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SLEAC President's Message September 2023

It is hard to believe that we are moving on from summer. Time certainly does move faster than when we were younger. I hope you were able to enjoy some time between raindrops.

Another successful Summer Picnic was held at Canatara Park on a sunny, breezy day. Ron Pask and his team of volunteers were just able to wrap up all the activities and clean up before the rain came. It is looking like a busy Fall for Committee events. We are looking forward to our Golf Day and Fish Fry.

Our Christmas Dinner and Dance is scheduled for Thursday November 30 at the Dante Club. The full course meal details are being finalized and our entertainment for the evening will be "The Casuals" for your listening and dancing pleasure.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with our events and join our Committee, please contact any member as we are in need of committee members. This is your Club and the need is urgent as without members to organize events we may need to reduce our events. We have an immediate need for a Vice President as this is my last term as President, no experience required. The time commitment is not onerous and our members offer continuous support.

Thank you for continuing to support our events.

Tim Mondoux

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From the Editor:

Welcome to another change in seasons! It seems that as seasons change, so do things around us.

Our kids are middle aged. Our grandkids are going back to school.

And we annuitants are finding new ways to keep active and enjoying life!

Your SLEAC Executive and Committee team are organizing several diverse events and activities throughout the year.

We have approximately 362 members in our club, which makes us the largest and most active Esso Annuitant Club in the Sarnia area.

We look forward to providing you with a broad range of opportunities to meet and socialize with each other.

Imperial Oil provides us with a generous subsidy each year based on the number of active members; we invite you to take part in at least one activity between June 1st and May 31.

Our regular schedule of events includes approximately 6 events per year, special luncheons, holiday dinners and several seasonal activities.

We encourage everyone to stay active and participate!

We Appreciate Your Support

Please try to attend the events organized by the Committee, by doing the following:

Registration and Payment	Sending in your cheque or registration via ETransfer as soon as possible to help the event team plan details using the correct numbers.
Attendance Record	Checking in at the event to have your attendance recorded to indicate that you have attended the event. This will confirm that you have participated in at least one event this year.
Membership	Our SLEAC year is June 1 st to May 31 st each year. The fee is \$10 per person. Send in your fee payment prior to June 1st each year to be an active paid-up member.
Outreach Program	For those who are unable to participate, the Outreach program keeps in touch with members on behalf of the club. (a special anniversary, sympathy, big grown-up birthdays) Please give Sharon a call if you know of any occasion that requires outreach from the club.
Website: sleacweb.ca	Please check our website frequently for information about the club, our planned activities and your newsletter
Volunteer	Do you have just 1 hour per month to spare and help with an event? Please let us know you wish to be part of this great organization! We could use your help. <i>You know "many hands make light work".</i>

As a result of the plea for volunteers at the Annual general meeting, we have had 10 people put their names in to assist at our various events or sit on the planning committee. Thanks to every one who responded. We could still use some members on the planning committee – these folks develop and host the various events through the year. And it can be a lot of fun!

Please do not hesitate to contact any committee member, if you have any questions or ideas. We need to hear from you with your ideas and suggestions.

We do look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events!

Upcoming events – Hold the dates

November 30	Christmas dinner and dance Details and sign up information to follow
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Update on our president's networking with other Annuitant clubs

I am the SLEAC representative on the Imperial Oil/ ExxonMobil Canada Annuitants Club Presidents Network. The inaugural meeting on ZOOM in June was attended by 20 representatives from the 31 clubs across Canada.

Key issues identified:

Interface and communication with HR in Buenos Aries

Staying connected with Imperial

Aging population

Communication between Clubs

Next steps:

Develop feedback for HR and engagement plan

Encourage clubs to reach out to each other for information, support or ideas sharing

Gather club membership numbers and website/social media information

Information gathering on XOM US Retiree Clubs

Continue to test if other Clubs want to participate in the Network

Next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for September.

In our next newsletter I will give a summary of our further discussions.

Tim Mondoux

Member News & Information

Has Anything Changed?

Help us to keep our club records up to date.

Do you have a new address, phone number or e mail address?

Send the new information to:

Carol Barnes

307 Tawny Rd

Sarnia, ON, N7S 5K1

Phone: 519 542-6159

E-mail: md.sleac@gmail.com

Keep us up to date

When words are hard to say, sometimes a card is the best way to reach out.

Outreach cards for sympathy and illness can be sent to members or family.

Please forward this information to Sharon Sharp, [519 383 7578](tel:5193837578),

email ssharp1015@gmail.com

so that cards may be sent in a timely manner. Thank you

Web site

Our web site is running and reliable thanks to Ric Cudmore! On the web site are links to photographs, events and other information.

<http://sleacweb.ca>

Future Event Registrations

Cheques must not be dated any later than the cutoff date for an event. Cheques dated for day of event will not be accepted.

Transportation and accessibility

Please note that registrations for our events will include a line that you can fill in if transportation is needed or if you can provide a ride to the event. The committee members organizing that event will make an effort to link those that need a ride and those who can provide one.

For all of us, please remember to watch out for each other and offer assistance if needed to members with restricted mobility preferred accessibility.

		2023 – 2024 Committee
President:	Tim Mondoux	519-330-8713
Vice president:	To be filled	
Past president:	Larry Western	519-542-9481
Secretary/Outreach:	Sharon Sharp	519-383-7578
Treasurer:	Ric Cudmore	519-331-1583
Event Planning and communications	Sam Donato	519-402-2759
	Ralph Henry	519-383-0156
	Ron Pask	519 331-7285
	Hilda Feimer	519-312-5132
	Don Roberts	519-869-8287
	Greg Robbins	519-869-6400
	Pam Snyder	519-786-6374
Membership:	Carol Barnes	519 542-6159
Webmaster	Ric Cudmore	519-331-1583
Communications:	Jim Snyder	519-330-4195

Our next planning committee meeting is on Thursday October 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Our web site is <http://sleacweb.ca>



Larry Western



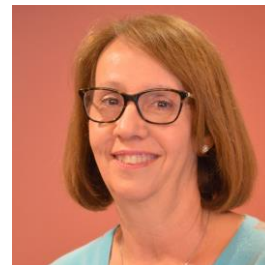
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Ron Pask



Jim Snyder



Hilda Feimer

Summer Event	Lunch Box Social
Event Coordinators	Sharon Sharp, Ron Pask, Tim Mondoux
Special speaker	Sarah Kiernan from Boys and Girls Club



1. Trivia - Linda and Laurence Georgiou
2. Golf Tees - Lindsay Smith (262 total (plus 2 tea bags 1 golf ball))
3. Candy Jar - Gwen Klatt 68 jelly slices

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the summer picnic and enjoyed the delicious food, trivia and games and almost the weather. Although a storm blew in to shorten the day!

Thanks to our volunteers that helped;
Pam Snyder, Jim Snyder, June Pask, Steve Sharp, Charlotte Kersey, Barbara Mondoux, Gwen and Ren Klatt!

Many hands make light work!

PICNIC TRIVIA – August 17, 2023

Please try to complete the trivia on this page before looking for the answers!

Facts about Canada that you may not know: **Canada is huge!**

The [second-largest country](#) in the world, so here are some interesting questions?

1. This area in Canada has less gravity than the rest of the world.	
2. Quebec is the world's top producer of this condiment in the world.	
3. Canadians eat 1 billion of these every year. What are they?	
4. This central Canadian city is considered the Slurpee capital of the world	
5. These crops have been planted in Nova Scotia since the 1600s.	
6. One third of the world's supply of these salty snacks is made in New Brunswick.	
7. This cooking staple, derived from the rapeseed plant, was created in Canada.	
8. There are no roads leading to this territory in Canada.	
9. A Canadian pharmacist invented this spreadable	
10. An Inuit word for "the snow that melts" is called a	
11. One of Canada's prettiest cities is a UNESCO World Heritage Site is on the east coast?	
12. One of the best dark sky preserves in Canada can be found in Kouchibouguac National Park but it's the boardwalk through the salt marsh that attracts visitors. Where is it?	
13. Canada's ultimate drive is along the Dempster Highway. Where is it	
14. Where can you experience the midnight sun, views of the Tombstone Mountains and drink a famous Sour Toe Cocktail in the "Quirkiest Town in Canada"?	
15. The word 'picnic' comes from what country?	
16. The longest picnic table was: 1,324 ft 336 ft 103 ft	
17. The town of Churchill has been named the polar bear capital of the world! In Churchill Manitoba Nobody Locks Their Doors?	True or False

Answers to the trivia questions

1. This area in Canada has less gravity than the rest of the world.	Hudson Bay , due to combination of melting Laurentian Ice Shield and the convection in earth's mantle.
2. Quebec is the world's top producer of this condiment in the world.	Maple syrup , Quebec makes 73% in the world but mainly to export out of the country
3. Canadians eat 1 billion of these every year. What are they?	Donuts , thanks to Tim's of course. (and who keeps track of the numbers?)
4. This central Canadian city is considered the Slurpee capital of the world	Winnipeg . Slurpees. An average of 188,000 frosty beverages are sold there each month – by far the most per capita in the world
5. These crops have been planted in Nova Scotia since the 1600s.	Wine grapes , the oldest wine region in Canada.
6. One third of the world's supply of these salty snacks is made in New Brunswick.	French Fries : potatoes made by McCain Company
7. This cooking staple, derived from the rapeseed plant, was created in Canada.	Canola oil – which was first produced in 1974 and takes its name from 'Canada and Oil'
8. There are no roads leading to this territory in Canada. _____	Nunavut , no roads connect the 25 communities, people go by boat or plane
9. A Canadian pharmacist invented this spreadable	Peanut Butter : Marcellus Edson patented a method to turn peanuts into PB in 1884
10. An Inuit word for "the snow that melts" is called a	Chinook : It is a warm wind that comes over the mountain in the dead of winter and instantly melts the snow and raises the temperature.
11. One of Canada's prettiest cities is a UNESCO World Heritage Site is on the east coast?	Lunenburg, NS
12. One of the best dark sky preserves in Canada can be found in Kouchibouguac National Park but it's the boardwalk through the salt marsh that attracts visitors. Where is it?	The park is located on New Brunswick's central eastern shore known: the Acadian Coastal Drive - Kouchibouguac is pronounced koo-she-boo-quack
13. Canada's ultimate drive is along the Dempster Highway. Where is it	Here you can drive all the way to the Arctic Ocean. It starts in Inuvik in the Northwest Territories and goes to Dawson City, Yukon
14. Where can you experience the midnight sun, views of the Tombstone Mountains and drink a famous Sour Toe Cocktail in the "Quirkiest Town in Canada"?	Visit Dawson City, Yukon – The Quirkiest Town in Canada and the famous Sourtoe Cocktail
15. The word 'picnic' comes from what country?	Pique-niques (pick nothing) in 1694 in France
16. The longest picnic table was: 1,324 ft 336 ft 103 ft	1,324 feet or approx. 407.4metres (May 25, 2019 May International Festival in Memphis, Tennessee, USA
17. The town of Churchill has been named the polar bear capital of the world! In Churchill Manitoba Nobody Locks Their Doors?	Residents do not lock their cars or homes – True , safety from bears