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As we are all our own Bosses now, we invite you to **Celebrate National Bosses Day** with us.

**Thursday, October 16, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m. at Boston Pizza**  
in the 4 Point Sheridan in Point Edward

Lunch menu items are \$ 15.00. RSVP to Alma Brown 519-336-9108 by October 13, 2025

**If you meet up with any Retirees**  
**please mention about the Lunch at Boston Pizza as those members who**  
**would normally receive the paper copies mailed out**  
**will not be receiving the notice (Canada Post Strike)**

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The Votes are in!! Majority voted for the **Christmas Gathering** to be a luncheon.

A turkey luncheon with all the fixings, rolls, salad and desert will be offered along with a Cash Bar.

**Thursday, December 4, 2025** starting at Noon for Registration and Social Hour.

Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Meals are \$ 35.00 per person

**Quality INN on Christina Street** (same location, earlier seating)

RSVP to Alma Brown 519-336-09108 by December 1, 2025

## Obituary - Written Sept 21st 2025 by Jim

### **Jim Sharp**

Sharp-As I sit here writing my obituary, I am gobsmacked that in a little over 7 months of diagnosis of small cell lung cancer, pulmonary lung disease and Afib, that God knows I am better off in his hands. I will miss my love of my life, Patsy Armstrong O'Connor who has given me almost 40 years of love and devotion. She has been my saviour and best friend. I will also miss my loving stepson Patrick Armstrong, my adoring grandson Zac (Mackenzie), My loving brothers Ron (late Bonnie), Brad (Sue) and Stuart (Cindy) and all of their children and grandchildren and my parents who are predeceased, Ted and Joyce Sharp. My wife's family I have also treasured, Joanne Byers (Late Neil), Steve Sanford (Late Karen), and Michael Hinman (Sherry) and all of their family. I will also miss my cherished extended family Ann and Drew Le Clair who added joy to our hearts. Dave and Pete (Donna) Stewart have been faithful loving friends as well. I thank my Fountain View and Florida family for being there in our retirement years. Walt and Ruthann, Char and Ed, Roz and Dave, Dave and Beth, Tom and Linda are just a few of these cherished friends. I will miss my Rummoli family, my Lambton College family, my cherished neighbours and all the wonderful students who always brought me joy. I want to thank all those Doctors and nurses at Bluewater Health with all they did to help me survive. The Oncology department was there for me from the start as well as my GP Dr. W. Southcott. To that end, I would be honoured to have memorial donations to the Oncology department for new patient chairs and for donations to be made to the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund for donated funds to add life saving defibrillators across Canada. Again, thanks to you all who have left my heart filled with love and joy and always appreciated.



Passed knowing love – Sept 22nd 2025

This picture is one that Jim took on Karen McClughan's phone at the Purdy's lunch when he so kindly offered to take the picture of their table.

The Full-Time Support Staff Local 124 are still out walking. Strike started September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Discovered that Local 124 has a YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@local124-opseu>

Main message is that students need the Support Staff back in the building.

Some of us went through multiple strikes.

Let us hope that this latest one does not last too much longer.

College Staff need to be with the Students.

Alma advised us that 2025 will be her last year on the Executive. While we don't want to lose her, we certainly understand, as she is the longest standing member. Words cannot express how her experience has helped guide us during the last year of trying to revamp and move forward.

**Thank you so much Alma from the bottom of our hearts.**

With the above notice, the Executive is looking to recruit a new Event Co-ordinator starting in 2026 for a 3 year term (or longer) Send your notice of interest to anyone on the Executive.

Get your **lifetime** free Parking Pass at the College. Visit [parkingservices@lambtoncollege.ca](mailto:parkingservices@lambtoncollege.ca)

Membership in the Lambton College Retirees' Club. \$ 10.00 per year fee paid in December.

Ontario College Retirees Association - OCRA memberships are also \$ 10.00 per year.

Always looking for newer retirees to join the Executive. (\* 3-year term for position)

**Your Executive:**

Alma Brown – Event Planning\* (up to December 2025)

Cathy Bull – Signing Authority

Mary Leckie – Signing Authority

Karen McClughan – Chair\*, Interim Secretary

Pat O'Connor - Support

Shirley Osterman - Support

Gerry Page – Entertainment\*

Kathi Vandenheuvel – Newsletter and Treasurer\*