



CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba

Meetings held at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Wed of the Month at the
Norwood Legion, 134 Marion St., Winnipeg except for the
months of July, August and December

Special Points of Interest:

- Transcona Shops 100th
- Picnic Report & Bocce Ball Winners
- Welcome to New Members
- Golf at Kingswood June 26th Report
- TCRC Retirement Banquet
- Family Day at Symington

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Fall 2012

President's View—Ron Davis

Transcona Shops 100th Anniversary Celebration

Transcona, incorporated as a town in 1912 and now a suburb of Winnipeg, actually derived its name from 'Trans' as in Transcontinental and 'cona' from Lord Strathcona who hammered in the last spike for the CPR. Chosen in 1908 as the site for the Grand Trunk Pacific Repair Shops, it truly was and remains a railway city. In conjunction with the 100th birthday of the town of Transcona, and since the CN Transcona Shops not only gave birth to, but continues to give life to this town, some very special events were planned at the Shops in honor of this milestone occasion.

The celebrations began in earnest at the Shops on Friday, June 1st at a VIP event hosted by CN. In attendance were dignitaries from the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments, union leaders, local officials as well as representatives from the Executive Committee of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba. The event kicked off with a tour of the maintenance facilities, one of the highlights of which was an incredible display of privately owned railway memorabilia courtesy of CN employee Paul Meneer. Back at the tent, a delightful BBQ was served followed by speeches by several dignitaries. It was at this time that Claude Mongeau, President & CEO of CN, announced that a very special gift of \$250,000 would be donated to erect a Centennial Clock Tower on the Transcona Centennial Square in recognition of the long relationship CN has had with Transcona and its residents. This was in addition to a generous donation that CN had already made towards the publishing of the Transcona 100th Historical book. This masterpiece, although currently sold out, is being reprinted and will be available at the Transcona Museum in the near future.

On Saturday, June 2nd, the CN Transcona Shops continued the celebration by opening its doors to the general public. The CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba were honored and delighted to be part of this milestone event. Three of the Executive Committee members were invited by CN to blow the shops whistle during the Open House. The "Whistle Blowers" Ron Davis, Bill Cameron & Harvey Hosfield each



took a turn; Ron at 9:00 a.m., Harvey at noon and Bill at 3:00 p.m. Several pensioners participated in the Hi-Neighbour Festival Parade which took place Saturday morning. CN Pensioner Ken Rigaux graciously offered to drive Parade Marshal, CN's Sameh Fahmy, Senior VP Mechanical, Engineering & Supply Management. What was extra special about this was that Ken Rigaux brought in his 1926 Model T Roadster for this purpose! How very appropriate!Continued P. 6





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with 204)

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Membership Report—Wayne Zaharia

As of August 31, 2012 membership is as follows:

Total Paid Membership: 3,962

Payroll Deduction 3,787

Fees Paid by Cheque 175

Correction – Last newsletter had name: Stojanovic, Lewis and should have read: Stojanovic-Lewis, Diana. Sorry about that.

Welcome to the following new members:

Ariano, Alan

Barratt, Richard

Barrette, Glen

Boily, Dollard

Cadoreth, John

Carrierre, Michel

Chikousky, Laureen

Couture, Raymond

Cruikshank, Janette

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Senenko, Josh

Shaw, Dave

Smith, Daniel

Soltowski, Lawrence

Still, Chuck

Telfer, Bruce

Villanueva, Cecilio

Wagner, Walter

Wiens, John

It's nearing the time of the year for cheque paying members to think positively about switching to pension cheque deduction of \$1 a month. This makes it easier for me by saving time inputting data into our membership data base, taking cheques to the bank and informing National Council of members paying by cheque. It saves you time in not having to make out application, envelope and buying stamps but most importantly you don't have to wonder did I pay my membership or not. It's quick and easy to do – just give me a call at 204-694-5133 and I will make the necessary arrangements for you. Remember we are all volunteers and would appreciate having less work to do. Also if for whatever reason you wish to cancel your membership all you have to do is give me a call and deduction will cease the next month. Thanks very much.

Following members have moved and left no forwarding address. If anyone knows there whereabouts please let me know: Brown, Linda; Dempster, Cliff; Firby, William A.; Fox, Julie M.; Green, Hortense; Joyal, Paul; Kumka, David; Stone, Ethel.

REMEMBER, if you move please let me know after you have notified Mercer.

First Time Attendees & New Members

A hearty welcome to all new members and an especially warm welcome to those who have attended their first General Meeting where they received a Pensioners pin. Here is a list of first time attendees from June 2012 : David Allan and JP Poitras.

National Council 2011-2012

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Rocky Mountain Rail Society

The Rocky Mountain Rail Society is a registered non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to the preservation of CNR Steam Locomotive 6060. For more information, visit www.6060.org.

Special Events Report—Linda Schram

Thanks to all who attended the picnic and made it a great success.

Meetings will be starting up again in September. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Norwood Legion on Marion St. The meetings start at 1:30 but many pensioners arrive a little early for coffee and a get together before the meeting. We usually have a guest speaker covering some interesting topics. The only months we don't meet at the Legion are July, August and December.

September 5th Regular Meeting—the guest speaker will be from the Winnipeg Police Services. The topic will be personal safety.

October 3rd Regular Meeting—the speaker will be from Manitoba Hydro. The topic will be power outages in winter.

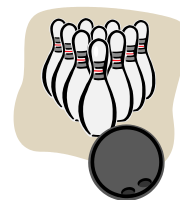
November 7th Regular Meeting—There will be no guest speaker because we will be holding elections. Please consider becoming involved in an executive position, committee chair or on a committee. There is always room for new and fresh ideas. If you are interested please speak to any executive member or committee chair.

December 5th Annual CN Pensioners Christmas luncheon. A noon luncheon is planned at the Masonic Memorial Hall at Corydon and Osborne. The tickets are \$20.00 each and include lunch, wine, and prize draws. Tickets will be available at the October and November meetings. **Ticket cutoff will be November 23.** More info available by calling Linda at 204-255-5636.

Publicity Chair—Harvey Hosfield

Attention All Mixed 5- Pin Bowlers

Your CN Mixed Bowling League starts the new season Thursday, September 6th. Bowling starts at 10.00 a.m. at the Mosienko Bowling Lanes, corner of Redwood & Main. Lots of parking is available next to the alley. This is a fun league with good and not so good Bowlers needed. Couples are encouraged to come out. New players are welcome. Call **Marge Jacobson** at 204-222-6012 and she will fit you in. Marge is our Secretary, Wally Payonk, is President & Dean Danforth is our able Treasurer.



Joining up will get you out of the house come rain or shine. At this stage of our life some of us need a little push to get us going in the morning. Besides a little exercise, you'll make new friends and see new faces. Cost is only \$10 per session which includes bowling, banquet and generous prize money at the end of the season.

Outreach Chair's Report—Rose Chapman 204-832-1105

Outreach Committee

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Please contact any member on the Outreach Committee with information on pensioners who are hospitalized, or ill at home, and on those who have had or will be celebrating special birthdays or milestone anniversaries. ***Remember—please keep us informed!***

To those previously mentioned on our Sick List, we hope that you are feeling much better. To those who are currently ill or still experiencing health problems, please know you are in our thoughts. The membership joins us in extending Best Wishes for a speedy recovery. We have received reports and updates on the following Pensioners since the last newsletter: (* denotes member).

- Jim Spears*: (Correction to Summer newsletter) Jim did not require surgery for esophagus cancer. He went through chemo treatments, is home and is doing very well.
- William Begal* is in Health Sciences Centre after suffering a stroke in early July.
- Therese Fillion* is in Taché Centre, and is confined to a wheelchair since breaking her hip.
- Fred McDonald* is recuperating at home from lung surgery.
- Mike Prokopchuk* is now in Riverview Health Centre.
- Martin Roy is in Beacon Hill Lodge and is not doing very well.
- Sandra Rubin, wife of Harold Rubin* is home after suffering a stroke. She is doing quite well, and is waiting to receive speech therapy.
- Ed Yagilashek* is home recuperating from hip surgery.

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- Avery Christiana Manning, born July 11th - new granddaughter for Patrick and Linda McMullin.
- Therese Fillion will celebrate her 87th birthday on September 19th.
- Georgette Fiola celebrated her 71st birthday on August 15th.
- John Mozol will celebrate his 80th birthday on September 9th.
- Teresita San Diego* will celebrate her 78th birthday on September 5th.

Anniversaries:

- John and Laureen Cochrane celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 23rd.
- Dean and Stephanie Danforth will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 22nd.
- Albert and Madeleine Delbaere will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 29th.
- Roland and Georgette Fiola celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 28th.
- John and Marge Gregorash celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 26th.
- Harvey and Sonya Hosfield will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 19th.
- James and Violet McDougall celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on July 5th.
- Bill and Gail Osachuk celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 29th.
- Mickey and Bernice Polischak celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 30th.
- Ed and Mary Ann Yagilashek celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on May 30th.

Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of good health and happiness to the above!

Birthday of the Month:

June—William Carroll, July—David Allan

Door Prizes:

June—Robert Town, Gary Taylor, Fred Diachun, Art Jones

Obituaries: The following pensioners have passed away since the last report (* denotes member of the Manitoba Pensioners' Association).

The CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba extends our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

Lucien Anaka
Margaret Amundsen
Rachel Anderson
Theresa Bayrack
Erich Beck*
Bill Bondarenko
Julius Brasseur*
Milton Bruce*
Margaret Bryce
Manuel Cabral
Roy Chikousky*
Milorad Ciric
Pearl Cwyk
Frances Davey*
Mary Davies*, wife of Hartley Davies†, mother of Pat Davies*
Helen Dennehy*
Paul Deverdenne*
Olga Diduck*
Barry Duncan*
Bertha Dunn*
Edward Elliott*
Alma Felbel
Muriel Folson
Fred Garrioch
Mary Gordon*
Frank Grogrenz*

Alexander Halayaza
John Hanlon*
Albert Hartle
Arthur Hay*
Terry Herndon*
William Hladun*
Don Hoel*
Annette Hunter*
Rosalia Ilyniak*
Dmytro Jakymeczko*
Marion Johnson*
Borden Kent*
John Kernatz*
Frederick King
Elsie Kohut
Beatrice Lafreniere
Marion Latoski, wife of
Leo Latoski*
John (Jack) Mann*
Victor Marusyk*
Lloyd McDougall
Naomi McMillan
Winston Milling*
Lorna Moffat, wife of Andy Moffat*
Henri Morin*
Marion Mouck

Ralph Newcombe*
Eva Nykoluk
Madeleine Patnoudé
Muriel Pepper
Margaret Peters*
Walter Prystayko*
Dan Rainkie*
Rudy Reuel*
Bessie Richards
Frank Salm*
Annette Sandrk
James Solomon*
Vera Solvason*
Josie Sosnoski
Norman Spilchuk
Arnold Staub*
Rosellen Steski*
Arnott Sward*
Annette Szczur
Valentine Turek
E W Vouriot
Lorna Whittaker*
Veronica Widla*
Annette Yakemow
Dorothy Young*



Transcona 100th Celebration (continued from P. 1)

The Pensioners also decided to enter a float in the parade and thanks to several people and departments at CN, were able to pull the necessary components together to create their float. A "CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba" banner was attached to the sides of the trailer along with gold colored fringe. The theme for the float was, "On Vacation". As retirees, we are all enjoying a permanent vacation – thus the palm trees, patio table, umbrella, pink flamingos, golf club, etc. Music including old railway songs such as "I've Been Working on the Railroad" added to the festive atmosphere. Outfitted in CN Transcona 100th T-Shirts or Pensioner T-Shirts and caps, and temporary CN tattoos, those participating in the parade took turns walking beside or riding on the float. Suckers were handed out to children along the parade route. Rumour has it that even though there were close to 100 entries in the parade, the Pensioners' float was among the judges' favorites.



The actual Open House was held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tours included Traction Motor Shop Display, Car Shop Display, Motive Power Display, Engine Rebuild Display, Locomotive Hands On Display, Fork Lift Display, Business Car tours, CN Vendor Displays and a Railroad Artifacts Display courtesy of CN employee Paul Meneer. Paul's collection is one of the largest private collections of railway memorabilia in the country and his display was definitely one of the highlights of the Open House. Last but not least, a Pensioners' Table was set up



where brochures about the Manitoba Association were handed out. The table also boasted several old railway photos courtesy of its members. There were giveaways, free draws, a live band, BBQ, ice cream and even fun for the kids - face painting, fish pond, and inflatables. Many pensioners volunteered their time by helping man these various venues. The attendance was phenomenal, proof of which was the fact that 6000 squishy little CN Locomotive give-aways were gone by 2:00 p.m.

It was an incredible day which was blessed with warm and sunny weather. The CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba wish to express a most sincere thank you to CN, especially Heather Lamb, Director Transcona Main Shops, Jim Feeny, Director Public & Government Affairs, and their teams for including them in this celebration. It truly was a once in a lifetime event – a wonderful walk down memory lane and an amazing tribute to our past, present and future with CN.

Congratulations CN and Transcona! Wishing you another 100 years of success!

2nd Annual Picnic In The Park

The 2nd Annual Picnic In The Park was held on June 14th. For the most part,, the weather cooperatred but thanks to Linda Schram, we once again had the use of the big white tent. Once again, Ron Davis took charge of the Bocce Ball Tournament. This year 20 teams took part. The winners and defending champions were Patrick McMullin & George Lintick, with Bob Mozol & Marilyn Milne taking 2nd place and Bill Jenkins and Howard Paulson taking 3rd place. Chicken Chef chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, watermelon and cookies was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Linda & Kevin Schram, Ron & Velma Davis, Jerry & Carroll Dunford, Rose Chapman, Gary Davis, Albert Delbaere, Bill Baron and all those who helped with the tournament, picnic and clean up. (More photos can be viewed on the website).



The Champions
George & Patrick

Symington Family Day—Saturday, September 15th, 2012

Symington Family Day is what the title implies, recognizing employees and their families. It is not open to the Public. CN Pensioners are also encouraged to come out and participate. ***In order to attend, you must obtain a ticket.*** Tickets will be limited to 4 per family and will be available at the September General Meeting so please be sure to attend in order to pick up your ticket.

There will be rides for the children including CN's Obie, the usual "Inflatables", chauffeured vans to various work locations where volunteers will be available to explain the work area. There will also be 4 Business Cars on display and open for viewing.

Volunteers are needed for many roles such as helping at the food, beverage and ice cream venues, assist in loading passengers on the units, handing out freebies for kids, the Fitness Centre, selling raffle tickets for the auction, working the entrance and many more. A volunteer sign up sheet will also be available at the September meeting.

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Don't forget to visit our website. Photos from The Transcona Shops 100th Anniversary Celebration as well as our 2nd Annual Picnic can be found in the photo section.

The Travel Corner:

- Shooting Star Casino Trip, Oct 14th—16th, 2012. Contact Albert Delbaere at 204-256-8419 for more information
- Mediterranean Adriatic Cruise with Ken & Liz Carroll May 30th—June 12th, 2012.
- New Zealand & Australia Cruise with Ken & Liz Carroll January 27th—March 4th, 2013.
- Inaugural Mediterranean Cruise Barcelona to Venice onboard the beautiful new Royal Princess with Janet & Bruce Anderson June 23rd to July 6th, 2013.

For more information about these cruises, contact Bev Harbour at Carlson Wagonlit Travel, 204-336-7240 or toll free at 1-800-661-3193.

CN Railroaders in the Community Retiree Program

Introduced in October 2010, this program recognizes efforts of retired employees by providing a \$500 cash grant to the community based charitable organization they choose to support through their volunteer efforts. To learn more or to apply, visit www.cn.ca/en/corporate-citizenship-community-employee-volunteers.htm.

June Golf Report—Ron Davis

The annual tournament was held on June 26th at Kingswood which turned out to be a warm and pleasant day.

There were 31 players. Best scores went to Lorne Gardiner who had 78, Bob Sharpe with 92, Glenn Billey and Gerry Tuck each had 94, Bill Hancox and Joe Tachinski each had 95.



Bursary Program—Winners 2012

This year's winners will be announced at the September General Meeting.

Annual Retirement Banquet

The TCRC Division 583 would like to announce that it is having its Annual Retirement Banquet for Locomotive Engineers and CTY employees on Saturday, September 8th, 2012 at Canad Inns Club Regent Casino Hotel.

Tickets are available from Brent Boudreau (797-6523), Darryle Deserrano (771-9833), James Powell (232-2247), or Mel Rusiecki (255-1361). To reserve a table you must have at least 8 in your group with a maximum of 10 per table.

A Reminder—MTS 10 digit dialing begins July 29th & will be mandatory as of November 3rd. All Manitoba phone numbers start with 204.....

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Letters to the Editor are much appreciated. If you have something of interest with other CN pensioners I'll be happy to pass it along. Email jelretired-mama@hotmail.com. Be sure to identify CN Pensioners in the subject line. Mail address—55 Four Oaks Cove, Winnipeg MB R3K 0V7.

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Volunteers in Mailing—Thank you to all who came out to assist in mailing this edition, and with past editions. The reason we did not post names of the volunteers this time is because the newsletter goes to print before we actually know who will be out to help. And so to all Volunteers past and present, please know that we truly value and appreciate your participation and we look forward to your continued support.

Bowling—CNPA Mixed 5-Pin League every Thursday at 10:00 at Mosienko Lanes. To join or to spare, please call Marge Jacobson at 204-222-6012.

Frequently Called Numbers

The CN Pensioners Help Line 1 800 361 0739. Always have your PIN to better identify you when making inquiries. If you move, advise the above number. If you are married at the time of retirement, make sure that CN has your spouse's name on file. Changing banks, with direct deposit, never close your old account until the cheque shows up in the new account.

Change of Address	1-800-361-0739
Canada Pension & Old Age Security	1-800-277-9914
Canada Custom & Revenue Service	1-800-959-8281
Blue Cross, contract number 93115	204-775-0161
Income Tax Assistance—Jim Miln	204-253-0137
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The Book Store

Looking for gift ideas? How about one of the books authored and published by one of our fellow pensioners? To obtain a copy of one of these books and for an interesting read check out the following:

- Smoke, Cinders & Railroaders, contact Paul Doroschuk at 204-638-4312
- In One Lifetime: by Theresa Shanoha, 204-774 -390.
- A Sentimental Journey: by Karl Olafson, 204-256-5221.
- Through the Window of a Train: by Barbara Lange, 204-667-8521.
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For information about the *Bursary Program sponsored by the CNPA of MB*, please visit www.cnpensioners.ca.

