



# Humber College Retirees' Association

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## After Humber

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### Christmas Fest 2007; Back to the basics!

**H**CRA promises a return to a more controlled pattern for its prime social event — Christmas Fest. This year it will be back in the Seventh Semester.

Although the Humber Room seemed to be an attractive setting for last year's Fest, it turned out that the Association was faced with a student-learning situation and could not provide the usual upfront get together that past events had offered.

This year's Fest will be held on Wednesday, December 12. The price this year is \$25 per person, including guests..

Reservations may be made using the attached form accompanying this newsletter. Obviously, space will dictate the number of seats available so an early return of the form is advised.

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#### Final footsteps....

#### In Remembrance

It is with a deep sense of loss that we report the death of the following retirees:

**Betty Methley**  
(Human Resources)

**Frank Whittam**  
(Business)

### Quo vadus, Humber? HCAAT → HITAL → HPI?

**I**s Humber seeking a new status that reflects more definitively its broad educational palette? Perhaps, suggested Dr. Robert "Squee" Gordon, addressing the seventh annual meeting of the College Retirees' Association, June 7. Perhaps "Humber Polytechnic Institute" would be the proper designation, he said.

### Slate of Directors Approved at AGM

**T**he following members were approved as Directors of the Humber College Retirees' Association.

**Jim Brady**, Co-Chair

**Dave Darker**, Co-Chair

**William Cuning**, Secretary

**Pat Serase**, Treasurer

Sue Bartlett (returning); Maureen Buck; Joan Dancy; Audrey Dowds (new); John Garyfalakis; Larry Holmes (returning); Barbara Hubbs; Jim Montgomery; Joan Rennie; Doris Tallon; Christine Tomchak; Tom Tumilty; Bev Walden; Marion Walden (new); Don Wheeler; Doug Wilford

### AGM AND BBQ<sup>2</sup>

**T**hey came for the AGM and stayed to sample the offerings of two great BBQ tables!

The HCRA and the President's Office ended up with their annual BBQs on the same day!

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Echoing the theme of Humber's current fund-raising campaign, Squee said that the demographic pressures of an aging population and a declining birthrate are expected to result in fewer skilled workers in the labour force relative to the size of our population.

This comes at a time when demand for high-level skills continue to increase rapidly in all sectors and when thousands of jobs are vacant because of a lack of suitable workers.

Now, more than ever, it is imperative that Ontario is home to an innovative, progressive and comprehensive polytechnic institute capable of preparing highly skilled professionals to meet the needs of Canadian businesses operating in the knowledge age.

Enter Humber!

The College's (Institute's) campaign seeks to raise \$75 million (\$45 million already committed) to build on its successful track record and support its vision of delivering excellence in polytechnic education.

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**Campaign** (from Page 1)

The campaign will result in state-of-the-art technology labs, library resources, centres of excellence and teaching support facilities, which will enrich the Institute's programs ensuring they are of the highest quality, relevance and currency.

Commercialization chairs will attract new industrial partners and applied research projects designed to enable industry commercialization and innovation.

Among Humber's moves to bring post-secondary education closer to the market is the opening of the new Orangeville Campus in 2008 supported by \$10 million from the campaign. It is expected to serve 2,000 students.

Three buildings at Lakeshore Campus are awaiting completion, he said. Humber has acquired a car dealership premises on the Lakeshore which will provide space for larger classes. Enrolment target for Lakeshore is 5,000. North Campus and Guelph Humber will enroll a total of 15,000 students.

Expansion into the Alliston area is under study; Humber has land in that area on which it could build another campus.

Squee stressed that Humber must guard against too much growth that could jeopardize quality control and staff diversity. "We must watch we don't grow too big; there is a possibility that Guelph could take over," he said.

"We are already large but it is important that we keep a "family" approach to education at Humber, he added.

**Hither & Yon: Our Peripatetic Colleagues**

**Barb McGregor** attended her brother's diamond wedding anniversary in England in June. The celebration was marked aboard a Thames River boat.

**Christine Tomchak** chose Scotland for her holiday.

Among the Snowbirds in Florida was **Tom Tumilty**.

Greece was the choice of **John Garyfalakis** for an April visit

And **Doris Tallon** is cruising the waters of Europe as we write!

And the long distance award probably goes to **Jim Brady**. He logged 16 hours to Hong Kong to visit his son and then



took a short 8-hour hop to Perth, Australia. Here he is seen with his wife and granddaughter in the Indian Ocean.

**AGM AND BBQ\*** from Page 1

Both barbecues were held on the terrace behind the new students' residence, giving retirees and Humber's present employees a chance to renew old acquaintances or to make new ones.

At the AGM which preceded the BBQ, members were informed of activities during the 2006/7 association year. Attendance at Association functions in 2006 was down from 2005. A new logo for the association was created (used on this newsletter). For the coming year, the Christmas Fest will be held in the Seventh Semester on December 12. The price is \$25 per person, including guests.

Treasurer Pat Scrase submitted her report showing a balance of \$3,788. The Humber Retirees Endowment Fund stands at \$16,000.

The Board of Directors for the year 2007/8 was approved by the membership. List on page 1.

*Christmas Fest*  
MENU

**Mesculin Mixed Greens  
Fresh Vegetables & Dip  
Red Jacket Potato Salad  
Tomato & Cucumber Salad**

**Pasta with Pesto & Grilled  
Vegetables  
Turkey with gravy  
Medley of Baby Vegetables  
Roast Potatoes**

**Assorted Breads, Rolls, Butter  
(Nut allergy alert)**

**Assorted Sweets  
Fresh Fruit Platter**

**Coffee and Tea**



*AGM/BBQ 50/50 Winner*