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Happy 25th

September Lunch

Where: *Olive's Casual Cuisine*

1591 London Line, Sarnia

When: *Thursday, September 14th*

Time: *11:30am*

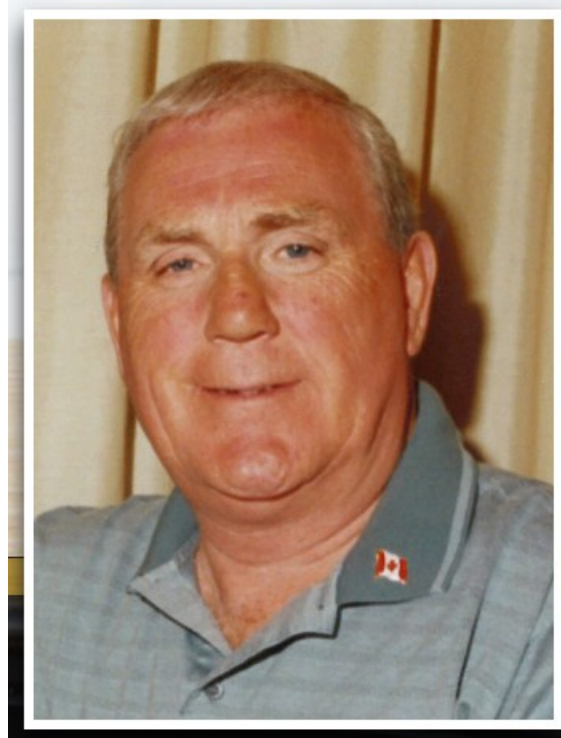
Choose your own fare & brew from Olive's great menu selection. Come & chat about old times or current times with your colleagues and friends.

RSVP by September 12th.

Call - Alma (519-336-9108) Mel (519-344-2931)

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In Memory of Ron Savage



Ron was a Process Operations Instructor for many years. I remember Ron very well. I registered his students for the Process Operations Program and Stationery 3rd & 4th levels. He was a remarkable instructor who always wore a friendly smile, no matter when or where he was. He was well liked by his students who made many great comments about his teaching skills. Ron will always be fondly remembered by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family at such a difficult time. God bless youeach one.

Alma Brown

Ron was an admired Instructor. The Library Staff dealt with him and his students on a regular basis, as back in the day, his students had to come to the Library for their materials (books, a/v, modules). He called us Love – and we were not offended. His accent and manner made it acceptable. We always enjoyed his visits.

Kathi Vandenheuvel

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In Memory of Kirk Howard



Kirk Howard died in June, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 80 years of age.

In the above photo from 1967, Kirk is in the back row, second from the left.

In the beginning years, Kirk headed up our English & Humanities Department. A native of Hamilton, who founded Dundurn Press in Toronto in 1972. He had left the college and gambled his \$2,200. college pension to publish a calendar illustrating Canadian historical events. Although in 1973, he published too many copies too late, he learned from his mistake and kept going.

The Dundurn Press – named for the castle in his hometown – became one of the largest independent publishers of Canadian books.

**** Please note, Ray Rothenbury, back row, second from right.**

" " Ron Lawrence, front row, second from right.

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This is the fourth in a series devoted to

- THOSE WHO SERVED - *and their stories*

The following is an account of Joe Sowinski's military service.

Joe was one of the original support staff members. He was a Stationary Engineer, in charge of the college plant operations.



Joe Sowinski served with the Midland Regiment in Prince Rupert, B. C.

After being called up in Sept 1942, Dad had his basic training at Brantford, Ontario and advance training at Camp Borden. In December, Dad came home for Christmas, but then in January was drafted to Prince Rupert, B. C. Later in March he came home again on furlough. In August he was transferred to Queen Charlotte Islands, B. C., where he spent 6 months in the hospital with pneumonia. In February 1944 he returned to Prince Rupert.

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In March 1944 he came home on furlough and met Jenny, who became the love of his life. In April he was sent to Victoria, B.C. And spent 6 weeks in Port Alberni.

In October he came home again, but this time he and Jenny got married on Oct 10th and then he returned to Kelowna, B.C. Dad was drafted in December 1944 to go overseas, but fortunately was able to come home for the Christmas season.

In January 1945, Dad was sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia. From there he sailed overseas on the ship "Mauretania" to England. Dad stayed at various places in England until March when they went to France, then to Belgium and finally landed in Holland by the end of March 1945.

In Holland his group joined the Regiment of the Highland Light Infantry 3rd Division in April 1945 where he fought on the front lines. Dad was assigned a Corporal position while serving with the Midland Regiment at Prince Rupert, but he declined this position when he joined the Regiment of the Highland Light Infantry 3rd Division. His regiment travelled through northern Holland and into Germany – May 1945 – when the war ended.

Dad was stationed in Europe until December 1945 when he was sent to the southern part of England. His Christmas was spent in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, returning to Canada on the ship "Queen Elizabeth". However, he did make it home for New Years Eve December 1945.

Dad did not talk about his war experiences for many years. Nearly 60 years after the war he shared with his niece Jean that he had made a conscious decision not to talk about his experiences, because he did not want his family to know of the many horrors he went through. He did however share with Jean that while he was in Holland on the front lines, they came upon a church that the Germans had torched. Prior to the torching, the Germans had gathered men, women and children. The women and children were locked in the church. The church was set on fire while the men were lined up outside and shot. Truly, one of the many horrors of war.

Cathy (Sowinski) Tomkins

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FireFit Championships -

Lambton College will be hosting the 2023 National & World FireFit Championships on September 13th to 17th. Deemed to be the “toughest two minutes in sports” the college FireFit Team have been champions many times over the years, most recent in August of 2022. The final events will take place on Saturday (16th) & Sunday (17th) from 11:00am - 4:00pm. In addition to hosting the best FireFit competitors from across North America, the FREE event will feature lots of hands-on activities for the kids and adults alike. Please come out and support our team.

Through the Ages

When you're 20 – you want to change the world

At 30 – you want to change the country

At 40 – you want to change the neighbourhood

At 50 – you want to change your luck

At 60 – you just want to change the sheets

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