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# SSURA news

*Working for the wellbeing of SSU retirees by providing and promoting social, recreational, and lifelong learning activities.*

*Only 38% of Americans are eligible to give blood and only 8% actually donate. That's about 3 out of every 100 people!*

*(Statistics from the American Red Cross web site.)*

## SSURA Hosts Blood Drive



On Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, SSURA will serve as host to the American Red Cross for their summer blood drive on campus. Typically the summer blood drives are not as busy as the fall and spring when there are more people on campus, so the goal set for this drive will be 25 pints.

Volunteers are needed to assist the Red Cross nursing staff with things like registration, assisting donors to and from the tables, and hosting in the canteen. The event will be from 10am to 4pm and we could use at minimum 6 volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marcia Tackett at 351-3688.

Please come help us by volunteering and/or donating and encourage your friends and family members to visit campus on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, to donate.



## SSURA Spring Meeting – May 26th

The spring meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. If you haven't been back on campus for a bit, you'll enjoy visiting in the new addition to the University Center. Our meeting will be held in UC214. The building has been updated and looks great!



## 2009 Holiday Bash

On Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, members gathered at the home of Judy & Ralph Nolfi for a holiday dinner and social. Attendees brought covered dishes and provided a variety of good food. A good time was had by all!

The turnout was pretty good for this first holiday event, including the following pictured above (top row from left to right): Susan Warsaw, Marcia Tackett, Vicci Felts, Jackie Evans and Judy Nolfi; Steve & Tess Midkiff, Jean & Paul Sisler; Jeff Burke, Cathy Chaffin, Marsha and Michael Walker; Robbie Burke, Kathleen Simon &

Gary Gemmer; (bottom row from left to right): Shirley & Carl Marley, Susan & Mickey Warsaw, Carl Marley, Ralph Nolfi, and David Chaffin.

Donations of clothing, toys and linens were collected and delivered to the local homeless shelter and Stepping Stones House.



It is with great sadness that we report the loss this past year of Gene Beckett and Helen Leasure.

Gene formerly directed the Learning Center and was and Associate Professor in the English Department.

Helen served as secretary to several presidents of SSU before she retired. (Sorry, no picture of Helen was available.)

## Campus Update

There has been a lot of movement on campus lately! Just to get you up to date, the following offices have recently relocated:

Admissions moved to the UC, part of the Business Office moved into the old Admissions space, the Communications Office moved into the old Business Office space, and Institutional Research & Assessment moved into the old Communications Office space!

Now they are in the process of renovating the older section of the UC, so the Registrar, Financial Aid and Bursar's offices are all temporarily relocated in the old bookstore space. SSU also has a new logo and a new web page. Check it out!

Jonica Burke was moved into the Business Office and Mark Moore was recently named as the new registrar.

## Welcome New Retirees

Thirteen of our former colleagues are joining our rank as retirees from 2009-10 including the following:

Michael Field, John Lorentz, William Randolph, Vicci Felts, Cindy Haney, Frank Byrne, Mary Dillard, Orville Ferguson, Barbara Kunkle, John Valentine, Jerry Ruby, Larry Essman and Kenny Powell.

# Ramblin' Retirees

*Each newsletter we'll take a look at how some of our retirees are enjoying life after work at SSU. In this edition Ken & Heather Leiffield explore their native Canada. Ken was a full-service faculty member in Teacher Education and Harriet taught on an adjunct basis and supervised student teachers.*

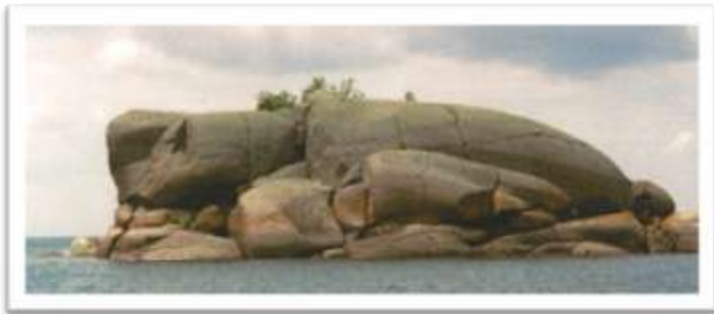
One of the best things about Canada is having the best freshwater boating in the world! This claim may have a slightly bombastic ring to our American friends but, after you read this description of our most recent trip to the North Channel in Lake Huron and see some of the pictures we took you will understand why many Canadians and Americans will boat nowhere else. This area, north of Manitoulin Island (the largest freshwater island in the world) and 50 miles east of the Straits of Mackinac in the far northern reaches of Lake Huron, has miles of totally undeveloped shoreline, the cleanest fresh water in the world, and literally thousands of islands and bays to explore.

After we have provisioned the boat at Tobermory and filled it with gas we usually head to Killarney which is another 50 miles across Georgian Bay. Under normal circumstances we see few, if any, boats on the water since the lake and Bay are so large. Only the GPS unit and the marker buoys tell us where we are since the lake and bay are so huge that we are out of sight of land most of the trip.

Once we reach Killarney we decide if we will continue on to Little Current on

Manitoulin Island or anchor out at Covered Portage Cove or Maryanne's Cove. Usually we anchor out in Covered Portage Cove since it is very close to Killarney and is also very protected against winds. Anchoring out requires dropping the anchor, which Heather does from the bow. After a restful night we leave Covered Portage and head towards Little Current which is approximately 20 miles to the west. This is a relatively easy trip since the route is well buoyed and much of the trip is sheltered from the wind. If we have plenty of gas and food aboard we will sometimes head over to Rat Portage which is only a couple of hundred yards from Covered Portage as the crow flies but is about 20 miles via the water. Rat Portage is a nicely sheltered anchorage and has good fishing for smallmouth bass. After a restful night we leave Covered Portage and head


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small bays and into water too shallow for the big boat) to see if we can find any blueberries. The blueberries get picked over pretty quickly by both the boaters and the bears. There are quite a few black bears in this area, and it is wise to watch where you are going since they don't like to be surprised, especially if they have cubs with them. The Benjamins are also known as a great location to meet with friends from other parts of the channel and a good party location. Now isn't that what retirement is all about?!

In the morning we get away as early as possible and head to the Benjamin Islands which are 20 miles to the northwest of Little Current. It is a good idea to arrive early since the Benjamins are the most popular anchorage in the North Channel and are usually very busy. This is also the location of the Sow and Pigs rocks. Once you have seen them you will know how they got their name. While here we will go gunkholing in the dinghy (taking the dinghy into





*Mark your calendar for the  
May 26 Spring SSURA meeting*

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