Hi everyone..

Here’s hoping everyone had a nice summer and had time to relax have fun with the grandchil-
dren; enjoy golfing, gardening, traveling and the fine summer weather. Hopefully we all stayed
healthy and in good spirits. Now that Fall is upon us, I hope everyone is enjoying the great
weather and preparing for Winter and the Christmas Season.

The Fall is also time for the annual NAIT Family Campaign in support of United Way and you
should have received your Campaign information package. Please support the Campaign by con-
tributing to the ARNS Endowment Fund through the Scholarships & Bursaries option.

It is hard to believe that NAIT will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2012 and that we played
a major part in its development. Let’s celebrate all the efforts and contributions made throughout
the last 50 years. There are many untold stories, so please forward them to arns@nait.ca. ARNS
is continuing to work on the History Project. Folks have contributed stories of their programs, the
beginnings of NAIT and stories by the past presidents. Will keep you posted on the 50th Anni-
versary Gala Event.

Keeping in touch is important, and one great way is thru e-mail. On occasion, the Advancement
Office (Alumni Relations) needs to send notices of NAIT events, so please forward your e-mail
address to arns@nait.ca. The addresses are confidential and not available for distribution outside
of the Advancement Relations office.

The Annual General Meeting and Banquet is being held on November 30 at Ernest's Fine Dining at
NAIT. I invite the new retirees to bring a group of your buddies, fill a table and enjoy the evening
with fun and laughter. I look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to over 30 newly retired NAIT staff members who became ARNS members. Symp-
athies and Condolences to the families who lost their loved ones during the past year. Memories
Forever.

Till Next time... God Bless and Stay Healthy

Jerry
Leslie Turner - retired staff member since 1987 - passed away on April 22, 2011
Henry (Ed) McQuarrie - retired staff member since 1990 - passed away on October 20, 2011

Recent Retirees

Greg Appelt, Senior Capital Project Coordinator, Facilities Planning—32 years of service
Gerard Arcand, Maintenance Service Work—22 years of service
Harriet Arnold, Divisional Librarian, McNally Library—26 years of service
Michael Beblo, Instructor Building Environmental Systems—28 years of service
Pat Clayton, Customer Service, Continuing Education—21 years of service
Gloria Cott, Instructor, Liberal Arts—17 years of service
Brian Crummy, Instructor, Electrician—5 years of service
Donna Foerster, Human Resource Consultant—38 years of service
Trudy Hamilton, Instructor, Medical Laboratory Technology—20 years of service
Wally Herle, Instructor, Chemical Technology—6 years of service
Bob Hiew, Portfolio Manager—5 years of service
Linda Hoffman, Chair, Continuing Education & Part Time Studies—14 years of service
Dhiaa Hussen, Instructor, Telecommunications Engineering Technology—13 years of service
Marie Hutusulak, Administrative Support, Patricia Campus—30 years of service
Donald Kennedy, Instructor, Electrician—29 years of service
Peter Kerswell, Instructor, Telecommunications Engineering Technology—13 years of service
Geraldine Loos, Service Worker, Food Services—27 years of service
Alan Macdonald, Instructor, English—22 years of service
Adeline McKee, Customer Service Clerk, Registrar’s Office—31 years of service
Jack Menduk, Associate Vice-President—24 years of service
Carole Middleton, Instructor, Accounting—29 years of service
Steven Moores, Manager, School of Trades—22 years of service
Kenneth Nelson, Instructor, Welding—34 years of service
Ron Rault, Instructor, Architectural Technology—16 years of service
Hugh Read, Instructor, Medical Transcription—25 years of service
Gilbert Requena, Leader II—28 years of service
Betty Ann Ross, Instructor, Dental Assisting Certificate—32 years of service
Boja Sakic, Caretaker—Foreman, Custodial Services—26 years of service
Lois Sayers, Lending Service Admin Support, McNally Library—38 years of service
Gabriela Schneider, Instructor, Accounting—8 years of service
Warren Wenzel, Copier Specialist, Media Design & Production—29 years of service
Rick Westine, Instructor, Communication Technician—25 years of service
2011 NAIT Family Campaign

It is time once again to come together as part of the NAIT Family and support our community. The 2011 NAIT Family Campaign kicked off on Thursday, September 29 with a perogy lunch raising $2,300 for United Way, our most successful kickoff yet! I MC’d the event and NAIT’s President and Honourary Campaign Chair, Dr. Feltham spoke in between shifts serving perogies. We had a guest speaker from the United Way share their personal stories about how they’ve been impacted by its services.

Our fundraising goal this year is $110,000 and we aim to raise this with the generosity and support from NAIT Staff, students and of course, retirees. Your pledge package should have arrived in the mail already but if you have not received it, you can find campaign information online at www.nait.ca/familycampaign or www.myunitedway.ca. If you prefer, feel free to contact me directly and I will ensure a pledge package is sent to you.

As Jerry mentioned in his message, we encourage you to make a donation to support the campaign in any way that you can. Did you know that just $52 can provide one hour of nursing services for women’s shelters or Elder Abuse services? Did you know that $1,040 provides 30 seniors with the help they need to remain their own home? Your donation, no matter how big or small, truly makes a difference in someone’s life. There is also a great tax credit advantage.

I look forward to updating you on the success of the campaign in the spring issue of ARNS Notes. At press time we’ve raised just over $70,000. Please remember to make your donation and help use reach our goal!

If you have any questions about the campaign, please feel free to contact me at 780.471.7409 or nrose@nait.ca.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rose
2011 NAIT Family Campaign Chair

NAIT’s 50th Anniversary

As part of NAIT’s 50th anniversary celebrations in 2012, 50 outstanding alumni will be recognized in a commemorative issue of techlife magazine. We’re searching for those 50 right now – NAIT staff, former staff, students, alumni and the general public can nominate NAIT grads at www.nait.ca/top50. Those who submit a nomination will be entered to win an iPad2 just for sharing the tip! Closing date for nominations is December 31, 2011. All graduates of NAIT full time or apprenticeship programs and retired NAIT staff are considered alumni of NAIT.

As another way to mark the 50th anniversary, we’re asking you to help us create a photo gallery of NAIT over the past five decades. Post the photos you took while you were a staffer (or student) to the NAIT Alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/naitalumni or email them to alumni@nait.ca. The ones that best capture the spirit of NAIT will be selected for publication in the 50th anniversary issue of techlife magazine. This contest closes on March 30, 2012.
A little over a year ago I decided to retire from the NAIT Welding Program.
This was a major decision as it affects many aspects of ones’ life (monetary, medical & dental benefits, expenses, etc.) but in the end it just seemed like the right thing to do.

What I miss the most is the classroom and lab hours with the students. Sharing your experiences, watching the light bulbs come on in their eyes when they finally understand the topic and helping with real life situations at the job site were the true rewards one received. Some of the things one doesn’t miss are the long (1 hr.) drives to and from NAIT, the hectic first few days of each intake and the feeling that there just aren’t enough hours in a day.

Once the decision to leave NAIT was made many things seemed to change almost overnight. No longer do I get out of bed at 5:15 AM, it’s more like 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The lawn that seemed to always need cutting is pristine, the flowers are radiant and the garden acts like it’s radioactive. Now we’re entering the harvest season without the pressure of time constrictions.

For several years prior to retiring from NAIT I had thought about possibly entering into the political arena. In early August of 2010 I started visiting some of the residents within the area to determine if this was a feasible venture. September lead to my filing of election nomination papers with the Count of Lac Ste. Anne. The next step was advertising and visiting with the residents. In six weeks over 325 residencies were personally contacted. Unfortunately time ran out and about 30 residencies were missed. What really shocked me was the fact that the majority of residents had never had a visit from a candidate. The personal contact by far outweighed the advertising aspect of the campaign. With four candidates vying for one position it was with some nervousness I awaited the election results in October. At about 9:30 PM the phone rang and the County CAO congratulated me on my win in Division 2, Lac Ste. Anne County.

Of the seven council positions, two councilors won by acclamation, one councilor was re-elected and four new councilors were elected. At the first Council meeting all councilors discussed and appointed a Reeve and a Deputy Reeve. I was fortunate enough to be appointed the Deputy Reeve for the County of Lac Ste. Anne as well as being a councilor. Next on the agenda was indoctrination, along with a copy of the Municipal Government Act, a book that has become a second bible to me. County By-laws and policies have now become the focus of the majority of my reading time.

As a councilor one must also serve on several boards and committees. Although it seems like a lot of work, on the average you spend 2-3 days a week and about 3-4 evenings per month on County business. A perfect match for a semi-retired person?

I feel that my time at NAIT was a contributing factor to my success. It taught me diplomacy, enhanced computer skills and most important, patience. For this I am grateful.

R.O. (Bob) Clark
Deputy Reeve
Lac Ste. Anne County
Kick off the Christmas season with fun and fellowship at the ARNS Banquet & AGM!

Spouses and Companions welcome.

**Wednesday, November 30th, 2011**

*Ernest’s Dining Room*

**Evening will include:**
- Banquet Dinner
- Annual General Meeting
- Election of Officers
- Special Guests
- Special Recognition

**Program:**
- 5:00 pm Reception *(no host bar)*
- 6:00 Dinner and AGM

**Parking:**
- Lot ‘C’
  *(across the street from Ernest’s on 118 Ave)*

**Price:**
- $30 per person
  *(cash, cheques payable to ARNS—paid at the door)*

Deadline for reservations is **Monday, November 21, 2011**. Only 100 seats available. Don’t be disappointed—book your seat today.

**RSVP to Jean Lang at 780.449.7082 | jeanlangcruisin@gmail.com**

  or

**Walter Hoffman at 780.459.3229 | whoffman@airsurfer.ca**

  Please advise of dietary restrictions

**SAVE THE DATE**

Next ARNS BBQ
- **Monday, June 4, 2012**