



PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

It is hard to believe that I am beginning my second year as your President. Last year brought many changes to *MURA* and no doubt 2004-5 will do the same. Becoming a member of the national association of Colleges and Universities Retirees Association of Canada (CURAC) has opened up doors to a national aspect.

We now have our own web-site, so do get in touch at www.macra.ca.

One of our goals this year is to increase the attendance at our AGM in May. Your Council works hard on your behalf and needs your support at this main event. Any suggestions you have would be appreciated. Either call me at **905-304-7158** or pass them along by e-mail: mura@mcmaster.ca

Mildred (Cihocki)McLaren

HUMAN RESOURCES SUPPORT SERVICES

wish to make the following opportunity available to you...

McMaster University Library invites applications from highly motivated, service-oriented individuals for the position of Library Facilities Monitor. The incumbent would monitor the University Library facilities and maintain a facilities database log to record and follow up on issues. This is a temporary/casual appointment with flexible hours during the academic year of September 2004 to April 2005. Interested applicants should send an outline of their related experience by September 24th to libjobs@mcmaster.ca or by fax number to 905-524-9850, Library Resources Office, Mills Memorial Library.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION from Your vice-president

****ATTENTION ALL RETIREES WITH
E-MAIL ACCESS****

We are endeavouring to update our membership base, streamline our service to you and—not incidentally—cut down on our operating costs. If you have an e-mail account, please send a note to ["mura@mcmaster.ca"](mailto:mura@mcmaster.ca) and your e-mail information will be added to the membership database.

ON A RELATED MATTER...

MURAnews is now available on the *MURA* website, so you may prefer to have our "on-line" copy of *MURAnews* instead of waiting for your "snail-mail" copy to arrive. Please let us know, in an e-mail message, or by using the form on the "MONEY MATTERS" sheet, if you wish to "opt-out" of receiving the mailed Newsletter.

However, as was noted at the AGM in May, we have no intention of discontinuing the mailed version of *MURAnews*, realising that many find it more convenient to pick it from the mailbox than wonder whether it has been posted on the Web!

M. Brian Ives

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

You can obtain a copy of a very useful publication called "*Guide to Programmes and Services to Seniors in Ontario*". Just pop into the Ellen Fairclough Building, King Street East in downtown Hamilton (cr. of King and James) to pick one up at the Information Desk. Or telephone #1-888-910-1999.

CURAC NEWS UPDATE

The Second Conference and AGM of CURAC (College and University Retiree Associations of Canada) that was held in Winnipeg in May dealt with the theme: "Building Relationships: The University Retiree in Action", and was reported on by our two representatives, Mildred McLaren and Helen Barton. If you are interested in reading more about this conference and the association, further information can be found by logging on to our internet website at www.macra.ca. CURAC website is accessible at www.curac.ca, where you will find a full report on the conference proceedings, as well as details of the organization's policies and activities.

Your Council members are quite impressed with this organization, and plan to send two representatives to the next AGM, which takes place in Vancouver in May 2005.

CURAC has the potential to be of immense benefit to all university retirees.



The 2004 Community Campaign kicks off the last week of September. It is an excellent opportunity to show your pride in and commitment to McMaster University. Please watch for your letter from Dr. Alvin Lee, Campaign Chair, and consider making a donation. Thank you for your ongoing consideration and support. For more information, please contact **Jennifer** at 905-525-9140, ext. 27159 or at macfund@mcmaster.ca.



REPORT FROM ANNE SINCLAIR



The *Georgian Bay Cruise* on September 14th, and "*Hairspray*" on October 20th are **sold out**, with waiting lists for both trips.

The "*Christmas Story*" trip on December 8th (see enclosed flyer) will, I'm sure, be a popular one, so please send your post-dated cheques (dated November 8th) to me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. As usual, the reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

ALASKA
May 28, 2005

The response to our "*Cruise to Alaska*" has been amazing. At



this point, 41 of us have booked our cabins, and we only have one ocean view cabin and one inside cabin still available for the "*Cruise and Tour*", which includes two nights at the *Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge*, and one night at the *Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge*.

We also have a few cabins available for the "*Cruise Only*", which does not include the land portion described above. These cabins will not be available for long, so please contact me (Anne) at 905-627-0968 for more information



RECENT RETIREES

Dr. P. Chang—Pediatrics
Mr. B. Currie—Elec. & C.Eng.
Mrs. A. Fenyes—Pathology
Dr. A. Jopko—Math &
Stats/Physics & Astronomy
Mrs. M. Marijan—Building Operations
Mrs. B. Montesanto—Occupational Health Programme
Dr. E. Sanders—Religious Studies
Mrs. C. Schlechta—Humanities
Mrs. E. Spencer—Clinical Epidemiology & Biostats.
Mr. G. Stratten—Athletics & Recreation
Mrs. N. Triantafillou—Hospitality Services
Mrs. M. Turnbull—Purchasing Resources
Mrs. L. A. Van Stroe—Medicine

RECENT PASSINGS

Mrs. Peggy Johnstone—June 4th
Mr. Jack Sutton—June 24th
Mrs. Katharine Perewertun—July 8th
Mr. John Albert Griffin—July 30th



We extend heartfelt good wishes to
Stuart Winn
for a happy and healthy life
as he celebrates his
80th birthday.

We have Stuart to thank for his efforts in helping create
the *McMaster University Retirees Association*.
"Way to Go, Stuart"



MONEY MATTERS



Please complete the relevant section of this form to book now for any of the following events:

Date# of personsAmount \$
Tues.Dec.7/04Christmas Luncheon
Schwaben Inn (pay your own way).....N/A

Name:
Address:
Postal Code: Telephone #: e-mail address:.....

Wed.Dec.8/04A Christmas Story
\$69.00 per person.....

Name:
Address:
Postal Code: Telephone #:e-mail address:

For the above trip, please make cheques payable to **McMaster University Retirees' Association** and mail along with the relevant section of this form to: ~~Anne Sinclair, Apt. 207 - 104 Osler Drive, Dundas, Ontario L9H 4B7~~

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

To keep yourself as an active member, check the bottom right hand corner of your mailing label. If it reads
204 - fees paid for year 2004.
205, 206, 207 - fees paid for years 2005, 2006, 2007.
X - no fees paid; XX - spousal survivor. You may pay fees if you wish.
9203 - "honeymoon year", comes to an end in 2004.
9204 - "honeymoon time", free year

If you wish to receive all future newsletters, please remit fee payment for 2004. If you wish not to receive any further newsletters, please call the office at 905-525-9140, ext.23171 leaving details, or fill in the "Newsletter Mailing" slip on this page and return it to **MURA, Gilmour Hall, Room B108, 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L8, Attention: Bonnie White.**

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FEE

Name:.....
Address:.....
Postal Code: Telephone #: e-mail address:.....

Enclosed is my MURA active membership fee of \$15.00 for the calendar year 2004.

Please make your cheque payable to **McMaster University Retirees' Association**, and mail along with this section of this form to: **MURA, Room B108 Gilmour Hall, McMaster University 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8S 4L8, Attention: Jessie Dunlop.**

NEWSLETTER MAILING

I do not wish to receive copies of the Newsletter

Name:
Address:.....
Postal Code: Telephone #: e-mail address:

Please return this strip to Mrs. Bonnie White , Membership, at the MURA address.