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Happy New Year, I know it isn't the dread Y2K yet, but for most of us the "new" year has always started in early September when the Summer(?) fades into Fall and the excitement of "back to school" is all around. Visiting the campus on the first Wednesday of the semester I found it to be even busier than I ever remember. The place must be doing something right even without us! I enjoyed poking my head around the office door of one of my colleagues at 10.15 and innocently asking "if he had time for a coffee or did he have to lecture at 10.30?" Ah! Happy days!....these not those! I am sure the Fall adrenalin rush is good for retirees as well, so let us make this the busiest SFURA year yet. Get involved in our events.....perhaps you have a good idea that you would like to put on for us? Check our website, give us a call.

Last year our Association had a good year, we were given free on campus parking, the retiree medical benefits for APSA are now the same as those of the Faculty (we hope the other employee groups will fight to get the same for their members) and you will soon receive information on the Emergency Medical Travel Plan negotiated by our Benefits Committee. Our thanks to Lionel Funt and his committee (Bill DeVries and Ron Ramsay) for all the work they put in to get this plan to fruition. We enjoyed two very excellent, gastronomically and socially, dinners in the University Centre, we had our first lunchtime and evening speakers and a really marvellous time was had by all at George and Barbara's house at Whistler. Thanks to George and Barbara for a wonderful day, one of the few sunny days of Summer! The walk along the Steveston Dike was not blessed with good weather, but we had fun and the fish and chips at Dave's cafe made up for the lack of sun. The visit to the Vancouver Art Gallery, to see the Toulouse Lautrec exhibition, was greatly enjoyed as was the expertise and the good humour of the guide who walked us around (an SFU grad!). These last two ventures were the ideas of Janet (Blanchet) and Donna (Laws) respectively, **and we welcome other ideas like these from other of our members for the Spring programme.**

Over the past year some 63 persons have retired from SFU and already we have had 33 join the Association. This growth, with new members and the continuing support we get from President Blaney and from Alan Black and Julia Zima in Human Resources, ensures that SFURA will have an even better year! So, onto the real news.

NEW MEMBERS Merrily Allanson, Shirley Black, Bob Brooke, Arthur Chapman, Siva Chinniah, Alberto Ciria, Anadi Das, Jack Douglass, David Eaves, Marilynne Finlayson, Walter Gerber, Herbert Grubel, Edgar Harden, David Kartz, Jean Koepke,

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Maylene Leong, Neville Lincoln, Geoff Lister, Ralph Maud, Margaret Oxnard, Jim Oxtan, Tom Poiker, Zelma Rebmann-Huber, Stan Shapiro, John Spagnolo, Sharon Thomas, Iain Thorson, Frans Vanlakerveld, Nicolaas Verbeek, Jay Weinkam, Ted Wells, Marvin Wideen, Tuck Wong.

FALL PROGRAMME

OCT 21st (Thursday). SFURA FALL DINNER. Diamond University Club.

Cost \$25.00 per person, members and partners. Reserve before Oct 8th.

6.00 p.m. Cocktails. (No Host Bar). 7.00. p.m. Buffet Dinner.

Parking FREE in the Visitors' Parkade or outside the Diamond University Centre or in C- Lot with a Parking Permit picked up from the Centre.

More **important** details are given on the DINNER RESERVATION FORM at the end of the Newsletter. After Dinner, we will show excerpts from the 1977 CBC video "Two Schools of Thought", a (now amusing) comparison between SFU and Oxford Universty with lots of pre 1977 SFU footage. Pure nostalgia.

NOV 9th (Tuesday). 12.30 p.m. Room ? T.B.A . Coffee provided.

THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNER. How do you know if you need one, what can a financial planner do for you, and how do they do it? Ms Sherry Cavallin, B.A (Econ), C.F.P., R.F.P. of IFC Planning Group Inc will talk about such matters.

NOV 22nd (Monday). **OPENING OF THE FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT ANNUAL SHOW.** All SFURA members are invited to the **OPENING RECEPTION** in the SFU Gallery 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. Come and see the photographic skills of your fellow retirees who this year are also invited to submit their work (see below for more details).

DECEMBER 7th (Tuesday). **CAM RECORDERS, DIGITAL CAMERAS AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES.** Whether it is the festive season or just our last effort to obtain some immortality we can all do with some knowledgeable person to tell us what to buy and how to get the best results. Frank Campbell, of the Instructional Media Centre will report to us on the latest and the best and how to. We will schedule his talk for 12.30p.m. and get details of location on campus to you at a later date. Check out our website.

DECEMBER T.B.A. Date, time and location will be given to you later. **THE MUCH AWAITED CELEBRATION OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE!** An occasion of much revelry, music, song, dance and etc, the spirit of SFU in the 60's lives on for those retirees left in B.C. and not in Mexico, Portugal, Florida or swanning along on the Mediterranean! Jealous? Who, me?

And if you do enjoy coming onto campus and having lunch with a friend, we understand that the Diamond University Centre will be open for lunch starting in October. Then you might like to take in one of the Noon Shows in the SFU Theatre. These performances are every Thursday at 12.30 p.m. and range through dance, theatre, music, film etc. SFU Student Films will be presented on Thurs Oct 14th. For more information call the SFU Theatre at 291- 3514.

OTHER THINGS.

This year the **FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT SHOW** (Oct 22 - Dec 9, 1999) will be limited to photography and the Exhibitions Committee has agreed to accept submissions from members of SFURA. The deadline for submissions is Oct 22nd. A submission form can be picked up at the Simon Fraser Gallery. For further information contact Janet Menzies at (604) 291- 4266.

The **SFU MICROCOMPUTER STORE** can be used by SFURA members for the purchase of computer hardware supplies. The prices are very acceptable, but they **can sell educationally priced software only to current faculty staff and students at SFU.**

PARKING. Members of SFURA can still get **FREE** parking on campus. They must use the Visitors' Parkade and must show a current (1999 -2000) SFURA Membership Card upon leaving the Parkade. Members must realise that this is to cover **ONLY** occasional parking use. For those of us who need parking several times a week a regular parking permit must be purchased.

BRIDGE If you are interested in playing a little bridge with fellow retirees call Bill Yule 291-4273 (day) or 941- 0550 (evening) He will attempt to coordinate a little bridge action.

ESTABLISH AN SFURA SCHOLARSHIP. We are looking into the possibility of establishing an **endowed award** in the name of the Retirees Association with the idea that continuing donations by our members during their lifetime or a "planned gift" named in their will would, over the years, lead to the build up of a fund far larger than might be attained from a single named award. We welcome your thoughts on this.

TWO OTHER WAYS in which you might wish to help SFU are the "donate a bench" project and the "SFU gardens project." The former seeks donations towards the purchase of a bench seat (some \$2500), all donors will have their name on a plaque affixed to the bench. The garden project seeks those willing to use their muscles and skills in the creation of attractive gardens around the campus. We will report more on these projects in our next newsletter or you can get further information from the University Advancement Office.

E-MAIL. A very large number of our members have an e-mail address. We would like to share these addresses amongst all members. This could lead to an increased interaction for social purposes and also offers a useful security and help line in time of need. If you are **unwilling** to share your e-mail address with other retirees, please let us know. Also remember to make use of our web site, <http://www.sfu.ca/retirees>.

ELDERCOLLEGE Capilano College's **Seniors' Programme** for the Fall has just been published. It offers a wide range of very interesting courses, from the history of the Port of Vancouver. to doing family history and genealogical research, to a great series for book lovers, the latter with speakers like Gerald Neuman and Don Burbidge. For more information call (604) 984-4901.

THE SPRING PROGRAMME. We shall soon be busy putting together the programme for the Spring.....we welcome both your ideas and, even more, your active participation. If you have an idea and you would be willing to set it up for our members we will be glad to help you.

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LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

RETURN THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.....PLEASE.

RESERVATION FOR THE FALL DINNER

I/we will be attending the **FALL DINNER** on Oct 21 st. Yes..... No.....

My Name is.....

My Partner's name is.....

I enclose a cheque for.....(i.e. \$25.00 per person: made out to SFURA).

ALL DINNER RESERVATIONS received by OCT 8th will be entered into a "one free dinner" draw. The winner, who could be you or your guest, will be announced at the Dinner. **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCT 14th 1999.**

No reservations can be made on the night of the Dinner.

.PUT YOUR CHEQUE AND THIS RESERVATION FORM INTO THE ENCLOSED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.....NOW!

THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNER

Tuesday, Nov 9th at 12.30 p.m.

Location on campus given later

I/We will be attending this talk. Number of Persons.....1.....or.....2 ?

FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT SHOW RECEPTION

Monday, November 22nd. SFU Gallery. 12 - 2.00 p.m.

I/We will accept this Invitation to the Opening of the SFU Art Gallery Show.

Number of Persons.....1.....or.....2 ?

CAM RECORDERS, DIGITAL CAMERAS AND ETC

Tuesday, Dec 7th at 12.30p.m.

Location on campus given later

I/We will attend this talk . Number of Persons.....1.....or.....2 ?

AN IDEA FOR THE SPRING PROGRAMME

Your Name (please print).....Telephone Number.....