



Belleville and District Newsletter

Fall 2023 Edition (September)



May They Rest In Peace :

<i>Ian Alistar "Al" Graham</i>	<i>1 May 2023</i>
<i>Magee Elizabeth Druce</i>	<i>2 May 2023</i>
<i>Peter W Danne</i>	<i>17 May 2023</i>
<i>Terry Hannah</i>	<i>19 May 2023</i>
<i>David Hrushowy</i>	<i>23 May 2023</i>
<i>Florence Marion Tracey</i>	<i>25 May 2023</i>
<i>Loretta Roma Doreen Bee</i>	<i>1 June 2023</i>
<i>Audrey Armstrong</i>	<i>18 June 2023</i>
<i>Donald Frederick Quibell</i>	<i>1 July 2023</i>
<i>Eugenie (Jenny) Campbell</i>	<i>21 June 2023</i>
<i>Donald Torrance White</i>	<i>27 June 2023</i>
<i>Michael Bert Browning</i>	<i>30 June 2023</i>
<i>Larry C Mackenzie</i>	<i>22 August 2023</i>

*"Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold."
- Zelda Fitzgerald*

Did you know?

When a contributing member of our association dies, the surviving spouse is welcomed to our breakfast and/or dinner meetings at no charge for a full year!

IMPORTANT...

When a pensioner moves or dies, **CN Pension and Benefits Administration** must be advised immediately by calling **(1-800-361-0739)**.

A surviving spouse does **not** automatically remain a member of the CN Pensioners Association. To remain a member of the Belleville Council, the surviving spouse must complete a new membership application and arrange their own payment of dues (\$1.00 per month).

Belleville Council (C3)

Council meetings & general meetings may be held at any location and at any time.
Directors may choose to hold any meeting virtually, in person, or a combination of both.
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President's Message

Hi Folks

Well, here we are again entering another Fall Season with Summer slowly wrapping up. Hope you're enjoying the last of Summer.

All our CNPA Pensioner's Committee are staying up to date on the Local, OPC and National level.

We wrapped up another CNPA Scholarship Season with 5 National and 1 Ontario Provincial Council / OPC Scholarships awarded.

The Committee is looking forward to starting up our luncheons again. Many thanks to Jen and her staff at The Dugout for all the delicious meals.

Many thanks to the calling Ladies for the fine job they do, and for those new Lady Volunteers - a Big Thank You.

We're always looking for new committee members to join us.

If you would like to get involved, please feel free to contact me at jlesmacdonald@gmail.com or talk to any of our Committee Members, they will be glad to help you out with any of your Pensioner needs. The pay is not much, the smiles are many.

I would like to Welcome our New Retirees and All of You that transferred over to Belleville from the Peterborough Council.

I want to thank our CNPA Committee for all their time and dedication, in making our local C3 Committee a success.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service to all of you and taking the time to read this. Hope you stay Happy and Healthy.

Cheers,

Les MacDonald

In an effort to balance the budget, the provincial treasurer sliced a little bit off of the proposed funding for health care, schools, parks, recreation and, of course, senior services...

It was the most successful fund razor of the year!

Welcome to the CN Pensioners Association

Raymond B Andrus

Karen Danne

Anne Graham

Shirley Humble

Teena Macklin

Suzanne Browning

Darryl R Dajoe

Our Mission

To be an association of honesty and integrity whose goal is to be second to none in protecting the interests of all CN pensioners financially, socially and emotionally. An association which can be called on at any moment of need.

Our Vision

To grow this association with integrity, for the people and by the people with a team of volunteers whose ultimate goal is to do their best in an effort to achieve a better standard of living for our fellow pensioners and surviving spouses.



CN 2036 Brockville crew change 23 June 1973

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September Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Joanne Carrol | 6. Bill Aide | 6. John Carrol |
| 6. Marg Bovay | 7. Aileen McLean | 9. Bernice Prosser |
| 9. Bryan Smith | 10. Thelma Bishop | 11. Donna Marshall |
| 12. Robert McFee | 13. Lorna Walsh | 16. Kathleen Glenn |
| 17. Eugene Kirkham | 18. Doreen Elliott | 19. Doug MacMillan |
| 20. W R Dunlop | 22. Doris Lupenette | 23. Roberta Rolston |
| 25. Greg Culhane | 25. Doreen MacMillan | 25. Catherine Hollister |
| 27. Linda Soule | 27. Edith Seymour-Taylor | 27. Barbara Millerchuck |
| | 29. Peggy Di Genova | |

September Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5. Perry Robert, Virginia | 7. Harris Don, Rana | 8. Quibel Donald, Rosemary |
| 10. Beaton Tom, Edna | 13. Clancy Ray, Faye | 18. Nolan William J, Noreen |
| | 30. Kellett Lloyd, Sheila | |

"Be not stingy of words and pleasing acts, for such are fragrant gifts, whose perfume will gladden the heart and enliven the life of all who hear or receive them."

—*The Old Farmer's Almanac, 1895*

October Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2. Gerald Hart | 5. Marion Munro | 6. Sylvia Foster |
| 11. Sheila Kellett | 12. Ray Clancy | 15. Jim Bronson |
| 16. Winnie Helm | 18. Bruno Di Genova | 20. Dorothy Stoliker |
| 27. Donna Dafoe | | 31. Beverly Brayton |

October Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6. Schreider Bob, Ada | 13. Lamorre John, Marilyn | 14. Hollister Ernest, Catherine |
| 18. Muskiluke Dave, Alaise | 19. Stein Morley, Sharon | 31. Prosser Gordon, Bernice |

November Birthdays

1. Bob Schreider
6. Thomas Beaton
9. Eleanor Radford
12. Anna Mae Stone
14. Debbie Hampson
25. Catherine Thiffault

1. Mabel Lucas
6. Darlene Gaffney
11. *Lest We Forget*
12. Alma Westall
22. James Graham
27. Jack Pitt

5. Gord Birt
7. John Moore
12. Joan Di Genova
14. Anna McMechan
22. Theresa McClintock
27. Betty Leroux

November Anniversaries

27. Black Bill, Deborah

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."

- Aesop

December Birthdays

2. Orlan Lee Fairman
8. Bernie Kotelinski
13. Cheryl Phillips
17. Lucille Murray
20. Ann Turner
28. Ken Geen

6. Harold Farr
12. Mona House
14. Shirley O'Grady
18. Noreen Nolan
20. Betty Howes
28. Donna Foote

7. Dave Findlay
13. Bertram McQuaid
17. Robert L McGill
19. John Lamorre
24. Kiki Trulsen
31. Lorraine Cunningham

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR





Roger McDevitt, Secretary and Les MacDonald, President Belleville C3 CNPA and Karen Knox with the Birthday Lady, **Alice Knox**. Happy 100th Birthday. Alice's husband, Ronald Knox, worked 37 years in Montreal as a Pipe Fitter.

*Let me tell you something about....**YOU**....CNPA member*

***Your** story is much more interesting than **you** think!*

*How and when did **you** become involved with **CN**?*

*Where did your journey take **you** and what stops did **you** make along the way?*

*We would all like to know a little more about **you**.*

Contact the editor at the CNPA meetings or send an email to jwmueller44@yahoo.ca subject line "CNPA Belleville Newsletter".

"The greater the difficulty, the more the glory in surmounting it".

- Epicuru

Check out the newly formatted **CNPA** website at www.cnpensioners.org.

Have questions about Healthcare coverage? Find answers on the website.

Do you volunteer in your community? **CN** will donate \$15 for every hour you volunteer at an eligible organization. Information on how to register and join the **CN Railroaders in the Community** programme is on the website.

CNPA members can save on a number of services or items such as insurance, travel packages, car rentals, hotel stays, office equipment and even vehicles

Didn't get a printed copy? Newsletters are available online.

Information about the various **CNPA** (National, Provincial and local) councils is online.

Have grandchildren interested in scholarships? Find out what's available at www.cnpensioners.org.

And, as unlikely as it seems, you can even find a section dealing with pensions!

In the last newsletter, Spring 2023 Edition (May), you probably noticed that the Renfrew Subdivision was pictured.

It was taken from **Canadian National Railway** Time Table 12 St Lawrence Region-Rideau Area taking effect at 0001 Sunday, October 30, 1966.

TT No.12 also showed the Marmora Subdivision running from *Picton* to *Lake St. Peter*. The previous Time Table, No.11, taking effect at 12.01 A.M. Sunday, April 24, 1966. does not show a Marmora Subdivision. Instead, it shows the Picton Subdivision running from *Picton* to *Trenton Yard* as well as the Maynooth Subdivision running from *Trenton Yard* to *Lake St. Peter*.

How come? What happened?

Does anyone know what led to this change and to what purpose?

*"Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises."
- Demosthenes*

2023 is an election year.

All executive positions are open for nominations.

Current terms end 31 December 2023.

Voting is scheduled to take place at our October General Meeting.

President Les MacDonald is heading up the nominating committee.

Please contact him to express your interest or suggestions.

Hi John

*Here's the 2023 Scholarship Finalists for the National Scholarship and the OPC Scholarship.
Please post these in the upcoming Newsletter.*

If you need any more info please feel free to contact me.

Cheers

Les MacDonald

Scholarship Chair

Great Lakes Region

2023 National Scholarship Finalists

Allison Coldwell - C2 Barrie, Sponsor - Joan Fournier

Rosetta Defilippis - C14 Toronto, Sponsor - Rosie Defilippis

Hannah Watson - C4 Hamilton, Sponsor - Bruce Watson

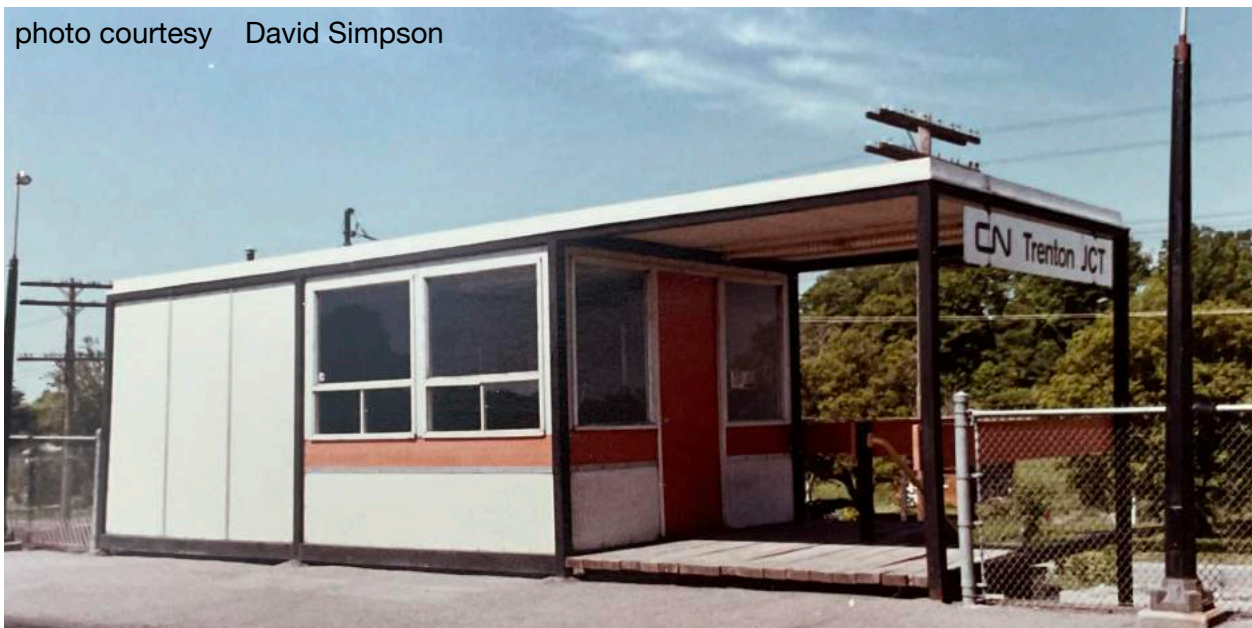
Liam Pritchard - C7 London, Sponsor - Warren Pritchard

Jeffrey Lennox - C8 Niagara Falls, Sponsor - Blaine Lennox

OPC Scholarship Finalist

Alec Schaefer - C7 London, Sponsor Wallace Schaefer

photo courtesy David Simpson



Newsletters are published each January, May and September.

We would love to have some contributions from you for future newsletters. How about it? Do you have a story or tale to share with our readers? Maybe you have an idea or other topic of interest to submit. Perhaps you could report on an event you attended.

*"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."
- St. Thomas Aquinas*

Health Care Matters

The Health Care Plan for CN Pensioners brochure is complex; there are lots of pages and it is difficult to find what you need. Never the less, it might be helpful to read it if you want to maximize your benefits. The plan brochure is on the **CNPA** national website cnpensioners.org under Healthcare and Blue Cross.

Did you know

...unattended cooking is still the #1 cause of home fires?

CN Pensioners' web portal

The portal is now available at cnbenefits.hroffice.com

It will allow you to access relevant pension information and update your address and banking information. On your first visit, you will need to register.

You will then be able to access the portal using your **CN** PIN (login ID) and the password you created. If you require assistance with registering or logging in, please call the Pensioners' Help Line at **1 800 361-0739**.

*"The man who trusts men will make fewer mistakes
than he who distrusts them."*

- Camillo Benson