



Special Points of Interest:

Fisher Branch CNR Station is a fine representative of one of the modest, straightforward station designs used in the early 1900s by the Canadian Northern Railway, a predecessor of the CNR, as it expanded throughout southern Manitoba. Half devoted to railway traffic, and half to housing the station agent's family, the building recalls the vital roles train stations held for rural Manitoba towns, representing development, growth and links to the larger world. Taken out of service in 1980, the station today remains a vital component in the community as the Rolling Memories Museum.

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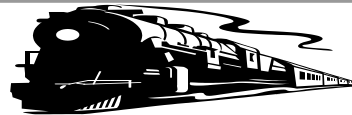
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CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba

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

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Spring 2018



Pictured standing left to right: Ron Yarema (CNPA of Manitoba), Myles Gozda, Joe Gozda. Seated are Mark Gozda and Jennie.

On Jan 21, 2018, Jennie Zankowski celebrated her 100th birthday with her family at her residence at Middlechurch Home in West St. Paul, MB. Her family consists of 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren including four generations of CN employees: son-in-law Joe Gozda (retired Dispatcher), grandchildren Mark (Training Instructor) and Kim Gozda (Locomotive Engineer, missing) and great-grandson Myles (Conductor in training).

Jennie is the widow of Frank Zankowski. His career began in 1948 in Kuroki, Saskatchewan and finished in Dauphin, MB where he retired in 1982 after 35 years of service. Jennie was a hard working woman who did farming with her husband, then worked at Sifton Woolen Mills, St. Paul's Home then ending her work time as custodian for the Dauphin School District.

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Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

Total paid membership - 3873

Pension Cheque deduction - 3812

Fees paid by cheque - 61

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

Sofronio Alejo	Alda Maia	John Saj
Constantino Bagnas	Teresa Marchak	Susan Smid
Margaret Balagus	Dale Mastel	Kenneth Stewart
Dawn Beyak	Nancy McCormick	Valerie Strong
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Phil Kardynal	Vince Rody	Peter Wojcik
Dean Lewandoski	Ellen Rourke	Karin Woods

We invite spouses to become associate members for all the benefits of the association including the privilege of voting.

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 Pensioner's pin:

January: Don Bially, Elgin Grominsky, Evan Chrisp, Doug Dubeau

February: Tom Petersen, Nelson Maillet, Ed Hay

March: Grant Melia, Al Childs, Kent Wesley, Stan Forbister, David Horn

Birthday Draws: **January:** Gary Bell

February: Victor Ratte

March: Lawrence Webb

Attendance Draws: **January:** Dave Brown, Wally Payonk

February: Ed Hay, Marcel Ratte

March: Ken Yellowega, Wes Jones

Door Prize Draws: **January:** Kurt Burstahler, Tom Nicholl, Ron MacKenzie, Gary Bell

February: Marcel Ratte, Ken Yellowega, Randy Rawluk, Kirt Burstahler

March: Donna Bremner, Stan Forbister, Kent Wesley, Ron Yarema

Hope to see more new faces at future meetings!

Special Events - Ernie Yakiwchuk

Our meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month except for the months of July, August and December. Location of meetings (unless otherwise stated below) is at the Norwood Legion, 134 Marion St. Many arrive earlier to have coffee, donuts and a visit.

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

Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:

April 4, 2018 - Cheryl Kehler - Disability Tax Credit Services

May 2, 2018 - Jennifer May Licardo - Alzheimer Society MB

June 6, 2018 - Guest Speaker - St Vital Law Office



Annual Golf Tournament: Tuesday, June 26th at the Kingswood Golf Club. Tournament will start at 9:30 a.m. Please be there one half hour early. Cost per player is \$87.00. There will be prizes and a BBQ steak dinner after golf. To register, please contact Ron Davis @ 204-489-4485 or email ronvel@mymts.net



Annual Picnic: Thursday, June 14th at Assiniboine Park (RAIN or SHINE). Picnic starts at 11:30. Please bring your lawnchairs. Tickets will be available at the May and June general meetings. Tickets are \$5.00 each, with a limit of 2 tickets per contributing member, and includes a great lunch and your chance to win the coveted Bocce Ball Tournament trophy. For more information, please contact: Ernie Yakiwchuk @ 204-254-1551

NOTE: The tent location has changed, it is now located closer to the Pavillion



Bingo Bowl - February 14th, 2018



A great time was had by all those who took part in the Bingo Bowl put on by the CNPA Bowling League. We played two games and had a pizza lunch. Thanks to Ron Yarema, Donna Bremner and Dean Danforth for organizing this event. Watch for more information on the next Bingo Bowl to be held in October.

Please remember that the bowling league is always looking for new members to join as a regular player or as a spare. See Ron Yarema, Donna Bremner or Dean Danforth to join.

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

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If any CNPA member would like to join the Outreach Committee, please contact Rose Chapman for more information.



Please contact any member on the Outreach Committee with information on pensioners who are hospitalized, or ill at home, and on those who have had or will be celebrating special birthdays or milestone anniversaries.

Remember - please keep us informed!**Happy Birthday Wishes To:**

Eugene Balamatowski - 85 on March 7th.
Rose Balamatowski - 80 on January 29th.
Bill Baran - 85 on February 20th.
Ted Bozyk - 90 on December 18th.
Mary Bretecher - 95 on April 3rd.
Helve Dawson - 93 on December 23rd.
Therese Desautels - 83 on March 21st.
Lorna Ivanyshyn - 75 on March 10th.
Fran Loudon - 84 on March 29th.
Verna Nowicki - 101 on January 9th.
Samuel Singer - 90 on January 4th.
Olga Skrybalo - 84 on January 7th.
Steve Skrybalo - 85 on January 18th.
Stan Stepler - 80 on February 14th.
Irene Stevens - 101 on January 1st.
Sam Szwaluk - 80 on March 29th.
Jeannie Zankowski - 100 on January 25th.

Happy Anniversary To:

Alessandro and Romana Cipolla - 55th Wedding Anniversary - March 16th.
Loic and Shirley Feuillatre - 45th Wedding Anniversary - February 17th.
Larry and Barbara Lange - 25th Wedding Anniversary - February 14th.
Doug and Fran Loudon - 65th Wedding Anniversary - March 14th.
Jack and Isobel Melville - 56th Wedding Anniversary - December 9th.
Jack and Bev Moore - 40th Wedding Anniversary - June 3rd.
Paul and Suzanne Prince - 69th Wedding Anniversary - February 26th.

In our Winter 2017/2018 Birthday announcements, we incorrectly identified **Paul Prince** as Paul Price. We apologize for the error.

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 of Dauphin continues to have health issues and has been in and out of hospital and is undergoing tests. He is home now.

Ron Davis was in the hospital recently. He is currently undergoing testing for kidney problems.

Madeleine Delbaere's cancer has returned. She is now in palliative care and is doing well. In addition to regular cancer treatment, she has started naturopathic therapy.

Steve Skrybalo continues to look at everything with a positive attitude while undergoing treatment following cancer surgery.

Tom Gustafson is now in Deer Lodge Centre.

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

Robert A. Adair*
 Angelina Allegro*
 Mary Andrushko
 Edward W Barham
 James W. Beyak*
 Dorothy A. Blair*
 Anna Bylyna
 Betty Carpenter
 Myrtle C. Chartrand*
 Peter Chow*, *husband of*
*Yvet Chow**
 Dean Comeau*
 Doris E. Cox*
 Pauline Dowhanik*
 Blanche Drennan, *wife of*
*James Drennan**
 Katarina Dziawa
 Therese A. Fontaine
 Darrell C. Francis*
 Margaret Fricker
 Edward Ginter*
 Mavis Gledhill*
 Olga Goshlak*
 Kelvin (Bev) Jackson*

Sheila Johnson
 Viola I. Just*
 Shirley V. Kamula*
 Henry G. Klan
 Herb Koenig*
 William Krieg*
 William Kunka*
 Bernice E. Lindsay*
 Hesel M. Lyss*
 Jose Maia*
 Ruth R. Morrison*
 William Nikolychuk*
 Thomas Panting*
 Earl Parker*
 Bernice E. Parliament*
 Joe P. Payonk*
 Thomas Perez*
 Georgina Reid
 Kathleen Richkun
 Victor Seaton*
 Samuel R. Sedan*
 Walter Senyk*
 George Sharaburak*
 Margaret Sherban*

Audrey M. Shestko*
 Kenneth W. Snider*
 Richard Sorby*
 Elizabeth Specjan, *mother of*
Peter, mother-in-law of*
Darlene Specjan*
 Ronald Spicer*
 Peter Steciuk*
 Carl Steele*
 Olga Stelmach*
 Murray Strong*
 Elena S. Svenningsen
 Heronima Swol
 Robert Torrance*
 Rita Van Bastelaere*
 Edward G. Warburton*
 J. Bruce Warren*
 Peter Whitehill*
 Nola Wiechman-Praznik, *daughter*
*of Neil Wiechman**
 George Woods*
 Rosario Zammito*

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

On behalf of all members of the CNPA of Manitoba, we wish to convey our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Melissa Heins, a conductor in Melville Saskatchewan, who was fatally injured on the job on December 22nd, 2017. Melissa was 26 years old and was employed for approximately 3 years.

Melissa was born in Winnipeg, MB on September 29th, 1991 to Jim and Joanne Heins.

CNPA Annual Director's Meeting Update

National Treasurer's report: Of the \$12 we pay annually in membership fees, \$10.00 of that will come back to the individual councils and \$2.00 goes to the National Council. Bottom line, the more members we have means the more money that will be rebated back to us. This also applies to the CN Partnership where CN is giving us \$1 per payroll deduction (PRD) member to help support our endeavours in servicing our membership as well as in participating in CN events such as their Tree Planting program. So if you are in receipt of a CN Pension or spousal pension and are still paying by cheque, this is another reason to sign up to have your \$1 per month automatically deducted from your pension.

For those on Blue Cross, you should have received information from Blue Cross in December advising that the five day travel rule is being cancelled effective Dec 31, 2017. The 5 day rule was very ineffective and misleading. Make sure you have adequate travel insurance to cover yourselves if you are travelling to the USA or some other foreign destination.

New Pension Web Portal will soon be launched which will allow all pensioners to access your personal information, update your address and banking information and get important pension-related information forms at a single location. We expect that details of the new pension web portal will be mailed to your home soon. Instructions on how to register and log in to the pension web portal will be provided. If you don't have a computer, do not worry. CN Pension and Benefits Administration remains available to assist you by phone. You can always call their toll free number at 1-800-361-0739. We will also make this information available to you in our next newsletter as well as on our website and facebook page.

There is a process in place to establish a Canadian Railway Museum and has been for a few years and the Pensioners Association is going to support "EXPO Rail" in Saint Constant/Delton, Quebec.

The Partnership agreement we had for 2017 with CN will continue for 2018. CN would therefore appreciate participation from pensioners at some of these events such as the Tree Planting program mentioned above especially when they are in or close to your community. We are also approaching the 100th Anniversary of CN (2019) where there will be more events across the system celebrating our centennial. We will share these details with you as they become available.

The National Council is establishing a "Code of Conduct" for our National Council Constitution and Bylaws. Most or all organizations have a Code of Conduct which provides guidance in preserving the respect and rights of all members.

The National Council will continue to sponsor a Scholarship program with 5 - \$1,500 scholarships for each of the 5 regions for a total of 25 scholarships. The Manitoba Association will also continue to offer the Harvey Hosfield Bursary and Trade Bursary. For more information, visit our website or the National Council website.

Johnson Insurance will still be offering discounted rates to members of our Association. We still recommend that you shop around to find the right policy/provider that best suits your needs. They now have "Flood Coverage". This was not prevalent in Canada before, but since we have had some issues with it, they now cover it. Of course it costs money and is not covered in known "Flood Zones". Johnson Insurance will also continue their Scholarship Program offering 50 people \$1,000 dollar Scholarships.

We will continue to receive the list of centenarians from CN. Where possible, we will be personally delivering the special plaque to CN Pensioners/surviving spouses who will be turning 100 this year. This is actually sponsored by CN and the CN Pension Committee.

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The National Council is establishing a National Facebook page in both English and French. This will be officially announced in the Spring edition of the National newsletter. A National Facebook page will be another useful communication tool in keeping you up to date on relevant and important information and events.

The National website www.cnpensioners.org has now been updated with the newly elected National Executive, Directors, Alternate Directors and Health and Pension Committees. Gary Heasman of Saskatoon Council was elected Vice-President for the Prairie Region.

You should have already received your Calendar for 2018. These only go to the members that are on Payroll Deduction (PRD). Since this is a new offering, there are a few kinks to work out so that associate members also receive a Calendar in a timely manner. So if you are in receipt of a CN Pension but paying by cheque, we encourage you to sign up to have your \$1 per month automatically deducted. This will save your volunteers the need to manually manage this benefit as well as reduce the cost of mailing. CN currently covers the cost of mailing these calendars to those members who are on PRD. If you are not on PRD, and want to receive a calendar for 2019, please talk to Joanne Gaborieau, or anyone on the Executive and sign up to have your \$1 per month membership fee automatically deducted. As info, it would cost us over \$3 to mail each calendar. If you are an Associate member, we will still have to handle the process manually.

Finally, in an effort to keep our local costs down, please consider signing up to receive our Manitoba newsletter via email. It is very easy to do so. Just visit our website at www.cnpensioners.ca and then our Newsletter page. Complete the sign up form and follow the instructions and then you will be automatically added to our "Newsletter by Email" data base.



Congratulations to the following:

Brent Tingey: applied for and received a \$500 grant for the Transcona Historical Museum.

Roland Jolicoeur: applied for and received a \$500 grant on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and donated to the St. Eugene Parish for asbestos removal.

Philip Gaudet: applied for and received a \$500 grant on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and donated to the St. Eugene Parish for asbestos removal.

Gerald Prejet: applied for and received a \$500 grant on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and donated to the St. Eugene Parish for asbestos removal.

Barry Unsworth: applied for and received a \$500 grant for the Canadian Cancer Society Transportation Fund.

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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 - National Claims Direct	204-775-9261
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