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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

Special Points of Interest:

- Happy 100th Birth- day to Mr. A. Kurtz
- Annual Golf Tournament
- Sandy Lake Endowment Fund
- NC Scholarship Program
- CN Business Cars

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President's View—Ron Davis



Happy 100th Birthday Mr. Andreas "Andy" Kurtz



On behalf of the CN Pension Committee and the CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba, I was pleased to present a plaque to Mr. Andy Kurtz on the occasion of his 100th birthday on Thursday, March 14th, 2013. The celebration took place at his residence at Meadowood Manor on St. Anne's Road. Family and friends were in attendance to wish Mr. Kurtz a very Happy Birthday! Mr. Kurtz has been retired from CN Telecommunications for over 40 years.

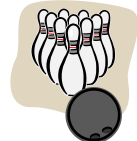
Annual Golf Tournament

It's that time of year again. The Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 25th, commencing at 9:30 a.m. at Kingswood Golf and Country Club in La Salle, MB.

The cost to play golf, share a cart and a BBQ Steak Dinner is \$80.00. If you are interested, please contact Ron Davis at 204-489-4485.



Bowling Update from Harvey Hosfield



The bowling roll-offs were held on April 25th. The wind up is scheduled for May 9th.

Bowling will recess for the summer months, resuming on Sept 25th.

Have a good summer!



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Membership Report—Wayne Zaharia

As of April 30th, 2013 membership is as follows:

Total Paid Membership:	3,979
Payroll Deduction	3,835
Fees Paid by Cheque	144

Welcome to the following new members. We look forward to your participation.

Amborsky, Larry
Colquhoun, Cameron
Conway, Beverley
Cormier, Paul
Cosco, Doris
Cummer, Ron
Dudych, Sophie
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Giardino, Michael
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Tench, Verna
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Young, John
Yunyk, Mary

We have 5,220 pensioners and or spouses in Manitoba of which 3,989 are members and status of following are 611 non-members, 35 with health concerns and 585 who are not interested for whatever reason. If you meet with a pensioner for coffee etc. would appreciate you enquiring if he is a member and if not ask him to join. Maybe in this way we can bring the figure of 611 non-members down making our Association stronger. Remember this is YOUR Association and anything you can do to help is appreciated. Thanks.

On another note, unfortunately, for some reason or other 19 members from last year did not renew their memberships.

Following members have moved and left no forwarding address. If anyone knows their whereabouts please let me know.

Firby, William A.; Kumka, David; Otto, Norman; Senyk, Walter; Smith, Daniel; Boucher-Tapping, Helen.

Special Events Report—Linda Schram

Just a reminder—our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 at the Norwood Legion. Spouses are welcome. No meetings in July, August and December.

Upcoming Speakers:

June 5th, 2013: Eric Bardal from Neil Bardal Funeral Centre.

Thursday, June 13th, 2013: Annual Picnic in Assiniboine Park. Once again we will be having a Bocce tournament. Even if you don't play you can help judge or be a spectator. Bring your lawn chair and sun hat and join us for lunch. The Bocce Tournament will run from 11:30 until 1:00 and then we will break for lunch. After lunch, we will then finish the tournament and award the prizes.

Tickets are \$5.00 which includes the picnic lunch. They will be available at the May and June meetings. You can also get tickets by calling Linda at 204-255-5636 after May 1. Cutoff for tickets will be June 5th. We were once again able to secure the large tent that will seat everyone, so our picnic will be on rain or shine. Please note, limit of 2 tickets per pensioner member.

Christmas Luncheon—The annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 4th. Details to follow.

First Time Attendees & New Members

A hearty welcome to all new members and an especially warm welcome to those who have attended their first General Meeting where they received a Pensioners pin. Here is a list of first time attendees from March 2013: Brian Andrest, Harry Adamson, Norman Ilchyma, Tim McCrindle, Fred Zastre, Paul Zastre, Russell Gowan, Ken Ryback, Grant Gibson, Kaz Sawicz, David Logan, Bob Miller; April 2013: Don Hawryluk, Jim Kolson, Roland Friola, Rick Hoffman, Hank Lemoine; May 2013: Larry Kouk.

Manitoba Association Bursary Program

Just a reminder to our members. If you have any grandchildren who might be eligible for our Bursary Award, please have them visit our website at www.cnpensioners.ca for details. Deadline for applications is August 15th.

National Council Introduces Scholarship Program Fall 2013

The National Council of CN Pensioners' Associations is pleased to introduce a scholarship program this Fall for the grandchildren of CN Pensioners who are supporting members of our Association. There will be two \$1,000 awards made in each of the 5 Regions across Canada: Atlantic, St. Lawrence, Great Lakes, Prairie and Mountain for a total of ten awards in all. Deadline for applications is August 15th annually. The Terms and Conditions of the program, as well as the Application Form and FAQ can be found on the special insert in the Spring 2013 edition of the National Newsletter. For more information, please visit www.cnpensioners.org and click on the Scholarships tab. The same information can also be found on our Manitoba Association's website at www.cnpensioners.ca. Just click on the "Scholarship Program" located in the middle of our home page. If you or your grandchild have any questions, please email CNPensioners@yahoo.ca.

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



Outreach Committee

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

Remember—please keep us informed!

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).

- Bill Begal* suffered a stroke and is in Kildonan Personal Care Centre.
- Ron Borys* had recent health issues and is recuperating at home.
- Ralph Grant* is recuperating at home from lung problems and is in good spirits.
- Ed Grzadka* had a stroke in late winter and is doing quite well.
- Sven Haglund* is in St Boniface Hospital and is doing well after undergoing triple valve replacement surgery.
- Herbert Harvey is in Seven Oaks Hospital (retired from Via).
- Martin Roy is in Middlechurch Home.
- Max Sywak* is home and is feeling better.
- Reg Thomas* suffered a stroke and is recuperating at home.
- Ron Yarema* had a heart attack in early January and is feeling better.

Celebrations—Congratulations to All!

Birthdays:

- Marty Freundl* will celebrate his 85th birthday on July 11th.
- Andy Kurtz* celebrated his 100th birthday on March 14th.
- Glen Peden celebrated his 80th birthday on March 3rd.
- Mary Rody* celebrated her 77th birthday on April 2nd.
- Stan Pardoski* will celebrate his 87th birthday on June 23rd.
- Teresita San Diego* will celebrate her 79th birthday on September 5th.
- Tom Serofin* will celebrate his 80th birthday on May 24th.
- Bob Shannon* celebrated his 80th birthday on February 10th.
- Sam Singer* celebrated his 85th birthday on January 4th.

Anniversaries:

- June and Brian* Croxford celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on April 22nd.
- Dolores and Joe* Gozda will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 29th.
- Claude* and Irene Martin celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 18th.
- Patrick* and Linda McMullin celebrated their 41st Wedding Anniversary on April 22nd.

Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of good health and happiness to the above!



Birthday of the Month:

March 2013: Stella Patson

April 2013: Roland Friola

May 2013: John Yarema

Door Prizes:

March: Don Seal, Patrick McMullin, Barry Levandoski, Randy Rawluk

April: Rick Hoffman, Gary Taylor, Barry Levandoski, Gord Stein

May: John Yarema, Ed Lane, Rob Miller, James Rodrigues

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.

Maria Amado	Victoria Hoffman	Denis Olivier*
Rose Anderson, wife of Len Anderson†	Gordon Holmberg*	Nels Olson*
Alma Blackshaw	Anna Humenik	Charles Paramor
Sylvia Bowers	Douglas Hunt*	Betty Peacock*
Daniel Bradley	Edward Huzel	Jeffrey Pearson
George Briant*	Dmytro Jakymeczko*	Steve Petak
Margaret Brust*	Isabel Jones*	Clementine Porath*
Denise Chartrand, wife of Jean Chartrand*	Thomas Knott*	Frank Provenza*
Viktorija Ciric	Walter Konarski*	(Derek) Roy Rogers*
Roger Claeys*	Ted Kolback*	Rudolf Schink*
William Collins	Joseph Kotz*	Roland Seel*
Richard Conway*	Steve Kralka*	Rudolf Schink*
James Cosco*	Albertine Lanthier, mother of Denis Lanthier*	Gordon Shaw*
Margaret Critchley	Gloria Leis*	Audrey Sigurdson
Harold Deckert	Claude Leveque	Margaret Smith*
Leo Donnelly*	Elizabeth Marsh	Doreen Strong*
Duncan Fraser*	Ivor Mason*	Marina Toupin
Shirley Geldart*	Lorne McGhie*	William Wait*
Rene Gevaert	Evelyn McLeod	Ross A. Walker
Dale Gillson*	Muriel McRae	Robert Wickstead*
Lawrence Gooding*	Jane Mitchell*	Olga Worobec
Margaret Harris*	Charles Munday*	Gerald Wuerch
Doug Hill*	Shirley Nadolny*	William Yunyk*
	Stanley Ogilvie*	Walter Zaporzan*
		Ulrich (Rick) Zurcher*



Earl Symonds – Founder of Sandy Lake Endowment Fund

Five years after founding the Sandy Lake Endowment Fund, Earl Symonds, a CN Pensioner, is stepping back. It was Earl's initiative and money that originally got the fund going.

The son of a Station agent, Earl grew up in the community of Sandy Lake. Following in his father's footsteps, Earl began his own railway career. Upon his retirement, Earl decided to return to his roots and moved back to Sandy Lake. He felt that when a community is good to you, it is important to give something back, and so now that he was back in Sandy Lake, he wanted to make a difference in the community. Upon investigating endowment funds, he learned that donations to an endowment fund are invested and grants are funded by the interest earned, meaning the principal is never touched. This would be the perfect way to "Pay it Forward".

At the start up of the Endowment Fund, Earl donated \$25, 000 of his own money and has been matching donations ever since. People are encouraged to donate and local organizations are encouraged to apply for grants which go towards the replacement and purchase of items that enhance and support the Sandy Lake Community. Thanks to Earl's commitment and vision, the fund has been set up in such a way so that it is easy to pass the torch. Earl was recently presented with an honorary lifetime membership to the Sandy Lake Endowment Fund. Congratulations to Earl!

CN Business Cars

Many of you who attended the Transcona Shops 100th anniversary celebration last June, will have had the opportunity to tour some of the business cars that were on display. Following is a brief history of three of the cars.

CN 1059 – TAWAW Lounge Reception Car

The car was originally built as a combination sleeping-buffet-lounge car by National Steel Car in Hamilton, ON in 1954 as part of a huge purchase by CN to modernize and renew the passenger car fleet with coaches, sleeping cars and dining cars.

It's first number was CN 1088 "Cape Chignecto" and was a 2 compartment, 2 double bedroom, buffet lounge car. In 1978, it was transferred to VIA Rail with the same name and number when CN exited the passenger business. In about 1986, CN repurchased the car from VIA and rebuilt it into the Marketing Reception Car with the number CN 15165 and the name TAWAW. Later it was renumbered CN 1059.

IC 800413 – Office Car #1

Shell built in 1955 by Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Co. All other assembly and workmanship was completed by IC craftsmen at the Burnside / Chicago facility.

It was taken out of service in 1988 for a complete redesign to bring Car #1 up to the standards and technology of the 1990's. It was completed in 1990 to the present configuration.

IC MW 100314 – Parlor / Salon Car

This triple axle heavy weight was built in the mid to late 1920's. The car seats approximately 36 people. In the early 1990's, the car was refurbished with decor and materials typical of the era in which the car was originally built and used.

Webmaster & Editor—Janet Lewis Anderson

Do You Have a Computer? If you have a computer, we encourage you to opt to receive our newsletter electronically as opposed to the old hard copy via snail mail. This will not only help us keep the mailing costs down, which run in the neighborhood of \$5000 per mailout, but it will also help keep our environment green.

Please email Janet at jelretiredmama@hotmail.com and I will arrange to have you put on our “E-Newsletter” list, as well as review instructions on how to access current and older versions of our newsletter via our website. Remember to identify “CNPA Newsletter” on the subject line so that I know your email is legitimate.

Just an update from the last newsletter. As a result from this request, we have received emails from over 70 members who have elected to view the newsletter on line. Many thanks to all of you for your response.

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Check out our website for updates and events. Don't forget to visit our Photo Section.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine

- In a London department store—Bargain Basement upstairs.
- Notice in a Health Food Store—Closed due to illness.
- Notice in a Farmer's Field—the farmer allows walkers to cross the field free, but the bull charges.
- In a Laundromat—automatic washing machines: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.
- Outside a second hand shop—We exchange anything—bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain.
- On a repair shop door—We can repair anything. Please knock hard on the door. The bell doesn't work.

Mercer is now Morneau Shepell

You may have noticed that Mercer has sold their business of managing the administration of pension plans to a company called Morneau Shepell. There has been no change in the contract that CN negotiated with Mercer and the phone number remains the same (1-800-361-0739). Chances are you will also speak to a person who formerly worked for Mercer and who is knowledgeable about our pension plan.

CN Railroaders in the Community Retiree Program

Introduced in October 2010, 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 www.cn.ca/en/corporate-citizenship-community-employee-volunteers.htm.

Grand Beach Memories Wanted

Barbara Lange, Author, Speaker and Editor of “Through the Window of a Train – A Canadian Railway Anthology” (also wife of CN Retiree Lawrence Lange), is looking for CNR memories from the Victoria Beach (MB) subdivision for her second book.

If you have stories to share about “Grand Beach”, please contact Barbara at 204-667-8521 in Winnipeg or email her at railwaystories@hotmail.com.

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Letters to the Editor are much appreciated. If you have something of interest with other CN pensioners I'll be happy to pass it along. Email jelretired-mama@hotmail.com. Be sure to identify CN Pensioners in the subject line. Mail address—55 Four Oaks Cove, Winnipeg MB R3K 0V7.

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Volunteers in Mailing—Thank you to all who came out to assist in mailing this edition, and with past editions. The reason we did not post names of the volunteers this time is because the newsletter goes to print before we actually know who will be out to help. And so to all Volunteers past and present, please know that we truly value and appreciate your participation and we look forward to your continued support.

Next Newsletter Mailout—Friday, August 23rd, 2013

Bowling—CNPA Mixed 5-Pin League every Thursday at 10:00 at Mosienko Lanes. To join or to spare, please call Marge Jacobson at 204-222-6012.

Frequently Called Numbers

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

Change of Address	1-800-361-0739
Canada Pension & Old Age Security	1-800-277-9914
Canada Custom & Revenue Service	1-800-959-8281
Blue Cross, contract number 93115	204-775-0161 switchboard
National Claims Direct	204-771-9261
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	1-701-772-5518

The Book Store

Looking for gift ideas? How about one of the books authored and published by one of our fellow pensioners? To obtain a copy of one of these books and for an interesting read check out the following:

- Smoke, Cinders & Railroaders, contact Paul Doroschuk at 204-638-4312
- In One Lifetime: by Theresa Shanoha, 204-774 -390.
- A Sentimental Journey: by Karl Olafson, 204-256-5221.
- Through the Window of a Train: by Barbara Lange, 204-667-8521.
- In The Arms of The Angels—Our Journey Through the Darkness of Dementia: by Janet Lewis Anderson, 204-275-0482.
- Events in the Life of Kei: by Gerrit Boonstra, 204-268-3998.

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Scholarships and Bursaries

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