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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 2014

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## President's View—Ron Davis

### Welcome Jack Moore—Publicity Chair

We are pleased to announce and welcome Jack Moore as our new Publicity Chair following Harvey Hosfield's recent retirement from this position.

Jack joined CN in June 1977 and spent the first two years splitting the time between the Car Shop and the Diesel Shop at Symington. From there he went to the Reclaim Yard and Roadway Stores in 1980 and then moved to the Work Equipment Stores in 1982 first as Stores Clerk and then Assistant Buyer. The next 12 years were spent between the PMMA Dept, the Materials Distribution Center and the Work Equipment Stores. Then, in 1995, when the Customer Support Center opened downtown, he transferred there as a Customer Support Rep. In 2010, Engineering Materials started up in Transcona and he moved there as an Inventory Maintainer where he remained until his retirement in October 2013 after more than 36 years service.

A lifetime resident of Transcona, Jack and his wife Bev recently celebrated their 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have one daughter who is a Senior High School teacher. Jack enjoys golfing, reading, listening to music and walking.

Jack says that he thoroughly enjoyed his time with CN and meeting new people, and now is looking forward to serving on the CNPA Executive as Publicity Chair and meeting with the retired employees. Please welcome Jack Moore!

**Annual Golf Tournament:** The Annual Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Kingswood Golf & Country Club in La Salle. In all there were 44 players out on a cool, cloudy day. Lorne Gardiner was the low player with an 80. Marc Lavallee had a 93. Wayne Balichowski and Dave Coulombe each had a 96. JP Poitras and Burk Lusansky had 97's, and five others had 98's.

**Elections:** As usual, elections will be held this fall. In October, Carson Hull's third term as National Director expires. Any candidates for this position should contact our Secretary, Pat McMullin and place his or her name on the ballot. In November elections for positions on our Executive Committee will be held. Anyone desiring to run should contact our Past President, John Mozol and place his or her name on the ballot.



Jack Moore



## Executive Council

### 2013—2014

(Precede all MB numbers with 204)

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##### National Council Directors

Carson Hull

Janet Lewis Anderson

Ron Davis, Past President

## Membership Report—Wayne Zaharia

Total paid membership 4,035

Pension Cheque deduction 3,903

Fees paid by cheque 132

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

Angus, Don  
Bell, Gordon  
Brooks, Brent  
Bulmer, Kevin  
Carroll, William G.  
Carson, William G.  
Catellier, Martial  
Chomiuk, Susan  
Desorcy, Rachel  
Donnelly, Kenneth  
Dyck, David  
Dzuba, Mervin

Firth, Brent  
Graham, Carol  
Guarino, Beverley  
Haaksma, John  
Harel, Ray  
Heron, Jim  
Hunt, Dennis  
Hunter, Gerry  
Kolson, Douglas  
Kryschuk, William  
Kutzak, Russ  
Lapointe, Robert

Matthews, Tom  
Novitski, Sydney  
Paulicelli, Dean  
Plumpton, Thomas  
Preston, Jeff  
Rawdon, Richard  
Siwik, Leona  
Specjan, Peter  
Vandekerkhove, Ernest  
Wilson, Wayne  
Zeaton, Howard

## 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 2014: Rick Fleming, Burk Lusansky, Kevin Edmison, Lionel Ethier.

## Change of Address—CNPA of Manitoba

Effective immediately, the new postal address for our association is:

301—270 Fairhaven Road

Winnipeg, MB

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**Note to Those Who Pay Membership by Cheque:** Due to increased postage costs, annual membership cards will no longer be mailed out.

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**National Council 2014 Scholarships & Manitoba Association 2014 Bursaries** The winners of the awards will be announced in the next newsletter.

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*Life isn't about what you get, but what you give!*

## Special Events Report—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. The elections for the Executive and Committee members are held in November. If you are interested in helping out in anyway please contact Linda at 204-255-5636. **NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2014.**

Our Guest Speakers for the next 3 months are:

September 3 - Lori Yorke from Snow Bird Medi-Quote. Lori will speak about travel insurance.

October 1 – Representatives from Manitoba Hospice and Palliative Care will be our guest speakers.

November 5 – CARP (Canadian Assoc. Retired Persons )

**Christmas Luncheon:** The next event will be the Christmas Luncheon to be held Wednesday December 3, 2014 at the Masonic Centre at Corydon and Osborne. There will be prize draws, sit down meal, and wine, all this for \$20.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the October 1st and November 5<sup>th</sup> meetings at the Norwood Legion. If you don't get your tickets at the meetings you can call Linda at 204-255-5636 to make arrangements to get them. **Ticket sales will be cutoff Friday November 7 without exceptions being made.** I will not be available after that time until the luncheon so all arrangements have to be completed by November 7.

**Report On Our June Picnic:** Once again our June Picnic was a great success. It started out a little cool but developed into a beautiful day of plenty of sun and no rain. An added bonus this year was the addition of the Double Decker bus that took people around the park for a tour. Prize draws were held while we had lunch. Our lunch consisted of fried chicken, salads and dessert. Once again Ron and Velma Davis won the sought after shiny trophy. Tim McCrindle & Bryan Lipski came second; Kevin Schram & Janet Anderson came third; Bob Mozol & Marilyn Milne placed fourth. **Thank you** to all who helped make this day a success!



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

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### Outreach Committee

George Lintick	204-254-1032	Mel Rusiecki	204-255-1361
Linda Ksionzek	204-669-8308	Bob Gill	204-256-3897
Albert Delbaere	204-256-8419	Jack Moore	204-224-1019



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).

- Clarence Blair\* has been in St. Boniface Hospital for five months. He is currently undergoing physio and is recovering slowly.
- Dorothy Cairns\* is now in Rosewood Retirement Residence, 857 Wilkes Avenue.
- Ed Grzadka\* is recuperating at home from throat surgery and is doing well.
- John Kuban\* is slowly recovering from spinal surgeries. Riding his Harley may not happen until the fall and perhaps not until next year. John remains very optimistic and is quite determined to beat the odds. Thanks to all his CN buddies who call or come to visit.
- Linda Ksionzek has a positive outlook after undergoing cancer surgery on July 31st.
- Allan Robertson\* broke his hip in mid-May and is recuperating at home.
- Tillie Sosiak\* is being treated for breast cancer and is holding her own.
- Thelma Stenhouse\* is in Riverview Health Centre for rehab after falling in late July.
- Shirley Worobey\* has been in hospital recently. She is recuperating at home.

## Happy Anniversary Wishes To:

- Art\* and Patricia Beavis celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Albert\* and Madeleine Delbaere will celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- George\* and Janet DeSerranno will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Don\* & Eleanor Graham celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob\* and Eila Gill celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Juan\* and Isabel Molina will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Jack\* and Bev Moore celebrated their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mel\* and Kathy Rusiecki celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Frank\* and Marg Shefchyk celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Larry\* and Marilyn Stubbe celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Wally\* and Adeline Thomson will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Ted\* and Lillian Warburton will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 26<sup>th</sup>.





## Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Alice Claeys\* will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Madeleine Delbaere will celebrate her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- George DeSerranno\* celebrated his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Therese Fillion\* will celebrate her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Don Graham\* celebrated his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom Hardy\* will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom Nicholl\* celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Florence Sailor will celebrate her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Larry Stubbe\* celebrated his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Marcel Vannevel\* will celebrate his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Birthday of the Month:

June: Boris Beyak

July: Bert Andrews

## Door Prizes:

June: Burk Lusansky, Gord Stein, Gary Taylor, Jim Kolson

**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.***

Frank Atchison\*  
 Thomas Atkins\*  
 Lily Bowers\*  
 Gordon Boyd  
 Gwen Brown\*  
 Jerry Budyk\*  
 Norman Chartrand  
 Bernie Chick\*  
 Elizabeth Chimka\*  
 Raymond Dalman\*  
 George Dumontet\*  
 Stuart Dunlop\*  
 George Feschuk\*  
 Wilfred Fulton\*  
 Peter Gaba\*  
 Mildred Elizabeth Gerhardt\*  
 Lucille Godbout\*  
 Mary Goulet  
 Percy Grainger\*  
 Caroline Guszawaty  
 Audrey Haier\*  
 Ray Haines\*  
 Herbert Harvey (VIA)

Yolande Hauser  
 Nick Horbacio  
 Mary Houle  
 Peter Illchuk\*  
 Betty James\*, wife of Gerry Gajda\*  
 Ronald Jones\*  
 Hazel Kelsey\*  
 John Kies\*  
 Betty Langrud, mother-in-law of Ernie Borowski\*  
 Zane Lewkiw\*  
 Olive MacLeod, wife of John MacLeod\*  
 Anthony Marchak\*  
 James May\*  
 William R. McDonald\*  
 Margaret McDougall\*  
 Mildred Miller  
 Nettie Myseniuk  
 Virginia Naworynski\*  
 Norman Otto\*  
 Jean Perreault\*

Elizabeth Poklitar  
 Mildred Reid\*  
 Eugene Rondeau\*  
 Noelle Roy  
 Stanley Rozmus\*  
 John Ryan\*  
 Lena Shewchuk  
 John Shymko  
 Stan Siwik\*  
 Gavin Smith\*  
 Izaak Stolk  
 Paul Stoyko\*  
 Patricia Streib\*  
 Nadia Stubbe, mother of Larry Stubbe\*  
 Athanase Therrien\*  
 Joseph Vienneau\*  
 Berthe Wiebe\*  
 Claudette Yarduk\*  
 Ted Yaschyshyn  
 Norman Zest\*

## More Picnic Photos



**A Big Thank You to Linda & Kevin Schram and to all the volunteers!**

### **Bocce Tournament—Annual Picnic (A Note from Ron Davis)**

Just to add to Linda's report, I would like to extend my thanks to the judges – Bert Andrews, Gary Davis, Albert Delbaere, Mel Martin, Pat McMullin, John Mozol and Ron Yarema. Also a big thank you to Linda Schram and helpers for arranging for the tent, tables and chairs, to those fetching and carrying the food and drinks and to the ladies who assisted in serving the food.

### **Webmaster—Janet Lewis Anderson**

Reporting on the progress of our website refreshment, I am happy to say that the actual transfer of content and domain name to our new service provider has been successful. However, I will be continuing to work on the refreshment and refinement of the design and content of our site over the coming months. For your convenience, it is no longer necessary to enter a password to access our newsletters. Please visit our website at [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca).

### **Kamloops Website**

Congratulations to the CN Pensioners Association Kamloops on the recent launch of their website. Check it out at [www.cnpa-kamloops.org](http://www.cnpa-kamloops.org).

I retired in December 1986 and found that a group of retired conductors and trainmen who called themselves the "UTU Seniors" were meeting in the Training Centre building behind the CN Depot. There were around 65 of us who discussed our CN Pension, etc. I knew about the CN Vets Division #1 which represented the craft personnel and had a membership of around 400. I joined this group and discovered that they did not affiliate with the National Council (NC) of CN Pensioners that CN recognized as the group who represented all CN pension recipients.

I contacted Don Mills, who was the President of the National Council at the time and he suggested I come to their next annual general meeting in Montreal in November 1988 to represent the Winnipeg Seniors. With the help of the Vets President, Borge Gade, George Turnley and George Clements, they passed a motion in their association to re-affiliate with the NC. The National Council was just managing to break even with their membership fee at \$15 paid annually by the members although most of the pensioners did not belong to the NC.

What brought the dramatic turn around of the NC was that the company agreed to a request for the monthly fee (\$1 per month) to be deducted off our monthly pension cheque. Cecil Steeves was persuaded to accept the NC Treasurers job but due to health issues plus the need for computer skills, he decided to give it up. Bruce Peacock of Moncton took over and the rest is history. With the stewardship of our local Treasurer (previously Ernie Borowski and now Jerry Dunford), as well as the enthusiasm of our Membership Chair Wayne Zaharia, our Manitoba Association now has approximately 4000 members.

Please make the job of Treasurer and Membership Chair easier by paying your local fee by pension cheque deduction. Remember, these positions are filled by volunteers who are serving you, so if you are not already on pension cheque deduction, please contact Wayne Zaharia and sign up.

★ The next Shooting Star Casino Trip will be September 7th to 9th, 2014. For more information or to reserve  
★ your seat call Albert Delbaere at 204-256-8419.  
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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 <http://www.cn.ca/en/delivering-responsibly/community/cn-railroaders-community> or the National Council website at [www.cnpensioners.org](http://www.cnpensioners.org) and click on the tab "CN Volunteers". Please let us know if your volunteer work has resulted in a grant to your charity by emailing us at [jelretiredmama@hotmail.com](mailto:jelretiredmama@hotmail.com). Please be sure to indicate this in the subject line. ***Congratulations to Rose Chapman on another \$500 Grant for the Grace Hospital Auxiliary!***

Marshall Thompson is looking for Western Region Conductors' Seniority lists from the late 1940's and early 1950's. He is seeking them for genealogy purposes. If you know where any of these can be found, please contact Marshall at [marshman@mymts.net](mailto:marshman@mymts.net).

Franklin Hayhurst is involved in a committee to restore the Rivers Train Station as energy efficient. They are looking for any CNR paraphernalia that could be donated for display in their future museum. They are a charitable status and invite you to check them out on the Rivers Train Station Blog: <http://riverstrainstationrestorationproject.blogspot.ca>. If you can help, please contact Franklin at [fmhay@mymts.net](mailto:fmhay@mymts.net).

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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
U.S. Social Security—Grand Forks	1-888-617-0456

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