

RAQnews

A message from the President

Dear RAQeteer,
Welcome to Volume 1
Number 1 !

As a member of the Retirees' Association of Queen's, you are aware of the purposes of this new member of the university family. Generally, we aim to undertake interesting and pleasant activities catering to a variety of tastes, to keep a watchful eye on the developments affecting our physical and mental well being, and to facilitate the continuance of social ties we forged while we were working together. To keep costs low, but also to escape the heavy bureaucratization typical of so much these days, we will rely heavily in all we do on voluntary work.

One of the most powerful incentives for the launching of RAQ was the sense of many former active Queen's folk that they were isolated from their former "team." Many also found that they were losing touch with the university and with one another.

As a result, RAQ resolved right off the bat to speedily publish a newsletter and to continue doing so at regular intervals. The copy in your hands is the result. It has, naturally, been put together by volunteers. Enjoy their handiwork and, if you feel like it, let them know whether it meets your interests and needs.

While some obvious topics find their way into the Newsletter, the editors also in part depend on items that reach their ears from unexpected quarters. So give a peep when the occasion arises. If there are other contributions you could provide, step right up and offer them. The aim of the Newsletter is to please the readers, not only the editors.

In the meantime, a very warm welcome to the Newsletter and my best wishes for a slightly cooler rest of the summer !

Sincerely,
JOHN MEISEL
President, RAQ

About the Retirees' Association of Queen's

The Retirees' Association of Queen's is now formally established, alive and kicking. The inaugural meeting followed a luncheon at the Donald Gordon Centre on April 14. There were 175 people at these functions, and to date over 300 have actually joined the Association. A recent RAQ event saw more than 60 members enjoying a potluck picnic and meeting with researchers at Queen's University Biological Station at Lake Opinicon

Our periodic functions will provide you with an opportunity to renew old friendships and keep informed about a wide variety of Queen's matters. We will also use this organization to provide the University with information on matters of interest and concern to its retirees.

Mission

- Facilitate and promote the dissemination of information of interest to Queen's Retirees.
- Enhance and promote the sense of continuing membership in the "Queen's Family".

Objectives

1. Provide:
 - a) timely information on University activities, events and facilities open to Retirees
 - b) information on major changes in University organization, administration, technology, academic and personal development, policies and goals
 - c) the means for arranging social and other activities for former colleagues and fellow workers
 - d) a conduit for information, when necessary, between the university and retirees
 - e) any other activities of interest to a group of members
2. Encourage continuing interest and support of Queen's activities and goals including volunteering and participation in research projects

Membership

Open to all Retirees from the University staff, non-academic and academic (active and adjunct), regardless of source of any remuneration. Membership is also open to spouses, surviving spouses and partners, whether or not they have worked at Queen's. Associate membership is available to those within 5 years of retirement.

There will be a minimal annual fee for continuing membership.

Organization

COUNCIL

Approximately equal numbers of retirees elected from the non-academic staff, and from the academic

staff, for a term to be determined. Spouses and partners are also eligible.

OFFICERS

President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary to be elected from above, Principal or delegate (Ex-Officio)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary with other members as required.

Meetings

Annually for an annual General Meeting and as required at the call of the President or any three members.

Activities

Information Services

- Newsletter, annual/semi-annual
- Press notices concerning events
- E-Mail/Queen's Web site
- Retiree's handbook update, seminars, etc.

Social Events

- Dinner, luncheons, receptions, picnics, etc.

Cultural Events

- Lectures, displays, craft shows, travel tours

Other

Officers, Executive Committee and Council of the Association

OFFICERS

President John Meisel/meiselj@qsilver.queensu.ca
Vice President Joyce Zakos/zakosj@post.queensu.ca
Secretary Stewart Vanderwater/slv@post.queensu.ca
Treasurer Pat Bogstad/bogstadp@post.queensu.ca

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee consists of the officers and the following members at large:

Alison Morgan/morgana@post.queensu.ca
Dee Padfield/dee@post.queensu.ca
Bill Wright/mwwright@kingston.net

COUNCIL

The council consists of the executive committee and the following members:

Mary L. Balanchuk,
Dave Bonham,
Chuck Campling,
John Gordon,
Peter Girard, Alan Green,
Joy Hoselton, Doris King,
Howard Pearce, Joan Sherwood,
Dan Soberman,
Erdmute Waldhauer,
Ron Watts.

Fall Events at Queen's

THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE FOR THE TOUR OF QUEEN'S ARBORETEUM, THE TOUR OF THE BUSINESS SCHOOL AND THE QUEEN'S HEALTH CARE INFORMATION SESSION.

TOUR OF QUEEN'S ARBORETUM

Join retired grounds manager Howard Pearce for a guided tour of the Queen's Arboretum on **Thursday September 26th at 11 am**. The tour will start from the front steps of Theological Hall. The arboretum, located on the front lawns of Theological Hall and Summerhill, was established in 1999 to recognize the many rare and unique trees on the Queen's campus, which has a history of preserving living plants. **Please mark the date now. We will not be doing a special mailing.**

TOUR OF THE NEW SCHOOL OF BUSINESS BUILDING

On **October 18th at 3 pm** a tour of Goodes Hall, new home of the School of Business, will be lead by RAQ member Merv Daub, who was part of the planning and construction process from beginning to end. Members may be especially interested in how the old Victoria School was preserved and incorporated into the modern building. Meet in the atrium at the main entrance, off Union Street at the juncture of the old and new buildings.

Please email Morgana@post.queensu.ca or call Alison Morgan 544-9854 to leave a message that you plan to attend. There will be no other notice.

RECEPTION WITH THE PRINCIPAL

An occasion to meet the Principal on **October 28, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm**, at a reception with cash bar, at a location to be announced. You will receive an invitation later.

QUEEN'S HEALTH CARE COVERAGE INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday November 12 at 2:00 pm. in Room 202, Policy Studies Building. A Queen's medical plan information session will be presented by Human Resources. Find out what specific coverage retirees have, and what is not covered. The presentation will be followed by a discussion period. **Please mark the date now. We will not be doing a special mailing**

SILVER BELLS DINNER

Late fall. Dinner in the Ban Righ Dining Room sponsored and served by the AMS. A block of tickets has been reserved for RAQ members. The Engineering Society Christmas Carol Service in Grant Hall follows. There will be a reserved section for those attending the dinner. An invitation will be sent later.

AGNES ETHERINGTON ART CENTRE

A brochure is not available at this time

MUSIC

The Music Department has nothing confirmed as yet. When information is available one can pick up a calendar of events at the department.

DRAMA

Fall production of *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare. Guest Director: Daryl Cloran
October 31 - November 2, November 6 - 9.
8:00 pm. Rotunda Theatre (Theological Hall)
For information call: 533-2104.

PERFORMING ARTS

International Chamber Music Festival

Trio Lyra Thursday, 24 October

The winner of several prestigious competitions. *Trio Lyra* presents a unique instrumental combination with Erica Goodman (harp), Mark Childs (viola), and Suzanne Shulman.

The Schubert Ensemble Friday, 25 October

Britain's premier chamber music ensemble includes Kingston on its North American Tour with Mendelsohn's piano quartet No. 2 and Brahms' piano Quartet No. 1.

The Mazurkevich/Pomerants Duo

Saturday, 26 October

Proteges of the legendary David Oistrakh, this extraordinary violin duo represents the versatility and perfection of the Russian School of Music.

Pinchas Zukerman and the National Arts Centre Orchestra with Amanda Forsyth (cello) in an all-Schuman Program. Saturday, October 5.

A special concert on the occasion of the Award of an Honorary Degree to the celebrated pianist *Angela Hewitt*. Grant Hall, Wednesday, 30 October.

MEN'S FOOTBALL- HOME EVENTS

Sat. Sept. 14, vs Guelph; Sat. Sept. 28, vs Toronto;
Sat. Oct. 5 vs Laurier; Sat. Oct. 19 vs Windsor.

CONVOCATIONS

Thursday October 31, 9:30 am and 2:00 pm
Friday November 1, 9:30 am and 2:00 pm

Undergraduate Welcoming Ceremony September 2

Alumni Weekend September 27-29

Grant Hall Society Dinner October 5

Principal's Holiday Reception December
(date to be confirmed)

Connecting to the RAQ Web Site

The most direct access is as follows:

Using a web browser such as MicroSoft's Internet Explorer enter 'www.queensu.ca/retirees/' and click 'Go'.

This will take you directly to the RAQ home page from which you can link to eight other pages providing information of interest to retirees and links to other useful web sites.

A less direct access to the RAQ Web Site is through the Queen's University Web Site as follows:

Using a web browser such as MicroSoft's Internet Explorer MicroSoft Explorer enter 'www.queensu.ca' and click 'Go';

This will take you to the Queen's University home page;

Find the link 'Current Faculty and Staff' on the left hand menu and click on this link;

On this page under Associations find the link 'Retirees Association' and click this link;

This will take you to the RAQ home page.

Both the Queen's University home page and the RAQ home page are linked so you can move between the two relatively quickly.

In the RAQ web site there are a number of other links you may find useful. The RAQ web site will be updated on a regular basis to provide new information.

New schedule for Shuttle Bus from West Campus

Starting August 1, 2002 the shuttle service from West Campus to Queen's and Kingston General Hospital has been expanded to accommodate the increased number of users. Shuttle service

now starts at 5:30 am with continuous 20-minute service until 11:30 pm. During peak hours (5:30 - 9 am, 3-6 pm), two 40-person shuttles will operate. Shuttle 1

will be an express shuttle directly to KGH and Shuttle 2 will do the entire route. Due to the bus size, it was necessary to eliminate two of the stops and adjust the route to stick to the 20-minute schedule. Schedules and maps are available on the buses;

Queen's Parking Office, 207 Stuart St., 533-6979 at www.queensu.ca/pps and www.gomccoy.com.

Details: Donna Stover, Parking Manager
533-6000 ext. 77589.

The RAQ Suggestion Box

Send your ideas and comments to raq@post.queensu.ca

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