



Gladstone MB

### Special Points of Interest:

#### CNR Station at Gladstone MB

This station is located on the Gladstone subdivision of what was once the Canadian Northern Rwy., main line between Winnipeg and Vancouver. It later became part of the Canadian National system. The building is now a town museum.

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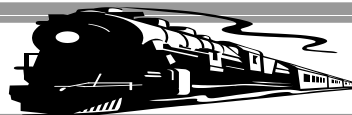
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# CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba

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



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Summer 2016

## History of the CNPA of Manitoba

The General Superintendent, W R Devenish, acting upon advice and authority given to him by the President, Sir Henry Thornton, in order to promote, maintain, and foster social and fraternal feelings, keep alive the traditions of the Canadian National Railways, to preserve the loyalty and brotherhood of its employees, and with the approval of the management formed ourselves into an Association. This Association shall be known as the Canadian National Railways Veterans' Association, Division no. 1, Prairie Region, Canadian National Railways. The date was Saturday, October 17, 1930. There were 35 retired employees listed as members. This Association continued to operate until December 1995.

In December of 1995 a group of CN retirees gathered to elect the Executive Committee for the newly named Manitoba Division # 1 of CN Pensioners' Association. This Association (which was an amalgamation of Manitoba Council of CN Pensioners Association and the CN Veterans' Association, Manitoba Division # 1) ultimately became the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba. This new Association met for the first time in January 1996 with John Almdal as President, Jim Harris as Vice President. Past Presidents were Borge Gade and Gil Blais. The Treasurer was Lloyd Marshall. The Outreach Committee consisted of Willis Archibald, Jim Buchanan, Hank Gosselin, Vern McGregor and George Turnley. The Publicity Committee had two members, Harvey Hosfield and Wally Senyshen. The Entertainment Committee consisted of Borge Gade, Harry Diakiw, Gert Williams and Pat Wilson. The Membership Committee was composed of Bill Cameron, Lloyd Marshall, Laurie Webb and Vern Peterson. The Secretary was Ron Davis. The Constitution Committee was George Chase, Ron Davis, George Clements and Harvey Hosfield. The National Director was George Chase.

At the time of amalgamation there were over 500 paid up members. Twenty years later nearly 4000 are paid up members and Ron Davis is still active in the Association as President.

To celebrate our 20th anniversary we invited the President of the National Council of CN Pensioners' Associations Yves Bourdon, the National Treasurer Bruce Peacock, Darlene Cherry of Morneau Shepell ( the administrator of CN Pensions and Benefits ) and Jim Feeny, Director of Public Affairs to join us in Winnipeg. All of our invited guests made presentations to the members at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 4th.

A huge birthday cake was enjoyed by all.

*Right: National Council President; Yves Bourdon presenting CNPA of Manitoba President, Ron Davis with a gift commemorating his 20th year of participation on the Executive of the CNPA of Manitoba.*

More pictures can be found on pages 8 and 9.



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Janet Lewis Anderson  
Linda Schram  
Carson Hull  
Ron Davis, N.C. Advisor

## Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

Total paid membership - 3965  
Pension Cheque deduction - 3883  
Fees paid by cheque - 82

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

Anderson, Bruce	Audette, Denys	Bangart, Luna
Barker, Blake	Barnabe, Roland	Baron, Dale
Battick, Yvette	Bayrack, Bonnie	Bedard, James
Berezowecki, Reg	Bessette, Vivian	Biegum, Wayne
Bridle, Joyce	Brunton, Bruce	Burnell, Mary
Cayer, Travis	Champion, Russell	Chartier, Nicole
Chartrand, Glenn	Cherewayko, James	Clarke, Elizabeth D.
Closen, Joyce	Cox, Eileen	Cummine, Rita
Danyluk, Arthur	Davis, Verna	DeGroot, Alexander
Dolphin, Bruce	Doyle, Larry	Dumontet, Joan
Dunlop, Brian	Dunlop, Robert	Filipchuk, Greta
Fiorentino, Maria	Foot, James	Forbes, Vera
Franceschetti, Dino	Francis, Darrell	Friesen, Henry
Gancz, Brian	Gawley, Christopher	Gibbons, Brigid K.
Girard, Eileen	Gladish, Sheila	Godden, Faye
Graham, Donna	Graham, Doug	Grawberger, Wilbert
Gregory, Joan	Grimstrup, Jorgen	Grymaluk, Wilma
Gustafson, Peter	Harpe, John	Harrison, Dorothy
Haughey, James	Hill, Marion	Hoskins, Gordon
Jackson, Andrew	Jones, Benita	Jones, Dominic
Keeney, Sandra	Keon, Greg	Kith, Alex
Kohlenberg, Warren	Kramble, Robert	Lawrie, David
Lepine, Aline	Little, Robert	Marchak, Marilyn
Marcoux, Denis	Marko, Beverly	Marks, Timothy
Matenchuk, Lucy	McKendry, James	Miller, Maria
Morison, Maureen	Morley, Diane	Moskal, Cal
Murray, Harold	Nakonechny, Conrad	Natuik, Randy
Nohlgren, Dennis	Palevecino, Filidor	Paskaruk, Morris
Payne, Brent	Perrier, Raymond	Porter, William
Poulin, Serge	Prystie, Clifford	Pshebniski, Joan
Rempel, Dianne	Rondeau, Pauline	Ross, Arden
Ross, Charles	Saurette, Jeannette	Scott, Joyce
Shaw, Elsie	Shymko, Curtis	Singh, Joginder
Small, Augusta	Stachowich, David	Stardom, Marjorie
Stevens, Scott	Stevenson, Donald	Struthers, Winona
Tataryn, William	Teeple, Joan	Tomlinson, John
Toms, Marilyn	Trudeau, Alain	Van De Kerckhove, Brian
Venesia, John	Viveiros, Gilberto	Wasnie, Ron
Wesley, Georgina	Woods, Brian	Yaschuk, George
Yaskowich, David	Yellowega, Ken	Yeo, Arlene
Zommer, Glenn	Zuk, Ronald	

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

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## Special Events - Linda Schram

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Norwood Legion on Marion Street and commence at 1:30 p.m. Many arrive earlier to have coffee, donuts and a visit. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Linda at 204-255-5636.



### Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:

**September and October** - Transplant Manitoba and Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services

*No meetings held in July or August. See you all at the September 7th meeting*

**Golf Tournament:** The Annual Golf Tournament will be held at **Kingswood G&CC** on **Tuesday, June 28th, 2016** starting at 9:30 am. Be there half hour earlier. Cost of \$86.00 to include a shared cart, golf and a BBQ steak dinner. Part of the cost (\$5.00 is to purchase prizes and \$2.00 is for gratuities). To sign up for the tournament, please call: Ron Davis @ 204-489-4485. Format of tournament is Stroke Play.

**Annual Picnic:** the annual picnic will be held on **Thursday, June 16th** at Assiniboine Park (near the conservatory) under the big white tent. Picnic starts at 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$5.00 (limit 2 tickets per member) and includes a delicious lunch, bocce ball tournament and prizes. Tickets available at the May and June general meetings or by calling: Linda Schram @ 204-255-5636.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event.**

**Did You Know:** *Winnipeg Goldeye* games are now heard on radio station:



### CN Pension Association Bowling League:

CNPA Mixed 5 pin bowling league meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Billy Mosienko Lanes. New bowlers are needed for the start-up in September 2016. If you would like to join or spare, contact:

Gord Reimer - President  
Dean Danforth - Treasurer or  
Donna Bremner - Secretary



### Shooting Star Trip -

The next Shooting Star Casino trip has been scheduled for October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Book your seat soon as the bus fills quickly.

For more information, contact Albert Delbaere @ 204-256-8419 or email: [albert1a@mymts.net](mailto:albert1a@mymts.net)



### Symington Family Day:

Will be held on Saturday, September 10th, 2016. More details to follow. Tickets will be available soon.

Visit our website often at [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca) to view our newsletters and other relevant information or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba](http://www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba) for updates and announcements.

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

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### 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!**

### Happy Birthday Wishes To:

*John Almdal* - 85 - April 29th.  
*Nestor Bially* - 85 - August 3rd  
*Dolores Brophy* - 90 - April 21st.  
*Bill Brychka* - 88 - August 25th  
*June Brychka* - 84 - June 7th.  
*Huguette Champagne* - 81 - August 13th.  
*John Cochrane* - 90 - August 18th.  
*Harry Craig* - 80 - June 7th.  
*Robert Crane* - 85 - June 30th.  
*Fred Dagg* - 92 - July 18th.  
*Georgette Fiola* - 75 - August 15th.  
*Nick Hanuschuk* - 80 - August 2nd.  
*Stan Kopp* - 75 - August 25th.  
*Jean Koralewicz* - 85 - July 21st.  
*John Kuban* - 75 - July 24th.  
*Florence Lucko* - 65 - June 6th.  
*Isobel Melville* - 74 - April 10th.  
*Jack Melville* - 76 - May 18th.  
*Isabel Mitchell* - 90 - March 13th.  
*Tom Nicholl* - 90 - July 8th.  
*Stan Pardoski* - 90 - June 23rd.  
*Linne Prystie* - 80 - July 24th.  
*Irvin Randall* - 70 - August 19th.  
*Mel Rusiecki* - 79 - May 18th.  
*Ron Smith, of Dugald* - 80 - May 28th.  
*Carl Steele* - 85 - June 17th.  
*Brent Tingey* - 68 - August 26th  
*August Wagner* - 85 - June 5th.  
*Bill Warning* - 90 - May 7th.  
*Les Weir* - 85 - August 13th.  
*Bernie Wielgosh* - 85 - April 29th.

### Happy Anniversary To:

*Dale and Carol Brown* - 55th Anniversary on June 24th.  
*Bill and June Brychka* - 66th Anniversary on June 7th.  
*Arthur and Marie Gagne* - 60th Anniversary on June 23rd.  
*Bob and Eila Gill* - 65th Anniversary on July 7th.  
*Jim and Lorraine Miln* - 50th Anniversary on June 25th.  
*Jack and Bev Moore* - 38th Anniversary on June 3rd.  
*Irvin and Marilyn Randall* - 45th Anniversary on May 17th.  
*Hugh and Annabel Ritzer* - 70th Anniversary on August 2nd.  
*Garry and June Ross* - 60th Anniversary on August 15th.  
*August and Olga Wagner* - 65th Anniversary on June 30th.  
*Ernie and Gwen Yakiwchuk* - 35th Anniversary on June 13th.

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:

*Morris Bakun* has some health problems.

*Bob Gill* fell at home and injured his back. He is undergoing treatments and is using a walker to get around.

*Irene Heilmann* had bionic knee surgery in April which went well.

*John Kuban* was declared cancer-free on April 22, a short-lived victory because the cancer returned. He is undergoing further radiation treatments in HSC and will be receiving chemotherapy and physio in Bethesda Hospital, Steinbach, in early June. He has lost power in his legs and is now in a wheelchair. He extends his thanks to the CN colleagues who visit him.

*Ann Loewen*, wife of Aron Loewen is in Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home.

*Jack Melville* had a pacemaker/defibrillator inserted on January 28th. He is doing very well.

*John Miller* recently had hip replacement surgery. He is doing very well.

*Walter Mudlo* recently had heart surgery. He is recuperating at home.

*Ron Smith*, of Winnipeg, had surgery for a broken hip in late April. He is in undergoing rehab in Riverview Health Centre.

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

Sheila Armstrong	Anne Hunnie	Kenneth Proctor*
Tina Baker*	George Jack*	Allan Rempel*
Gerald Basarab	Donald Johnston	Allan Richkun
Moyra Benediktson*	Catherine Juskow	Marguerite Rigby
Ralph Bent*	June Kotchon	Earl Rioux*
Kenneth Bhopalsingh*	Martha Krause	Murray Robertson
Reginald Blois*	Elizabeth Kutchyera*	Theodore Roy
Anne Campbell*	Ernest Leiper*	Gary Sawchuk*
Adolph Charlette	Larry Leveque*	J. Eric Schick*
Ann Maureen Clarke, <i>wife of Jim</i>	Lloyd Lovie*	Georgette (Audrey) Snead*
<i>Clarke* of Winnipeg</i>	Winnifred Lowes*	Estelita Speidel, <i>wife of Dave Speidel*</i>
William Cole*	Margaret Luke, <i>wife of Bruce Luke*</i>	Walter Speidel
Jessie Cook*	Donald (Pinky) MacDonald*	Ed Stardom*
Martha Danylchuk	Douglas MacPherson*	Stanley Szymanski*
Louise Delorme	Malcolm McKay*	Georgette Thomson*
Evelyn Denesiuk	Isobel McKenzie*	Linda Tingey, <i>wife of Brent Tingey*</i>
Adelard Deslauriers*	Doris McVarish	Gordon Toms*
Frederick Diachun*	Mary Michalchuk	Harold Trenholm*
J T Elliott	Leslie Mitchell*	John Yarema of Dauphin
Simma Etkin	Gordon Moore*	Robert Zenchyshyn
Stanley Fidler	Harold Murray (Via)	Aarron Ziolkoski
Louis Fontaine*	Jorgen Nielsen	
George Forbes*	Louise Noonan*	
Virginia Friesen*	Elizabeth Pearce	
Elaine Gevoga	Maria Penner*	
Pete Giesbrecht*	Tom Perrier, <i>father of Dan Perrier*</i>	
Maurice Grandmont*	Edith Phillips	
Gary Gregory*	Mira Pisker	
Percy Hannesson*	Janet Priestley, <i>wife of Frank</i>	
Lewis Hughes*	<i>Priestley*</i>	

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



**NOTICE: CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba**, Constitution and Bylaws - In accordance with Article XIV – Amendments Item 14.01, please consider this as your written notice of proposed amendments to the constitution of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba. The proposed amendments were read at our June 2016 General Meeting and will be voted on at the September 2016 General Meeting.

Any member wishing to view the proposed amendments, please contact any member of the Executive for a written copy. Amendments may also be viewed on our website - [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca)



**Brent Tingey**, applied for and received a \$500.00 grant for the Winnipeg Rail Museum.

**Rob Nykoluk**, applied for and received a \$500.00 grant for the Gifts of Grace Street Mission.

Rob's wife **Sue Nykoluk** applied for and received a spousal grant of \$250.00 for the Gifts of Grace Street Mission.

**Janet Lewis Anderson**, applied for and received a \$500 grant for Daughters of the Nile, whose philanthropy is for the Shriners Hospital for Children.

**Audrey Hill**, widow of Doug Hill, applied for and received a spousal grant of \$250.00 for the Daughters of the Nile, whose philanthropy is for the Shriners Hospital for Children.

## HAVE YOU APPLIED?

**PLEASE VISIT:** [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca) for more information

## Harvey Hosfield Bursary Program 2016

The CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba is continuing to offer a Bursary Program to the children, 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 this program. Deadline for applications is August 15th. We want to remind all new applicants as well as those who were **NOT** successful recipients in previous years, that as long as your application meets all of the Association's criteria, you can re-apply for the current year. The application requirements can be found at [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca). Please note that eligible applicants may also apply for the National Council Scholarship Program at [www.cnpensioners.org](http://www.cnpensioners.org)

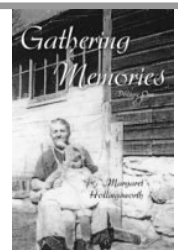
**\*\*\*Did you know that the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Associate Members in the CNPA of Manitoba are now eligible to apply for the Harvey Hosfield bursaries\*\*\***

## Another Author In Our Midst

Margaret Hollingsworth (husband was retired Locomotive Engineer Robert Hollingsworth) just launched her new book "**Gathering Memories**".

Her book is available at McNally Robinson, Grant Park Mall, Winnipeg or by contacting Margaret at 204-757-7878.

**Congratulations to Margaret!**



## Would you like to receive your newsletter via email:

If so, please send an email to:

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### Brandon Manitoba:

June 14-16, 2016, over 1000 athletes from all across this province will gather in Brandon to participate in the largest multi-sport event in Manitoba. The annual 55 Plus Games will run for the 34th year offering age-friendly competition in over 25 events ranging from Cribbage and Scrabble to Swimming and Slo-Pitch. The games are open to anyone 55 years of age or older and will often see participants who are well into their 90's.

**Elections:** In November elections for positions on our local executive committee will be held. Anyone desiring to run should contact our Past President, John Mozol to place his or her name on the ballot.

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## 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:

**April:** S. Poulin, D. Goodfellow, D. Werschler, V. Gosselin, B. Shoell, B. Dunlop, R. Sawchuk, D. Audette, L. Smallwood, R. Dupuis, A. Tetrault, T. Bozyk and A. Versluis

**May:** J. Stuve, V. Bessette, D. Stevenson, R. Fehr and A. Jackman

**Birthdays:**  
**April:** Bob Mozol  
**May:** Ron Fehr  
**June:** Eric Omen  
**July:** Tom Nicholl

**Attendance:**  
**April:** Dave Curti, Lance Smallwood, Adrian Versluis and Bob Mozol  
**May:** Al Madriga, Colette Audette, Ron McKenzie, Larry Long, Arnie Jackman, Gloria Gorin, John Stuve, Tom Nicholl, Kurt Burstahler, Bert Andrews, Elmer Pawliuk, Mark Mercier, Ken Carroll, Wayne Zaharia, Randy Rawluk, Denys Audette, Duncan Andrews, Hank Lemoine, Mel Martin and Barbara Lange  
**June:** Eric Omen, Tom Miller, Gerritt Vanderklok and John Delvecchio

**Door Prizes:**  
**April:** Leon Bertrand, J.P. Poitras, Serge Poulin and J.P. Poitras  
**May:** Bob Hague, Marcel Ratte, Stella Patson and Ian Keating  
**June:** Serge Poulin, Al Madriga, Bill Jenkins and Denys Audette



The Executive of the CNPA of Manitoba, along with guests: Yves Bourdon - National Council President, Bruce Peacock - National Council Treasurer and Darlene Cherry - Morneau Shepell, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the CNPA of Manitoba.



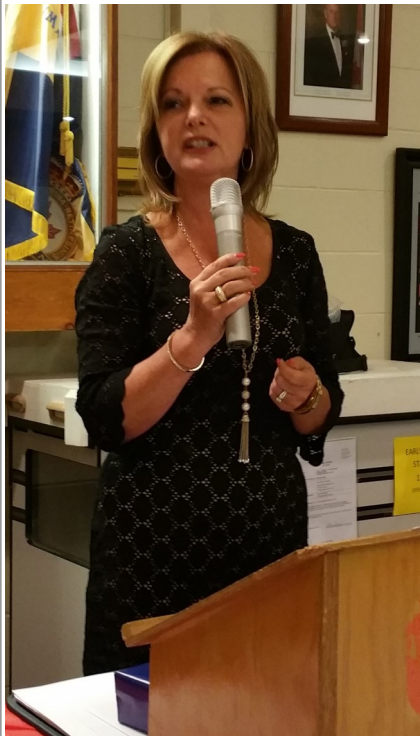
Ron Davis - President of the CNPA of Manitoba celebrating his 20th year of participation on the Executive of the CNPA.



Jim Feeney, Director of Public and Government Affairs, bringing greetings and congratulations from CN on the 20th Anniversary of the CNPA of Manitoba.



Some of the members prior to the start of the meeting.



Darlene Cherry representing Morneau Sheppel, talking to the members at our May 4th meeting.



We had 105 members at our May 4th meeting and we hope to see more at our Wednesday, June 1st meeting. Come out and enjoy a coffee, doughnut and meet your fellow pensioners and former co-workers.



## Meet Your Fellow Pensioner - Bill Brychka and his wife June Brychka

**Bill Brychka:** Bill began his career with CN with the B&B Department in May 1948 working out of Hudson Bay where every day he would go down to the station to learn about switching. One of the Switchman in Hudson Bay was kind enough to teach Bill all the signals that Bill would need to know in order to move into the Running trades.

In September 1948, as a new Brakeman, Bill was supposed to make "three student trips" (no pay). However, because he had already spent a lot of time learning the signals and operating rules from the Hudson Bay Switchman, Bill only had to make two "student" trips and was put on the payroll.

His first trip was as a Head End Brakeman on a "way-freight" from Dauphin to Kamsack. He received his first pay cheque as a Head End Trainman on September 11th, 1948. As he moved up on the seniority list, Bill was able to move to Tail End Trainman and then as a Conductor in 1952.



Bill worked many 'work trains' and seemed to be away most of their marriage. The year their 3rd child was due to be born, the "work train" he was on was so far up north there was no telephone service. When son Jimmy decided to arrive early (September instead of October), Bill didn't get to meet his new son Jimmy until he was already 2 weeks old!! However, thanks to CN, June was able to speak with Bill from a 2-way radio to let him know that their son had been born. Apparently June kept forgetting to say "over" & most of the conversation got 'lost' because of that!

In 1987 Bill decided it was time to pull the pin and retire from CN. His last run was working on Passenger between The Pas and Thompson. He was met by all his family and relatives when the train arrived in The Pas – it was a very special moment in his life!

Retirement life has kept Bill busy. He was one of the first players to join the Dauphin Noon Hour Hockey League (NHHL). He managed to play hockey until he was 80 years old and was the oldest on the team. He also played on the Dauphin Senior 55+ Slo Pitch baseball for 16 years. On September 30, 1998 while golfing with his Noon Hour Hockey team wind-up at Dauphin Country Club, Bill made a "hole in one" - a dream of every golfer!

Bill loved golfing and had a membership at the Gilbert Plains Country Club. He managed to play golf every fine summer day. He still manages to get the odd game in when family come home for Ukrainian Festival every summer.

Bill's hobby now is making his home-made wine. Almost all repairmen that come to their home to do work as well as their cleaning lady, end up leaving with a plastic shopping bag filled with a bottle from his wine cellar!

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**June Brychka:** June started her working career as switchboard operator at the Dauphin General Hospital in the early 1950's. She worked the evening shift (5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) until their first baby arrived in 1957. June became a "stay at home Mom" until all of their three children were school age. With all three children in school, June became very lonely with no children at home during the day and Bill being on the road. She sought her doctor's advice and after listening to whatever, he said "June, you have the worst "empty-nest syndrome" I have ever seen!! Go get a job!! And so she did!

In 1969 June started at Manitoba Telephone System as a part-time telephone operator. Since working, only part time, she wasn't building up any seniority so started full time shortly afterwards. She worked for MTS until 1989 when she retired due to MTS being "sold" by the present government at that time as plans for privatization began. Although they had been told that none of the 250 operators in Dauphin would lose their jobs as a result of the change in Provincial Government at that time, they did not realize that their jobs would no longer be in Dauphin. Some of the operators tried traveling back and forth to Brandon to work as some were so close to meeting their "magic number" for retirement. Unfortunately, they only got to work "Directory Assistance" which was a very tiring position and with having to rent an apartment in Brandon, plus the driving back and forth (most operators had families in Dauphin), it just wasn't paying off. Apparently only one operator stuck it out in Brandon until retirement. As time passed, and her three children – Jan, Mary and Jim became adults and began their own family, June was soon to embark on becoming a full time Grandma – a job she treasured! As her family gradually moved away to other parts of the country, June expanded her retirement activities.

#### ***Knitting Ministry – A Labour of Love***

Through the Dauphin First United Church Knitting Ministry, June helps bring peace and comfort to those in need. June actually helped form this ministry in 2004 and co-ordinates it with Jean Saboraki. The 56 x 27 inch shawls are made on a cro-hook, a large double-ended crochet hook. When informed of someone in need, such as a person struggling with cancer, or a special request for a person in the hospital or nursing home, they arrange to have a prayer shawl sent to that person. Included with the shawl is a letter with several prayers, the history of the prayer shawl and washing instructions. Since 2004, the group has distributed 221 shawls locally and around the world. The program is managed through donations from Dauphin First United Church, from shawl recipients, or from members of the public. June has found this project to be extremely satisfying. The comments received back from the recipients truly warm the heart.

On a personal note, congratulations to June & Bill Brychka who will be celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on June 7th, 2016. June will also be celebrating her 84th birthday on that same day and Bill is looking forward to celebrating his 88th birthday on August 25th!



Would you like to be our next "**Meet Your Fellow Pensioner**". If so, please send us your story about your career in the railroad, your hobbies etc, along with a photo to: [jandbmoore@shaw.ca](mailto:jandbmoore@shaw.ca)

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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, 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

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