



## Bruce Kidd speaks at SAA Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Day



Wendy Talfourd-Jones chaired the SAA Annual Meeting.

The SAA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd managed to mix business and pleasure with great efficiency.

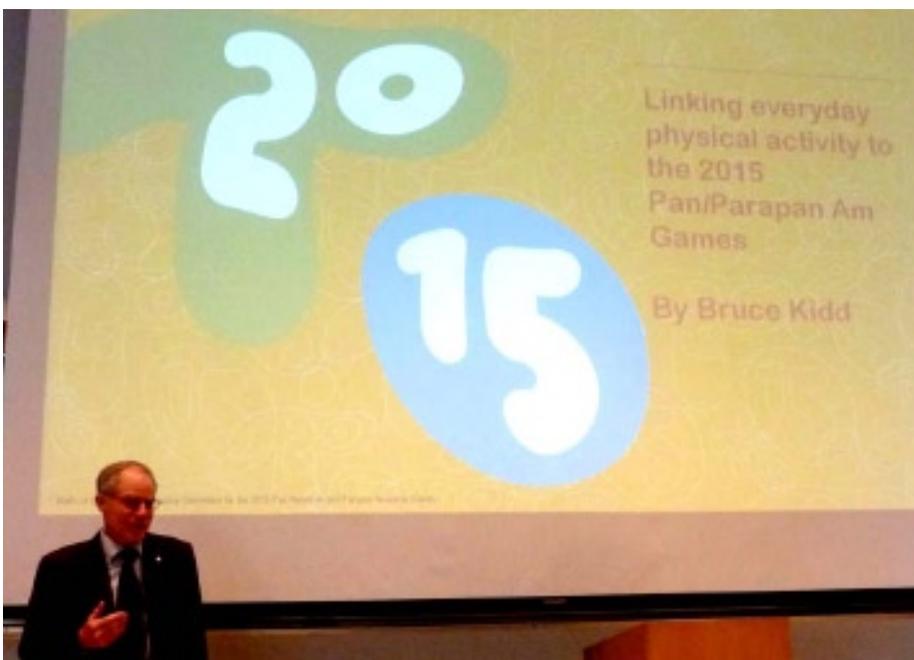
The business meeting, chaired by Wendy Talfourd-Jones, included a report by the President, read by Irene Devlin, his wife, as Gerry Devlin was unable to attend due to illness. The treasurer's audited report was presented and approved, with thanks going to Ben Goldmintz for his work auditing the statements for the year. Amendments were approved

and approved, with thanks going to Ben Goldmintz for his work auditing the statements for the year. Amendments were approved to the Bylaws, and a slate of officers was presented and approved for 2012-13. Your new president is Wendy Talfourd-Jones, Vice-President Maureen Somerville, Past President Gerry Devlin, Treasurer Don Forsey, Assistant Treasurer Linda Fischer, Secretary Beverley Coburn, Assistant Secretary Jane Hunter, Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor Ihor Prociuk, Senior Alumni Volunteers Co-Chairs June Pemberton and Mary Vohryzek, Events Chair and Newsletter Co-Chair Maureen Somerville, Planning Chair Gloria Buckley and Canadian Perspectives Chair Kristine Thompson. Members-at-Large are Betty Carter, Irene Devlin and Wolf von Kalben.

Bruce Kidd, Interim Warden of Hart House, was then introduced as the speaker for the meeting. Aided by a visual presentation, Bruce spoke on the topic: *Linking Everyday Physical Activity to the 2015 Pan American Games*. The linkage allowed Bruce to tell us that we all need to be as active as our bodies allow, no matter what age we have achieved. To stop activity is to really stop living life to its fullest. The Pan

American games will be hosted in the Toronto area in 2015, and Bruce enlightened us on the role the University of Toronto will have as a site for some events. There will be a field hockey venue created on the back campus, behind University College, and there will be a huge new aquatics facility created at the University of Toronto, Scarborough. Bruce kindly answered questions after his formal presentation, and then also assisted in presenting volunteers with tokens of recognition for their service.

The recipients of one-year pins were Howard Cappell, Gina Clark, Dagmar Falkenberg, Linda Fischer, Geoff Fridd, Jean Orpwood and Shirley Pentland. Five-year service pins were presented to Julia Antonoff, Richard Cousland, Mary Harris, Murray Snively and



Bruce Kidd's presentation at the SAA Annual Meeting focused on physical activity for seniors and the Pan American games scheduled to be held in Toronto in 2015.

Kathlene Willing. Presentations were made for ten years' service to Fran Barr, Theresa Bishop, and Jean Cline. A presentation was made to Irene Devlin in Gerry's absence to honour his past two years' service as President. Barbara Dick spoke on behalf of the Division of University Advancement, and she was in turn thanked for her ongoing support of the SAA.

The afternoon ended with a reception in Croft Chapter House, where we were able to chat informally while enjoying some delicious snacks and treats.

*Maureen Somerville, Events Chair*

### Correction

In the April/May, 2012 issue of the SAA newsletter we incorrectly indicated **where** several volunteers—who were to receive service awards—performed their volunteer work. Gina Clark, Jean Orpwood, Shirley Pentland, Mary Harris, Fran Barr, Jean Cline volunteered for the Nursing exams at the University of Toronto and **not** at George Brown College.



## Senior Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

One of our objectives is “to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University.” We hope you will try one of these opportunities. Contact Emma Duncan at our office: (416) 978-0544, or email [senior.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.alumni@utoronto.ca) for more information.

### Volunteers needed for Academic Retiree Centre

The Academic Retiree Centre (ARC) is in need of reliable, responsible volunteers to take on a 3.5-hour weekly shift at the Centre’s reception desk, and work on the Senior College Encyclopedia of the History of UofT using a provided computer. Volunteers must be familiar with the Internet, searching for information, and the use of email. Other duties include greeting visitors and answering inquiries.

The ARC is located at 256 McCaul, just south of College St. The hours are 9:00am to 4:30pm. It is open to retired professors, librarians, and senior administrators of UofT.

If you want to volunteer for this position, contact Mary Vohryzek, co-chair of the SAA volunteers: 416-966-8751 or [mwvohryzek@gmail.com](mailto:mwvohryzek@gmail.com)

### Brain Imaging Research

The Movement Disorder Unit at the Toronto Western Hospital is looking for healthy volunteers for brain imaging research. This study involves magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET). This research will help to advance understanding of cognitive impairment in Parkinson’s disease. Eligibility for volunteers:

- must be between 55 and 80 years old
- have no history or indication of neurological or psychiatric illness
- have no metal implants or a cardiac pacemaker

The eligibility for the PET study may depend on the results of any part of the screening process (screening session, MRI study).

For further information, please contact:

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### Having Trouble Sleeping?

If you:

- Are 40 years or older
- Have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or both
- Experience trouble sleeping for at least 3 nights per week for at least 6 months

You may be eligible for treatment in a research study looking at effectiveness of two behavioural treatments. No medication involved. Participation is voluntary.

For more information about the study, contact:

(416) 979-5000-1-2568  
[cardiac.insomnia@ryerson.ca](mailto:cardiac.insomnia@ryerson.ca)  
Ryerson University, Health Intervention Research Center.  
Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research



## Events

### Woodsworth College Alumni Café

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012.**

**Doors open 6:30, Speaker 7:00 p.m.**

Professor **Jack Chambers**, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto will speak on *Talking Canadian – Old Ways and New Ways*. Prof. Chambers is a renowned linguist and an expert on language variation and change, who pioneered research on Canadian English and coined the term “Canadian Raising”.

Kruger Hall Commons – Small Lounge  
Woodsworth College  
119 St. George Street

**Cost: \$10 Alumni, \$12 Guests**

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## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

As our Constitution requires, we held our Annual Meeting in May of this year. We did not have the required number of members (quorum) present to allow us to conclude the essential business of the Senior Alumni Association.

To this end, we are holding a Special General Meeting (SGM) on

**Monday, October 15, 2012, 1:00pm**  
**Room 6, Imperial Oil Lecture Hall**  
**Tanz Building, University of Toronto**

in order to conclude this unfinished business. The purpose of the SGM is to address four issues:

1. to ratify the slate of officers
2. to approve the appointment of the auditor
3. to change the definition of quorum from 30 members to 20 members
4. to change the definition of member, to allow a graduate of an accredited university, other than the University of Toronto, to become a member of the executive, in exceptional circumstances, as approved by the executive.

These resolutions are to be effective as of May 2, 2012, the date of the Annual Meeting.

We require your presence at this SGM to approve these changes and encourage you to invite other SAA members to attend. We thank you for your participation in this very brief but important meeting. We anticipate that the business will be concluded in about 10 minutes and the first lecture of the Canadian Perspectives Series for 2012 will follow.

## President's Corner



Where did the summer go? The beginning of September, autumn and the new school year are upon us already! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and were not too badly affected by the heat and humidity. For those of you registered for the fall series of the Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series: welcome back. For those of you who haven't registered yet, I urge you to do so.

We get great pleasure in knowing that senior alumni come back down to campus to participate in a pleasant

form of life-long learning.

It is also hard to believe that the UofT Reunion weekend and the UTAA AGM were a long three months ago. I trust that a number of you took advantage of the Stress Free Degree lectures and the UTAA BBQ (see the article at right). A big congratulations to SAA Treasurer Don Forsey and SAA volunteers Marilyn Hahn and Melanie Milanich who will be receiving Arbor Awards at the UTAA's Arbor Awards ceremony for volunteer dedication to the University on September 12.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, we did not meet our quorum requirements at our Annual Meeting in May. In order for the SAA to be able to continue on with business, we are calling a very brief Special General Meeting (SGM) to be held at the very beginning of the Canadian Perspectives Lecture on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 1:00pm. See the SGM announcement on page 2. Informational material is also included in this mailing. We encourage both Monday and Wednesday attendees as well as UofT senior alumni members to attend so that we may ratify four brief motions that will enable us to operate fully this year.

I am very pleased to be the new President of the SAA. To introduce myself: I spent most of my working years at the Canadian Opera Company, National Ballet of Canada, CITY-TV (in the early years on Queen East) and CBC. A charter member of the Pre-University Program, I was a mature student at Woodsworth College, graduating with a four-year BA in Fine Art / Architectural History and a Certificate in Business. During my 17 years on campus at UofT, I was President of APUS (Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students), President of the Woodsworth Alumni Association, Vice-Chair of the Athletics Department Council and Chair of its Gender Equity Committee. I also had the pleasure to serve eight years on Governing Council. I feel very close and committed to the university, and hope to serve the SAA well during my term as President. I look forward to meeting our members during the coming year.

*Wendy Talfourd-Jones, President*

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*Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

– Margaret Mead

## 2012 UTAA AGM and Spring Reunion a huge success



SAA members Gloria Buckley, Wolf von Kalben, and Jackie and Doug Philp staffed an information desk inside Alumni Hall during the Spring Reunion.

The AGM and BBQ was held on June 2, 2012 and coincided with UofT's annual Spring Reunion. Hundreds of alumni returned to campus for several days of events and celebrations.

In his report on the AGM, Matt Chapman, president of UTAA, made specific mention of the Soldiers' Tower Committee and the Senior Alumni Association:

*"...I would like to acknowledge the Senior Alumni Association for their efforts to provide lifelong learning opportunities for seniors through the popular Canadian Perspectives lecture series, which averages more than 400 attendees per year as well as for their active involvement as volunteers throughout the U of T campus.*

*In particular, I would like to thank the Senior Alumni Association's outgoing President, Gerry Devlin, for his outstanding leadership, his support of UTAA activities and initiatives, and for being such a wonderful friend of the University. Finally, I would like to congratulate the Association's new president, Wendy Talfourd-Jones, on assuming this position in May 2012.*

*The UTAA is grateful for the ongoing commitment and dedication of these two outstanding volunteer groups and I look forward to working with both groups over the course of the coming year."*

## An entertaining NOTHING!

About twenty intrepid Shakespeare fans set off for Stratford in lovely weather on May 14, 2012 to see *Much Ado About Nothing* in the Festival Theatre. We first enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Waterlot in New Hamburg, and drove through the countryside to our destination.

*Much Ado About Nothing* was certainly well-done, with an excellent cast, appropriate costumes and the usual convoluted plot well-acted! Beatrice and Benedict were particularly well-cast, as Deborah Hay and Ben Carlson are married in real life, and the spark between them was very apparent. A Toronto Star interview with them told how much they were enjoying the interplay of dislike masking love between the characters. The rest of the players were adept at handling the language, particularly James Blendic as Leonato, the father of Hero, when he had to show the grief at the apparent death of his daughter. The young lovers have a difficult role, as their youth keeps their characters fairly bland, but Bethany Jillard and Tyrone Savage managed well. Dogberry, played by Richard Binsley, kept us well-amused as the fool character.

The ride home was smoothly done in the Mary Morton brand-new coach!

**There's still time to register for the Shaw Festival** to see *Present Laughter* by Noel Coward for the **Thursday, October 4th matinee**. Contact Mary Morton Tours directly at 416 488-2674 to join us!

*Maureen Somerville, Events Chair*

University of Toronto Senior Alumni Association  
**Canadian Perspectives**

The Canadian Perspectives lecture series, the first program of the Senior Alumni, was established in 1976 by a small group of recent retirees who wanted to help fellow senior alumni renew their connection with the university. The lecture series are held on the St. George Campus and are held in the winter, spring and fall. There are 7 lectures in each series and the format consists of a lecture of 50-60 minutes, followed by a break, then question and answer for the balance of the time.

## Fall 2012 Series

### Monday afternoon group

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26

- **Tony Rockingham**, PhD, will talk about Ontario's electricity system.
- **Major General Jonathan Vance** will talk about Canada's evolving military role.
- **Kevin Perkins** will talk about Farm Radio.
- **Dot Tuer**, PhD, will talk about *For the Love of Art and Politics: The Many Legends of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera*.
- Professor **Suzanne Kamel-Reid** will talk about genetics and cancer.
- **Terry Fallis** will talk about an unorthodox journey to the published land.
- **Ronald F. Williamson**, PhD, will talk about *The Mantle Site: Economic Planning and Foreign Affairs in a Sixteenth Century Community on the North Shore of Lake Ontario*

### Wednesday morning group

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28

- Professor **Ron Deibert** will talk about Cybersecurity.
- Associate Professor **Mari Ruti** will talk about *The Case for Falling in Love: Why We Can't Master the Madness of Love - and Why That's the Best Part*.
- **John Fraser** will talk about *The Secret of the Crown: Canada's Affair with Royalty*.
- Professor **Mary Nyquist** will talk about *History of Tyrants*
- Professor Emerita **Judith Friedland** will talk about *Restoring the Spirit: The Evolving Role of Occupational Therapy*.
- **Wayne Reeves** will talk about *Relating to Water: A Dip into Toronto History*.
- **Shauna McCabe** will talk about *Dreamland: Textiles and the Canadian Landscape*.

### Registration Fee: \$70 for a series of 7 lectures

Complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/d8c9e9o> and mail it with your payment. A confirmation letter with more details (including the locations of the lectures) will be sent to you. If you would like a registration form mailed to you, please call 416 978-0544 or e-mail [senior.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.alumni@utoronto.ca).

## SAA has a new Assistant Secretary



The SAA executive is happy to welcome Jane Hunter as the Association's new Assistant Secretary.

Starting at the age of 17, Jane spent 13 years at IBM in Toronto, Ottawa, and Edmonton in administration, marketing and management, and then 10 years in Molson's management in various capacities. She returned to school to receive a BA (Honours) in 1992 (Vic) followed by a BEd (Dean's Honour List) from UofT in 1993, and a MA (Honours) in Counselling Psychology in 2005 from York University.

Jane was raised in the Kingsway in Toronto's west end but currently lives much closer to the University. Jane is also an African Violet devotee. She is excited regarding her participation in the SAA as assistant secretary and as a member of the Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series Planning Committee.

*Ihor Prociuk, Editor*

## Do we have your email address?



Currently we communicate with our membership mainly through our newsletter. However, in situations where we have to contact everyone on short notice (for example, if there is an unanticipated change in our Canadian Perspectives lectures or if there is an immediate or urgent need for volunteers), a notice sent out by regular postal services just isn't fast enough. That's why we'd like to have your email address on file.

## Our email policy

Member emails are stored on University computers and we follow the University's guidelines regards the use of such information.

There are no plans to discontinue mailing our newsletter but we can also make it available via email. Those of you on the technological cutting edge will even be able to download and read it on your tablet or ebook reader.

## Send us your email

Send your email to our administrative assistant, Emma Duncan so she can add your email to our database. You can reach Emma at: [senior.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.alumni@utoronto.ca) or 416 978-0544.

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