

YOUR NEW PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Your Council is looking forward to another successful year in 2003-2004 with your assistance.

Plans for establishing a *MURA* website are well under way. We are very fortunate that **Nicholas Solntseff** has volunteered his services in getting this project started. His experience as a member of the Faculty of Computer Sciences will be a valuable asset. We are very excited to have an expert at the helm.

On occasion, some retirees have asked if there are ways in which they can assist with university activities in a voluntary capacity. The Council will investigate these possibilities, and will keep you informed. There are other avenues we hope to explore during the coming year, in order to make *MURA* an important and vital organization to all retirees and the university as a whole.

I am very honoured to be your President, and will endeavor to serve the interests all retirees of McMaster University.

Mildred (Cihocki) McLaren



BENEFITS REMINDER

Retirees and their spouses are reminded to carry with them at all times their Sun Life Benefits Card which shows the McMaster policy number (25018) and the ID number of the retiree. If the retiree or spouse does not have a card, a note of this information should be carried. Please be aware of the plan you have chosen from the option package.

If you have any problems in this area, call Human Resources at 905-525-9140, ext.23692.

Marilyn Elliott

RECENT RETIREES



Dr. O. Bar-Or–Pediatrics
Mr. D. Basford–Pathology
Mrs. J. Bignell–Education Services
Mr. R. Bignell–School of
Geography/Geology
Dr. A. Bishop–English

Dr. D. Blewett–English
Dr. G. Breckenridge–Political Science
Miss P. Breher–Hospitality Services
Dr. A. Brennan–English
Mr. J. Brown–Physical Plant
Mrs. M. Brown–Hospitality Services
Mrs. M. Brown–Senate Secretariat
Dr. D. Butterfield–Economics
Mr. F. Button–Security
Mr. D. Chapman–Physical Plant
Mrs. E. Csordas–Faculty of Business
Dr. P. Dawson–Chemistry
Dr. M. Devlin–Obstetrics & Gynecology
Dr. Raquel Epand–Biochemistry
Dr. Richard Epand–Biochemistry
Dr. G. Erasmi–Modern Languages
Mrs. D. Finlay–Office of the President
Dr. R. Haslam–Pathology
Mr. G. Hewitson–BIMR
Dr. M. Horsnell–Divinity College
Mr. R. Hudspith–Mechanical Engineering
Mrs. M. Kelley–Surgery
Dr. P. Kingston–Classics
Miss E. Long–Psychology
Miss E. McPhie–Advancement Services
Dr. D. MacQueen–Religious Studies
Mr. R. McManus–Mail Services
Mr. E. Mitchell–Psychology
Ms. J. Morris–Senate Secretariat
Mrs. J. Newbigging–Senate Secretariat
Dr. M. R. Pickering–Psychiatry
Dr. J. Platt–Psychology
Dr. W. Prestwich–Physics & Astronomy
Dr. C. Riach–Kinesiology
Dr. M. Risk–School of Geography & Geology
Dr. S. Schragge–Cardiovascular Surgery
Dr. W. Slater–Classics
Mrs. R. Sokolowski–System-Linked Research Unit
Dr. G. Sorger–Biology
Mr. P. Sweeney–Health Science Library
Mrs. S. Sullivan–Physical Plant
Mr. M. Van Oosten–Materials Science & Engineering
Mr. H. Varga–Physical Plant
Dr. J. Waddington–School of Geography & Geology

RECENT PASSINGS



Mrs. Ilona Botos–June 21st
Dr. Harold Guite–June 26th
Dr. Fred Johnson–July 15th
Mr. Angelo Albano–July 7th
Mr. Franz Hein–August 2nd
Dr. Robert Cornett–August 14th
Dr. David MacLean–August 19th
Mr. Earl Eckstein–August 27th
Mr. Sye Algera–September 3rd

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Sun Life Access

To access personal information on your Sun Life medical and dental claims history and status,



1. Have ready the following:
 - Sun Life policy number for the relevant plan
 - Your University ID number
 - Your valid email address
 - Two challenge/response questions and answers (which are used to validate your identity).
 - Call 1-800-361-6212, then press option 2.
3. After asking the relevant questions, the Sun Life representative will assign a 14 digit access ID number and an 8 digit temporary pin; you must change the latter to a PIN of your own choosing within 7 days.
4. The web site for access is www.sunlife.ca.
5. Choose Member Services.

Marju Drynan

RECRUITMENT

We are actively seeking a representative from the hourly paid retirees to serve on Council. This is truly a rewarding experience, and if you are interested or have any suggestions, please call me at 905-304-7158.

Mildred McLaren, President



Letters to the editor



We

would love to have your feedback.

REPORT FROM ANNE SINCLAIR



On July 2nd we travelled to Orillia. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed a great production of Neil Simon's play "Plaza Suite" at the Orillia Opera House. After the performance we boarded the Island Princess for a scenic cruise and a delicious steak barbecue. A lovely trip with perfect weather.

Please mark the forthcoming events in your calendar:

- **Wednesday October 15, 2003:**
"The Fabulous Crooners", Sanderson Center & Brantford Casino [A few seats left. Flyer in June newsletter.]
- **Tuesday November 25, 2003:**
"The Goodtime Music Hall" Christmas in Wonderland" show, London

Details in attached flyer.

It is important for you to understand that the coach trips are filled on a "first come first served basis", so please call Anne as soon as possible to ensure a seat.

***** Remember, cheques can be post-dated*****

If we do not meet the minimum number of bookings by the deadline date for any of our activities, events have to be cancelled and the members who have already booked are disappointed. We so look forward to sharing these excursions with you and urge you to support our efforts by joining us.

Trips: We encourage and welcome all members who are able, and so wish, to attend any and all of our planned outings. However, please keep in mind that with our limited means, we are not able to provide special care beyond "courtesy assistance". We will provide, to the best of our knowledge, an assessment of the accommodations and physical difficulty associated with each outing. We ask that you realistically judge whether you should have a companion accompanying you to ensure your health, safety and personal needs. A contact will be given with each notice, where appropriate, for those with any doubts or concerns.

RETIREE SUPPORT SERVICES UNIT
has the following information for you

The Retirement Support Services Unit has undergone a number of changes in the recent months. These changes have been brought about by an increased need to provide better support services to McMaster employees and retirees on retirement issues, as well as the retiree benefits. We strive to provide superior customer service, clear communication, and available resources that help to support and enrich the lives of the retired members of the McMaster community. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves;

Michele Leroux, the new Manager of Retirement Support Services, who joined the team in April 2003. Telephone: 905-529-7070, ext. 27253, e-mail: lerouxm@mcmaster.ca.

Jeff Chuchman - Administrator, responsible for retirees with last names starting with letters A to Mc. He has been with us since September 2002 ((905) 525-9140, ext. 24570)

Magdalena Sztajnmecc - Administrator, currently responsible for retirees with last names starting with letters Md to Z (ext. 23692). In December, Magda will be leaving us for a one year period to further her education.

Laura Marks - Administrator, currently on maternity leave but returning to work in the fall, prior to Magda's educational leave.

We wish to thank McMaster University Retiree Association for giving us this opportunity to introduce ourselves to the McMaster Retiree Community. We would like to encourage you contact us with any questions. We can be reached via e-mail at pension@mcmaster.ca. Also for more information please visit our new website at www.workingatmcmaster.ca. If you do not have computer access, you may call us at 905-529-7070, ext.27253, or write to us at 50 Main Street East, 5th floor, Room 524, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 1E9.

ROSEMARY VIOLA, who is Chair of MUSA Membership and Social Committees extends the following invitation to all McMaster Retirees



Musa's 30th anniversary gala

"STANDING STRONG"

Friday October 3, 2003
Liuna Station

360 James Street North, Hamilton, Ontario

Cocktails:	6:00 p.m.
Dinner:	7:00 p.m.
Dance:	8:00 p.m. Until 1:00 a.m.

Tickets at \$30.00 each, are available until September 24th at the MUSA Office, GH-B107, located across from MURA Office.

Please note: Tickets must be purchased in advance, and will NOT be available at the door on the night of the GALA.

Preferred method of payment is by cheque made payable to MUSA. Cash is also acceptable.