



St. Lawrence College

RETIREES  ASSOCIATION

Retiree Reflections, Ruminations, and Ramblings (R⁴)

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Season's Greetings to All

As the holiday season draws near, all best wishes to you and yours. May you stay safe and well during these scary times. We may be old(er) and potentially more vulnerable, but our age is also a blessing since we are not worried about keeping/losing our jobs or about whether our young kids are safe in school. We just have to get our shots, wear our masks, keep our distance, and wait out this pesky pandemic. Let's enjoy every moment that we have together, while we hope for "the new normal" sometime in 2022.



Postal People's Pledge Pertinent

You know the one I mean – “neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night” would deter the couriers from their appointed rounds. In this case, the couriers were members of the Retirees Association and their appointed round was a pre-Christmas social gathering at the Best Western on the afternoon of December 8. As if the increasing COVID cases weren't enough, there was snow aplenty on the day in question, which cut the expected numbers in half. But the 10 hardy souls who did show up had a good time and donated a bag of non-perishable canned goods for the local Food Bank.

Those attending also enjoyed an unexpected gift. One of our retirees sent a cheque for \$100 and asked that all funds not required for his account be used to support social activities of our Association. He was already a life member, making his donation very generous. He wishes to remain anonymous, but those who have read the publication celebrating the 50th anniversary of SLC and the college system will be familiar with his food adventures involving lobster, parsnips, and prunes – not all in the same meal, I hasten to add.

A Yummy Version of Jingle Bells

While on the subject of food, click on the link below to see (and hear) a very clever rendition of this Christmas song. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c04ChTCYqp4>.

Your Solution as Winter Arrives

When you feel the chill, you may need some extra fur on your bed. A three dog night is sure to bring joy to the world. For any still unsure (who must be on the young side), have a listen to the following.

[Three Dog Night-Joy To The World-Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog - Bing video](#)

While in our music trivia mode, you have probably heard that on December 10 Mike Nesmith took the last train to Clarksville.

[The Monkees - Last Train To Clarksville 1966 - Bing video](#)



Late-Breaking News!

38% Of Americans Wont Buy Corona Beer "Under Any Circumstance" Because Of The Coronavirus



Shrimp Boats is a-Comin'



Both my innate sense of decency and my survival instincts have kept me from sharing photos of my walks along the sand in Myrtle Beach during the sunny December down here. But I thought that you might find the above photo of interest. Boats like this have been sighted along our beach several times in recent days. They are, in fact, shrimp boats.

If you wonder about the heading of this section, it is the title of a big hit by Jo Stafford in 1951.

[SHRIMP BOATS by Jo Stafford 1951 - Bing video](#)