

# ARALU NEWSLETTER

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## New Website

Thanks to the Laurentian University Faculty Association's offer to set up a new website for ARALU at no cost to us, we are pleased to announce that the job has now been done. Have a look at:

EN - [https://www.lufappul.ca/?page\\_id=6403](https://www.lufappul.ca/?page_id=6403)

FR - [https://www.lufappul.ca/?page\\_id=6421](https://www.lufappul.ca/?page_id=6421)

(In particular check all the discounts available to seniors—not only in Sudbury but across Canada. 😊)

If you have any suggestions on how to improve the site, please let Ashley Thomson know as soon as possible. We can't promise that all your suggestions will be implemented since LUFA, which has used its own resources to pay for the work, does not have an unlimited budget. That said, it will consider all it receives.

## More Money

LUFA must be on a roll—in addition to creating our website, it has donated \$1,500 to help us out. Our treasurer, Desmond Maley, reports that with these funds there is now \$4,425.33 in our bank account.

And remember if you want to make a financial contribution to ARALU, you can Interact a contribution via our Association's email: [aralu@laurentian.ca](mailto:aralu@laurentian.ca) or you can send your cheque to our office at: ARALU/AURUL c/o LUFA/APPUL or Mailbox 21 Rm. L-628 935 Ramsey Lake Rd. Sudbury, ON P3E 2C6.

Desmond will be making a budget presentation at the AGM next Spring.

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## **LUFA and Negotiations**

As LUFA begins the next round of negotiations—with the first female chief negotiator in its history (stay tuned)—it has asked to meet over lunch with the ARALU Executive (check the website) to discuss ways it could improve the lot of retirees. (Of course, current LUFA members continue to retire so this is a win-win for everyone.)

The ARALU Board has already put the renewal of LURF-R on the table and suggested there also be a LURF-P to assist in the publication of faculty research. If readers of this newsletter have any other ideas on what LUFA could pursue, please let Joe Shorthouse know as soon as possible.

BTW—did you know that over 20 years ago LUFA negotiated the Retirees Health Benefit Plan, now of course canceled. A shout out to Wendy Jerome, a current ARALU member and a former LUFA President who pushed that item at the bargaining table. Wendy was also the founder of Laurentian's still popular program in Sports Psychology

## **What's for Sale**

Most ARALU members will be receiving some sort of payout from Laurentian no later than the end of November 2025 based on the sale of the following properties to the Ontario Government:

Referring to the [campus map](#), they are:

1. NOSM
  2. Health Sciences Education Resource Centre (#25)
  3. The East Residence (#19)
  4. The Maintenance and Security Building (#3)
  5. The Living with Lakes Centre (#1 and #1a)
- And several parking lots including "The Pit." (#P15)

## **Next Lunch**

Not all readers of this newsletter are able to attend ARALU Lunches. This week we are sending out a Doodle poll to local members asking for their availability to attend the next lunch, we hope with the new Vice-President Academic and Provost, Malcolm Campell ("A Meal with Malcolm"! After lunch we will focus on the Laurentian's new Academic Plan—currently being worked on—and how ARALU members can participate.

If you do not receive the survey by October 1, please let Ashley Thomson know.

If you receive the survey and for whatever reason do not want to attend these or future lunches, please let Ashley Thomson know by replying him asking that your name be removed from his list.

## **Sad News**

We are sorry to report that two well-known Laurentian personalities have passed away. The first is Karen Danielson, wife of ARALU member and former Kinesiology prof, Rick Danielson. See: <https://www.sudbury.com/obituaries/danielson-karen-9534251>

The second is Gamila Morcos. She will be remembered by old timers as a former Dean of Humanities when it existed as a separate faculty and of course as a Dean she served on Senate where she was renowned for reading minutes with meticulous detail, bringing corrections that no one else caught. See: <https://www.ridleyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Gamila-Morcos?obld=32835778>

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## John Gunn

One of the legends of Laurentian University has now officially retired, and as noted in the last issue of ARALU News, has joined ARALU. Here is a tribute as written by our President, Joe Shorthouse:

Dr. John Gunn, renowned expert on stressed aquatic ecosystems, and recently retired, was honoured with a gala celebration of his accomplishments, on Friday August 16, at the Vale Living With Lakes Centre. Joe Shorthouse, President of ARALU/AURUL, and colleague since his arrival in Sudbury in 1978, was present to officially welcome John to the ranks of retired academics. John is well known locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally for his role in abating acid precipitation and finding ways to return acidified lakes to health again.

He is largely responsible for Sudbury becoming known as a City of Lakes and has played a key role in bringing the Sudbury Restoration Story to the world, including presentations at the United Nations COP 15 in Montreal in 2022.

John came to Sudbury in 1978 as a special projects biologist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to find solutions to the extensive acidification damage to sport fish populations in the area. He left Sudbury in 1983 to complete his PhD at the University of Guelph, then transferred from Guelph to Queens Park to head the OMNR Acid Rain Fisheries Program in 1986-1988. John returned to Sudbury as an OMNR senior research scientist in 1989 to help establish the Laurentian University Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit with scientists from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, which is now the longest running research cooperative in Ontario.

In 1983, he was awarded an NSERC Tier 1 CRC in Stressed Aquatic Systems at Laurentian University, a position he retained through three seven-year terms ending in July 2024. He led the fund raising and design development for the Vale Living with Lakes Centre on the shores of Lake Ramsey, opposite the entrance to the Laurentian University campus. He became the founding director of the Centre which opened officially in 2011.

John has received many millions of dollars in funding to support research and science communication projects, has supervised or co-supervised 49 BSc Honours thesis project students, 45 MSc students, 6 PhDs and 11 Post Docs as well as hundreds of summer research assistants, field and laboratory technicians and contract staff. He has authored or co-authored about 240 publications, including the book he organized and edited, *Restoration and Recovery of an Industrial Region*, published by Springer-Verlag in New York, in 1995.

