

Retirees Association of Mohawk College News Letter July 2000

The doldrums and dog days of summer are upon us and after an unusually wet and cold spring we look forward to a drier and warmer August and September. Since the last newsletter we have had three events.

On Saturday May 6 thirty-five retirees and their guests spent the afternoon at Flamboro Downs "They're Of!" event. If you think the horses were running, you should have seen the group racing to make their bets. By all accounts everyone made large increases to support their life style. The weather was perfect, the buffet was excellent. A thoroughly delightful day thanks to the advance planning of Geoff and Lynda Brooker. Should this be an annual event?

Doreen Valente

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Royal Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, June 7. A copy of Alan Gregson's chair's report is included in this mailing together with David Crossley's treasurer's report. Approximately 65 retirees and their guests enjoyed lunch before the meeting and a tour of the gardens afterward. The irises in the Laking Garden were spectacular. Many thanks to Dave and Betty Crossley for the arrangements.

Os Love

Forty-nine retirees and guests toured Mississauga's unique City Hall followed by luncheon and matinee performance of Hello Dolly at Stage West on June 28th. We were amazed as we moved from the City Hall's wheat coloured exterior bricks to the magnificence of the Great Hall and Stair. Mayor Hazel McCallion interrupted the Council meeting to welcome Mohawk College Retirees as we listened to presentations while admiring the artistic depiction of the Legend of the Great Bear and the Seven Hunters on the domed ceiling. Stage West's excellent buffet luncheon followed immediately by a very professional, lively and entertaining production of the musical Hello Dolly concluded a memorable day. Santosh Mathur arranged the day - many thanks,

Alan Gregson

Coming Events

(See accompanying sheets for more information)

Wednesday September 27 - Stratford Festival presentation of Fiddler on the Hill preceded by a tour of the Festival Warehouse and lunch at Chez Jimbo.

Wednesday, October 18 - Shaw Festival presentation of A Doctor's Dilemma preceded by a visit to the Butterfly Conservatory.

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of: **Bert Rosnick** who was on extended sick leave from the International Education Services. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

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Congratulations to Joanne Westoby on her appointment as the new chief librarian. Incidentally members of the Retirees Association can obtain a college library card on presentation of their Retirees Association membership card.

The Alumni Association asked us to advise retired faculty of the 25th reunion of the class of '75 to be held in the Student Centre on Saturday Oct 28, 2000. The Alumni Association will pay for dinner for retired faculty members. For further information please contact Rose Charmee at 575-2097

Brantford campus is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. The first activity planned is a golf tournament on Friday, September 29th at Northridge Golf Course, tee off at 12 noon. For further information contact Bill Keenan keenanb@mail.mohawkc.on.ca (519) 759-7200 or (905) 575-1212 ext. 7124 or John Schaeifers schaeifi2@mail.mohawkc.on.ca ext. 6052. Other events being planned for the fall include a night at Flamborough Downs and a gala 30th Anniversary dinner. Dates are not yet confirmed, but information will be available through the 30th Anniversary Line (519) 758-6006 or (905) 575-1212 ext. 6006.

Don't Move

without letting Susan Frame of the college's Human Resource Dept. know your new address. You can reach her at 575-2198 or by email at frames@mail.mohawkc.on.ca. Your retirees association does not maintain the mailing list. It is maintained by the HRD at the college. Also if you change your email address please let Carl Easton (windv@interlvnx.net) know

Our Wandering Members Report

by Santos and Sumathy Mathur

JAPAN - November 1999.

It took sixteen flying hours for us to reach TOKYO, a city of 32 million where our daughter Anita is teaching English. We used the efficient surface and subway train system quite often. With the help of the small lettered English station names we managed to travel and mix with and meet the people who were almost always courteous and helpful. A common scene was the 'airing' of quilts from balconies - a daily chore for the Japanese housewife, we understand.

Tokyo's GINZA was an interesting area. Sony's latest innovations were each being demonstrated on a different floor of their 20 storey building - robotic dogs may be our household pets soon! Certainly the latest in and tomorrow's technology was evident.

Japan's KABUKI THEATRE was another good experience. With the help of a Japanese girl who translated and explained the sung story we were able to better appreciate the performance,

The revered snow-capped MOUNT FUJI was a beautiful sight as we rode in the aerial ropeway gondola from Hakone National Park. We stayed in a Ryokan, a Japanese inn. Our room had very comfortable futons and quilts for sleeping, a low table at which we ate while sitting on the floor clad in Japanese robes, and all the necessities to make green tea - an acquired taste!

The ancient capital is KYOTO with its many Buddhist and Shinto shrines, its Imperial Palace and

its sculptured Zen gardens was most interesting. It was weekend so families were out visiting their

shrines and each other with obvious enjoyment. We managed to photograph a group of kimono dressed apprentice Geishas trying to do some shopping but surrounded by throngs of people taking pictures - us too!

Kyoto railway station is a supreme example of modern Japanese architecture. It appears to have everything, especially for the young crowd even with a 7 escalator ride arriving at a gyrating machine model of Santa Claus singing 'Jingle Bells'

Generally things are very expensive. Anita bought an apple for US\$ 6. And we saw a pair of cantaloupes for US\$ 90.! There is a no tipping rule which makes the restaurant bill a little more manageable. From our perspective it is a good place to visit but not to live.

All in all we had a wonderful trip but we were glad to get back to Canada, winter, sub-zero temperatures and wind-chill factors notwithstanding!

Let's Do Lunch

The BentoBox is a small Japanese Restaurant located just west of Guelph line at 2405 Fairview St., in Burlington (next to the Red Lobster). They specialize in Teriyaki and Sushi Rolls. The food is very good although the portions are on the small side. Lunch for two was about \$ 16.00. At the time of our visit they were not licensed.

Mary and YHE also lunched at Bronzie's Place at 10 Young St, in Hamilton. We both had the pasta of the day and it was delicious and could not be called a light lunch. The cost was in line. Lunch for two with beer tax and tip for under \$30

Although both our children worked there when in high school and university, Jim as bartender and Cami as bus girl and later as waitress, and although we have had dinner at the Schwaben Inn in Dundas many times, we had never had lunch there. The lunch menu is similar to the dinner menu but does not include soup and salad. The cost of lunch for two with beer tax and tip was about \$25 and the schnitzels as usual were delicious - very good value.

La Spaghet is an Italian style restaurant at 970 Upper James St., Hamilton. The main attraction is their pasta sauces, although pizza is also on the menu. Mary had spaghetti with four cheese sauce and YHE had linguini with sun dried tomato, roasted red pepper and garlic sauce. Both were delicious. With soup, wine, tax and tip, lunch was almost \$40.

United Way Garage Sale

The 19th annual Mohawk College United Way Garage Sale will take place at the Fennell Campus.

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, contact the Student Life office in Room F1 11 or call (905) 575-2081