

# *The Retirees' Newsletter*

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## **Two Retirees Receive Honorary Degrees**

**Iain Baxter**, artist and professor emeritus of visual arts at the University of Windsor. He received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at the 4 p.m. session on June 13. Baxter is a noted photographer, painter, sculptor, installation and conceptual artist whose body of work spans nearly 50 years. He has been called an international icon of conceptual art, the first global art movement of the postwar era. Baxter was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2003, received the 2005 Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize, and recently received the 2007 Order of British Columbia.

**Tadiboyina Venkateswarlu**, social justice advocate and retired librarian at the University of Windsor. He received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at the 10 a.m. session on June 15. Venkateswarlu is the founder and president of Educational Organization for Orphaned and Handicapped Children, which has established a residential school for poor and orphaned children in his birthplace of Tenali, Andhra Pradesh, India. Among his many honours, he received a University of Windsor Award of Excellence in Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity in November 2005; the Jewel of National Enlightenment Award from Telugu Academy, New Delhi, in August 2005; and the Hearts That Light the Way Award from the United Way in 1998.

## **President's Message - Gordon Olafson**

The main focus of your Executive over the past two months has been to prepare a set of Contract Proposals and to host the Colleges and Universities Retirees' Association of Canada (CURAC) conference.

The Contract Proposals committee submitted six proposals to the WUFA Contract Committee on May 31, 2007. These related to the retention of computer/peripherals, a Quarterly Investment Report related to pension performance, significant medical/dental benefit improvements, extension of the Health Care ts. The committee, which was comprised of Drs. Crocker, Meyer, Pillay, McCrone, and Laing (Chair), has done an outstanding job. We await the outcome that ensues during negotiations in the coming academic year.

The CURAC Conference on May 23-25

The program committee, chaired by Dr. John Meyer, prepared a program that covered the following topics: trends/issues in pension plans, protection of pensions, safeguarding retirees' interests, fiduciary responsibilities, health resources, long term care, strategies for improving benefits, and retirees' centres/leisure activities. All sessions were well attended and the response very positive.

A notable moment occurred during the Annual Retirees' Dinner/Reunion when Dr. Alan Metcalfe was accorded the WURA Service Award for his dedication and commitment to the Retirees' Association and his long-standing contributions to the university community.

The revision of the WURA Constitution should be ready for presentation to the membership at the Fall General Meeting.

While some progress related to retirees' issues and concerns has been made since I assumed the role of President, a number of issues are on-going and need further attention. Chief among them include the legal status of WURA within the university community, WURA's participation in future contract negotiations, the creation of a retirees' centre on campus, and the collaboration of the administration with WURA and WURA on proposals for the 2008 Collective Agreement that have a direct impact in faculty and certain other retirees.

Please take a moment to review the above and on behalf of your Executive, I encourage you to send us your input so that we may continue to represent you in the best way possible!

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### Campus News

#### **87th Convocation Ceremonies June 13-15, grants Diplomas to 3,821 graduates**

The University of Windsor conferred degrees on 3,821 graduating students during six sessions of the **university's 87th Convocation** ceremonies this Wednesday through Friday at the St. Denis Centre. This year's ceremonies mark the first time the events will be held on weekdays. The sessions are:

— **10 a.m. Wednesday**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (BFA, BSW, BMA, BMT, BMUS), BA Honours and BA and Faculty of Human Kinetics (BHK)

— **4 p.m. Wednesday**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (BA-General all majors, and certificates) and BA Honours and BA four-year majors in all remaining programs

— **10 a.m. Thursday**, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (PhD, MASc, MA, MBA, MEd, MEng, MFA, MHK, MM, MN, MSc, MSN, MSW, DCC, PDC), and the Odette School of Business

— **4 p.m. Thursday**, Faculty of Engineering (BAsc), Faculty of Nursing (BScN, certificates), Faculty of Science (BA in Economics, BA in Mathematics, BMath, BOR, BSc, BCS, and certificates) and Inter-Faculty Programs (BA-Forensics and Crim, BArSc, BES, BFS)

— **10 a.m. Friday**, Faculty of Education (BEEd)

— **4 p.m. Friday**, Faculty of Law (LLB)

#### **Five Receive Honorary Degrees at Spring Convocation**

Former Canadian prime minister Paul Martin is among six outstanding individuals to be **awarded honorary degrees** by the University of Windsor at its 87th Convocation in recognition of their

contributions in government, the arts, business, and community service. Four of the six honorary degree recipients have direct ties to Windsor, including:

– **The Right Honourable Paul Martin**, Canada's 21st prime minister and Member of Parliament for the Montreal riding of LaSalle- Émard. The Windsor native received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 10 a.m. session on June 14.

– **Paul Alofs**, president and chief executive officer of the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation. A University of Windsor alumnus (BA, BComm 1978), Alofs received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at the 4 p.m. session on June 14.

– **Iain Baxter**, artist and professor emeritus of visual arts at the University of Windsor..

– **Tadiboyina Venkateswarlu**, social justice advocate and retired librarian at the University of Windsor. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at the 10 a.m. session on June 15. Award from the United Way in 1998.

– **Marius Job Cohen**, mayor of Amsterdam. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Common Laws degree at the 4 p.m. session on June 15.

– **Jackie Maxwell**, artistic director of the Shaw Festival. She will receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at the 10 a.m. session on June 13.

### **Alumni Honour Three for Excellence in Teaching**

At the Convocation ceremonies, the University of Windsor Alumni Association honored three outstanding teachers for their work.

**Psychology professor Kenneth Cramer,**

**Chemistry professor Siyaram Pandey, and**

**Drama professor Lionel Walsh**

are the 2007 recipients of the **Alumni Award for Distinguished Contributions to University Teaching**. The awards, established by the University of Windsor Alumni Association in 1987, recognize excellence in all areas of teaching, including classroom presentation, curriculum development, versatility, teaching methods, and student support. The award is also intended to provide incentive and encouragement for achieving excellence in teaching and learning on this campus. [Click here for past recipients](#)

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University of Windsor president Ross Paul praised the accomplishments of the 24 faculty and staff honorees, saying their dedication and service have helped to make the university an exceptional place to learn

"I am proud today to celebrate the contributions of some of the university's most valuable employees," he said. "Their experience and commitment enhance our campus immeasurably."

The following employees reached 25 years of service in 2006:

- **Majid Ahmadi**, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
- **Abdul-Fattah Asfour**, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
- **Janice Bell**, Leddy Library
- **Jeffrey Berryman**, Faculty of Law
- **Niharendu Biswas**, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
- **Theodore Bott**, Facility Services
- **Tullio DiPonti**, Facility Services
- **Edward Drouillard**, Information Technology Services
- **Lucy Formicuccia**, Leddy Library
- **Kim Fraser**, Information Technology Services
- **Gregory Frederick**, Facility Services
- **Irvin Goldman**, Department of Communication Studies
- **Mark Marion**, Facility Services
- **Marguerite Merrifield**, Office of the Registrar

- **Johnny Murer**, Information Technology Services
- **Vera Najdovska**, Information Technology Services
- **J. Stewart Page**, Department of Psychology
- **Sandra Power**, Information Technology Services
- **Marilyn Powley**, Centre for Flexible Learning
- **Linda Ruccolo**, Telecommunications
- **Gary Ryckman**, Office of the Registrar
- **A. Marie Walker**, Office of the Registrar
- **Garnet Wigle**, Facility Services
- **James Winter**, Department of Communication Studies

### **New Building for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**

*Officials break ground on the **new building for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry – Windsor Program**, on the University of Windsor campus.* The start of construction on a new building to house the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry – Windsor Program signals a new future for its students, as well as for the people of Windsor and Essex County, University of Windsor President Ross Paul said at a ceremony celebrating the official groundbreaking. "This building and the program it will house will be an important part of bringing much-needed doctors to our region and it is our great privilege to be a part of it," Dr. Paul said. The three-storey medical education building will cost approximately \$24 million and is adjacent to the south side of the Toldo Health Education Centre. It will open in the fall of 2008 with a class of 24 first-year medical students and will eventually hold 96 students from first- to fourth-year of studies. Carol Herbert, dean of the University of Western Ontario's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, who was present for the groundbreaking, said the event lays the foundation for an exceptional distributed medical-education program.

### **Appointment of New Vice-President Research**

Dr. Ross H. Paul, President of the University of Windsor, announced the appointment of Dr. Ranjana Bird as Vice-President, Research. She is currently Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Waterloo and will begin her five-year term at the University of Windsor on October 1.

Bird received her Masters and PhD degrees in Nutrition/Toxicology from the University of Guelph and did her undergraduate biology studies at the University of Waterloo and Ranchi University in India. Prior to her appointment at Waterloo in 2003, she spent 14 years at the University of Manitoba, where she received a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council career award and served as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, and later as Dean of the Faculty of Human Ecology. She has also served as a research scientist in experimental carcinogenesis at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in Toronto. She serves on the editorial board of the journal, *Nutrition and Cancer*.

Dr. Bird is both an outstanding role model and someone who takes great delight in the achievements of others," said Paul. "I am confident that she is the right leader at this time to advance significantly the profile and reputation of research in all fields at the University of Windsor."

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### **U of W draws nearly \$500,000 in Social Sciences and Humanities funding**

University of Windsor researchers received \$432,003 in Standard Research Grants from the

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) as part of a Canada-wide investment of \$77.8 million in research funding to such disciplines as history, education, politics, economics, law and literature. "We recognize the importance of funding to researchers in the areas of social sciences and the humanities," said Dr. Nihar Biswas, Acting Vice-President, Research. "SSHRC funding allows the best and brightest researchers in these areas to contribute to the well-being of their fellow Canadians and reach their own personal research potential."

**Recipients include:**

— **Irina Culic**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology for *Dual citizenship in Eastern Europe: Post-Imperial legacies and European integration*.

— **Josee Jarry**, Department of Psychology, for *The effect of self-esteem threat, exposure to the thin ideal and emotional support on body image satisfaction and investment*.

— **Timothy Donais**, Department of Political Science, for *Local ownership in post-conflict peace-building processes*.

**Nearly \$5 million in Federal Support for U of W Science and Engineering Research**

University of Windsor Science and Engineering researchers received \$4,852,573 in operating and equipment grants from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). The funding was announced as part of the 2007 Grants and Scholarship Awards announced in Ottawa by Parliamentary Secretary Colin Carrie, MP, on behalf of the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry, and Dr. Suzanne Forter, President of NSERC.

The University of Windsor received 160 Discovery grants and 18 Research Tools and Instruments grants. "It is especially gratifying to see our researchers recognized for science and engineering work tied so closely to our pinnacle areas of automotive and environmental concerns," said Nihar Biswas, Acting Vice-President, Research. "Strong federal support of university research is essential to ensuring a productive future for all Canadians.

**Recipients include:**

**Melania Cristescu**, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, received an NSERC Discovery Grant for *Recombination and its implications for genome evolution*.

**Ming Zheng**, Department of Automotive and Materials Engineering, received an NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grant for

**Wai Ling Yee**, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, received an NSERC Discovery Grant and University Faculty Award for *Classifying unitary representations*.

**Aaron Fisk**, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, received an NSERC Discovery Grant for, *Developing a multi-tracer method for quantifying temporal variation in food web structure and dynamics*.

**Behnam Shahrrava**, Electrical and Computer Engineering, received an NSERC Discovery Grant for *Turbo synchronization for group-blind multi-user detection*.

**Trevor Pitcher**, Department of Biological Sciences, received an NSERC Discovery Grant for *The evolutionary ecology of genetic quality in fishes* and an NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grant for *Computer assisted sperm analysis system for testing sperm competition theory*.

**Tricia Carmichael**, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, received an NSERC Discovery Grant for *Self-assembled monolayers on ultra-smooth surfaces prepared by chemical-mechanical polishing*.

**Andrew Swan**, Department of Biological Sciences, received an NSERC Discovery Grant for *Spatial and temporal control of the meiotic cell cycle*, and an NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grant for *Confocal microscope for multi-channel and live imaging*.

**U of W Prof tops among teachers says OCUFA**

Computer Science **Professor Akshai Aggarwal** has been named **one of Ontario's most outstanding university teachers** in a province-wide competition adjudicated by the **Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Awards Committee**.

## Association News

### **Minutes of the WURA Spring General Meeting**

Katzman Lounge, University of Windsor April 24, 2007 at 11:00 am (Abridged)

**Presiding:** Gordon Olafson

**Members Present:** William Baylis, J.K. Bewtra, Jane Black, David Cotter, Olga Crocker, Stan Cunningham, K.L. Duggal, Robert Ferraro, Anna Gupta, Joan Hackett, Jens Hanson, Bud Hansen, Nigel Hedgecock, John Hirschilt, Peter Hudec, Norm King, John LaGaippa, Diana Mady-Kelly, Jerry Malone, Kate McCrone, Bruce McGarvey, Alan Metcalfe, John Meyer, William Miller, Martin Morf, Richard Moriarty, Ralph Nelson, Datta Pillay, Kenneth Pryke, Edward Rosenbaum, Stuart Selby, Walter Skakoon, Jake Soderlund, Moshe Starets, Ihor Stebelsky, Barbara Thomas, Donovan Thomas, Andrew Turek, Peter Wilkinson; Don Laing (Secretary)

**Guests:** Mr Brian Brown, Ms Amanda Gellman, Ms Aase Houser, Ms Rita LaCivita, Ms Cheryl Paglione

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, October 17, 2006 (Stuart Selby/Krishan Duggal) **Carried**

**Announcements:** Gordon Olafson brought regrets to the meeting from President Ross Paul and Provost Neil Gold that they were unable to attend. He announced that the Centennial Room had been set aside for a retirees' luncheon immediately following the meeting, and reminded members to see John Meyer for a Gold Card for the University Club.

**President's Report:** Gordon Olafson provided an oral summary of the contents of the written report that had been distributed. He thanked the Executive Committee for the support they had given him.

**Motion:** to receive President's report (Gordon Olafson, Ed Rosenbaum) **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:** Norm King highlighted Barbara Carney's generous gift to the Bursary Fund in memory of Tom Carney, and also the support of Amanda Gellman's office, which contributed greatly to a reduction in WURA expenses. He invited questions arising from the written report that had been distributed.

**Motion:** to receive the Treasurer's report (Norm King, Dick Moriarty) **Carried**

### **Committee Reports**

**(a) CURAC Conference Committee:** John Meyer reminded the meeting that Windsor would be hosting the fifth annual CURAC conference at the Freed Orman Conference Centre on May 23-25, 2007. He thanked the President of the University and the Provost for their financial support, and Ken Pryke for his leadership on the planning committee. The St Clair College retirees' association has joined WURA in sponsoring the event and its members on the committee have been valuable contributors. He indicated that a detailed program was available on the CURAC website and an outline in the brochure distributed. He noted that for the first time representatives of the American retirees' association would attend, in particular Shelly Glazer of Berkeley, who has been a leader in developing retirees' facilities in the United States.

**(b) Contract Committee:** Don Laing reported that Olga Crocker, Kate McCrone, John Meyer, Datta Pillay and he had reviewed the proposals related to retirees that were taken to the negotiating table by Faculty Association and the University at the last two rounds of bargaining, and also those put forward to the Association's Contract Committee by WURA. The Committee has begun drafting proposals to be sent to the Faculty Association by May 31. He invited

members to contact anyone on the WURA Committee if they concerns they thought could best be addressed through contract proposals.

**(c) Bursary Fund Report:** Gordon Olafson noted that Wilfred Innerd was not able to be present and that Ms Aase Houser would speak to the Fund's progress later.

**(d) Pension and Health Benefits:** Olga Crocker thanked Ihor Stebelski and John McIntosh for their contributions to the survey carried out to determine the members' concerns in relation to pension and benefits. She expressed hope that Windsor would soon join the group of Ontario universities that already cover 70-100% of the cost of retirees' health benefits.

Olga Crocker thanked Don Laing, John McIntosh, John Meyer and Gordon Olafson for assisting at the workshop on teaching and mentoring that took place on Friday, April 20, 2007. She invited members who wished to participate to sign up on sheets available at the back of the room.

**(e) Endowment Fund Report:** Ms Rita LaCivita announced that the Endowment Fund will finally be in place as of May 1, 2007, and that 200 retirees will receive subsidies ranging from \$3.00 to \$35.00 per month. Further, she reported that the Department of Human Resources was working an annual pension report that she believed would turn out to be a superior publication.

Bill Miller noted that it has taken a great deal of time to set up the Fund, which owes its origins to the July 1, 2001 Collective Agreement, and that progress had become much faster once the change was made from a trust to endowment fund.

Bill Miller went on to speak of the **Pension Plan**. He reported that Mercer has been asked to conduct a study of the asset mix, a matter which is of critical importance in determining the long-term performance of the plan. Under

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the current mix, the fixed income portion of the plan has produced a negative return, while some equities have done well. He indicated that the forthcoming Annual Pension report will provide a superior level of openness and accountability that should in the long run bring about better performance.

**(f) Joint Consultative Committee:** John Meyer provided an oral commentary to supplement the written report distributed, noting that Human Kinetics and Science are faculties that lead the way in looking after their retirees.

**Remarks by Brian Brown, President of WUFA:** Mr Brown indicated that the Faculty Association intended to put fewer contract proposals on the table at the next round of bargaining than had been done in the past. He pointed out that recent newspaper reports had highlighted a \$3-4 million Minimum Guarantee deficit in the pension plan, although in fact this had been known about for some time and the University is undertaking to deal with the matter. He noted further that the amount quoted was a preliminary estimate and that the actual amount will be established in June. He concluded by extending best wishes for the upcoming CURAC conference.

**Question:** Stan Cunningham asked whether, in light of the deficit, the Faculty Association thought it wise to have agreed to a pension holiday for active faculty and professional librarians when the fund had a surplus.

Bill Miller replied that there are stringent laws governing what can be done with a pension surplus that must be disbursed and that it is not permissible to retain funds on the possibility that some unforeseen deficit may arise.

**Remarks by Ms Cheryl Paglione, Assistant Director, Human Resources:** Ms Paglione commented that pension plans must be valuated every three years and that the next filing would take place in March 2008, reporting the state of the plan as of June 30, 2007. She added that, by

law, a solvency deficit had to be dealt with in five years, and that this would create problems for the University.

Ms Paglione indicated that Green Shield premiums were continuing to rise, largely because of increasing drug costs. Mercer has assured the University that the rates remain competitive. She noted that the rates for travel coverage had been flat for some years and the increase of 69% was largely catch-up for very fine coverage. She indicated that the monthly increases for single retirees were scheduled to be: from \$23.05 to \$24.05 for dental coverage; from \$75.96 to \$86.24 for coverage # 3; and from \$172.33 to \$210.66 for the entire package.

**Remarks by Ms Aase Houser, Director, Student Awards:** Ms Houser reported that WURA's Student Bursary Fund had now passed \$100,000. To preserve capital, 5% is spent each year. She complimented the Bursary Committee for their work in selecting three very worthy students from the more than 100 who had applied.

**Presentations: (i) "Friend of WURA" Award to Ms Amanda Gellman, Vice-President, University Advancement:** Gordon Olafson expressed WURA's gratitude to Ms Gellman for the generous support she and her office have provided in recent years, highlighting in particular that given the *Newsletter*. On behalf of her staff, Ms Gellman thanked WURA. She noted that retirees played a vital role in her work; they were, she said, the University's best ambassadors, as many alumni inform her that it is former professors that they remember and wish to honour.

**(ii) Alan Metcalfe, Certificate of Appreciation:** Gordon Olafson thanked Alan for his dedication to WURA, pointing out his three years as president and his service on the Contract and Joint Consultative Committees.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm

#### **The 5th Annual CURAC (College & University Retirees Associations of Canada) Conference and AGM**

set the standard for CURAC conferences due to the talented and dedicated (16 meetings) **local organizing committee of four members from WURA (John Meyer -chair, Datta Pillay, Ken Pryke, & Olga Crocker) and four members from St.Clair College Retirees Association (Jim Martin-sec, Lynn Watts, Pat McMahon, & JoAn Dale)**. Delegates from all Provinces except PEI and Saskatchewan were in attendance as well as local members from the UW Faculty Association and the two retirees associations.

**Seventeen presenters spoke to the issues relating to pensions, health benefits, and advocacy.** The ambiance and provisions of the Freed-Orman Centre and Alumni Residence provided an excellent comfort level. The "proceedings" are being published as are previous conferences and studies on the CURAC website: [www.curac.ca](http://www.curac.ca)

The issues of "fiduciary responsibilities" involved in pension matters and the protection and promotion of health benefits" were particular attractions. Advocacy for good governance and for accountability was explored as a necessary component for all associations.

**Sponsorship by the University of Windsor's President and V.P.Provost offices was significant and it was supplemented by eight other institutional and agency sponsors.** The leadership of Jim Martin, V.P. SCC Retirees Assoc. as secretary of the local organizing committee accounted for the sponsorship and collaboration of the St. Clair College Retirees' Association, the SCC President' office, and the banquet at Chez Talbot. **It was a precedent for CURAC that a university and a college co-hosted the event.**

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Local attendance was minimal and that fact might suggest that the potential clientele have other priorities or are less interested in the welfare of their senior years. Ken Rea, outgoing Secretary

of Curac, was recognized for his excellent past service and his collaboration in the preparation and execution AGM and communication affairs. My sincere thanks to local organizing committee who did most of the work to make this an outstanding national event.

**John Meyer was Elected as Vice President of CURAC at the Annual General Meeting, in Windsor, Ontario.**

John Meyer was Chair of the local organizing committee and WURA Past President.

**Dr. Datta Pillay Professor Emeritus** was appointed as a member of CURAC Communication Committee. He was a member of the Local Organizing Committee for the 5<sup>th</sup> CURAC Conference and also Editor, WURA Newsletter.

**Dr. David Wurfel Emeritus Professor**

Dr. David Wurfel (Political Science, 1993) has published two articles in the last year, both involving recent field research:

"Mining and the Environment in the Philippines: The Limits on Civil Society in a Weak State", *Philippine Studies* [Quezon City], Vol 54 First Quarter, 2006.

"Israel/Palestine: Long-Term Dreams, Short-Term Despair", *Peace Magazine*, July-September 2006.

**Professor Akira Kubota**

Akira Kubota formerly of Political Science published "Nikkei beijin hosho monndai to medea noyakuwari" (The Japanese American Redress Campaign and the Media's Role) in *Doshisha Journal of Media and Communication Research*, No. 4 (March 20, 2007), pp. 113-133.

**Professor Emeritus Byron Rourke Honoured by Canadian Psychological Association**

The Canadian Psychological Association honored one of its most prominent members, Byron Rourke, University of Windsor professor emeritus, with its **gold medal for Distinguished Lifetime Contribution** to Canadian Psychology at its annual convention in Ottawa. According to the awards citation, Dr. Rourke's clinical research has been the catalyst for international debate and study of many essential issues in neuropsychology, neuroscience and social science. "Rourke can rightly be called one of the founding fathers of clinical neuropsychology and of child neuropsychology in Canada," the citation reads. It also praises his role in founding the first clinical neuropsychology program in Canada, here at the University of Windsor. [Read the full citation and more about the award on the association's Web site](#)

**Professor Emeritus Walter Romanow**

a member of the I Canadian Parachute Battalion and Airborne Social Club of Edmonton, organized a Corporal Fredrick Topham VC, Bridge Dedication and Brigadier SJL Hill, DSO MC Memorial Ceremony at Siffleur Falls, Alberta on June 6, 2007.

**Walter Romanow** Chaired a Committee to organize the above event which apparently was a great success **Professor Emeritus**

**John Alexander McCorquodale**

who taught at the University of Windsor for 30 years received a Engineering Gold Medal for Excellence from the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers. Dr. McCorquodale now teaches for 10 years, at the University of New Orleans.

**Professor Emeritus Lloyd Brown John**

Chairs a 5.3 million dollar Fund Raising Committee to launch Leamington Town Arts Centre and Theatre. He is looking for major sponsors.

### **Address Change**

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**Professor James P Hart**, 14910 Dead River Rd, Thonotosassa, Florida, 33592

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### **New Member**

**Ms. Mary Atkinson**, 3131 Donnelly St., Windsor, ON N9C 1M3

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#### The Association

The Retirees' Association (Faculty, Librarian, Administrator-WURA) at Windsor was formed in 1990, to give a unified voice to retirees; to provide a bridge for communication with the University; to encourage social contact among the retirees; and to open a few doors through which retirees could continue to contribute to the University of Windsor.

Thus the Association is meant to fill what could otherwise be a void in the lives of retirees – possible isolation from the University and from their former colleagues; and possible lack of understanding of vital pension and health issues that affect them directly.

There are only two meetings of the full membership per year: in the spring and the fall. An informal social committee arranges several other events per year – dinners, plays, picnics, and so on – all of which are paid for by those who take part. The Association encourages smaller special interest groups to form as occasion and their interests warrant. Because of extreme economy of operation, dues have been kept at the level of \$20 per year. This includes four issues of The Retirees' Newsletter .

Officers of the Association are:

President: Gordon Olafson

Vice-President: Don Laing

Secretary: John McIntosh

Treasurer & Membership : Norman King

Elected Members of the Executive Committee: ; Olga Crocker, Stan Cunningham, Kate McCrone, William Miller, Kenneth Pryke, Don Thomas  
Editor Newsletter: Datta Pillay

Ex Officio Members:  
Immediate Past President: John Meyer  
Founding President: Norm Shklov

Committee Chairs:  
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Bursary Fund Committee: Wilfrid Innerd  
Pension & Benefits: Olga Crocker  
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### ***In Memoriam***

**David Booth** 82 passed away Thursday May 3, 2007. Survived by Ruth, his loving wife of over 54 years. David was a member of Congregation Beth El and was retired after 26 years of professorship at the University of Windsor. Born in Chicago, David received his undergraduate degrees from The University of Chicago and the University of Illinois and received his doctorate from the Northwestern University. Pianist! Lover of music and all arts.

**Rev Robert Howell CSB** 80 years old passed away on May 28, 2007. He taught in the Faculty of Engineering, University of Windsor until 1982, when he retired for health reasons. He was much sought after as a spiritual director. He was one of the founder of the Chelsea house.

**Ms. Sharon Klinck** passed away on April 10, 2007. She was the loving wife of Retired Professor David Klinck. Sharon taught at the School of Nursing, University of Windsor for over 25 years. As an expression of sympathy, the family would appreciate donations to the Windsor Essex Regional Cancer Centre.

**Tewari, Pansy** Passed away peacefully on May 24, 2007 at the age of 89 years. Beloved mother of Usha Jacob, Laboratory Manager, Department of Biological Sciences. A professor of nursing, she taught at the university from 1970 until her retirement in 1983

**James Skinner** Born on May 23, 1944, in St. John's, Newfoundland. Retired from Human

Resources at the U of Windsor where he touched the lives of many. Dad was a Director of the Leone Residence, as well as a member of the board of directors for the Riverside Sportsmen's Club. Donations to the Ontario Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

**Rabbi Samuel Stollman**

The university community was saddened to learn of the **death of retiree Samuel Stollman**, on June 11 at his home in Israel. Dr. Stollman was a professor of English at the university from 1966 until his retirement in 1988.

Membership Dues for 2007; \$ 20

**Please send your cheques to the Treasurer Dr. Norm King c/o U of W Post Office**

