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3rd Thursday of September & October 2024,
Subsidized Lunch at 12 noon Meetings start at 1 PM.
For meeting information and upcoming events,
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CN Pensions and Benefits Administration
1-800-361-0739

Pensioners' Web Portal:
cnbenefits.hroffice.com

It will allow you to access relevant pension information, 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 create. If you require assistance with registering or logging in, please call Pensioners' Help Line

1-800-361-0739.

CNPA National Web Site: www.cnpensioners.org

CNPA English Facebook Pg: www.facebook.com/cn.pensioners.9/

CNPA French Facebook Pg: www.facebook.com/cnpa.french.3:

Important

When a pensioner/surviving spouse moves or dies, CN Pension and Benefits Administration needs to be advised immediately by calling **1-800-361-0739.**

As well you immediately let your local council, Louise Bayer, Membership, 519-438-2433, lbayer2022@gmail.com, know as well.



CENTENARIANS CELEBRATE THEIR 100TH BIRTHDAYS

June 1st, 2024 was Angela Sommie's 100th birthday, Angela is the spouse of the late Frank Sommie a Carman who worked at Merriton ON. They retired in Sarnia ON, where their son Frank worked for VIA. Making the presentation is Ron Hewson, also present were Jim Houston and Dianna Hewson.



Photo: Ron Hewson, Angela Sommie, Frank Sommie.



Rita Georgeff's 100th birthday was August 24, 2024, She lives in her home in Windsor and is one of the founding members of a local golf course, where she had booked a tee off time the following week to become the oldest golfer at the course. She is the spouse of the late Larry Georgeff who was an engineer in Passenger service from Windsor until a heart attack and then worked Yard service until retirement. President Ron Hewson made the presentation, accompanied with his wife Dianna.

Photo: Rita Georgeff, Ron Hewson

Owen Sound Community Waterfront Heritage Centre:

On Tuesday, May 28th, Secretary/Treasurer, Rick Dixon and wife, Karen travelled to the above location wherein is housed the Railway and Marine Museum. We met with Museum Curator and Manager, Zachary McLean. We presented him with a copy of CN's red book, "100 Years of Building a Legacy Together." On it's own, this book brought a great smile to his face and he indicated it will hold a place in the room for all to see. Next, a Time Table, from the era that still illustrated all the forgotten railroads that CN had running from Stratford up to the Bruce. And what a treasure he thought it was. He'd never seen such a pristine copy. Then to top it all off, we presented him with the \$500.00 cheque. He and the Volunteer who was with him just stood there, awed, almost dumbfounded. Their appreciation was evident and they both wanted us to tell our Council what a wonderful thing that they had done in supporting their work there. We then took a walk out to explore the outside exhibits. A Caboose, recently damaged inside by possible vandals, and the CN Coach that has been upgraded to be used for Meetings and Gatherings by area residents. Zachary said Bridesmaid Parties are the perfect use. Walking along the canal in front of the Centre, you can see the Chi-Cheemaun during winter storage time. A giant Laker was docked there for repairs. It was a pleasant walk. Back in the Museum, we were totally amazed at the knowledge Zachary and Volunteer (I'm sorry I don't remember his name) about the history Rail Roads and Marine history from miles around. If you ever are in the area, a visit there is well worth while. And, the exhibits in the Marine area are also interesting. We thank Zachary for an interesting and informative time during our visit.



President's Message

We want to "promote and protect the social, economic and fraternal interests" of our members. This can only happen with more of you getting involved with our council. That would also help strengthen and grow our council.

As you can see we have renamed this council to the **SOUTHWESTEN ONTARIO COUNCIL C7**

The name change was made to let our members know that you do not have to come from London to get involved with this Local Council and you do not need to be on the executive to be involved. All you need is to be interested and help out with your ideas towards a social event.

The National Council has been working on getting our members discounts on items like Ford X Plan, Rogers Phones and Hearing Life. You can find out all the information on our website

www.cnpensioners.org.

At the top of the page you will see "What's New." All the information is there for you to click on.

This year at our Christmas Luncheon on November 14th we will be having Cake and Ice Cream, to celebrate The CN Pensions Association 50th Anniversary as a National Council of CN Pensioners. Please come and join us for the fellowship, along with the extra dessert you will get this year.

Do not forget to keep your mailing and e-mail address up to date, with CN Pension and Benefits Administration 1-800-361-0739 and also with Louise Bayer at 693 Brant St. London ON N5Y 3M9 or lbayer2022@gmail.com

See you at the meeting!



For the 50th Year CNPA celebration Council C7 purchased lapel pins for the occasion. These will be distributed at the fall meetings and Christmas Dinner.

Come out to these events and receive a pin.

CDCP: The Canadian Dental Care Plan

On December 11, 2023, the Government of Canada released additional details of the CDCP. This long-awaited information provides clarity with respect to the definition of "no access" to dental care and specifies the manner in which CDCP will be phased in over time.

Eligibility

To qualify for the CDCP, an individual must satisfy at the following criteria

- have no access to dental coverage
- have an annual adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000
- be a Canadian resident for tax purposes
- have filed a tax return in the prior tax year

Phases Participation

In December 2023, a phased approach to implementation of the CDCP was introduced starting with seniors aged 87 and older. The CDCP then expanded to other senior groups starting in January 2024 as follows:

- January 2024 Ages 77-86
- February 2024 Ages 72-76
- March 2024 Ages 70-71
- May 2024 Ages 65-69

In June 2024 the application process was opened for persons with a valid Disability Tax Credit and children under the age of 18 years.



CN and Hockey Helps the Homeless Announce Three-Year Partnership to Support Vulnerable Canadians

MONTREAL, July 24, 2024 today announced a commitment of \$1.5 million through a three-year partnership with Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH). Starting with the 2024-2025 hockey season, CN will become the new Premier National Partner for HHTH to help raise awareness and financial support for people experiencing homelessness through education, fundraising, and partnering with solutions-based local shelters and services.

In addition to assuming the role of Premier National Sponsor, CN will also serve as the Presenting Sponsor of HHTH Montreal on March 28, 2025. This tournament marks Hockey Helps the Homeless' 19th annual hockey tournament in Montreal which raises funds to fight homelessness in the city. This initiative is another example of how CN supports communities along its network and beyond.

Dates of tournaments are: **Waterloo Region Oct 25th/24**, Kingston Nov 15th/24, Barrie Feb 28th/25, Peel March 21st/25, Toronto April 5th/25 (Women's), Toronto April 6th/25 (Men & Co-ed) & **London May 3rd/25**.

If you wish to become a HHTH volunteer, please go to the HHTH Volunteer Cup page at: <https://hhth.akaraisin.com/ui/VolunteerCup>

NOTE: Any member/spouse volunteering for this event will qualify for our Railroaders in the Community program and can log their hours for the event and CN will contribute to HHTH.



Membership does have its benefits! If you want to save a few dollars, we have arranged for a variety of special rates, discounts and other benefits to be available to CN Pensioners. Whether its Home and Auto & Travel Insurance or Personal Travel Benefits or you need a new computer, check out the various offers listed. <https://www.cnpensioners.org/membership/membership-discounts>



As a CN Pensioners Association member, you are eligible to participate in the Ford Partner Recognition X-Plan Vehicle Pricing Program!

Program members have access to exclusive savings on Ford and Lincoln vehicles.

CNPA members can access the program at www.fordpartner.com

Use the CN/CNPA partner code - KX0E7 (a "zero" not the letter 'O') - and choose your country/language preference to enter the portal. Within the program portal, you can research vehicles, review plan rules and create your personalized PIN. Once you have your PIN, follow the instructions on how to use that PIN and proof of your CNPA membership to access Ford pricing discounts at any Ford dealer.



Hotel Savings

The CNPA, in conjunction with CN, have secured discounted rates at a variety of hotels and locations worldwide to help you save when you travel. Discounts up to 20 % are available at participating hotels but note that not all brands within an offering may honour the discount codes.

Best Western

With hotels across 19 brands (including Best Western, Glo and SureStay) in 100+ countries and territories.

Best Western® is pleased to offer a special rate to CNPA members at participating hotels. The corporate discount code for CN/ CNPA is 01344410. You receive a 19% discount when booking directly with the hotel at: <http://www.bestwestern.com>

Choice Hotels

More than 7000 hotels over 22 brands including Comfort Inn, Econolodge, Quality Inn and Radisson

Choice Hotels are pleased to offer a preferred rate to CNPA members at participating hotels. You will save 15%, and possibly more, when booking directly with Choice Hotels at: www.choicehotels.com/?clientid=00064447

As well, new members enrolling in the Choice Privileges program will receive 1,000 bonus points.



CN Pensioners now have access to the monthly eMagazine 'CN Spotlight'

<https://www.cnpensioners.org/cn-community/cn-spotlight>

Holo Alert Medical Alert Pendant and Watch:

- GPS Tracking: Provides real-time location data to emergency responders for accurate and fast assistance.
- Two-Way Communication: Built-in speaker and microphone in both devices allow direct communication with emergency operators.
- Fall Detection: Automatically detects falls and sends an alert to monitoring centers without needing to press a button.
- Emergency Button: Pressing the button on either device initiates a call to the emergency response team.
- Water-Resistant: Both devices can be worn in the shower or rain without damage.
- For CNPA members:
 - o Free Medical Alert Watch (valued at \$400) or free Medical Alert Pendant (valued at \$250)
 - o 10 day money back guarantee
 - o Contributing members receive 20% off on all 24/7 GPS & Fall Detection Monitoring Services (\$10-15 savings per month)
 - o Non-Contributing members receive 10% off on all 24/7 GPS and Fall Detection Monitoring Services (\$5-7 per month in savings)

For further information, or assistance in registering, contact Matthew Toth: mtoth@holoalert.ca or www.holoalert.ca or phone 825-401-1905



HearingLife Hearing Care Services

The CN Pensioners Association has teamed up with the professionals at HearingLife to provide the very best hearing care services to all its members. HearingLife and its Network Partners have over 400 clinics across the nation and form the largest network of Hearing Health care providers in Canada.

Your membership with the CN Pensioners Association makes you and your spouse/partner, children, and parents eligible to receive exclusive benefits, including an EXTRA 10% off the final purchase price of hearing aids and custom noise protection, plus more AIR MILES™ Reward Miles! *

Please note that you will be required to show your CNPA membership card at your appointment.

PLUS, you're eligible to register for the HearingLife Advantage Club Pass and receive:

A FREE Club Pass Card

Opportunities to collect more Air Miles™ Reward Miles

Access to exclusive contests and giveaways

Take Advantage now! Visit HearingLifeAdvantage.ca/CNPA to request your free Club Pass Card

Have questions? Contact the preferred partner line at 1-888-419-8871

Rogers Preferred Program

Rogers has partnered with the CNPA to offer all members - and their families - discounts on their mobility through the Rogers Preferred Program. Save up to 30\$ per month on a Rogers Infinite plan today, and get our 5G Wireless Home Internet solution starting from 35\$ per month. Visit www.planetemobile.biz and type in username "CNPA" and password "mobile" to start your order. You will be asked to provide a picture of your membership card in the final stages to take advantage of the program's exclusive pricing.

Call 514-880-9948 or send an email to vcapsis@planetem.com for all inquiries.

There are many variables that can determine which plans you can sign up for, depending on whether you are a new customer, an existing customer, requiring a new phone, using an existing phone and what coverage you want. That is why any inquiries should be made through vcapsis@planetem.com and Vangy can walk you through your available options.

NOTE: While this is a Rogers based cell plan, it is not available through your local Rogers kiosk. It is a CNPA negotiated group rate by their group supplier Planet Mobile.

Q3 2024
RPP National rate card *SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

60GB		100GB		100GB	
INFINITE LITE <small>Regular \$39.99</small>		INFINITE ESSENTIAL <small>Regular \$59.99</small>		INFINITE PREMIUM <small>Regular \$59.99</small>	
Finance	& BYOD	Finance	& BYOD	Finance	& BYOD
\$45	/\$40	\$50	/\$45	\$55	/\$45
Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional	Primary	Additional
CANADA WIDE		CANADA + USA		CANADA + USA + MEXICO	
shared data		shared data		shared data	

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CNPA Council C7 Membership

Meeting & Event Schedule

Meetings:

September 26th, 2024

October 24th, 2024

Marconi Club 120 Clarke Rd. London

Christmas Dinner
November 14, 2024
 12 noon

Richards Memorial Church, London

"From the Desk of Louise Bayer"

I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to the fall season with the leaves changing color, and the cooling temperature without the humidity we experienced this summer.

Our Christmas dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024,

12 noon at Richards Memorial United Church,

360 Edgeworth Ave.,

London, ON.

Cost per person is \$15.00. Please let Louise know by Nov 4th if you will be attending. You should arrive by 11:30 to get checked in, the dinner will be served 12 noon sharp.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will be having a Christmas gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

When you advise Louise if you are going to attend the Christmas dinner, please tell her if you will be bringing a gift. One per person (not one per couple unless only one wants to participate).

If you are going to attend one of our scheduled meetings at the Marconi Club and have lunch there at 12 noon, prior to the meeting at 1 p.m., please let me know one week in advance if you will be attending. I have to give the Marconi one week's notice of head count for the lunches.

It is very important if you move, get a new phone number, physical address, new mailing address, or email address, that you let me know of same ASAP. at 519-438-2433 or lbayer2022@gmail.com

If you know of any retired CN Pensioner that is not already a member of the CNPA, please encourage them to join. There is strength in members. Have them contact me by phone or by email.

Regards and Happy Fall

Louise Bayer

Current obituaries



Poupard	Gordon	2024-03-02
Kerr	Larry	2024-03-03
Acre	Steven J	2024-04-01
Lawson	Jane Elizabeth	2024-04-04
Mockler	Vera Margaret	2024-04-04
Yendt	Donna M	2024-04-04
Berdan	Guy	2024-04-07
Greer	Janet	2024-04-10
Johnson	James	2024-04-25
Shortt	Gloria	2024-04-25
Christmann	Donna	2024-04-26
Hind	Virginia	2024-04-28
Hillier	Manuel	2024-04-30
Beckett	Charles	2024-05-07
Allen	Howard	2024-05-14
Moore	Doris	2024-05-15
Passingham	Marion	2024-05-21
Gosnell	Madeline Dorothy	2024-05-25
Dawes	Florence	2024-06-06
Gendron	Gaston	2024-06-08
Treitz	Carrie	2024-06-10
Johnston	Lois	2024-06-10
Madden	James	2024-06-12
Reardon	Carroll	2024-06-16
Gagliardi	Angelina	2024-06-21
Bisson	Cecile	2024-07-01
Anderson	Kathleen M	2024-07-03
Walsh	Elizabeth	2024-07-13
Bailey	Betty	2024-07-15
Lamb	Guy	2024-07-15
Gosnell	Kenneth	2024-07-20
Dorman	Willis C	2024-07-24
Haycock	David	2024-07-29

