

# **Canadian Pacific Pensioners**



## ***Association of Calgary***

### **Newsletter Fall 2013**

#### **Message from the President**

**The long summer continues while I am writing this, and Global Warming certainly appears to be with us. Calgary is now enjoying better tomatoes and floral displays.**

**We are all impressed by the all the changes made at the Ogden facility, and those who attend our lunches are surprised at all of the progress. There are very few railway tracks in the area now.**

**We are trying to have more frequent speakers for our programs now, so if you have subjects, that you wish for us to cover, let us know. In October we will have a presentation on the "Capsule of life". We hope to see a good turnout of members then.**

**President Ken Brown**

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## **Coming Events 2013-14**

November 12, 2013 – Meeting and Lunch \$5.00 per person.

December 17, 2013 – Banff Park Lodge \$73.00 per person?

January 14, 2014 – Meeting and Lunch \$5.00 per person.

February 11, 2104 - Valentine's Day Meeting and Lunch \$5.00 per person.

March 11, 2014 – St. Patrick's Day Meeting and Lunch \$5.00 per person.

April 8, 2014 – Meeting and Lunch \$5.00 per person.

May 13, 2014 – Meeting and Lunch \$5.00 per person.

*\*\*\*\*Above Events and prices subject to change.*

Bus Trips will be announced as available.

### **PLEASE PUT THES EVENTS & DATES ON YOUR CALANDAR**

#### **“ Notice to those who go on BUS TRIPS”**

Post dated cheques will be accepted. Dated one week before payment due date of the Trip.  
Please Book Early with Irna to make it easier for us to make final arrangements.

NOTE: CUT OFF DATE FOR BUS TRIPS VARIES.

FREE PARKING, AT CLUB FUNCTIONS AND FOR BUS TRIPS, IS AVAILABLE ALONG THE  
SIDE OF THE BUILDING (RAMP), WHERE AVAILABLE, AND IN PARKING LOT TO THE RIGHT AT  
THE BOTTOM OF THE RAMP.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

The CP Pensioners Club Rooms at Ogden Will be Open on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
in the Mornings from 9AM until 12 PM (Noon)

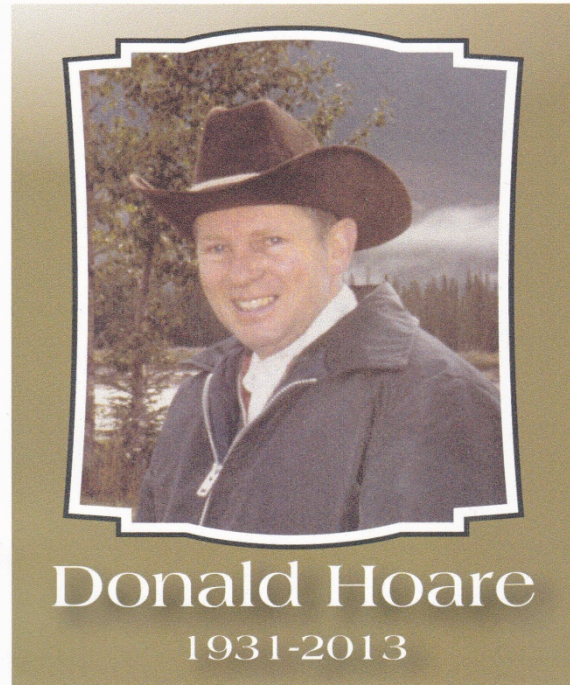
### **In Memory of Don Hoare**

It was indeed a sad Time for us to learn of the passing of Don Hoare on July 5, 2013. Don had been an active member of the Canadian Pacific Pensioners for many years, serving in various roles within the Club. Before his illness Don was Editor of the Pensioners Newsletter and showed his skills in preparation and publishing of the bi-annual edition. Don began his career with Canadian Pacific Railway, and after 42 years of dedicated service, retired as the Manager of the Alyth Diesel Shops in 1991.

Trains were his profession but also his passion.

Don was a devoted family man and he and his wife Etta enjoyed Travelling.

Don and Etta raised their children along with many foster children, throughout the years, a joy and calling he shared with Etta.



Don will be greatly missed by each and everyone he knew. **By Bill Benner**

### **May Club Meeting and Lunch**

The regular monthly Meeting of the C.P. Pensioners Association was held at the Ogden Club Room on May 14, 2013. The meeting was fairly well attended, with 32 members on hand. The regular Board Meeting was conducted by Vice President Dinah Breu, officiating in the absence of President Ken Brown, who had a previous commitment.

Members were served a lunch of Pizza, Salad and a dessert of Cake and Ice Cream, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks as usual for our Ladies in the Kitchen, who prepared this lunch for our enjoyment.

A 50/50 Draw was held and the winners were:

Jurgen Lehmann -\$30.00

Yuen Chilok -\$30.00

**By Bill Benner**

## Semi Annual Meeting and Lunch

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| <p>The Semi-Annual meeting of the C.P. Pensioners Association of Calgary was held on June 11, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the Ogden Club Rooms. The meeting was opened by President Ken Brown, who welcomed all members in attendance. The Minutes of the last meeting were not read, in the interest of time restraints, but were accepted and approved as written, by the Members.</p> <p><b><u>Financial Committee</u></b><br/>Bruce Bennett was pleased to report that although our Finances started the year in the Red, there was a marked improvement in our overall balance later in the year. Although we still have a small Deficit we are still in good shape Financially.</p> <p><b><u>Secretary-Treasurer's Report</u></b><br/>Irna Wiebe reported on Income from Various Sources amounting to \$3440.00.</p> <p><b><u>Membership Committee</u></b><br/>Irna Wiebe reported that we had 305 members at present, and that 6 members had passed away. Irna also state we were holding our own as to membership numbers and we were reminded that our very existence depends on our membership growth.</p> <p><b><u>Sick and Visiting Committee</u></b><br/>John Sparks reported on various members who were ill, and reported on their progress.</p> <p><b><u>Travel Committee</u></b><br/>Ken Brown reported on the difficulty of gathering enough people to fill a bus with the required numbers necessary for a trip. This has reduced us down to 2 trips a year;</p> | <p>The Banff Christmas Trip and the William Watson Lodge Trip. In order to get the required number of people we have had to join with other groups to have successful trips. Ken also asked for ideas, from the membership, for future trips.</p> <p><b><u>Social Committee</u></b><br/>Pat Brown reported on all the lunches that were served from January to June and thanked all the Volunteers in the Kitchen, for the Preparation and Serving of the food during this time.</p> <p><b><u>Newsletter Committee</u></b><br/>Report by Bill Benner for Don Hoare – Bill reported on the Spring Edition of the Newsletter in which 200 copies were printed at a total cost of \$204.75. Bill also reported that the Fall Newsletter would be published in October.</p> <p><b><u>Pensioners Report</u></b><br/>Ken Brown reported on some of the changes in the Pension Plan, but stated that they would not affect most of us that are already retired. They will affect those in higher wage brackets and will affect future retirees.</p> <p><b><u>Communications Committee</u></b><br/>Dinah Breu reported that our E-mail and Phoning System was working well at this time and requested that members having an address change should notify her by E-mail if possible. Dinah thanked all the phoners for their assistance.</p> <p><b><u>Property Committee Report</u></b><br/>Report by Ken Brown – Ken reported on problems requiring attention, like our sound System that we were still working on. Ken</p> | <p>mentioned that some of our surplus pictures were donated to the Glenbow Museum in order to reduce some of our inventory in case of a possible future Club Room move. He also mentioned we should be careful during the construction phase going on all around us and be cautious of any possible hazards. Hopefully after our summer break things will return to normal.</p> <p><b><u>Auditors Report</u></b><br/>Irna reported on behalf of Ben Monsees that all accounts were in balance and approved by the Auditors.</p> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b><br/>Lyle Berge and Surinder Rehill reported on the National Pensioners Association Committee (NCCPPA) that was held in New Westminster B.C. in May. Lyle reported that the Momentum Magazine would no longer be printed but "CP Magazine" can be accessed on the Internet at <a href="http://www.cp-pensioners.com">www.cp-pensioners.com</a>. President Ken Brown concluded the meeting by call for a minute of silence in honour of all deceased members in the last 6 months.</p> <p>Lunch was provided thanks to the hard working ladies in the kitchen. A delicious Stampede lunch of BBQ Beef on a Bun with Beans and Dessert was served to members.</p> <p>A 50/50 Raffle was held and the winners were:<br/>Charlie Belch - \$25.00<br/>Frank Mark - \$25.00 re donated<br/>Doreen Gruszecki - \$25.00</p> <p><b><i>By Bill Benner</i></b></p> |
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| <u>In Memory</u>   |                  | <u>Welcome New Members</u> |
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| Karat Dhoot        | Thomas Howe      | Gerry Kubke                |
| Joseph Jablonovsky | Donald Hoare     |                            |
| Alice Drummond     | Doug Hartley     |                            |
| John McLauchlan    | Michael Holowach |                            |

## **Club Directors for 2013**

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|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Ken Brown     | President                  | 403 205 1252 | Bill Benner         | Director | 403 271 5349 |
| Dinah Breu    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. | 403 256 1684 | John Sparks         | Director | 403 278 7021 |
| Bruce Bennett | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. | 403 207 4067 | Kathy Hogan-Gregory | Director | 403 240 1454 |
| Lyle Berge    | Past Pres.                 | 403 271 3604 | Frank Mark          | Director | 403 946 4561 |
| Don Hoare     | Director                   | 403 288 2969 | Surinder Rehill     | Director | 403 280 2976 |



### **William Watson Lodge Tour**

On Friday June 14, 2013 we left Ogden at 9:30 A.M. on our annual bus trip to William Watson Lodge. We had 28 people, which included 4 non- C P Pensioners picked up at Confederation Park. It was a perfect day, weather wise, and we were entertained by a Howard Gay story on the way there. We arrived at William Watson Lodge at 11:40 A.M.

We had the usual excellent steak lunch, with salad and dessert prepared by Tom, an owner of Quality Time Tours. Our Driver for the trip was Mike, who ensured we had a safe trip both ways and who helped with the serving. After lunch we had an opportunity to walk around the area (trying to avoid stepping in some bear scat), or simply relaxing on the large deck of the Lodge. One or two took advantage and had a nap. We departed at just after 2:00 P.M. Once again we had a lovely relaxing day.

**By Lyle Berge**

## **Claresholm Alberta**

*In 1891 the Calgary and Edmonton Railway was extended to Claresholm. The location was selected because it was a low spot where box cars could not roll away. THE NEXT YEAR THE Canadian Pacific Railway marked a spot for a water tower to serve steam powered locomotives. A railway superintendant named the site Clara after his wife. When a frame building was erected in 1895 the place was called Claresholm and in 1903 it became a village.*

[www.albertacentennial.ca](http://www.albertacentennial.ca)

### **September Club Meeting and Lunch**

The first C P Pensioner's Club meeting after our summer break was held in the Ogden Club rooms on Tuesday September 10, 2013. The first thing we noticed on our arrival at the Club Rooms was the progress made in the construction of the new C P Head Office facilities. The entire area has been updated including landscaping, paving and even a pond with fountain by the main office building. The main thing was that the construction activity had ceased in front of our Club Rooms, giving us easy access and parking to the facilities. The weather was excellent for this time of year and we had 34 members in attendance. After our monthly meeting we proceeded with our club function which included a lunch of meat pies, salad and dessert of strawberry shortcake. The lunch was enjoyed by the membership with thanks to the ladies of our kitchen who organized, prepared and served us lunch.

After lunch a 50/50 raffle was held and the winners were:

Ruth Pattie - \$35.00

Hugh Carey - \$35.00 (Hugh declined the money donating it to the ladies of our kitchen to be used to pay for their lunches).

**By Bill Benner**



Figure 1 New Head Office Facilities

## **Greetings from your National Council:**

We had an excellent biennial convention May 2 – 4, 2013, at the Inn on the Quay in New Westminster, B.C. Our White Rock, B.C. chapter did a stellar job in hosting the convention – from the accommodations, the meeting rooms, the Saturday bus tour to Granville Island, the lovely banquet and Scottish dancer entertainment, and the perfect sunny weather.

We had delegates from Kenora, London, Nanaimo, Red Deer, Revelstoke, Toronto, Windsor, Calgary (Surinder Rehill), and White Rock. As well, several members from the White Rock chapter attended our meetings. Our biennial meetings follow a pattern of having the executive meet Thursday evening, speakers, resolution discussions and business of the association on Friday, and new business, welfare of the association and election on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoons involve tours of local attractions, followed by a banquet in the evening. It was a very busy and enjoyable few days, and wonderful opportunity to connect with old and new friends and work colleagues. Resolutions were submitted from all the chapters who sent delegates, and we spent considerable time discussing resolutions we will submit to the company with the aim of improving our pensions and benefits.

I decided that I would let my name stand again for another term as president, as did the rest of our executive. So our executive for the years 2013 – 2015 are:

President, Lyle Berge, Calgary;

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, George Hucker, Red Deer;

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Peter Landry, Toronto,

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Jim Harris, London,

Treasurer, Don Jennings, Barrhead, Alberta,

Secretary, Bob Cameron, Revelstoke. Bob is also the Pensioner Representative under the provision of the Canadian Pacific Railway Pension Plan Rules.

We had two speakers this year, the first being Debbi Johnson, Director, CPR Pension Services. Debbi, as always, gave an excellent presentation, and provided answers to questions people had. Debbi told us that she is moving to another position in Pension Services, and we wished her well in her new responsibilities. The second speaker was Samantha Ramsbottom of Pacific Blue Cross. Samantha also gave an excellent presentation and answered the questions she could given that her territory is only British Columbia.

On Saturday afternoon, many of us went on a bus tour, and visit to Granville Island. This was a very enjoyable event, the weather was perfect. In the evening, our White Rock hosts had arranged a banquet at the Inn on the Quay, and wonderful entertainment from a Scottish folk dancing group – enjoyed by all.

Conventions are a wonderful way to meet new and old friends and we are looking forward to the next one, scheduled for Spring of 2015, likely at a location in central or eastern Canada.

Thank you for your support, and I wish you all the best,


Lyle Berge  
President

National Council of CP Pensioner Associations.

**National Council of Canadian Pacific**

**Pensioners Meeting May 3, 2013**

**Pension Trust Fund**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. As of January 1, 2012 the Pension Plan had \$9.1 Billion in assets.</li><li>. As of January 1, 2012 the Deficit was \$800 Million.</li><li>. In 2011 CP contributed \$687 Million including a voluntary pre-payment of \$600 Million in December 2011.</li><li>. Pension Liability will grow over the next several years due to CP's aging work force.</li><li>. Voluntary pre-payments in 2009/2010 and 2011 Total \$1.75 Billion.</li><li>. CP's Pension Contribution over the last 4 years total \$2.2 Billion.</li><li>. Employee contributions for the last 4 years total \$220 Million.</li><li>. CP continues to make regular contributions to the plan.</li><li>. CP remains committed to meeting its Pension Obligations to Pensioners and Survivors.</li><li>. As of December 31, 2012 the pension plan had \$9.6 billion in assets held in trust by CIBC Mellon Trust Company.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Statistics</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Active Pensioners in March 2013 – 13,913</li><li>. Active Survivors in March 2013 – 7,258</li><li>. Oldest Pensioner 104 Years old</li><li>. Oldest Survivor – 112 years old</li></ul> | <p><b><u>Post Retirement Benefits</u></b></p> <p>Life Insurance/Death Benefit – Sun Life, Industrial Alliance (National Life), Manulife, CP</p> <p><b><u>Health Care</u></b></p> <p><b>Blue Cross</b> Part 1 only - 5,533 Participants<br/>Part 1 &amp; 2 - 7,254 Participants<br/>Part 1 cost in 2012 - \$7.2 Million</p> <p><b><u>Health Spending Account (HSA) with Claim Secure</u></b></p> <p>4,418 participants<br/>Cost in 2012 \$3.6 Million (Actual)</p> <p><b><u>Annual Confirmation Process</u></b></p> <p>Applies to Approximately 5000 pensioners/survivors each year.<br/>The initial form is sent out in May.<br/>Covers Years (2013):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Up to 1914</li><li>. 1919 – 1922</li><li>. 1841 – 1945</li></ul> <p>Must be signed and returned. If not signed and returned you risk pension payments being withheld.</p> | <p><b><u>Pension Services Call Centre</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Toll Free 1-888-511-7557 or Direct in Calgary at 403-319-3035.</li><li>. E-mail – pension@cpr.ca</li></ul> <p>. Number of calls in 2012 – 27,037</p> <p>. Number of E-mails received in 2012 – 19,746</p> <p>. Pension applications received in 2012 – 807</p> <p>. Number of retirements in 2012 – 820</p> <p>. Number of Deaths – 1,190</p> <p>. E-mail ID's - 28%</p>  <p>Presented by Surinder Rehill</p> |
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## **The New CP Head Office**

Canadian Pacific Railway is relocating much of its head office from downtown Calgary under a new restructuring plan. As part of an ambitious cost cutting plan the Headquarters has been moved from downtown to the Old Ogden Shops site and will be open in the near future. The company has upgraded some of the century old repair shop area that was originally built in 1912. Locomotive and Car repair have been relocated to other shops. The company is expected to save \$19 million annually as a result of this move. Calgary had shifted its head office from Montreal to Calgary in 1996. CP Pensioners will notice many changes to buildings and surrounding areas on our first meeting, after the summer break, when we return in September

*Bill Benner*

| <b><u>Executive Officers</u></b>     |                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b> | <b>Bruce Bennett</b> | <b>403-207-4067</b> |
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| <p>We're only a telephone Call Away.....</p> <p><b>CPR Toll Free Number</b><br/>1-888-511-7567</p> <p><b>CPR Calgary Area</b><br/>403-319-3035</p> <p><b>CPR Calgary Fax</b><br/>403-319-3669</p> <p><b>Blue Cross of Canada Toll Free Number</b><br/>1-888-873-9200</p> <p>For information on Pension related matters all CPR Pensioners and Survivors can phone one national toll Free Number available</p> | <p>from all parts of Canada and the United States.</p> <p>Here are a few examples of how we can help you over the Telephone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Change of Your Address</li> <li>. Inquiries concerning your Direct Banking Deposit Service</li> <li>. Income Tax (Additional Deductions or Inquiries)</li> <li>. Inquiries about the Status of your Health Care Coverage</li> <li>. Inquiries about Pension (Payments Calculations etc)</li> <li>. Notification of Death.</li> </ul> | <p>*Requests for ID Cards, Claim Forms, the Status of individual claims and Questions concerning Benefits should be directed to Blue Cross's Toll Free Number 1-888-873-9200</p> <p>Written Inquiries Should be Addressed to:</p> <p>Canadian Pacific Railway<br/>Human Resources Service Centre<br/>Pension Services<br/>Suite 600, Gulf Canada Square<br/>401-9<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W.<br/>Calgary AB T2P 4Z4</p> |
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## Canadian Pacific Magazine

The new Canadian Pacific Magazine is on the CP Pensioners Website. Go to [www.cp-pensioners.com](http://www.cp-pensioners.com) Click on "News and Events" and there it is. It's 52 pages with lots of pictures and people stories. It's 12.6 MB so it will take time to download. You may want to pass this information along to other people.

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

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