes in professional graduate degrees. During five years there, as Vice President Academic and Provost he oversaw the introduction and development of many new programs and initiatives which resulted in significant growth in both domestic and international enrolment, especially from China.

Bordessa's wife, Dr. Mari Peepre, will be leaving her position as Professor and founding Director of the School of Communication and Culture at Royal Roads University to accompany him to Ontario. They share a family of four adult children who have followed different career paths in three countries.

Remember When?



Simcoe Bldg. + Portables



Willey Bldg.



***Willey Bldg., Simcoe Bldg.,
H Wing, D Wing & Athletics Complex***



***Durham College, UOIT,
Tennis Courts & Arenas -
2006***



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If you know someone who doesn't receive our Association's mailings and may wish to join, please contact one of the Executive and we will send he/she an application form.

Joining the Association entitles you to receive future newsletters and flyers about upcoming events. There is no membership fee.