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PRESIDENTS REPORT[

THE PREZ SEZ:

FAREWELL FOR NOW

Today is our last meeting for the year 2013-2014. We wish bon voyage to those who travel in the Summertime, and wish all of you a warm, safe and pleasant Summer. The time will fly by, and in very short order we will be together again, and bidding farewell to this sunny season.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will be held on Monday September 15th, same time and same place as usual. As required by the Constitution, nominations will be held for all offices of the Executive, with elections to follow in October unless acclamation for any office occurs at the September meeting.

And, at the September meeting, your 2014-2015 membership dues are requested. Membership is \$10.00 for the year. You may wish to pay in advance for your lunches at the September meeting, or you may opt to pay month-to-month.

SAYING GOODBYE

After much thought, I have decided to take a break from the job of President, and so will not be running for office in September. I have enjoyed the six years that you have honoured me with the leadership of this group. Together we have accomplished many noteworthy things: we have formulated a new Constitution, hosted a National Convention, spent six Christmas celebrations together, paid tribute at the passing of too many beloved colleagues, forged closer ties with our sister group in Windsor, saw our membership numbers contract and then begin to grow again, took many bus trips together (plus a couple of boat trips and a train trip), and celebrated the 30th and 35th anniversaries of the founding of the London CP Pensioners. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be your President, and I thank you for all your encouragement and support. I am confident that the new Executive will serve us well, and will also bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to our group.

Nancie and I are now looking forward to sitting together among you at the meetings, and waiting for our number to be called for lunch.

WE'RE GOING GOLFING

Our annual golf tournament will be held at Twin Streams in Delaware on Wednesday September 17th, with tee-off time at 10:00 a.m. As usual, there will be prize money and priceless good times. If you require a cart, you must book it in advance by calling 519-652-5211.

OOOPS!

Lyle Berge has sent us a note to correct two errors in the letter members received asking for nominations for the position of Pension Representative. The name was incorrectly printed as Bob Campbell instead of Bob Cameron, and the final date for submission is May 16th, not April 30th.

Lyle also passes along the information that Debbi Johnson has moved on to other duties within Pension Services, and the new Director is Mr. Blain MacIsaac.

He also advises that Volume 3 of the CPR Newsletter is available at www.cp-pensioners.com. As well, he notes that "Operation Lifesaver" is looking for trainers in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

And for travellers, he reminds us that Out of Province Travel Insurance is available from Blue Cross at a 10% discount. Call 1-866-544-7720, and mention that you are a CP Rail pensioner to obtain the reduced rate.

WE HAD A GREAT TIME.....

and some of us came home richer than when we left. Approximately 15 members from London attended the April meeting of the Windsor CP Pensioners Group, which conducted minimal business and quickly became a celebration of Paul Fair's 90th birthday. Paul was one of the original founders of the Windsor group, and he thoroughly enjoyed the festivities in his honour. And then some of us visited the Casino in Windsor and came out with a smile on our faces.

RUMRUNNERS

We presented the idea of getting together in the Fall with our friends in Windsor, and taking the Rumrunners tour together. There was much interest, and about 15 hands went up when we polled the group for a show-of-intention. So it appears that we will have enough people to form a private group, and have the Rumrunners show all to ourselves.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We had 41 members present for the meeting. There were 39 members for lunch. 29 paid at the door and 10 paid yearly \$261.00

Door prize \$23.00

Expenses

Legion for 40 lunches \$320.00

Cards after meeting \$10.00

Deposit April 24 \$280.00

Bank Balance for pensioners group \$3964.62

Cash on hand \$250.50

I will not be available for the May meeting (gone fishing). Fortunately, Tom Sonier has again volunteered to take my place.

The bank balance as of April 29 is: \$ 9120.41.

There are 3 outstanding cheques for the Bowling Banquet.

BOWLING NEWS

Well the season is over and by the time you read this the banquet will be also and everyone will be planning to be out on the golf course.

April 29th was our last bowling day and consisted of the playoffs.

Mike Dunn's team, winner of season 2, played off against Karen Mazereeuw's team, winner of season 1 for the league championship. Mike was triumphant winning by 124 pins.

All the rest of the teams were divided into two divisions with the winner of division A being Dianne Johnson with a pin count of 3475 and the winner of division B being Don DeGraw with a pin count of 3479.

Congratulations to all the team winners as well as the individual accomplishment winners.

High over average scores since April 15th were:

April 22 - Tom McLachlan - 231, Bob Leghorn - 198, Chris Goraj - 240, and Ron Fox - 137

April 29th - George Renno - 214, Yrsa Berry - 158, Dave Clement - 180, Patsy Smith - 198

Thanks to everyone for your support over the last year and we will look forward to seeing everyone come September 2nd 2014

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Pensioners called to order at 12:00 PM.

No memoriam thankfully this meeting.

Luncheon served. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, turnip, tossed salad and various puddings.

Pres Gary re-adjourned the business portion of the meeting at approx. 12:45 PM.

Various announcements were made.

A reminder that a number of the members will be going to visit the Windsor club at their meeting in the Moose Hall on April 29th.

The last meeting before our summer sojourn will be held May 12th, a week early because of the May 18th Queen Victoria birthday holiday. We will celebrating the 35th anniversary of the London CPRail Pensioner Club beginning.

Our first meeting in the fall will be September 15th, 2014 at our usual Victory Legion branch location.

Immediately following on September 17th we will have our annual Golf tournament at Twin Streams Golf course.

We were informed of the upcoming CP Bowling banquet on May 9th at the Legion. Socializing at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM.

No new members but Jeff Willsey attended as a guest.

Mention was made of the CP Pensioner representative election occurring in the fall. Membership was informed of the mistake made with the current representative's name Campbell rather than Cameron. It was suggested the club nominate Cameron.

Business portion of the meeting ended but the Prez called upon Nancie Hackney to apprise of us of our current entertainmnet functions. Nancie reminded us of the upcoming bus trip to

Brantford May 14th jazz concert.

She also informed the club of a trip to Windsor in the fall. It is called the Rumrunners Tour and relates to activities

in Windsor back during Prohibition days. It is put on by a theatre company. It involves travelling

in the Windsor area via a trolley and ending up at Hiram Walkers for refreshments. Cost is \$69.50.

We have to find our way to Windsor. Matter will be further discussed at our September meeting.

Attendance - 42.

Door prize – Al Newell – \$25 plus CP plate.

Next meeting - May 12th, 2014

Euchre to follow.

Adournment at 1:13 PM.