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Message from the President

As I turned my thoughts to preparing a few words for this issue of WATtimes, it seems that the two topics uppermost in many minds this winter have been the unprecedented, in decades, economy and the almost equally record-setting weather. About the former, we've likely all heard enough. But I can't resist saying something about the latter. In a year in which people wondered if the snow would ever end, and then the little fella saw his shadow promising us even more winter, we have seen friends, neighbors and fellow UWRA members "escaping" to Florida, Arizona, Cuba and Sicily, at least in part for weather-related reasons. For the first year in many, however, we've not yet made a plan to seek a week or so of respite from the cold. I admit it: I love winter, at least until about the end of March, and I'm happy to say that my snow shoes have seen a little action this year. At this point in February, whether we make that "plan" or not remains to be seen, but I hope all of you who do so enjoy every moment of your vacation and your reprieve from the elements. And today I learned a new word (perhaps more accurately, a new corruption of the English language): "stay-cation". So to all who decide to stick with the Canadian winter, I wish you a happy stay-cation.

When spring finally does arrive, we have some pretty interesting things planned to help welcome the new season. There is,

first of all, the UWRA Spring Luncheon in April at which Professor Mike Sharratt will speak about a topic near and dear to our hearts: aging. Then in May and June there are the coach trips that Terry Weldon has planned, one to Toronto's smaller museums; the other a full and fascinating day in Orillia. The pages of this issue have more details about all of these events, so read on.

On May 27, we will host the UWRA Annual General Meeting in a new location: the increasingly popular Sunshine Centre in Luther Village. We're hoping that the new, more accessible location, as well as delightful refreshments planned to follow the meeting, will inspire many of you to join us for the event.

Finally, there's a new name under the title of "Secretary" on our Board of Directors' list. You may recall that we were fortunate to welcome Kathy Blom, a relatively recent (2008) retiree, to our Board last year. When she found out that we would need a Secretary at the beginning of this year, she agreed to take on that role and the myriad of things that it entails. I am most grateful to Kathy for stepping into this important position so soon after joining the Board, and I'm already enjoying working with her.

Lorraine Beattie

Honorary Member



At the end of last year, Marlene Miles left the UWRA Board and the position of Secretary that she had held since May 2001. Many of you will know the extent to which not only the Board, but all UW retirees have been the beneficiaries of Marlene's tireless enthusiasm and energy. It gives me great pleasure to tell you that at a recent Board meeting, it was moved that "in view of the extraordinary contributions to the work of UWRA by Marlene Miles she be designated an Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of the UWRA". The motion was passed unanimously, and at the Annual General Meeting in May, Marlene will be officially "installed" in the position and become the Board's third honorary member. Congratulations, Marlene!

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The Editor's Corner

I am running late for a variety of reasons. Thanks to all the usual people who help push this newsletter along. Since this issue is rife with references to the process of aging, starting right on the front page, I will pass on this little story, with or without your permission.

A retiree visited a Dental Surgeon. Although they had not met yet, the name on the office door was identical to a classmate the retiree had gone to school with nearly forty years before, but as soon as he saw him he thought "No Way! That wrinkled, saggy old guy with grey hair could not possibly have been in

my class!!" But he was polite enough to ask if he had perchance studied at UW in the mid-sixties.

When the reply was affirmative, he said "Oh then, you probably took some classes with me."

Imagine his chagrin when the Dentist gave him a searching perusal and replied "That could well be. Which subject did you teach??"

Cheers, Phil Eastman

Profile of Don Ranney

By Neal Moogk-Soulis

Neal Moogk-Soulis is a MA history candidate at the University of Waterloo. He employs a variety of techniques to avoid completing his thesis including housework, volunteering and writing. To date he has not been entirely successful and his thesis is currently working through the back nine.

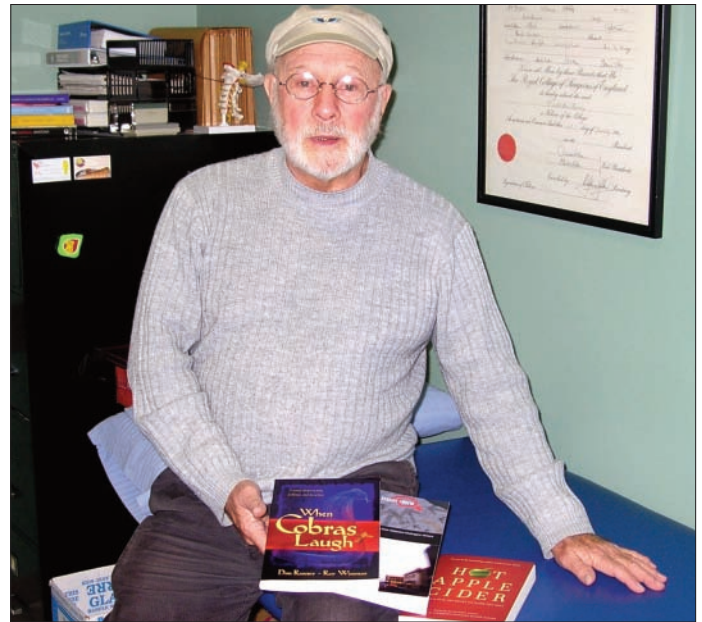
Don Ranney embodies the spirit of someone who believes that a job is merely another step in a career. He has begun to record this in *"The Cat has Nine Lives."* He told me, "I've still got three left so why should I stop now?" Speaking with Don recently, I could see that he has taken this to heart.

Don joined UW in 1976 and founded the School of Anatomy in 1978. By the time he had arrived at UW he had already had more jobs than most people have in a lifetime. And now that he has retired from UW, he continues to practice as an orthopaedic consultant at Kinetex, a multidisciplinary rehabilitation clinic specializing in the assessment and treatment of motor vehicle accident, sports and work-related injuries, in Waterloo.

Don grew up in Toronto. He described himself there as a "real wild character". He studied anthropology and medicine at the University of Toronto and graduated in 1958. He studied in Great Britain where he earned his surgical qualifications and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1966. While in England, in what might be considered a conventional career path, he worked as an intern at Birmingham Accident Hospital. He got married, and in time three children joined the Ranney family. At the time, Don was like many students struggling to support himself and he was keen to earn a little extra income on the side.

An acquaintance told him to offer to become a medical officer for a military unit that was stationed in the area. Don pursued the lead and he soon became a medical officer for the British Special Air Service. He later switched to a parachute regiment in Edinburgh. "We did some tough stuff while I was there," he said. He was able to observe interrogation techniques and learn skills like how to control a conversation and how to use a machine gun to clear a room in five seconds. "I don't believe in guns, but machine guns can be fun," he told me. Needless to say, he didn't use the room clearing skill in later years, but other skills that he picked up proved useful.

His next job was as a medical missionary in India after spending a year at Toronto (now known as Tyndale) Bible College. This was a fulfillment of his long-term goal to spend a lifetime in India doing reconstructive surgery in Hansen's disease,



Don Ranney still hard at it!

also known as leprosy. His work followed in the footsteps of Paul Brand, whose reconstructive surgery techniques he described as, "magic, absolute magic." While in India he pioneered two new operations. A fourth child was born into the Ranney family in India.

He arrived in India intending to stay for life but ended up leaving after four and a half years. He attributed his early departure to a mixture of administrative, cultural and theological differences. "In four years of work, I was told two years of probation had not been completed satisfactorily," he said despite the fact that he had trained five surgeons, written two medical textbooks and published 14 scientific papers. In all he was in India from February 1969 through to August 1973. As a measure of his tenacity, even as he returned from India, he presented three scientific papers as he made his way home.

"Professionally, they were the best years of my life. Personally, India was hard," he said. He viewed his failure to remain in India as a personal rejection even though he had been popular with most of the staff there. Twenty-five per cent of missionaries are rejected in the field which ends up as a serious test of faith. Don lost his faith in God, his marriage broke up, and he became a drug and alcohol addict. After a tumultuous personal time he was invited to go to a church meeting. Eventually he became born again, stopped drinking and kicked his drug habit.

Professionally, on return to Canada, he briefly taught anatomy at Queen's University and went into general practice for a year. In 1975, work as a general practitioner earned him \$25,000. In 1976 he was offered a position at the University of Waterloo for \$25,000 to start. At Waterloo, Don's mandate was to establish a School of Anatomy. One of the many objections at the time was that without a medical faculty, Waterloo was essentially teaching anatomy to kinesiology students in what would later become the Applied Health Sciences Faculty. A point in Waterloo's favour at the time was that the daughter of the Chief Coroner of Ontario (who controlled the use of cadavers in the teaching of anatomy) was enrolled in Waterloo's School of Optometry.

Don was asked by the Chief Coroner to make a presentation to the Heads of the Medical Schools in Ontario to ask for their approval to open a School of Anatomy. "I was challenging them to accept us," he said. He arrived prepared with the list of objections that he had acquired ahead of time and employed some of the negotiation techniques that he had learned during his time with the SAS. In time he was able to overcome the objections and received permission to open the school.

While at UW Don taught anatomy, gross anatomy, neuro-anatomy, sports medicine, and injuries in work and sport. He wrote a total of 112 academic papers and five books. In time he became the team doctor for the UW football team. While Don was the team doctor, the team never did well, something that Don jokes about today. His time as sports doctor led to his next venture, a sports injury clinic.

"We canvassed the doctors in the area and discovered that there was a need for a sports injury clinic," Don said. The clinic was first set-up in the PAC building before moving off-site to become the Waterloo Sports Medicine Clinic. While he

continued to work at UW, he operated the sports medicine clinic in the evenings.

Personally, he took an analytical approach to finding a second wife: he put a personal ad in the paper. The \$150 ad was very specific in what he was looking for. He received 51 replies and went on 17 dates in a short period of time. He narrowed his list to three finalists and eventually married the one at the top of his list. He proposed to her February 1, 1987 and they were married July 11, later that year.

In addition to his academic writing, Don pursued creative writing, though he jokes that some consider his textbook on work-related injuries to be a work of fiction. He took a continuing education course in short fiction and joined the Canadian Authors Association. He is also a professional member of the Writer's Union of Canada and of the Word Guild. His first book is a semi-autobiographical collection of anecdotes, *When Cobras Laugh*, that he co-wrote with Ray Wiseman whom he met through the Canadian Authors Association. The anecdotes were an amalgam of their respective experiences as overseas missionaries in India. "We both said that this is a story that needs to be told," Don said. "The nice thing about writing fiction is that you have the ability to move things around in your writing, otherwise things get boring."

As for retirement, Don continues to work three days a week at Kinetex, where his corporation, Disability Assessment Services, Inc. rents space. He plans to be there indefinitely. "Is there retirement after retirement? I don't know," he mused. "I would be very bored, though I would like more time for independent writing." Don is currently writing a book about the life experiences of his wife Danielle. He lives outside Alma, Ontario where, among other things, he has invested in a wind turbine. If cats may have many lives, Don has had so many pursuits that fitting them into one life has indeed been remarkable.

UW Recreation Committee Presents ... *(Remember UWRC is not UWRA)*

The UW Recreation Committee is celebrating its fifth year in existence this month! We hope to see you at one of the events listed below.

Wednesday, April 15 – UW Book Club: *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

Wednesday, April 29 – De-cluttering and Downsizing with Deb Fox (as seen on Province Wide)

Monday, May 11 – UW Blooms in the Student Life Centre (free garden items to take home with you; looking for plant donations)

Tuesday, May 12 – Identity Theft and Internet Safety with Michele Dunsford from the UW Police, 12 noon, PHYS 145

Wednesday, May 20 – UW Book Club: *Prisoner of Tehran* by Merina Nemat

Wednesday, June 17 – UW Book Club: *Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell

Wednesday, July 15 – UW Book Club: *On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan

Wednesday, August 19 – UW Book Club: *Unfeeling* by Ian Holding

Check out the Exchange Board for UW employees and retirees at <http://UWRC.uwaterloo.ca>.

Further event information can be found at <http://www.UWRC.uwaterloo.ca>. As new events are planned, the event information is posted to the web site.

The 2008-09 UWRA Scholarship Recipients

Avery. Kyle. Ling. Marcel. Sarah. William. These are the six 2008-09 recipients from the University of Waterloo Retirees Association (UWRA) scholarship endowment fund.

Like any group of students, these six enjoy music, reading, traveling, and playing sports. However, what makes these students stand out – besides their incredible academic aptitude and their unquenchable drive to succeed – is the fact that there are, indeed, six. For the first time, the UWRA was able to award six scholarships this year, one to a student from each of the faculties.

Whether they call Kitchener, Toronto, or China home, these students were drawn to UW for its esteemed reputation, steeped in academic rigour. Now, having experienced the university for themselves, they've discovered firsthand that Waterloo lives up to its name. "I just completed my first term," says Sarah, "and the biggest highlight for me has been the classes." Marcel agrees saying, "The diverse set of researchers here has allowed me to learn about many topics that I wouldn't otherwise have experienced."

The students know that, in addition to excellent teaching, the financial assistance they receive is a critical component of their time at Waterloo. The UWRA scholarships are financial lifelines for these students – often meaning the difference between working a part-time job and gleaning extra study hours, between settling for academic mediocrity and attaining personal excellence.

Not only do these scholarships motivate the students to keep working hard, they allow the students to make the most of their time at UW. "Without this scholarship," says Marcel, "I would not be able to continue my research, and the questions I am attempting to answer would remain unanswered." Another student appreciates how this scholarship has taught her about the various connections in the UW community, especially the UWRA.

When asked if the students envision themselves one day supporting scholarships, the answer is unanimous: Absolutely. "I feel that I have a responsibility to pay back the school," says Ling. **"More than the amount you give, it's the encouragement that you pass to a student that makes a difference in their future."** Sarah says, "Education is one of the most important aspects of a young person's life. Without

donors' help, many students would be unable to attend UW. I look forward to one day helping others in the same way I was helped."

As for here and now in 2008-09, Avery, Kyle, Ling, Marcel, Sarah, and William are most grateful to the UWRA for its support. "I would like to send my most heart-felt appreciation to UWRA donors," says Marcel. "Without their kind contributions, my continued education would not be possible. In our troubled world, educated individuals will be a much-needed resource."



From left to right: Sarah Moroz (arts), Lorraine Beattie (UWRA President), Avery Ozburn (environment), Marcel Pinheiro (science).

Keystone Update

Another Successful Bout of Brownie Bliss in 2009

On Thursday, February 12, specially-packaged chocolate brownie cupcakes were abundant on campus. Showing their appreciation to colleagues and friends, UW faculty, staff, and retirees sent treats and personalized messages to each other through Keystone's Treat-a-gram program. A total of **1,777 three-dollar treats were sold** and 58 people added additional donations to the tune of \$1,355. As always, all proceeds were designated to UW undergraduate and graduate scholarships and qualified for the university's matching gift opportunities.

"The 2009 program was an incredible success," says Krishna Mistry, acting manager of Keystone, "and would not have been possible without the contributions of Food Services, Parking Services, the Keystone Campaign Special Programs Working Group, the departmental treat reps, and all the assembly and delivery volunteers." **Thank you** to everyone who supported Keystone through this year's tasty tradition.



An "ain't-it-the-truth" crostic

Gerry Toogood, Department of Chemistry

Start by answering as many clues as possible. (Semi-colons in some clues are used to separate alternative clues for the same answer.) Next, transfer these letters to the correspondingly numbered squares in the grid. This begins the spelling out of the quotation, reading from left to right, with black squares separating the words. (Words may spill over to the next row; punctuation marks are not included.) Four letters are given.

As you proceed, words and phrases begin forming in the quotation and, working back and forth between the grid and the clue words, you can complete the puzzle. To aid you further, note that the first letters of the clue answers spell out the source of the quotation.

Clues (numbers in parentheses indicate number of words)

- A UW "hangout" (original building on campus) (3) **T** 113 5 104 47 161 15
86 94 60 41 267
- B UW School 55 145 204 89 249 234 30 6 40
- C Singular frosh (2) 14 20 232 45 263 180 23 147 51 2
- D Famous archers' weapon component (2) 178 7 59 24 82 243
- E AHS Institute (2) 115 16 168 227 11 143
122 71 65 49 134 85 205 244 91
- F I couldn't find the book (house, number, etc) because _____ (5) .12 38 74 260 129 3
108 256 253 93 33 101 80
211 175 63 149
- G It may be checked out (2) 262 29 79 44 172 245 88
224 123 206 18
- H Kind of sale where "everything must go" 214 32 200 90 43 248 181 35 265 237 61
- I Ornamental hair covering of time period 1905-1918 (2) 9 52 208 184 235 165 62 223 97
131 25 241 110 136 218 72 107 158
- J University or Hospital official **R** 26 92 50 171 46 66 166 75
- K Rich meal of a certain piscine variety (2) 83 179 69 185 42 98 78 57
266 37 151 17 67

- L Carl Totzke was the first one at UW (2) 96 70 36 162 146 252 111 8
117 124 54 183 81 73 191 103
- M What a bored student might have done during class (2) 207 13 141 228 48 177 58 188 254
- N How moisture may have passed a "barrier". It ___ ___ (2) 203 53 154 121 196 220
261 119 135 236 167 140 257 102 152 34
- O Current answer J at UW (2) 159 76 27
264 106 216 173 231 125 105
- P German industrial city on the Ruhr 77 258 242 109 133
- Q Source of mutton for Jack Spratt, but not his wife (2) **L** 163 116 169 251 28 128 137 64
- R What the sea may have done at the harbour. It ___ ___ ___ ___ (4) 84 138 212 187 114 170
120 148 250 225 164 174 126 153 87
31 195 118 182 56
- S Ralph Stanton could be so described (4) **T** 21 132 10 215 176 246
190 226 210 127 197 99
- T Exclamation of disgust, frustration, etc towards a pagan (2) 255 193 19 144 139 130 209 157 222
- U Require a certain compass direction, e.g. Chicago-to-Toronto (2) 230 189 202 150 219 186 213
- V Chief of a Sicilian criminal society (2) 95 39 112 229 259 4 239 68 156
- W UW School (one long word) 22 198 100 233 221 199 247 160 -
192 201 155 217
- X Thomas _____ (1567-1601). English playwright imprisoned for his satires on government, etc. 238 1 142 240 194

Recent Retirees

Name	Department	Position	Hire	Retire
Freda Sokolowski	Custodian	Plant Operations	Feb. 89	01 Dec. 08
Beate Flint	Custodian	Plant Operations	April 76	01 Dec. 08
Maarten Van Dijk	Assistant Professor	Drama and Speech Communication	July 74	01 Dec. 08
Domen Sigrun	Senior Accounts Payable Clerk	Finance	June 77	01 Jan. 09
Mary Jac Tell	Library Assistant	St. Jerome's University	Oct. 79	01 Jan. 09
Samuel Steiner	Librarian and Archivist	Conrad Grebel College	July 76	01 Jan. 09
Ronald Esch	Electrician	Plant Operations	June 90	01 Jan. 09
Michael Smyth	Professor, Psychology	Renison College	July 75	01 Jan. 09
Trudi Bunting	Professor	Geography and School of Planning	Jan. 70	01 Jan. 09
Gary Draper	Professor	English – St. Jerome's University	Sept. 83	01 Jan. 09
Keith Geddes	Professor	Computer Science	Sept. 73	01 Jan. 09
Mariela Gutierrez	Professor	Spanish	July 88	01 Jan. 09
Margaret Beck	Accounting Assistant	Bookstore	Feb. 90	01 Feb. 09
Carol Person	Administrative Assistant	St. Jerome's University	Aug. 98	01 Feb. 09
Olinpia Moise	Custodian	Plant Operations	July 84	01 Feb. 09
James Link	Chaplain	St. Jerome's University	Sept. 92	01 Feb. 09
Paul Snyder	Director – Client Services	IST	Feb. 73	01 March 09
Edward Schmidt	Custodian	Plant Operations	March 88	01 March 09
Arthur Bissonnette	Truck Driver	Central Stores	Apr. 73	01 March 09
Grace Rockel	Secretary	Optometry-Centre for Sight Enhancement	Sept. 92	01 April 09
Phil Simpson	Maintenance Supervisor	Plant Operations	Sept. 73	01 April 09
Murray Dubrick	Equipment Operator	Plant Operations	March 69	01 April 09
Margarida Fontes	Housekeeper	VII Housekeeping	Sept. 96	01 April 09
David McNee	Building Serviceperson – Mason	Plant Operations	Sept. 85	01 April 09
John Westlake	Assistant Director, Engineering	Co-op Education and Career Services	Nov. 76	01 April 09
Robert Parsons	Building Serviceperson – Painter	Plant Operations	May 67	01 April 09

1 X	2 C		3 F	4 V	5 A		6 B	7 D	8 L	9 I	10 S	11 E	12 F	13 M	14 C		15 A	16 E	17 K	18 G		19 T	20 C	
21 S	22 W	23 C		24 D	25 I	26 J	27 O		28 Q	29 G	30 B		31 R	32 H	33 F	34 N		35 H	36 L	37 K		38 F	39 V	40 B
41 A		42 K	43 H	44 G	45 C	46 J		47 A	48 M	49 E	50 J	51 C	52 I	53 N	54 L		55 B	56 R		57 K	58 M	59 D		60 A
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84 R		85 E	86 A	87 R		88 G	89 B	90 H	91 E	92 J		93 F	94 A	95 V	96 L	97 I		98 K	99 S		100 W	101 F	102 N	103 L
104 A	105 O		106 O	107 I	108 F	109 P	110 J		111 L	112 V		113 A	114 R		115 E	116 Q	117 L		118 R	119 N		120 R	121 N	122 E
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Fun at the Fall Luncheon Photos by Redina Caracaz



Would the caption "When shall we three meet again?" have provoked some "Thunder, Lightning, and Rain?" – Phil

Coming Events

Last Call for Spring Luncheon Tickets!

Barbara Bulman-Fleming

If you haven't already done so, please book your lunch tickets in order to enjoy the spring renewal of friendships with fellow retirees in the Great Hall, Sunshine Centre/Luther Village on the Park. Bring a guest! (Neither you nor your guest need be a member of UWRA; one of you simply needs to be a UW retiree.) Our speaker will be Dr. Michael Sharratt, former Dean of Applied Health Sciences at UW and now, in his "retirement", Director of the Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging (RIA). The title of his talk will be "Optimal Aging for Older Adults – The Schlegel Model". Mike will inform us about some of the exciting new programs of the RIA that have implications for all of us as seniors – aging effects of space travel, innovative nutrition opportunities, age-sensitive design of the 'built' environment and leadership in enhancing the geriatric-medicine presence in the KW community.

Dr. Schlegel, formerly a faculty member for 19 years in UW's Department of Health Studies and Gerontology, may join Dr. Sharratt in this presentation and/or question session.

For further information about the Schlegel – UW Research Institute on Aging please Google "RIA" on the UW website.

If you would like to attend but need a ride, please call Robin Banks at 519-884-8984.

UWRA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 3:30-5:30

Waterfall Gallery

Sunshine Centre, Luther Village

139 Father Bauer Dr. Waterloo

Please plan to come and share in the business of your Association. Every effort will be made to keep the business part of the meeting as brief as possible to allow time for a "social hour" afterwards. Wine, beer and snacks will be served and it is a good time to meet old friends.

Note the new location for the AGM which provides more convenient free parking (at the Sunshine Centre and in the adjacent Rec Centre lot) and much easier access to the meeting room. Signs will be posted directing us to the meeting.

See you there. Robin Banks

UWRA ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE

Thursday, September 24, 2009 3:00-5:00

at the University Club

Free parking is available for retirees in the University Club lot and in the adjacent Lot M.

This is always an enjoyable event. Please plan to come.

Please mark this date!! Robin Banks

UWRA SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 139 Father David Bauer Dr., Waterloo

Special presentation

"Optimal Aging for Older Adults – The Schlegel Model" with Dr. Mike Sharratt

Cash bar: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12 noon

Tickets: \$25 each

Unbelievable door prizes

For tickets, please fill in form below and mail to:

Barbara Bulman-Fleming, 114 Ralston Pl., Waterloo, ON N2T 1C7 Telephone: 519-885-4758

UWRA SPRING LUNCHEON, Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

No. of Tickets _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please make cheques payable to UWRA.

UWRA Coach Tour Program Spring & Fall 2009

by Terry Weldon

Please join us for one or all of our UWRA coach trips planned for this spring and fall. As these trips are very popular, be sure to register early to secure your place.

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 Toronto's Smaller Museums

Sorry....SOLD OUT!

We do maintain a waiting list if you are interested. Please refer to our web site, <http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca> for trip details.

Coach departure time and location:

8:00 am, UW parking lot X (behind Optometry). Free parking for UWRA cars has been arranged with the UW parking authority. Returning to Waterloo at approximately 5:30 pm, traffic permitting.

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 Humour in Orillia

Sorry....SOLD OUT!

We do maintain a waiting list if you are interested. Please refer to our web site, <http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca> for trip details.

Coach departure time and location:

7:00 am, UW parking lot X (behind Optometry). Free parking for UWRA cars has been arranged with the UW parking authority. Returning to Waterloo at approximately 7:30 pm.

Tuesday, September 29, 2009 Marg & Helen's Talbot Tract

Our intrepid explorers and historians, **Marg Dickson & Helen Koepke** are back to take us on their latest expedition, this time to the **Talbot Tract**, an expanse of land located to the south-east of London, Ontario.

Colonel Thomas Talbot 1771-1853, born in Ireland, joined the army at age 11 and later became secretary to John Graves Simcoe in Upper Canada. In return for his military service, Colonel Talbot, in 1803, was granted 5000 acres of beautiful land just west of Kettle Creek, at Port Talbot. He then set in motion one of the most aggressive settlement expansion plans ever seen.

Helen and Marg will provide us with engaging commentary on the sights and history of this fascinating district. We will visit Harrietsville, Aylmer, Pincroft, New Sarum, Talbotville, St. Thomas, Sparta, Dexter, Port Stanley, Fingal, Tyrconnell and Dorchester.

Cost:

\$83 dollars for UWRA members and guests; \$88 dollars for non-members. Price includes motor coach, coffee breaks, roast beef dinner, guides, all taxes and gratuities.

Coach departure time and location:

7:40 am, UW parking lot X (behind Optometry). Free parking for UWRA cars has been arranged with the UW parking authority. Returning to Waterloo at approximately 6:50 pm.

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 Autumn Countryside

With the autumn colours in full bloom, it's time to enjoy our Ontario landscapes. And so, we will head up the road, first to Rosemont and the **Dufferin County Museum and Archives**.

Situated in a rural setting, the museum is built in the style of an Ontario bank barn and strives to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Dufferin County. Our guided tour will reveal thousands of artifacts, including Canadian glass and ceramics, furniture, wagons, agricultural implements, clothing, quilts and photographs. Also, three heritage buildings have been constructed inside the museum.

At noon, we will drive the short distance to the hamlet of Violet Hill and **Mrs. Mitchell's Restaurant**, located in a former schoolhouse (1889). The dining room is decorated in a warm, country style and features a beautiful open fireplace. Here, we will be served a delicious lunch, including "a basket of sweet potato muffins & hot drop biscuits"!

In the afternoon, we will journey south to Kleinburg and the renowned **McMichael Canadian Art Collection**. Built of hand-hewn logs, the McMichael houses thirteen exhibit galleries and is situated amid 100 acres of serene conservation land. Floor-to-ceiling windows enable visitors to enjoy marvellous views of the Humber River Valley. Our guided tour will include works by the Group of Seven.

Cost:

\$70 dollars for UWRA members and guests; \$75 for non-members. Price includes motor coach, museum admissions and guided tours, lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

Coach departure time and location:

8:30 am, parking lot X (behind Optometry). Free parking for UWRA cars has been arranged with the UW parking authority. Returning to Waterloo at approximately 5:30 pm.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Because we must pay our suppliers for numbers reserved in advance, we regret that we cannot offer refunds for cancellations made within seven days of the trip departure date. We

do maintain a waiting list when applicable and if a replacement can be found within a reasonable time, a refund may then be made. If you find on the morning of departure that you must cancel, please call Terry Weldon at (519) 744-3246, at least one hour prior to departure time to avoid delaying the group. Thank you.

RESERVATIONS

For trip reservations or more information, contact: Terry Weldon, 21 Willow Green Court, Kitchener, ON, N2N 1W6. Phone (519) 744-3246, email: terryweldon@rogers.com. Please make cheques payable to UW Retirees' Association.

The Passing Parade

Professor Thammiah Viswanatha died November 23, 2008. Professor Viswanatha began his employment at UW as an Associate Professor in Chemistry in September 1964. In 1969, Professor Viswanatha's appointment, with tenure, as Professor in Chemistry, was acknowledged. Professor Viswanatha retired on September 1, 1995. He is survived by his wife, Sundaramma.

Gerhard Lavigne died December 7, 2008. Gerry began working at UW in December 1970 and worked in Plant Operations as an Electrician. He retired early on August 1, 1983.

Kenneth Weir passed away January 11, 2009. Ken began his employment at UW in December 1965 as a Technician in Psychology. He retired on October 1, 1993. Ken is survived by his spouse, Doreen.

Elaine Tuyn died November 14, 2008. Elaine was the surviving spouse of Professor Harry Tuyn from Renison College. Professor Tuyn had predeceased Elaine in February 1983.

Gloria Ottman died December 16, 2008. Gloria was the surviving spouse of retiree George Ottman who died in August 1996.

Ilie Voiculescu died January 29, 2009. Ilie began his employment in August 1981 and worked as a Custodian in Plant Operations until he retired on June 1, 1998. Ilie is survived by his spouse, Jivca Ecaterina.

Professor Noel Hynes passed away March 2, 2009. Dr. Hynes began his employment at UW in July 1964. He was a Professor in the Biology Department prior to retiring on July 1, 1983. Dr. Hynes is predeceased by his wife, Mary.

Maria Vanderhoff, surviving spouse of Professor Bernard Vanderhoff, died March 6, 2009. Professor Vanderhoff passed away in 1993. He had retired from the Chemical Engineering Department in 1985.

Answers to a "ain't it the truth" crostic, page 6

The quotation, from TONY HILLERMAN in SKELETON MAN, is given below.

At the reception desk he had been hit with the day's first reminder of how unimportant retirees become. The young woman in charge asked if he had an appointment. He nodded and she peered at her desk calendar and said "And you are . . . ?" A knife-to-the-heart question when delivered in a building where one has worked most of one's adult life.

The clue answers are as follows:

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| A The Grad House | I Edwardian headdress | Q lean sheep |
| B Optometry | J Registrar | R eddied around the wharf |
| C new student | K monkfish feast | S The Pink Tie Man |
| D yew bow | L Athletic Director | T oh heathen |
| E Health Promotion | M nodded off | U need ENE |
| F I didn't know the name | N seeped underneath | V Mafia Head |
| G library book | O Ken Lavigne | W Architecture |
| H liquidation | P Essen | X Nashe |

Membership in UWRA

The bylaws of UWRA defines membership as follows:

Categories of membership:

1. Annual subscribing members – those retirees who pay the annual fee (currently \$10).
2. Lifetime subscribing members – those retirees who pay the lifetime fee (currently \$100).
3. Associate members – those retirees who elect not to pay either the annual or lifetime fee.

The line above your name in the mailing address below, shows the status of your membership; for example DEC2008 indicates that your annual membership fee is paid up to that date.

LIFE2004 indicates that your Life Membership was purchased in 2004. If no such information appears on the label, you are an Associate member of UWRA.

To become a Life or Annual subscribing member, or to renew an annual membership, please complete the form below. This application form is printed in each issue of WATtimes as a reminder to members, and is not intended to suggest that paid up members are in arrears. On those occasions when paid up members send in an extra payment, it is our custom to extend the expiry date by one year.

Please note: Changes of addresss should be sent directly to Wanda Speek in Human Resources, GSC, Room 130.

UWRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM *(from Vol. 14/3)*

Date _____ Amount: Annual (calendar year) \$10.00 Lifetime \$100.00

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Now send this form to the Membership and Records Coordinator
Shirley Thomson, 433 Barrington Lane, Waterloo, ON N2T 1H9, along with a cheque payable to UWRA.

Thanks!

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