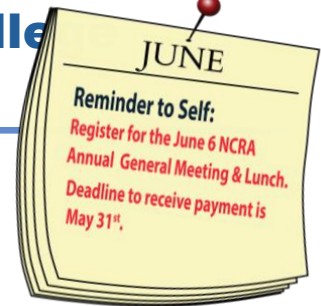




# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## Newsletter of the Niagara College Retirees' Association



## Special AGM Edition

### Your Niagara College Retirees' Association

For the past 27 years your Retirees' Association has served an important role for Niagara College retirees wishing to keep a connection with the institution and to friends and coworkers who were so important for much of their working lives.

Thanks to your membership fees, you also fulfill another important role – that of supporting Niagara College students through bursaries, equipment, and financial support to those in need.

But our support goes beyond the financial. For example, NCRA members recently volunteered at the SAC "Rise 'n Shine breakfast" program to ensure students start the day right by providing healthy breakfasts for them throughout the semester.

Ask any of our volunteers and they'll tell you what a great feeling it is to give something back and make a small difference in a student's life. Same goes for our presence on-campus at Student Appreciation Day, handing out gently used office supplies (much of it donated by you, our members) and packaged food. Interested in volunteering, even if just for a few hours? Please let us know.



Volunteers at Welland Campus Rise 'n Shine Breakfast



Student Appreciation Day – Smiles all around!

### Join Us at our Annual General Meeting and Lunch on June 6<sup>th</sup>

Here's your opportunity to provide input on the future role of your NCRA by helping us decide how to allocate our funds for the coming year and who should represent you on the NCRA executive (it's Election Time!) for the next two years. Following the meeting, lunch at the Benchmark Restaurant – for details and to register for the lunch, click [here](#). Don't have time for lunch, no problem, members are welcome to attend the AGM only and make their voices heard.

## What a Year It's Been!

Here are photos from some of our recent NCRA activities. Your Social Committee is working hard on another season of interesting activities and events. Special thanks to our committee members Colleen St. Amand, Sandi Martin, Debbie Gilmore, Stu Black, Tom Fraser, Pat Altoft, and Sandra Watson!



**Clockwise:** Beamer Conservation Hike on May 8, Blue Line Diner with Marcel Dionne February 20, Albright-Knox Gallery on April 17, Blue Star Restaurant on Jan.10, Master Gardener Bob Martin on March 7

### President's Perks:

On March 26 John Clark, Sandra Watson and I represented the NCRA at the 'Thank you Celebration of the Achieving Dreams Campaign'. This was an evening to thank all donors, including the NCRA, who contributed to the success of this fundraising campaign to expand and improve college facilities. The original campaign target was \$7 million but it exceeded this goal by over \$4 million. The campaign will provide 788 new scholarships and bursaries, \$1.6 million in equipment, and 203,000 square feet of new and renovated learning spaces.

Also, Sandi Martin and I represented the NCRA at this year's SAC (Student Administrative Council) "Night of Excellence" on April 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful evening of celebrating students who demonstrated exceptional dedication to supporting their fellow NC students. Campus life continues to evolve with the times and these student administrators are giving it their enthusiastic best. At the meeting, SAC president Ryan Huckla singled out the NRCA for their generous financial support and energetic involvement with their Rise 'n Shine breakfast program.

~ Carolyn Gould

*Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humour to console him for what he is. ~ Oscar Wilde*

*Sing like no one's listening, live like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody's watching and live like it's heaven on earth.~ Mark Twain*

I HATE WHEN PEOPLE  
ACCUSE ME OF LOLLY  
GAGGING WHEN I'M QUITE  
CLEARLY DILLY DALLYING.