

This issue of The Common Thread is dedicated to all our dear colleagues - Those Who Served -

The following piece was written over fifteen years ago by the late Geoff Lane. We reprint this in Geoff's memory with sincere respect and gratitude and we dedicate this to our current and former colleagues who served our country.

Heroes Still With Us

Three generations living today in Commonwealth and Allied countries have a past generation to thank for the very real fact that they are 'free' - free to live, free to choose and free to pursue a measure of happiness.

Without the bravery and support of western world men and women who volunteered to serve in the Second World War, all of us alive today could well have been enslaved.

Almost 70 years ago the first page was written in the most horrifying chapter the history of warfare. Within the next six years more than 20 million people died and countless thousands were left starving and stateless.

What began with one man's fanaticism ended in peace but with a world torn apart.

By dint of geography, Canada was fortunate. However, its armed forces bore a hefty share of casualties and suffering on three continents and once again this November we pay a sincere tribute to those who died and to those who served and survived.

Many veterans of WWII are still with us, thankfully, but each year their number decreases although the valor of those who are left remains undiminished.

In the ranks of the retired are soldiers, sailors and airmen who can still recall vividly the gore and glory of the battlefield. Each has a unique story to tell, although few care to dwell on what was, literally, hell on earth.

Again this year special mention should be made of those among us who fought for King and Country. Lambton College has had more than its share of service heroes, some volunteers, some conscripted. All did their part in preserving our future.

Geoff Lane

The following colleagues had military service prior to joining faculty & staff at Lambton College.

<i>Bruce Allen</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1941-45</i>
<i>Bill Burgess</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1941-45</i>
<i>David Cheney</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Army</i>	<i>1940-45</i>
<i>Wolfgang Franke</i>	<i>German Navy</i>	<i>1940-45</i>
<i>Gerry Grevstad</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1950-52</i>
<i>Art Haggart</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1946-75</i>
<i>Charles Harrison</i>	<i>British Army</i>	<i>1940-45</i>
<i>Russell Hart</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1943-68</i>
<i>Bruce Hepburn</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1951-75</i>

<i>Geoff Lane</i>	<i>British Army</i>	<i>1940-48</i>
<i>Ron Lawrence</i>	<i>British Army</i>	<i>1942-45</i>
<i>Josh Lipszyc</i>	<i>Portugese Navy</i>	<i>1964-68</i>
<i>Bill Lovsin</i>	<i>Dept of National Defence</i>	<i>1956-58</i>
<i>Dennis McLeavey</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1941-45</i>
<i>Erik Norman</i>	<i>Norwegian Navy</i>	<i>1940-45</i>
<i>Des Pigott</i>	<i>British Army</i>	<i>1951-53</i>
<i>Mel Pratt</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1953-76</i>
<i>Camilla (Rigby) Tod</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Air Force</i>	<i>1950-52</i>
<i>Bruno Sawicki</i>	<i>Polish Army Corps</i>	<i>1940-46</i>
<i>Heinz Schmidt</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Navy</i>	<i>1960-68</i>
<i>George Shaw</i>	<i>British Navy</i>	<i>1940-45</i>
<i>Joe Sowinski</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Army</i>	<i>1942-45</i>
<i>Delores Trevail</i>	<i>Royal Canadian Army</i>	<i>1942-45</i>

We would like to remember all *Those Who Served* with the following photos that were taken at various college/retiree functions throughout the years. Unfortunately, we do not have a photo for of all of them. Please let us know if you have a photo of any of the missing members.



Bill



Charles



Heinz Bruce



Ron Camilla



Mac



George



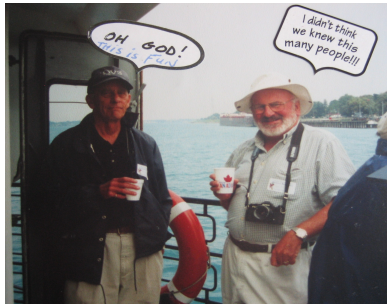
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Erik



Des



Gerry Geoff



Art



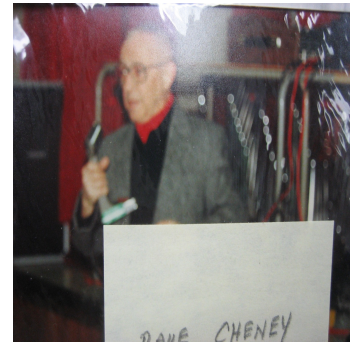
Josh



Bruno



Bill



David



Delores

Please mark these special dates on your calendar

Event: **Breakfast** Where: **John's Restaurant** 1643 London Line, Sarnia

When: Thursday, November 17th Arrive at 10:00 am – Breakfast at 10:30 am

Breakfast: Choose your own fare from their great menu selections

RSVP: By November 15 – Alma 336-9108 or Mel 344-2931

Event: **Christmas Dinner** Where: **Quality Inn** 751 North Christina St, Sarnia

When: Wednesday, December 7th Cash bar 5:00 pm – Dinner at 6:00 pm

Dinner: Featuring Oven Roasted Turkey complete with all the trimmings

Cost: \$30. per person (member & significant other – taxes & gratuity included)

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR CLUB IS SUBSIDISING SOME OF THE COST OF THIS EVENT. NON MEMBERS \$35. PER PERSON

RSVP: By December 5 – Alma 336-9108 or Mel 344-2931

It's that time of the year again -

Annual membership dues are due by November 30th. Please send your cheque for \$10.00, (the LCRC membership) or \$20.00, which would also include your annual membership with the Ontario Colleges Retirees Association. Please mail to

Lambton College Retirees' Club

c/o Cathy Bull 1150 Fairlane Ave, Sarnia, ON N7S 3K1

OR - If you would prefer to “**e transfer**” your dues. Please send them to **Mel Sparks** at

patmelsparks@gmail.com

Lunch at Olive's on October 20th





While the food was great - getting together again was so much better

It will be our Club's 25th anniversary next year.

Please dig into your memory bank and send us some of those great memories.

Your LCRC Executive Committee –

Alma Brown, Cathy Bull, Terry Cameron, Mary Leckie,

Josh Lipszyc, Pat O'Connor, Gerry Page, Mel Sparks,

Kathi Vandenheuvel, Ursula Westelaken, Ray Wreford