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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:

- Annual Golf Tournament
- Family Day at Symington
- Annual Picnic 2013
- Train Robber
- Memory Stone
- Bowling

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Fall 2013

President's View—Ron Davis

Annual Golf Tournament

Our annual tournament was held on Tuesday, June 25th at Kingwood Golf & Country Club in La Salle. Although it was a hot and humid day, we had 36 players come out for the 18 holes and dinner. Best scores were Lorne Gardiner (79), Bob Sharpe (85), Marc Lavallee (89), Rick Kuchel (92), Moe Bakun (94), and Bill Reilly and Joe Tachinski with 96. A great time was held by all!



FAMILY DAY AT SYMINGTON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for CN Family Day which will be held on Saturday, September 7th. The day will be split into two shifts to give volunteers time to enjoy the event and ensure that they are able to have their buffet lunch either before or after commencing their shift. The shifts are:

Morning Shift: 1000 – 1300 (10 am to 1 pm)
Afternoon Shift: 1300 – 1600 (1 pm to 4 pm)

CN's primary need will be for people to help in the food tents. They need to maintain order and this can be done by cleaning up and straightening up after people leave the area. If this is not a job that you want to do, CN will try to fit you in elsewhere, but that is their area of greatest need.

If you wish to volunteer, please email linda.wachal@cn.ca or you can call Linda at 204-934-7314. Please indicate your T-Shirt size at this time as well. Linda is not sure if shirts will be provided this year, but would like to have your shirt size just in case. It is likely that all shirts will be in mens sizes, same as in previous years. Linda Wachal is looking forward to working with you again this year.

Details regarding the distribution of tickets, and the number allocated per pensioner, will be given once the decisions are made and the information becomes available. Linda will keep you posted.



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Membership Report—Wayne Zaharia

As of July 26th, 2013 our membership is 3,999 and made up as follows:

Payroll Deduction: 3852

Fees Paid by Cheque: 147

Total Paid Membership: 3999

Correction: The last newsletter had new member listed as Stephen Sliboda. It should have read Stephen Sliboda. Our apologies!

Welcome to our New Members!

Anderson, Glen
Andrushko, Jerry
Beavis, Donald
Bodnarchuk, Daniel
Bloch, Susan
Brownlee, Tom A.
Buss, Elfrieda
Chudyk, Leslie
Church, George
Clapham, Eric
Comeau, Dean N.J.
Craig, Leslie
Datuin, Jaime
Donnelly, Margaret
Dorge, Simone
Douglas, Lorraine
Edmison, Kevin
Flick, Michael
Fontaine, Louis
Gaborieau, Joanne
Guenette, Norman
Halipchuk, Anne
Hapin, Gloria
Hawryshko, Eugene
Henderson, Brian
Hominick, Robin
Kroeker, Larry
Kubas, Peter

Kutcher, Eugene
Larocque, Robert
Konarski, Luba
Managire, Christine
Mandzuk, Tim
McCann, Trenton
McCarthy, Joanne
Miller, Sterling
Nowicki, Mark
Obirek, Perry
Paulicelli, Phillip
Perich, Doug
Perrault, Kerry
Pubben, Pearl
Rawson, Steve
Seel, Marjorie
Schram, Kevin
Shuper, Edith
Snell, Russell
Taylor, Bernice V.
Underwood, Cecil
Volk, Eugene
Watson, Alan
Whyte, Lesia
Wing, Derwin
Woods, David
Zanewich, Gordon
Zurcher, Jean

Following members have moved and left no forwarding address. If anyone knows their whereabouts please let me know. they are: Kumka, David; Senyk, Walter; Smith, Daniel; Smith, Margaret P.; Boucher-Tapping, Helen. Many thanks.

Remember this is your Association and in order to keep it strong we need all the new members we can get. If you know a pensioner who is not a member please get him/her to sign up.

Age & Opportunity Manitoba presents a Training Session on Hoarding.
Date is October 7th, 2013. For information and cost, contact 204-956-6440 or toll free at 1-888-333-3121.

Special Events Report—Linda Schram

Just a reminder—our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 at the Norwood Legion. Spouses are welcome. Coffee and donuts are available before the meetings start so come a little early and enjoy. No meetings in July, August and December.

Upcoming Speakers:

September 4th: Presentation on Automatic Electronic Defibrillators

October 2nd: Regular Meeting

November 6th: Elections for Executive and Committee members. Please consider putting your name forward as there are a number of openings. If people don't volunteer, some activities may have to be cancelled.

December 4th: Christmas Luncheon. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Price includes lunch, wine and prizes. You can call Linda at 204-255-5636 to make arrangements to purchase tickets. Tickets will also be available at the October and November General Meetings. **Deadline for tickets is November 22nd.**

Annual Picnic in The Park 2013

It was a beautiful sunny day for a picnic. It started with a Bocce tournament led by Ron Davis and his helpers. Most people participated, even one dedicated player recovering from a broken hip. Those that didn't play watched from their lawn chairs and cheered for their favourites.

We then moved into the large tent for a lunch of chicken and salads followed by desserts. We also had some prize draws. We then moved back outside to watch the playoffs for the Bocce tournament. Ron and Velma Davis were tournament winners receiving the much coveted shiny new trophy.

Of course we couldn't have something like this without volunteers. A big thanks goes to Carroll and Jerry Dunford, Janet Anderson and also Ron Davis and his bocce judges Ron Yarema, John Mozol. Albert Delbaere and Rosemary Chapman



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).

Boris Beyak* broke his leg. He is home and is doing well.

Ernie Borowski* suffered another small stroke in May and is recuperating at home.

Jerry Budyk* fell recently and is in Seven Oaks Hospital. He is in good condition.

Mary Cameron, wife of Bill Cameron*, has been in hospital due to a fall in her home. She has recovered to the point she is expected home during the week of July 28th.

Wilfred Dickey* had three stents inserted after suffering a heart attack in late April. He is recuperating at home.

Eila Gill, wife of Bob Gill*, is in Concordia Hospital, waiting for placement.

Mel Rusiecki* underwent rotator cuff surgery in May. He is doing well.

Cathy Taylor* has been housebound for some time due to a painful leg ulcer.

John Almdal* broke his leg. He expects to be released from Concordia Hospital mid August.

Celebrations—Congratulations to All!

Birthdays:

Mary Bretecher* celebrated her 90th birthday on April 3rd.

Noreen Cairns* celebrated her 97th birthday on June 16th.

Henry Compain* celebrated his 70th birthday on June 6th.

Ron Davis* celebrated his 80th birthday on July 29th.

Albert Delbaere* celebrated his 73rd birthday on June 7th.

Marty Freundl* celebrated his 85th birthday on July 11th.

Don Graham* celebrated his 81st birthday on May 24th.

Edward Kelsey* celebrated his 86th birthday on July 25th.

Margaret Kelsey, wife of Edward Kelsey*, will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 27th.

Denis Le Gal* celebrated his 86th birthday on May 22nd.

Paul Prince* will celebrate his 90th birthday on November 8th.

Barry Unsworth* will celebrate his 81st birthday on November 20th.

Teresita San Diego* will celebrate her 79th birthday on September 5th.

Mary Wilks, wife of Ken Wilks* celebrated her 79th birthday on August 14th.

Anniversaries:

Alessandro* and Romana Cipolla celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 16th.
 Henry* and Anne Compain celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 3rd.
 Alex* and Juliette Kozun celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 22nd.
 Barry* and Pat Jackson will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on September 13th.
 Gordie* and Donna Moar celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 28th.
 Gabriele* and Gilda Porco will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 12th.
 Stan* and Leona Siwik will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on October 1st.
 Peter* and Marilyn Tkach celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 22nd.
 Ken* and Mary Wilks celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary on July 23rd.

Birthday of the Month:

June 2013: Adam Olinyk
 July 2013: Pierre Cote

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

Door Prizes:

June: Sandra Seal, Carson Hull, Gary Davis, Bob Mozol

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.

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| William Atamanchuk* | Edward Halipchuk* | Peter Parson* |
| Eric Bloch* | Pauline Haywood | Madeleine Patenaude |
| Dick Boon, husband of Frances Boon* | William Helgeson* | Josephine Piwtorak |
| Grace Boyle | Douglas Hill* | Eva Procner |
| Noel Brown* | Garnet Hilton* | Sam Pubben* |
| Albert Chylinski | Eileen Ireland, wife of | Marianne Rotter* |
| Clarence Czinkota* | Bob Ireland* | Magdolna Sari |
| Aurise Davis | Katherine Jackson | Robert Shannon*, husband of |
| Steven Dever | Anne Marie Jantz | Marlene Shannon* |
| Edphat Dorge* | Edna Jones | Bernard Shuper* |
| Bill Douglas* | Edward Kornago* | Milt Skolrood (died in 2004) |
| Robert Dunsmore* | John Lupachow*, son-in-law | Margaret Sosiak* |
| John Ermet* | of Gordon Stein* | Gladys Steer |
| Raymond Finn* | William Martin | Lillian Tarr* |
| Irene Galaschuk* | Anastasia Maslij* | Douglas Thompson* |
| Elfriede Gerth | Peter McCarthy* | Gordon Thompson* |
| Rose Gibson, wife of | Margaret Merrill* | Elizabeth Whittingham* |
| Ron Gibson* | Robert Mills* | John Wilson* |
| Walter Gorber* | Gordon Miniely* | Wally Whyte* |
| Ralph Grant* | Yvonne Mondor* | |
| | Nellie Mucha | |

A Note from Harvey Hosfield

Hearing Aids - For us who have to use hearing aids to get by: If you have the type that fits behind your ear, there is a short plastic tube connected to the "hearing device" protected by a plastic "dome" that fits in your ear. The dome comes in 3 sizes numbered 08, 10 and 12. My hearing aids kept falling out when I would put on my shirt and glasses and was becoming quite a nuisance. I had been using a size 12 and when the attendant at Kemp's Hearing Centre changed it to a size 10, it now fits perfectly. Try it out. It might just work for you!

Bursary & Scholarship Winners

The Bursary Awards sponsored by the CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba as well as the Scholarship Awards sponsored by the National Council of CN Pensioners Association will be announced in our Winter newsletter.



CN Pensioner Tom Nicholl - His Daughter is a Train Robber ?!?

Two whoops & a holler northwest of Winnipeg, you'll find Pat Stefishen riding her horse alongside a moving train a hootin' and a hollerin' while waving a prop pistol. Although the robbing of trains has not been seen on the Prairies for well over a century, Pat helps recreate this experience for passengers of the Prairie Dog Central Railway, a short line railway owned and operated by The Vintage Locomotive Society Inc.

"My role is to chase down the train, support my fellow 'desperados' and give the patrons a show!" Pat says. And how does one become a member of lawless desperado gang? "I got started through a riding friend of mine." Pat continues, "She called me as she didn't have enough riders for the first ride and at first thought I didn't think it was for me, but I thought I should try it anyway."

Pat explains more about the friend who recruited her, "She is the boss of the gang and she gets on the train to 'rob' the patrons". In reality, the gang takes in donations for local charities. One of the latest recipients of the 'stolen loot' was the Osbourne House in Wpg, a safe place for women and children. "We have raised money for Winnipeg Harvest and the Christmas Cheer Board according to the "boss" Angie Weday. The private charters choose what they want to do—sing a song to get out of jail or fundraise for whatever they want. Pat adds that it is voluntary to give any monies, but it is a kind of re-enactment—lots of laughs!

The iron horse used, Steam Locomotive No. 3, is one of the oldest operating steam locomotives in North America. Tenderfoots and old cowhands alike board the train at Inkster Junction Station and the ride the rails on an old Canadian National Railway track to Warren where the track terminates then back again. The excursions are approximately 3 to 4 hours in total.

For Pat, there are many highlights that will keep her in her part-time life of crime: the chase of the train, afterwards when the people on the train come for photos, and the kiddie questions about horses and the raising of money for Osborne House. One moment that stands out in particular was her last ride when some of the passengers were dressed in period costume. They really got into the history of it!

If you are in the Winnipeg area and fixin for a rip roarin good time, you can check out an old fashioned train ride complete with a robbery, perhaps by Tom's very own daughter, Pat and her Arabian horse, T.W. Hudson Bay. Guaranteed you will be grinning like a possum eatin a yellow jacket!

Robbing Trains — all in good fun! Pat Stefishen is Tom Nicholl's youngest daughter.

Webmaster & Editor—Janet Lewis Anderson

Do You Have a Computer? Please email Janet at jelretiredmama@hotmail.com to put your name on our “E-Newsletter” list. Remember to identify “CNPA Newsletter” on the subject line so that I know your email is legitimate. **Please include your full name and PIN so that our Membership Chair can move you from the “snail (regular) mail listing.**

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Check out our website for updates and events. Don't forget to visit our Photo Section. **Picnic 2013** photos have been posted.

MemoryStone at Assiniboine Park

The CNPA of Manitoba recently purchased a MemoryStone as part of the Conservancy Program at Assiniboine Park. The brick has been installed and is located in the third phase of large MemoryStones which continue to fill the walkway along the duck pond. Our MemoryStone is brick 13 in row P3. Take a stroll by our MemoryStone.

Bowling Update from Harvey Hosfield

The CN Mixed Bowling League will resume on Thursday, September 5th. Bowling starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Mosienko Bowling Lanes, corner of Redwood and Main. Only \$10.00 per game which includes prizes and wind-up banquet. We encourage previous and new bowlers to come out and join the fun.

Please contact Marge Jacobson at 204-222-6012 to register. Marge is our bowling Secretary; Wally Payonk, President and Dean Danforth is Treasurer.



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. There is also a link on the National Council website.— just go to www.cnpensioners.org and click on the tab “CN Volunteers”.

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 2013: Ken Henry, Ken White, Len Wilgosh, Bill Noble, Adam Olinyk, Hubert Young.

Mercer is now Morneau Shepell

You may have noticed that Mercer has sold their business of managing the administration of pension plans to a company called Morneau Shepell. There has been no change in the contract that CN negotiated with Mercer and the phone number remains the same (1-800-361-0739). Chances are you will also speak to a person who formerly worked for Mercer and who is knowledgeable about our pension plan.

Grand Beach Memories Wanted

Barbara Lange, Author, Speaker and Editor of “Through the Window of a Train – A Canadian Railway Anthology” is looking for CNR memories from the Victoria Beach (MB) subdivision for her second book. If you have stories to share about “Grand Beach”, please contact Barbara at 204-667-8521 in Winnipeg or email her at railwaystories@hotmail.com.

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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.

Next Newsletter Mailout—Friday, August 23rd, 2013

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.

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| 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 switchboard |
| National Claims Direct | 204-775-9261 |
| Income Tax Preparation—Jim Miln | 204-253-0137 |
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| U. S. Railroad Retirement—Fargo | 1-877-772-5772 |
| U.S. Social Security—Grand Forks | 1-701-772-5518 |

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.
- In The Arms of The Angels—Our Journey Through the Darkness of Dementia: by Janet Lewis Anderson, 204-275-0482.
- Events in the Life of Kei: by Gerrit Boonstra, 204-268-3998.

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For information about the *Bursary Program sponsored by the CNPA of MB*, please visit www.cnpensioners.ca.

