



Annuitant

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President's Remarks October 2025

It suddenly feels as if fall has arrived, cooler but still fine weather for outdoor activities.

We just recently enjoyed our annual fall bus trip. This year, Pam and Jim Snyder organized a day trip to St. Jacobs and the Farmers' Market, and it was once again a sell-out. This is the 50th anniversary of the market. It has been many years since I have been there, and it certainly seems a lot bigger and busier than I remember it. If you can't find what you want there, then it probably is not available anywhere! Thanks, Pam and Jim for another great bus trip, even though we didn't spot any wild turkeys!

Our annual golf day was held Thursday September 18 in Forest and was well-attended. Good weather was enjoyed by all the golfers. Thanks, Ralph and team.

A Fish Fry is being held on October 30 at the Camlachie Community Centre, our second of the year as these are all always very popular events. I hope to see you there!

As previously reported, our annuitant club in Vancouver is organizing another cruise trip, this time to the Mediterranean. There are still openings available if you are interested. For more information, contact Jim Noel at jimn09@gmail.com or (604) 943 2745. There are already a number from our club who have registered.

In this Newsletter, you will find registration information for our Christmas Dinner, which will be held November 27 at the Dante Club. Sam and his team have an incredible evening planned for us as usual.

Again, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for annuitant events, please let us know. Greg Robbins

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Did you know that . . .

We have a wonderfully healthy and active club!

As of this past planning committee meeting, we now have **366** members.

Kudos to all of our members for helping to make our club healthy.

Upcoming events

Hold the dates!	
November 27	Christmas dinner and dance

Impact of Subsidy Delay on the Christmas Dinner

Each year, a subsidy is provided by Imperial to support our events. The subsidy amount is calculated at \$50 for each annuitant who attended at least one event during the previous fiscal year. This allows us to subsidize events by about 40%.

For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, a total of 280 annuitants participated in at least one event, resulting in a subsidy of \$14,000.

Traditionally, we receive this subsidy in September. The funds are essential for financing the annual Christmas Event, and our planning relies heavily on the timely receipt of this financial support.

As of now, the subsidy has not yet been received. Due to this delay, we are unable to rely on the expected funds to cover the costs associated with the Christmas Event. To cover event costs, the Christmas dinner ticket price will be \$75 per annuitant. This ensures that the event can proceed as planned, despite the absence of the subsidy at this time.

We anticipate receiving the subsidy in December, which will assist with the overall financial management for future events and our organization moving forward.

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,

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

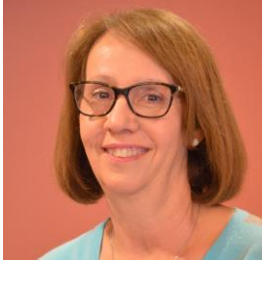
Please note that registrations for our events will include a line that you can fill in if transportation is needed or if you can provide a ride to the event. The committee members organizing that event will make an effort to link those that need a ride and those who can provide one.

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

		2025 – 2026 Committee
President:	Greg Robbins	519-869-6400
Past president:	Tim Mondoux	519-330-8713
	Larry Western	519-542-9481
Secretary/Outreach:	Sharon Sharp	519-383-7578
Treasurer:	Ric Cudmore	519-331-1583
Membership:	Carol Barnes	519 542-6159
Webmaster	Ric Cudmore	519-331-1583
Communications:	Jim Snyder	519-330-4195
Event Planning	Sam Donato	519-402-2759
	Ralph Henry	519-383-0156
	Ron Pask	519 331-7285
	Hilda Feimer	519-312-5132
	Pam Snyder	519-786-6374
	Julie Ferguson	519-336-5847
	Bill Hambly	519-542-6465

Our next planning committee meeting is on Thursday, August 14, 2025, 10 am to 12 pm

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

				
Greg Robbins	Tim Mondoux	Sharon Sharp	Ric Cudmore	Carol Barnes
				
Larry Western	Sam Donato	Ralph Henry	Ron Pask	Hilda Feimer
				
Jim and Pam Snyder	Julie Ferguson	Bil Hambly		



Sarnia Concert Association

The Sarnia Concert Association (SCA) brings musical entertainment to the Sarnia and Lambton County area in the form of a 5 or 6 concert series each year. The series, traditionally, has been slanted toward classical and "serious" music, with some "popular entertainment" mixed in.

For the second year they are providing complimentary tickets for our members to celebrate their 90th season.

Remaining concerts will be held in March, April and May.

Watch your email inbox for the opportunity to receive complimentary tickets to wonderful musical performances.

Thank you to the Sarnia Concert Association for their generosity. sarniaconcertassociation.ca

About our members

Carol Barnes, SLEAC Committee

Carol worked at the Sarnia Research Department for 34 years. She had several positions there.

Her favourite & longest position was in the Industrial Oils group where she worked in grease development and production.

Carol also worked for a short time in exploratory programs in the Engine Oils Group and the Customer Service Lab for analysis of used lubricants.

She finished her career as an Investigative Analysis Coordinator for the Lubricants Technical Support laboratory.

Carol has been a volunteer Committee member for 8 years and serves as the Membership Director.

Fall Activity Take a weekend drive and find an orchard near you this fall! Northern Spy - claim to fame - Rich flavour and high Vitamin C. Best for pies and crisps in October to December!

Maple Apple Squares

Ingredients:

- 1 Yellow cake mix
- 1 stick butter
- 1/4 c Pure Canadian Maple Syrup
- 3 or 4 Apples
- 8 oz. Sour Cream
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- Whipped Cream

Directions:

In bowl, place yellow cake mix and the butter (can use margarine or butter substitute). Mix these together with pastry blender until crumbly and reserve 2/3 cup in separate bowl. Pat the mixture into a 9 x 13" pan and top with thinly sliced apples. Mix together 8 oz sour cream and one egg - and spread over apples. Now take the reserved 2/3 cup mixture and add **1/4 cup maple syrup** and 1 teaspoon cinnamon and spread over the top of the sour cream layer. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes. When cool cut into squares

Serve with a wee drizzle of maple syrup and a dollop of whipped cream.

Cut into 12 squares to serve with just whipped cream.

Sarnia Site United Way

Here is an opportunity for us to be part of the sites United Way program. They will take donations at the Research entrance on November 5 for any books, puzzles or games that you would like to donate. Then you can visit the Chippewa training center at noon on November 7 to buy some back!

Golf tournament 2025	
	
	

'Friendship is like a Christmas tree, decorated with warm memories and shared joys.
You're the slightly cracked ornament that always makes me smile'

SLEAC Christmas Dinner

Dante Club,

1330 London Road, Sarnia



Event Coordinators
Thursday, November 27, 2024

Sam Donato, Ralph Henry, Hilda Feimer
Social hour 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Dance Following dinner (Music by Borderline)

Esso Site Rep will be guest speaker

Registration limited to 180 persons
Contact Hilda Feimer 519-312-5132 for any seating arrangement concerns

50 / 50 to
St. Clair Children
and Youth Services

Food Donations to
the Salvation Army



Menu:

Anti pasto, Focaccia bread, Dante's house salad,
 Chicken lemonada, roast beef with cracked pepper au
 jus, Seasonal vegetable medley, oven roasted potatoes
 Tiramisu for Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Inform Sam Donato of any dietary restrictions

E-Transfer Instructions	See Next Page	
For mail in registrations, Reply to Sam Donato 759 Manor Park Cres Sarnia Ontario N7S 4W7 519 402-2759	Cost per member \$75 Cost per guest \$150	Cut-off date November 20, 2025 Make cheques out to S.L.E.A.C. and do not postdate past November 20th

Name:	Member/Guest	Amount	
	M / G	\$	\$75 per member
	M / G	\$	\$150 per guest
Total		\$	
Hilda Feimer will be making every effort to seat you with others you would like to share a table with. Please note names here if you have some preferences.		I/We would like to be seated with:	
Do you need transportation assistance?			
Can you provide transportation for someone else?			

**E-Transfer Instructions for
2025 Christmas Dinner & Dance – Thursday November 27
At the Dante Club**

Instructions

From your Bank/Credit Union Online Application. Send an E-Transfer to events.sleac@gmail.com

1. *The first time you do this you will need to set up a Recipient.*
2. *Once that is done you select the Recipient.*
3. *Fill in the appropriate amount for your participants.*
 - *SLEAC member \$75*
 - *SLEAC guest \$150*
1. *In the Message Section enter **SLEAC Christmas** and the **Attendees Names***
1. *Indicate if there are any dietary Restrictions.*
1. *Indicate if you require or could provide a ride to the event.*
1. *Follow instructions to complete the -Etransfer.*

Note: Please turn on AUTODEPOSIT !!!!!

Table Reservations

1. *Determine the group of people you would like to sit with (max 10).*
1. *Send a separate Email to events.sleac@gmail.com with the list of names. Please make the subject of the Email **Table Reservation.***

Event Coordinator

Sam Donato

E-mail: events.sleac@gmail.com