



BELLEVILLE

Belleville and District Newsletter

Spring 2023 Edition (May)



photo courtesy Dave Simpson

May They Rest In Peace :

<i>Barry Lesley Millerchuk</i>	<i>5 December 2022</i>
<i>Orval Jack Closson</i>	<i>13 December 2022</i>
<i>John Doolan Mullan</i>	<i>23 December 2022</i>
<i>Christopher Lazenby</i>	<i>24 December 2022</i>
<i>Agnes Gorman</i>	<i>28 December 2022</i>
<i>Harvey Eisenstadt</i>	<i>29 January 2023</i>
<i>Craig Stephen Robinson</i>	<i>31 January 2023</i>
<i>Herman Patrick Powers (HPP)</i>	<i>10 February 2023</i>
<i>Patricia Gagnier</i>	<i>11 February 2023</i>
<i>William Hewitt Lockington</i>	<i>3 March 2023</i>
<i>Gary Preston</i>	<i>19 March 2023</i>

“There are far better things ahead than ones we leave behind.”

- C.S. Lewis

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)

The purpose of the CN Pensioners' Association (CNPA) is to represent the needs of all retired CN employees. Our objective is to protect your interests, financial and otherwise, regarding your pension, your benefits and support and enhance your social interests and activities.

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President's Message

Hi Folks

Hopefully this message finds you Happy and Healthy. Spring is upon us, and that means garden and flower time, sounds like fun eh, but with lots of work involved.

It's great to be able to have in person Executive and Lunch Meetings again. The Dugout has been doing an excellent job for us on our breakfasts and lunches get together. From now on it will be all dinners. Many thanks to the calling Ladies that make this possible.

Our Yardman Monument is a go and would like to Thank Adrian Bax and Dave Simpson, our Fund Raising Gentlemen, for their great job on getting the funds to make this project possible. Also would like to give thanks to the rest of the Monument Committee for their time and dedication to this very worthwhile project.

Our CNPA Scholarship Program is running this year, April 15 - August 15th, with 5 National Scholarships and 1 OPC Scholarship all are \$1500.00 apiece. For details please visit www.cnpensioners.org and click on Scholarships.

We, the CNPA, C3 Belleville Council, would like to welcome all those Pensioners from C10 Peterborough that are transferring to our Local C3 Council. We have 32 coming in on account the Peterborough Council has shut down, and some will be attending our dinners.

Please feel free to contact anyone that is on the committee if you need help with pension benefits. You can reach me at 613-962-7574. Email: jlesmacdonald@gmail.com

This year is Election Year and we're always looking for new pensioners to join our committee, the pay is low but the smiles are plenty.

Would like to thank all our Local C3 Committee for their time and Commitment to making our local Council a great success.

At this time I would like to wish all of You a Happy and Healthy Summer.
Please don't forget to include some smiles in your day.
Be Happy.

Cheers

Les MacDonald

*"I believe that God put us in this jolly world
to be happy and enjoy life."*

- Robert Baden-Powell

Welcome to our Newest Members:

Michel Boucher

Don Schebek

Allan McLeod

Ken Hossack

Thomas Hodgson

Randy Helmle

Gerard Gregoire

Keith R Foster

Gerald Caldwell

Allan Workman

Randolph Scottt

Diane Taylor

Nigel R Kerry

Michael Grossi



Happy 100th Birthday, Gladys Dainard

A letter from the Governor General and the gift from the CNPA were presented.

May Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 3. Terry Burn | 10. Larry Bunnett | 11. Nancy Carrol |
| 11. Mary Czechowski | 14. <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> | 17. Ann Crabbe |
| 18. Robert J. Cousins | 20. Kathleen Bronson | 25. Anthia Dwyer |
| | 27. Dave Muskiluke | |

May Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Doran Jack, Shirley | 2. Bellwood Robert, Donna | 4. Thrasher Doug, Shirley |
| 10. Bunnett Larry, Shirley | | 31. Millerchuk Barry, Barbara |

“One of the nice things about the Senior Golf Tour” Lee Trevino joked, “is that we can take a cart & a cooler. If your game is not going well, you can always have a picnic.”

June Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. James G. Burns | 4. Roger McDevitt | 6. Rosemary Quibel |
| 6. Faye Grant | 7. Geo. Christopher | 8. Elaine Chipman |
| 13. Mary Walsh | 16. June Burns | 18. <i>Happy Father's Day</i> |
| 20. Allan O'Hara | 21. Kenneth Trolley | 22. Brian Murray |
| 25. Barry Millerchuk | | 25. Deanna Spice |

June Anniversaries

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| 6. Di Genova Bruno, Peggy | 8. Burns James, June |
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“The secret of good golf is to hit the ball hard, straight and not too often.
If you think golf is relaxing, you're not playing it right.”

- Bob Hope



July Birthdays

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Joyce Bowers | 2. Elaine O'Hara | 4. Allen Bushell |
| 8. Robert Duvall | 8. Alice Knox | 8. Irene McGinnis |
| 9. Heather Mueller | 10. Derrick Knott | 11. Mary Wade |
| 13. Bernice Den Hartog | 13. Dale Grant | 13. Ada Schreider |
| 15. Estelle English | 19. Marjorie Smith | 19. Betty Glenn |
| 21. Donald Dafoe | 21. H. Patricia Moore | 22. Virginia Perry |
| 24. Nora Mortimer | 25. Birgit Meers | 26. Joseph Chappelle |
| 26. Deanne Fahey | 28. Anne Bradley | 28. Sandra Smith |
| | 31. Dave Schulz | |

July Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 9. Newton Norm & Lyons, Jan. | 12. Den Hartog Bert, Bernice. | 14. Farr Harold, Gail |
| 15. Craig Joe, Carmel | 17. McGinnis John, Irene | 19. Birt Gord, Heather |
| | 27. Hebbourn Harry, Emily | |

"They call it golf because all the other four-letter words were taken."

- Raymond Floyd



Happy 100th Birthday
 18 January 2023
Wilbert " Wob" Collins.

Wob, a retired Engineer,
 is pictured in Belleville at the
 Richmond Centre

Les MacDonald, CNPA
 Son in law - Ivan Klyne
 Daughter - Linda Halsey
 Wilbert " Wob " Collins

August Birthdays

8. Marg Cousins
 17. Marilyn Lamorre
 27. Jan Lyons
 31. Viola Andrews

8. Margaret Haskin
 19. Donalene Hebden
 29. Larry Hampson

9. Shirley Doran
 21. Clark Coveduck
 30. Irene Craig
 31. Freda Tracey

August Anniversaries

16. Coveduck Clark, Marion

31. Fargey J. Lorne, Olive

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

“Six degrees of separation is the idea that all people are six or fewer social connections away from each other. As a result, a chain of "friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps. It is also known as the six handshakes rule.”

I have always found this concept curious.

Maybe some of you enjoy watching “Salvage Kings” on television. Salvage expert Ted Finch owns and operates his business, Flashback Salvage, out of Orillia's former **CN** train station. He is in the business of buying salvage rights to historical buildings in order to preserve the treasured artifacts that might be hidden within. Season 3 Episode 2 shows the Salvage Kings hard at work doing just that, in Belleville, at the Parrott Farmhouse, 590 Dundas St. E. and the Lanning Hat Factory, 257 Coleman St.



Here's my connection to that story:

It was April 1967.

My first assignment after qualifying as an Operator was in Whitney, Ont., gateway to Algonquin Park. The Agent, Larry Blondin, was scheduled for his two weeks of annual vacation. I was his relief. Sometime, during the first week, I was in the town of Whitney and having a conversation with the owner of the local souvenir/gift shop. He learned that I lived in Belleville and would return there on my days off. I learned that he had an order at The Lanning Hat Factory in Belleville and it was ready for pickup. In short order, arrangements were made for me to pick up his order in Belleville and deliver it to him , back in Whitney, on the following Monday. And that's exactly what happened. Six degrees?

Oh, and talking about Whitney, here's something else you might find curious. Paycheques for the Section Forces were sent Railway Mail to the Agent at Whitney for distribution. That in itself wasn't curious or unusual. What I found amusing was that at the same time, in the same bundle of Railway Mail, the Agent at Whiney received enough cash money to cover those paycheques. So, the men received their paycheques, endorsed them and then returned them to the Agent for cash.

TIME TABLE NO. 12, OCTOBER 30, 1966

WESTWARD TRAINS		Miles from Nepean	Symbols	RENFREW SUBDIVISION			Office Signals	Car Capacity		EASTWARD TRAINS	
FOURTH CLASS				STATIONS	Sidings	Other Tracks		FOURTH CLASS			
705								706			
Freight Monday Wednesday Friday									Freight Tuesday Thursday Saturday		
0900		0.0	PZ	NEPEAN (Jct. with Beachburg Sub.)					1240		
0920		8.2		CARP			33	12	1220		
0950		21.3		GALETTA			33		1150		
1005		26.4	Z	ARNPRIOR	R			26	1135		
1030		34.1		GLASGOW			35		1115		
1101		42.8	Z	RENFREW	R N			38	1045		
1110		43.5		RENFREW JCT. (Jct. with C.P.R.)			52	7	1035		
1135		54.7		DOUGLAS			12		1010		
1210		65.0		BEANVILLE	V I		40	8	0945		
1230		72.8		GOLDEN LAKE			10		0925		
1250		81.9		KILLALOE	W S		11	22	0905		
1315		90.3		WILNO			20		0845		
1400		96.8	K Y Z	BARRYS BAY	B Y		32	31	0830		
		133.7	RZ	WHITNEY	W N			30			
Monday Wednesday Friday		<i>Special instruction 2 applicable. Rules 41 & 44 applicable.</i>							Tuesday Thursday Saturday		
705									706		

RENFREW SUBDIVISION FOOTNOTES

1 Green Signals. Trains displaying signals to Nepean, will continue to display them to Walkley or Ottawa and register signals accordingly.

2 Barrys Bay. Trains must obtain clearance.

INTERLOCKING

8

MAXIMUM SPEED

Mileage

0.0 to 133.7

Miles per hour

All trains

30

Another thing particular to Whitney: The Renfrew Sub was under the control of the Desk "B" Dispatcher in Belleville. There was a pole line on the Renfrew Sub, but, the telephones did not allow for direct communication with the Dispatcher. So, each morning, the Agent at Whitney would call the Train Dispatcher on the Bell telephone to obtain a Line-Up of Trains on the Renfrew Sub. The Agent would copy it and repeat it back to the Dispatcher to ensure correctness. Then, at a predetermined, set time each day, the Agent would broadcast the Line-Up to whoever was listening on the Renfrew Sub. One of the Sectionmen would then repeat the Line-Up back while, this time, the Agent checked for correctness.

Disclaimer.....I try not to let too many facts get in the way of my stories.

Sometimes, I disremember things, but, I can convince myself I know the truth.

JWM

Check out the newly formatted **CNPA** website at www.cnpensioners.org. It looks really good, in my opinion, with lots of information and links to almost everything you need or would like to know.

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!

*"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones
that look like they cannot be done."*

- Arnold Palmer

By The Harrowsmith Team

Make your own natural cleaning spray *and* find a second use for your citrus peels.

On its own, white vinegar provides a natural and effective cleaner — and it's also very inexpensive! However, many people find the smell of white vinegar to be far too pungent and sharp to use as a cleaner on its own. Solution: Use your lemon, lime, orange, grapefruit, pomelo peels to infuse the white vinegar and make a citrusy cleaning spray. And even better, lemon oils will help cut through any built-up grease and lemon juice has natural anti-fungal, antibacterial, insecticidal, and deodorizing properties.

Materials to make a natural cleaning spray:

- Large empty glass jar (dill pickle-sized is perfect)
- Discarded peels from 2-6 lemons, limes, oranges or any citrus fruit
- 1 L of white vinegar
- Clean, chemical-free spray bottle
- Funnel
- Colander or strainer
- Tap water

Instructions:

1. To make, add the peels of lemon, lime, orange and/or grapefruit to a jar with vinegar and let it sit for 2-3 weeks. The longer it sits the more it will smell like sunshine, not vinegar.
2. Strain liquid into spray bottle, mix with water at a 1 : 1 ratio.

When you read the newsletter, do you pay any attention to page 3?
That's where you find the names and contact information of those who volunteer to serve on the Belleville Council (C3) of the **CN Pensioners' Association** (CNPA).
Please note that 2 names have recently been added to the list.

Kudos to both **Norm Crawford** and **Rick Phillips** for stepping up to become Directors of your local council to help guide our association into the future and to protect your interests.

*A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall.
The Police are looking into it*

Speaking of new names. We are looking for some.

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.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

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 was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope
that at least one of the puns would make them laugh.
No pun in ten did.*

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.

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".

Yesterday a clown held the door open for me.
I thought it was a nice Jester.

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**.

It's hard to explain puns to a kleptomaniac
because they always take things literally.

This item reprinted from "Branchline" Volume 32 Number 7 dated July/August 1993

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CANADIAN NATIONAL INVESTS IN NEW TRAIN INFORMATION SYSTEM;

In a bid to improve performance and on-time reliability, **CN** North America has announced that it will invest \$100 million in a new computer system. The system is based on the waybill tracking of individual shipments as opposed to the current system which tracks freight cars and locomotives. The new system was developed by the Santa Fe Railroad.

CN estimates that it will have the system installed in western Canada by the end of 1994 and in the east by the end of 1995. (Journal de Montreal, 27/05/93)