



CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba

Meetings held at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Wed of the Month at the Norwood Legion, 134 Marion St., Winnipeg except for the months of July, August and December

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Spring 2014

Special Points of Interest:

- President's View
- Scholarship and Bursary Awards
- Christmas Luncheon Photos
- 1951 Winnipeg Monarch Hockey Team

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President's View—Ron Davis

Honorary Member Ernie Borowski

Ernie Borowski was made welcome as an Honorary Member of our Association at the Christmas Luncheon in December. Ernie is a loyal member of our Association and was our Treasurer for many years. He was part of a group that originated and designed the rules and regulations for our Bursary Awards. He was also part of the group that met to read and evaluate all applications for these grants. This group selected the Bursary winners from the applications. I want to thank Ernie for his years of dedicated service to the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba.



Ron & Ernie

Special Events Report—Linda Schram

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held on Wed Dec 4th at the Masonic Memorial Centre. There were many great prize draws and a wonderful meal. It was a great way to celebrate the Holiday Season. Check out some of the photos on Page 7.

The CNPA annual picnic will once again be held at the Conservatory in Assiniboine Park on Thursday, June 12 from 11:30 to 3:00 (rain or shine) and will include our traditional picnic lunch (to be served at 1:00) and Bocce Ball Tournament. We need spectators and players, so bring your lawn chair, sunhat and join us for a fun afternoon. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the May and June meetings. For more info call Linda at 204-255-5636.

- At our January meeting our speaker was from Osteoporosis Manitoba. It was a very good presentation, If you would like any info on Osteoporosis call 204-772-3498.

- At our February meeting the topic was Stroke Recovery. This is a peer and information group supporting people who have suffered a stroke. For info on this group call 204-942-2880.

- The speaker for the April meeting will be from an organization called "WE Care". They provide services such as supplemental home care, medical visits by nurses & respite care.

Thank you to Jack Moore, Jim Kolson, Bert Andrews, Mark Mercier, Eldon & Bernice Dimond, & Ernie Yakiwchuk for stepping forward to volunteer a few hours to the CNPA. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at the Norwood Legion at 1:30. You can come earlier, to visit over coffee and donuts. **Hope to see you March 5th.....**



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Membership Report—Wayne Zaharia

Membership is as follows:

Total Membership: 4,082

Payroll Deduction: 3,924

Fees Paid to date by Cheque: 77

Unpaid 2014 Fees: 81

As you can see from above, we have 81 unpaid members for 2014. We would appreciate you paying by pension cheque deduction or by sending a cheque. Preferably please choose pension cheque deduction, call me at 204-694-5133 and I will arrange for you. If paying by cheque, please make payable to CN Pensioners Assoc, PO Box 2669, Winnipeg R3C 4B3. If we do not receive your fee by March 18th, you will be deleted from our data base and will not receive our newsletter. Attached is a Membership Application for your convenience. For those on pension cheque deduction, you **do not have to fill this out** as your original request is in effect unless we hear from you.

The following members are listed as missing. If anyone knows of their new address, please call me: Helen Boucher-Tapping; Cliff Dempster; Alice Kulczycki; Margaret McDougall; Mary D. Moore; Edna Neill; Walter Senyk; Daniel Smith; John Swain; Anne Tchir; Angela Zinghini.

Welcome to the following New Members. Hope to see you out at the meetings.

Agapito, Simeon
Aminot, Paul
Antoniuk, Dave
Atamanchuk, Rose
Balamatowski, Robert
Baptista, Jose
Beal, David
Bedient, Brian
Bell, Gary
Bowlin, Alexander
Brasseur, Sylvia
Burzynski, Edward
Carroll, Kenneth
Chagnon, James
Chapman, Robert W.
Cloutier, Michel
Cooper, Audrey
Crisostoghd, Rosario
Dalglish, Allan J
Demchenko, Inga
Dick, Peter
Dueck, Gary
Duffy, Jessie
Dyck, Leonard W.
Dye, Darrell
Elliott, Phyllis
Erlendson, Doreen
Fedoruk, Pauline

Flett, Adam
Fouillard, Francis
Genaille, Kelly
Gereta, Pam
Greening, Grant
Gregorash, Michael
Gustin, William
Hahlweg, Anne
Harding, Joan F
Henry, Arnold J
Heschuk, Nick
Hill, Audrey
Hladun, Zonia
Homick, Pearl
Hooke, Guy
Hunt, Lori
Ireland, Jannet
Isliefson, Deanna
Ivanyshyn, Kenneth
Jachnicki, Pauline
Kahlian, Darrell
Kamarous, Victor
Kane, David S.
Kernested, Violet
Kihn, Lloyd
Kindred, Leonard B
Klump, Ken
Kostuchuk, Cathy

Kowalski, Alan
Kramble, Audrey
Kuzyk, Louise
Lewsey, Lawrence
Lubiansky, Jerry
Macdonald, Kirk
Marko, Kenneth
Marshall, William
Martel, Donald
Maryniuk, Edward
Mercredi, Marcel
Meuckon, Peter
Millar, Brenda
Miller, Kurt
Mills, Anne
Mills, Alice Lillian
Mitchell, Joan
Morgielewicz, Richard
Morin, Donald
Moroz, Morris
Mushquash, David
Nakonechny, Ila
Norman, Crystal
Omer, John
Pancoe, Dale
Pawlowich, Beverley
Petak, Lydia
Polanski, Bernard

Raynbird, Thomas
Reske, Norma
Rheault, William
Roberts, Edna
Salm, Fay Isabell
Schink, Nina
Scribner, Jean
Shearer, Yolande
Sherban, Margaret
Shewchuk, Robert
Shpak, Irene
Shyntak, John

Skorulski, Eugeniusz
Small, Beverly
Swistowich, Bernice
Szeredi, Laszlo
Thompson, Doreen
Thompson, Eva
Toews, Elizabeth
Tomczak, Terry
Toole, Allan
Trujillo, Antonio
Unick, Barry
Unick, Elizabeth

Van Dekerckhove, Fred
Van Muijen, Augustine
Wakeman, Murray
Williams, Frank
Willows, Bruce
Wood, Gordon
Wronski, Dave
Xavier-Befound, Avis
Yeryk, Robert
Young, James R
Young, Ronald
Zyla, Mike

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. Here is a list of first time attendees from January 2014: Gerritt Vanderklok; and from February: John Cran.

(If you already pay by pension cheque deduction, you do not need to fill this out)

Please accept my application for membership in the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba. I understand that the annual fee is \$12 per calendar year (January to December), which I can pay through a pension cheque monthly deduction of \$1 or by cheque for \$12 made to the order of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba.

Name: _____

LAST NAME FIRST NAME

☐ Pension cheque deduction

Address:

City: _____ Prov. _____

☐ Enclosed is my cheque for \$12

Postal Code

PIN:

Phone Number:

Date of Application _____

Signature _____

Email address

Mail application to:
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Outreach Chair's Report—Rose Chapman 204-832-1105

Outreach Committee

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Linda Ksionzek	204-669-8308	Bob Gill	204-256-3897
Albert Delbaere	204-256-8419	Jack Moore	204-224-1019



Welcome back to Bob Gill! Bob has recently agreed to join our committee once again following the passing of Committee Member Hank Gosselin. We also welcome two further additions to our committee—Albert Delbaere and Jack Moore. 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!**

To those previously mentioned on our Sick List, we hope that you are feeling much better. To those who are currently ill or still experiencing health problems, please know you are in our thoughts. The membership joins us in extending Best Wishes for a speedy recovery. We have received reports and updates on the following Pensioners since the last newsletter: (* denotes member).

John Almdal* is undergoing treatment for cancer. He wishes all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Frank Atchison* is undergoing diagnostic tests.

Art Beavis* has been in Victoria Hospital since early January.

Boris Beyak* had a pacemaker inserted in early December. He was home the next day and is doing well.

Jerry Budyk* is in Park Manor Personal Care Home, 301 Redonda Street.

Mary Cameron, wife of Bill Cameron* fell recently and is in St. Boniface Hospital.

Dale Campbell* is recuperating at home and is doing well after quadruple bypass surgery on Oct. 29th.

Tony Mewusch* is in St. Boniface Hospital for a knee operation.

Bill Reilly* has lung cancer and will be undergoing radiation therapy shortly.

Martin Roy is in Middlechurch Home. He is now blind due to a stroke.

Murray Strong* is now in Riverview Health Centre, Section A-1.

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Margaret Kelsey celebrated her 90th birthday on December 27th.

Juan Molina* celebrated his 71st birthday on November 11th.

Kathy Rusiecki celebrated her 75th birthday on January 6th.

Murray Strong* celebrated his 79th birthday on December 13th.

Ted Warburton celebrated his 79th birthday on February 14th.

Happy Anniversary Wishes To:

Bert* and Betty Andrews celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on December 4th.

Art* and Patricia Beavis will celebrate their 65th Wedding anniversary on May 11th.

Dale* and Alma Campbell celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on December 1st.

Ron* and Velma Davis celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 8th.

Jerry* and Carroll Dunford celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on February 3rd.

Harvey* and Sonya Hosfield celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on September 19th.

Karl* and Marion Iwanoczko celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on September 30th.

Mike* and Jessie Prokopchuk celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 11th.

Harold* and Linne Prystie celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd.

Ernie* and Alice Smith celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on August 5th.

Murray* and Val Strong celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary on August 31st.

Birthday of the Month:

January: Barry Levandoski

February: Carson Hull

Door Prizes:

January: Eugene Balamatowski, Albert Delbaere, Tim McCrindle and Carson Hull

February: John Cran, Barry Levandoski, Dave Allen, J.P. Poitras

Obituaries: The following pensioners have passed away since the last report (* denotes member of the Manitoba Pensioners' Association). ***The CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba extends our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.***

Roland Alberola*
John Almeida
Anne Askinis
Ethel Bailey
Stanley Banak*
Violet Booker
Henriette Bouche
Jean Boyczak*
Harry Brown *
James Burden*
John Cadoreth*
Tom Cantafio*
W.A. Carroll*
William Carroll*
John Cava
John Chervinski*
Margaret Chovanchak
Mary Clark*
Patricia Collins, wife of
Don Collins
Doris Cosco*
Jack Coulter
Agnes Cowan*
Romeo Crisostomo*
Joseph Cwik
Irwin Davis*
Michel Deleau*
Emil Denesiuk*
Romeo Di Genova*
Walter Dowgan*
Ernest Dufault*

Lynette Ellis*
Roy Enberg*
Boyd Fabia*
Lorne Furst*
Edouard Gauthier*
Charles Gledhill*
David Godden
Joan Gooch*
Hank Gosselin*
Harold Graham*
Don Grymaluk*
Sveini Gudmundson*
Cecile Hebert
Julia Hemm, wife of Fred Hemm*
Ken Hirst*
Shirley Hobson*
Helene Hoel*
Waclawa (Wanda) Holatko
Nick Horbacio
Anna Jeanson
Victoria Jowett*
Valentin Kampen
Henry Klatt*
Andrew Komarnicki*
Elizabeth Kostyk
Joyce Kristalovich
Kenneth Lisenchuk*
Ollie Luchik*
Murray Main*
Kathleen MacDonald*
Hugh MacKinnon*

Bruce MacPherson*
Guiseppe Magnifico*
William Manning*
Kenneth McKay*
Eileen McLeod
Peter Neufeld*
Karl Olafson*
Gordon Poersch, brother of
Ron Poersch*
Barrie Poole*
William Prochuk
Clifford Raffey*
Melvin Rempel*
Marjorie Robinson
Maurice Ross*
Frank Sham*
Arva Shewchuk *
Helene Siwicki*
Ann Smith*
Rosaire St. Germain*
Louise Stefanyshyn*
Mary Toderian
Robert Trist
Steve Turczyn*
Edward (Patrick) Walters
Monika Waluk*
James Will
Tom Wilson*
Constance Wright
Edward Wright*
James Yates*



National Council Scholarship Program 2014

The National Council of the CN Pensioners' Associations will once again be offering a Scholarship Program. After reviewing the results of last year's program, we are pleased to advise that we have made some enhancements to the program. Not only have we extended this to include the great grandchildren of CN Pensioners who are members in good standing and in receipt of a CN Pension, but have also increased the number of awards to four \$1,000 Scholarships for each of the 5 Regions across Canada (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairie and Mountain). The revised Application Form, Terms and Condition including an FAQ are now on the National website.

Please note that only applications completed in full and in typed format will be accepted for review. Deadline for applications for the 2014 program will again be August 15th. For more information, visit the National website at www.cnpensioners.org and then click on the Scholarships tab.

Manitoba Bursary Program 2014

The CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba is also continuing to offer a Bursary Program to the grandchildren or great grandchildren of members of the CN Pensioners of Manitoba who are members in good standing and in receipt of a CN Pension as outlined in the Terms and Conditions of their program. Deadline for applications is August 15th. Please note that eligible applicants may also apply for the National Council Scholarship Program. For more information about the Bursary Program, please visit the Manitoba website at www.cnpensioners.ca.

Health Care Committee Report—Carson Hull

I would like to bring to the attention of all of our **NEW RETIREES** since September of 2012, as well as any of our current CN Pensioners who have moved and as a result have received a new card please be aware of the fact that you have received a **NEW BLUE CROSS CARD** which is in no way similar to the cards which pensioners of CN Rail formerly received from Blue Cross. Medavie Blue Cross did not bother to discuss this fact with us so we are still waiting close to a year and one half after the fact to clear up this matter. Formerly your Blue Cross card had your name, address, the option you are covered under and it also stated on the cards that you were covered for drug purchases under "Direct Payment", which indicates that at time of purchase of prescription drugs you are required to pay only 20% of the total purchase price. The card which I currently carry as do the majority of CN pensioners also has CN PENSIONERS HEALTH CARE PLAN on it in French and English as well as your PIN number and Birthdate. If you do require prescription drugs you should be able to show your Pharmacist the Identification number on your card and be registered at your Blue Cross office. We urge everyone to purchase 3 months of drugs whenever they are involved with a maintenance drug. I would hope that in the case of new retirees you will not need prescription drugs at any time. I would certainly hope that if any of you have a problem with Blue Cross that you will contact the Health Care Committee rep in your area or call me direct.

Secondly we will be putting a number of wording corrections into our Booklet and the completed **NEW ISSUE** will be posted, hopefully by the end of February, on the National Website at www.cnpensioners.org, where you can browse through it at your leisure. For those of you who do not have a computer and would like to have a copy you may call the 1-888 number on your Blue Cross card and they will mail a copy to you.

A Few Photos from our Christmas Luncheon 2013





A Note From Butch Whiteman of Edmonton To Members of the CN Pensioners Association:

Recently, I was asked by one of our Pensioners if CN still honoured a commitment to provide a box car or container for a pensioner to move their household effects from one location to another. This person called the CN Pension and Administration office (now handled by Morneau Shepell) at 1-800-361-0739 which is the proper place to call. However, there was some confusion or misunderstanding on what is provided and what the individual should be doing. This may have been caused because the individual requested a Container and he was told that all costs associated with providing the container, moving it to a loading platform etc. would be his which did not conform with what he understood when he retired.

After some research, I finally found out that the information I needed is posted on our own website - www.cn pensioners.org. In a nutshell, nothing has changed with this policy for several years and CN will still supply a box car to move household effects from one location to another. (They will NOT provide a container.) There are restrictions to providing this service, including the number of times you may request it, weight restrictions/requirements and where these boxcars will be placed and delivered to. All of these conditions are explained on our website.

After logging on to the website, click on "Travel/Discounts" at the top of the page. Then click on "Free Freight Orders". Note the instructions are in two parts - one for employees and the other for pensioners. Note that it says this is available to eligible pensioners and mentions it is handled through the Pass Bureau. I don't know if that means the pensioner must be entitled to pass privileges or not.

I'm passing this information on to you in case any of you get any questions concerning moving household effects. This will save you a lot of time and is where to go to find the answers.

Laughter Is the Best Medicine

The sergeant, explaining the routine to the new recruits: “There will always be a choice in your meals. Take it or leave it.”

People who think they know everything can be a pain in the neck to those of us who really do.

Success is not how high and fast you reach the top, but how high and fast you bounce back when you hit the bottom.

1951 Winnipeg Monarch Hockey Team Honored

On October 5th, 2013, The 1951 Winnipeg Monarch Hockey Team was inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. There were over 650 people in attendance at this special event. Two of our very own CN Pensioners were on that original team — Don Collins and John Mozol. Check out the “Then” and “Now” photos. Congratulations!



1951—Don Collins, back row, 4th from the left.
John Mozol, third row, 6th from the left.



2013—Don Collins, far right
John Mozol, front row, 2nd from left



CN Railroaders in the Community Retiree Program

This program recognizes efforts of retired employees by providing a \$500 cash grant to the community based charitable organization they choose to support through their volunteer efforts. To learn more or to apply, visit <http://www.cn.ca/en/delivering-responsibly/community/cn-railroaders-community> or the National Council web-site at www.cnpensioners.org and click on the tab “CN Volunteers”. Please let us know if your volunteer work has resulted in a grant to your charity by emailing us at jelretiredmama@hotmail.com. Please be sure to indicate this in the subject line.

Congratulations to Barry Unsworth for his volunteer work and grant to the Cancer Society and Patrick McMullin & “Team Shan” Manitoba Campaign for Cancer Awareness for Younger Women.

Looking For Seniority Lists

Marshall Thompson is looking for Western Region Conductors’ Seniority lists from the late 1940’s and early 1950’. He is seeking them for genealogy purposes. If you know where any of these can be found, please contact Marshall at marshman@mymts.net.

Rivers Train Station

Franklin Hayhurst is involved in a committee to restore the Rivers Train Station as energy efficient. They are looking for any CNR paraphernalia that could be donated for display in their future museum. They are a charitable status and invite you to check them out on the Rivers Train Station Blog: <http://riverstrainstationrestorationproject.blogspot.ca>. If you can help, please contact Franklin at fmhay@mymts.net.

CN Employees’ and Pensioners’ Community Fund

For information about this program, please visit www.caissedebienfaisancecn.com/en/index.sn?igl=en.

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**We're on the Web—
www.cnpensioners.ca**

Frequently Called Numbers

The CN Pensioners Help Line (Morneau Shepell) 1 800 361 0739. Always have your PIN to better identify you when making inquiries. If you move, advise the above number. If you are married at the time of retirement, make sure that CN has your spouse's name on file. Changing banks, with direct deposit, never close your old account until the cheque shows up in the new account.

Change of Address	1-800-361-0739
Canada Pension & Old Age Security	1-800-277-9914
Canada Custom & Revenue Service	1-800-959-8281
Blue Cross, contract number 93115	204-775-0161 switchboard
National Claims Direct	204-775-9261
Income Tax Preparation—Jim Miln	204-253-0137
Health Links Info	204-788-8200, or 1-888-315-9257
Phone numbers for International Employees:	
U. S. Railroad Retirement—Fargo	1-877-772-5772
U.S. Social Security—Grand Forks	1-888-617-0456

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