



Retirees Association of Mohawk College News Letter April 2000

With the return of the male red wing black birds in early March, spring, to all intents and purposes, arrived even though we did not observe their mates until around the vernal equinox. The winter was relatively mild and a flock of robins wintered over in the RBG Arboretum in the area just south of the magnolia garden.

On March 15, 24 retirees and their guests attended the Canadian Stage Company production of the **Overcoat**, which chairman Alan reviews on page 2.

On Tuesday, April 4, at historic Dundurn Castle, thirty-four Mohawk retirees and guests were treated to an interesting and humourous presentation on **vexillology** (the study of flags) by Anglican Bishop Ralph Spence. The Bishop brought a large number of his collection which were unfurled and displayed to the group with the help of number of "flagbearers" including his highschool friends, Geoff and Lynda Brooker. The interplay of religion, nationalism and history in the evolution of flag designs was demonstrated by this entertaining Canadian authority. The group then enjoyed a delicious traditional English cream tea and a chance to talk with fellow retirees. Chairman Alan thanked Bishop Spence for the informative afternoon. He also acknowledged the presence of Peggy Cooper, widow of the late Doug Cooper. (*Ed. Note: Many thanks to Doreen Valente for organising this delightful event*)

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Coming Events

Saturday, May 6, "They're Off", at Flamboro Downs. The flyer for this was included in the last mailing or contact Geoff. Brooker

Wednesday, June 7, Annual General Meeting, Royal Botanical Gardens (see enclosed)

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In Memoriam

day, It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of the following member:
June **Mark Garber**, retiree from the Student Placement Dept. Our deepest sympathy is
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Hall tour and *Hello Dolly* at Stage West

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to the families of the late **Donald Kozarichuk**, a professor in the Industrial and Mechanical Engineering Technology Dept. and the late **Cathy Flis**, a professor in the Nursing department. The Nursing program at Mohawk College has announce the establishment of a memorial award in celebration of her life and work Anyone wishing to donate to this memorial award may do so by making the cheque payable to Mohawk College and designating it for the **Cathy Flis Memorial Award**. and sent to: Anna Knibbs, StudentRecruitment & Awards, Mohawk College, P.O. Box 2034, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 3T2. (905) 575-2066. A tax receipt will be issued.

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A GREAT THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE

Alan Gregson

THE OVERCOAT Canadian Stage Theatre production - Toronto. March 15 2000. Were most of us prepared for a radical new theatrical experience? **NO!**

Did most of us grow into an appreciation of a much different approach to stage production and agree it is still excellent Theatre **YES!**

What was new? Experiencing one man with a tattered overcoat and twenty-four other actors all their work roles and relationships through well choreographed movement but without speaking a single word. A silent play except for the Shostakovich music and beat!

As a struggling young architect in the 1920 's his design is finally accepted over his colleagues. With the subsequent recognition he is able to buy a new, very fashionable overcoat embellished with a fur collar. Now in vogue, he's invited to society parties and inevitably is drawn into undesirable company. The overcoat is stolen and his life is changed again

In the lounge, after the play we met The Man and four of the other actors who responded to questions the action along with their own and their directors ' interpretations of Gogol's famous short story on which the play was loosely based.. "Should it be classed as dance?" No, the actors are not dancers but making a very mobile physical expression of the role and its character Much more was discussed...very interesting

Certainly it was extremely well done and none of us snoozed even after our enjoyable lunch at the Town and Country Restaurant.

Highlights of the April Board Meeting

Your Board met at the college on April 11. There was a discussion of possibly using association

funds for student assistance in one form or another. It was decided to refer this matter to the annual general meeting.

The increase in the health and dental insurance was discussed at some length. There does not appear to be much the association can do about it. For those retirees who are not yet paying their own premiums, the increases are in the order of 25%.

Let's Do Lunch

Mary and YHE thought to try the **Dim Sum Restaurant** in the small strip mall at the S.E. corner of James St. N and Wilson street. In *dim sum* restaurants there are usually two methods of ordering. In some they pass with carts, each containing a different menu item and the diners either accept or reject what is on the particular cart. This is the manner that you are served on weekends at the **Crystal Dynasty** that was reviewed in this column in April of last year. The other method is to order the items you want by marking them on an itemized slip. This is the procedure at the Dim Sum Restaurant. The restaurant is larger than would appear from the outside. The staff is both courteous and helpful. Lunch with Chinese green tea and four or five selections with tip and tax should be had for around \$20.00.

Another favourable discovery was **MACRONI'S Italian Eatery** at 1560 Main St. W. It is in an older building with the entrance at the side. As the name implies, the cuisine is Italian and lunch was very good indeed and the ambience warm and friendly. Lunch for two, including tax and tip and a *Moretti* beer each, was around \$30.00

Of This and That

Mary and your editor had a few days in Florida in January visiting sister-in-law Aggie. She lives in Lutz, just north of Tampa, in a deed restricted subdivision. This is a concept that we weren't familiar with. You are limited in what you can do to your property without permission of the other owners in the subdivision, for instance the colour you paint your house. There was much to do at the time we were there regarding someone, who, without permission, had put up a steel garden shed some years ago. No one had noticed it, but when he wanted to sell, he had to clear it with the home owners association. Aggie and the other board members were in a quandary about what should be done since garden sheds were specifically forbidden in the deed restrictions.

Lunch of course was the order of the day and two places we found both charming and nourishing were **La Teresita** Restaurant and **N.C.D.** (New City Diner).

La Teresita, at 3248 W Columbus, Tampa, is a Cuban Restaurant specializing, of course, in Cuban food. The menu was fairly extensive and the food excellent. Black beans, rice, and pork were featured on the menu. It is located well off the tourist track in an area that one might not feel too comfortable in after dark.

The **N.C.D.**, which advertises as "not your ordinary diner", is only open for lunch. It too is located in a rather run down area at 1002 N Himes Ave., Tampa. The food is very good diner fare with delicious homemade soups and entées such as meat loaf and roast pork at very reasonable prices.

It is reminiscent of a 1940's style roadside diner but the food is much better.

Some of the other observations concerned food and wine. The supermarkets had a much more extensive selection of wine than the liquor stores. Wine prices were comparable to those in Canada – no great bargains here unless one drank the jug wine plonk. Beer and some spirits are much cheaper but imported spirits are generally as costly or more so than in Canada. Meat seemed to cost about the same in \$US as it does in \$CAN. A great surprise was *Parmiggiano Reggiano* cheese which cost \$US 15.00 per pound (\$CAN 45.50 per Kg) compared to about \$CAN 24.00 per kg here. Another surprise was the Florida strawberries which tasted as though they were made of plastic just as they do here. But you couldn't beat gong out into the garden and picking oranges and grapefruit off the trees for breakfast.

E-Mail Address Corrections Requested	
Carl Easton reports that the following members have changed or otherwise invalidated their E-mail addresses	
Conrad Tromm,	Bill Hanson
Karen Cambell	Mary Pokaradi
Dave Chalkey	Brock Shoveller
Chowhan Gayann	Maureen Thomas
Dave Leishman	
Carl would appreciate it you would E-mail him at windy@interlynx.net with your correct address.	

College Events – You're invited

Annual Kids' Korner Sale on Saturday, May 6, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fennell Campus Gym. Admission is \$1.00.

19th Annual Mohawk College United Way Garage Sale on Saturday, September 9, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Fennell Campus. call 575-2081.

14th Annual Employee Picnic Sunday, June 6, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m.at Christie Conservation Authority. (\$7 per person or \$15 per family) call575 -2801.

Mohawk College Golf Tournament is Friday June 16, 2000 at Chippewa Creek Golf Course. \$35 for 18 holes, \$20 for 9 holes, \$40 for both. Phone 575-2075

A Social Gathering for Retirees is being organized to give former colleagues a chance to get together and chat -**Thursday, May 25th, 2000** – 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the North Cafeteria at the Fennell Campus. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. To assist with planning, RSVP by May 19th by e-mail or voice mail to: **Carolyn Gray** 575-2009 – gray@mail.mohawkc.on.ca or **Lynne Smith** 575-2289 - smithl@mail.mohawkc.on.ca

Mark Garber's recent death stirred a lot of memories for many of us who worked with him over the years. He was creative, thought provoking and passionate about his work with students. In his memory, a tree will be planted and dedicated to his contribution to student life at the College. A dedication ceremony will occur, with his family attending, on **Thursday, May 25th at 6:30 p.m.** outside the front entrance to the College (along the grassy space by P3 parking and the Visitor's

parking lot). If you would like to share in the moment, please join us. If you would like to contribute with College staff to this commemorative, donations may be sent or given in care of Cal Haddad or Carolyn Gray (payable to Mohawk College).