



The need to know the definition of a word in order to use it accurately is emphasized during medical training. When transferring responsibility of the care of a patient to another physician, the description of the illness and treatment must be clear and mutually understood. Comparable clarity is elusive with the word "retiree." The Oxford English Dictionary definition is "a person who has retired from work" "But work is defined as "the application of mental or physical effort to a purpose." Even the most indolent member of RAQ must qualify occasionally as having done such work. Embarking on a survey of activities of RAQ members was suggested a few years ago but not pursued because Council could not agree on the purpose and which activities to include. I was reminded of these retirement related matters by Margaret Wente's recent column in The Globe and Mail, "

Rooney died aged 92, a

Mark your Calendar

RAQ Annual General Meeting and Lunch

Monday April 30, 2012—University Club

Reception and Cash Bar 11:30 am; Lunch 12 noon. Meeting to follow

Since the last report of the RAQ Pensions and Benefits Committee (RAQ PBC) in the September 2011 issue of RAQnews our committee has met on its own and also with Caroline Davis, Vice, Principal (Finance and Administration) and Bob Weisnagel (Associate Director -

Pensions and Benefits). Our discussions continue to focus primarily on pensions

Reports of Past Events Fall 2011

Prince Edward County Music

Festival

On a wet September 24th afternoon a small group of 114 RAC members drove to Picton where we were met by two more. Since there were not enough people to justify the bus, we had decided to car pool from ToysRUs.

The sun had come out by the time we reached our destination, so we strolled along the main street before enjoying an excellent 3 course dinner at the Portabella Restaurant. We then walked to St. Mary Magdalen Anglican Church, a fine old building with excellent acoustics. Here we ended the final gala

Coming RAQ Events

Winter/Spring 2012

6th RAQonteur Forum

This issue includes an outline of Provost and Vice Principal Academic Alan Harrison's comments at our annual reception. He provided an outline of his responsibilities in this newly created Queen's administrative position and the opportunities and challenges that it offered. Dr Harrison will be the speaker at the next RAQonteur Forum on April 2nd in the Biosciences Building. At that time he will review his first year's experience including achievements and both expected and unexpected challenges.

HENRY DINSDALE

Monday Morning Forums: Winter/Spring 2012

This series is arranged by Dr. Agnes Herzberg and supported by Queen's University; Four Points by Sheraton Kingston; and Cunningham Swan, Lawyers.

The talks take place at the University Club, 168 Stuart Street, Kingston.

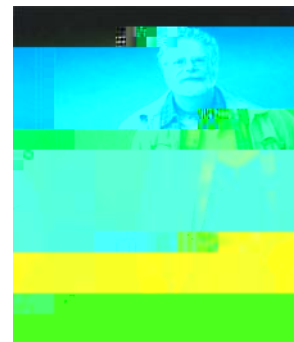
Coffee and muffins are served from 8:15 a.m. Lectures begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by an exchange of ideas and discussion.

January 16, 2012

Monthly Luncheons

RAQ monthly luncheons continue to be a popular choice for members to meet informally and sample the cuisine of various Kingston area restaurants. The luncheons are usually held on the last Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome—including members' spouses and friends. Contact Jessica (Jerry) Roddy at (613) 353-6959 or jroddy@kingston.net for details and reservations.

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