



# CN Pensioner Association of Manitoba

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 01:30 P.M.  
at the  
Norwood Legion, 134 Marion St.  
Sept.-Oct.-Nov. 2008



Members:—Check out our Website — [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca)  
Get involved in The Forum....our online community!  
See what's new.

Janet Lewis Anderson

The CN Vet's 5-pin bowling league with President Wally Payonk, Secretary Marge Jacobson and Treasurer Dean Danforth were re-elected to their respective positions. They were railroaded into accepting these positions as they did such a good job in the past.

**WHERE ARE THE NEW REPLACEMENT BOWLERS?** We are a fragile group so get with it and get down to the Mosienko Lanes at Redwood and Main, Thursday mornings at 10.00 A.M. Bowling starts up again on September 4th, so give **Marge Jacobson** a call at 222 6012 and tell her you're going to be there.

## **Symington Family Day**

**Saturday, September 13th from 11.00 to 04.0 P.M.**

Parking at or near Symington General Yard Office, volunteers on hand to direct traffic.

Tours of the various offices and maintenance facilities including the Diesel, Car Shops & Fitness Centre & Hump Operation. Belt Pack operation of robot engines and their various yard functions. All you ever wanted to know about the running of a major rail yard will be answered as qualified personnel will be on hand to guide you and show you around.

Food and refreshments will be available, all one has to do is show up with your Wife or Friend, Children and/or Grandchildren. A large tent will be set up near the Fitness Centre housing food etc., a silent auction will be held with all proceeds to the Children's Hospital.

A shuttle service is provided to the various sites.

Washroom facilities available in the Fitness Centre. Please use this facility as if it's your own as the Centre is also open for Members use.

If you want to try the exercise machines, please remove your shoes as this is a rule members must follow.

**Carl Iwanoczko** advised **Karl Olafson** that the Dispatchers' breakfast held at the Windsor Park Inn has now been changed to the **1st Monday** of the month.

I assume the starting time is the same. Thank you

**John Almdal** advises that the PDC #3 did not pass the appropriate hydro static test and consequently won't be operating until next season. The part needed is not available in Manitoba and has to be made in Saskatchewan.

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**Bob Gill** says that under the Sub-Groups—Get Together of Marketing & Sales, meets on the 4th Tuesday at the R. C. Legion, 360 DeVries, not as reported.

We do not meet again until the 4th Tuesday of September.

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The correct phone number for **Lawrence Webb** is 222 5931 not as printed. My apologies.

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What do they call 10 rabbits in a line walking backwards?

See answer on page 8

**CHOICE Hotels:**—The CNPA has a discount agreement with Choice Hotels.

Call 1 800 424 6423 and quote your ID # 00064447 and give the City, time, arrival, departure etc. Always have your PIN number to better identify you as a CN pensioner.

Their website is [www.choicehotels.ca](http://www.choicehotels.ca). This info. Appeared in the Spring edition of the N.C. Newsletter.

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**Carson Hull:— 269 2692**

The next Health Care meeting will be held on September 10th which I'll be attending. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has a question regarding Blue Cross.

We do everything to hold premiums down but as the cost of drugs continues to spiral upwards and our Pensioners base becomes older, the use of prescription drugs and their escalating costs dictates the premium increase.

Please be advised that this is our last newsletter prior to our annual local elections for all positions. Election on Wednesday, November 5th.

Contact your nominating chairman, Past President **Bill Cameron at 256 6488**, that you will let your name stand for the office that you want to hold.

If you want to improve the CN Pension Plan this is the time and place to put your money where your mouth is and put your ideas to work..... percentage increases make 'the rich get richer and the poor get poorer'.

**Membership:— Wayne Zaharia**

As of August 31, 2008 membership is as follows:—

Payroll deduction	2,938
Fees by cheque	249
Exempt	1
Total paid	3,188

Please advise me when you move your change of address. The following members have moved and did not give a forwarding address. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows where they might have moved to. Thanks

**Cassidy, Robert** 1203-1150 Munroe Ave.  
**Dorian, Reginald** 705-274 Princeton Dr. Thompson MB

**Dubsky, Peter** 1040 Talbot Ave. (moved to Calgary)

**Firby, William** 217 Aldine St. Wpg

**Flynn, Michael** 206-880 Arlington St. Wpg

**Graham, Edward** 213-3161 Grant. Ave.

**Grogrenz Frank** 946 Ingersoll St. Wpg.

**Halikowski Adam** Box 1863 Swan River

**McCormack, Robert** 1015-3033 Portage A

**Miechkota Kathlerine** 105-1126 Molson

**Parker, Mary** 151-1145 Dakota St. Wpg.

**Meals on Wheels:**

Always need drivers and/or servers.  
Phone **204 956 7711**, seven days a week.  
They are really short of volunteers.

**Ron Davis:— Golf Reports—****June Golf:—**

34 players on a day without rain, 12 of the 34 players scored in the low 80's and 90's. **Lorne Gardiner** with an 85 and **Bill Heasman** with 89 led the way.

**Gerry Tuck** and **Bill Reilly** had 90, **Forrest Finlay** with a 92 and **Bob Sharp** had a 93. **Peter Tkach** and **Morris Bakun** had 94's, **Joe Tachinski** and **Serge Houle** had 95's with **Gerry Moore** at 98 and **Donna Archer** at 99. The rest of us did not fare so well.

The Kingswood Golf Course did it again.

**Mixed Golf Report:—**

27 players on a warm sunny day. **Donna Archer** with a 95 and **Joan Boudreau** with a 98 led the way for the ladies.

**Peter Tkach** with an 83 **Don Benzie** 94, **Ed. Grzadka** and **Andy Sawler** with 96's and **Ralph Bent**, **Mel Cress** and **Ron Davis** all had 98's.

There were prizes for everyone including a rock painting and two pencil sketches (suitable for framing) donated by **Gerry Boonstra** and **Karl Olafson** donated a copy of his book, "A Sentimental Journey".

Oakwood Golf Course, located East just off # 1 highway was in excellent condition.

**Address for CN Scholarships:—**

Assoc. of Universities & Colleges  
600—350 Albert St.  
Ottawa ON, K1B 1B1

U.S. Railroad Retirement Region	Fargo ND	1 701 239 5117
U. S Social Security	Grand Forks ND	1 701 772 5518

<u>Outreach Committee</u>			
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Thanks to the above Committee for their assistance in keeping us updated on the well being of our members. Don't forget to keep us posted on "happy events" such as marriage or a milestone anniversary or birthday that may be occurring amongst our membership. Another reminder—please note that my phone number is 256 3897.

To those previously mentioned on our Sick List, we hope that you are well on the road to recovery and good health. To those that are currently ill or still experiencing health problems, please know you are close in our thoughts and the membership joins me in extending Best Wishes to you.

**We have received updates and reports on the following Pensioners since the last meeting.**

(An asterisk \* denotes member)

<b>Marcel Comeau*</b>	now home on oxygen 24 hours a day for breathing and lung problems.
<b>Velma Davis</b>	wife of <b>Ron Davis*</b> fell and broke her ankle while on a Mediterranean Cruise, now home recuperating.
<b>Larry Deblaere*</b>	home recuperating.
<b>Al Duffy*</b>	had open heart surgery, now home recovering.
<b>Bill Futz*</b>	has a broken arm, now home recovering.
<b>John Klos*</b>	is in the Health Science Centre for cancer treatments.
<b>Doug MacDonald*</b>	is in the Deer Lodge Nursing Home.
<b>Clarence Martineau*</b>	is in the River East Nursing Home.
<b>Len Mulvaney*</b>	reported in error in the last newsletter that <b>Len</b> had fallen and broke his hip and needed surgery. He did fall but there were no broken bones. Sorry for this error in reporting.
<b>Sam Pubben*</b>	is now in the Poseidon Care Centre.
<b>Pat Rockwell*</b>	continues to have eye problems.
<b>Arnold Ryland*</b>	had knee surgery, is now home recuperating.
<b>Bill Zurcher*</b>	is in the hospital for tests

**Congratulations!** Here are our most recent Birthday of the Month winners.  
(must be in attendance at our regular meeting to win!)

Month	June	<b>Boris Beyak*</b>	July	<b>Ron Davis*</b>
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### Special Anniversaries!!

<b>Stella &amp; Ignace Garlinsky*</b>	celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary May 1st, <b>Ignace</b> also celebrated his 90th birthday May 1st.
<b>Julie &amp; Roy Kading*</b>	celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary May 28th.
<b>Florence &amp; Walter Lesiuk*</b>	celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June
<b>Eila &amp; Robert Gill*</b>	celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary July 7th.
<b>Joan &amp; Don Chapman*</b>	celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary July 26th.
<b>Hugh Mawhinney*</b>	celebrated his 80th Birthday in July.
<b>Joan &amp; Ralph Swainson*</b>	celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 30th.
<b>Doreen &amp; Leo Degelman*</b>	will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 11th.
<b>Pat &amp; Barry Jackson*</b>	will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 13th.
<b>Edith &amp; Arthur Whitworth*</b>	will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 25th.
<b>Martha &amp; Tom Cassels*</b>	will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary Oct. 10th.
<b>Jackie &amp; Allen Bockstael*</b>	*will celebrate their 33rd Wedding Anniversary Oct. 11th
<b>Sonia &amp; Harvey Hosfield*</b>	will celebrate our 56th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 19th., I wouldn't have it any other way and may I pass on my sincere congratulations to all the above. Harvey.

We encourage all members to come out to our monthly meetings—especially if you are having a birthday that month—you too could be a winner!

The following pensioners have passed away since the last report, (an asterisk \* denotes member), of the Manitoba Pensioners Association:—

<b>Allan E. Anderson*</b>	<b>Margaret Bacon</b> wife of <b>Ken Bacon*</b>	<b>Edwin Badger*</b>
<b>Mike Balichowski</b>	<b>Gladys Biggs*</b>	<b>Christopher R. Bird</b> son of <b>Bruce Bird*</b>
<b>Marcel (Tom) Blair</b>	<b>Kay Blaikie*</b>	<b>Violet Bradie</b>
<b>George L Burton</b>	<b>Florence I Cable*</b>	<b>Olga Chaykowski</b>
<b>Lesia Chubak</b>	<b>Kenneth Collier*</b>	<b>Mildred Cramer*</b>
<b>John Curtis</b>	<b>Andy Davies*</b>	<b>Rose M. Dietz</b>
<b>Eugene Dutchyshen*</b>	<b>Alexander Dutko*</b>	<b>Percy Edwards*</b>
<b>Esther V. Elmhirst*</b>	<b>Andrew Fedchuk</b>	<b>Ted Ferens*</b>
<b>Stanley Fleury*</b>	<b>Glen B. Gallagher</b>	<b>Marjorie Graveline*</b>
<b>Hugh C. Gunning</b>	<b>Aime Hebert*</b>	<b>Richard Henry</b>
<b>Randy Hoplock</b>	<b>Mary Hrabyk</b>	<b>John V. Hmbert</b>
<b>Karen Hunnie</b> wife of <b>Donald Hunnie*</b>		<b>Anton Kirk</b>
		<b>Mervyn S. Griffith*</b>
<b>Elizabeth Kleine</b>	<b>John J. Kowalchuk*</b>	<b>Jake Hildebrand</b>
<b>Katherine Lemke</b>	<b>George Livingston</b>	<b>Alex Johnston*</b>
<b>Arlene M. Lovie</b> wife of <b>Lloyd Lovie*</b>		<b>Joyce Klapceki</b>
<b>Lyle McPhee</b>	<b>Ernest F. Meisner*</b>	
		<b>L. Victor LeClaire*</b>
<b>Frank Mrozek*</b>	<b>Pierre Nault*</b>	<b>John Maranchuk</b>
<b>Herman Neufeldt*</b>	<b>Alphonse Normand</b> father of <b>Ken Normand*</b>	<b>Herbert V. McKinney</b>
<b>Arthur Patenaude</b>	<b>Harriet Perkles*</b>	<b>Jose A. Moniz</b>
<b>Adolph Pshyk</b>	<b>Manley (Babe) Pull*</b>	
		<b>Donald Nerbas</b> brother of <b>Grant Nerbas*</b>
<b>Donald J. Sebastian*</b>	<b>John Semeniuk</b>	<b>John Owen</b>
<b>Alex Stelmaschuk Jr.*</b>	<b>Anthony String</b>	<b>Marjorie G. Poppele</b>
<b>Joseph A. Ushy*</b>	<b>Johannes Viddal</b>	<b>Peter Saultier</b>
<b>Jean Workman*</b>	<b>Dorothy Wright</b>	
<b>Elsie Dahl</b> wife of <b>Darwin Dahl*</b>		<b>Frances Steeple</b>
		<b>Mary Turzak</b>
		<b>Bernie Wilgosh*</b>

Our sincere condolences go out to the Family and Friends of the Deceased.

Bob Silver is the 2008 Campaign Chair for the United Way of Winnipeg.

“As a parent, homeowner, business owner and lifelong residence of this community, I’m incredibly honoured to represent an organization dedicated to creating opportunities for a better life for all.

Each year, thousands of Winnipeggers unite in creating positive lasting change that has benefits that ripple out to everyone in our community. I’m proud to join my co-workers, friends and neighbours in being part of the changes. And year after year CN employees and retirees play a valuable and integral part of that change by supporting United Way’s annual campaign.

I’d like to thank you for your continued support and say a warm welcome to those who will become donors in 2008.

Sincerely,

Bob Silver”

Donations mailed to:— United Way of Winnipeg,

5 Donald St., Wpg. MB

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**Special Events Report:— Diane Walton—269 1303**

Hope you folks all had a good summer.....I had a wonderful vacation on the cruise to Alaska with **Bruce and Janet Lewis Anderson**. We hosted 54 CN family and friends and everybody thoroughly enjoyed everything....the food, the wine, the scenery, the shopping, the music and the good friends. It was a truly wonderful adventure we hope to offer many more to our members.

If you missed this one, hopefully you will join us for the next adventure.....we have scheduled a cruise through the Greek Isles, departing from Venice Italy, and concluding in Rome, Italy, October 2009. Further details are available in the enclosure with this mailing.

Our first meeting of the season is on Wednesday, September 3rd, Glen Sims, CN Tracks of Glory—11th Annual 10km. Race and 5km Run/Walk to be held Sunday, September 21st at Assiniboine Park, in support of Rossbrook House. Learn how you can volunteer to help this great project.

Wednesday, October 1st Fire Prevention & Safety, learn from Gord Bakaluk, a Firefighter, Paramedic and now a Public Education Officer, what to do in the case of a fire and how to prevent them from happening.

Wednesday, November 5th, our local elections, and speaker to be announced.

Wednesday, December 3rd, Christmas Luncheon at the Masonic Centre. Tickets will be available in October....book your table early.

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For your information, Carlson Wagonlit Travel has a special offer on until September 15th, 2008 whereby you can reserve your cabin with a deposit of only \$100 per person (as opposed to the normal deposit requirement 30% of the fare). This special offer also includes an onboard coupon booklet with a value of up to \$120. We have been informed that this itinerary sells out fast and that the cruise line may need to recall some of our blocked space, so if you are at all interested in this once in a life time cruise, we encourage you to take advantage of this special offer and reserve your cabin now.

More information:—Check out the one page insert in the newsletter or go to our website. You can also speak directly with Bev Harbour of Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 946 1553 or toll free at 1 800 661 3193 if calling from outside Winnipeg and then ask for Bev. We promise you a great time.

**Website Report:— Janet Lewis Anderson  
www.cnpensioners.ca**

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

What's New—Thanks to a suggestion made by **John Almdal**, we have changed the name of our "Bits and Pieces" page to "Pages From Our Past". This new title is a much better reflection of what this page is all about. Thank you again **John**.

Several short stories have been added to our "Pages From Our Past" section including one from **John Almdal** as well as a Symington Train Crew Line Up from 1977. For your enjoyment, we have also placed a bunch of photos of our Alaska Cruise Adventure in our Photo Section. You can view them in the Alaska Album, which can be found under the Event Category of the Photo Section.

The Newsletter Online—For those of you who indicated you would like to receive the newsletter via our website, commencing with this edition of the newsletter, we will no longer be sending it to you via regular mail. However, if at any time you wish to revert back to receiving the newsletter by regular mail, just let me know and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

If there is anyone else out there who now wishes to receive the newsletter via the Forum Section of our website, just e-mail me.

Cruising —Well we are back from our Alaska Cruise onboard The Celebrity Mercury. I think it safe to say that all 54 of us had a great time despite some typical Alaska weather. Check out the photo section for some great pictures of scenery and some fun happenings! Also, for those of you who sailed with us, my husband has put together a DVD collage of the trip. Please let me know if you would like a copy of it.

Want to go cruising again?? Your Hosting Trio, (**Diane Walton, Janet & Bruce Anderson**) is very excited to present to you another great cruise vacation opportunity. This time we would like to invite you, friends and family to join us on a once in a lifetime 12 day cruise to the Greek Isles & Mediterranean onboard the Grand Princess, October 1st—13th, 2009. Remember, you don't have to be a CN Pensioner to take advantage of this opportunity.

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**The Pensioner's Help Line number :—**

**1 800 361 0739**

Always have your P.I.N. to better identify you when making inquiries. Adjustment to tax deducted off your cheque advise the above number. If you are married at the time of retirement, make sure that CN has your spouse's name on file. Direct Deposit, never close your old account until your cheque shows in the new account.

Canada Pension and Old Age Security information call

**1 800 277 9914**

Canadian Customs & Revenue Service General Inquiries, re Income Tax,

**1 800 959 8281**

Blue Cross in Winnipeg, contract number is 93115 for information call

**775 0161**

Letters to the Editor are much appreciated. If you have something of interest to share with other CN Pensioners I will be happy to pass it along.

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**This Newsletter** is mailed out by your local Association five quarterly. Total cost of the Newsletter is the responsibility of your Association.

Dec.-Jan.-Feb.

Xmas Luncheon & AGM of the National Council report.

Mar.-April-May

Income tax time! Ugh!

June-July-Aug.

Start of new season. Election of local officers at the Nov. mtg.

Sept.-Oct.-Nov.

Start up after recess  
Local elections in Nov.

#### **For those of us on a CN pension;**

We as CN pensioners belong to a 'defined benefit pension plan' (DBPP). The CN is now promoting a 'defined benefit contribution plan' (DBCP). This should not make any difference to those of us already on pension but with my limited knowledge on this subject, one of the main differences between the two is that with the DBPP the CN is responsible for any deficiency and the employee is responsible for any in the DBCP.

The CN Pension Plan is not currently in a deficit position and I am not suggesting that it is.

There was an interesting article

in the Winnipeg Sun's Thursday June 26th, 2008 edition quoting a special advisor to the Canadian Institute of Actuaries....a Mr. Claude Lamoureux says, "Fairness calls for surplus to be shared in the same way as deficits". He also goes on to say "Surplus currently must be split between employers and employees, while deficits must be borne by the employers". Lamoureux said, "employers should keep surpluses." (my high-lighting).

The CN Investment Division invests the CN Pension Plan contributions and investment returns and has done an admirable job since 1970, the first year that financial reports were available to the public.

The Company and their employees annually contribute approximately 21% of what is paid out annually in pensions, returned contributions, etc. Why should the employer keep all the surplus when the CN Investment Division is paid for doing it's job?

Since 1970 the return of investments has average an investment return of over 10.5%. The sharing of surplus has led to the establishment of our indexing formula that even with it's restrictions with it's 5 and 10% thresholds effective in 1991, has helped in off-setting the annual cost of living due to inflation. It is projected that the current shared surplus should exceed the 10% threshold which means that pension improvements can be recommended by the CN Pension Committee to the CN Board of Directors this August. Without the sharing of surplus,

we would not have the financial vehicle to finance the indexing formula that we currently have.

If the surplus was not available to the members of the CN Pension Plan, I would guarantee that as the CN is now a private corporation that this benefit would not be something that the shareholders would like to see their Company share this with pensioners.

Keep your member of Parliament alert to this as they are the people who can be persuaded to change the laws.

**Janet Lewis Anderson**, your National Council Director representing the Prairie Region is unable to attend this years annual general meeting in Montreal this November due to previous commitments.

Your local pensioners executive have elected me to attend in **Janet's** absence.

If there is any member who is wanting to learn more about the workings of the National Council, meet the other 16 Directors and think that it's about time to become more pro active in our CN Pension Plan, let your fellow pensioners know at the next meeting.

We on the executive are always looking for "new blood". Harvey

Cost of printing and mailing  
this Newsletter is borne entirely by the local pensioners Association.

#### **Volunteers in mailing:**

**Tom Cassels, Lyle Corbett, Joe DeReuck & Myrtle, John Derksen, , Eleanor Grey, Hank & Verona Gosselin, Jim Harris, Harry Kaye, Marge Jacobson, Lloyd Lovie, Tom Nicholl, Karl Olafson, Chontel Paterson, Bill Reilly, Mel Rusiecki, Gerry Savoie, Peter Sliwa, Gord Stein, Egon & Helga Stanik, Wally Thomson, plus the Executive Members and Wives.**

**Thanks to you all**

**Harvey**



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These people all volunteer their time to represent you. Legitimate expenses are paid. **Women are encouraged to run for Directors positions on the National Council.**

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**Jim Miln**, retired CN pensioner compiles personal income tax returns.

He is familiar with recipients who receive U.S. Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits and foreign tax credits.

Call **Jim** at 253 0137

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For Revenue Canada individual income tax inquiries call 1- 800 959 8281

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If and when you visit Vancouver, one of the main tourist attractions is the Capilano Suspension Bridge. You catch the sea bus from the old CPR Station over to No. Van. Get off at Lonsdale Quay, (pronounced key), a shopping centre and right outside there is a billboard advertising free shuttle service to the site.

**John Kuban**, a CN retiree writes that he has an exciting opportunity to help people in Liberia Africa this November. "I will be working with other volunteers from Lifewater Canada to help the people of Liberia from 15 years of brutal civil war."

"Lifewater Canada is a volunteer-driven non-profit group that trains and equips African workers to drill wells and build washrooms. They then match donors in developed countries with poor African villages that cannot afford to cover the entire cost of even the most basic water and sanitation services."

**Mr. Kuban's** goal is to raise \$6,000 to cover his air fare, meals, local accommodation and transportation, and also to help buy needed supplies and equipment. "All the labour will be provided by volunteers like me and the local African workers. Because Lifewater is run by volunteers, their overhead is under 5% ensuring that your money goes where it is needed most!"

You will receive a tax receipt for all donations over \$20 by sending a cheque to Lifewater, 307 Euclid Ave, Suite 194, Thunder Bay ON, P7E 6G6 or giving on-line with your credit card at [www.lifewater.ca](http://www.lifewater.ca). Please be sure to mark your donations for the "**John Kuban Liberia Project**".

"If you have any questions or want me to pass on your donation, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phone—204 878 2610; e-mail my wife at [charlotte.kuban@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.kuban@gmail.com) or mail me a note: **John Kuban**, P.O. Box 143-B, RR#2, Lorette MB.

"With your financial help, my donation of time & knowledge and the sweat equity of the Liberian workers, I know that we can help save lives—one well and one washroom at a time! Prayers for a safe trip will be appreciated also."

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While holidaying in Vancouver, we stayed at the Sylvia Hotel right on English Bay in Vancouver, a Heritage Site, I highly recommend it. Being a short walk away is the Aquarium near Coal Harbour and the Yacht Club.

The \$1.75 bus fare covers one zone and at non rush hour times you can easily get to North Van. by sea bus, Granville Island, Harbour Centre with its look out 55 stories high with a circular view of all of Vancouver. Port Moody, 26kms from downtown Vancouver was reached as one zone on three bus changes.

There are many interesting sites to see besides the tourist ones, all one needs to do a little walking, there's so much to see.

The Sylvia Hotel phone number is 604 681 9321.

If you are planning a fall vacation there are a few destinations that my wife and I visited this spring. Las Vegas is an entertaining place to visit with all your waking hours taken up with visiting the many varied venues.

We stayed at Treasure Island Hotel (T.I.). Walking is almost a must as there is so much to see.

At a wedding at Kananaskis? AB we stayed at the Kananaskis Ranch, 90 kms. west of Calgary on the east side of the Bow River about 1 km. north of number 1 highway. What a beautiful setting, the river is more like a lake and the edge of the Rocky Mountains is on the other side. The wedding ceremony took place out-doors as the weather cooperated.

If you plan on staying there, bring all your own eating needs as there is nothing provided.

Membership Report continued from page 2

**Welcome to the following new Members:—**

<b>Anderson, Terry C</b>	<b>Aviles, Fernando</b>
<b>Basarab, Don</b>	<b>Bernier, John</b>
<b>Blair, Dorothy</b>	<b>Brownlee, May</b>
<b>Burtney, Anne</b>	<b>Collier, Agnes</b>
<b>Copeland, Randy</b>	<b>Damian, Procopio</b>
<b>Dare, Richard</b>	<b>Durante, Enzo</b>
<b>Edwards, Audrey</b>	<b>Falardeau, Ed</b>
<b>Fedchuk, Mary</b>	<b>Gagnon, Robert</b>
<b>Graham, Donald</b>	<b>Hammond, Richard</b>
<b>Hastings, Alice</b>	<b>Herbster, Steven</b>
<b>Hunter Gerry</b>	<b>Kinal, Tony</b>
<b>Knox, Robert</b>	<b>Kolson, Jim</b>
<b>Lavallee, Louis</b>	<b>Le Clair, Elsie</b>
<b>Mandziuk, Mae</b>	<b>McGregor, George</b>
<b>McKay, Ernie</b>	<b>McKay, William</b>
<b>McKinney, Gladys</b>	<b>McPhee, Joan</b>
<b>Meisner, Jacqueline</b>	<b>Mewusch, Anatol</b>
<b>Meyers, Barry</b>	<b>Molnar, James</b>
<b>Phillips, James</b>	<b>Pilkington, Allan</b>
<b>Pinga, Editha</b>	<b>Pograniczny, Mikolaj</b>
<b>Poirier, Ronald</b>	<b>Rech, Irene</b>
<b>Reid, Don</b>	<b>Ricer, Frances</b>
<b>Rumpel, Geraldine</b>	<b>Setter, Murray</b>
<b>Sigvaldason, Alda</b>	<b>Spadano, Ben</b>
<b>Tesarski, Mary</b>	<b>Thienpondt, Angele</b>
<b>Wasnie, Robert</b>	<b>Wegier, Glenn</b>
<b>Wilgosh, Mary</b>	<b>Yurkewich, Celia</b>

**Ron Davis's Report:—**

**on Elections**

In October we will be holding an election to fill the position of National Director as **Carson Hull's** first term is up. This position is open to any of our members from Manitoba. **Carson** has not stated whether he intends to run again or not. The successful candidate is expected to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in Montreal on November 20th and 21st.

We will also be holding an election for the positions of Pension Committee member and alternate, three year-term for both positions. The successful candidates will take up their new position in January 2009. These positions are open to any of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan members.

In November, we will be holding elections for all the positions on the Manitoba Executive Committee. These positions are open to all Manitoba members and are for one year only. Anyone interested in standing for one of these positions should contact Past President **Bill Cameron** at 256 6488.

**Ron Davis**, your CN Pension Committee member, just returned from the August quarterly meeting in Montreal and said the CN pension improvements for qualifying pensioners has been recommended to the CN Board of Directors for their approval. The Board meets in October. Numbers were not available at time of printing.

**Ron** will give a full report at the September meeting.

Two old friends were out golfing and waiting for their turn to hit one golfer asked how are things going?

"Oh not bad, I just had new dentures fitted by my Dentist Dr. Jacobs".

"What a coincidence, he's the dentist I go and I had dentures fitted two years ago">

"Oh, and how do they feel, now"?

His friend responded, "The other day a stray golf ball travelling at 200 MPH struck me right on the testicles".

Confused, the other golfer said, "what has that got to do with how your dentures feel"?

He responded, "It's the first time in two years that I haven't felt any pain there!!"

**Carson Hull**, at 269 2692 is your contact if you want to order a CN pensioner's jacket or golf shirt or other accessories. There is a surcharge of 15% on XXXL size

**Carson** needs a minimum order of 24 units to receive the price he quotes.

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'A receding hare line!'