



October 2024 Newsletter

1. PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

As 2024 is drawing to a close, we still have three event opportunities for you to get together with former colleagues.

These include;

Our Annual General Meeting – Monday, November 4 at 11:00 am

Curling – Thursday, November 14 at 12:30 (note the date change from earlier notices)

Christmas/Festive Luncheon – Tuesday, November 26 at 11:30 am

The events provide you with a chance to ask the council directors any questions or express concerns you may have regarding the benefits of being a member of the CN Pensioners' Association (CNPA). Look for event details in this newsletter.

2. STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED

We have many ways to keep you informed including through the Royal Mail, Email, Facebook and the CNPA Website.

Change of Address and Phone Number

It is very important if you have a change of address that you notify CN Benefits and Administration by calling them toll free at: **1-800-361-0739**. You can also change your address, get T4 slips, etc through their web portal <http://cnbenefits.hroffice.com>

They will not accept your change from us but they will provide us with your new address.

Change of Email Address

In an effort to better serve you and reduce the high mailing costs of our newsletter please contact Ron Charles at charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com with your email address if you wish to receive our Toronto Council newsletters by email. For those who have already provided us with their email address, thank you and please be sure to let us know if you have changed it.

Toronto Council Facebook

Our Facebook Group name is: **CN Pensioners Association**

CNPA Website: www.cnpensioners.org

The website has a lot of information on things you want to know about including contacts for questions about your pension, benefits, healthcare plan, scholarships and councils.

In the Councils section you can click on our council to see past newsletters and updates on our meetings and activities.

3. TORONTO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR-CONTACT INFORMATION

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4. NOVEMBER EVENTS

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY NOVEMBER 4 AT 11:00 am

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-527
948 Sheppard Ave. W. North York**

Free light lunch to be served

Come out and socialize and have your opinions heard!

See old friends and make some new ones!!!

We are all CN Pensioners!

Lots of parking and subway access!

NOVEMBER IS ALSO THE MONTH TO TRY CURLING!

CN PENSIONERS' CURLING DAY - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Two sheets of ice have been reserved at the Richmond Hill Curling Club.

Location: **121 Elgin Mills East in Richmond Hill. (One block east of Yonge Street)**

Time: **12:30 pm to 2:30 pm**

The cost is \$20.00 per person. Payment is due no later than November 5th. Please sign up ASAP.

For further information, please contact Ron Charles at 905-884-5268

Please send cheques, made payable to CN Pensioners Association together with the registration form to Ron at the address shown on the form OR send an E-Transfer to Ron at

charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com with a follow up email containing your security question and use security answer: CURLING all in capitals.

We welcome any new curlers – no previous experience necessary!

REGISTRATION FOR 2024 CURLING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Send to: Ron Charles, 467 Balkan Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 2P4

Please indicate with a check mark if you have curling experience: YES ___ NO ___

Cheque \$ _____ or E-transfer \$ _____

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)

OUR ANNUAL FESTIVE LUNCHEON IS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26 AT 11:30-2:30

We had a blast last year – don't miss it!

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-527

948 Sheppard Ave. W. North York

Time: 11:30 am to 02:30 pm

Cost: \$20/person

Luncheon will consist of a traditional festive meal of roast turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, stuffing, California vegetable medley, vinaigrette salad, dinner rolls and butter.

Lunch will be served buffet style.

A cake in celebration of CNPA's 50th Anniversary, will be for dessert.

To reserve your spot, you will be required to E-transfer your money to Nancy Zajacz at nzajacz@hotmail.com. A security question answer is to be sent by separate email to Nancy at the same email as noted above.

Confirmation of attendance is required no later than Friday, 15 November 2024.

You can also call Nancy at 905-836-2266.

5. HOCKEY HELPS THE HOMELESS

CN has partnered with Hockey Helps the Homeless to raise awareness and funding for local emergency shelters and their clients by leveraging Canada's love of hockey.

HHTH is running charity hockey events with NHL alumni all across Canada to raise funds for this cause.

CN is calling on pensioner volunteers to do a variety of support activities at these events.

There will be 5 events in the area covered by the Toronto Council of the CNPA. These include;

York Region on December 13, 2024 – Magna Centre, Newmarket

Peel Region on March 21, 2025 – CAA Centre, Brampton

Toronto (Women) on April 4, 2025 – Scotiabank Pond – North York

Toronto (Men and Co-ed) April 5, 2025 – Scotiabank Pond (This event includes a CN team)

Durham Region on April 12, 2025 – Iroquois Park Sports Centre, Whitby

Each event needs a group of volunteers to perform various flexible roles including:

Player Greeting

Registration

Player Gift/Incentives

Breakfast/Lunch

Time Keeping

Selling Raffle Tickets

To sign up as a volunteer:

Go to the website, **cnpensioners.org**

Click on CN Community

Click on the CN and Hockey Helps the Homeless box

Scroll down the page to the schedule of events and click on the website next to the location where you would be interested in volunteering.

Scroll down the page to find the VOLUNTEER button

Sign up and indicate you are with the "CNPA".

Any hours that you volunteer also qualify for the Railroaders in the Community program., so you can be providing even more financial support to this worthy cause.

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome New Members

Mark	Bilbija	Orangeville
William	Kravecas	Toronto
Francisco	Leite	Toronto
Joseph	Leo	Toronto
Esther	Mannella	North York
Dave	Whitnall	Stouffville

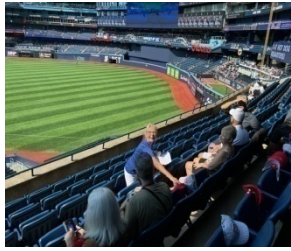
In Remembrance

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of our members and former CN work colleagues who have recently passed.

			<u>Passed Away</u>
Bob	Brisbourne	Aurora	2024 06 20
Francesco	Capone	Woodbridge	2024 07 22
Alfredo	Cerilli	Etobicoke	2024 06 07
Allan	Chalk	Waubauskene	2024 07 07
Melville	D'Souza	Oakville	2024 07 05
Shirley	Dunseath	Whitby	2024 07 27
Gary	Dupont	Scarborough	2024 07 25
Giovanni	Fabrizio	Maple	2024 07 23
Marcheta	Gaughan	Toronto	2024 06 14
Charles	Grant	Kingston	2024 06 19
John	Kight	Renfrew	2024 08 06
James	McLeod	Windsor	2024 07 31
Reginald	Melen	Mississauga	2024 06 16
Doris	Midlige	Whitby	2023 11 02
Carol	Moss	Mississauga	2024 07 17
Domingos	Pinto	Woodbridge	2024 08 05
Robin	Richardson	Waterloo	2024 06 12
Varkey	Thomas	York	2024 07 03
James	Thompson	Lindsay	2024 06 04
James	Thorpe	Mississauga	2023 09 09
Emile	Trepanier	Alexandria	2024 07 04
Garland	Vine	Keswick	2024 08 28

7. EVENTS 2024

BLUE JAYS GAME SEPT 2024



CN GOLF DAY JUNE 2024



FIVE PIN BOWLING MAY 2024

