



### Special Points of Interest:

CNR Station  
at Carman Manitoba

The Carman CNR station is a 1-1/2 story wood frame building constructed in 1902. It is centrally located at the North end of the town's business core. The station was designated a Manitoba Municipal Heritage site in June 2003.

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# CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba

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

[www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca)



Summer 2018



Donalda McPhail turned 100 on June 13th, 2018. A celebration with family was held at Birds Hill Park on Saturday June 9th. Her husband Fred worked as a Carman from 1942 until his retirement in 1974. They had 4 children, Ken, Angus, Carol and Kathy. Donalda has 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She loved gardening and belonged to the Transcona Ladies Auxillary Club where she served as Secretary for 21 years. She recently received her 60 year pin from the club.



Pictured are: Ken, Carol, Donalda and Kathy

## Pension Committee Report - Linda Schram

The CN Pension Committee met on May 23, 2018 and the financial status of the plan is very good. The 2017 Pension Committee Annual Report should be mailed out to each member by June 30, 2018. CN's 100th Anniversary is in 2019 and the celebrations will be held across Canada and a few select U.S. locations. CN has requested that Pensioners be involved so more information will be released in September.

## Health Care Committee Report - Linda Schram

The Health Care Committee met in May 2018. We reviewed the year end results of 2017 and they were slightly better than forecasted, which was positive. Financially, the plan continues to be in decent shape, however, with ever increasing drug costs and an aging membership, we need to manage it looking forward. We discussed potential changes to the Extended Health Care Plan provisions as most have been unchanged in a very long time. We will review at our meeting in September and will announce any changes in our winter newsletter and as usual in each individual's renewal letter in November.

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Linda Schram - Pension and Health Care

## Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

Total paid membership - 3848

Pension Cheque deduction - 3833

Associate Members - 15

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

Beverley Archer	Yvonne Hein	Lenny Mandryk
Gerald Arsenault	Gordon Heywood	Michael Moszynski
Beradeta Beswatherick	Lionel Hould	Max Pech
Alice Binder	Richard Howard	Susan Reder
Carral Bozyk	Geraldine Karjnab	Marian Reid
Lorne Chartrand	Nellie Kunka	Sandra Seaton
Colleen Comeau	Geraldine Larkman	Florence Semenuik
Linda Edwards	Louise Larocque	Ken Smith
Les Galatiuk	Richard Lucier	Gabriel Teixeira
Gaylene Gitzel	Diane MacIver	E.J. Wiersema
Ronald Hebert	Beverley MacMillan	Francesca Zammito

**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:** Andy Moffatt, John Scherpenzeel, Jim McKendry, Frank Posch, Ron Young, Harry James, Joe Tachinski, Pat Cassie, Lee Pedler, Greg Kuleza, Dennis Huska, George Evans and Ted Wasiela

**May:** Lawrence & Georgette Kozakewich

**June:** Nancy McCormick

**Birthday Draw:** **April:** Denise Larocque  
**May:** John Yarema  
**June:** Tim McCrindle  
**July:** Bert Andrews

**Attendance Draw:** **April:** Allana Goodfellow, Ron Young  
**May:** Gary Kesterke, Tim McCrindle  
**June:** Lawrence Webb, Wayne Gorin

**Door Prize:** **April:** Carroll Dunford, Rose Chapman, Bill Baran, Kent Wesley  
**May:** Eugenia Komish, Claudette McCrindle, Ron Young  
**June:** Mickey Ager (2), Mike Felewich, Eugenia Komish

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

## 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 Street. 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:*

*No meetings held in July or August. See you all at the September meeting when our guest speaker will be:*

**September 5th** - Constable Misan Odidison from the Winnipeg Police Services who will be speaking on awareness and prevention of fraud.

**October 3rd** - MEETING TO BE HELD AT CLAUDE MONGEAU TRAINING CENTRE, 650 Pandora Ave. East - Transcona. **\*\*Dress Code in effect (no sleeveless shirts, shorts or sandals)\*\***

**November 7th** - No Speaker due to Election of Executive.



### CNPA 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 2018. If you would like to join or spare, contact:

**President** - Vacant

**Treasurer** - Dean Danforth  
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**Secretary** - Donna Bremner  
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### CNPA Bowling League History:

Did you know that on March 23, 1970 a perfect game was bowled by CN Pensioner **R.G. Bob Wilson**. At the age of 77, Bob bowled 12 straight strikes for a perfect score of 450. Bob had only been bowling for 7 years. He also had game scores of 287 and 352 to round out the three games with a 1089 score. The feat was done at Gibson's Bowladrome Lanes.

We are always looking for interesting stories about our CNPA of Manitoba members. If you want to let your former co-workers know what you are up to after retiring, let us help tell your story. You can submit stories and photos to:

**Jack Moore**  
**CNPA Publicity Chair**  
[jandbmoore@shaw.ca](mailto:jandbmoore@shaw.ca)

### Did You Know:

That CN Pensioners are eligible to become members of the **CN MAIN TRACK Fitness Centre at Symington Yard**. You must complete the Application Form available at the "M" Building - West Wing main entrance. The form must be completed and returned to the drop box and a photo must be emailed for the application to be considered complete. It takes 2 - 4 weeks for your membership security access card to arrive at your home address and you cannot use the facility until you have possession of this card. A CN Pensioner can also sponsor his/her spouse for membership.

### Request For Information:

We have received a request from Gary Bolton, a cottage owner in the Minaki area. A group of cottage owners are working to preserve the CN station and rebuild the platform. They are looking for photos, stories and historical facts about the station. If you can help, call Gary @ 204-256-8888 or check their facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/MinakiHistorySociety](http://www.facebook.com/MinakiHistorySociety)

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

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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:

Sally Bezpalko - 100 June 21st  
 Bill Brychka - 90 August 25th  
 Ken Butchart - 80 August 13th  
 Mary Butchart - 75 August 24th  
 Henry Compain - 75 June 6th  
 Dean Danforth - 85 July 15th  
 Bernice Dimond - 75 July 27th  
 Nellie Drew - 81 March 17th  
 Frances Dudek - 100 August 13th  
 Ruth Dunlop - 88 July 31st  
 Ken Ivanyshyn - 77 April 17th  
 Leonard Jackson - 90 June 10th  
 Bill Jenken - 67 April 15th  
 Juliette Kozun - 80 May 2nd  
 Denise Larocque - 82 April 21st  
 Janet Lewis-Anderson - 65 April 24th  
 Doug Loudon - 84 April 10th  
 Nell MacAulay - 102 June 20th  
 Anthony Makodanski - 80 August 15th  
 Claude Martin - 67 May 18th  
 Donalda McPhail - 100 June 13th  
 Isobel Melville - 76 April 10th  
 Jack Melville - 78 May 18th  
 Stan Pardoski - 92 June 23rd  
 Vern Peterson - 90 July 14th  
 Sandra Rubin - 80 April 14th  
 Ernest Sailor - 90 June 8th  
 Lena Sereacki - 100 June 26th  
 Faye Serofin - 83 August 21st  
 Thomas (Bud) Serofin - 85 May 24th  
 Murray Squires - 75 June 30th  
 Brent Tingey - 70 August 26th  
 Bernie Wielgosh - 87 April 29th  
 Mary Wildeman - 100 July 17th  
 Fred Zastre - 90 July 2nd

### Happy Anniversary To:

Henry and Anne Compain - 55th August 3rd  
 Brian and June Croxford - 60th April 22nd  
 Bernice and Eldon Dimond - 53rd June 5th  
 Bill and Marlene Gerelus - 55th May 4th  
 Joe and Dolores Gozda - 55th June 29th  
 Ken and Lorna Ivanyshyn - 53rd August 28th  
 Barry and Pat Jackson - 60th September 13th  
 Fabian (Kim) and Helen Kimakowich - 57th April 29th  
 Alexander and Juliette Kozun - 55th June 22nd  
 Claude and Irene Martin - 45th May 19th  
 Gordie and Donna Moar - 55th June 28th  
 Vern and Margaret Peterson - 68th May 27th  
 Kenneth and Lorraine Poersch - 60th May 3rd  
 Bill and Karen Rayner - 50th May 25th  
 Ernest and Florence Sailor - 70th June 18th  
 Mike and Diane Shewchuk - 52nd July 23rd  
 Peter and Marilyn Tkach - 55th July 22nd  
 Bernie and Mary Wielgosh - 65th September 19th  
 Ernie and Gwen Yakiwchuk - 37th June 13th  
 Fred and Adrienne Zastre - 66th May 31st





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:

Ted Bozyk has had successful hip replacement and is looking forward to a lot of golf this summer. Les Buday is in Riverview Health Centre (4E, Room 5) following a brain aneurysm. He has some memory loss. He is doing really well.

Stephanie Danforth, wife of Dean Danforth, fell and broke her left upper arm in March. She is continuing with physiotherapy and is recovering slowly.

Madeleine Delbaere, wife of Albert Delbaere, is home from hospital after undergoing light radiation on her back in May. She has more good days than bad and continues to maintain a positive attitude.

Richard Fleming had his last radiation treatment for throat cancer in early June. He is starting to feel a bit better.

Ed Grzadka is home from hospital after receiving eight blood transfusions to stop internal bleeding. He is on the mend and doing much better.

Art Jones is home from hospital, recovering from an inner ear imbalance.

RJ Larocque of St. Boniface is now in Taché Centre.

Allan Pilkington is home now and is progressing slowly after suffering a massive heart attack in March.

Peter Robitaille is in Poseidon Care Centre.

Steve Skrybalo has completed his chemo treatments for colon cancer. He will be having a CT scan once the chemo has left his system to check if the cancer has been eradicated. He is always tired.

Bill Thompson is home from hospital waiting for a double lung transplant.

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

Dennis Archer\*  
Annie Violet Barnes  
John Benson\*  
Mary Berko\*  
Dragan Bojkovik  
James Boles\*  
Jean Frances Bourgouin  
Dolores Brophy\*  
June Brychka, *wife of*  
*Bill Brychka*\*  
Shirley Bugara, *mother of*  
*Barry Bugara*\*  
Violet Cardinal\*  
Don Cariati  
Joan Childs\*  
Doris Clark  
Audrey Cooper\*  
Gordon Coutts\*  
Robert Cruse\*  
Lucila Cruz  
Rita Cummine, *wife of*  
*Harry Cummine*\*

Jean Dzyndra\*  
Robert (Bob) Edwards\*  
Audrey W. Hanlon  
Mary Harkness\*  
Verna M. Harrigan\*  
Stella Homick\*  
Bruce G. Lintick\*  
Annie Kowaluk\*  
Friedrich Krauss\*  
Sarah Laubmann\*  
Therese Le Neal\*  
Verland Leonard, *wife of*  
*Tom Leonard*\*  
Ross MacIver\*  
John MacMillan\*  
Ted Malmquist\*  
Ronald Meagher\*  
James Meek\*  
Katherine Miechkota\*  
Ronald Miles\*  
Donald L. Oakley\*  
Mary Pachkowski\*

George Phillips\*  
Marion F. Phillips  
Linda Pobihusca  
Rose Pochinko\*  
Paul Prince\*  
Irene Reitmeier\*  
Raffaele Richichi  
William Ritchie\*  
Elaine Rous\*  
Charles Ross\*  
Edmond Roy\*  
John Semenuik  
Roland Senez\*  
Doreen Shakespeare\*  
Gwen Southall\*  
David Sward\*  
Carole Tkach\*  
Robert Town  
Marvin Tutkaluk\*  
William Tymchuk\*  
Jean A. Zurcher\*  
Michael Zurowski\*

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



### **Congratulations to the following:**

**Jim McKendry** - received a \$500 grant for the *Canadian Cancer Society* (Relay For Life).

**Jim Kulchiski** - received a \$1000 grant for the *Transcona Retired Citizens Org* through the "Refer a CN Friend Grant". Jim referred two widows (**Joan Boudreau and Bev Marko**) of CN employees, whom he had helped apply for spousal grants.

**Gerry Russell** - received a \$500 grant for the *Abbotsford Hospital Foundation*.

**Mary Ann Russell** - received a \$250 spousal grant for the *Abbotsford Hospital Foundation*.

### **Harvey Hosfield Bursary Program 2018**

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' Association 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, 2018. 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).

### **CNPA of Manitoba Trade Bursary**

CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba has introduced a Trade Bursary for children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of members of the CN Pensioners' Association, who are members in good standing and in receipt of a CN Pension as outlined in the Terms and Conditions of this program. The intent of this bursary is to assist financially in the educational pursuit and career development of families of the contributing members of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba who are going into the Trade industry.

Applications must be received by August 15th, 2018. A link to the Application and Terms and Conditions can be found on the home page of our website at [www.cnpensioners.ca](http://www.cnpensioners.ca).

### **National Council Scholarship Program 2018**

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.

Deadline for applications for the 2018 program will again be August 15th. For more information, and to download the Application, Terms and Conditions, visit [www.cnpensioners.org](http://www.cnpensioners.org) and then click on the Scholarships tab. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of CN Pensioners who are members in good standing and in receipt of a CN Pension are eligible.

**Johnson Insurance Scholarship:** There are 50 scholarships valued at \$1000.00 each available to students entering post secondary institutions in the fall.

Visit: [www.johnson.ca/scholarship](http://www.johnson.ca/scholarship) for eligibility criteria.

## Congratulations to CNPA member - Jim Magill



On Thursday April 19th, 2018, Jim Magill, surrounded by family, friends and an assortment of dignitaries including Mayor Brian Bowman and Lt.-Gov. Janice Filmon, was named to the rank of **Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour** by the French government, for his role in helping liberate France from Germany during the Second World War. The medal was presented to him by Bruno Burnichon, the honorary French consul in Winnipeg. A day before that ceremony, Magill, a Royal Canadian Air Force veteran, reflected on how lucky he was to make it home from the war, never mind being honoured for his efforts 73 years later.

**Sir Jim Magill (right) with Bruno Burnichon, the honorary French consul in Winnipeg.**  
*RUTH BONNEVILLE / WINNIPEG FREE PRESS*

"There was one night we were flying home from a mission, home being a little village outside Selby, North Yorkshire," said Magill, 95. "In error, we flew directly over Kiel, which was the headquarters of the German navy, including their U-boat division. Those guys took violent exception to anyone who went near their airspace and let me tell you, they hammered away at us, but good."

Magill, who will turn 96 in July, said it wasn't until he and the rest of his six-man crew were over the North Sea, safely out of harm's way, when they realized one of their gas tanks had been punctured during the exchange and had lost all its contents. Not sure they'd have enough fuel to make it back, the pilot radioed a master controller located on the eastern seaboard of England, to let him know about their predicament. "He told us to put our nose down, throttle back a bit to conserve gas and lose height gradually, maintaining airspeed at the same time," Magill said. "When we finally got down to 1,000 feet, he radioed us again, saying, 'OK, we're going to put a couple lights on for you guys, come on in,' and dagnabbit, all of a sudden, there they were. Listen to this: the very second we got to the end of the runway, our engine sputtered and died. That's how bloody close we were to ending up in the drink."

Magill, born in Saskatoon, moved to Winnipeg in 1940 to take an apprentice position with the Canadian National Railway. A year later, he and a buddy from work enlisted for duty, largely because there was a good chance they'd get "called up eventually," he said, and they wanted to make sure they were in the air force, as opposed to "letting 'em put us wherever they wanted." After completing his basic training in Brandon and Prince Albert, Sask., he travelled to Halifax, where he boarded a boat - the Louis Pasteur - that took him overseas. He spent a few months in Bournemouth, in southern England, before being assigned to an air base near Lossiemouth, Scotland. "We had two Scots, two Englishmen, one Welshman and a 'stupid' Canuck - that was me," said Magill, who achieved the rank of pilot-officer. "I was the bombardier, or bomb aimer, but I was also trained as a pilot, navigator and wireless operator in case there was an emergency, and I needed to take over one of those other jobs." When the war ended in 1945, Magill returned to Winnipeg briefly, before moving back to Saskatoon. In 1947, a friend introduced him to a woman named Evelyn Cameron, an encounter Magill, a great-grandfather of two, calls "a good stroke of luck, if ever there was one." Jim and Evelyn got married in 1949. They moved to Vancouver in 1956 for his job with the railway, then to Winnipeg nine years later.

Evelyn, whom Magill refers to as "a peach," died in 2010.

He couldn't have imagined in "a million years" being made a knight for "simply doing my job," Magill said receiving the honour has caused him to reflect on all those others who weren't as fortunate as him during their time overseas.

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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 - CN Pensioners	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
Income Tax Preparation & Tax Questions - 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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