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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

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Fall 2015

Special Points of Interest:

- President's View
- Election Information
- Meet Janet Lewis Anderson
- Meet Earl Symonds
- Tax Tips
- Roy Kading

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President's View - Ron Davis

I thought that the picnic was the best so far. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The Bocce Tournament has received loads of publicity and almost everyone wants to participate. By my count we had 25 two-person teams participating. My thanks to those who carried coolers, etc., those who served the food and to Linda Schram for organizing the picnic itself. My thanks also to the match umpires, Rose Chapman, Albert Delbaere, Jerry Dunford, John Mozol and Ron Yarema.

The winning team was Wayne and Gloria Gorin, first time attendees and recent retirees. Second place went to Larry and Barbara Lange, third place to Al and Diane Madrigga and fourth to Les and Sharon Sloane.

Many thanks also to all those who attended the picnic.

National Pension Committee Member Election Process:

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that if anyone is interested in becoming a Director on the National Council or a rep on the Pension Committee, the application process would be described in the fall edition. Since all of the Pensioner Representative positions expire at the end of this year, we thought the Pension Committee Election procedure would be an appropriate place to start.

Basically, every three years, there is an election (if necessary) in the different regions of Canada to fill the position of Pension Committee Member for that region. The election is for a three-year term. Members may run for more than one term, as to reach a really good understanding of the pension plan may well take a significant length of time. There are also advantages to staying on for longer than one three-year term because of experience and continuity.

Each Regional/Provincial Council shall be responsible for electing a representative and alternate for a three-year term to represent the CN Pensioners' Associations Inc. on the Pension Committee. The exception to the process shall be that the President of the National Council of the CN Pensioners' Associations Inc. shall automatically represent the Regional/Provincial Council, which elected him to the National Council, and the elected representative from that Regional/Provincial Council shall become the alternate.

Should the President not remain in office for the full three-year term, and his successor is from another Regional/Provincial Council, the alternate shall complete his term, and conversely the current representative of the Regional/Provincial Council from which the newly elected President comes shall become the alternate to allow the new President to sit on the Pension Committee.

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Membership Report - Wayne Zaharia

Total paid membership	3957
Pension Cheque deduction	3852
Fees paid by cheque	105

**Welcome to the following New Members. Hope to see you out at the meetings.
We look forward to your participation in the Association!**

Bella, Christopher	Fouillard, Yvon	Paulson, Ray
Brandt, Bodo	Frain, Cheryl	Pearson, Maria
Brenna, Lance	Golis, Lawrence	Sinninghe, Jack
Burstahler, Kurt	Kamula, Shirley	Smith, Calvin
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		Wachal, Linda

As you are probably aware, our organization is an "aging organization". Our Manitoba Association loses on average 15 pensioners/survivors per month. How much longer do you estimate that we could provide what this organization does (Scholarship Programs, Reduced Per-Capita commitments, etc.) @ \$1.00 per month? We need your help to increase our membership. Just think how we would grow if you signed up just one non-member each. When you are attending lunch or coffee meetings with your CN retiree groups please enquire if they are members and if not ask them to join pointing out the benefits. Remember, there is strength in numbers and we need to increase our numbers. If anyone is interested in telephoning non-members we pay \$1.00 per cheque sign up and \$2.00 per pension cheque deduction sign up. Please call me at 204 694-5133 and I will supply you with lists. Thanks in advance.

Following members have moved and if anyone knows where they have moved to please let the membership chairman know so he can keep the data base up to date.

Tina Baker, Helen Boucher-Tapping, A. R Earl, John Dryden, Mary Marino, Hector McLaughlin, Joan Mitchell, Mary Moore, Daniel Smith, Beverly Spooner, Mary Stuart; John Swain

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.

June: J. Wayne Gorin, Chuck Trefry, Wayne Desiatnyk, John Platt, Don Maxwell, Heather McEwan, Robert Washington, John Czarnecki, Lyle Kasimerski, Allen Madrigga, Perry Marquis, Bob Fowlie, John Buxton, Alan Watson, Bob Learn, Jessie Prokopchuk, Jim Polischuk, Ed Smadella, Ed Falardeau, Dennis Boboski, William G. Carson, Gordon Bell, Rick Myron, Joe Medeiros, Gars Swyston

Birthday Draws: *June:* Ed Falardeau *July:* Tony Lucki

Door Prize: *June:* Brian Andrest, Ron Cripps (2) and Bert Andrews.

Attendance Prize: *June:* Eric Oman and Bryan LaBarge, who both won CN Pensioner Assn. Jackets.

Hope to see more new faces at our September meeting!

Special Events - Linda Schram

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Norwood Legion on Marion Street and commence at 1:30 p.m. Many arrive earlier to have coffee, donuts and a visit. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Linda at 204-255-5636.

September meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015

Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:

September 2nd - Lori Yorke from Snowbird Mediquote on travel insurance

October 7th - Barbara Lange on Cruisin' with Seniors (transportation service for seniors)



Bocce Tournament Winners

First place: Wayne and Gloria Goring (center),

Second place: Larry and Barbara Lange (left),

Third place: Al and Dianne Madriga (right)

Report on Annual Picnic In The Park

Our annual Picnic in the Park was once again a great success. Since beginning 5 years ago the attendance has doubled. We hope the attendance continues to grow each year. For \$5.00 per person, everyone was treated to a picnic lunch of chicken, salads, drinks and dessert. There was also a bocce tournament, prize draws and all the sunshine one could enjoy in a beautiful setting at Assiniboine Park.



Annual Christmas Luncheon:

The annual Christmas luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2015** at noon at the Masonic Memorial Centre at the corner of Corydon and Osborne. Doors open at 11:30 am. Tickets are 20.00 per person and include lunch, wine and prize draws. **Tickets will be available at the October 7th and November 4th general meetings.** For more information you can call Linda at 204-255-5636. The cut-off for ticket sales is November 20th. Information will also be available on our website (www.cnpensioners.ca) and our facebook page (www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba)



Annual Golf Tournament

On Tuesday, June 23rd, 35 CN Retirees competed in the Annual Golf Tournament at Kingswood Golf & Country Club in La Salle, MB on a warm summer day. The best scores were turned in by *Lorne Gardiner* with 79, *Glen Mitchell* 92, *Doug Hoskins* 93, *Ralph Swainson* 94, *Don Hawryluk* 96, *J P Poitras* 97, *Jerry Lubiansky* 98 and *George Lintick* 99. A fine BBQ steak dinner was served after.

A huge thank you goes to Ron Davis for all his work in organizing this tournament and we hope to see you all next year.

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

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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!**

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Bill Brychka will celebrate his 87th birthday on August 25th.
Helen Caronia celebrated her 80th birthday on August 3rd.
Joseph Caronia celebrated his 81st birthday on August 3rd.
Fred Dagg celebrated his 91st birthday on July 18th.
Wilfred Dickey will celebrate his 93rd birthday on September 3rd.
Ronald Feir will celebrate his 90th birthday on August 22nd.
Bob Gill will celebrate his 85th birthday on October 14th.
Peter Koralewicz will celebrate his 90th birthday on November 4th.
John Kuban celebrated his 74th birthday on July 24th.
Tom Nicholl celebrated his 89th birthday on July 8th.
Jim Potter will celebrate his 97th birthday on August 20th.
Irvin Randall will celebrate his 69th birthday on August 19th.
Marilyn Randall celebrated her 65th birthday on June 11th.
Murray Squires celebrated his 72nd birthday on June 30th.
Carl Steele celebrated his 84th birthday on June 17th.
Sam Szwaluk celebrated his 77th birthday on March 29th.
Marcel Vannevel will celebrate his 75th birthday on September 29th.
Ella Wolk celebrated her 75th birthday on February 4th.
Norman Wolk will celebrate his 80th birthday on October 16th.
Ed Yagilashek will celebrate his 85th birthday on September 18th.

Happy Anniversary to:

William and Diana Baran will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 8th.
Joseph and Helen Caronia celebrated their 38th Wedding Anniversary on August 20th.
Art and Rose Chapman will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 9th.
Ken and Lorna Ivanyshyn will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 28th.
Karl and Marion Iwanoczko will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on September 30th.
Harold and Linne Prystie will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd.
Irvin and Marilyn Randall celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary on May 17th.
Steve and Olga Skrybalo celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th.
Ernie and Alice Smith celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on August 5th.
Carl and Isabelle Steele celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 23rd.
Sam and Sylvia Szwaluk will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 23rd.
Bob and Marion Timlick will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 2nd.
Norman and Ella Wolk celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on May 15th.

Correction to Summer newsletter: Ed and Mary Ann Yagilashek celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on June 30th, not May 30th.

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).

Sick List:

Gary Davis is undergoing tests for gall bladder problems and is on the mend.

Eila Gill is now in Meadowood Manor on St. Anne's Road and is doing great.

John Kuban's cancer is slowly shrinking. He is finally able to again ride his Harley.

Ed Woodward is recuperating at home and is getting around with a scooter.

George Van Wynsberghe recently suffered a broken leg.

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.*

John Achramowicz*	William Harper*	George Oar*
Stella Allum	Nick Heschuk*	Orest Pawchuk*
Annie Babiak*	Helen Kalinin*	Barry Pearson*
Dmytro Babiuk	Nicholaus Kamula*	Jane Pitre
Edna Baldwin	Morris Klowak*	Rozaly (Ross) Prokopchuk
Mary Bangartt	Violet Kolbuck	Maria Pyl
Lawrence Bates*	Darwin Kushman, grandson of Jim	Mary Rogala
Marjorie Bremner*	Krokosh*	William Seal*
Margaret Cadigan	Louise Kuzyk*	Mary Senarchuk
Alexander Cameron*	Real (Red) Lavergne*	William Sirant*
Giulia Caputo	Shirley Lukiw	Olga Skura
Robert Cassidy*	Ralph Madill*	Douglas Small*
Donald Cooper	Eldon Maltman*, husband of Anne	Joyce Stonoga*
Louise Currey, wife of Merle	Maltman*	Tillie Strong
Currey†, mother of Robert Currey*	Alexander Matenchuk*	Joan Summers*
Mike Danylchuk*	Irene McDougall	Frances Tarnowski
Albano De Aguiar*	Chris Meulenkamp*	Lillian Tarr
Margaret Ford*	Victor Molin*	Peter Tucker*,
Raymond Gauthier*	Gilbert Morris	father of Bob Tucker*
Florence Gibson*	Norma Morris	Henry Vacheresse*
Leonard Gladish*	Eva Mundell	William Warner*
Alice Goddard	Emma Norris*	Mary Wojna*
Ron Graham*	Marjorie Nyquvest	Zigmond Zapski*

Update on John Kuban

John is finally riding his Harley. John underwent two spinal fusion surgeries in the fall of 2013 and hoped to again ride his Harley in 2014, with new sidecar attached. Further surgery and riding his Harley were delayed because pre-op tests revealed that he has cancer. His cancer is slowly shrinking and as you can see by his picture, John is a happy man in spite of the fact that cancer is still with him. You may bump into John at Deacon's Corner A&W. On July 24 John celebrated his 74th birthday & 19 years of retirement.

Best Wishes from the CN Pensioners Association.



Harvey Hosfield Bursary Program 2015

The National Council 2015 Scholarships & Manitoba Association Harvey Hosfield Bursary program for 2015 are now closed. ***The winners of the 2015 awards will be announced in the winter newsletter.*** We thank all those who applied for the bursaries and wish you success in your educational pursuits.

CORRECTIONS: In our Summer newsletter, we had an article stating an election issue that may arise in the next federal election. We wish to apologize if we offended anyone with that article and we would like it known that this association does not endorse nor solicit for any political party or person. We will make every effort to maintain that position in future newsletters.

In our Summer edition, we incorrectly listed a position that Patrick McMullin held as Marketing Manager, when it should have read: Coordinator - Sales and Service, Alberta District. We apologize for the error.

Meet Janet Lewis Anderson - Webmaster



Janet hired on in 1972 in the Symington Yard office and Carload Centre. In 1978 she transferred downtown to the Regional Express office where she worked until the Express Division closed in 1983. From there her railway career took her to Grain Communications (around the time of the Western Grain Transportation Act), then to various sections of the Accounting function including, Capital, General and Revenue Management. Due to major reorganizations within the company the Winnipeg Revenue Management Centre closed its doors in the spring of 1995 moving most of the jobs to either Montreal or Edmonton with a few going to Toronto. With the introduction of SRS and RMS along with the opening of the CSC and CWC, Janet was able to remain in Winnipeg as a point person despite the complete centralization of the Revenue Management function to Toronto in 1997. From 1997 to retirement in 2003, Janet worked on several projects with the Revenue Management function including the Revenue Pipeline which worked towards identification

and resolution of the SRS to RMS feed, Linehaul and Chargeable Services billing, collection and dispute resolution.

Since retirement, Janet keeps active through her volunteer activities with several organizations. The first thing off her bucket list upon retirement was the opportunity to be an extra in the movie "Shall We Dance". She is a Past Queen of Sphinx Temple No. 116 Daughters of the Nile and continues her involvement with their philanthropy which is raising money to assist the Shriners Hospital for Children. She also volunteers for the Khartum Ladies Association as Webmaster (also supporting the Shriners Hospital). After being diagnosed with an autoimmune condition in 2012, she began volunteering for the Scleroderma Association of Manitoba. After further testing, she determined that Lyme was the trigger for her other symptoms and so now has also become involved with the Manitoba Lyme Group. Despite keeping busy with these volunteer activities, Janet feels she gains the most satisfaction from, and treasures her association with the CN Pensioners of Manitoba as well as the National Council of CN Pensioners where she has been a Director for several years.

Elections: In November elections for positions on our local executive committee will be held. Anyone desiring to run should contact our Past President, John Mozol to place his or her name on the ballot.

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As the term for the current committee members and alternates expires in December 2015, Regional/Provincial Councils will be looking for and considering applications from members to serve as Pension Committee members during the new term commencing January 2016. Those members interested in serving as Pension Committee members or alternates should submit a resume to their respective President of the Regional/Provincial Council they wish to represent, outlining the attributes they would bring to the position.

Members interested in submitting resumes for positions as Pension Committee member should contact their local association to determine the cut-off date for the receipt of such resumes by the President of their Regional/Provincial Council.

CN Poets

Have you written a poem about your days working in the steam era? Barbara Lange is seeking a poem by a CN retiree, for a second book of memories. Please contact her at 204-667-8521 or email: railwaystories@hotmail.com

Barbara Lange is the editor of *THROUGH THE WINDOW OF A TRAIN: A Canadian Railway Anthology* - Short story memories from those who lived, loved, and laughed on Canadian trains.

www.borealispress.com/throughthewindowofatrain.html

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Member at Large - Albert Delbaere

Shooting Star Casino Trip

The next Shooting Star Casino Trip will be October 18th - 20th, 2015. Payment deadline is September 7th. Please contact Albert Delbaere at 204-256-8419 or albert1a@mymts.net for more information or to reserve your seat.



CN Railroaders in the Community

Myra Logan (David is the retiree) applied for and received a \$250 Railroaders in the Community spousal grant for the Grace Hospital Auxiliary.

Rose Chapman was awarded a \$500.00 grant for the Grace Hospital Auxiliary.

Are you a CN Railroader in the Community? Do you know a CN colleague, retiree or family member who could lend a helping hand or who volunteers but doesn't know about the program? Encourage them to become a CN Railroader in the Community and you could receive more grants for your charity!

See: www.cn.ca for more details.

Visit our website often at www.cnpensioners.ca to view our newsletters.
or our facebook page www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba for updates and announcements .



CN Pension Association Bowling League

CNPA Mixed 5 pin bowling league meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Billy Mosienko Lanes.

New bowlers are needed for the start-up on Thursday, September 10th, 2015.

If you would like to join or spare, contact Dean Danforth @ 204-452-9203 or Marge Jacobson @ 204-222-6012



Meet Your Fellow Pensioner: Earl Symonds

It all started on Mother's Day, May 13, 1934 when I was born.

My father, William Charles Symonds, was the Canadian National Railways station agent in Sandy Lake, Manitoba. After leaving the hospital with my mother, Elsie Rhea Symonds, my home for the next 16 years was the station living quarters that were attached to the station waiting room, the office and freight shed. I can remember railroad events as far back as 5 years old, one of them was when I left my tricycle on the side track and Mr. Agnew, the engineer, made scrap metal out of it. The telegraph was always a fascination to me and I envied my father who could decipher letters to make words out of all the clickety-clack, so at age nine I began to learn my telegraph a,b,c's. I had no trouble sending the morse code but receiving it was different, a lot different. I can remember my father

standing behind me as I O.S.'ed the passenger train to the dispatcher. The O.S. is information of the train number, arrival and departure times and excessive delays that the train dispatcher may require in order to do his planning. It was not until I was 12 years old that I was able to understand and receive a few words per minute - after many tears and frustrations (I wish I had a nickel for every tear that I shed). However by the age of 12, I could send morse code to beat the dickens.

The WI office in Winnipeg was very short of telegraphers and my father was asked if it was possible to let me go to Winnipeg during school vacation periods and work in the WI office sending morse only. However at 12 or 13 years old that was a no-no. My railroad career started when I was accepted for employment by the CNR as an Assistant Agent on July 9th, 1950 at the age of 16. My first posting was in Grand Beach Manitoba. I worked as an Assistant Agent at several stations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan until I was 18 years old when I was promoted to Operator (you had to be old enough to hang - I always said). My first posting as Agent-Operator was relieving my father at Sandy Lake for his annual 2 week vacation. I copied my first train order there, a form "w" from dispatcher Ken P. Uhrich.

My railroad career took me to work in approximately 50 stations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan as Agent-Operator, Operator Cashier, Supervisory Agent, Local Freight Agent, regular relief Agent, Towerman Operator and Terminal Operator. I also had the chance to train as a Train Dispatcher while working 2nd trick operator at Fort Rouge Manitoba. After work at midnight I would go down to Water Avenue and visit the dispatchers' office - the night Chief Mr. Carl J. Kutchyera noticed my interest and soon had me working a few hours under strict supervision as a budding Train Dispatcher. However I never did land a job as a dispatcher.

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My final posting before promotion was Swing Terminal Operator in Rivers Manitoba and in 1972 I was promoted to Transportation Services Representative. The main job was holding public meetings and closing stations, of which I did about 40 including the first one which ironically was Sandy Lake, Manitoba. I stood on the platform and had a little "cry". Luckily by then my father had retired so I guess I escaped a few more pats on the bum. While I was Transportation Officer I was posted to Neepawa Manitoba, Dauphin Manitoba and finally Canora Saskatchewan where I retired in 1989.

I retired to Sandy Lake Manitoba and have been involved in community affairs. I created the Sandy Lake Endowment Fund in 2007 and to date the fund has \$260,000.00. Every year we grant \$10,000.00 or more to projects in Sandy Lake and the surrounding area. Recently I was awarded a \$500.00 grant from the CN Railroaders in the Community for my charity, the Sandy Lake Endowment Fund.

I am also a Model Railroader and have an extensive "ho" layout in my basement. It has 3000 actual feet of "ho" track, 600 engines and 2000 freight and passenger cars. I can operate as many as 18 trains at a time. When I was 6 years old I used to play trains with marbles and the tracks were the cracks in the waiting room bench.

In 1967 I was granted a 3 month leave of absence from CN to display my model railroad which I had installed in a 66 passenger school bus as my centennial project. I toured Manitoba and a part of Saskatchewan with it. My model railroad known as The Manitoba and Northwestern model railroad has been featured on the CBC National News plus CKX TV in Brandon, Manitoba, Neepawa TV and also in numerous newspapers. So my interest in railroading started when I was 6 years old - that is 75 years of railroading.

Naturally during my time with Canadian National Railways I met many other railroaders from every walk of railroad life and I always made time to speak with them and learn about their jobs and themselves. Even at 81 years old I follow what is happening on North American railroads. I have travelled by train in Canada and the United States extensively. I have ridden in the engines on the CNR through parts of the mountains, on the Southern Pacific, the Illinois Central, the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. With my vast railroad knowledge I am considered somewhat of a railroad historian and I am constantly being contacted for information on one railway thing or another.

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Where do Canadians who vacation or winter in the U.S. pay their taxes?

There has been much confusion lately regarding how long Canadians are permitted to spend in the USA in one year, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some information that will dispel any myths on this issue.

Canadian residents who winter in the United States are technically subject to U.S. federal income tax if they meet or exceed a specific number of days in the U.S. in any one year. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) uses a "substantial presence test", which is based on a calculation that is completed on the 8840 form related to travel to the U.S. over the last three consecutive years. It is important to note that becoming a U.S. taxpayer is not only conditional on receiving U.S. based income, but also by being physically present in the United States for more than a certain time each year. This is due to US tax law, and is not affected by the Canada-US, Beyond the Border Entry/Exit Initiative. The link to the "substantial presence test" can be found here (www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Substantial-Presence-Test).

To avoid U.S. taxation, and to be completely on the safe side, IRS form 8840 (Closer Connection Exemption Statement for Aliens) should be filed annually when a significant amount of time has been spent in the U.S. - by the appropriate deadline set by the IRS. This is a positive acknowledgment that the individual is entering the U.S. each year as a "temporary visitor for pleasure" and is complying with U.S. tax laws. A photocopy of each year's completed form should also be carried, when crossing the border into the U.S. the following year, to indicate that the individual is entering the U.S. as a temporary visitor from Canada.

The form acknowledges that the individual met or exceeded the "substantial presence test" but is not going to file a U.S. income tax return due to the fact that the individual maintains a "closer connection" to a foreign country, such as Canada, where they pay annual income tax. Considerations include the location of the individual's permanent home, family, personal belongings, current social, political, cultural, or religious affiliations, business activities, jurisdiction in which the individual holds a permanent full driver's license, and jurisdiction in which they vote. The "closer connection" form can be found here (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Form-8840,-Closer-Connection-Exception-Statement-for-Aliens>).

The IRS offers on its website an email service to allow individuals to get specific advice on what forms to fill out depending on their situation.

Finally, the Canadian Snowbirds Association has a very informative and resourceful website to assist Canadians when wintering in the United States (www.snowbirds.org).

Message from Janet Lewis Anderson

For the past several years, I have felt privileged to be your Newsletter Editor. It has been a most rewarding experience – learning new computer skills, meeting many of our pensioners and learning of their railway history and just plain enjoying the friendships that our Pensioners Association brings.

Previously, before taking it over, the task of publishing the newsletter fell under the role of the Publicity Chair. It is now time for this task to revert back to our current Publicity Chair - Jack Moore. He is looking forward to this new challenge and will bring excitement and refreshing ideas to our newsletter. I will be continuing as your Webmaster, dedicating more time to enhancing our website and of course, will be available to assist Jack wherever and whenever needed. If you have a story of interest and perhaps a photo to go with it, please send your story to Jack at jem5351@yahoo.ca.

Congratulations and Best Wishes Jack!



Roy Kading - Links Adoption Support

I became involved with a group called *LINKS Post-Legal Adoption Support Group* in Winnipeg in 1991, about the time I retired from CN. I was interested in this group because I was adopted as a baby in Regina in 1935 when I was a year old. I eventually became president of the group and started a website and got their records computerized. Until a few years ago we held meetings twice a month for any member of the adoption community. Over the past 24 years we have had over 1000 reunions as a result of our registry being online. I assist anyone wishing to find any

member of their family who was adopted or any adoptee searching for birth family. Sometimes a vast amount of research is involved and other times not. Many people such as aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents have no rights under the existing adoption law of Manitoba and they come to *LINKS* for help and support. If you know of anyone that would like to search or just be listed on our registry or if they have any questions, please have them call me at any time at 204-257-4742 or cell: 204-799-8273 or e-mail: rkading@shaw.ca.

More adoption information for Manitoba and other provinces can be obtained on our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/linksadoptionssupport>.



Amiela Neyedly, who reached the milestone on June 16th, 2015.

This photo shows Mrs. Amelia Neyedly holding her plaque, supplied by CN Rail, celebrating her 100th birthday. The plaque was presented to Amelia by her son Ken at the Deer Lodge Center, where she resides, on June 16th, 2015.



Happy 100th Birthday to:

Joe Chester, who turned 100 on June 17th, 2015. Pictured here is CNPA Vice President Carson Hull presenting Joe with his plaque, which is supplied by CN. The plaque was presented to Joe at his 100th birthday party in Portage La Prairie, Mb. on the 17th of June.



Information request:

Hello, I live in Washington state and I'm doing genealogical research on my family. My great-grandfather, James Connachan, worked for the CN for thirty years in the 20's, 30's and 40's as a boilermaker in the roundhouse in Winnipeg. If anyone has any information, photos or documents in which he is mentioned, please contact me. I appreciate any help you can offer.

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Frequently Called Numbers

The CN Pensioners Help Line (Morneau Shepell) 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 switchboard
National Claims Direct	204-775-9261
Income Tax Preparation—Jim Miln	204-253-0137
Health Links Info	204-788-8200, or 1-888-315-9257
Phone numbers for International Employees:	
U. S. Railroad Retirement—Fargo	1-877-772-5772

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