

RAMC NEWSLETTER

**RETIREEES ASSOCIATION OF MOHAWK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
CELEBRATING & HONORING MOHAWK COLLEGE RETIREEES**

Fall 2019

MESSAGE FROM RAMC CHAIR

Welcome again to all those who have renewed their membership for the coming year. We trust that you will continue to find it of value in keeping in touch with former colleagues and enjoying our social get-togethers, annual meeting, and newsletters.

If you are a new member, congratulations on joining our Association. We welcome you and encourage you to get involved in the variety of events that we offer. Your involvement will keep the organization active and vital. Please feel free to pass along any ideas or suggestions you believe could help the Association better serve your interests.

We look forward to another year and will do our best to keep the association valuable to everyone!

John Schaeffer
Chair
Board of Directors

ADDITION TO BIOS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Margaret Thurston has assumed the responsibilities for membership and treasurer previously held by Elaine Dunkey. Margaret was employed in the Office Administration Department (Legal Option) for 30 years. She was co-ordinator of the Legal Program when she retired in 2002. Simultaneously, from 1978 to 1986 she was Program Manager for the Department's Continuing Education division. She is especially proud of her work in successfully launching the Law Clerk program, with considerable assistance from the legal community. She received the President's Award for Excellence in 1992. Margaret is looking forward to her new position on the Board, but admits that it will be very difficult to "fill the shoes" of Elaine Dunkey who served in this role for many years.

A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW RETIREEES TO RAMC:

Shirleyann Bainbridge, Community Studies
Michele Cohoe, Student Services
Martha Colangelo, Community Employment Services
Linda Epplert, International
Lori Koziol, School of Health
Karen Lang, Financial Services
Nancy Lewis, Humanities and Social Sciences
Debbie Mancini, Financial, Student Services
Muzeria Nuredini, Community Partnerships and Exp. Learning
Les Palango, Media and Entertainment
Bernetta Scime, Athletics and Recreation
Joanne White, Print Room.

EVENTS

TRIP TO SHAW FESTIVAL TO SEE "BRIGADOON"

On 26th Sept our bus left for Niagara Falls at around 10:15 am. It was overcast and some light rain was expected. We had a pleasant trip to Betty's restaurant, even though the bus had to take some side streets to reach our destination because an accident on the QEW resulted in all lanes being blocked.

No bus trip to Niagara - or anywhere else - is complete without Geoff's comments, jokes, and humour. He did not disappoint us on this trip. (Who is a vexillologist? Which country has only one colour in its flag? Send your answers to Geoff.)

Lunch at Betty's was quite good and filling, but the time was a little short due to our late arrival. We all enjoyed the scenic route to Niagara-on-lake along Chippawa River, Niagara River, and the Falls. We arrived at Shaw Festival in time for the performance, and all had reasonably good seats.

The show opened with a stunning scene of a forest in the Scottish Highlands where two American hunters, who seemed to be lost, were looking for a place to stay as it was getting dark. They saw what seemed to be a small village in the distance, and there they encountered a young lassie who offered to find a place for them to stay overnight. The hunters found themselves in the midst of village celebration for the marriage of another young girl. And what a scene it was! The village of Brigadoon was taken over by music, tartans were swinging, and scarves were flying on a delightfully beautiful set.

As the story progressed, we learn that the Americans' location was not shown on the map, and no one was ready to tell them where they were. It was also revealed that the bride-to-be had another boyfriend who threatened to destroy the village by leaving it. The hunters were told that they needed to see the schoolmistress, the sole resident of the village able to explain the mystery of Brigadoon: the village only appears on one day each century, and a curse threatens its destruction if any resident leaves.

This boyfriend of the bride-to-be was killed in a skirmish with her intended husband, and in the midst of a scene where the villagers enjoyed dances and beautiful music, the young man's dead body was placed at the foot of a cross in the village square. A hush fell over the crowd, and his other girlfriend performed a very sad dance. The effect of joy interrupted by sudden sorrow was profound, both on the stage and among the audience.

One of the hunters fell in love with another young village girl and they planned to marry. However, at the insistence of the other hunter, the Americans decided to return to the USA, leaving the young girl there.

Back at home, the hunter made plans to marry a young American girl, but cancelled them after realizing they were not really in love, and decided to return to Scotland to find Brigadoon and the lassie there; reluctantly, his friend agreed to join him. Their search for the village was unsuccessful, but just as they were ready to return to America, the schoolmistress appeared, took them to the girl, and the lovers were reunited.



This is the narrative of Brigadoon, but the music and dance through which it is told, its mythical quality, and the beautiful sets make this a musical to be remembered for a long time. I had seen it in 1954 at Hart House, U of T, and what a pleasure it was to see it again after 65 years!

I have to end with the following quote from "Once in the Highlands" by Lois Kivesto

"In this computerized, dehumanized, directionless society we have created for ourselves --or allowed to be created for us--there is once again longing for feeling, melody and a more affectionate view of humanity.

In any and all seasons, "Brigadoon, in thy valley, there'll be love"

Santosh Mathur

MO-HAWK HIKERS

Fall 2019

Monarch Trail – Dundas Conversation Area



Watch your email for details on the Winter Hike

STAYING CONNECTED

CELEBRATING RETIREE LINDA MARSHALL

Linda retired in 2014 after 32 years at Mohawk College. During this time Linda held many differing and diverse roles, starting as support staff in ECE lab school; faculty in ECE; Director of ECE Lab Schools; working in H.R., Alumni, Corporate Service Officer; Director of Public Relations and Special Events; as Director of Special Projects in Student Services she created Leadership programs and Special Projects, fundraising for the college. Throughout all of this, Linda was involved in the community.



Prior to retiring Linda questioned herself. She felt she was living a 'drive by life', there had to be more... She felt there was *something else* out there for her. Linda's mantra is that we are a product of our own thoughts. She identified that this took several years for her to sort out. In the process of exploring her options, she accidentally took the wrong workshop. She was supposed to be in 'how to build your speaking business and found herself in 'how to *book* your business', a workshop on writing. Perhaps this was serendipity at work. It was in writing her first book, *Giving Back – How to Find Your Personal Joy and Make a Difference to Others*, that she was able to put everything into perspective and sort out her direction ultimately leading her to get certified in Emotional Intelligence Training. Now Linda's business - Marshall Connects Inc. - offers consulting, coaching, key note speaking engagements & EQi Assessments. She has created and developed a leadership and workplace program based on emotional intelligence. With encouragement from her daughters and by trusting her own inner guide, Linda is ready to publish a second book, this one focused on her work in Emotional Intelligence.

As Linda and I spoke I became very aware of her high energy and passion for what she does. Linda identified that the years at Mohawk framed who she is. In retirement, Linda appreciates family time with her husband and two grown children, she walks and visits the gym every day, and loves to travel. As an acknowledged and recovering perfectionist she now allows herself more flexibility and continues on her journey to excellence. It was in retirement that Linda reinvented herself. She loves her work, her writing, her....*something else*.

For further information about Linda, her books and her work, go to the web site: www.marshallconnects.com

Interview by Susan Pratt

ITS OK TO SAY NO

An interesting article: "Consider "No" an Important Early Step in Retirement"

An interesting article <https://tinyurl.com/y2nhqbhl>

JACK FREIBURGER RECEIVES BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY AWARD

On November 7, 2019 Jack was awarded the Trustee award by Bruce Trail Conservancy for contributions to their efforts to conserve a ribbon of nature for everyone forever. BTC is rated the #1 nature charity in Canada!!! The award is a piece of slate.



LIVING ON THE BRINK

Life at the Muskrat in September 2019 / Wild Beauty

The 2nd last day of summer in September on the lake.
A sunny, mellow, colourful day with tranquil sights and sounds.
Warm enough again to bare one's arms and legs and feet
While lazing in the hanging chair overlooking the lake.

Frans is below completing his work on the dock
Finally drilling to fasten the end boards
To enclose the cribbing soon to be filled with stone
To resist the pull of the winter's ice.

With the channel lighting that Frans has now installed
The work has been constant, demanding a lot of patience and ingenuity.
But Frans loves the view and his project too
And never quits.
I get to feed him, keep the place clean and read and write.

Lots of rain and a thunderstorm in the forecast for tomorrow!
So Frans will take the day off, and it being a Sunday,
we will sit inside overlooking the rain on the lake,
And listen to the most edifying and timely interviews of Michael Enright
on the Sunday Edition on CBC Radio 1, from 9 am to 12 on 99.1 FM.
How lucky we are.



Wild Beauty in September

This afternoon our early autumn view of Virtue Lake is priceless:
A glittering pale green reflection in the water of the plants along the shoreline
Contrasts with the charcoal of the towering pines
And then the brilliant colours of deciduous trees
scattered here and there along the shore:
red wine, deep burgundy, bright melon, and rusty orange
with splashes of brilliant red all reflected in the water of the cove.
It's all so magical and tranquil.
If only Tom Thomson were here to capture it in paint.

Where is Henry the Heron today? Maybe we scared him away.
Where is our visiting family of Mergansers with their playful toddlers?
Oh, there they are, 6 of them swimming and splashing just around the corner.

The Loon family we didn't see or hear at all on Virtue this August;
Was it the stress of being run over by a recklessly speeding sea do or motor boat?
I hear only the chirp of the Chipmunks and the chatter of a busy Red Squirrel.



There was a photo taken of a baby Black Bear and her mother near our gate.
On arriving, we found Deer tracks in the sand on the beach,
And also of a Raccoon searching for Snapping Turtle eggs.
Oh, look there's a baby Water Snake just swimming by the end of the dock;
You can see his head and wiggly tail. Maybe it's an eel?
Welcome to Muskrat Cove!

Heather Brinkman heatherjoynowe@yahoo.ca



OFFICE ADMINISTRATION RETIREES LUNCHEON



The luncheon was held Thursday, October 17th at Glendale Golf & Country Club

HEALTH SCIENCES - NURSING LUNCHEON



This event was held Friday, October 4th at Southcote 53 Tap & Grill

IN MEMORIAM

MONIQUE ARBOUR



On September 2, 2019, at the age of 75, Monique passed away peacefully after her long battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed by her children Nancy and Frederic Ward, her grandchildren, and Raymond Landry, her partner of 44 years, who will always have fond memories of their time together. Monique was a hard worker, always learning how to gather more experience and knowledge which led her to be the VP of Finance and Administration at Mohawk College.

MARGARET ANN BRIDGE, M.D.



March 1, 1951 - August 23, 2019 It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. Margaret Ann Bridge announces her passing in her 68th year. Much loved wife of Dwight Batke, cherished mother of Robert Bensen (Lyndsay Bond) and Alastair Hopkins (Gabriela Tokarska), and adoring grandmother to Will and Jack Bensen. Beloved sister of Harold (Kathleen) Bridge and Douglas Bridge. Margaret was a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine at McMaster University and after years in private practice, went on to become the resident doctor at Mohawk College where she treasured her relationship with the student body. Latterly, she worked as a Physician at W.S.I.B. and The Charlton Centre. She was the first woman President of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine. Caring for people always stood at the forefront of her role as a Physician. Her time skiing, at Balsam Lake and with family were most important to her. Margaret will always be remembered fondly by her family and numerous friends.

JOYCE (CAYGILL) FRID



1932 - 2019 Joyce died peacefully in Hamilton on Monday, September 23, 2019. Her daughter Susan Caygill, stepdaughter Diane Frid and grandson Alexander will mourn her loss. Joyce was predeceased by her beloved husband Dr. John I. Frid, daughter Julie Caygill, parents Pat and Harry Whiley and step daughter Susan Frid Alvey. Joyce loved life, and lived her life well. She read voraciously, felt and thought deeply, found beauty and delight in nature, nurture, laughter, arts and culture, a good lemon tart and was passionate in her pursuit of education and knowledge. Joyce had a wide-ranging career with health and educational organizations in Hamilton stretching over thirty years beginning as an Administrator with the Department of Surgery at McMaster University Faculty of Health Services, the Rheumatic Disease Unit at Chedoke McMaster Center, Administration and Planning Division of Health Sciences at Mohawk College and continuing from 1974 until her retirement in 1997 as the Director of Placement Coordination Service (formerly Assessment and Placement Service) Victorian Order of Nurses Hamilton-Wentworth. Her committee memberships included the Provincial Ministry task force on Long Term Care, chair, vice chair or member of three Ministry of Health committees, Trustee-Hamilton Civic Hospitals, Board and Executive member and Committee Chairman of the United Way, first Woman President of Hamilton Canadian Club, Co-leader of the Business Woman Team to Rotary District 329 and Founding member of Hamilton Transition House and Hamilton/Burlington Chapter Alzheimer Society.

CHARLES ROBERTSON DICKSON



Friday October 20, 1939 - Monday September 9, 2019 With deep sadness I announce the death of my beloved husband, Charles (Charlie) on Monday, September 9, with dignity and grace as he lived. He is now at peace.

This following is an edited version of an article to RAMC members in 2017 – Tribute to Charles Dickson.

Charlie is far right in the picture

Charles “Charlie” Dickson, Mohawk College’s Director of Cooperative Education [retired]. Charlie’s career at Mohawk started in 1970. He was a professor in the departments of Mechanical, Industrial, Textile Engineering and Mathematics. In 1984, Charlie went to Kenya with his wife, Nan Dickson, on a two-year secondment as an education consultant at the Kenya Polytechnic in Nairobi. Charlie’s role in promoting the academic benefits of cooperative education was integral to promoting international cooperative education with our colleagues outside of North America and through his efforts, Mohawk was privileged to host the World Conference on Cooperative Education (WACE) in 1989. Charlie’s expertise, knowledge, and advocacy for students “learning on the job” was held in high regard and earned him an invitation to be a presenter at many international conferences in the U.S.A., Hong Kong and South Africa. Charlie was the recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence in 1990, and was presented with a teaching award in 1996. Both awards were a testament to his enthusiasm, dedication, professionalism and the respect that he was accorded by his colleagues and his students. Charlie Dickson was always willing to share his own experiences and visions for co-op as a strategy of applied learning. Thanks to his efforts, Mohawk’s prominence in cooperative education was adopted by educational institutions and employers around the globe.

With appreciation to Susan Gagne, Mohawk College Retiree for the original tribute to Charles “Charlie” .Dickson.

JUDITH (nee McCulloch) McCRORY



Judy passed peacefully on September 24, 2019 at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in her 69th year. Judy is remembered with love by her husband, David, her daughter Amy (Conrad) and her grandson Colton. She will be dearly missed by her brothers David (Laura) and Mark (Nanette) and by her bff Pauline Barnhart who was like a sister to her. Judy was a cherished aunt, cousin, niece, sister and friend. Predeceased by her parents Alec and Shirley McCulloch and her brother John. Judy was a people person and would make friends with everyone she met. She had a wonderful sense of humor and an infectious (and unmistakable) laugh. Her wish was to be remembered with a smile rather than a tear. Judy Worked as a secretary in Medical Laboratory Technology and other areas of the college

FRANCES 'DEEDY' LORETTA WELSH



Fran Welch from IAHS and other health related programming areas passed away peacefully on September 9, 2019 in her 80th year, surrounded by the loves of her life, her three children, Lisa (Kevin) Karl, Annette (Micheal) Barry, and Sam (Kaywana) Gargarello. She was the most incredible Nanny to her cherished grandchildren Eric, Kayla, Daniel, John, Kiija, Kieran, Aidan, and Luke. Deedy is survived by her adoring younger brothers Dan, Peter, Terry, Michael, and Matthew and numerous loving nieces and nephews. She is happily reunited with her parents Jack and Claire Welch, and brothers John and Tracy. Deedy loved her family and friends. Her example of grace and dignity will live on in all of us.

CAAT UPDATES - 3 OCT 2019 - CAAT PENSION PLAN [<contact@caatpension.on.ca>](mailto:contact@caatpension.on.ca)

CAAT continues to grow and diversify its membership, adding two new organizations to its growing roster of participating employers. As part of their new collective agreement, workers from the University of Saskatchewan and Federated Colleges Non-Academic Pension Plan, represented by CUPE 1975, joined DBplus on a go-forward basis effective September 1. As well, employees from Community Living Toronto joined the CAAT plan effective October 1.

...These two new employers add over 2,000 new members to DBplus – 700 from Community Living Toronto and 1,300 from the University of Saskatchewan.

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The Retirees Association of Mohawk College has dedicated members who support the Board's mandate. Would you like to join? Do you have a special event that you would like to coordinate? Can we help promote a reunion? Contact us at retirees@mohawkcollege.ca.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: JANUARY 31, 2020

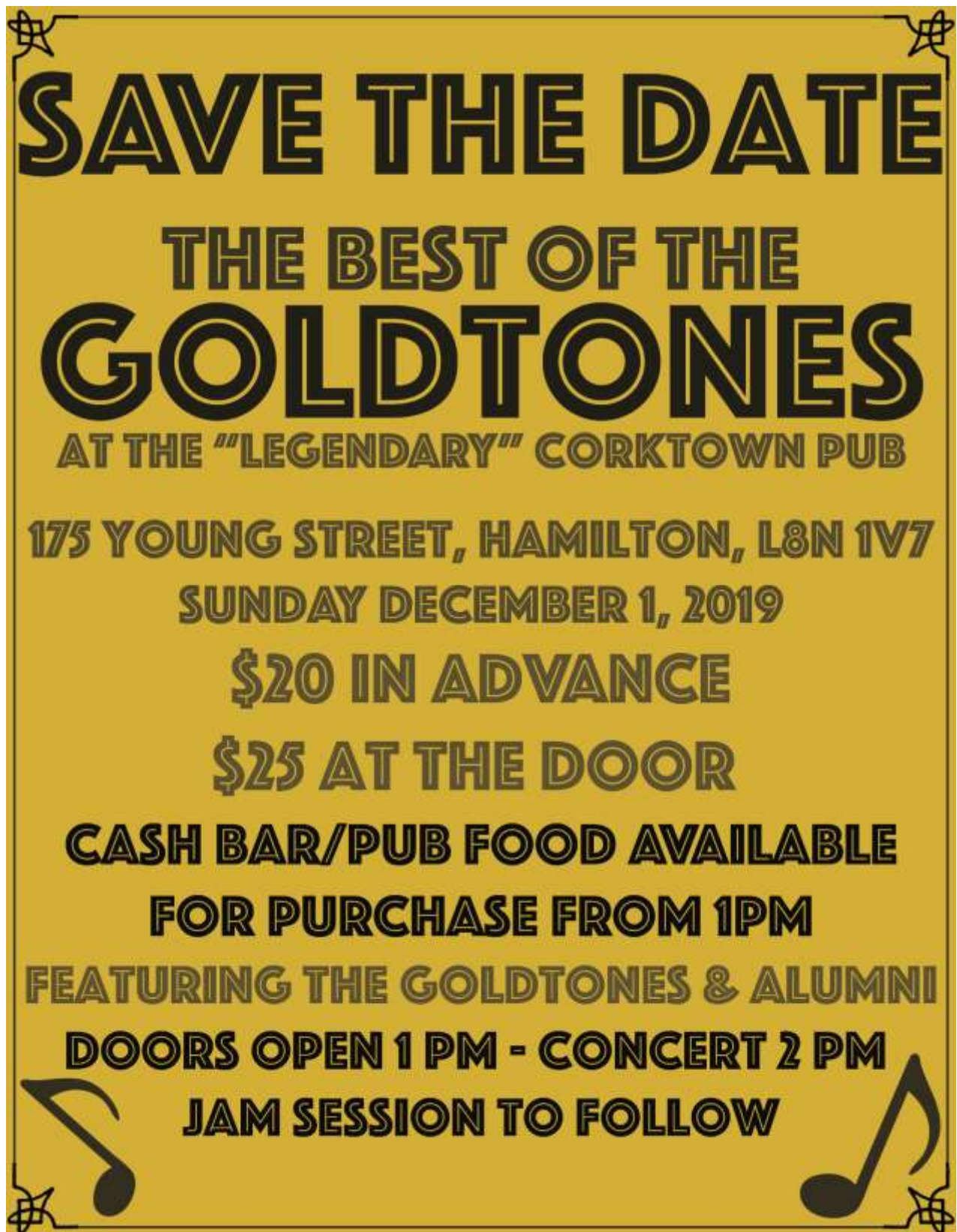
Share News, Photos & Articles!

Organizing a Reunion? Have an Idea for an Event? Let Us Know!

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The Retirees Association of Mohawk College, a long-standing partner of the College, is the largest such organization in Ontario's college system. The Association was established in November 1992, and formally approved by the President in January 1993. Our Charter was signed on May 18, 1993. Our Association is organized exclusively for the benefit of its membership and for assisting Mohawk College in its aims and objectives, especially as these relate to the support of students.

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SAVE THE DATE

THE BEST OF THE
GOLDTONES

AT THE "LEGENDARY" CORKTOWN PUB

175 YOUNG STREET, HAMILTON, L8N 1V7

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2019

\$20 IN ADVANCE

\$25 AT THE DOOR

CASH BAR/PUB FOOD AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE FROM 1PM

FEATURING THE GOLDTONES & ALUMNI

DOORS OPEN 1 PM - CONCERT 2 PM
JAM SESSION TO FOLLOW



Christmas Around the World

Saturday, December 14, 2019

St. Luke's Parish Hall

1382 Ontario St.

Burlington

7pm

\$25

For tickets visit

harlequinsingers.com



NIAGARA RETIREES EVENT



The deadline for payment is November 29th.

Details are on the website at the link below. Scroll down to Christmas Lunch
<http://retirees.niagaracollege.ca/upcoming-events>