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Upcoming Events

April 24, 2026

Brock University Update

at the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and
Performing Arts

Arrive: 11:30am for lunch at noon

May 19, 2026

Annual General Meeting

at *Holiday Inn*

Arrive: 10:30am. Meeting begins at 11:00am.

June 17, 2026

Niagara Takes Flight

at *Table Rock House, Niagara Falls, ON*

Parking will be free

Save the date.. More details to follow soon

BURA Coffee Club

at *Ostin's Restaurant,*

April 9, 2026

May 12, 2026

June 3, 2026

Arrive: 9:30am

Member News

Notice to Members

WE want to make the BURA website the first place you go for information about BURA events and people, and much much more. We want it to be a place chock-full of information of interest to you.

Check it out – <https://brocku.ca/retirees-association/>

It is your source for up-to-date information concerning BURA activities and more!

- **BURA Events** – dates, times, link to registration, etc.
- **CURAC** (College and University Retiree Associations of Canada)
 - BURA members can access to a number of discounted services and, when we do, BURA receives some of the financial contribution.
 - CURAC calendar of events & activities
- **Links to Resources for Seniors**
- **BURA Policies & membership information**

Coming Soon –

- *BURA members will be able to access some discounted services through a renewed relationship with Brock Alumni Affairs;*
- *Updates on what your BURA friends are up to.*

–[BURA President](#)

Do you have any news that you would like to share with the BURA membership?

WE would be pleased to review any member news submitted on the webform at:
<https://brocku.ca/retirees-association/contact-us/>



In Memoriam



In sorrow, and with respect, BURA observes the passing of the following member:

Alexandra Fic, January 28, 2026

New BURA Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Dale Bradley	<i>Communications, Popular Culture & Film</i>
Marian Bredin	<i>Communications, Popular Culture & Film</i>
Jian (Jason) Liu	<i>Health Sciences</i>
Cheryl Mallen	<i>Sport Management</i>
Adrian Palmieri	<i>Marilyn I Walker Fine & Performing Arts</i>
Karen Phillips	<i>Economics</i>
Kojo Saffu	<i>Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources & Entrepreneurship</i>
Donato Tarulli	<i>Child & Youth Studies</i>
Peter Vietgen	<i>Educational Studies</i>

Are you 90 years of age or will you turn 90 in the next year?

You qualify for our **I'm 90 Birthday Club**, and your membership is free forever! (The change to free membership was discussed and unanimously approved at a past Executive meeting for anyone 90+.) Your membership receipt will be mailed to you each year at no charge.

Please let us know by e-mail to:

Pat Cane BURAMembership@outlook.com

Past Events

BURA Holiday Celebration

with *Caitlin Miller*

YOUR BURA friends and colleagues shared some holiday cheer and live entertainment with local artist Caitlin Miller.

To start, we had a DIY sangria which was greatly appreciated. At lunch, the roasted chicken and seasonal vegetables were excellent.



Caitlin Miller

Canadian Sovereignty in 2026

with *Blayne Haggart*

IN April 2025, Prime Minister Mark Carney led the Liberals to an unexpected victory, based largely on his promise to stand up to the United States and to protect Canadian sovereignty in an increasingly unstable continent and world. Blayne discussed the biggest questions facing Canada today: Is Carney's strategy up to the task? What challenges can Canadians expect in 2026 and beyond, and how should we respond?

Blayne Haggart is a Professor of Political Science at Brock University. He is also a Senior Fellow with the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo, ON,



Blayne Haggart

Hearing Loss as a Factor in Dementia

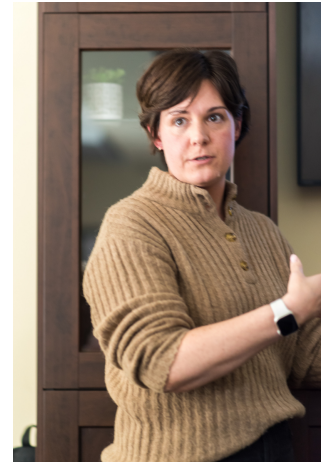
with *Lori Serafino-Harper* and *Terri-Lynne Dean*



Lori Serafino-Harper



Hotel Dieu Shaver



Terri-Lynne Dean

Recent research suggests early treatment of age-related hearing loss can reduce the individual risk of developing dementia by seven per cent. It is also one of the easiest factors to address. However, the timing of intervention matters - addressing hearing loss earlier in life could help protect brain health decades later. Terri-Lynne Dean and Lori Serafino-Harper discussed hearing loss as the most modifiable risk factor for dementia from a practical perspective.

Matinee Film with Lunch

Cinema Paradiso with commentary by Dr. Elias Polizoes

Cinema Paradiso is a warm, nostalgic Italian film about a man reflecting on his childhood and the small-town movie theatre that shaped his love for cinema. Through memories of friendship, loss, and the magic of movies, it celebrates how art can deeply influence a life. After the movie, Dr. Elias Polizoes shared his insights and elaborated on the themes of the film.

Dr. Elias Polizoes is a lecturer at Brock University in the Modern Languages department. He holds Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Toronto and also studied at the University of Siena.

Avoid missing out on BURA Newsletters and Event Notices

MAKE sure we are kept apprised of any revisions to your e-mail or home address. Please email any changes to: Pat Cane BURAMembership@outlook.com

Upcoming Events

April 24, 2026

Brock University Update

at the *Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts*

LESLEY Rigg, Brock University's President and Vice-Chancellor, will report on the latest developments at Brock.

We thank Brock University for sponsoring this event and arranging lunch.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon ,

Venue: *the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, 5 Artists' Common, St. Catharines*

May 19, 2026

Annual General Meeting

at the *Holiday Inn*

YOUR participation in the AGM is important. It provides support and guidance for our BURA Executive in its role of enriching the lives of our members. Please plan to attend the AGM in person or by Zoom.

Prior to the AGM event, you'll receive Package #1: Notice of the AGM. That notice will come to you by email on April 21st. The package will contain the agenda, proposed constitutional changes, proposed Executive slate (if available at this time), and RSVP request.

Later, on April 28th, your AGM Package #2 will be emailed out, and also will be sent out, by regular mail, for some. This package will contain the updated agenda with motions, reports, the unapproved minutes from the AGM, May 20th, 2025, as well as the proposed Executive slate (if not available for package #1).

Event Details:

Time : 10:30am. Meeting begins at 11:00am.

Venue: *Holiday Inn, 327 Ontario St, St. Catharines*

June 17, 2026

Niagara Takes Flight

at *Table Rock House*

PREPARE for the adventure of a lifetime! *Niagara Takes Flight* is a brand new, fully-immersive flying theatre ride that takes you to the skies for a breathtaking journey along the Niagara River corridor.

You'll soar across 56 kilometers of parkland, from the shores of Lake Ontario to edge of Lake Erie, as breathtaking landscapes unfold beneath you. Gliding over swirling rapids and steep rock faces, past lush forests and through dramatic battles that changed the course of history all before getting closer than ever to the thundering Horseshoe Falls.



Niagara Takes Flight

Enjoy a locally sourced and internationally inspired three-course lunch at the Table Rock House Restaurant with Niagara Falls as your backdrop.

For more information, click, or copy and paste into your browser, the following link: <https://www.niagaraparks.com/media/2025/05/Niagara-Takes-Flight-Media-Kit-5-12-25.pdf>

Parking will be free.

Save the date.. More details to follow soon.

BURA Coffee Club

following dates at the *Ostin's Restaurant*

April 9, 2026

May 12, 2026

June 3, 2026

The coffee club meetings will continue to be in-person gatherings, this spring, at *Ostin's Restaurant*, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, starting at 9:30am.

Please save the above dates. We hope to see you there!

The next BURA Newsletter with information on upcoming events will be published at the end of August this year.