



Special Points of Interest:

Portage La Prairie

The station was designated a national historic site in 1992. The one story brick building was built by Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Midland Railway of Manitoba as a union station in 1908. The station is served by Via Rail's "The Canadian" three times per week in each direction and the Winnipeg to Churchill train twice per week.

The station operates as a flag stop with 48-hour advance notice.

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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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Winter 2016/2017



President's View - Ron Davis

In November we had our Executive Committee elections with a few changes. Carson Hull stepped down as Vice President and Linda Schram replaced him in that position. As well as being Vice-President of the CNPA of Manitoba, Carson was also on the National Health Care Committee for 11 years, many of them as Chairman. He spent countless hours dedicating his time, on behalf of members, dealing with Blue Cross on Health Care issues. On behalf of all members, we thank Carson for his dedication on that committee.

Linda's position as Special Events Chair saw her replaced by Wayne Gorin (a new member on the Executive Committee). There were no other changes to the Executive Committee.

We also held elections for three new open positions on the National Council. Janet Lewis-Anderson was elected as National Director for the Prairie Region, Joanne Gaborieau was elected as an Alternate Director for the Prairie Region and Albert Delbaere was elected to the position of Alternate Health Care Representative for the Prairie Region. Linda Schram retains the position of Health Care Representative. These four members will represent our Association on the Prairie Region at the National level.

As we come to the end of our 20th Anniversary of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba, we, the Executive would like to wish all members and their families, a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

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Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

Total paid membership - 3955

Pension Cheque deduction - 3872

Fees paid by cheque - 83

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

Auld, Hedley
Bakosti, Bellamy
Beavis, Patricia
Bechrakis, Denis
Bezdzietny, Eleanor
Bhopalsingh, Mona
Billey, Jenny
Bozyk, Carral
Brandt, Harvey
Chartrand, Glenn
Colasuonno, Frank
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Green, Mitchell
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Hooker, Sharon
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Krotenko, Allan
Lambert, Richard
Lopez, José
McKay, Ruth
Moline, Robert
Normand, David W.
Papadopoulos, Ioannis
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Rekiel, Kevin
Samborski, Gertrude

Sawchuk, Karen
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Senkiw, Ronnie
Skrupski, Larry
Szymanski, Pauline
Taves, Peter
Tkach, Curtis
Trask, Darrell
Weaver, Denise
Williams, John
Yakmission-Basarab, Louise
Zarecki, Susan

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

A hearty welcome to all new members and an especially warm welcome to those who have attended their first General Meeting where they received a Pensioners' pin:

October: C. J. Kramble, Ken Ivanyshyn, Bill Rayner, Frank Priestley, Ed Jackman
Laura Cormier

November: Dale Goodfellow, Peter Lupky, Keith Zdebiak, Don Reder, Norm
Cunningham, Dave Price, Dennis Zilinski.

Birthday Draws: **October:** Ken Yellowega
November: Daryl Reid
December: Shirley Kane

Attendance Draws: **October:** Bryan Labarge, Phil Gaudet, Duncan Andrews,
Eric Oman
November: Victor Ratte (jacket & hat), Wayne Zaharia
(shirt & hat), Arnie Ryland (toque & hat)

Door Prize Draws: **October:** Jim Warbeck, Huguette Champagne, Al Tetrault,
Rick Lalonde
November: Alice Claeys, Bryan Labarge, Gerald Prejet, Allan
Goodfellow

Special Events - Wayne Gorin

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 Wayne at 204-224-4084.



Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:

January 4th, 2017 - Lori Yorke - Snowbird Medi-Quote speaking on travel insurance

February 1st, 2017 - Representative from Winnipeg Fire & Paramedic Service

March 1st, 2017 - Representative from Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba

A Message from Linda Schram:

I would like to thank all the pension members for the support they have shown by attending meetings and special events. It takes a lot of volunteers to run these things with the reward being improved attendance. I will be moving from the Special Events Chair and (John) Wayne Gorin will be your new Special Events Chairperson .

Please support Wayne by attending all the functions he will be planning for you.

Annual Christmas Luncheon:

Congratulations to Roy and Betty Fardoe for winning the “*Longest to be Married*” contest with 64 years of marriage at our Annual Christmas Luncheon.



More pictures on page 10 & 11.

REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Cheque paying Members only

It's that time of the year for cheque paying members. Your **2017** fees are coming due and I would really appreciate you signing up for pension cheque deduction of \$1.00 a month. This makes it easier for all by saving time inputting data into our membership data base, taking cheques to the bank and informing National Council of members paying by cheque. It **saves you time** in not having to make out application, envelope and buying stamps but most importantly you don't have to wonder did I pay my membership or not. It's quick and easy to do, just call 204-253-8103 and Joanne, Membership Chairperson, will make the necessary arrangements for you. Thanks very much.

If paying by cheque, send \$12 for dues by December 31, 2016 to:

CN Pensioners Association of Manitoba

10 Greenwich Bay, Winnipeg, MB

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REMINDER: PENSION CHEQUE DEDUCTION MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE TO RENEW EVERY YEAR.

The membership application form is available on www.cnpensioners.ca, for cheque paying members who hopefully will sign up for pension cheque deduction.

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:

Betty Bahr will celebrate her 77th birthday on January 3rd.
 Steve Bahr celebrated his 79th birthday on November 11th.
 Eugene Balamatowski celebrated his 83rd birthday on March 7th.
 Rose Balamatowski will celebrate her 79th birthday on January 29th.
 Ed Barker will celebrate his 80th birthday on January 8th.
 Linda Barnes will celebrate her 66th birthday on January 3rd.
 Anne Grabowsky celebrated her 100th birthday on November 7th.
 Ken Ivanyshyn celebrated his 75th birthday on April 17th.
 Lorna Ivanyshyn celebrated her 73rd birthday on March 10th.
 Garry Kesterke will celebrate his 76th birthday on December 25th.
 Lou Koldy celebrated his 84th birthday on October 28th.
 Adam Kwiatek will celebrate his 72nd birthday on January 8th.
 Ann Kwiatek celebrated her 71st birthday on October 14th.
 Larry Lange celebrated his 80th birthday on October 5th.
 Don McArthur celebrated his 87th birthday on October 18th.
 Verna Nowicki will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 9th.
 Ron Poersch will celebrate his 82nd birthday on December 27th.
 Garry Ross will celebrate his 84th birthday on December 25th.
 Yvonne Schreiber celebrated her 100th birthday on October 14th.
 Irene Stevens will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 1st.

Happy Anniversary To:

Steve and Betty Bahr celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on August 5th.
 Eugene and Rose Balamatowski celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on July 9th.
 Ed Barker and Linda Barnes celebrated their first Wedding Anniversary on September 4th.
 Ken and Lorna Ivanyshyn celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on August 28th.
 Lou and June Koldy celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary on October 18th.
 Adam and Ann Kwiatek celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on June 5th.
 Brian & Blanche McCuspey celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on November 5th.

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:

John Balak underwent physio for a broken arm recently. He received a pacemaker-defibrillator in early December.

Eugene Balamatowski had hip surgery at the Grace Hospital in September. He is doing well.

Madeleine Delbaere, wife of Albert Delbaere, is undergoing cancer treatment in St. Boniface Hospital and asks for your prayers.

Bob Gill is in Riverview, 3 West, for rehabilitation. He can have visitors.

Tom Nicholl suffered a mild stroke in the Fall. He is doing very well.

Ken Normand just finished his fifth round of three chemo treatments and is feeling good. The sixth round of treatments will start in December.

Freeman Stevenson had quadruple bypass surgery in November. He is home and feeling fine.

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

John Almdal*
 Denis Babb*
 Aileen Barker
 Hazel Barker
 Agathe Barnabe*
 Emily Bazylo*
 Alma Campbell, *Wife of Dale Campbell**
 Joseph Chester*
 Elaine Clarke*
 Doreen Clements, *Wife of George Clements†*
 Don Cressall*
 Rachel Desorcy*
 Muriel Douville*
 Blanche Dreisig*
 John Dryden*
 Evon Dunford, *Mother of Jerry Dunford*, Mother-in-Law of Carroll Dunford**
 Janis Ferguson*
 Barbara Freeman*
 Bertha Friesen
 William Futz*
 Giovanni Giardino
 Ray Giguere*

Howard Giles*
 John Gregorash*
 Gwen Hay*
 James Henderson*
 Jack Hicks
 Ruth Hicks*
 George Jewell
 Pat Kalyniuk*
 Jean Kanchir
 Douglas Knapp*
 Angele Lacroix
 Caroline MacGregor*
 Claire McKay*
 Ernie McKay*
 Marjorie Merner
 Fern Milne*
 Miloje Milosevic
 David Moors*
 Ruth Morgan*
 Vernon Mucha
 Walter Netzel*
 Ruth Nicholson*
 Gordon Paramor
 Fred Pawluk
 Joan Pink*
 Walter Prokop*

Adelard Proulx*
 Kuljinder Randhawa
 Ted Rewcastle*
 Mary Richards
 Edna Rowley
 Frank Schram, *Father of Kevin Schram*, Father-in-Law of Linda Schram**
 Christopher Seagris*
 Gershom Southall*
 Boris Storozuk*
 Joan Swainson, *Wife of Ralph Swainson**
 Raymond Thurlbeck
 Elizabeth Toews*
 Raymond Tuck
 George Van Wynsberghe*
 Joe Wery
 Mary Wilk
 Frank Williams*
 George Winkler*
 Anna Wladyka*
 Dorothy Yeryk*
 Antoinetta Zarrillo

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



On October 11th, Joanne Gaborieau attended a celebration for Yvonne Schreiber's 100th birthday and presented her with a special plaque from CN on behalf of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba. The surprise event was put on by the ladies of her "Craft" group and was held at her 55+ Seniors complex. She moved into this block in 1974 and is one of the original tenants. Yvonne is involved in the community and church. She persisted with the City to have a sidewalk built at her block. She founded the craft group which is still running today. Yvonne made rugs and donated them to Princess Elizabeth Hospital where they were sold. She knitted many mitts and toques as well as "Teddy Bears" that were sent to North America, Africa and South America. Yvonne still attends the craft meetings every Tuesday as well as the monthly dinners in her block. Yvonne still makes homemade soups and bakes dinner rolls which her relatives enjoy very much. Yvonne has two daughters (one in Toronto and the other in Victoria), 3 grand-children and 4 great-grand-children.



On October 31, Joanne Gaborieau attended a 100th birthday celebration for Anne Grabowsky and presented her with a special plaque from CN on behalf of the CN Pensioners' Association. The event was held at her apartment complex on Henderson Highway with many friends in attendance. Anne has lived in the block since 1973, was the first occupant and moved in even before construction had completed. Anne has one daughter, Donna. Anne did oil paintings and likes to knit. She is also known as the 'perogy queen'. One of her favourite hobbies is going to the casino. In her younger days, Anne travelled a lot on the train. She also loved to travel to Las Vegas.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone event from all members of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba.



CN EcoConnexions Community Tree Planting Program: awarded a grant of \$17,500 to the Community of Ste. Anne, Manitoba to fund a local tree planting project in honour of our nation's 150th anniversary. The CN grant will help fund the planting of trees along the CN grounds, as well as on the median which separates the East and West lanes of Central Avenue and Dawson Road. The objective is to reduce noise caused by the road works on the CN grounds and to embellish the landscape for the residents and visitors to the municipality. On October 27, 2016 the Mayor, council members, beautification committee, local school, CN, Tree Canada and five CN retirees attended the tree planting ceremony in Ste. Anne.



Present were: (from left to right) Kate Fenske (CN), and CN retirees: Ron Beckett, Roland Gosselin, Norm Cunningham, Marcel and Joanne Gaborieau.



Congratulations to the following:

Rose Chapman, who applied for and received a \$500.00 grant for the Grace Hospital Auxillary.

Myra Logan, wife of David Logan, who applied for and received a \$250.00 spousal grant for the Grace Hospital Auxillary.

Bert Andrews, who applied for and received a \$500.00 grant for the Winnipeg Seniors Amateur Radio Club.

Member at Large - Albert Delbaere

Shooting Star Trip - The next Shooting Star Casino trip is being arranged for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 19th, 20th and 21st, 2017.

Payment deadline is Monday, February 6th, 2017.

For more information, please contact: Albert Delbaere @ 204-256-8419 or albert1@mymts.net



Meet Your Fellow Pensioner: Tom Panting

Following in the footsteps of his father, Tom Panting is a 2nd World War Veteran and 2nd generation CN employee (retired 1982). Tom began his career with CN as a carman apprentice in 1942, days before his 17th birthday. After 6 months apprenticing in the Transcona shops, armed with the knowledge that his apprenticeship position would now be held for him if he enlisted in the Canadian Forces (although underage) to serve with the allied forces overseas in World War II, Tom did just that.

Tom enlisted in the RCAF in February 1943, serving as a tail/rear-gunner in a Lancaster Bomber, based out of England for the following 2 years. Over those years Tom was part of several dozen successful bombing raids on targets in Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, East Prussia and more. During the night of January 13th, 1945, Tom and his 6 crewmates took off in their Lancaster from East Kirkby, England, on a bombing operation of Stettin, Germany. After half an hour in the air, the aircraft was flying over the North Sea when the flight engineer noticed smoke from an engine. After crossing Denmark the engine burst into flames. After failed attempts to neutralize the fire, now over the Baltic sea, the pilot gave the order to abandon the Lancaster. The crew left the Lancaster through the rear and forward exits, Tom, as the tail/rear gunner along with the mid-upper gunner and wireless operator bailed out the rear exit. The mid-upper gunner balked exiting at the last moment so the wireless operator took his place to lead the exit. As the mid-upper gunner took his place a second time the Lancaster went into a spin and he was ejected from the aircraft, hitting the tail plane; he did not survive. The spin tossed Tom back into the plane forcing him to climb his way back up to the rear exit, sit and roll out of the burning aircraft. Tom and the crew narrowly parachuted to landfall in Sweden. The crew were interrogated by a Swedish Air Force Officer and then interned for two months before being repatriated to England, March 14th, 1945.

On May 9th, 1945, Tom Panting was set to arrive back in Winnipeg. Tom's sister asked a friend if she wanted to come with her to pick her brother up from the train station. On schedule, Tom stepped onto the train platform and greeted his sister, and met her friend. The friend, Susan ("Sue"), shortly thereafter became Sue Panting, his late wife of 54 years.

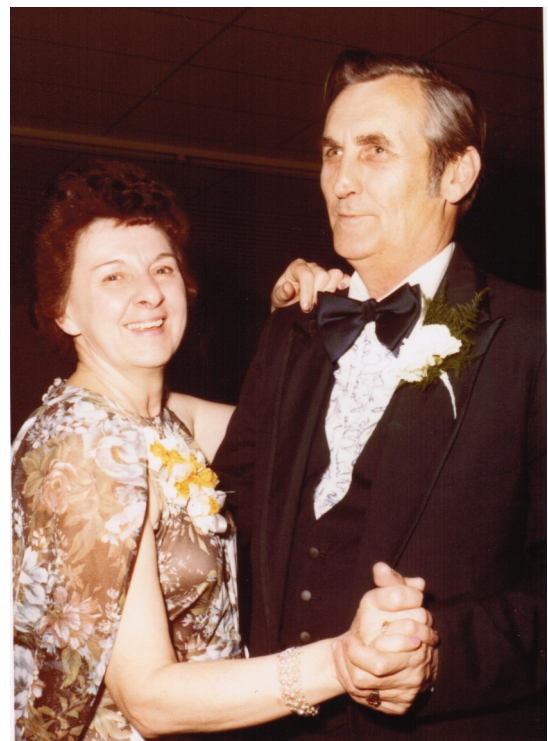


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By July of 1945, Tom resumed his career at CN as a Carman apprentice, which he completed in 1950. Tom worked as a carman in the Transcona shops for the next 7 years, before being promoted to Foreman in the Car shop. He served as Foreman from 1957 until being promoted as a Supervisor working out of CN headquarters in Montreal QC between 1971-1974. In 1974 he returned to Transcona to finish his CN career as General Foreman of the paint coach shop, retiring in late 1982. Retirement has been spent at the family cottage at Falcon Lake with his wife, 2 children, 5 grandchildren, attending their grandchildren's sporting events. In 1999 he survived his battle with throat cancer, but was widowed in the same year. Now he spends time with his son Rick, grandchildren and family, Francis Buxton and their friends. Tom still enjoys being active in the community, including being a long-time member of the Transcona Legion, as well as participating at Transcona's various seniors' centers and programs. He is also the proud great-grandfather of 3, soon to be 4; the first new "Panting."



Editor's Note: On Monday, November 7th, 2016 more than 400 grade 6 students from the River East Transcona School Division took part in the "No Stone Left Alone" ceremony in the Field of Honor at the Transcona Cemetery. At the end of the ceremony, Tom Panting received a Silent Salute from the students and attendees.

Annual Christmas Luncheon - November 30th, 2016

A special thank you to Linda Schram for organizing another great event. This year the attendance was over 180 people.



We even had a visit from Santa Claus.



We want to thank everyone for coming out to our Annual Christmas Luncheon and we look forward to seeing more new faces at our meetings and special events in the new year.

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The CN Pensioners Help Line (Morneau Shepell) 1 800 361 0739.

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

Change of Address	1-800-361-0739
Canada Pension & Old Age Security	1-800-277-9914
Canada Custom & Revenue Service	1-800-959-8281
Blue Cross - National Claims Direct	204-775-9261
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	1-888-617-0456

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