

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba

Meetings held at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month except for the months of July, August and December. Location of the meetings (unless otherwise stated on our Special Events page) is at the Norwood Legion, 134 Marion Street, Winnipeg.

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Winter 2018/2019

President's View

Meet your new CNPA of Manitoba Executive for 2019:

Front Row - (left)
 Claudette McCrindle,
 Linda Schram, Rose Chapman,
 Janet Lewis Anderson
 and Joanne Gaborieau.

Back Row - (left)
 Albert Delbaere, Tim McCrindle,
 Patrick McMullin, David Kane,
 Serge Poulin, Bruce Anderson,
 Ron Davis, John Mozol and Ernie Yakiwchuk.



We wish to thank Jerry Dunford, Jack Moore and John Yarema for their participation on the Executive of the CNPA of Manitoba.

On behalf of the Executive, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.



Bernice McCrea (nee Peterson) celebrated her 100th birthday on November 20, 2018. Bernice worked in accounting at the CNR from 1960 until retiring in 1983. Born on the farm in Kamsack, Sask, she came to Winnipeg in 1942 to find work and in 1947 married Alan McCrea. They had one son, David. After Alan passed away in 1993, Bernice took several cruises by herself, including one up



the Amazon river! She continued to drive and to be an avid golfer well into her 90's. She moved from her condo into Riverwood Square at age 97 where she remains healthy and sharp, enjoying her two grandchildren and two cats.

Executive Council - 2019

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National Council

Directors & Officers

Bruce Anderson - Director
Janet Lewis Anderson - Officer
Joanne Gaborieau - Director
Linda Schram - Pension and
Health Care Rep.

Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

Total paid membership - 3821

Pension Cheque deduction - 3804

Fees paid by cheque - 17

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

Leona Beaulieu
Frances Boon
Jeannette Boulanger
Calvin Brad
Ron A. Byron
Gloria Conger
Mary Dagg
Brian Dufault
Myra Farmer
Rebecca Faunal
Bruce M. Ferens
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Lorraine Fox

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Joseph Oszian
Kirby Pearson
Mark Perry
Mike Pitura
Andrew Primmatt
Beverley Robitaille

Dave Russell
Diane Ryz
Gordon Sheane
Tom Trenchard
Marilyn Vincent
Gwen Yakiwchuk

Correction: Apologies
to new member:
Brian Wasylenko, his
surname was misspelled
in the Fall newsletter.
Welcome Brian

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:

October : Gord Johnson, Russell Smith, Rick Doherty, Tom Trenchard, Brian Wasylenko

November: Arlene Lee, Jim Miller

Hope to see more new faces at future meetings!

Birthdays Draws: **October:** Kevin Rekiel

November: Dennis Brown

December: Henry Miller

Attendance Draws: **October:** Mike Shewchuk, Mike Felewich,
Lawrence Kozakewich

November: Tim McCrindle, Dave Brown

Door Prize Draws: **October:** Barbara Lange, Kevin Rekiel, Bob Miller,
Bohdan Bontey

November: Carson Hull, Barry Levandoski,
Colette Audette, Ron Young

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

Special Events - Ernie Yakiwchuk

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



Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:

January 2nd - Lori Yorke from Snowbird Medi-Quote

February 6th - Tim Smith from The Heart and Stroke Foundation

March 7th - A Representative from Diabetes Canada

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2018:

On Wednesday, December 5th, we had a great turnout with 196 people attending the annual Christmas Luncheon. We also had a visit from Santa and those who were interested got their picture taken with Santa. A special thanks to Ernie Yakiwchuk for all his work in organizing this event and also to all those who helped out. (See pictures on page 10 and 11.)

CNPA Bowling League - On October 30th the Halloween Bingo Bowl was held at Billy Mosienko Lanes. Forty people came out to bowl two games and then enjoy a pizza lunch. Thanks to Eric Oman and Donna Bremner for organizing this event. Watch for the upcoming announcement on our website and Facebook page for the Valentines Bingo Bowl to be held on February 12th, 2019.



Please remember that the bowling league is always looking for new members to join as a regular player or a spare. Contact Eric Oman, Donna Bremner or Dean Danforth for more information.

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

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Outreach Committee:

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Please contact any member on the Outreach Committee with information on pensioners who are hospitalized, or ill at home, and on those who have had or will be celebrating **special birthdays** or **milestone anniversaries**. **Remember - please keep us informed!**

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

Agnes Aikens*	Anne Grabowsky	Ann Phillips
Helen Bacler	Hazel Hilderman	Lorne Pidhirney*
Denis Beaulieu*	Michael Hnatishin*	Henry Ryz*
Patricia Beavis*	Milan Horvat	Jean M. Scribner*
Carmelo Bongiorno	Andrew Hull*	Ken Smith*
Peter Boon*	John Jamborko	James Somers*
Gaston Boulanger	Lydia Jones*	Nicholas Spewak*
Claire Bourrier*	Walter Klos*	Thelma Stenhouse*
John Bowers*	Michael Kowalski*	Martha Strachan*
Marlene Brakel	Lionel (Larry) Landry*	Verna Tench*
Joyce Bridle*	P. H. Landry*	Jacqueline L. Thorkelson
Patricia Brouillette*	Tom Leonard*	Tinnie Trush
Moe Brown, brother of	Philothee Linklater	Virginia Turner
Blair Brown*	Norman MacDonald*	Donald Vincent*
William Cameron*	Dorothy Maciejko*	Jenneke Watt
Aleda Cancilla	Vincent Mallen	Gordon R. Waver*
Marion Ciurka*	Doreen McCrindle, mother of	Charlie Wazney*
Dennis Conger*	Tim McCrindle*	Alex F. Whitelaw*
Jacqueline E. Cordiner*	James McDougall*	Arthur Q. Whitworth*
Rowland M. Crothers*	Glenda McGregor, mother of	Reginald Wiebe*
Frederick Dagg*	Linda Schram*, mother-in-law	Adam Wierzbicki*
Anna Drepko	of Kevin Schram*	Anne Williams*
Audrey Edwards*	Marguerite Merlevede*	Gladys Wywiurka
Ramon Faunal*	Emily Michalyna	Fred Yurkiw *
Dorothy Foster*	Annie Mills*	
Greta Fox*	Fanny Mock*	
Antonio Franceschetti*	Robert D. Moore	
Marietta Garry*	Doreen Parr*	
Roxanne Getta, wife of	Daniel Pauls*	
Ronald Giesbrecht*	Stan Petryk	

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

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:

Sick List:

Bill Brychka now resides at Rivers Edge 1 Retirement Residence in Winnipeg.
Dean Danforth had a heart attack in September and had 3 stents inserted. He is home and is doing well.
Dave Dyck now resides in Tabor Home in Morden.
Rick Fleming's last CT scan in August was clear.
Tom Gustafson has difficulty walking and now resides in Deer Lodge Centre.
Bob Mozol has lung cancer and will be starting chemotherapy shortly. He is doing okay for now.
Mel Rusiecki underwent mitral valve replacement surgery in November. This was followed by kidney and adrenal gland removal surgery in early December. Both surgeries went well.
Steve Skrybalo is waiting for more tests and is tired all the time.
Bill Thompson is home waiting for a double lung transplant.
John Yarema is not doing well. He will have kidney removal surgery in January and has difficulty getting around.

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Ed Barker will be 82 on January 8th.
Linda Barker will be 68 on January 3rd.
Ken Carroll turned 65 on December 7th.
Joan Davidson turned 90 on November 7th.
Tom Gustafson will be 92 on December 22nd.
Margaret Kelsey will be 95 on December 27th.
Garry Kesterke will be 78 on December 25th.
Don Lang will be 85 on January 3rd.
Nancy Popiel will be 100 on January 23rd.
June Ross turned 80 on December 6th.
Kathy Rusiecki will be 80 on January 6th.
Jack Shmon turned 80 on November 29th.
Olga Skrybalo will be 85 on January 7th.
Irene Stevens will be 102 on January 1st.
Eileen Wilson turned 74 on November 2nd.
Jennie Zankowski will be 101 on January 25th.

**Happy Anniversary To:**

Jack and Isobel Melville celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on December 9th.
Trevor and Eileen Wilson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 2nd.

In The Spotlight

Barbara Lange and “Memories of the Moonlight Special and Grand Beach Train Era”

Congratulations to Barbara Lange on the successful launch of her new book “*Memories of the Moonlight Special and Grand Beach Train Era*”. The launch took place at McNally Robinson Book Store in Winnipeg on Sunday, October 21st. There were over 100 people who turned out for the launch and book signing.

The event kicked off with her husband Larry (Smiley) Lange (a CN Pensioner) decked out in Locomotive Engineer gear, calling out “All Aboard”! Joanne from McNally Robinson gave a brief introduction into the afternoon’s launch before turning it over to Peter Martin, former President of the Transcona Museum, who then formally introduced Barbara Lange. Barbara shared how her interest in trains began many years ago in Britain where her father was a ticket collector for the British Railroad. Her affection for trains continued when she married her husband Larry, a CN Pensioner. Barbara explained how she interviewed so many people as she gathered her stories and memories for her book. That was the fun part, she said!

Barbara invited a few of the people who provided her with stories to read excerpts from the book. First up was Jim Blanchard, author of several books on Winnipeg’s history. He read the article that he researched about how train stations were popular locations for lovers in the 1920’s as kissing was outlawed, except in train stations. Next up was Jean Tullet, another Winnipeg writer, who spoke of the shenanigans a youth got up to when he was employed in the Grand Beach Dance Pavilion. The title of the story was “Bath House Harry and Tales of Grand Beach”. Also invited to share one of the stories was Matthew Komus, author of “Haunted Winnipeg,” who read a story from a man he interviewed who had been a “newsie” on the Grand Beach train when he was only 12.



Barbara thanked everyone who contributed to her book including the late Peter Lacey (Winnipeg Railway Museum) who helped research the types of engines used (eg. #5000 CN J-1-a Pacific, and #2043 M-1-b Consolidation locomotives). She also thanked everyone for attending the launch.

Barbara’s book is available at McNally Robinson (Grant Avenue and The Forks locations) in Winnipeg as well as Chapters Indigo, Coles and Smith bookstores across Canada. The book is also available on ebooks on Apple and Kobo.

You can contact Barbara at railwaystories@hotmail.com.



The CN Pensioners' Association has recently signed a partnership agreement with Collette which provides travel services to all seven continents. Collette features comprehensive land tours, river cruises, rail journeys, small group tours and more. They also offer various savings including loyalty benefits for frequent travelers. When you purchase air travel as well as land travel, Collette will provide CNPA members and traveling companions with door to door round trip home to airport sedan service as long as they are within 100 km of a major Canadian airport.

Here are the benefits:

- CNPA members save \$100 per person on any tour!
- The CNPA member benefit is combinable with all other Collette offers. These could be up to \$500 off per person in some cases.
- The CNPA member benefit is also in addition to taking advantage of Collette's Loyalty Program (additional \$150 off any tour booked within 12 months of their 1st booking; or \$100 off if within 24 months of 1st booking per person).
- An exclusive landing page on Collette's website, toll free number and offer code "**CNPASAVE**" exclusively for CNPA members.

For more information consult the National Website at www.cnpensioners.org and click on **MEMBERS** then select Travel and Discounts, then select Collette or visit the Collette Website at:

www.collette.com/cnpa. Be sure to mention your CNPA member benefit and offer code **CNPASAVE** when calling.



Congratulations to the following:

Myra Logan, wife of David Logan - \$250 spousal grant for the Grace Hospital Auxiliary.

Lorraine Miln, wife of Jim Miln - \$250 spousal grant for The Guild of Victoria General Hospital.

Rose Chapman - \$500 grant for the Grace Hospital Auxiliary.

Rose Chapman, wife of Art Chapman - \$250 spousal grant for the Grace Hospital Auxiliary.

Editor's Message: I have had the privilege of being on the CNPA of Manitoba Executive as the Publicity Chair and Editor of the newsletter for the past few years. During this time, I have met many CN pensioners, whom I now think of as friends. I wish to thank the Executive for all of their guidance and assistance during my time on the Executive Committee.

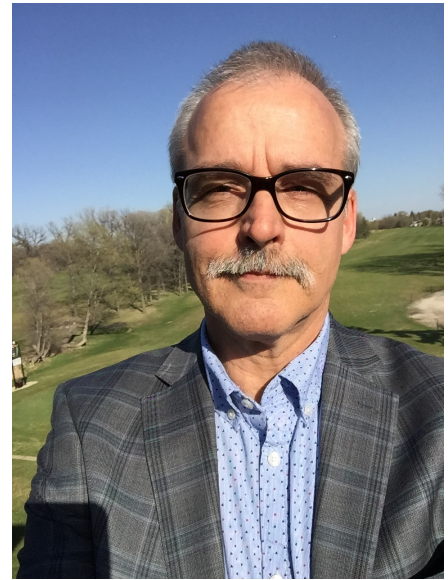
Your new Publicity Chair - Tim McCrindle will be editing the newsletter in the new year.

Thank you all,
Jack Moore

Meet Your New Hospitality Chair - Serge Poulin

I enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in April 1974 and after various training I was stationed in Winnipeg in April 1975 as a Military Policeman until September 1979. I then transferred to Germany, where I stayed for three years before moving to Ottawa in April 1982. I decided to retire from the military and moved to Edmonton in June 1983.

I joined CN in September 1983, originally with the Extra Gangs and then moved to the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport & General Workers Union (CBRT & GW) in 1985. I worked in various positions as a classified labourer and in clerical positions in the Car Shop and Diesel Shop. I then moved on to a Waybill Clerk position and Customer Service Rep in the CSC and then as a Crew Dispatcher. In 1993, I was part of the Western Canada SRS Implementation team working in Vancouver, Montreal and Detroit. In 1995 I moved to Winnipeg to join the National Customer Service Centre as Supervisor in the Customer Waybill Centre before joining the EDI group until my retirement on February 01, 2016.



Treasurer's Report - Jerry Dunford

CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba Audit report for the fiscal year September 01, 2017 - August 31, 2018.

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

This review consisted of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussions related to the information provided to us by the treasurer.

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

Original Signed by Walter Lesiuk - CMA October 18, 2018
Winnipeg, Manitoba

We wish to thank Jerry for his service and welcome Bruce Anderson as the new Treasurer.

REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Cheque paying Members only

It's that time of the year for cheque paying members. Your **2019 fees are coming due** and I would appreciate you signing up for pension cheque deduction 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.

If paying by cheque, send \$12 for dues to:

**CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba
10 Greenwich Bay, Winnipeg, MB
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The membership application form is available on www.cn pensioners.ca, for personal cheque paying members who "hopefully" will sign up for CN Pension cheque deductions.

Update of Annual Directors Meeting of the National Council Montreal - November 15-16, 2018

Constitution:

There will be a committee struck to review the core elements of the National Constitution to study the feasibility of implementing a standard constitution for the National Council, as well as for all Regional and Local councils. Beyond the core elements, each council would have established bylaws that are specific to their own operations and would be appended to the Constitution.

Code of Conduct:

There has been a standard Code of Conduct developed at the National level which is proposed to be included for all Regional and Local councils. If adopted, it would be appended to the Constitution.

National Pharmacare:

The Federal government is studying a proposal for a National Pharmacare program that would standardize the approach to prescription drugs across Canada. The National Council submitted a response on behalf of the CNPA to the Federal Minister, drafted by our Federal Government Liaison Officer and the Chairman of our National Health Care Committee. In the New Year we will be expanding our submissions to various levels within the Federal Government to show a wide breadth of support for the proposal.

Johnson Insurance:

A presentation was made by Johnson Insurance on their respective offerings for home, auto and travel insurance and the discounts and service that they offer for CN Pensioners. They are continually adding features to their policies to keep them competitive and a link to their sites and information is on both the National website (www.cnpensioners.org) and the Manitoba website (www.cnpensioners.ca).

National Scholarship Program:

The program will be continued in 2019 with each region offering five National Scholarships of \$1,500 each in addition to any local scholarships/bursaries that may be sponsored.

Pension and Health Care Update:

Pension News:

Indexation increase effective January 1, 2019 - To be eligible for the increase you must have been retired on or before December 31, 2014.

The increase is \$9.00 minimum per month for pensioners and \$4.50 for survivor spouses.

The maximum amount will be \$26.00 per month.

The 2018 tax information will be available when you sign into the CN Pensioners' Benefits website: www.cnbenefits.hroffice.com or call 1-800-361-0739 for assistance.

Blue Cross information:

Effective January 2019 the new Blue Cross information will be available on the National CN Pensioners Association website. (www.cnpensioners.org)

Now is the time to gather all your medical receipts for 2018 that you have not been reimbursed for and send to Blue Cross. Last year many of our members missed the deadline of April 30th and missed out on money owed to them.

Wishing all our members a joyous and safe holiday season.

Linda Schram - Health Care and Pension Committee rep.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 5th, 2018





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www.cnpensioners.ca

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

Frequently Called Numbers

The CN Pensioners' Help Line 1-800-361-0739.

Always have your PIN to better identify you when making inquiries. If you move, advise the above number. If you are married at the time of retirement, make sure that CN has your spouse's name on file. Changing banks, with direct deposit, never close your old account until the cheque shows up in the new account.

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 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

CN Police

1-800-465-9239, #3

Phone numbers for International Employees:

U. S. Railroad - Fargo

1-877-772-5772

U.S. Social Security - Grand Forks

1-888-617-0456

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