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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

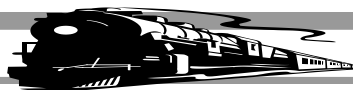
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Winter 2015/2016

## President's View - Ron Davis

On behalf of the Executive of the CNPA of Manitoba, we wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and all the best in 2016.



## Meet Joanne Gaborieau - Membership Chair of the CNPA of Manitoba



Joanne joined CN in July 1969 with the Reservation Department in Passenger Sales. From there she worked clerical positions in the Steno Pool, Express Shed #3 and Engineering offices before accepting a position in Employee Relations (now called Human Resources). In H.R., she held various positions from Secretary, Supervisor Pensions & Benefits and Human Resources Officer to Recruitment and Selection Associate. In 2003, Joanne transferred to the Customer Support Centre (now E-Business) as Assistant Manager

-CSC Operations. For the last six months of her career, she worked in HR-Labour Relations before retiring in January 2011 after more than 40 years service.

Joanne has been married to Marcel for 45 years; has 2 children and 3 grand-children. Both children work for a railway: one is a CN Engineer; the other works in On-Board Services for VIA Rail.

Joanne enjoys 10-Pin Bowling. She is the league's Treasurer. She enjoys fishing with the Winnipeg Wigglers Ladies Fishing Derby. Joanne spends as much time as possible at her cottage in Kenora as well as travelling south in the winter.

Joanne is looking forward to serving on the CNPA Executive.

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## Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

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!**

Adams, Adeline	Hauk, Jean	Ravestein, Gladys
Adams, George	Hirt, Terry	Rigaux, Margaret
Blais, Donald	Jurkoski, Elizabeth	Roy, Richard
Bohn, Ronald	Jurkowski, Derek	Rusiecki, Peter
Boudreau, Charles	Kennedy, G. Wayne	Scherbain, Robin
Boyko, Leonard	Lavallee, Clarence	Schick, Tim
Buday, Leslie	Mawhinney, Ken	Shack, Brian
Desorcy, Vera	McKimm, Brett	Simpson, Garry
Domstad, Lone	Nadohey, Stanley	Slattery, Eamo
Eftoda, Gary	Pearson, Richard	Smith, Patricia
Franchuk, Dave	Philips, William	Werschler, Raymond
Gauthier, Lorraine	Podolsky, Eva	

***The following members have moved and if anyone knows where they have moved to, please let the membership chair know so she can keep the data base up to date.***

Tina Baker, Helen Boucher-Tapping, Rubin De La Cruz, John G. Dryden, A. R. Earl, Mary Marino, Joan Mitchell, Daniel Smith, 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:

**September:** Claude Lambert, Jerry Maskiew, Bert Wielgosh, Anthony Pawluk, Ken Yaworski, Al Lenius, Al Hintz, Bodo Brandt, Keith W. Pitt, Henry Miller, Henry Friesen, Bill Smythe

**October:** Janice Sutton, Doug Loudon, Ray Louttit

**November:** Terry Hirt, Robert & Pat Hague, Jack Sinninghe, Marcel Gaborieau

**Birthdays:** **August:** Marge Jacobson **September:** Randy Rawluk  
**October:** Bev Vanderklok **November:** Gloria Gorin  
**December:** Henry Miller

**Attendance:** **September:** Albert Prejet, Wayne Gorin  
**October:** Denise LaRocque, Dennis Brown  
**November:** Joe Beaulieu, Marcel Gaborieau

**Door Prizes:** **September:** Dunc Andrews, Roy Asselstine, Mickey Ager, Marge Jacobson  
**October:** Janet Lewis Anderson, Eric Oman, Gary Taylor, Dave Kane  
**November:** Rose Chapman, Jeannette Grzadka, Dean Danforth, Eric Oman

***Hope to see more new faces at future meetings!***

## 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.

**JANUARY MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH,**  
**2016 AT THE CN CAMPUS - 650 PANDORA AVE**  
**EAST @ 1:30 P.M. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.**



### ***Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:***

***January 6th - meeting at CN Campus with possible tour of facility***

***February 3rd - Age and Opportunity - various types of housing available to seniors***

***March 2nd - Cheryl & Shonna from Disability Tax Services will speak on eligibility to receive this tax credit***

### **Annual Christmas Luncheon:**

The annual Christmas luncheon was held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2015** at the Masonic Memorial Centre. And once again it was a great success. We had many newer pensioners attending for the first time. The food was great and there were gift bags for everyone. There were prize draws and a slide presentation on past events.



### **2015 Christmas Luncheon Photos**

A special thank you goes to Patrick McMullin for the photos.



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

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**Outreach Committee:**

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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!**

**Happy Birthday Wishes To:**

Dennis Archer celebrated his 75th birthday on May 13th.  
Helve Dawson will celebrate her 91st birthday on December 23rd.  
Wilfred Dickey celebrated his 93rd birthday on September 3rd.  
John Gregorash celebrated his 88th birthday on October 21st.  
Garry Kesterke will celebrate his 75th birthday on December 25th.  
Peter Koralewicz celebrated his 90th birthday November 4th.  
Charlotte Kuban celebrated her 70th birthday November 23rd.  
Jack Moore celebrated his 60th birthday on November 22nd.  
Nellie Serofin celebrated her 99th birthday on September 13th.  
Steve Skrybalo will celebrate his 84th birthday on January 18th.  
Ernie Smith will celebrate his 85th birthday on December 22nd.  
Ed Wilcock celebrated his 95th birthday on December 12th.  
Norman Wolk celebrated his 80th birthday on October 16th.  
Ernie Yakiwchuk celebrated his 58th birthday on October 20th.

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Bert and Betty Andrews celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on December 4th.  
Dennis and Beverley Archer celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary on December 15th.  
Eugene and Rose Balamatowski celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 9th.  
Art and Jean Jones celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on October 16th.  
Jim and Darlene Klause celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on September 13th.  
Steve and Martha Korbutiak celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on July 16th.  
John and Charlotte Kuban celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 9th.  
Don and Dorothy Lang celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on September 19th.  
Gilbert & Lorette Rioux celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 27th.  
Sam and Bernice Sadler celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary on September 5th.  
Bert and Evelyn Wielgosh celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on September 26th.

**ATTENTION:**

Ex Military personnel (active and reserve): please check website:  
[www.cfappreciation.ca](http://www.cfappreciation.ca) and check the benefits that are available to you.

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:

Ervin Adams is not doing well. He is in the Poseidon Personal Care Home.

Gord Demke had knee replacement surgery October 2nd. He is home and doing fine.

John Kuban is still aiming to leave for Mexico on December 30th after his third round of chemotherapy.

Robert Kusyk is in Selkirk General Hospital after suffering a stroke. He is waiting for room at the Riverview Stroke Rehab Centre.

Margaret Luke, wife of Bruce Luke is being treated for cancer.

Conrad Preisler had a heart attack and quadruple heart bypass surgery in August. He is on the road to recovery.

Larry Schindell is now at Deer Lodge Centre, Tower 5, Room 531, and would love to have his friends visit.

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

Irene Adams*	Randy Domstad*	William Kaplanchuk*	Ken Rigaux*
John Audette*	Lillian Duncan	Jakob Kornelsen*	Norman Romas*
Charlie Banack*	Brian Erhart*	Kenneth Langridge*	Frank Romeo*
Anna Bandola*	Patrick Evans*	William Lindsay	Hazel Rudolph
Rita Barchet*	William Filipchuk*	John Loughheed	Ed Sherbrook
Elisabeth Beck	Julia Firchuk	Leona Luciw*	Olga Simister*
Rita Bernardin	Alfred Freihart	Shirley Lush*	Leona Siwik*
May Boissoneault	Jake Friesen	Doreen Maddock	Lloyd Skelding*
Raymond Bourdon*	Dorothy Gates*	Lawrence Marko*	Jim Stevens
Irene Brownell	Olga Geswin	Angelo Massaroni	William Sutherland*
Lorna Bruce	Annette Giesbrecht*	Jeff Mathieson*	Margaret Tachan
Mary Cameron, wife of	Robert Goodwin*	Peter Mazur	Elizabeth Tkach
Bill Cameron*	Jessie Gothard*	Jose Mendes	Reginald Vining
Michael Cebrowski*	Arnold Hamre	Celene Miles, daughter of	Douglas Walker*
Edward Chanowski*	Joan Harding*	Tom Miles	Mary Wavey*
Ann Chubey*	Al Hauk*	Isabel Mowat	Gordon Yakimow
Ivor Cox*	Roger Hebert*	Don Mutchmor*	Bill Young*
Eileen Craig*	Adeline Hilderman	Rita O'Neill*	Flora Young*
Marion Creaser*	Anna Hogg*	Robert Podolsky*	John Zuk
Ronald Danners*	Stanley Husak*	Katharina Pylpowich	
Eugene Desorcy*	John Jeffers*	Larry Ravestein*	
Katherine Dmytriw	Geraldine Johnson	Margaret Rempel*	
Michael Domenco*	Stanley Jurkowski*	Frank Rickner	

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



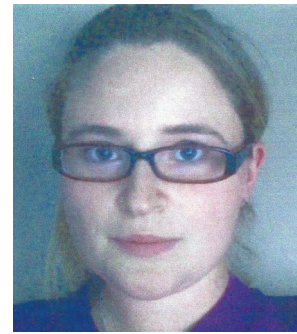
## 2015 Harvey Hosfield Bursary Recipients



*Hannah Keenes*



*Kara Lipski*



*Leia Toppozini*

**Hannah Keenes**, daughter of Douglas Keenes graduated from Murdoch MacKay Collegiate and has enrolled at the University of Manitoba in the field of Agriculture and Food Sciences. She is hoping to achieve an Agriculture degree in Animal Systems.

**Kara Lipski**, daughter of Bryan Lipski, will obtain her Bachelor of Science degree this October from the University of Manitoba and will continue her studies by entering the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba this fall.

**Leia Toppozini**, daughter of Kenneth Toppozini, is entering her 3rd year of University in her pursuit of a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychiatric Nursing, offered through the University of Brandon.

On behalf of all CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba members we wish our three recipients, and all those that applied, the best of luck in their educational pursuit.

### REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of the year for cheque paying members. Your **2016** fees are coming due and I would really appreciate you signing up for pension cheque deduction of \$1.00 a month. This makes it easier for all 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 the Membership Chair a call at 204-253-8103 and she will make the necessary arrangements for you. Remember we are all volunteers working on your behalf. Thanks very much.

If you have paid your membership fee since September 1, 2015, it will be applied towards your 2016 membership fee.

**Reminder pension cheque deduction members do not have to renew every year.**

The membership application form is available on [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca), for cheque paying members who hopefully will sign up for pension cheque deduction.

## 2015 National Council Scholarship: Prairie Region Awards

The 2015 recipients of the National Association Scholarship Program for the Prairie Region are: **Jessica Scott**, (Hermina Konstantynowicz), **Hannah Keenes** (Douglas Keenes), **Leia Toppozini** (Kenneth Toppozini), **Amy Johnson** (Kris Jensen); and **Cassandra Sullivan** (William Sullivan). A full report of all of the NC Scholarship recipients for 2015 will be in the next edition of the National Newsletter. On behalf of the National Council of CN Pensioners Association, we wish Jessica, Hannah, Leia, Amy and Cassandra the best of luck in their chosen fields and much success in the future!

### Please note our new mailing address:

CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba  
10 Greenwich Bay  
Winnipeg, MB  
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### Member at Large - Albert Delbaere

#### Shooting Star Casino Trip

The next Shooting Star Casino Trip will be March 20th - 22nd, 2016. Payment deadline is February 8th, 2016. Please contact Albert Delbaere at 204-256-8419 or [albert1a@mymts.net](mailto:albert1a@mymts.net) for more information or to reserve your seat.



### Information on Travel Passes:

For new marriages post retirement, the spouse is not entitled to pension survivor benefits under our pension plan. However, if the CN pensioner is eligible for a Travel Pass and then marries or remarries post retirement, the post-retirement spouse is eligible for the Travel Card (train pass).

You can simply call our CN Pensions call centre at 1-800-361-0739, and request one. The Customer Service Agent will take the required information and let you know if anything further will be required to process the application.

The Mountain Region has established three websites to visit: [www.cnpavancouver.org](http://www.cnpavancouver.org), [www.cnpafraservalley.wix.com/cnpafraservalley](http://www.cnpafraservalley.wix.com/cnpafraservalley) and [www.cnpa-kamloops.org](http://www.cnpa-kamloops.org). Also visit and like their Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/CNPA-Vancouver-Branch-121793007853178/timeline/](https://www.facebook.com/CNPA-Vancouver-Branch-121793007853178/timeline/)

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## **CN 2747 TRANSCONA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OBTAINS OWNERSHIP OF CN 2747**

The locomotive 2747 was the first locomotive built at the CNR Transcona Shops. This locomotive was one of 38 steam locomotives that were produced in the Transcona Shops between 1926 and 1938. By 1960, the steam era in the railway industry ended and hundreds of old steam locomotives were retired from service and were waiting to be demolished in the Transcona Yards. After 34 years of service in Western Canada, the Canadian National steam locomotive 2747 was retired but with a different fate as the others. It was saved from demolition. The re-

tirement of the locomotive was viewed with some regret, as some missed the whistle, which spoke of travel and adventure. In total, the steam locomotives numbered 2,500 in their prime. The remarkable record of service by the locomotive will never be forgotten. The Kiwanis Club put forth a request to CNR that the 2747 be brought back home for its retirement and that it should be presented to the Town of Transcona. The Kiwanis Club wanted this locomotive to be a permanent exhibit and a testament to the skill of the people of the Transcona Shops. CNR generously donated this locomotive as a token of the dedication of the citizens of the Town of Transcona. At that time, the scrap value of a large locomotive would run close to \$6,000. There were a number of requests from cities and towns all across Canada for old locomotives that were associated with the growth of the area. Many citizens wanted to see these locomotives in local parks as a reminder of the past. While many requests were denied, Transcona was very fortunate that their request was granted. In 1960, the Kiwanis Club started the process to find a place of beauty and recreation in which to display this historical locomotive and made the commitment that No. 2747 would be protected, and preserved in the years ahead. The perfect spot was found in Kiwanis Park. The Kiwanis Club transferred ownership to the Railway Museum, which is operated by the Mid-western Rail Association Inc. So much has changed over the years. The Town/City of Transcona no longer exists, and the Kiwanis Park has now become the Transcona Rotary Heritage (Train) Park. The park continues to be a City of Winnipeg park, and is maintained by the City. The Transcona Historical Museum was approached by Councillor Russ Wyatt. Councillor Wyatt wanted to know if the Museum would consider taking on the project to restore, protect, preserve and make the train accessible for future generations. Also the Museum would have more opportunities to obtain grants for this very worthwhile project. The Museum's board of directors met and decided that this was a project that the Museum should undertake.

A subcommittee was created to oversee this venture, consisting of three Transcona residents and Councillor Russ Wyatt. The first task that this committee undertook was to have the ownership of the 2747 train transferred to the Museum. Peter Martin, along with the committee members worked diligently to obtain the ownership. In September, the Winnipeg Railway Museum Executive and membership agreed to transfer ownership to the Museum for \$1.00. The formal transfer of ownership will occur and then the committee will begin the process of developing options, plans, and concepts that will ensure the future of the 2747. The board of directors of the Museum will make sure that the residents of Transcona will be made aware of the plans and the progress, and would also like to hear from you about your ideas. If you would like to be part of this working subcommittee, please email the Museum or drop off your information at the Museum.

Together we will ensure the preservation of this wonderful artifact for future generations!

To contact the museum, please email: [info@transconamuseum.mb.ca](mailto:info@transconamuseum.mb.ca)

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## Webmaster - Janet Lewis Anderson



The annual general meeting of the National Council was held in November in Montreal and was attended by our National Directors: Ron Davis, Carson Hull, Linda Schram and Janet Lewis Anderson. The National Council elected a new President, as Dave Simpson is stepping down. The new President is Yves Bourdon who will take over in January 2016.

Janet Lewis Anderson will continue in her role as Vice-President for the Prairie Region.

Janet will be giving a short summary of the AGM highlights at an upcoming General Meeting. Above is a picture of the National Council. The new President is second from the right in the first row.

## Treasurers Report - Jerry Dunford

The audit for the fiscal year September 2014 to August 2015 has been completed.

### Auditor's Report

I have reviewed the financial position of the "CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba".

This review consists of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussions related to information supplied to me by the treasurer.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements are not in all material respects in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

Signed Walter Lesiuk  
Winnipeg, Manitoba"



**Dean Danforth** applied for and received a \$500.00 grant for the Corydon Community Centre through the "Railroaders in the Community" program.

His wife **Stephanie Danforth** also applied for and received a \$250.00 spousal grant for the Corydon Community Centre.

**Rob Nykoluk** applied for and received a \$500.00 grant for the St. Saviour's Church - Gifts of Grace Street Mission.

His wife **Sue Nykoluk** also applied for and received a \$250.00 spousal grant for the St. Saviour's Church - Gifts of Grace Street Mission.

## Refer a CN Friend and increase your grant money!

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!

There is no better time to become a CN Railroader in the Community. Not only does your time make a difference to a needy charity or a youth amateur sports team but spreading the word about the program can increase the money they receive!

Visit [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca) for more information.

## Meet your fellow Pensioner - Mitch Gobeil



I started out working at CN in 1972 as a laborer at the Transcona Reclamation Yard (we called it the scrap yard) sorting out different types of scrap metals, salvaging box car lumber and such. During the summer months I would work vacation relief positions in the Transcona Purchases & Materials Dept. (also known as the Stores Dept back then), doing things like Forklift Operator, Checker, Stores Laborer, Clerk Typist and Stores Clerk. In 1975 I was able to get a permanent Clerk Typist position at Symington Car Stores and around 1980 I became the Stores Clerk at the Transcona Work Equipment Stores. Also in the late 70's I got involved with my union local and became the President of my local of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport & General Workers (CB of RT & GW) which

later became part of the CAW. In 1983 I was asked if I was interested in a management position at Transcona Purchases & Materials. So in August of 1983 I accepted a Foreman's position at the Transcona Materials Distribution Centre (MDC). During the next 3 years at one time or another I held the various Foreman's positions, Outside, Shipping, Lumber Yard, Receiving, and Warehouse Foreman. I also worked as Inventory Supervisor during that time. In January 1986 I accepted a promotion as Storekeeper in The Pas, MB. So in March of 1986 I moved my family (my wife and 2 boys) to The Pas, MB. During my time there along with work, I became Referee & Chief of The Pas Minor Hockey and President of The Pas Minor Ball. In November 1988 I accepted a promotion as Storekeeper Thunder Bay, ON, and moved my family again. While working there I became Umpire & Chief of West Fort William Minor Ball. In September of 1990 I accepted the position of Supervisor of the Diesel Warehouse at Transcona main shops. This was a new warehouse with a new computer system called Material Resource Planning (MRP). While working in Transcona I became President of Transcona Minor Ball. During that time I coached and/or managed ball teams from Pee wee ball to Junior ball. Also during those 15 years, I received various promotions, such as General Foreman of Transcona MDC, Training Supervisor, Manager of Transcona MDC and then Division Supply Management Officer (DSMO) for the Prairie Division. I was the DSMO when CN installed the SAP computer system and was very involved in various aspects of SAP's installation. During my 33 years with CN I worked with many very talented and dedicated people, many in the management ranks, but most of them in the regular rank and file of CN. In the fall of 2005 I found that my enjoyment of working for CN had become a chore and I decided that I would take an early retirement. Knowing that I would have enough points to take my pension at 55 years of age, I resigned from CN at age 51 and my wife resigned from her job as well.

We moved to South Junction, Manitoba (which is on the Sprague Sub) into what had been my parents' home, where I grew up. South Junction is where the former CN Ridgeville Sub joined the Sprague Sub and that is how the community got it's name. We purchased the house from my dad in 2001 and used it as a cottage until the spring of 2006, when we sold our home in Winnipeg. For the next 3 years we lived on our RRSPs as we had no other income. We did not want to give the government any more income tax then we had to. We have been renovating our home from top to bottom during this time and are almost finished.

In the spring of 2006 shortly after we moved to South Junction, MB, I was elected to the board of East Borderland Community Housing (EBCH). During my time on the board of EBCH we were able to convince Manitoba Housing to assist us in building a 55 plus apartment complex in the extreme S.E. corner of Manitoba so that the elderly people of the area would be able to have a place to move to when they were no longer physically able to look after their home and therefore would not have to move from the area.

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For more information about EBCH, visit [www.ebch.ca](http://www.ebch.ca). After 6 years on this board I decided it was time to volunteer elsewhere and did not let my name stand for re-election. I did not abandon the organization completely as I chaired and ran a fundraising golf tournament for EBCH for 8 years and I still help them every time they ask. I was Secretary - Treasurer of the South Junction Community Club from 2006 – 2015 and recently was elected President. In around 2002 my wife and I returned to snowmobiling, something we used to do when we were dating. I have been on the board of the South East SnoRiders (SESR) for a few years and currently I am the Vice-President of the SESR. So with the various volunteer work I do, snowmobiling in the winter and riding our ATVs in the summer, helping out friends and neighbors whenever they ask, I have no idea where I ever found the time to work for a living. We have 2 wonderful granddaughters, whom we spoil whenever we can. Life for us may not be perfect, but it is awfully close. The good lord has smiled on us.

### Christmas Luncheon December 2nd, 2015



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cnpensionersmanitoba](http://www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba)

## **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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