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GEORGIAN COLLEGE RETIREES CLUB

Spring report by Cheryl Norton on behalf of Barbara Marshall

Georgian Retirees News

Happy Spring!

Yes, it's finally here! For those of you who stayed in this area without a break through the long, cold winter months, you must be especially grateful to welcome the sunshine and warmer temperatures. Let's all get outside in the coming weeks to enjoy this long awaited change of season! One way to do just that is to participate in the upcoming annual **Rotary Fun Run planned for Wednesday, May 27th**. Each year Georgian College is proud to enter an enthusiastic team that helps Rotary raise funds to support local charities and causes, including Georgian College. We have benefited in the past from Rotary support for student scholarships, as well as capital projects including the University Partnership Centre and the Sadlon Centre for Health and Wellness. This year, GCRC members are being encouraged to join the Georgian Fun Run Team and participate in this event. Please note – you can choose to walk, not run!! You will see parents pushing baby carriages as well as seniors using walkers (in addition to the keen runners!), so please consider signing up and encourage your friends and family to join you! More information on registration will be sent to our club members in the coming weeks....stay tuned!

While our AGM is still 5 months away, your GCRC Executive team is already planning for the election of Directors for 2015-16. It is critical for the vitality of our club that, going forward, we are thoughtful about "succession planning". To that end, we are hoping that some of you will be interested in "job shadowing" or "job sharing" next year with a view to taking over as a Director in 2016-17. Also, we know in advance that we will have at least one vacancy on the Executive next year. Rob Wong has notified us that he will be "retiring" as Membership Director in the fall. However, Rob has agreed to stay on the GCRC Executive as a Director-at-Large after the AGM and will be available to train and assist his replacement. We certainly appreciate Rob's work over the past 5 years and his willingness to provide transition support to the new incoming Membership Director.

Here are some points to give you a better idea of what is involved in becoming a Director with the GCRC:

The Executive roles include President, Treasurer, Membership, Communication, Social and Website

The executive meets in person just once or twice a year.

Most of the communication among directors is done via email.

The workload is very manageable and can generally be done at your own convenience.

It is fun to work together with fellow retirees and former co-workers to support our GCRC!!

We will be forming a nomination committee this spring so you may be hearing from someone in that group before September to see if you are interested in getting involved in the GCRC Executive. Do give it some thought and feel free to contact any current member of the Executive if you have any questions!

On a final note.....please see the notice in this newsletter about the upcoming President's lunch on Friday, June 12th. Hope to see you there! Cheryl Norton

Expedition to the ancient world will unveil wonders of the Mediterranean

By Mark Hall, Georgian College

Fresh on the heels of a successful community learning experience to Alaska in 2014, University Partnership Centre professor Dr. Trudy Bergère is now launching an expedition to the Ancient World. This trip is aimed at members of the community – enrolment in a Georgian College program is not necessary.

Participants will **cross the Atlantic Ocean by cruise ship** before landing in Europe, where they will spend about **a week in a Tuscan villa**. That's followed by a **cruise through the Greek Islands and Turkey** before returning to Canada by air. The trip will last about 24 to 36 days – the needs and interests of the group will determine the exact date, duration, itinerary and learning activities. The trip will take place in 2016 or 2017, depending on the wishes of the participants.

“There are so many things we can do,” said Bergère. “We have the opportunity to visit such locations as Pompeii, to walk in the footsteps of the Medici family, or to explore the ecosystems, volcanos, and animals of the places we visit.” Not only will this be a trip into the Mediterranean, it will be an exploration into scientific, historical, political, and cultural research. The trip would cost in the range of **\$7,500 per person** for travel, meals and accommodation and will include a maximum of 10 to 14 participants. This price is well below the cost of similar trips. The learning and discussion activities will begin during the Atlantic crossing where participants will build a foundation of knowledge about the history, politics and science of the area of the world now known as Greece, Italy and Turkey. Curriculum leaders for the trip are **Trudy Bergère and Paul Baxter**, two award-winning university instructors. Baxter teaches in York University's criminology program. He has diverse areas of expertise, including the history of ideas, philosophy, law, and restorative justice. He holds a B.A. and an M.A. and is completing a PhD in political studies. Bergère, a published author, specializes in teaching science to non-science majors. She designs and implements curriculum that works for students who often hold different emotions about science as a school subject. She holds an M.Sc. in biochemistry and a PhD in curriculum studies. For further information, call Bergère at 705.728.1968, ext. 5495, or email to Trudy.Bergere@georgiancollege.ca.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE RETIREES : PRESIDENT'S SPRING LUNCHEON, JUNE 12, 2015

*Save the date: The president of Georgian College: **MaryLynn West-Moynes** is once again hosting a spring luncheon for the Georgian Retirees in the Georgian Dining Room at noon on **June 12**. Please arrive a bit early to register and to renew your annual membership in the GCRC. Please note that this is a special event for retirees only. (Spouses and guests can not be invited to this event.) Please **RSVP by June 5**, to Cheryl Lawson cheryllawson910@gmail.com 705-728 9786*



Death notice: Penny Broderick, June 18, 1919 to April 1, 2015 (age 96)

Staff news interview with Penny in 2013. Penny was 94

94-year-old retiree shares her Georgian memories

Penny Broderick's first day working at Georgian College was July 1, 1968, less than a year after the college first opened its doors at the Wellington Street Plaza. Georgian President Robert Crawford was familiar with Penny's work at the University of New Brunswick and recruited her to establish a job placement program for graduating students. Over her 15-year career at Georgian, Penny accumulated a lot of memories which she recently reflected on as the Georgian College Retirees Club celebrated her 94th birthday in June.

Q: What was your role at Georgian?

A: I came to Georgian College with the mandate that I would establish a job placement program for graduating students... and to take on various other functions as the need dictated. In those days, it was all very loosely defined and in essence, you did what ever needed to be done at the time. By the time I had settled in, and fall classes were in session, my duties included setting up a housing program for out-of-town students; instructing two classes of business students; taking care of student government loans; and anything else that needed to be done on any particular day.

Q: What was your favourite part of the job?

A: I would say it was the personal contact with the students, learning what the college was all about, and passing that knowledge on to industry and prospective employers.

Q: What was it like to work for Georgian College in its early days?

A: It was challenging, it was interesting, it was exciting..... and at times it was amusing.

Q: Did any one student leave a lasting impression on you?

A: Rob Cameron is the one name that comes to mind, and that is probably because he stayed on at the college as an employee at the Owen Sound Campus for several years.

Q: How do you stay connected to Georgian?

A: Through our Georgian College Retirees Club. Up until the past two or three years, my husband (former Board of Governors member Connie Broderick) and I was quite actively involved in the organization itself and in social activities planned and carried out. Also, I did retain fairly close contact with several of my former colleagues for quite a few years, but sadly, one by one, they went to their rewards. There are not many "founding members" left.

Q: Did anyone from your family ever attend Georgian as a student?

A: Yes, Georgian is in the family! My youngest daughter, Cecile Comuzzi, graduated as a Dental Assistant, then returned a year or so later to take a two-year Business program. Another daughter, Alicia Mason, was employed in a clerical position and worked with Tom Owen. Elizabeth Stangroom, a third daughter, took one of the extension courses doing some upgrading of clerical skills.

Q: Do you have any advice for current Georgian employees?

A: I learned long ago never to give advice!

Penny passed away April 1st, survived by her younger sister, 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 8 grandchildren.

Read her blog:

<https://shoelover94.wordpress.com/author/pennybroderick/>

Photo : Retiree Penny Broderick was one of the "founding members" of Georgian. The Georgian College Retirees Club recently celebrated her 94th birthday.



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The Province is continuing to develop the **Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP)**, and the Plan continues to monitor and report on these developments. In the last newsletter we outlined the proposed Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP), a ‘made-in-Ontario’ retirement solution being developed by the Province.

The CAAT Plan supports the principles behind the ORPP and is also pleased to see the recognition of the pressing need for better retirement income security, especially for those without access to a workplace pension. In addition, the Plan applauds the government for recognizing the superior efficiency of pooling in defined benefit and target benefit plans. These Plans deliver predictable retirement income that fosters the well-being of the elderly and their families, while easing pressure on government healthcare and social programs by providing a source of deferred taxes and healthier retirees.

To read our most recent update on the ORPP, [visit our website](http://www.ontario.ca/government/ontario-retirement-pension-plan).
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Georgian Upcoming Events for 2015

28th Annual Golf Classic, May 26th, The Club at Bondhead,
www.georgiangolfclassic.com