



CN Pensioner Association of Manitoba

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 01:30 P.M.
at the
Norwood Legion, 134 Marion St.

Winter Edition 2009/10



Members:—Check out our Website — www.cnpensioners.ca
Get involved in The Forum....our online community!
See what's new.

Janet Lewis Anderson

President **John Mozol** led a group of volunteer pensioners on September 19th to help make CN Family Day a resounding success. As the weather cooperated with no rain and a light breeze that kept the hot sun bearable.

Janet L. Anderson & Linda Schram sold tickets for the silent auction to help raise money for the Children's Hospital Foundation Fund. Copious amounts of food, hot & cold dishes, coffee & soft drinks, ice cream and cotton candy satisfied the hunger of the young and old. There was lots of amusements as CN's OBIE, a three unit train ran around the grounds ferrying families, there was an inflatable play ground for the kids, engine rides took two engine cab full of riders up the "X-lead", back packs, soccer balls, yo-yos, whistles and pencils with large engine erasers were handed out. Shuttle service was available with two vans and two buses that took the guest wherever they wanted to go.

Karl Olafson had a table with his book "A Sentimental Journey" available and answered many questions on Symington Yard construction.

Others who did a great job volunteering their time making the day such a notable success were **Lawrence Webb, Bert Andrews, Bill Reilly, Lyle Corbett, Henry Telenko, Diane Walton** and yours truly.

There was a job for anyone who wanted to help such as lifting, carrying, directing young and old where to go, what to do and see, inflate the soccer balls, help load the public on the engine cabs, pick up debris, break down the table & chairs at the end of the function and best of all the silent auction raised in excess of \$5,000, matched by CN for the Children's Hospital Foundation Fund.

I'm proud to report that my son Tom Hosfield who chaired the committee did a masterful job in recruiting the many volunteer actives who did the major job of setting up, bagging the more than 90 bags for the silent auction, cutting grass, etc. etc. and the list goes on.

*The Executive of the
CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba*

*Would like to wish each of
You and Yours
a*

*Very Merry Christmas
and a*

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

5-Pin Bowlers Needed

Wally Payonk	President at 335 2130
Marge Jacobson	Secretary 222 6012
Dean Danforth	Treasurer 452 9203

The above are your CN Vet's Bowling League executive and we Bowl at the Mosienko Lanes at the corner of Redwood & Main. We bowl Thursday mornings at 10.00 AM and the cost is \$8.00 which includes prize money and wind-up banquet.

Come on down and meet old friends and meet new ones. As this is a mixed league and we are all out there for the fun and exercise.

New bowlers are encouraged to come out. This will help get you out of the house, rain or shine.

CN Ladies Professional Golf Association

To be held at St. Charles Country Golf Club, Winnipeg
August 23rd to 29th, 2010

Looking for volunteers—applications form on the CN Pensioners Association website.

Shooting Star Casino Trip

February, 28th—March 2nd, 2010

\$145 per person.....includes transportation, 2 nights accommodations as well as vouchers and coupons worth \$135.
Contact Albert Delblaere—256 8419 for more information.

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Periodically, recipients of United States Railroad Retirement annuity receive an enclosed card with an 800 number requesting you to sign up for Direct Deposit.

I tried again and was told that this service is not available to Canadians.

Membership:— Wayne Zaharia

Phone 694 5133

As of November 28, 2009 membership is as follows:-

Payroll Deduction 3,011

Fee Paid by Cheque 186

Total Paid Membership 3,197

It's that time of year when membership fees are payable for year 2010. This message is for the 186 members who pay by cheque. I again ask you to please sign up for pension cheque deduction of \$1.00 per month. This saves me time and money for the Association. I appreciate some cheque paying members cannot pay by pension cheque deduction as they are Associate members who are not CN pensioners. The rest, and you know who I am talking about, please consider this the year for change and sign up for PCD. Just give me your PIN and I will do the rest;

Thanks

Welcome to the following new members:

Archambault, Pierre	Sheila, Daly
Batenchuk, Verna	Thompson, Wade
Chrusch, Shirley	Uhrich, Shirley
Cordiero, George	Van Alstyne,
Davies, Anna	Marilyn
De Sousa, Marilou	Wilson, Bruce D
Dudek, Len	Wilson, Raymond
Dyck, Garry	
Faunal, Ramon	
Gagne, Greg	
Goshulak, Ed	
Graham, Kevin	
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Haack, David	
Harlow, George	
Klos, Janice	
Konarski, Walter	
Lavallee, Raymond	
Lavich, Leon	
McIvor, John	
Morley, Vance	
Mott, Allan	
Mousseau, David	
Olinkin, Betty	
Prokopchuk, Michael	
Roberts, Jim	
Roney, Lloyd	
Rutherford, Kenneth	
Rutherford, Neil	
Serrano, Danilo	

REMEMBER:—

if you move,
please
let me know

Treasurer's Report:—

Ernie Borowski

Ernie presents his monthly report at our regular meetings.

Come on out to the meeting if you have any questions.

The annual audit was completed on Oct. 22, 2009 and the auditors signed the following:—

"We have reviewed the financial position of the "CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba". This review consisted of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussions related to the information supplied to us by the Treasurer.

Based on our review nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements are not in all material respects in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices."

signed by :

Walter Lesiuk and Karl Olafson

The 2010 annual budget was presented at the last meeting and was approved.

Christmas Luncheon

CNPA will be hosting a luncheon on Wednesday, December 2nd at the Masonic Centre. Tickets will be available at the Sept.-Oct.-Nov. meetings (\$15.00 ea.)..

Arrangements to purchase tickets can also be made by calling Linda Schram at 255 5636 or Diane Walton at 269 1303.

No tickets will be sold at the door. Cheques should be made out to CN Pensioners Assoc.

**THERE WILL BE NO
REGULAR MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.**

Membership cont.

There are approximately 2,000 pensioners/survivors in Manitoba who are not members of our Association. If you know any of these we would appreciate you signing them up. Unfortunately because of the Privacy Act we are unable to access these names from Mercer. Remember an organization is only as strong as it's membership and we need your help in making ours stronger.

Outreach Committee

<u>Bob Gill Chair</u>	256 3897	<u>Hank Gosselin</u>	255 2722
<u>Mel Rusiecki—</u>	255 1361	<u>Geo. Lintick</u>	254 1032

Thanks to the above Committee for their assistance in keeping us updated on the well being of our members. Don't forget to keep us posted on "happy events" such as marriage or milestone anniversary or birthday that may be occurring amongst our membership.

To those previously mentioned on our Sick List, we hope that you are well on the road to recovery and good health. To those that are currently ill or still experiencing health problems, please know you are close in our thoughts and the membership joins me in extending Best Wishes to you. We have received updates and reports on the following Pensioners since the last meeting. (an asterisk * denotes member).

Norman Anderson*	Is now in River East Personal Care Home.
Ron Cumming*	Is now in Deer Lodge Hospital with Parkinson Disease.
Joe DeRuke*	Is in Seven Oaks Hospital with respiratory problems.
Al Duffy*	Had radiation treatment, now home recovering.
Barry Duncan*	Is home, however, goes to Deer Lodge periodically for therapy treatment.
Mike Gregorash	Had Triple by-Pass surgery, now home recuperating.
Earl Kable	Has Alzheimer's and is now in Golden Door geriatric Centre.
Angus Matheson*	Had an accident to one of his hands now home recovering.
Karl Olafson*	Has been in St. Boniface Hospital six times since August, three as an out-patient, with various problems. Home now recuperating.
Joe Roberts*	Is now in the Seine River Retirement Residence on St. Anne's Road.
Bob Torrance*	Had a knee replacement, now home recuperating.
Esther Woodward	Wife of Ed Woodward* is now in Beacon Hill Lodge.

Special Anniversaries

Paul Ausborn*	Celebrates his 90th Birthday March 7th and his wife Elsie her 90th August 11th.
Martha & Tom Cassels*	Celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary on October 10th.
Frances W. Davey*	Will celebrate her 94th Birthday January 18th.
Olga & Tom Diduck*	Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary August 13th.
Audrey & Allan Eklund*	Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary July 22nd.
Marie & Al Hintz*	Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary October 10th.
Dorothy & Don Lang*	Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary September 19th.
Virginia & Davie Low*	Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary September 12th.
Marie & Bill Miller*	Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary October 28th
Janet & Frank Priestley*	Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary November 7th
Gerry Russell*	Celebrated his 80th Birthday November 2nd.
Adeline & Wally Thomson	Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary September 3rd.
Mr. & Mrs. John Watson*	Celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary August 5th and John celebrated his 87th Birthday August 9th.

Stella Zakanczkom Mother-in-law of **Paul Zommer*** celebrated her 100th Birthday on September 23rd.

Congratulations!!!!

Here are our most recent Birthday of the Month winners:—

August—**Loic Feuillatre**
 September—**John Prendergast**
 October—**Mike Dubeck**
 November—**Bill Miller**

We encourage all members to come out to our monthly meetings—especially if you are having Birthday that month—you too could be a winner.

The following pensioners have passed away since the last report,
 (an asterisk denotes* member of the Manitoba Pensioners' Association).

Our condolences go out to the Family and Friends of the deceased.

Vernon Ashton	Beverly Bakun wife of Joe Bakun*	Antoniino Battaglia
Gordon Beaty*	Randolph Bilton	Doris Brown
Shirley Carroll	Rose G. Collins	Colin Davies
Virginia Donald*	Myrtle Douglas*	Agatha Fehr*
Louise Flett	Vera Stella Fox-Decent	Donald Fortescue*
Frederick Gilmore*	Melvin Grasby	Richard (Jim) Gunson*
Karl Hahlweg	Edward Hakowski	Amy Hewko*
Lily Hilgenga	Peter Iwaschuk*	James Jenkins*
Keith M. Kovac	Kent Kovacs*	Doris Kraigsley*
Georgette Leveque	Anne Lucko	Phyllis Maciaszek
Jack May*	John Maclise*	Robert (Bob) McCormick*
Edward McMehar	Barbara McRuer*	Ralph McWhirter*
Susan Miller	Orville Michaleski	John Nagel
Stan Olikin*	Marcello Padoan*	Maryon Parker*
Ronald Payette*	Barbara Prosser	Claude Reid*
Ruth Rheubottom*	Alice Roberts wife of Joe Roberts*	Victoria Robinson
Harry Ruskin	Ronald B. Smith	Lester Staats*
James H. Stapleton	Roy Swistowch*	Kenneth A Takvam*

Friday, June 4th through Sunday June 6th, 2010—Transcona's Homecoming Reunion 2010

Were you born in 1930, 1940 or 1950 and lived in Transcona? If so, then Transcona's Homecoming Reunion is for you.

In the dazzling thirties, Pennies from Heaven was a hit song and the ninth planet Pluto was discovered. The roaring forties brought the men's Zoot suit and the sweater look was made popular by Lana Turner. In the fabulous fifties, you listened to Hound Dog by Elvis Presley and Disneyland opened in Los Angeles.

Transcona Historical Society was organized in 1930, new municipal offices was opened in the former Bank of Toronto building at the N.E. corner of Bond and Regent in 1943, and the Transcona Public Library had it's official opening in 1958.

These were the best of times. Wouldn't it be great to re-connect with your friends from the past? Transcona's 30's, 40's and 50's homecoming reunion will take place during the ever popular Hi Neighbour Festival on June 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2010.

Great events are planned such as a wine and cheese "Meet and Greet" on Friday, a dinner and a social event on Saturday with great entertainment, and finally a brunch on Sunday to wrap up the reunion. Please tell all your friends and family about this great reunion. For more information, please e-mail mirougeau@shaw.ca, phone 224 4405, or hdtorchia@shaw.ca, phone 222 1959

CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba

Bursary Program

Terms and Conditions

Purpose

To assist financially in the educational pursuit and career development of families of the supporting members of the CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba, henceforth also referred to in this document as the CNPA of MB.

Objective

Two \$1000 bursaries to be awarded annually commencing with school year Fall 2010. Bursaries to be paid from interest accumulated in the previous calendar year from Investment accounts.

Funding

Amount and number of bursaries to be determined annually based on interest accrued from investments. A separate account has been set up for this purpose.

Eligibility

Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren (includes legally adopted and step children) of supporting members of the CN Pensioners of Manitoba in good standing for at least one year prior to date of bursary application. Awards will be based and weighted on several factors not just marks.

Definition of supporting members as per Article 4.02 of the Constitution and By-laws of the CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba.

Program Requirements

- Applicant must be enrolled at an Accredited University or College as listed in Canadian-University.net or U.S. Equivalent.
- Bursary must be used in the year that it is designated for and is for one year only.
- Applicant must be considered a full time student.
- Bursary applies to undergrad and postgraduate levels of studies.
- Applicants graduating from high school should have a grade point average of 80% or higher for the previous 3 semesters and applicants from post secondary educational institutions must have a grade point of 75% or higher for the previous 3 semesters. All applicants must provide transcript of marks.

- Applicants must provide proof of registration with Educational Institution.
- Bursary will be paid in 2 parts; first at commencement of first semester; second at commencement of second semester following proof of continued registration.
- Applicants must provide short essay on career objectives and area of study as well as a resume outlining their academic involvement, community involvement, personal achievements, and any other areas of interest. Essay and resume to be no more than 1 – 2 pages.

Administration of Program

Selection Committee

- Selection committee will be comprised of 3 Supporting members from the CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba plus 1 alternate (Alternate to sit in should there be any conflict of interest situations). Members of the Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Council of the CNPA of MB and the Selection Committee should consist of at least 2 members of the Executive Council of the CNPA of MB.
- All conditions of eligibility and application requirements must be met.

Scoring

- Scoring of applications will be measured on several factors not just marks.
- Evaluation criteria will be weighted as follows: Marks 60%; Community Involvement 15%; Personal Achievement 10%; Academic / School participation 10%; Other 5%.
- Evaluation criteria to be rated on a grid "High", "Average", "Low".

Deadline for Applications

- Deadline for receipt of applications to be June 15th of each year for students currently enrolled in accredited Universities and Colleges as designated in www.Canadian-University.net or U.S. equivalent and July 7th of each year for graduating high school students.

Duties of Selection Committee

- To issue annual call for applicants by January of each year for commencement of Fall semester.
- Committee will acknowledge receipt of applications.
- To perform scoring and evaluation of all applications.
- Determine winners from scoring and evaluation criteria.
- Report to Executive Committee.
- Inform and invite bursary winners to General Meeting in September or December (Christmas Luncheon) to receive award.

- Ensure consent has been received from applicants to publish photo and write up in newsletter and on website.
- Perform annual review of guidelines and program including amount and number of bursaries to be made available.
- Create checklist to ensure all conditions met.
- Ensure Terms and Conditions and application form are posted on website and in newsletter.

Obligation of Bursary Winners

- Expectation to be a guest at one of the General Meetings or Christmas.
- Agree to publication of photo and write up in our newsletter and website.
- Meet and honor all terms and conditions as listed.

CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba
Bursary Program
Two \$1000 awards annually

Application Form:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Name of Pensioner and Relationship _____

Address of Pensioner _____

Current Education Level _____

Average Mark over the past 3 semesters _____

Copy of Transcript of Marks _____ Copy of Proof of Registration _____

Are you or will you be receiving any other awards or bursaries? Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree to have your photo along with a write-up posted in our newsletter and website?
Yes _____ No _____

Name and Address of Educational Institution where you are enrolled and Field of Study:

Please provide a short typed essay on your career objectives and area of study. In addition, please provide a resume outlining your academic and community involvement, personal achievements and any other areas of interest. Include what you have learned from your extra curricular activities and reason why you should be the successful candidate. Essay and resume to be no more than 1 – 2 pages. Please note that your marks are only 1 of several factors that will be considered by the Selection Committee. Attach your essay and resume with your transcript of marks; proof of registration and application form and mail to:

CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba
Attn: Bursary Program
P.O. Box 2669
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 4B3

Application Deadline is July 7th, 2010 for graduating high school students.
Application Deadline is June 15th, 2010 for all other applicants.

Questions: Please email us at mailadmin@cnpensioners.ca. Please indicate Bursary on subject line.

Website Report

Janet Lewis Anderson
www.cnpensioners.ca

Website:

Just general maintenance for now, but as we progress into 2010, please watch for refreshments to our site.

Program Bursary Program:

We are excited to present this program to our members and families. This program allows us to be of service to you and your families in creating a legacy by assisting our offspring in their educational and career pursuits. As a separate insert to our newsletter you will find the Terms and Conditions of this program as well as the Application Form which will be available to those eligible. We have put a lot of thought into this program and have also sought legal counsel to ensure we are doing things by the book. Please review this document and if you have any questions or concerns please bring them to our attention at the General Meeting in January. If you have questions but are unable to attend the January meeting, please feel free contact **Ernie Borowski, Linda Schram or me.**

Important:

Voting on the Bursary program will take place at the February General Meeting in 2010. If you are unable to attend the February meeting and want to vote against the Bursary Program, you can mail in a negative vote by filling out the form with your name below. Please note that if you fill this form out and send it in, it will be counted as a negative vote. It must be mailed in by January 20th, 2010 in order to count. It is not necessary to send anything in if you are in favour of the program.

Voting Card Proposed Bursary Program:

If you are voting against this program and are unable to vote in person at the February meeting, please complete this form and mail to CN Pensioners Assoc. of MB, Box 2669 Winnipeg R3C 4B3 Please note only negative votes need be sent.

Name: _____

I am **Not** in favour of the Bursary Program

Conditions and By-Laws:

After consulting with a lawyer re our proposed bursary Program, we have made some very minor cosmetic changes to our Constitution and By-Laws in order to ensure that they parallel each other. Article 2.03 has been modified to include families, so it would now read: To protect and promote the social, legal, fraternal and economic interests and concerns of all Canadian National Pensioners, surviving spouses and families. The remaining changes are for the most part grammatical. We will be voting on changes to the Constitution and By-Laws at our January 2010 Meeting

Special Events Report:— Diane Walton 269 1303

Season Greetings to All....hope to see you at the Christmas Luncheon.

Many thanks to our speakers who have made excellent presentations to our group this fall:

September: Pat Kuchmar, Taoist Tai chi Society of Canada, ably assisted by our member **Cliff Yerex**, gave an excellent demonstration of Tai Chi exercise and even convinced some of our members to get up and give it a try!!

October: Bill Curtis and Daryl Dumanski of the Manitoba Genealogical Society gave a presentation on tracing your family tree. Daryl did some specific research for railway pensioners.....very interesting!

November: Robert Dunbar, Royal Canadian Legion, gave a presentation on the various programs and services offered by the Legion and specifically the Norwood Legion where we meet.

Upcoming programs and speakers include:

January 6th Lauren Cooke, Transitions—Assist seniors when moving from their home to another location, (Assisted Living, Nursing Home or an Apartment). Help you decide what to keep and help you arrange items in your new home.

February 3rd: Anita McDonald, EFAP, CN Rail—Learn what services and programs are available to you as a CN Pensioner.

All program meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1.30 PM at the Norwood Legion 134 Marion Street....lots of coffee, donuts and old friends plus excellent speakers and topics to improve your lifestyle!

Corrections to Fall Edition:—

T'Cona Car Shops Sup.	1st Tuesday Noon Belgium Club	contact Bob Tibernan	222 2894
T'Cona Machinist	Last Wed. Canad Inn Regent	contact Lawrence Webb	222 5931
Disp.-Operators	1st Monday Canad Inn Regent		774 0079
Marketing & Sales	4th Tuesday R.C Legion		360 DeVries 694 5133
The correct spelling of a reported deceased member is Ignace Fl Garlinsky.			
Accounting:	11.30 A.M. 2nd Tues. Alto's. Pembina Hwy.		
	Brian Croxford		663 6898

Symington yard's 50th anniversary piece as reported by **Karl Olafson** concluded.

The yard site was spread over a distance of something like two miles (of mostly gumbo). We had a number of four-wheel drive vehicles to get around. Each was equipped with a two-way radio, with the base station in our office. It was not uncommon to hear a radio call come in for help from someone who had become stuck in the mud up to the floor boards in their jeep.

Charlie Hughes once got into trouble with one of the local farmers when he had a bulldozer take a short cut across some of the farmer's crop. There probably was a claim put in for damages.

Early in the project the B.&B. Dept. was excavating for and installing a water line to our office building. This resulted in a tragic accident when the trench collapsed crushing one man who died before our eyes. We all stood helpless as there was nothing we could do. I remember later when a police constable came into the office to speak to Bill VanDeventer and asked him if he wanted to report this fatality directly to the man's widow or would he prefer that the police do it. Bill request the police handled that. This accident cast a very sad spell that came over all of us.

There were other serious injuries occurring and they always seemed to come to me for transportation to the St. Boniface Hospital emergency ward. I drove a low panel van where a person could lay in the back for the trip. One person had lost part of his heel and another his thumb. I wondered why ambulances were not called. Perhaps it was because by the time the ambulance arrived I could probably be half way to the hospital.

One day, after the track laying had begun, one of our foremen radioed in to say that his crew had been met by a person pointing a shot gun at them and being ordered off of his property. This person apparently was not satisfied with the deal he had received when part of his property was expropriated by the government. The foreman had his men retreat and worked came to a stop and did not resume until days later when the dispute was somehow resolved. The odd part of this is that the land owner was reported to also be a CNR switchman at the time.

Once most of the trackage had been installed we started to make use of a small track motor car to get around. I took **Borge Gade** with me once and we made

our way down the Class yards. As we passed over a switch we soon found we had derailed and were bouncing up and down on the ties. This was hard on the back. The switch stand had not been installed and I had not noticed that the switch was aligned against us. I never did hear the end of this from **Borge**.

One of the more interesting features of this yard was the new signalling equipment being installed and tested starting at the hump office. To see the cars coming down the hump on their own to be routed by the retarders to the proper Class track was really something at the time. Our signal engineer was Don McLeod. Construction people included Darwin Dahl, Sid Piper and many others.

The yard went into service in 1962 and the construction staff was dispersed to take on various other endeavours. Bill VanDeventer went on to other large projects and then became Chief Engineer for the Prairie Region and then further promotions. Dave Holloway went to CNT on the Microwave Tower construction sites. Charlie Hughes went with Wardrop and Associates and then the City of Brandon. My seniority was still protected on the Port Arthur division so I turned down a position in the engineering office at the depot in Winnipeg so that I could exercise my seniority in Port Arthur. The new Area Headquarters, (which was one of Donald Gordon's ideas), had just been established. After 50 years I am still in touch with Darwin Dahl and also Art Doberstein and Jim Rodrigues at our retirement association meetings. Jim is also part of our lunch group..

A local CN pensioner's group hosted by **Janet & Bruce Anderson** along with 13 Manitoba pensioners, 3 from Newfoundland, 2 from Alaska and 1 from North Carolina for a total of 21 overall ventured on the Greek Isle. tour leaving Winnipeg September 30th returning October 15th.

Janet & Bruce had their hands full making sure that we were where we were supposed to be at the different airports, group happenings, tour bus outings and the various functions that they had arranged to keep us informed.

The weather cooperated the whole time with the temperature in the high 20's and nights in the low 20's making it very comfortable with summer clothing the rage.

One has to marvel at the tour bus operators as they handle these large buses in the maze of traffic, lots of pedestrians, motor cycles and on two way streets that the locals double park on. Athens and Rome were very hectic.

Many, many thanks to Janet & Bruce, (the photographer).

**National Council Directors:—
2008-2009**

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These people all volunteer their time to represent you. Legitimate expenses are paid. **Women are encouraged to run for Directors positions on**

Below is an application form that must be filled out by the 186 members who pay their annual \$12.00 fee by cheque. Please consider discontinuing this form of payment and go on pension cheque deduction of \$1.00 a month.

This not only saves you the trouble of mailing a cheque annually, the .54 cents for a stamp, the trouble of doing this and remembering did I pay my fee or not?

When on pension cheque deduction, you will receive a one time plasticized membership card from the National Council Treasurer from Moncton. We are all volunteers, please make our job a little easier.

It's so easy, just mark (x) Pension Cheque Deduction, include your PIN and Wayne Zaharia will do the rest.

Membership Application. We recommend \$1.00 a month off your CN pension. **Please mark "New or Re-new!"**

Application for membership in the
CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba.
Annual fee is \$12.00 due January 1, 2010.

by cheque mail to address below or
\$1.00 a month off your CN Pension Cheque
by phoning Wayne Zaharia 694 5133

Please check
() Pension Cheque Ded.

() \$12.00 Cheque
enclosed

Name: _____

Mail application to

CN Pensioners Association of

Address: _____

**Manitoba
P.O. Box 2669
Winnipeg MB**

Postal Code: _____

R3C 4B3

P.I.N. _____

Phone: _____

Frequently asked questions about CN's Leisure Website...

1 Who can use the website?

Any active CN employee as well as any CN pensioner.

2 How do I access the website?

On your Internet browser, type the following address....
<http://cp.vision2000.ca/cn/>

a new user, click on New Vision and follow the instructions

3 What kind of leisure travel can I buy?

You will be able to purchase airfares, hotel accommodations, car rentals, as well as packages, cruises and last minute deals.

4 Will I be getting the best prices?

The prices will be very competitive. However, we suggest you shop around to compare prices before making a final decision. Remember. Prices will be based on purchasing via
continued adjacent

the Internet. If you contact the travel agency directly the cost may be higher.

5 Can I make customized travel arrangements?

Yes, click on the Contact Us button to e-mail a travel representative with your request. You will get a response within one business day.

6 Why is CN providing this service?

This is an added benefit for active employees and CN pensioners.

7 Who do I contact if I have questions?

You can send an e-mail to nick.deltorto@cn.ca

Note:

The new website is to be used for leisure travel only. All corporate travel must continue to be arranged through CN Travel services. Please do not call CN Travel to inquire about leisure travel

Letters to the Editor are much appreciated. If you have something of interest to share with other CN pensioners I'll be happy to pass it along. Mailing address:—

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The Pensioner's Help Line number:— 1 800 361 0739

Always have your P.I.N. to better identify you when making inquiries. Adjustment to tax deducted off your cheque, advise the above number. If you are married at the time of retirement, make sure that CN has your spouse's name on file. Direct Deposit, never close your old account until your cheque shows in the new account.

Canada Pension and Old Age Security information

1 800 277 9914

Canada Customs & Revenue Service, re income tax

1 800 959 8281

Blue Cross contract number is 93115

775 0161

Phone Numbers for International Employees

U.S. Railroad Retirement Fargo ND 1 877 772 5772

U.S. Social Security Grand Forks 1 701 772 5518

Address for CN Scholarships:—

Association of Universities & Colleges
600—350 Albert St.,
Ottawa ON K1B 1B1

Meals on Wheels

Do you want to meet a real need in your Community?

Meals on Wheels always need drivers and/or servers, seven days a week. Deliver once a week, twice a month or spare when you can.

Call Shirley at 956 7711

Daily, 41 drivers are needed to deliver more than 600 hot noon time meals to clients.

Volunteers in Mailing the Newsletter:—

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Members of the Executive and their wives.

Carson Hull at 269 2692 is your contact if you want to order a CN pensioner's jacket, golf shirt or other accessories.

There is a surcharge of 15% on xxxl

Carson needs a minimum order of 24 units to receive the price he quotes.

Jim Miln, retired CN pensioner compiles personal income tax returns.

Jim retired from Transportation at Symington in 1988 and has filed income tax returns prior to then.

He is familiar with recipients who receive U.S. Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits and foreign tax credits.

His phone number is 253 0137

Choice Hotels:—The CNPA has a discount agreement with Choice Hotels.

Phone 1 800 424 6423 and quote your ID# **00064447** and give the City, time, arrival, departure etc. Always have your PIN to better identify you and as a CN pensioner.

Their website is www.choicehotels.ca. This information appeared in the Spring edition of the N.C. Newsletter.

Interesting reading authored by local CN Pensioners:

In One Lifetime by Theresa Shanoha— 774 7390

A Sentimental Journey by Karl Olafson—256 5221

Christmas Luncheon 2009:—

Linda Schram 255 5636

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this upcoming event, **Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009**, at the Masonic Centre, (Osborne St. & Corydon).

(There will be no regular meeting at the Norwood Legion on Dec. 2, 2009.)