



The Common Thread

Lambton College Retirees' Club

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"It's our 20th Anniversary - Please come and join us for Christmas Dinner"

Where: *Quality Inn - Crossroads Restaurant
751 North Christina Street*

When: *Dec 5th* Registration: *5:00 pm*

Cocktails: *5:00 pm* Dinner: *6:00 pm*

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

A Christmas Dinner featuring Oven Roasted Turkey, dinner rolls, tossed garden salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable medley, stuffing & cranberries. For dessert, apple blossom, Coffee & tea. Pasta dishes available on special order.

There will be a Cash Bar.

RSVP by Nov 27th.

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

Let Alma or Mel know if you need a ride

In keeping with the spirit of the season we again this year ask you to bring donations of non-perishable food items for the Inn of the Good Shepherd or new unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army. The community need is greater than ever. Thank you

A Time Of Remembrance

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

Heroes Still With Us:

Geoff Lane

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. And Lambton College has had more than its share of service heroes, some volunteers, some conscripted. All did their part in preserving our future.

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

Bruce Allen	Royal Canadian Air Force	1941-45
Bill Burgess	Royal Canadian Air Force	1941-45
David Cheney	Royal Canadian Army	1940-45
Wolfgang Franke	German Navy	1940-45
Gerry Grevstad	Royal Canadian Air Force	1950-52
Art Haggart	Royal Canadian Air Force	1946-75
Charles Harrison	British Army	1940-45
Russell Hart	Royal Canadian Air Force	1943-68
Bruce Hepburn	Royal Canadian Air Force	1951-75
Geoff Lane	British Army	1940-48
Ron Lawrence	British Army	1942-45
Josh Lipszyc	Portugese Navy	1964-68
Bill Lovsin	Dept of National Defence	1956-58
Dennis McLeavey	Royal Canadian Air Force	1941-45
Erik Norman	Norwegian Navy	1940-45
Des Pigott	British Army	1951-53

Mel Pratt	Royal Canadian Air Force	1953-76
Camilla (Rigby) Tod	Royal Canadian Air Force	1950-52
Bruno Sawicki	Polish Army Corps	1940-46
Heinz Schmidt	Royal Canadian Navy	1960-68
George Shaw	British Navy	1940-45
Joe Sowinski	Royal Canadian Army	1940-45

Please go to our website and read some of their stories

Check out our website at - mylambton.ca/retirees/home your ideas and comments for improving the site are important to us. Tell us how we're doing.

Its 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 include your annual membership with the Ontario Colleges Retirees Association.

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Your LCRC Executive Committee –

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

Pat O'Connor, Des Pigott, Gerry Page, Mel Sparks, Ursula Westelaken,

Ray Wreford

*We wish you the joys and blessings of the Christmas season
and continued blessings in the New Year*