



St. Lawrence College
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Retiree Reflections, Ruminations, and Ramblings (R⁴)

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It's Back!

The annual September Golf Tournament at The Landings will be held on **Tuesday September 7** (the day that classes resume for the fall term). As usual, we hope to combine this tournament with a 19th hole social gathering around 4 pm, so that non-golfers and golfers can get together for a visit. Details are still being worked out, so stay tuned, but do mark that date on your golfing and social calendar.

In addition to information that will be provided by your Social Convenor, the golfers will hear directly from Steve and Jerry who are once again organizing the golf portion of the day's festivities. Much of the burden may fall to Jerry alone, since Steve has been very busy with television interviews and phone calls of congratulation ever since, on June 2, he recorded his first hole-in-one, on the par three 6th hole. Witnessing his perfect shot were Jerry, Brad Hill and Paul Sagriff. Not surprisingly, I suppose, this achievement has rather gone to Steve's head and he has apparently developed a hole-ier than thou attitude. [Yes, I accept the two stroke penalty for outrageous punning.]



Golf Observations

"If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt." (Dean Martin)

"Although golf was originally restricted to wealthy, overweight Protestants, today it's open to anybody who owns hideous clothing." (Dave Barry)

I'm not saying my game was bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced. (Lee Trevino)

It's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye. (Chi Chi Rodriguez)

"The only time I've ever used a one-iron was to kill a tarantula. And I took a 7." (Jim Murray)

Challenging Conversations during COVID

Keeping your distance, wearing a mask, and trying to converse can be a challenge for older people who are hard of hearing. Below is a conversation that one could imagine taking place. Three old fellows are talking. One says “it’s windy today.” “No, it’s Thursday” says another. The third one says “I’m thirsty too, let’s go for a beer.”

Avoiding Snap Decisions about Getting a Dog

As I’m sure you have heard, people have been getting dogs in record numbers for companionship during the lockdown. But as the following Notice suggests, you should proceed with caution

This is Lexi, she’s an 8 week-old German Shepherd. I bought Lexi as a surprise for my wife but it turns out she is allergic to dogs so we are now looking to find her a new home.

She is 59 years old, a beautiful and caring woman who drives, is a great cook, and keeps a good house. All reasonable offers seriously considered.



Outside is Safer but Challenging

I was shocked when I heard the story of the night when a breeze came up at the Brockville Theatre while the orchestra was giving an open air rendition of Schubert’s Ninth Symphony. During the intermission, most of the musicians spent their time tying their sheet music to the stands. But the bass players simply went to a nearby lounge for a few fast drinks.

When the conductor returned to the podium, he was dismayed to find in the last half of the Ninth that the scores were tied and the basses were loaded.

SLC Realigning Program Delivery

If I understand this June 3 media release from the college, a new tri-campus approach is being introduced for the delivery of programs (<https://www.stlawrencecollege.ca/news/st-lawrence-college-realigns-academic-division-looks-to-the-future>). I can remember when the College Academic Council met in Brockville (as the central location) and Kingston attendees risked life and limb when catching a ride with President Bill Cruden. He drove the 401 with reckless abandon, engaging in lively conversation with those in the car and frequently turning his head to participate more fully in discussions with those in the back seat. I can claim tri-campus activity (on a modest scale) when – in my early years at the college – I lived in Brockville but taught on both the Kingston and Cornwall campuses. I would head out in the morning and then pause to reflect what day it was and whether to head east or west on 401.

Whatever the new program delivery arrangements, these examples illustrate why it is so important to get the college reopened as soon as possible.



“Do You Remember” Series is Forgotten

It has been over a month since the last (15th) “Do You Remember” scenario was posted (and correctly answered) at our website (<https://slcretirees.weebly.com/do-you-remember>). It seemed like a good idea at the time but few retirees checked out these periodic postings and even fewer posted any comments. I had hoped this series might generate more participation. It is being retired (at least for now).

From the Archives

An exciting find. I am pleased to share this photo of the last Stanley Cup parade in Toronto.

[Sorry Leaf Fans. Couldn't resist]

