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GEORGIAN COLLEGE RETIREES CLUB



GCRC President's message:

Georgian Retirees News

Dear GCRC members,

As you know, our objective this year for the Georgian College Retirees Club is to "**Keep Connected**". A big part in "keeping connected" centres around encouraging newly retired employees from the College to join the GCRC. We continue to need your help promoting the GCRC and encouraging new retirees to join our association. But did you know that an even bigger part in "keeping connected" is ensuring retirees remain in the club once they have joined?

A question that often comes up when we ask our GCRC members to renew their membership is - "Where does my \$10.00 membership fee go?" The money collected from memberships is used primarily to support our annual \$1,000.00 pledge to Georgian College's Family Campaign, which is focused on meeting student needs; last year, at our Annual General Meeting, we voted to support this cause for the next five years. The balance of the membership dues is used to cover costs associated with (a) mailing out the GCRC newsletter (to those without email addresses), (b) outreach activities (such as mail outs to new retirees), and (c) the Annual General Meeting.

Being a part of the GCRC allows Georgian's retirees to "keep connected" with each other at a social level. But even more importantly, "keeping connected" is critical when a collective voice is required to speak out on pension and retiree benefit issues.

The GCRC Executive wants to know how our association can be of further benefit to you - feel free to contact any of us by phone or email. We encourage you to "**Keep Connected**"!

Warm regards, **Barbara Marshall** GCRC President

GCRC President's lunch: Thursday, June 19, 2014

Again this year we are so lucky! Georgian College President: **MaryLynn West-Moynes** will be hosting the annual President's lunch for the Georgian College Retirees on Thursday, **June 19, 2014**. It will be held at **noon** in the Georgian Dining Room at the Barrie Campus. All Georgian College Retirees are welcome. This event is sponsored and paid for by the College and is for Retirees only (sorry no guests, spouses or friends can attend). GCRC members are reminded that they may renew their membership for the 2014/2015 membership year at the luncheon. Annual GCRC membership fee remains at \$10.00. (Please arrive early).

Please RSVP by June 2, 2014 to GCRC Social Convenor, Cheryl Lawson, at cbl15420@yahoo.ca or phone 705-728-9786.

Professor Emeritus award 2014: Ruthanne Krant

Ruthanne Krant exemplifies all of the best that Georgian College has to offer. There are hundreds of Human Resources Professionals working locally, provincially, nationally and internationally who have graduated from Georgian College's Human Resources Diploma and post-graduate Certificate programs, thanks to Ruthanne Krant. Through her many years of dedicated service to and with Georgian College, Ruthanne Krant built the Human Resource Management programs from scratch. Her legacy to the college is the development, achievement and successful implementation of professional Human Resource Management programs that are recognized around the world. Quite simply, we would not be where we are today without her.

Ruthanne had many 'roles' during her tenure with the college. She retired in the spring of 2013 while holding the position of Coordinator for the Human Resource Management programs in the School of Business. In this role, she continued to develop the human resources

programs, handled a myriad of details and drove the programs forward to continued success. Her diligence and support always allowed, encouraged and motivated her colleagues to focus on the students.

However, the most important roles for Ruthanne were always about teaching and learning, for everyone. Ruthanne was a tireless advocate for Georgian College and unabashedly proud of being a faculty member with the college. She was involved in so many aspects of the college not just because it was the right thing to do, but because she believed in bringing out the best in everyone by modelling what being the best means. Ruthanne showed genuine caring and support for her colleagues by working through complex situations with them; by providing guidance and support; and always working with a goal to make the student experience at Georgian College exceptional.

She departed wisdom and joy with equal doses. Her humour was evident in all situations. We would like for her to bottle her laughter for us,

for use when we need it, now that she is no longer with the college every day!

The college's mission statement speaks "to inspire innovation, transform lives and connect communities through the power of education". Ruthanne Krant lived the mission statement each and every day. Through each and every connection she made with students, colleagues and members of the college's community, Ruthanne brought her unique passion for teaching and learning to each of those connections, always. She was, and continues to be, an inspiration for us all.

Enda Soostar, LLM, CHRP,
Professor - Human Resources,
School of Business



Photo left– GCRC ladies, Johnson's Cranberry wine tour



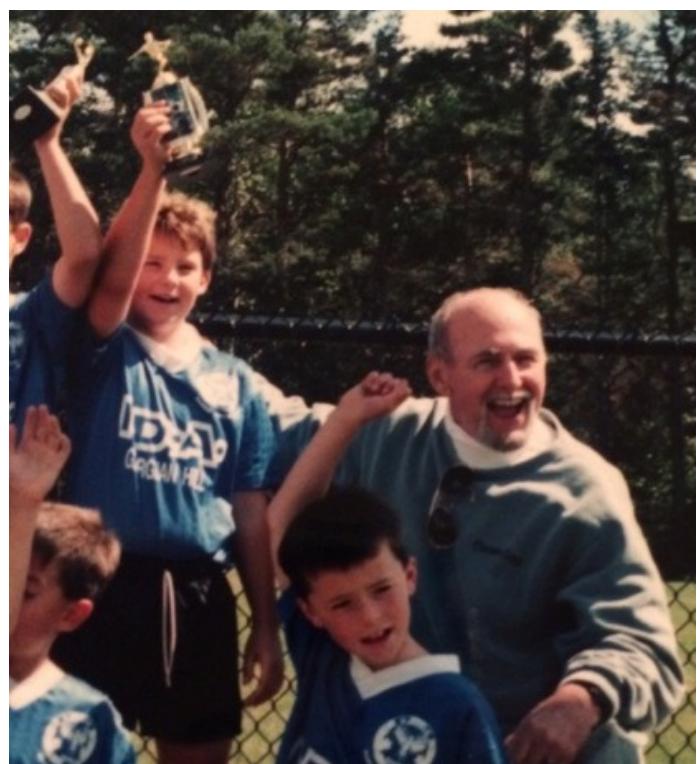
John Delves, 1934- March, 2014

John passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2014. Predeceased by Katharine McDonald (2007), John took his last breath in the presence of his children; Lauren Delves, Ian Delves and his wife Ingi Gould-Delves at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie. John was born in Toronto, attended East York Collegiate, Graduated in Industrial Design from the Ontario College of Art (A.O.C.A) in 1959. He moved to San Francisco in 1963 to pursue his career, where he designed many facilities, casinos, bars, and hotels winning the Governor of California Award for Design Excellence. John returned to Canada in 1977 to teach at Georgian College (Barrie) in DVA, until his retirement. He continued to paint and was a member of the Ontario Society of Artists. Although John has passed away, his art lives on. There will be a spring memorial. (*Look for the notice in the paper*)

Rob Wong said "*John was a great friend and we will miss his passion for design, his energy to mentor others and his love for a good scotch! I have a fond memory of coaching our boys, Mike and Ian, at soccer with John. He would give his pep talk at half time then look at me, give me a wink and say, well we have done our bit let's watch them have fun. We enjoyed many a family holiday celebrations and we will miss those days. Let's keep our memories strong of John!*" (Photo of John coaching soccer)

CURAC conference: May 28-30 in Hamilton

For information on the conference contact www.curac.ca \$160 for 3 days or \$50 for one day. CURAC wrote to the Prime Minister regarding concerns about the government's reluctance to deal with CPP reform. The response from the PM is posted on the CURAC website. CURAC is also discussing pension indexation, and identifying the composition of the retiree associations by faculty, librarians, staff. CURAC conducted a survey to create a benefits package such as Travel Medical. Several Universities offer insurance for retirees. (GCRC is not included in the list).



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Cheryl Lawson, social convenor, will be planning special events for members throughout the year. If anyone has ideas for social activities, please contact Cheryl.

Remember to renew your free parking pass every 2 years.

Georgian Golf Classic on May 27

The college is still seeking golfers, sponsors and silent and live auction donors for the 27th annual Golf Classic. If you'd like to get involved, contact Hank Thibideau at Hank.Thibideau@georgiancollege.ca or visit www.geiangolfclassic.com.

Find the web sitewww.georgianc.on.ca/retirees**Georgian College Fun Run for Rotary Club fundraiser: May 28, 2014**

Please join **Team Georgian College** for the Fun Run at the South Shore Centre, Barrie, from 5:30-9pm. You can walk or run 5K or 10K. Please contact Amy Legacy at 705 728 1968 x 1483 or amy.legacy@georgiancollege.ca
T-shirts, prizes and food! (\$30 registration fee for Rotary Club fundraising)

Exciting new discount benefits for GCRC

Some discounts for GCRC include: **Attractions:** Canada's Wonderland, Wild Water kingdom Santa's Village, Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Science Centre, Great Wolf Lodge, Scandinave Spa

Sports: Toronto Argonauts tickets 35% off, Toronto Marlies and Leafs, Raptors,

Hotels: Choice Hotels, Holiday Inn Barrie, Skyline Hotels

Other: CAA Auto and travel insurance, High Tech Tint, National Car rental, Yanch heating, Soft Moc, Hardwood Hills,

For **GCRC Benefits** Contact: Kelly Pottage, Manager Alumni and Stewardship ext.1878

Please visit www.georgiancollege.ca/alumni/perks for details on how to access your discounts.