



# CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba

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## Meet your CNPA of Manitoba Executive for 2022:



**From top, then left to right.**

Ron Davis, John Mozol, Linda Schram, Patrick McMullin, Bruce Anderson, Janet Lewis Anderson

Ernie Yakiwchuk, Rose Chapman, Joanne Gaborieau, Tim McCrindle, Albert Delbaere, Claudette McCrindle, David Kane, Sharon Neimi

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Committee Representative

Patrick McMullin - Alternate

Director

Linda Schram - Pension and

Health Committee

Representative

## Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

|                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Regular Membership    | - 3535                           |
| Associate Members     | - 15                             |
| Age Exempt            | - 16 (100 years of age and over) |
| Total Paid Membership | - 3566                           |

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

Joanne Breckenridge  
Thérèse Chartrand  
Don Chisholm  
Mike Czechmeister  
Harjit Diocee  
Irene Dunfield  
Jo-Ann Dutka  
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Sue Wesa



**We invite spouses to become associate members so that they can enjoy all the benefits of the association including the privilege of voting.**

## President's View - Ron Davis



As we come to the end of another year,  
the Executive of the CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba  
would like to wish all members and their families,  
a very safe, happy and healthy holiday season  
and all the best  
in 2022.





## *Special Events - Ernie Yakiwchuk*

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When meetings resume, all are welcome to arrive after 12:30 p.m. to enjoy a coffee, donuts and a visit.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Ernie at 204-254-1441.

### *Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:*

**No General Meetings until further advised.** Check our website [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba/](https://www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba/) for updates.



### **Caution using Budget/Avis rental discounts**

Unfortunate timing, so soon after we promoted this discount in our national newsletter and elsewhere.

Budget/Avis has advised us, through CN, that due to a shortage in car supply, they are taking measures to ensure they can continue to supply their corporate customers and, as a result, they may not honor this discount code for a retiree.

Once their car supply has been re-stocked to its previous levels, they may reinstate the discount. The codes will still provide a discount if you are booking online, because they are the same code used by CN's active employees for business, but they may not be honored when you pick up your car, so, until we can provide any further information, use this as guidance when making your rental car choices.



### ***Congratulations to the following:***

**Bert Andrews** - received a \$500 grant for the Winnipeg Senior Citizens Radio Club

Do you volunteer for a registered charity in your community? Are you wondering why you haven't seen your name mentioned in any articles about your volunteer activities and participation in CN's Railroaders In The Community Program? The reason is because **CN does not provide us with that information.** Therefore, in order for you to be acknowledged in our newsletter, please send your information to Tim McCrindle ([tc2mccrindle@gmail.com](mailto:tc2mccrindle@gmail.com)) and tell us about your volunteer activities and charity.



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

Mail Outreach info to 186 Windham Rd, Wpg, R3J 3B8 or  
email: [rchapman17@shaw.ca](mailto:rchapman17@shaw.ca)

### **Outreach Committee:**

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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:**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Ed Barker of Calgary – 85 January 8 <sup>th</sup> . | Lorna Ivanyshyn – 79 March 10 <sup>th</sup> .   |
| Ed Bailer – 85 January 16 <sup>th</sup> .           | Art Jones – 91 March 2 <sup>nd</sup> .          |
| Morris Bakun – 85 December 26 <sup>th</sup> .       | Greg Kendall – 68 February 15 <sup>th</sup> .   |
| Joseph Balbon – 101 April 1 <sup>st</sup> .         | Stella Mazur – 100 March 19 <sup>th</sup> .     |
| Bill Baran – 89 February 20 <sup>th</sup> .         | Serge Medwedew – 90 October 5 <sup>th</sup> .   |
| Linda Barnes – 71 January 3 <sup>rd</sup> .         | Isobel Melville – 80 April 10 <sup>th</sup> .   |
| Gordon Bell – 85 March 15 <sup>th</sup> .           | Sharon Niemi – January 18 <sup>th</sup> .       |
| Mary Bretecher – 99 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> .         | Alban Prejet – 85 February 26 <sup>th</sup> .   |
| Nellie Drew – 85 March 17 <sup>th</sup> .           | Suzanne Prince – 102 February 4 <sup>th</sup> . |
| Joseph Dubanski – 91 January 4 <sup>th</sup> .      | Gerry Russell – 92 November 2 <sup>nd</sup> .   |
| Andy Gibson – 70 March 3 <sup>rd</sup> .            | Gary Sheane – 71 January 31 <sup>st</sup> .     |
| Alfred Gobeil – 77 on December 7 <sup>th</sup> .    | Sam Singer – 94 January 4 <sup>th</sup> .       |
| Henry Golis – 96 January 14 <sup>th</sup> .         | Alice Smith – 88 on January 15 <sup>th</sup> .  |
| Sofia Hull – 102 December 25 <sup>th</sup> .        | Ernest Smith – 91 December 22 <sup>nd</sup> .   |
| Ken Ivanyshyn – 81 April 17 <sup>th</sup> .         | Mary Smook – 101 March 6 <sup>th</sup> .        |

Caroline Solkoski – 100 January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Betty Steffens – 95 February 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Irene Stevens – 105 January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Diana Stewart – 80 January 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Joyce White – 101 January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Mary Wildeman – 100 February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

Bruce and Janet Anderson – 15 years March 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Ken and Mary Butchart – 60 years March 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Eugene (Ash) and Terry Gysel - 50 years March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Ken and Pat Hoy – 55 years December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
John and Colette Mozol – 50 years April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Gerry and Mary Ann Russell – 49 years October 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Sam and Betty Singer – 61 years January 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Hugh and Dianna Stewart – 58 years November 29<sup>th</sup>.



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### ***Sick list:***

To those previously mentioned on our Sick List, we hope that you are feeling much better, and well on the road to recovery. We extend our best wishes for improved health to all.



### ***Obituaries:*** *The following pensioners have passed away since the last report:*

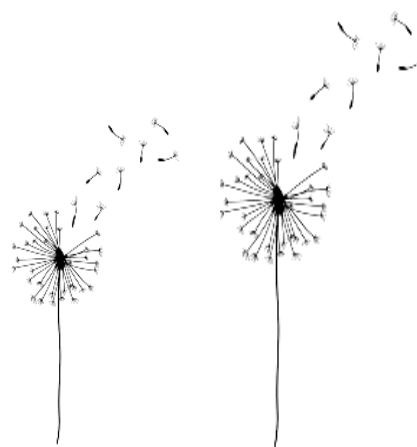
(\* denotes contributing member of the Manitoba Pensioners Association).



Lorraine Adams\*  
 Justina Andrusiak\*  
 Beryl Bumstead\*  
 Chris Cadzow\*  
 Bruce Candline\*  
 Paul Champagne\*  
 Alfred Chartrand\*  
 Eileen Chick\*  
 Allan Childs\*  
 Virginia Ann Constable\*  
 Dennis R Cote\*  
 Dorothy Derkach, *wife of*  
*Brian Derkach*  
 Margaret Donnelly\*  
 Frederick Dorward\*  
 Donald Dunfield\*  
 Buenconsejo Europa  
 Doris L Favot  
 Nestor Fuentes\*  
 Arthur Gagné\*  
 Eduardo Gata\*  
 Eileen Giesbrecht\*  
 Margaret Goretski\*  
 Audree Goring\*  
 Domenico Grande\*  
 Thomas Gustafson\*  
 Anne Hahlweg\*  
 Lawrence E Hall\*  
 Olga Hawryshko  
 Mildred Hogan\*, *mother of*  
*Jack Hogan*\*  
 Peter Holleron\*

Terry Horobec  
 Myrtle Hughes  
 John (Jack) Huston  
 Roman Jablonski  
 Josefina Koschak\*  
 Noella Laurence\*  
 Marjan Litynski  
 Joe Lundie\*  
 Anne Maltman\*  
 Gilberte Martin  
 Pasqualina Militano  
 Jack Mitchell\*  
 Dennis Morton\*  
 Randy Natuik\*  
 Grant Nerbas\*  
 William Okrusko\*  
 Minnie Owens\*  
 Hetty Pawlinsky\*  
 Gladys Ivy Payne\*  
 Muriel Perry\*  
 Shirley Poole  
 Wayne Porter\*  
 Frances Rauch\*  
 Beverley Richmond\*  
 Paul Rivard\*  
 Tony Rogodzinski\*  
 Katalin Sarkany\*  
 Kenneth Saunders\*  
 Howard\* and Kathy Schultz  
 Bohdan (Bud) Schurko\*  
 Francisco Segura, Sr.\*, *father of*  
*Frank Segura*\*

Edward Shannon\*  
 Edgar Shoell\*  
 Elizabeth Simcoe\*  
 Nahar Singh\*  
 Franklin Skiba\*  
 Iris Stammers\*  
 Linda Stewart\*  
 Lou Tarnoky\*  
 Stella Telford, *mother-in-law of*  
*Doug Olszewski*\*  
 Linda Tennant\*  
 Wolf Thomson\*  
 Chessie S Todd\*  
 Valentine H Ure\*  
 Vera Weremiuk\*  
 John Wreggitt\*  
 William Zekany\*



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



**Anne Duxbury** (nee Olexy) was employed at CN from May 1947 (starting in Toronto) till her retirement in July 1984. Most of these years were spent in Winnipeg.

In 1991, Anne married another longtime CN employee, Bill Duxbury. (Sadly, Bill passed away in January 2016.)

Over the years, Anne enjoyed travelling. She travelled across Canada and went on numerous trips with her younger sisters to Europe, Arizona and Puerto Rico. After her marriage to Bill, they continued their travels together in Canada and Europe.



Anne enjoyed numerous hobbies, including crafting beautiful ceramic pieces, playing bridge, and baking (especially apple pies and fancy Christmas sweets). Now, she enjoys watching curling and figure skating on television. She stays in touch with an extended family that includes many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and now great, great nieces and nephews.



## REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Cheque paying Members ONLY.

It's that time of the year for cheque paying members. Your **2022 fees are coming due** and we would appreciate you signing up for pension cheque deduction (PRD) of \$1.00 a month. We encourage you to elect this method as it simplifies the tedious work and helps cut down trips to the bank, paper-work, phone calls, postage and second notices.

### It saves you time! (There is no annual renewal)

It's quick and easy to do, just call 204-253-8103 and Joanne, the Membership Chairperson, will make the necessary arrangements for you, or call any of the Executive Council volunteers, or Bruce Peacock, Treasurer in Moncton at 506-381-0028.

**Cheque paying members should send \$12 for dues by December 31, 2021 to:**

**CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba  
10 Greenwich Bay, Winnipeg, MB  
R2J 1T6**

The membership application form is available on [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca) for personal cheque paying members who "hopefully" will sign up for CN Pension cheque deductions.

**REMINDER: PENSION CHEQUE DEDUCTION MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE TO RENEW EVERY YEAR.**



## A Step Back in Time - CN Historical Stations

### The Miami station, built in 1889, CN Miami Subdivision

This station is a rare surviving example of a Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway station which was used for many years by the Canadian Northern and the Canadian National Railways. The station continued to operate until the 1970s at which time it was part of the Canadian National Railway (CNR). In 1976, Miami Railway Station was designated a National Historic Site of Canada.

The wood-frame structure features a high-hipped gable roof, a protruding dormer and has one end connected to a hip roofed freight shed built in 1913 by Canadian Northern Railway.

The interior consists of a waiting room, and station agent's office with a station master's desk. The upper floor was used as a residence by the station master, the dormer was used as an observation bay.



We are always looking for interesting stories about our CNPA of Manitoba members. If you want to let your former co-workers know what you are up to after retiring, let us help tell your story.

You can submit stories and photos to:

**Tim McCrindle**  
**CNPA Publicity Chair**  
[tc2mccrindle@gmail.com](mailto:tc2mccrindle@gmail.com)



## *Your Blue Cross “Membership” Offers you Special Advantages*

Even with Extended Health Care coverage, sometimes it’s a struggle to pay for health and dental products and services. Prices vary widely and can exceed the coverage provided under your benefit plan, but with Blue Cross coverage, you have an advantage: Blue Advantage.

This program allows Blue Cross members to save on medical, vision care and many other products and services offered by participating providers across Canada.

The program is unique because it provides savings at point of sale on the total cost of products and services from participating providers across Canada, regardless if the item is covered under your benefit plan.

### Get rewarded with your Blue Cross membership

Automatically save on these health care products and services across Canada, even if they aren’t covered by your benefit plan:

- Dental
- Fitness/Wellness
- Hearing
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Nursing Services
- Pharmacy
- Vision
- Other Services

### How Blue Advantage works

Explore hundreds of health care providers that offer Blue Advantage discount.

Present your Blue Cross ID card and mention the Blue Advantage Program to the participating provider to receive your discount. We’re continually adding new providers. Blue Advantage discounts may be replaced with another discount, whichever provides greater savings to the Blue Cross member.

Want to know more? Visit [www.blueadvantage.ca](http://www.blueadvantage.ca)

**Never miss a great deal!** Sign up for our e-mail newsletter featuring significant savings and new providers joining the program. Sign up to receive Blue Advantage News by e-mail by visiting their site at [www.blueadvantage.ca](http://www.blueadvantage.ca)



### ***Health Care Report - Linda Schram*** *Health Care Representative*

There will be no premium increases for 2022.

The Plan continues to be financially secure.

We introduced a Mail Order Pharmacy option a year ago and have had a steady rise in members joining this program. This option provides lower prescription fees and drugs.



## ***Publicity Report - Tim & Claudette McCrindle***

Did you receive your newsletter by mail this time? Was it late? Do you have a computer or tablet? Are you connected to the Internet? Do you have an email address? If you can answer "Yes" to any of these questions, we would like to encourage all members who are receiving a hard copy by Canada Post to consider changing to an electronic copy. Currently we have over 3700 members and just over 400 who have signed up. Please do your part in helping to reduce the costs of mailing them out.

### **Benefits of an Electronic Newsletter:**

1. Delivered as soon as it is published in full colour.
2. No delays with printing.
3. No "return to sender" due to wrong address.
4. No postal disruptions.
5. Huge savings with the cost of printing.
6. Huge savings with the cost of postage.

**\*\* Remember, if you have any interesting stories worthy of mentioning, or if you are a Railroader in the Community volunteer, let us help tell your story. Send us an email and we would be happy to include it in a future publication. Deadline for any articles will be at the beginning of the publishing month.**



### ***Meet Your New Hospitality Chair - Sharon Niemi***

Sharon began her career with CN in 1981 as a car checker in Thunder Bay, Ontario. She worked various clerical jobs before transferring to Winnipeg in 1988 where she continued working similar positions until joining the SRS implementation team in 1994. Being part of the implementation team gave her the opportunity to travel from the Pacific to the Atlantic where she met lots of amazing people. In 1995 she joined the training team for the new Customer Support Centre in downtown Winnipeg. This led to new positions in customer service. In 2008 Sharon accepted a position with Revenue Management and in 2009 she went back to Symington as Sr Manager Western Canada Transportation Reporting.

In 2013 she was promoted to Business Manager of The CN Claude Mongeau National Training Centre, more commonly referred to as the "CN Campus" and was responsible for both the Winnipeg and Homewood locations. During her time at the training centre, Sharon got to meet and train tens of thousands of new and current CN employees. Throughout Sharon's career, she travelled extensively within Canada and the USA. She retired in the spring of 2019, after a 38-year career.

Since retirement, Sharon enjoys spending long hours by the lake at her cottage in Traverse Bay and enjoys having happy hours with many friends and neighbors. Sharon keeps herself busy both in the city and at the cottage. She belongs to a cottage and city book club and a cottage dinner club. Sharon recently built a wood burning sauna at the cottage where she is renewing her Finnish heritage with long hot saunas. When her daughter Sara completes her Business degree at the U of W, Sharon plans to move permanently to the cottage and travel to Mexico for a couple of months in the winter.

Sharon loves to travel and has seen most of Canada, quite a bit of the US, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America and wants to see more.





## ***Pension Report - Linda Schram***

*Pension Committee Representative*

We are pleased to inform you that monthly pension benefits payable from the CN Pension Plan (Plan) will be increased in January 2022 for eligible retirees and surviving spouses.

The Plan provides a guaranteed minimum indexation of \$9.00 per month for eligible retirees and \$4.50 per month for eligible surviving spouses every year. The Plan also provides eligible pensioners with indexation above this guaranteed minimum if there are sufficient funds in the Escalation Account. The Escalation Account is a notional account within the Plan whose primary, but not exclusive, purpose is to determine if indexation above the guaranteed minimum indexation is payable in any year.

At the end of 2020, the balance in the Escalation Account was sufficient to provide eligible pensioners with an indexation of 60% of the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), beginning with the January 2022 pension payment.

Basic monthly pensions will be increased by 0.30% in January 2022, subject to a maximum monthly increase of \$9.75 and to the guaranteed minimum indexation described above.

To be eligible for indexation, you must have retired on or before December 31, 2017. Spouses of deceased retirees qualify if the deceased retiree would have met the above eligibility requirements.

Please note indexation above the guaranteed minimum continues to be conditional on funds being available in the Escalation Account.



## ***National Council Report - Bruce Anderson***

*Director, National Council*

Our Annual Directors' Meeting (ADM) was held virtually, through a Zoom call on Thursday and Friday, November 18 & 19.

You will find a significant portion of what was reported on and discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, in the reports from the Health Care and the Pension Committee representatives. These two committees form an integral part of the services that are provided from our Association to our retirees.

Financially, the National Association remains stable, assisted by the fact that we have had reduced expenses over the past two years with limited in person meetings. Our National Treasurer / Membership Chair, Bruce Peacock, will be retiring at the end of 2022 after serving approximately 20 years in both positions. The position will be split into separate responsibilities and we currently have two retirees training to take over the duties.

Membership numbers continue to decline, both nationally and within our own council. The money the Association receives from the membership dues is our primary source of revenue and, accordingly, membership recruitment, as well as expense control are vital to the financial well-being of our Association.

We have continued our partnership with Johnson Insurance. While we continue to encourage members to shop around for the best deals for their own situations, Johnson does offer discounts to our members.

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We will be conducting a review of our National Constitution and By-Laws to ensure that any wording within those documents indicates, where appropriate, the inclusion of retirees that may have retired under the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan. Once that has been concluded, and approved at the national level, those changes will be cascaded out to local councils for their Constitutions and By-Laws as well.

Through my position as the liaison officer for the CNPA with CN for matters within our CN/CNPA Partnership Agreement, we have maintained a regular dialogue with CN throughout the year on programs and events that are of significance to CN retirees. Currently, with CN's recent reorganization, our communication lines have become somewhat disrupted, but we are working to maintain contact and restore the normal communication lines very soon. Highlights of the 2021 year were:

- The Railroaders in the Community program was a success in 2020, despite the impact the pandemic had on a lot of traditional volunteer opportunities. We have continued to promote this program with our retirees and eligible spouses throughout 2021. Ultimately, it is the charitable organizations that you volunteer your time at, that are the beneficiaries.
- We have started a program of profiling some of these volunteers and the charitable organizations they volunteer for, by publishing their stories and photos, as they provide to us, in our newsletters and on the Benevity website.
- Our Association previously crafted a document that serves as an introduction to the CNPA and the services/support it can offer to new retirees. That document is currently provided in the package of retirement papers a new retiree receives from CN, but we are trying to get this placed on the CN intranet as well, where those just contemplating retirement might see it first, the intent being to provide an earlier start to the awareness level of our Association and its benefits.
- We are working with CN to expand the various discounts available to CN retirees. In a recent newsletter we highlighted the Budget/Avis discount and in the December national newsletter there is a new discount that we now receive from the Rocky Mountaineer excursion train for their 2022 season. More to follow as they become available.
- In 2020 and again in 2021, CN had been planning to have celebrations in various locations across Canada to celebrate CN's birthday on June 6. Obviously those plans were never carried out, but they are planning for them again in 2022, and we will provide you as much information on those as soon as we can. Our local Association did a spectacular job of providing volunteers for the CN 100 exhibition in 2019, so whatever the plans end up being, we'll be looking for your support.

Contained within a December mail-out you will receive a national newsletter, and, in addition, for contributing members, there will be the CN Calendar, CN People magazine and a fridge magnet with several key contact addresses and phone numbers. Manitoba retirees will be familiar with these magnets, as a similar version was received from the Manitoba council a while back. Please keep these in a visible area for both your reference and your family.

Most federal legislation was suspended due to the recent Federal election, but we anticipate this will pick up again soon. Our CNPA Federal Government Liaison Officer will be ensuring that we provide our Association's perspective on legislative issues concerning our members. Unfortunately there is no news, at this time, on the National Pharmacare Program that the federal government promised 2 years ago.

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## 2021-2022 Election Results

As indicated in the Election article in our Fall 2021 Newsletter, the following members were nominated and elected by acclamation following our November Executive Meeting.

President – Ron Davis  
Past President – John Mozol  
Vice-President – Linda Schram  
Treasurer – Bruce Anderson  
Secretary – Patrick McMullin  
Membership – Joanne Gaborieau  
Publicity Newsletter – Tim McCrindle  
Member At Large / Associate Newsletter Editor – Claudette McCrindle  
Special Events – Ernie Yakiwchuk  
Webmaster – Janet Lewis Anderson  
Outreach – Rose Chapman  
Hospitality - Sharon Niemi  
Member At Large – Albert Delbaere  
Members At Large – Dave Kane

### **National Council:**

National Director & First Vice-President – Bruce Anderson  
National Director – Joanne Gaborieau  
Alternate Director – Patrick McMullin  
Health Care Committee Rep – Joanne Gaborieau  
Pension Committee Rep – To be Determined

### **Election For Pension Representative:**

As indicated in the Fall newsletter, more than one CNPA of Manitoba member has submitted their name for consideration for the Pension Committee Representative. Normally, a secret ballot would be held at a General Meeting. However, since it is still unclear as to when we will be able to resume our General Meetings, the balloting process for those who wish to vote will be as follows:

**Voting will open on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and close on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at midnight.** In order to cast your ballot, please email Patrick McMullin at [pmcmullin@shaw.ca](mailto:pmcmullin@shaw.ca) with the name of the person you are voting for from the list of candidates below. **Votes received before the opening or after the closing dates will be disqualified.** Once the scrutineers have tallied up the votes, an announcement as to the successful candidate will be made on our website, Facebook page and as well as in our Spring 2022 newsletter.

The candidates are:

- Bruce Anderson (nominated by: Linda Schram)
- Joanne Gaborieau (nominated by: Patrick McMullin)
- John (Wayne) Gorin (nominated by: Lance Smallwood)

Each candidate has submitted a brief write up of their qualifications for this position.

**Bruce Anderson:** Please accept this as my submission to stand for election to the position of Pension Committee Representative for the Prairie Region.

- I worked for CN for 44 years in various unionized and management positions, in both Operations and Marketing at multiple locations between Montreal and Edmonton.
- I retired in June, 2016, and soon got involved in the CN Pensioners Association at both the Local and National levels.
- At the Local level, I have been the Treasurer of the Manitoba Council since January, 2019.
- In September 2019, together with Linda Schram, we coordinated all volunteer activity for the Winnipeg dates of the CN 100 Moving Celebration which was an overwhelming success story for our volunteers.
- At the National level of our Association, I have been a Director on the National Council for 4 years and am currently in a 3 year term as both First Vice President and CN/CNPA Partnership Agreement Liaison Officer for the National Council.
- In the role of the Partnership Agreement Liaison Officer, I coordinate various activities/initiatives directly with CN to the benefit of our general membership. These include programs such as Railroaders in the Community, discounts from various suppliers for CN pensioners, and other issues that arise from within the Partnership Agreement we have between our Association and CN.

**Joanne Gaborieau:** I am submitting my name for the position of Pension Committee Representative for the Prairie Region at the upcoming elections. My qualifications:

- My Background is in Human Resource (Employee Relations) (37 years).
- Counselling many CN employees on Pension and Benefit matters. Took over that responsibility after Jean Isenberg retired. She was the Supervisor, Pension & Benefits.
- Arranged for several information sessions for employees, inviting Representatives from Service Canada to conduct presentations on Old age and CPP benefits and other government benefits.
- During my career, I had many contacts with CN Pension & Benefits department, in particular with Darlene Cherry, Jay Mann, Lloyd Mitchell, Albert Lemieux, Nancy Reny, Maria Romano and others in order to resolve pension issues for our future retirees.
- I volunteer with CNPA as Membership Chair, Prairie Region Scholarship and Bursary Chair, National Director, Health Care Rep, Assistant Editor for National newsletter.

I would like to represent our Prairie Region members on the CN Pension Committee at the National level.

**John (Wayne) Gorin:** To my fellow CN Association of Manitoba Pensioners,

- I have submitted my name, John (Wayne) Gorin, to run for the following position, CN Pensioners "National Pension Committee Representative".
- I have been an active member since July, 2014, serving one term as the "Special Events" Chair-person. From 2007 to 2014, I held one of three (3) National Trustee positions for the United Steelworkers Union Local 2004. In this position I performed and conducted quarterly and year-end financial audits, audited reports, audited administrative records and submitted recommendations for the benefit of all members.
- I also have my Instructional Techniques certificate from CNR and my Industrial Supervision certificate from the Red River Community College.

Please vote and stay safe. Thank you.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 1st, 2021**

On Wednesday, December 1st, we had a great turnout with 114 people attending the annual Christmas Luncheon. A good time was had by all as many gifts and prizes were given out. Congratulations to our two senior attendees, Iris Martin and John Balagus. A special thanks to Ernie Yakiwchuk for all his work in organizing this successful event and also to all those who helped out.



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***Frequently Called Numbers***

**The CN Pension & Benefits Help Line 1-800-361-0739.**

Always have your PIN to better identify you when making inquiries.

If you move, call 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, Pension and Rail Passes info. | 1-800-361-0739     |
| Canada Pension & Old Age Security                | 1-800-277-9914     |
| Canada Custom & Revenue Service                  | 1-800-959-8281     |
| Blue Cross National Claims Direct Plan 93115     | 1-888-873-9200     |
| Income Tax Preparation & Questions - Jim Miln    | 204-253-0137       |
| Health Links/Info Santé                          | 204-788-8200       |
|  | or 1-888-315-9257  |
| CN Police  | 1-800-465-9239, #3 |

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

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