



BELLEVILLE

Belleville and District Newsletter

Fall 2022 Edition (September)



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My train at Wattsview (mile 198.9 Rivers Sub) Feb 21, 2006. CN 2245 is a brand new build. Doug Hunter

May They Rest In Peace :

<i>John Lepinski</i>	<i>7 April 2022</i>
<i>Barry True</i>	<i>15 April 2022</i>
<i>Donald James Eves</i>	<i>2 May 2022</i>
<i>Betty Elvira Davis</i>	<i>3 May 2022</i>
<i>Janet Austin Mitchell</i>	<i>7 May 2022</i>
<i>Dorothy Louisa Nolan</i>	<i>11 May 2022</i>
<i>David Ladoucier</i>	<i>13 May 2022</i>
<i>Mary Perks</i>	<i>6 June 2022</i>
<i>Charles Arthur Bowers</i>	<i>9 July 2022</i>
<i>Raymond Clement</i>	<i>11 June 2022</i>
<i>Marilyn Rose Jenkins</i>	<i>18 July 2022</i>
<i>Robert Andrew Doogan</i>	<i>20 July 2022</i>
<i>Donald Thomas Recoskie</i>	<i>7 August 2022</i>
<i>Eric Marius Jensen</i>	<i>25 August 2022</i>

Did you know?

When a contributing member of our association dies, the surviving spouse is welcomed to our dinner meetings (when we have 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)

General meetings/dinners are held at 12 noon on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except June, July, August and December.

Meeting place - Quinte Sports Centre (Multi Purpose Room)
265 Cannifton Road
Belleville, ON

Executive

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President's Message

Hi Folks

Hopefully this message finds you Happy, Healthy and Stronger after all issues we had dealing with Covid over the past two years, and sadly to say it's still with us. If you had a garden hopefully you got to enjoy some of your rewards from all the hard work.

Although Covid has put a damper on a lot of things, our Local C3 Belleville CNPA Pension Committee has still being working for you, we're having business meetings on zoom and now in person, so if anyone of you needs help or information we can help you, just contact anyone of us at: www.cnpensioners.org

As of now it doesn't look like the Dinners will start in September, but fingers crossed we may be able to have our Christmas Dinner - will keep you posted.

The CNPA Scholarship Season has come to an end, we received nineteen applications and our editor will include the winners here, along with the OPC Trades Bursary.

We're always looking for new members to join our Pension Committee, so if anyone has a little extra time and would like to join (no experience necessary) we will help you along, we even have some fun and laughs.

Lastly, but very important, I would like to take the time to thank All Our C3 Committee Members who give of their time and experience from different Pension Committees to help us to have a great local pension committee to look after all your needs.

Hopefully, we'll end summer & head into the Fall Season on a Happy and Healthy note.

Don't forget to add Laughter to your daily chores.

*Cheers,
Les MacDonald*

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**.

Greetings to our newest members:

Margaret Noseworthy

Doreen True

FAQ...

Do I have to complete a membership application every year?

To remain a contributing member of the CNPA, a \$12.00 membership fee is required to be paid annually. If a CN pensioner or surviving spouse authorizes a \$1.00 deduction from their monthly pension no additional membership application will be required and the membership dues (\$1.00 per month) will continue until a request is made to discontinue it.

Payroll Deduction (PRD) helps keep administrative costs down.

If a surviving spouse receiving a CN pension remarries, does he/she still receive the pension as surviving spouse?

Surviving spouses who remarry retain their monthly pensions.

If a pensioner marries after date of retirement, is his/her spouse entitled to any portion of his monthly pension payment in the event of his death?

No. To be entitled of a pension payment, the pensioner must be married at the date of retirement or living in a conjugal relationship at least one year prior to retirement

*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 dinner meetings or send an email to jwmueller44@yahoo.ca subject line "CNPA Belleville Newsletter".

What's left from the DOC'S hotel
in front of the CN/VIA Station
Sept- 30-2013



Belleville, ON. Station street Sept 30-13

Ron Visockis S-N2b

Letter from the Editor

It is with great optimism that we anticipate resuming our monthly Dinner Meetings. I am sure that I speak for the entire executive when I say that we are looking forward to seeing all of you once again. It has been way too long.

Going back to March 2020, it seems that we have been on “pause” for a very long time. Even so, your executive has continued to work diligently on your behalf and have even had their terms of office extended to the Fall of 2022 in order to do so.

Having said that, it is hoped that with this somewhat new beginning in September, some of you will make the decision to become more active in your association and join us on the executive of **CNPA** local C3 Belleville as Directors or even stand for office in the upcoming Fall election. New and fresh ideas are never a bad thing. Granted, there is no pay and little glory, but there are rewards. Think about it.

*“Why not learn to enjoy the little things - there are so many of them.”
- St. John Chrysostom*

*“There are flowers enough in the summertime,
More flowers than I can remember—
But none with the purple, gold, and red
That dye the flowers of September!”*

—Mary Howitt (1799-1888)

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 | |

EVER WONDER...

Why they don't play poker in the jungle? There are too many cheetahs.

What you call a boomerang that won't come back? A stick.

How you get an art school graduate off your porch? Pay for the pizza!

Why you shouldn't write with a broken pencil? It's pointless.

What's brown and sticky? A stick.

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 |
| 24. Lila Thrasher | 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

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Bob Schreider | 1. Mabel Lucas | 5. Gord Birt |
| 6. Thomas Beaton | 6. Darlene Gaffney | 7. John Moore |
| 9. Eleanor Radford | 11. <i>Lest We Forget</i> | 12. Joan Di Genova |
| 12. Anna Mae Stone | 12. Alma Westall | 14. Anna McMechan |
| 14. Debbie Hampson | 22. James Graham | 22. Theresa McClintock |
| 25. Catherine Thiffault | 27. Jack Pitt | 27. Betty Leroux |

November Anniversaries

27. Black Bill, Deborah

EVER WONDER...

Why Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

What you call a cow with a twitch? Beef Jerky?

Why some people eat snails? They don't like fast food.

December Birthdays

2. Orlan Lee Fairman
7. Dave Findlay
13. Bertram McQuaid
17. Robert L McGill
19. John Lamorre
24. Kiki Trulsen
28. Donna Foote

8. Bernie Kotelinski
13. Cheryl Phillips
17. Lucille Murray
20. Ann Turner
28. Ann Pynkoski

6. Harold Farr
12. Mona House
14. Shirley O'Grady
18. Noreen Nolan
20. Betty Howes
28. Ken Geen
31. Lorraine Cunningham

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR



For some 20+ years, **Bruce Peacock** has served as the National Treasurer/Membership Chairman of the **CN Pensioner's Association**. He has decided that now is time to step down, pass the torch "and allow younger pensioners to take up the challenge and make their plans for the future."

Although he does not take credit for it, our association is in a much better place now than it was 20 years ago. The time, effort and dedication **Bruce** put into his dual roles was immense. In my humble opinion, the **CN Pensioner's Association** owes **Bruce** a huge debt of gratitude. Thank you seems so small.

"Thank you, *Bruce Peacock*"

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“Smiths Falls bridge made National Historic Site”

On August 11, a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque commemorating the national historic significance of the Smiths Falls Bascule Bridge was unveiled. “The Municipality of Smiths Falls is fortunate to now have two National Historic Sites within close proximity to its community,” said Minister of Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps. “With the designation of the Smiths Falls Bascule Bridge, visitors and boaters will see another piece of Canadian history, while exploring the scenic Rideau Canal National Historic Site of Canada.”

The Scherzer Rolling lift bascule bridge was erected across the Rideau Canal between 1912-1913 by the Canadian Northern Railway Company during the construction of the Toronto-Ottawa section of its transcontinental main line. Introduced in 1895 by William Scherzer, a Chicago-based engineer, the Scherzer rolling lift system of operation represented a novel design principle for bridge building in North America.

Derived from the French word ‘bascule’, meaning see-saw, the lift span of the bridge is balanced in a teeter-totter fashion. The rolling lift action of the bridge virtually eliminated friction and, with a counterweight balancing the lift span, during its movement, very little power was required to raise or lower the lift span. As a result, in its original design, the bascule bridge could be operated either electrically or manually. Other than during its first year of operation when it operated with a direct current (D.C.) electric motor, it had been operated manually until the winter of 1978/79 when **Canadian National** ceased operations between Smiths Falls and Strathcona, just outside of Napanee. No longer required for the railway, the bridge was left in an open position to allow for passage of vessels along the Rideau Canal Historic Site of Canada. Of the numerous bascule bridges constructed since 1910, the Smiths Falls Bascule bridge is the oldest of the remaining 14 Scherzer Rolling Lift bascule bridges found in Canada. It is one of two bascule bridges extant along the Rideau Canal.

(Parks Canada, Aug.11, thanks to Dennis Peters)



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"Swingbridge in Trenton Gone"

The former Canadian Northern Railway swingbridge was dismantled at Trenton, Ontario, this past August. The bridge was removed after spanning the Trent River for nearly 90 years, following a public outcry. Sadly a 12 year old boy fell from the unused structure and drowned. Only the roundhouse on Dufferin Street remains at Trenton. All Canadian Northern and Central Ontario Railway (CN's former Marmora Sub) structures and trackage have gone. (Roger Snape)

EVER WONDER...

Why Doctors call what they do, practice?

Why there isn't mouse-flavoured cat food?

Why sheep don't shrink when it rains?

Why they're called apartments when they're all stuck together?

Why we press harder on a remote control when the batteries are going dead?

Railroader in the Community

The *CN Railroader in the Community* programme provides grants to employees, **retirees & spouses** in recognition of time volunteered to registered charities in their communities.

It is highly recommended to participate in this programme if you qualify.

Not only can your charity benefit from your volunteering, it may also benefit financially!

Further information on the "net" at cn.ca/employeevolunteer.

"Uncle John," asked little Emily,

"Did you hear that a baby fed on elephant's milk gained over 200 pounds in one week?"

"Nonsense!

Impossible!

Whose baby was it?"

"The Elephant's"

Hello John

Here are the 2022 National Scholarships Winners along with the Trades Bursary Winner.

Paige Stoddart - C2 Barrie,	Sponsor - Jerry Gorda
Calvin Liew - C14 Toronto,	Sponsor - Tho Keup Liew
Aden Schaefer - C7 London	Sponsor Wallace Schaefer
Leah Pare - C2 Barrie	Sponsor Claude Pare
Grace Lochner - C4 Hamilton	Sponsor Caecilia Lochner

Ontario Trade Bursary:

Andrew Thompson Hoymans - C2 Barrie Sponsor George Thompson

Cheers,
Les



Rail Safety Week - September 19 to 25, 2022

Did you know

...everyone experiences stress at some point in their life, including seniors?
Stress can have a negative effect on your body, thoughts and behaviour.

Check out the CNPA website, www.cnpensioners.org

Find out “what’s new”, information about Healthcare and a wealth of other information.

Read stories and newsletters online.

Log in to the Discussion Forum to find out what other pensioners are concerned about.

Have questions? Ask on the Discussion Forum. Get answers.

Did you know

...it’s illegal to drive while impaired by drugs, even if that drug is a prescription or an over the counter medication?

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.

Did you know

...drivers must stop and yield the whole roadway at pedestrian crossings, school crossings and other locations where there is a crossing guard?