



CN Pensioner Association of Manitoba



Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 01:30 P.M.
at the
Norwood Legion, 134 Marion St.
Spring Edition 2009

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

Janet Lewis Anderson

5-PIN BOWLERS NEEDED

Your 5-pin bowling league has been around for many, many years. Don't you be responsible for the demise of this activity.

This is a mixed league, we bowl at the Mosienko Lanes at the corner of Main and Redwood Thursday mornings at 10.00. Lots of parking, bus connections and a friendly bunch but we need replacements. Don't be shy come on down. If you've never bowled before, that's okay because we all seem to enjoy one another's company. Think about it, it encourages you to get out Thursday mornings, a little activity gets the juices flowing and we are done by noon.

Three games at \$8.00 includes bowling, prizes and a wind-up banquet.

Wally Payonk, President at 338 2130 and
Marge Jacobson, Secretary at 222 6012 and
Dean Danforth, Treasurer at 452 9203 are there for more information.

The local association was officially named, :the C. N. Rly. Veterans' Association, Division No. 1, Prairie Region, (the Vets). The initial meeting took place on October 17, 1930 at the Fort Garry Hotel. The Vets had their own room at the lower level of the Union Stn. on Main St.

The Vets had two meetings a month, the first and third Wednesdays, the 1st mtg. was their business mtg. and their 2nd was a social get together. They had their own piano, carpet bowling, a bridge club, a stamp collection, movie projector and screen, a light lunch was available supplied by the membership on a voluntary basis and the Vets 5-Pin Bowling League.

The above shows the benefit of having a room to call your own. Pensioners had a good working relationship with CN management which continues to this day.

Correction:—

If you really want to get a hold of **Bert Andrews**, his phone number is 255 6340, not as I printed in the last newsletter on page
Sorry about that.

At a recent breakfast, met **Doug Dillon** and **Paul Newsome** both of the Prairie Dog Central who said that 2009s "inaugural trip would be on May 10th with steam engine No. 3 back in service"

A Retiree's Thought!

My wife said, "Whatcha doing today?"
I said, "Nothing."
She said, "You did that yesterday."
I said, "I wasn't finished."

Quote, "Flattery is like chewing gum, enjoy it, but don't swallow it".

My apologies for not making it abundantly clear that our regular meeting at the Norwood Legion would not take place on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, was our Xmas Luncheon at the Masonic Centre. We had around 210 attend the Luncheon, but I understand a few showed up at the Legion. My sincere apology for any inconvenience this might have caused.

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. This info. Appeared in the Spring edition of the N.C. Newsletter.

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President John Mozol and wife Colette are holidaying in Arizona enjoying a milder winter than we are having here.

The President's report will show up at the next newsletter. Ron Davis, filling in for John, encourage all members to attend the next regular meeting March 4th.

Membership:— Wayne Zaharia

As of February 28th, 2009, membership is as follows:

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| Payroll Deduction | 2,972 |
| Fee Paid by cheque | 182 |
| Exempt | 1 |
| Total paid members | 3,155 |

Unfortunately, for whatever reason, 29 members from last year did not renew their membership. As we've said before, if there is something you don't like about what we are doing, let us know. Remember it is your Association and we appreciate hearing from you.

Welcome to the following new members

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| Aitkenhead, Ross | B a i n , |
| Florence | |
| Balkaran, Bissoondial (Bob) | |
| Brown, Dwaine | Cardinal, Violet |
| Carroll, Kenneth | Coughlan, Donald |
| Cziffra, Bela | Dewar, Terry |
| Flanagan, Donald | Freeman, Barb |
| Grieve, Gary | Head, Donald |
| Kirby, Ethel | Lacroix, Norman |
| Lazaruk, Donald | Leclair, Michel |
| Lipic, Peter | MacPherson, |
| Bruce | |
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| McMullin, Patrick | Miller, Randy |
| Moore-Oakley, Margaret | |
| Nortey, Bernice | Olive, Harvey |
| Paquette, Ralph | Paradis, Grant |
| Pedrick, Lucy | Perez, Tomas |
| Perrier, Dan | Rindall, Ken |
| Roznowsky, Stan | Semenchuk, Rose |
| Sharpe, Keith | Spicer, Jerry |
| Wood, Brent | |

Remember, if you move—

Meals on Wheels: Want to meet a real need in your community?

Always need drivers and/or servers. seven days a week. Deliver once a week, twice a month or spare when you can, call Shirley at 956 7711.

Daily 41 drivers are needed to deliver more than 600 hot noon meals to clients in

Treasurer's Report:—**Ernie Borowski**

Ernie presents his monthly report at our regular meetings.

Come on out to the meeting if you have any questions.

I am the consummate sceptic, last month, January, the price of a barrel of crude oil closed under \$34.00 a barrel.

We were paying for a litre of gas here in Winnipeg approximately 83 cents.

However, the price at the pumps jumped 5 cents a litre and a couple of days later it went up another 1 cent a litre or 89 and is now around 84 cents a litre.

Isn't this called gouging?

In August, 2008 the CN Pension Committee were proposing a better recommendation to the CN Board of Directors an increase in our indexing formula for qualifying pensioners.

As everyone knows there was a major stock market correction affecting all major investments.

The Board has postponed the proposed increase until the "market" improves. Keep this in mind, as it might slip the Boards mind.

Harvey

Address for CN Scholarships:—

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

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| U.S. Railroad Retirement Region | Fargo ND | 1 877 772 5772 |
| U. S Social Security | Grand Forks ND | 1 701 772 5518 |

Outreach Committee**Bob Gill Chair****256 3897****Hank Gosselin****255 2722****Mel Rusiecki—****255 1361****Geo. Lintick****254 1032**

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 milestone anniversary or birthday that may be occurring amongst our membership.

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)

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| Les Barack* | was in an auto accident is now home recuperating from a separated spleen. |
| Gordon Bell* | had hernia operation January 16th now home recuperating. |
| Helve Dawson* | having some health problems, receiving treatments. |
| Robert Deans* | has moved in to Jocelyn House on St. Anne's Rd. |
| Barry Duncan* | in St. Boniface Hospital suffering from a heart attack. |
| James Ellis* | now blind, however, he still at home. |
| Jeannine Larocque | wife of Robert (Dick) Larocque* had a stroke is in Misericordia Hospital waiting to be transferred to the Tache Centre. |
| Bill Lewco* | taking treatment for bladder problems, at home recuperating. |
| John Lupachow* | home recovering from a 6 way bypass operation in Montreal. |
| Max Merrick* | is in Portage Hospital with pulmonary lung disease. |
| Gabriel Porco* | broke an ankle is now recuperating. |
| Hugh Ritzer* | fell and broke his leg in a Safeway parking lot and now has a cast on his leg, has to walk with the aid of a walker. |
| Vern Romanow* | is in Concordia Hospital for health reasons. |
| Nicholas Spewak* | had surgery for blocked arteries, had two stents put in, now home recuperating. |
| Nicolas Stefanec* | is now in the Holy Family Home. |
| Les Weir* | recovering at home in Ottawa from major surgery (aortic aneurysm). |

Congratulations:—

Here are our most recent Birthday of the Month Winners.....

Month—December

Frances Boon

January

Thelma Donnett

February

Carson Hull

We encourage all members to come out to our regular monthly meetings—especially if you are having a birthday that month—you too could be a winner. (Reminder, you have to be at the meeting to qualify in the draw.)

Special Anniversaries:—

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| Dave Cullen* | celebrated his 90th Birthday February 6th and is still curling in two leagues using a stick. |
| Joe & Myrtle DeReuck* | celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary December 18th. |
| Walter Diaczum* | will celebrate his 90th Birthday April 8th. |
| Isabella & Benito Faralli* | celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary November 22nd. |
| Linda & Andy Gibson* | will celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary March 9th. |
| Iris Merrill* | will celebrate her 100 Birthday April 30th. |
| Maureen & Al Morison* | will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary April 19th. |
| Mary & Bernie Wielgosh* | celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary September 19th with a tour of Europe. |

WOW!!!!

The following pensioners have passed away since the last report, (an asterisk denotes* member of the Manitoba Pensioners' Association.

Phyllis Baker
Edith Barton
Williams Bews
Ina Elnora Brown

Maria Banford
Ernest A. Benett
John Boreski
Vida Burnett

Emilia Bartoshuk
Guiseppe Berardi
Leonard R. Brown
Mel Burnside

Lois Campbell
Elma Mae Chambers
Amos Currie
Elma Derewianchuk
Micheal Ewaniuk

Maurice (Moe) Cardinal*
Evelyn Chorlton
Robert D. Davies*
Mary J. Duncan wife of Douglas Duncan*

Mildred Carroll
Rita Clement
Edward (Ted) W. Davidson*

Gilbert Fraser*
Michael Geluch*
Violet Gooding wife of the Lloyd Gooding*
George L. Greengrass

Daniel Free
Norman P. Georgeson*
John Hannaback*

Mike Gates*
Eva Giesbrecht
John (Jack) Glenn*
Barbara Hanson

Dale R. Hedley
Nellie Huzarski
Michael King
Regina Kovacs wife of Joe Kovacs*

Donald Henderson
Ethel Kenney
Anton Kirk

Edward Hrem
Elizabeth Kilmer
Katherine Klowak
Walter Kramble*

Steve Kuzyk
Kenneth Marsden

Robert (Brent) Layon*
Michael Maslij

Gail V. Madill*
Vern McGregor*

Gordon McLennan*
Annie Monasterski
Gerard (Gerry) Mousseau*
Alexander Sokloiuk

Leilah McNamara
Thomas Moroz
Harold Neill*
Greenville Page

Dorothy M. Misurko
Elsie Morrison
Gregory Oczerklewicz
Gordon Parker

Cecil Jack Pedrick
Tony Rachuk
Doris May Roy
John S. (Jack) Stewart*

Mildred Poberezny
Raymond Rauch
Bernie Silvius wife of Irwin Silvius*
Frank Strimbiski

Gene Pololsky*
William S. Rees*

Audrey Suppes wife of Roy Suppes*
Helana Swieszko wife of Bruno Swieszko
Elizabeth Taylor
Winnifred Tays
Valorie Unsworth wife of Barry Unsworth*

Margaret Turriff
Charles W. Walmsley*

Steve Washook*
George Wladyka

Ethel Wilson
Leon Wujda*

Cec Winter*

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

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

Hope you are all surviving this long, cold winter....spring shall soon be here and we shall all be reborn and invigorated again.

We have had some excellent speakers and I would especially like to thank **Ron & Velma Davis** for the wonderful Christmas Luncheon—Many very favourable comments and we hope to see you all there this year—December 2nd the Masonic Centre. Remember, there is no regular meeting that day.

Up-Coming Speakers

March 4th—Cathy Taylor, Wpg. Regional Health Authority—Your Home or Nursing Home?—outlining the options and services available, how the system “works”, what questions to ask.

April 1st—Heather Dixon, Lawyer—spoke last year and have had numerous requests for her to come back.

May 6th—Garney McIntyre, Wpg. Police Force, Gang Awareness & Personal Safety For Senior—how you can protect yourself, your family and your home in a changing society.

June 3rd—Dr. Rick Holley, U. of M. Food Sciences Dept., How Safe Is Your Food?—how to choose safe and nutritious food and how to store food safely, particularly during the hot summer months with picnics and barbeques.

Meetings start at 01.30 P.M. in the Norwood Legion—come for coffee, donuts, friendship and fun learning!

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Moose Jay Mineral Spa Tour October 25th to 28th, 2009

CN Pensioners, Family and Friends are invited to join us on this fun and relaxing tour which includes 4 days/3 nights at the Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, Unlimited Spa Pass (treatments not included), guided tours of Moose Jaw, Rebate at Casino Moose Jaw, Fehr-Way Lunch, Transportation by Luxury Motor Coach.

This tour makes for a great “Getaway for the Girls”, but it has many things to offer for the men as well. Relax at the Mineral Spa or enjoy the sites of this popular Prairie town. This will be a fun getaway! Cost is \$425 plus taxes for double occupancy and \$624 plus taxes for single occupancy. Optional travel insurance is extra. You can reserve your seat for only a \$299 deposit. Final payment is not due until September 11, 2009.

For more information about this trip, go to our Events Page on our website at www.cnpensioners.ca or to reserve your seat, contact Fehr-Way Tours at 989 7011. Be sure to make mention of your affiliation with the CN Pensioners.

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

What's New Stay tuned to our Photo Section—you never know when more photos will be added. Photos taken at the Christmas luncheon are now available for viewing.

Greek Isles Cruise Newsflash!! It's not too late to sign up for our Greek Isles & Mediterranean Cruise on the beautiful Grand Princess, October 1st—13th, 2009. And here is some great news—the airfare from Winnipeg has been reduced by \$200 per person. This will be a once in a lifetime vacation visiting many famous and historic sites.

Your Hosting Trio, (**Diane Walton, Janet & Bruce Anderson**), would be delighted to have you join them on this wonderful cruise adventure. Remember, you don't have to be a CN Pensioner to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information, go to our website or contact Bev Harbour of Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 946 1553. If calling from outside of Winnipeg, you can call toll free at 1 800 661 3193 and then ask for Bev. We promise you a great time!

The National Website Our National Association has recently redone their website and invite you to check it out. It is looking great and there is a lot of good information available on their site for our pensioners.

They have also just added a forum. You might want to check their forum out and see what former colleagues you can connect with. The website for the National Association is www.cnpensioners.org.

Diane adds—thanks also to our past speakers—

Dave Unrau, Safety Aid Program, Age and Opportunity—(975 0273)

Who spoke on Safety for Seniors....lots of great ideas and offer a home inspection for Seniors—they came to my home and it was extremely helpful—give them a call!

Michelle Blackmon, Financial Planner, Royal Bank of Canada, (291 2159). Excellent information on the new Tax Free Savings Account.

The Pensioner's Help Line number :—

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

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

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

1 800 361 0739**1 800 277 9914****1 800 959 8281****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.

Harvey Hosfield

I was privilege to attend the AGM of the National Council in Montreal on November 20 & 21st 2008. I replaced **Janet Lewis Anderson** your regular N.C. Director who was unable to attend due to other commitments for this one meeting only.

The meetings were chaired by President Dave Simpson starting promptly at 09.00 AM through to 16.30. The full agenda was covered in the allotted two days

Simpson gave his president's report commenting on several issues, particularly the effect of the severe stock market correction and it's affect on the CN Pension Trust Fund. Noting that there was a reduction in the value of

Fund, but not a loss as the managers had not sold shares, (stock). The stock market is a cyclical investment with "highs & low's", and the market is currently in a low.

The N.C. Treasurer Bruce Peacock gave a professional presentation on the membership and financial status of the National Council, supported with charts and graphs on screen. The N.C. is in good financial shape and much discussion took place on how to distribute same.

Committee reports from the CN Pension Committee, Health Care Committee, the Federal Gov't. Liaison Officer and VIA Rail as it relates to our CN Travel Passes were presented for discussion.

I asked the N.C. Directors for supporting my position on the payment of the indexing formula be changed from the percentage basis to a dollar figure, as the cost of living increase affects everyone equally therefore the payment should be same for all. We are all CN pensioners now and our job performance is the same for all, we are all pensioners.

When CN's Jay Mann, Senior Advisor, Pension & Benefits and V.P. Human Resources Peter Edwards spoke to the assembly on the morning of the 21st and on being asked to change the above format, they turned me down flatly.

Johnson's Insurance and Choice Hotels both gave separate presentations to the group.

This was my third National Council AGM that I had attended over the past 20 years representing our local I appreciated meeting the various Directors, President, Secretary and particularly our Prairie Director from Saskatoon, Gary Heasman.

For all you newly retired CN pensioners, get and take an interest in the National Council of CN Pensioners Assoc., this is the only official organization that is recognized that represents us as pensioners.

The stock market will rebound, surplus in investment returns will occur again and pension improvements will be the order of the day. Without knowledgeable leaders who have our interests at heart, others will be sitting in the wings waiting to get their hands on it.

Make yourself familiar with the various phrases such as how the 5 and 10% thresholds affect the indexing formula? The liability of pensioners pension on a "going concern basis" to the CN Pension Trust Fund, the liability of actives to the Fund, and what is the difference called it isn't a surplus?

Bob Milling, an associate member of our local association is a retired locomotive engineer who **retired off VIA**.

Bob has done a little researching re the Group Term Life Ins. certificate that he received when he retired. It is with Sun Life Assurance and the policy number is 50246-G.

Need more info., call 1 800 361 2128.

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

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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. His phone # 253 0137

Jim retired from Transportation at Symington Yard in 1988 and has filed income tax returns prior to then.

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

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 From the Health Care Committee report—states that as of June 2008 there were approximately 41,078 CN pensioners and that 32,945 are over the age of 65.

More information on the "Post-Retirement Term Life Insurance".

For clarification purposes and to add to what I had suggested in our last newsletter, I called the Pensioners Help Line at 1 800 361 0739 and they advised me that in the package that they send out to the pensioners survivors besides the various agencies to call, plus the right insurance carrier to call.

In my case, I retired in 1986 and National Life was the insurance carrier, but it is now **Great West Life**.

As I had two insurance policy numbers on two separate letters under National Life heading, I wanted to correctly identify the right one. I was given the Great West Life phone number to call and she advised that she would forward the new policy number and when I questioned the beneficiary was my wife, she said that she would send me that form also as National Life had not given Great West Life that information.

I spoke to Lydia Tronca at G.W. Life at 1 800 363 3520 and instead of going through the various extensions pressed 0 to get her line. Ms. Tronca sent me the "beneficiary" form to fill out.

Unionized crafts have different insurance carriers than myself. I know that Sun Life Assurance Co. is another carrier and then to add to the confusion, non-unionize retirees could be under a different carrier. And then if you retired and got a "buy-out" you might have signed away this benefit, as well as health coverage and pass privileges.

So you see, if you as the retiree have trouble understanding all of this, just think what your survivors have to deal with when you pass on and haven't got your things in order before that time arrives.

Make it easy on them and satisfy yourself that you have made it as easy as possible.

Lyle Corbet, a retired locomotive engineer who retired in 1989 said that National Life was the insurance carrier originally and now it is I.A.G. Lyle advises that there phone number is 1 877 422 6487 extension 2575.

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Ralph Grant, member, called with some good information re the steam engine with the Prairie Dog Central. He told me that they have had problems with the "dome" that sits on the top of the boiler covering essential steam fittings. After two separate hydra tests, after placing the dome on the top of the boiler, it leaked and both times had to be sent back to Saskatoon for adjustments. The third time proved to be lucky with a little bit of manoeuvring, it's now functional.

Ralph, says that he has over hauled the air pump and that the dynamo has been over-hauled and is now capable of providing better lighting for the locomotive and tender.

Ralph who is 82 says that he has been working on steam engines for 80 years, 38 years with CN and 42 with the Prairie Dog Central and hopes to continue for many more years. **WOW!!**

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For income tax filers:—the average exchange rate for converting U.S. dollars to Canadian funds for 2008 is 1.07%, courtesy Revenue Canada

A Sentimental Journey—A Memoir, by Karl Olafson

This is an up-date on one of our members whose memoir which primarily has a CNR setting, was published and released in 2006.

Over the past two years the book has achieved sales and acclaim locally in Manitoba and North Western Ontario and also across Canada since being published by the magazine CN Lines and the CN Pensioner's News.

The book has been reviewed by the Manitoba Society of Senior "Beyond Fifty", "The Chronicle Journal" of Thunder Bay, "The Sioux Lookout Bulletin" and "The Ignace Driftwood".

The Manitoba Archives and the Manitoba Legislative Library have requested and now include a copy of the book in their libraries.

The response to this story, especially from retired railroaders has been very positive. It is my belief that there are many interesting railway stories out there just waiting to be told, and says that it is not the formidable task that one might imagine. I especially encourage the writing of family memoirs to be left for those that follow.

As a result of the book, I have re-established connections to various characters in the story, going back 60 and 70 years. Some are former school car students that attended a reunion in the form of a train trip from Winnipeg to Sioux Lookout and return that I organized in 2007., (almost enough material for another book)?

I wish to thank everyone for their feedback and kind remarks and remind you that the book is still available, direct from me.

My phone number is 1 204 256 5221, please call and let me know how to forward a copy to you.

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Did you hear about the——

The butcher who backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work! Or

The baseball kept on getting bigger and bigger and then it hit me. Or

The man who was sprayed with mustard gas and pepper spray is now a, "seasoned veteran".

Karl Olafson reports that **Laurent Jolicoeur**, (member), former Roadmaster on the Graham Sub., residing in Rainy River ON, wants to be remembered to all. He will be 83 this April 22nd and also with his wife **Threse**, will be married for 64 years this July 19th. **Laurent** is not in good health.

Christmas Luncheon 2008**Ron Davis**

The 2008 Christmas Luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Masonic Centre, with catering by Stanroy Catering. 211 member, wives and friends attended, including our Honorary Members, **John Almdal, Jim & Gerda Harris, Shirley Marshall, Barbara McGregor, George & Gerrie Turnley and Lawrence & Florence Webb.**

Approximately 40 gift-wrapped presents were given away on a random bases. In addition, twelve 50/50 prizes of \$25.00 each were also given away.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this upcoming event, Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009. Same place , same time.

Had you heard——

How do crazy people go through the forest?
They take the psychopath.
How do you get Holy Water?
You boil the hell out of it.
What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall?
Dam!
What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?
A stick.
What do you get from a pampered cow?
Spoiled mild.
What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
A nervous wreck.
What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup?
Anyone can roast beef.
Why don't blind people like to sky dive?
Because it scares the dog.

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.