

# Canadian Pacific Pensioners

## Association of Calgary - Newsletter Fall 2016



### ***Message from our President***

I hope you had a good and enjoyable summer which was rather wet in Calgary. Rarely, we have to water the lawns however it has certainly impacted some of the outdoor activities. According to Farmer's Almanac predictions, it is anticipated that winter will be snowy and cold. Let's hope it is as mild as it was last year.

We had a good turnout at our September luncheon. It is always encouraging to see new faces at these monthly get together. I have received good feedback about the speaker's presentation on Wills, Personal Directives and Power of Attorney. Please give us your suggestions on the topics or issues that you would like us to arrange at the luncheons.

Members of the CP Social club are also arranging a number of events that we will post on the bulletin board at the association and announce at the luncheons. Please try to attend to catch up on the news at your association and CP Rail in general.

In the end I would like to extend my appreciations to the board members for their support and help.

Surinder Rehill



***Since our last Newsletter:***

***In Memory of Departed Members***

Frank Kuri,  
Fatehali Murji  
Mylo Forsyth.

***Welcome to our New Members***

Doug Welsh  
Al Lewin  
Dat Vu Duong

Ramon Ico  
Mario Carrera



**Executive and Committee Chairpersons for 2016**

President – Surinder Rehill,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Dinah Breu  
2 Vice President – Hugh Carey  
Secretary Treasurer – Frank Mark {Temp.}

***Club Directors***

Ken Brown, Lyle Berge, Bill Benner, Dinah Breu, Surinder Rehill, Hugh Carey, Ray Beirnes & Frank Mark

***Committee Chairpersons***

Audit Committee – Ben Monsees, Bruce Bennett & Art Tetz  
Communications – Dinah Breu  
Bylaws – Bill Benner  
Sick & Visiting – Ray Beirnes  
Memberships – Frank Mark  
Travel & Social – Ken Brown  
Nominating – Bill Benner  
Newsletter – Lyle Berge & Bill Benner  
Pension – Lyle Berge & Ken Brown  
Property – Hugh Carey & Frank Mark  
Financial – Ray Beirnes



## Upcoming Events

FOR THE TRAVEL COORDINATORS – attached is the poster for our Christmas Lunch trip to the Banff Park Lodge on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you think you'll have people interested in joining the trip – PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This trip always sells out very early so seats will likely all be gone by mid-October!

The lunch will be the same as previous years ie 3-course turkey & all the trimmings with tea or coffee (served at the table). Other beverages would be available at a separate cost.

Please let us know if you'll have people – we've already had an enquiry for a group – so please don't delay.

*T. Thomson/D. Sheppard*  
*Quality Time Holidays*  
*Ph: [\(403\) 281-5095](tel:4032815095)*  
*For A Good Time*

*Travel With Quality Time*

### **CP Social Club events:**

#### **Stage West: Million Dollar Quartet (Nov 4 & Nov 6):**

Million Dollar Quartet is the Tony Award Winning musical which brings together Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins. It brings together a once in a life time celebration of four friends that is altogether poignant, heartwarming and funny!

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### **APRIL MEETING AND LUNCH**

This was beautiful mild April Spring day. The weather helped to encourage a good turnout of 53 members to the Calgary C.P Pensioner's Association regular monthly meeting which was held at our Ogden Club Rooms.

We had a very informative speaker, Christine Conley who was the Community Outreach Coordinator from the Calgary Meals on Wheels. Christine gave a presentation on the five different programs offered to individuals, families and community groups.

A great lunch was served consisting of cabbage rolls, pasta and Samosas with a dessert of cake and ice cream. A special thanks to our member Mr Jagatjit Banga and his family for making and donating the delicious Samosas and donating the cost of the lunch supplies this month to the club. A most generous and appreciated offer.

A 50 / 50 draw was held and the winners were;

Dinah Breu .....\$ 40.00; Jean Robinson .....\$40.00

Wine draw winners;

Sid Mitchell; Doreen Gruszecki

Thanks to the wine donors ..... Vic Renney , Richard Boittiaux  
Laurie Rupert

By Bill Benner

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**MAY MEETING AND LUNCH**

The regular monthly meeting of the Calgary C.P Pensioner's Association was held on May 10, 2016 at the Ogden Club Rooms. We had a good turnout with 42 members in attendance.

Lunch was served and consisted of Pizza and chips with a dessert of apple pie and ice cream. Thanks to our special ladies of the kitchen for the preparation, serving and clean-up of these lunches.

We had guest speakers from the Investors Group who gave a very informative talk about Annuities, the basics of annuities, the different types of annuities and where and how they fit with your investment situation. Thanks to Manwinder Gill C.P.A., C.A. and Kenneth Marles CLU for their information and financial advice.

A wine draw was held and the winners were: Al Lawin and Richard Boittiaux

A 50/50 draw was held and the winners were: Jurgen Lehmann \$25.00 and Emilio Julliani \$25.00

by Bill Benner

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**EARLY BEGINNINGS-CALGARY PENSIONER ASSOCIATION - Part 2**

After the first Membership meeting, there was a lot of work left to do. The executive would have an Executive meeting where plans were made which were then presented to the membership, and motions were made, seconded and voted on. Plans were needed for the asking for rooms, both for the executive meetings and the larger facilities for the general membership.

The executive were able to use smaller room/s such as the Herald Board Room, Naturally, the Executive would approach the Company for larger rooms such as The Crystal Ballroom, the East Room of the Palliser Hotel, and the Gas Company Auditorium.

An attempt was made to get the local Freight Agent to use their rooms as clubrooms. The Agent was "very cooperative but that satisfactory conditions were not possible. Membership was expanded to include the Alberta District, (until such time as each terminal has enough members to form their own association.) Discussions were held concerning admitting other Railway retirees, (not CP). It was common after general and Executive meetings to show "Moving Pictures" with subjects such as Royal Tours, Trips across Canada, Alaska, Fishing, and wartime films about the Inland Sea, Trooping the Colours, and the Battle of Britain.

A Sick visiting group was set up with 3 execs. One of their first questions was "Who would get the cigarettes and flowers to take while visiting. They wrestled with methods to notify the members of the general meetings. They tried to get the hotel to allow for a particular date each month but were unsuccessful. The executive was to produce a Draft Constitution for the Association. At the October 22, 1952 meeting it was suggested that a General Membership "party" be held to which the ladies would be invited. This would be on Dec 17, ended up on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The president offered to bring ice cream, and the Secretary said he would arrange with the Passenger Dept. For Moving Pictures, some they hadn't used before. The Executive are expected to make arrangements for a "pleasant afternoon.

Mr Switzer, a Minister from a downtown church would be asked to speak at November Meeting. At the Nov. Meeting Mr. Switzer's topic was "What Price World Peace?" (It still appears to be a good topic today.) The December Membership Meeting, (Party) on the 19<sup>th</sup>, was well attended. The Genl. Superintendent W. Mayne spoke about what great employees the Pensioners were in keeping the railway operating in the past. A Miss Helen de Caux gave several lovely solos accompanied by Miss Joyce Hackett. A quartet of CPR Employees male voices gave selections of songs, which was well received and given "a big applause. "The Secretary, Fred Hunt, was thanked and given a presentation for his services.

A film of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth was then shown. Refreshments were served by Mrs. W. Kay and her committee. Everyone agreed that a pleasant afternoon was had.

Contributed by: Ken Brown



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### **SEMI ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 14 2016**

The Semi Annual Meeting of the Calgary C.P. Pensioners Association was held at the Ogden Club Rooms on June 14 2016 AT 10;30 A.M. We had a good turnout with 50 members in attendance.

The meeting was opened by President Surinder Rehill who called for 1 minute of silence in respect for recently deceased members. It was decided to by-pass the reading of the minutes in order to save time and this was approved by the membership

Financial Director Ray Beirnes reported that the general state of our finances were in good shape with a few exceptions. The Auditors have checked the books and found them in balance.

Secretary Treasurers Report - Frank Mark reported that \$711.00 was earned through raffles, donations, pool and the sale of sundries.

Internal Communications - Surinder Rehill reported that because of our affiliation with the C.P Social Club we have been asked to participate in many upcoming events. Also they have made arrangements with passes with Heritage Park once again. Phone club for information or check our bulletin boards at the club rooms and watch your E-mails for information.

Sick and Visiting — Ray Beirnes reported on his visits. If anyone would like a visit, please get in touch with our club room office.

Travel — Ken Brown reported on our association with Quality Tours and the great job they do. We still need more participants to ensure that these tours can continue. Ken reported on future upcoming trips as well as past memorable tours.

Social Committee — Pat Brown reported of the success of the past year and thanked all the volunteers in the kitchen and the need for at least one more volunteer.

Newsletter - Bill Benner reported on the cost of the Spring Edition of the Newsletter and asked if we could get more members to give us their E-mail address we could substantially reduce our mailing costs.

National Council of C.P. Pensioners — Lyle Berge Reported on the National Council and what it does in the way of submitting proposals for improvements for our pension system. Lyle mentioned that although most of these proposals are turned down it still creates awareness of existing issues.

Communications — Dinah Breu reported on the importance of phoning our members of events, thanked the phoners and said that the system was working well.

Memberships — Frank Mark reported that we have 269 members with 20 gold members (90 +)

We had an excellent speaker, Blain Maclsaac, Director of Pension Services who reported that the pension fund was in good shape and near to 12 billion dollars . He also informed us that their call centre is open only from 8 A.M.to 1 P.M and all calls will be returned usually in 24 hours .Also they will not take drop in retirees at the front desk to discuss problems due to reduced staffing. The preferred way is by E-mails and they will accept phone calls between 8A.M and 1 P.M. He also reported on yearly statements being issued on your pension status starting this year.

A 50/ 50 draw was held and the winners were;

Doreen Horrick \$ 40.00 returned for re draw

Don Jennnings \$40.00

Louis Hlasny \$40.00

Wine Draw Winners;

Ray Beirnes, Pedro Denegri, Frank Mark

Thanks to the wine donors

Vic Renny and Richard Boittiaux

by Bill Benner

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**SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING AND LUNCH**

The regular September meeting of the Calgary C.P.Pensioners Association was held on September 13 . 2016 at the Ogden Club Rooms. We had a good turnout of members considering that this was the first meeting of the season and the perfect summer- like weather would keep members away doing other outdoor activities.

We had Brent Epp , a lawyer from the Epp Law Firm who gave an excellent presentation on Wills . Personal Directives and Enduring Power of Attorney and their importance in planning a will. This topic created much interest among our members and prompted many questions.

Lunch was served and consisted of Bon Ton meat pies with salad and a dessert of cake and ice cream. Thanks to those ladies that participated in the preparation, serving and clean up for this occasion.

A 50/50 draw was held and the winners were;

Louis Hlasny.....\$30.00

Bob Jackiw.....\$30.00

A wine raffle was held and the winners were;

Rashpal Sandu

Christine Piekema

As usual thanks to the wine donors Vic Renny and Richard Boittiaux

by Bill Benner  
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**OCTOBER CLUB MEETING AND LUNCH**

The regular October meeting of the Calgary C.P. Pensioners Association was held on October 11 ,2016 at our Ogden Club Rooms. We had a turnout of 30 members who were rewarded with good food and a good speaker.

We had a Dermatologist, Dr. Malika Ladha who gave an excellent and informative presentation on skin cancer, including the types, treatment and recognition of various types of skin cancer and the importance of seeing your doctor for diagnosis and treatment.

President Surinder Rehill made a request for a donation on behalf of one of our members who is going through hard times and requires some financial assistance. Call the office for ways to assist our member with any donations.

An excellent lunch was served by our ladies in the kitchen and consisted of Black Forest Ham, scalloped potatoes and cole slaw, with a dessert of apple pie and ice cream.

After lunch, a 50/50 draw was held along with a wine draw;

The winners of the wine draw were;

Ruth Pattie and Karl Batter

Thanks to Vic Renny for the wine donation

by Bill Benner



### ***Funny Train Jokes and Assorted Stories***

#### **Wrong Train**

A few years ago, I decided to visit my sister who was living in France. I assumed that most French would speak English. I found that many people spoke only their own language and this included the ticket inspector on the train. He punched my ticket, then chatted cordially for a bit, making several expansive gestures. I simply nodded from time to time to show him that I was interested.

When he had gone, an American tourist, also on the train, leaned forward and asked if I spoke French.

'No', I admitted.

'Then that explains', she said, 'why you didn't bat an eyelid when he told you that you were on the wrong train.'

#### **An Enlightening Case**

In a terrible accident at a railroad crossing, a train smashed into a car and pushed it nearly four hundred yards down the track. Though no one was killed, the driver took the railway company to court.

At the trial, the engineer insisted that he had given the driver ample warning by waving his lantern back and forth for nearly a minute. He even stood and convincingly

demonstrated how he'd done it. The court believed his story, and the suit was dismissed. 'Congratulations,' the lawyer remarked to the engineer when it was over. 'You did superbly under cross-examination.'

'Thanks,' the engineer murmured, 'but he sure had me worried.'  
'How's that?' the lawyer inquired.

'I was afraid he was going to ask if the damned lantern was lit.'

### **Pinot Wines**

There are many 'pinot' wines on the market these days: Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Grigio are but a few.

There is also marketing research on a product for senior citizens from a new hybrid grape that acts as a diuretic and will reduce the number of trips an older person has to make to the bathroom during the night.

They will be marketing the new wine as .... Pinot More.



### **National Council Report for Calgary Pensioners**

The next biennial convention will be held in Kamloops, B.C. from May 25 – 27, 2017.  
Stay tuned for more details.

Lyle Berge, President, National Council of Canadian Pacific Pensioners Associations.

### **Website for CP Pensioners – [www.cp-pensioners.com](http://www.cp-pensioners.com)**

An updated "In Memoriam" was posted on August 3, 2016.

**PHOTOS FROM RECENT EVENTS**





**Contacts:**

The CP Pension Services Call Centre is available to answer your pension related questions. Service is available in French and English and the hours of operations are from 7 AM to 1 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST).

Please review the “How do I” page in the pensioner website for answers to some our most commonly asked questions.

- Toll Free: 1-888-511-7557
- Calgary Area: (403) 319-3035
- Fax number: (403) 319-3669
- email: [pension@cpr.ca](mailto:pension@cpr.ca)

Or by mail at:

Canadian Pacific Pension Services  
7550 Ogden Dale Road S.E.  
Calgary, AB T2C 4X9

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**Blue Cross**

Toll free – 1-888-873-9200

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Jim McKinnon has kindly donated two Muskoka chairs (seen above). These are being raffled together and the number of tickets will be a maximum of 60. Cost per ticket is \$5. Stayed tuned for more information on a draw date.

***Thanks, Jim!!***

**\*\*Remember, the dues are now \$15.00 per Year**

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**YOU MAY REMIT YOUR DUES TO:**

**FRANK MARK Secretary Treasurer, Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association**

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**Phone Club: 403-262-1238 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10AM – 1 PM**

**HAVE A GOOD DAY AND A NICE FOREVER**