



Happy Holidays!

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CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba

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

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Winter 2017/2018

CNPA Executive News

The CNPA of Manitoba would like to extend a big thank you to Wayne Gorin for serving as Special Events Chair this past year. Wayne was kept busy throughout the year planning for guest speakers as well as more major events such as our Annual Picnic and Christmas Luncheon. Wayne has decided to "retire" from this volunteer role but we do hope to see him out at our regular meetings and other events. Very Best Wishes Wayne!

We are pleased to welcome Ernie Yakiwchuk to our Manitoba Executive who will be taking over the position of Special Events Chair. Welcome Ernie – we are here to help you!

At the National Council level, we wish to thank Linda Schram for her service as one of our Prairie Region Directors for the past 3 years. Although Linda is stepping down as Director, she will continue to serve as the Pension Rep and Health Care Rep for this Region. Also, Janet Lewis Anderson is stepping down from her Director's role of the past 10 years. She will continue to serve at the National level as Newsletter Editor.

New to the National Council as Directors are Joanne Gaborieau and Bruce Anderson, who will be representing the Manitoba Association. Also new to the National Council is Patrick McMullin who has been elected as Alternate Director for the Prairie Region. Gary Heasman, who represents Saskatchewan as a Director at the National level, was re-elected Vice-President of the Prairie Region for the National Council for the ensuing year.

Meet Ernie Yakiwchuk - Special Events Chair

I am pleased to be on the Executive Council of the CNPA of Manitoba as Special Events Chair.

I hired on with CN Express in Yorkton, Sk on June 7, 1976 for a summer relief position. Upon completion I decided to continue working at CN, relocating to Saskatoon Express then transferring over to the Terminal Yard Office as a clerk. One year later I relocated to Symington where I worked as a Carload Services clerk for the next five years.

After getting married in 1981, I transferred to Canora, Sk with my wife in 1982, working as a Train Movement Clerk for 17 years. I was also a member of the Canora/Dauphin Health and Safety committee from 1990 to 1999.

We raised three children in my home town of Canora and my wife also hired on with CN. Our lives were busy and rewarding with work, family, friends and our community.

In 1999 our family moved back to Winnipeg and I worked at the Symington Yard office. My last move was to the Customer Service Centre in 2003. I also volunteered as the First Aid co-ordinator in the Centre. I completed my career as an implementer in the CN eBusiness/Transaction Centre, training customers and employees throughout Canada and the USA, retiring from CN in 2012 after 36 1/2 years of service.

In my career I have worked with and met many employees from several departments within the railway. It was a pleasure and a great opportunity for me.

Presently my wife Gwen continues her career at CN in Grain Marketing.

As our children move on with their lives, we are very thankful and happy to spend time with them all. 2018 will bring us much more happiness with our first grandchild in the spring.

I would like to wish everyone the best of Health and Happiness that we so much deserve in our retirement years.



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Membership Report - Joanne Gaborieau

Total paid membership - 3890

Pension Cheque deduction - 3810

Fees paid by cheque - 80

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

Gerry Abbott	Audrey Goring	Sheila Popoff
Art Achtemichuk	Iris Hawryluk	Mike Posyniak
Paul Aquin	David Horn	Roger Runzer
Ken Bator	Dan Keats	Erna Schultz
Sophie Begal	Wilbur Kossmann	Kevin Sheldon
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Frank Desmarais	Wanda McKee	James Wiebe
James Doran	Colette Mozol	Margaret Wilcock
Alphonse Dupuis	Bonnie Normand	Mary-Ann Yagilashek
Margaret Friesen	Samantha Nurse	
Chris Gillingham	Sharon Otto	

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:

October : Barry Sigurdson, Ben Voth, John Stoese, Hugh McCormick, Bill Deculeac, Darrell Trask, Adrian Stroet, Blake Johnston, John Honer, Buck Tideman, Ken Ronyck, Jim Kulchiski, Don McDowell

November: Joe Bruner, Tom Raynbird, Ron MacKenzie, Rory Nagel, Reuben Priddle, Greg Sullivan, Lado Chongva

Birthdays Draws: **October:** Larry Lange
November: Ron Rentz
December: Dennis Boboski

Attendance Draws: **October:** Ben Nortey, Bruce Doner, Dave Kane
November: Tim McCrindle, Carroll Dunford, Bernice Dimond

Door Prize Draws: **October:** Laurent Bissonnette, Bernice Dimond, Mike Shewchuk, Ron Davis
November: Dean Danforth, Bryan Labarge, Victor Ratte, Bob Miller

Visit our website often at www.cnpensioners.ca to view our newsletters or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba for updates and announcements .

Special Events - Ernie Yakiwchuk

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Norwood Legion - 134 Marion Street, except for July, August and December 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: Ernie at 204-254-1441.

Guest Speakers for Upcoming Meetings:

January 3rd, 2018 - Manitoba Prostate Cancer Support Group

February 7th, 2018 - Vision Loss Rehab Manitoba (CNIB)

March 7th, 2018 - Osteoporosis Canada



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

2017: We had a great turnout with 185 people attending our annual Christmas Luncheon. A special thanks to Wayne Gorin for all his work in making this event so successful. (See pictures on page 10 and 11.)

Shooting Star Trip:

The next scheduled bus trip to the Shooting Star Casino is scheduled for:



March 18th, 19th & 20th, 2018

Book your seat soon as the bus sells out quickly.

For more information contact:

Sandy @ 204-987-6010 or if you have any questions, contact Albert Delbaere @ albert1a@mymts.net.

CN Pensioners' Association National Council Web Page:

Do you have access to the internet?

Want to check out other Pensioners Associations newsletters? Try following these steps after logging on the internet:

1. enter address:
www.cnpensioners.org (English)
2. click on "Councils" in the menu bar on the left
3. click on any region and view their newsletters or you can click on "Members" link and see the discounts available for CNPA members

Treasurer's Report - Jerry Dunford

The audit for the fiscal year September 2016 to August 2017 has been completed.

Auditor's Report:

I have reviewed the financial position of the "CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba". This review consists of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussions related to information supplied to me by the treasurer.

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

Signed Walter Lesiuk
Winnipeg, Manitoba"

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:

Steve Bahr celebrated his 80th birthday on November 11th.
Marcel Desautels celebrated his 85th birthday on July 12th.
Mike Dubeck celebrated his 80th birthday on October 20th.
Joyce Jackson celebrated her 84th birthday on November 11th.
Lou Koldy celebrated his 85th birthday on October 28th.
Peter Koralewicz celebrated his 92nd birthday on November 4th.
Larry Lange celebrated his 81st birthday on October 5th.
Juan Molina celebrated his 75th birthday on November 11th.
Colette Mozol celebrated her 80th birthday on December 17th.
Ron Poersch will celebrate his 83rd birthday on December 27th.
Paul Price celebrated his 94th birthday on November 8th.
Aileen Raine celebrated her 92nd birthday on September 16th.
Garry Ross will celebrate his 85th birthday on December 25th.
Harold Rubin celebrated his 85th birthday on December 2nd.
Gerry Russell celebrated his 88th birthday on November 2nd.
Florence Sailor celebrated her 90th birthday on October 7th.
Margaret Stephen celebrated her 103rd birthday on November 23rd.
Matty Strachan celebrated her 100th birthday on September 24th.
Barry Unsworth celebrated his 85th birthday on November 20th.
Ernie Yakiwchuk celebrated his 60th birthday on October 20th

Happy Anniversary To:

Marcel and Therese Desautels celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on September 27th.
Lou and June Koldy celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on October 18th.
Ben and Mary Kolodka celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on October 6th.
Ken and Joyce Peden celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on November 6th.
Garry and June Ross celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on August 15th.
Hal and Sandra Rubin celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary on December 20th.
Gerry and Mary Ann Russell celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on October 14th.

To those previously mentioned on our Sick List, we hope that you are feeling much better. To those who are currently ill or still experiencing health problems, please know you are in our thoughts. The membership joins us in extending Best Wishes for a speedy recovery. We have received reports and updates on the following Pensioners since the last newsletter: (* denotes member).

Sick List:

June Brychka, wife of Bill Brychka of Dauphin, had shoulder surgery on September 11th. She is home and is doing well.

Victor Burdz has kidney problems.

Ken Donnelly has several health problems.

Bob Mozol had eye surgery on November 25th. Complete recovery should be in about three months.

William Simcoe is now in Holy Family Home.

Steve Skrybalo is home from St. Boniface Hospital recovering from colon cancer surgery. He is in good spirits.

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

Merilda Bahniuk	Gordon Hilderman	Jonathan Redhead
Christine Balon	Joyce Hillstrom	Manuel Reis*
William Begal*	Bill Hughes*	William Rourke*
Constance Belanger*	Amelia Ingram	Doris Rugg*
June Bell, <i>wife of Gord Bell*</i>	Pauline Jachnicki*	Bernice Sadler*
<i>of Sadler Ave.</i>	Victoria Johnston*	Gloria Scheller*
Pauline Bobbie	Gerda Kuznia*	Eric Schultz*
John Bodnar*	Leonie Lamoureux	Harry Seniuk*
Irene Brown	Percy Laubman*	Frank Smid*
Ivan Campbell*	Magdalene Lavallee*	Shirley Speidel
Marjorie Chranowski*	Marie Luney	Rudy Streber*
Jean Denis Cook	Anna Marko	Clarice Thorne
Nellie Davies*	Dave McDougall*	Henry Thoroski*
Martin De Jong*	Jennie McKeown*	Gayle Timlick, <i>sister of</i>
Myrtle De Reuck*	Irene (Mavis) McMillan*	<i>Bob Timlick*</i>
Eleanore Demke, <i>wife of</i>	Alexander Naften*	Albert Vandendorpe*
<i>Gordon Demke*</i>	Henry Nickel	Stewart Vennard*
Alice Dirks*	Ken Normand*	Francis Vermette*
Clifford Elmwood*	Luisa Palma	Dave Van Tornhout
Mary Gilmore*	Annie Pascal	Elaine Willows, <i>mother of</i>
Arthur Gitzel	Claire Patry*	<i>Bruce Willows*</i>
Edward Goodchild*	Dean Paulicelli*	Edward Yagilashek*
Robert Goring*	Phyllis Paulicelli*	Joan Yarema, <i>wife of</i>
Rita Grimes*	Maria Pearson*	<i>John Yarema*</i>
Andrew (A.J.) Hall	Fernande Peters*	Kathleen Zukowski*
Victor Heisinger*	Lawrence Popoff	
Lennox Henry*	Mary Pyra	

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



Mrs. Martha Strachan (nee Taylor) was born in Glasgow, Scotland on September 24, 1917. She married her husband Wilson Buchan Strachan from Grove Street, Glasgow in 1935. They lived in Glasgow for many years until arriving in Canada. Wilson came to Canada in the 1950's to work for the Transcona CN Shops as a pipefitter. Mattie and their children: Jean, Grace and Jim waited behind in Glasgow for 3 years until they saved enough money to pay for the

voyage across the ocean to Canada and reunite with Wilson. Mattie worked for many years with the Eaton's Mail Order Department and made many good friends. Mattie's life got busy in Canada. Her daughters were married and grandchildren soon followed. Their family started to grow which brought many happy family memories in their little home at 216 Melrose Ave. East. Mattie and Wilson enjoyed over 50 years living and working in Transcona together until Wilson passed away. Mattie has always been a member of the Transcona United Church. She is a proud member of the Transcona Legion and has supported the work of the Transcona Masonic Lodge 123 and the Transcona Optimist Club over the years.



Pictured above: Janet Lewis Anderson presenting Martha Strachan with her plaque.



Magdalene (Madeline) Lavallee

Madeline Lavallee celebrated her 100th Birthday on October 15, 2017. She was blessed with 4 amazing children, 8 beautiful grandchildren and 5 loving great-grandchildren plus one on the way. Birthday celebrations were held at Action Marguerite (Tache Centre). On behalf of the CN Pensioners' Association, Linda Schram and Joanne Gaborieau presented Madeline with a plaque. Her husband, Hubert E. (Joe) Lavallee, worked at CN as a Locomotive Engineer out of Dauphin, MB from 1946 to 1980. Madeline has since passed away on November 3, 2017.

Happy 100th Birthday to Mary Pyra

Birthday Wishes to Mary Pyra who turned 100 on August 26th, 2017. A celebration for Mary's birthday was held on August 20th. Presenting the plaque to Mary are Ron Yarema and Donna Bremner, on behalf of the CN Pensioners' Association.



Volunteer Opportunity: Help The Transcona Museum Save CN 2747!

We received a request from the Transcona Museum:

The Transcona Museum is currently seeking volunteers to assist with the restoration process of an important historical artifact: **Locomotive CN 2747**.

About the Locomotive

The steam engine CN 2747 was the first one built in Western Canada at the Canadian National Railway shops in Transcona, Winnipeg in April 1926. In 1960 - after 34 years of service - CN 2747 was retired and

placed on permanent display in Rotary Heritage Park, where it continues to serve as a treasured landmark for the Transcona and broader Winnipeg communities.

In 2016, the Transcona Museum purchased the CN 2747 Locomotive from the Winnipeg Railway Museum (for \$1) and it's the largest artifact in our collections.

Over the years, environmental factors and vandalism have taken a toll on this majestic community treasure. The Transcona Museum is heading a committee to ensure we don't lose this powerful symbol of Winnipeg's railway history. In 2017, GP Heritage Consulting performed a condition assessment of the locomotive and identified multiple urgent repairs necessary to preserve the locomotive. Some of these repairs are technical in nature and require knowledge of steam engines, while other tasks do not require any specialized skills and can be done by anyone willing to lend a hand!

How You Can Help

This project is "right on track" for members of the CN Pensioners' Association! As experts in steam engines with plenty of railway experience, we hope to draw on your wealth of knowledge for the restoration of CN 2747.

The Transcona Museum is seeking volunteers to:

1. **Organize and lead the team of other volunteers in carrying out the restoration project.**
 - a. Recommend the order of the steps required.
 - b. Order material required (paid for by the Transcona Museum).
 - c. Be on site when work is being performed.
 - d. Keep the CN 2747 Committee Chair (Jack Toet) informed of progress.
2. **Working on the project under the direction of the project leaders identified in #1 above.**
 - a. Perform technical repairs to cab, engine, tender, boiler attachments, operational attachments, etc. (This work will require specialized labour skills.)
 - b. Help with cleaning and removing build-up from the locomotive. (This work requires no specialized skills.)
 - c. Assist the Transcona Museum's Fundraising Team with grant writing and the organization of fundraising events.

If you're interested in helping restore CN 2747 or have any questions, please contact Alanna Horejda, the Transcona Museum Curator, or Jennifer Maxwell, Assistant Curator, at save2747@transconamuseum.mb.ca or 204-222-0423. Visit www.transconamuseum.mb.ca/cn2747 for more information about the project.

The Transcona Museum would be thrilled to have you join our volunteer team as we strive to save this integral piece of Winnipeg's - and CN's - history.

We can't wait to hear from you!



In The Spotlight – Danforth Hall

Dean Danforth, member of the CN Pensioners' Association of Manitoba was recently honoured when the Corydon Community Centre in Winnipeg changed the name of the gymnasium to "Danforth Hall" in recognition of his volunteer service for the past 43 years.

Over this time, Dean has served in many capacities such as a bingo caller, baseball convenor, coaching children's teams and managing hall rentals. He is also most recognized as their favorite bartender for those attending socials at the centre. He loves meeting up with friends from the community and finds it so interesting to see generation after generation from the same family returning to the community centre.

Dean has also received Baseball Manitoba's outstanding achievement award in 2001 and is a member of the volunteers' honour society at the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in Morden, MB. Then in 2013 the Province of Manitoba - Manitoba Council on Aging, recognized Dean for his outstanding contribution to the Seniors of Manitoba.

Dean's railway career started in 1951 when he began his apprenticeship on December 11th at Calder Shops. He completed his apprenticeship in June 1957 at Transcona Shops. An interesting historical piece from Dean's railway career is that he was the last apprentice boiler maker to complete his apprenticeship under the steam program. Dean retired on December 31st, 1993 after 42 years of service!



(Photo courtesy of Danielle Da Silva/Canstar Community News)

Thank you Dean for all you do for your community!

REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Cheque paying Members only

It's that time of the year for cheque paying members. Your **2018 fees are coming due** and I would appreciate your signing up for pension cheque deduction of \$1.00 a month. We encourage you to elect this method as it simplifies the tedious work and helps cut down trips to the bank, paper-work, phone calls, postage and second notices. **It saves you time!** It's quick and easy to do, just call 204-253-8103 and Joanne, the Membership Chairperson, will make the necessary arrangements for you.

Thanks very much.

If paying by cheque, send \$12 for dues 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.cn pensioners.ca, for personal cheque paying members who "hopefully" will sign up for CN Pension cheque deductions.

Railroaders in the Community

Don Johnson: applied for and received a \$500 grant for the ALS Society of Manitoba.

Betty Andrews: applied for and received a \$250 spousal grant for the Winnipeg Ostomy Association.

Mel Rusiecki: applied for and received a \$500 grant for the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Jim Kulchiski: applied for and received a \$500 grant for the Transcona Retired Citizens' Organization.

Joan Boudreau: applied for and received a \$250 spousal grant for the Transcona Retired Citizens' Organization.

Bev Marko: applied for and received a \$250 spousal grant for the Transcona Retired Citizens' Organization.

Janet Lewis Anderson: applied for and received a \$500 grant for the Daughters of the Nile (philanthropy is the Shriners Hospitals for Children).

Linda Schram: applied for and received a \$500 grant for the Daughters of the Nile (philanthropy is the Shriners Hospitals for Children).

Audrey Hill: applied for and received a \$250 spousal grant for the Daughters of the Nile (philanthropy is the Shriners Hospitals for Children).



Pension Cheque Payments

Important Information For Those Receiving Their CN Pensions By Regular Mail:

In January 2018, the current CN IT Systems will be moving to a new administration platform. Presently, there are approximately 400 pensioners or survivors who still receive a paper cheque in the mail instead of through direct deposit.

Under the new process, the cheques will be mailed 5 business days before the end of the month instead of the previous 7 to 10 days. While these pensioners/survivors will still be receiving their cheque before the end of the month, as Canada Post delivers mail anywhere in Canada within two to four days, in some cases it may be received later than what they were used to. It should be noted that there is no change being made to the actual payment date, as that remains the last business day of each month (the date cheques are negotiable and same date on which payments are available in the bank for those on direct deposit).

This change will take place beginning with the first pension payment at the end of January 2018. For those 400 pensioners impacted, a letter informing them of the change will be included with their December 2017 pension cheque scheduled to be mailed this month. There is NO change for those on direct deposit.

For those of you who still receive a paper cheque by mail, and if you wish to switch to direct deposit, please visit our website www.cnpensioners.ca for the application form or call 1-800-361-0739 if you have any questions.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 6th, 2017





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cnpensionersmanitoba](http://www.facebook.com/cnpensionersmanitoba)

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

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:

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U.S. Social Security - Grand Forks 1-888-617-0456

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