

Senior Alumni News

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Welcome back to the Spring Series of Canadian Perspectives Lectures. As you may know, to be a member of the University of Toronto Senior Alumni Association, you must attend one series of lectures or volunteer in one of the service projects sponsored by the Senior Alumni

to help U. of T. Most of our members are U. of T. alumni but some of our membership are friends of the university who are interested in our lectures and service projects.

I would like to thank all our volunteers, particularly Dorelle Cameron, who has just retired as recording secretary after over ten years. Her work has been consistently thorough and accurate and very much appreciated by all who worked with her. Fortunately Dorelle will remain on the Executive as a member at large and Dorothy Sedgwick will take over her duties as recording secretary.

Our January meeting was held on one of the coldest days of the month. I thought we might be only a few with little discussion; however, most of our crew arrived and made decisions both large and small. Two of which might interest you are:

- 1 It was recommended that we don't give any donations this year as at present no group is willing to match our donations. We will wait until matching funds are available to increase the value of our donation.
- 2 The new five year service pin to be given out at our Annual General Meeting will be similar to the ten year service pin but will be in a lighter shade of blue on gold.

You may also be interested to know that our executive includes as a member at large, one of the alumni members elected to the Governing Council. Maureen Somerville, as a governor, is a very valuable link between our association and the university administration.

Your executive exists to meet your needs. So if you have any thoughts you feel would benefit the Senior Alumni, please pass them along by speaking to any member of the Executive or by phoning Kathy Parks, our administrative Assistant, at 416-978-0544.

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SENIOR ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Italian Studies Program Last issue we told you how Calla Janes has been helping Prof. Anne Urbancic of Victoria College, Dept. of Italian Studies by scanning the letters of the noted Italian author, Mario Pratesi and adding them to a database as pictures. The database will be available to scholars on the World Wide Web. Calla has tells us that this project could use some help. Please call the Senior Alumni office if you are interested.

Local Church History Records Project Victoria University needs to rehabilitate their history files and would like help from the Senior Alumni. It is interesting work reviewing files and deciding what to keep and what to copy. Instructions and advice will be given and the schedule can be flexible. The location is the Birge - Carnegie Library at Queen's Park and Charles, next to the Museum subway stop. For more information and to join this project, please call: Ilmar Talvila at (416) 231-1752.

Robarts Library Tours: We need seniors interested in becoming tour guides at Robarts Library. They must be comfortable spending one or two hours walking through the library and speaking to groups (maximum) 20 students. A plus is a complimentary U. of T. library card. Training provided.

Koffler Information Desk: Volunteers staff an information desk at the Koffler Student Centre (St. George and College) answering basic questions, about the location of services and offices. Orientation is provided.

U. of T. Art Centre: This project needs volunteers to be guides and to watch over exhibits. Shifts will be 2 ½ hour duration. Training will be provided.

Mailings: Occasionally volunteers are needed to help with mailings at various locations. Volunteers are called a week or more in advance to check availability and inform them about time and location. A good project for those who would like to participate, but who don't want a regular shift.

If you would like to try one of these projects, please call Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office, 416-978-0544 or senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

OTHER NOTICES

The Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto has a continuing need for volunteers to perform a variety of paper based and computerized tasks (no previous computer experience is necessary). These are planned to help answer significant questions about how we age. To volunteer, you must have graduated from high school, speak English as a first language, and provide your own transportation to the St. George campus. Participants will be paid \$10 per hour. Please call Kaye Karrys (416) 463 4810 for details.

Proposed Spring Visit to Stratford: The Ramsay Wright Canadian Perspectives Lecture Group is organizing a visit to Stratford in the spring of 2005, to see Shakespeare's play "The Tempest" The tentative arrangements are as follows:

- Transportation: Commercial Tour coach seating 35-56 people
- Lunch: At a local restaurant, menu to be determined
- Theatre Tickets: For "The Tempest" (senior matinee)
- Suggested date for the performance:
Wednesday, June 1, 2005, @ 2.00 p.m.
- Approximate cost: \$114.00 (includes coach, lunch, and theatre tickets)

If interested please, please send an email to: senior.alumni@utoronto.ca Att. Ramsay Wright Stratford Tour. or write Ramsay Wright Stratford Tour c/o Senior Alumni Office: 21 King's College Circle, Toronto, On. M5S 3J3

CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES SPRING LECTURES

The Spring 2005 Canadian Perspectives Lectures will be held at the following times and locations:

Monday Morning Lectures (10.00 a.m.-12 noon)

Emmanuel College, electronic theatre, 75 Queen's Park Cres.

Tuesday Morning Lectures (10.00 a.m. -12 noon)

Emmanuel College, electronic theatre, 75 Queen's Park Cres.

Tuesday Afternoon Lectures (1.30 p.m. -3.30 p.m.)

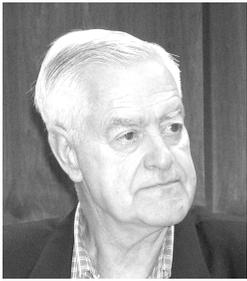
Ramsay Wright Building (s.w. corner of St. George and Hoskin)

Wednesday Morning Lectures (10.00 a.m. -12 noon)

Banting Institute, 100 College St.

For further information please call the Senior Alumni Association Administrative Assistant, Kathy Parks (416) 978-0544 e-mail senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

EDITORS NOTEBOOK



Brrr! The Month of January brought with it an abundance of snow and some very cold and extreme conditions. After all these years we should be accustomed to it! We were fortunate to have escaped to the sun and warmth of Mexico for two of those freezing weeks. None the less I really do enjoy our four Canadian seasons - summer preferred.

March brings the return of the spring lecture series, starting March 21. For those of you who are registered, we have included your lecture series information in this mailing.

I am very pleased to report that pianist, John Arpin, will once again be performing a concert at Walter Hall on Tuesday, June 2nd, as the opening event of Spring Reunion 2005. This will be his fourth such performance following our very successful concert in September 2001, in the chapel at Victoria College. Do mark this date on your calendar - you will not want to miss this evening of piano artistry.

December 9th, Senior Alumni executive held its annual Christmas party at University College, with several invited guests from the University. Following refreshments, we all enjoyed singing carols with our John Corkill at the piano. As of yet, no recording contracts have been offered!

Hat's off to the Ramsay Wright Canadian Perspectives Lecture group for organizing an event to visit Stratford in the spring of 2005 to see Shakespeare's play "The Tempest." Package deals like these require the use of experienced travel professionals to ensure that transportation and adequate insurance is in place to cover our members. This may set the tone for other lecture groups to consider initiating events.

In this newsletter, you will note the continued need for volunteers. Please contact the Senior Alumni Office at 416-978-0544. Thank you for your support.

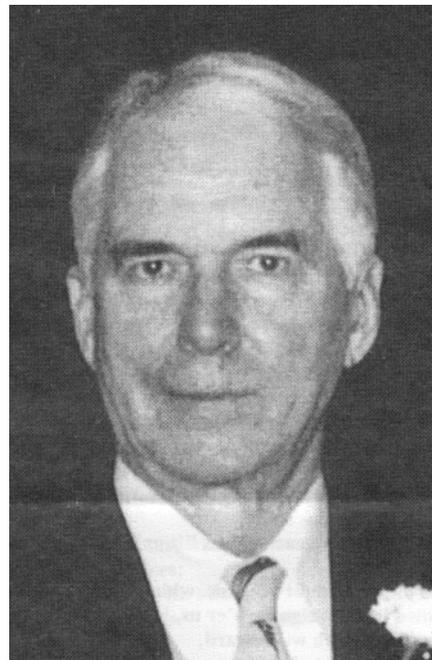
I was both sorry and pleased to learn that Dr. Jon Dellandrea, Vice-President and Chief Advancement Officer at U of T will be leaving at the end of June this year to become Pro-Vice Chancellor, Development and External Relations at Oxford University in England. His duties there commence in October 2005. We wish him every success in his new venture. He will be greatly missed.

That's all for now.

Doug Philp

WE REMEMBER DOUG STILES

Senior Alumni lost another pioneer with the passing



of Doug Stiles on December 9, 2004. Doug helped Flora Ward in the formation of the Fun and Fitness program and ran it for many years after Flora stepped down. He represented this program on the Senior Alumni Executive. Doug received an Arbor Award for his services to fellow alumni. A Service celebrating his life was held on December 13, at The Morley Bedford Chapel on Eglinton Avenue. We would like to express the sympathy of Senior Alumni to Doug's wife Nancy and his daughters Elizabeth and Ruth.

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES SPEAKER SERIES

The U. of T. Senior Alumni hosts many speakers in the five Canadian Perspectives series each with nine lectures in October and November, and five to six lectures in March and April. The times vary with both morning and afternoon lectures on different days. There is a small fee for each series to cover the cost of coffee, classroom rental, a small honorarium for the speakers, and a final luncheon. The U. of T. provides classrooms on campus. Our ever-willing administrative assistant, Kathy Parks, works hard to find everyone a series to attend.

In each series U. of T. professors discuss diverse topics, which are , interesting, challenging and uplifting. All are worthy of a morning or afternoon of the participants' time. Indeed, Senior Alumni members suggest lists of desired professors from which the series coordinators select and organize the speakers. Last fall saw an expansion in the number of interested Senior Alumni attending and all groups reported that the lectures were outstanding.

Rather than providing courses of lectures on one subject, the objective is to discuss a variety of subjects expressing the breadth of the U. of T. itself. The professors present interesting ideas that challenge our thinking and the question and answer time sparks lively debate. Our Senior Alumni pride themselves on keeping up-to-date, so the questions demonstrate this. Some examples of topics last fall were: Economist David Foot spoke on "The World of Demographics;" philosopher Mark Kingwell on his book "Trout Fishing and the Meaning of Life;" the Dean of Medicine on "The Canadian Health Care System: Past, Present and Future;" botanist Daniel Riggs on "Genetically Modified Food;" and a fascinating look at "Shakespeare and Film" by Professor Jane Freeman.

For further information please call Kathy Parks at (416) 978-0544 or email: senior.alumni@utoronto.ca At time of writing, there is space available in the Monday morning and Tuesday morning series for Spring 2005. If you do not wish to attend then, but you are interested in the Fall of 2005, let us know that you wish to receive future mailings.

Penny McLeod-Smith

FLASHBACK

Hear we see the seniors exercise class at the Athletic Centre. This class was started by The Senior Alumni Association. The members responsible for getting it going were Flora Ward and Doug Stiles. We note the latter's passing on page three. Doug continued to take part for years after he passed the responsibility on to others. He can be seen about the middle of the picture.

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