

RAQ *news*



... article, I'd consider "How I survived the heat wave of '00" (remembering those Ice Storm stories and t-shirts) or "What I did on my summer vacation" (which I recall, vaguely, as one of the first back-to-school assignments). Jumping into the nearest body of cool water, even a backyard kiddie pool, helps the heat wave survival, as does doing nothing remotely physical unless absolutely necessary. There goes the fitness routine. And golf? Forget it. So there goes the vacation, too.

Many people who are still employed think being retired is one long holiday, but not so for RAQ and RAQueteers. The association has been busy on a number of fronts since the AGM in April

At the June meeting of the RAQ programs, Director of Heriot-Watt/Retiree in Collaboration

Presidential News and Views

The Monday Morning Forum series managed by Agnes Herzberg has had such success that Vice-Principal Deane again came through, granting further funding for 2006-7. The last in this past series was given by RAQ Past President, John Meisel, under the title *Global Perspectives*. In her report on the event, Joan Sherwood says that leading to the discussion period, John posed this question: "How can the University live up to its mandate to serve the better good?" To further quote Joan, "The response ... among his audience of retirees was varied, exciting and innovative. ...The issue enthusiastically engaged the hearers." A small group (dare I say "committee?") will consider any follow-up to the thoughts expressed that morning.

The Heriot-Watt/Retiree in Collaboration Committee (see May's Newsletter) has met on three occasions and identified a number of projects that may be of interest to pursue. Those projects are outlined elsewhere in this issue, along with an appeal to retirees to express their interest in interacting with students in a number of areas. I have joined the meetings of this committee and can vouch for the enthusiasm of the students. It has been fun, too, so I encourage you to get involved.

And we have another committee! John Meisel has been successful in persuading Henry Dinsdale to chair a committee to explore the potential for establishing a campus Emeriti/Retiree Centre to serve Queen's retired faculty and staff. Patrick Deane endorsed the idea at a recent meeting and will identify three or four people from the senior administration to join the retiree group, which currently includes Henry Dinsdale, John Meisel and Alison Morgan.

The reports of the Standing Committees speak eloquently for themselves. RAQ is on vacation! I hope to see many of you at upcoming events.

JOYCE ZAKOS, President

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Istvan Anhalt explains ' what's behind the music'

More than 20 music-loving RAQueteers gathered in the Jordan Music Library on May 11 to hear renowned composer Istvan Anhalt describe what's behind his music. He does not begin with the music itself, he said, but rather starts with an idea. This idea develops into further ideas, often when he is outdoors walking. Only then does he begin work on the musical expression of

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continue to meet
informally and enthu-
siastically for lunch at
various restaurants,
usually on the last
Monday of each
month. Everyone is

welcome. E-mail Jessica Roddy,
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