

just companionship. But the Retirees Association could also contribute to the larger community. Our membership boasts extraordinary talent and experience. Some of these might be devoted to the enrichment of others – the Kingston community, children, students, non-Queen's 'oldies,' the arts..

On some campuses, retirees have banded together to provide teaching and research assistance. Additionally, as public funds in support of

A | The Annual General Meeting and Luncheon of the Retirees' Association of Queen's
M | was held April 28, 2003 at Ban Righ Hall in the lower dining room. About 120 people came to enjoy meeting and talking with old friends and colleagues before and during an excellent lunch nicely presented and well served. The flowers floating in water on each table were a delightful added touch and much appreciated.

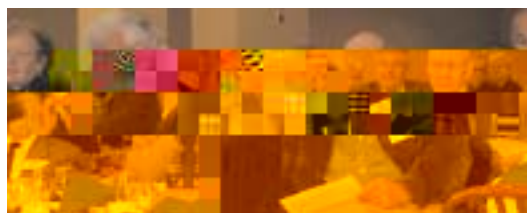
After a short break, John Meisel conducted the meeting with his usual wit and wisdom. Joyce Zakos presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Pat Bogstad. Membership was 73 for the year now ending. Renewals for 03/0 stand at just over 250. The hope is that further renewals and new members will bring the total well over four hundred so that income remains approximately in balance with expense. Details of the budget and discussion of other matters raised from the floor will be covered in the minutes to be posted on the web-site. Some of these relating to health insurance, pensions and computers are covered on page two, and in John Gordon's message from the communications committee on page .

The meeting voted to confirm the nominees for election to Council for three-year terms as listed in the agenda material. Helen Coffey was elected to serve a two year term following the resignation of P. Girard.

Of those who attended, 58 completed assessment forms. The vote was 56-2 in favour of meeting combined with lunch and a cash bar rather than a stand alone meeting. In general, those attending were pleased with the occasion. But please forward any further thoughts you may have.

The RAQ Annual Meeting Committee needs feedback from all members to plan for next year's AGM. If you *did not attend this year* please let us know why: date conflict; no interest; cost; location; transportation/parking; prefer AGM separate from social occasion; other.

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Pa | **Tour of Chernoff Hall**

E | On January 17, about 30 RAQ members enjoyed an insiders' tour of the new chemistry building – Chernoff Hall.

Rick Boswell, Manager of the department, who was part of the project from start to finish, showed us the building beginning with the beautiful central atrium. He pointed out new safety features such as Canadian made fume hoods, shower and eyewash stations in the halls near the labs, compulsory safety glasses and use of videos rather than live demonstrations. The first year labs are designed with safety in mind, but also to interest students in chemistry. For example, to reduce drudgery, measurement of pH and temperature are automated.

The building includes energy saving and environmental features. It is designed to be adaptable as new professors and projects arrive. There are a number of friendly spaces for people to gather including a spec-

tacular lounge for graduate students, looking out over Lake Ontario

The RAQ group on the tour heartily thanks Rick Boswell for a superb visit.

Performance of *Les Belles Soeurs*

On Saturday, February 8, a group of 28 RAQ members attended a most enjoyable matinee performance of *Les Belles Soeurs* presented by the Queen's drama department. Professor Craig Walker, director of the production, had earlier agreed to discuss the play with RAQ members after the performance. This bonus added greatly to understanding not only the play per se but also the set design, the "characters" and even the "period" hairstyles. Similar projects are planned for the future and Professor Walker has again agreed to share his insights after the performances.

FYI: Queen's retirees are entitled to a dial-in account with a user ID and password. Telenet (533-0363) is free while Toll (533-06 6) charges \$0.75 per hour and requires an advance deposit. For more, call Information Technology Services (533-22 22).

A reminder – *please renew your membership as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Forms were included in the last mailing with the notice of the annual meeting. Please also tell your fellow retirees and colleagues who will be retiring this year about the Retirees' Association and encourage them to join. A form is available on the RAQ website www.queensu.ca/retirees. For further information, telephone 533-6986 or e-mail raq@post.queensu.ca.*

Another reminder – some very good deals are available at the Campus Computer Store. Find what's on offer at www.ccstore.queensu.ca or telephone Stephanie at 533-2058.

Finally – if you would like to receive updated information on RAQ activities by e-mail, please send your address with your membership renewal or e-mail to the RAQ address.

JOHN GORON, *Chairman*

The Events Committee has arranged a promising program of outings through the coming months. For details please see the schedule enclosed with this newsletter together with registration forms. The Committee hopes that many RAQ members will wish to take advantage of these opportunities

Wednesday, May 28, 1:30-3:30 pm

Tour of Marine Museum of the Great Lakes

As well as the events and outings planned especially by RAQ for our membership, there are, of course, many events and activities at Queen's which are open to the university community as a whole as well as, in many cases, the public at large. Notice of these is given in the *Gazette* (for subscription details see Newsletter #2) and may also be found at <http://adv.queensu.ca/calendar>.

The following tour planned by the Agnes Etherington Art Centre may be of special interest:

May 29-31

Gallery Association Trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Kleinburg, including the Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory and McMichael Canadian Art Collection. For reservations, call Mavis Goodman at 613 5 2-5 73 or Janet Hardy at 613 5 9-8002.

