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# GCRC

GEORGIAN COLLEGE RETIREES CLUB

Georgian Retirees News

## Help Wanted

Like the sign in the window that reads, "Help Wanted", the Georgian College Retirees Club needs willing volunteers to be a part of the GCRC Executive. Let me assure you, it does not require much time or commitment to serve on the Executive but without these volunteers, our Club risks not being there when it might most be needed at an individual, local or provincial level. Please consider taking a turn at being a part of the GCRC Executive – your Club needs your help and support. Contact any of the current Executive – Barb Marshall, Cheryl Norton, Cheryl Lawson, Cathy Volpe or Sue Cornell – to express interest or ask any questions.

This year's President Luncheon will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will be able to attend. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with friends, renew your GCRC Membership, and get caught up on all the happenings planned for the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Warm Regards,  
Barbara Marshall, GCRC President

## President's lunch for retirees

MARYLYNN WEST-MOYNES,  
PRESIDENT AND CEO  
OF GEORGIAN COLLEGE,  
**CORDIALLY  
INVITES YOU  
TO ATTEND**  
THE GEORGIAN COLLEGE  
RETIREES CLUB LUNCHEON

**MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017**

Georgian Dining Room, Barrie Campus  
One Georgian Dr., Barrie ON L4M 3X9

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TIME: Noon to 1:30 p.m.

RSVP: To [cheryllawson910@gmail.com](mailto:cheryllawson910@gmail.com)  
or phone 705.728.9786 by June 9, 2017

Please include any dietary restrictions or accessibility requests  
in your RSVP email.

This event is free for members. However, we request that each  
attendee bring a contribution for the student food bank.

 **Georgian**

## Georgian Student Food Pantry

Hello retirees,

The students' association has a **Student Food Pantry** to help provide food items (pasta, canned goods, peanut butter, etc) to students who cannot afford to purchase groceries. They are in short supply and would like to encourage donations of food or money. If you can help out please contact:

Jake Chevrier, VP Internal Relations, contact for the Foodlocker until May 1<sup>st</sup> (he is the incoming 2017-2018 VP Admin) 705 728 1968 x 5338

Or Shannon Kelly, the 2017-2018 GCSA VP Internal Relations, who will be the future contact for the Student Foodlocker, after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Donations can be dropped off at the Georgian College Student Association (GCSA – formally SAC) office. The direct email for the food locker

is: [FoodLocker@GeorgianCollege.ca](mailto:FoodLocker@GeorgianCollege.ca)

### Death notice: Sara "Sally" Sandra (Falconer) (Chorley) Wilson



**WILSON, Sara "Sally"** - (Georgian College Nursing Program Alumni, and nursing coordinator) passed away in Barrie on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 in her 84th year. Sally was a bright light with a keen sense of humour and robust spirit. She was a loving mother, a teacher and mentor to many a Georgian College nursing student. Sally embraced family, her many friends, horses, dogs and her life in the biggest way possible

## College makes structural change ( by Barrie Examiner, Feb 16, 2017)

### **Georgian College has tightened its belt to balance the books.**

The Barrie-based college is laying off administrators, reassigning teaching faculty and will **sell Kempenfelt Conference Centre** to help make up an \$8.6-million shortfall this year on its now-balanced \$195-million-plus budget. “We've made good decisions to sustain our future,” said MaryLynn West-Moynes, Georgian's president and CEO. “There are a number of moving parts in this, but one of the things that we wanted to do in this structure change was flatten the organization.”

Seven full-time administration jobs will be lost-three effective April 1, another four when Kempenfelt Conference Centre closes. A number of full-time support staff positions are also affected, but they will be offered reassignment based on seniority – as per the terms of the appropriate collective agreements. “Some of those reassignments will inevitably impact our part-time employees,” said West-Moynes. There will also be a change of assignment for many faculty.

Beginning this year, approximately 70 full-time faculty members will teach during the spring/summer session. New classes will be created and programs will be realigned to accommodate additional classes for popular programs with significant wait lists.

Ontario Public Services Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 350 represents 278 full-time faculty and 299 part-time faculty at Georgian. An additional 368 faculty members teach on a part-time basis and are not members of the faculty union. “Local 350 has expressed and will continue to express concerns about how these structural changes will affect students and the quality of education delivered at the college,” said Terry Heittola, president of Local 350. “The structural changes will result in the reduction of librarian positions and significant changes to teaching assignments for both full and part-time faculty members,” he said.

Georgian has started the process of selling Kempenfelt Conference Centre, located on Lake Simcoe in Innisfil. The college assumed its operation from the province in 1981; while it operated successfully for many years, the centre has been a money-loser for the last decade – anywhere from \$50,000 to more than \$200,000 annually. West-Moynes said there were a number of attempts to right the ship, and that five different scenarios were looked at, but with no success.

“In the end, we just couldn't come up with something that would be a good use for the students, and it's been losing money,” she said. “We decided it was time to move to our core business, which is providing programs and services, not offering a conference centre facility.” The 40-year-old facility also needs substantial capital investment to be a competitive conference centre. Georgian will continue to operate the centre until the end of October. It will honour all bookings and accept new bookings until then. The college said its restructuring moves, along with short- and long-term investments, will save \$7-million to balance the 2017-18 budget.

Of that total, \$2.2 million in savings and revenue will come from service areas, such as contract negotiations with external vendors, like cleaning and print contracts, savings on utility costs from upgraded lighting and infrastructure and departmental changes in work processes, reducing spending on supplies and materials.

There will also be a 2% increase in parking pass fees, consistent with the rate of inflation. Provincial funding for Ontario college operating costs has decreased each year since 2007-2008. Georgian's budget pressures have been compounded by losing the small, northern rural grant, declining demographics of youths age 18 to 24 in Simcoe and Grey counties at rates greater than the provincial average, and Laurentian University's withdrawal from the Barrie campus last year.

Of Georgian's \$195 million-plus annual budget, 50% of the funding comes from the province, 30% is from students' tuition and 20% is from ancillary operations - food, parking, book store, selling training to business and industry, etc. Georgian College has 3,500 employees and about 12,000 students at this time of the year at its Barrie, Orillia, Midland, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Orangeville and Bracebridge campuses.

## 2014/2015 GCRC Executive:

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## Georgian College's 50th Anniversary Celebrations      October 5, 2017

You are encouraged to check the College's website for detailed information on all the activities and events planned throughout the year to celebrate Georgian's 50th anniversary. [www.georgiancollege.ca/celebrate50/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/celebrate50/) Among other items of interest, you will find an interactive timeline of Georgian's history, a complete calendar of events, and a template for contributing a written memory that will go into a time capsule.

Of special note.....Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, Oct. 5th**. More information will follow, but we are planning to incorporate our GCRC annual general meeting into the celebrations being organized for that day on the Barrie campus. The highlight will be a special guest speaker - **Rick Hansen**, *Canadian Paralympian, activist, and philanthropist for people with disabilities*. A limited number of seats have been reserved for our GCRC members so stay tuned for registration details we will send you later this summer!

Georgian's annual **Design and Visual Arts Scholarship Exhibition** runs through **May 14** in the Campus Gallery, Barrie Campus. D building

## **Volunteers are needed for next year's event GEORGIAN'S GOT TALENT**

Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23, 2018

The benefit concert committee is looking for around eight to 10 volunteers. In exchange for a few hours of work, you would get free admission to the show!