

Canadian Pacific Pensioners

Association of Calgary



Newsletter Spring 2014

Message from the President

By the time you are reading this news letter, the weather in Calgary should be pleasant and I hope the snow has disappeared. After snow birding from last November to the middle of this February I was hoping that I had escaped the cold weather. It is rather amazing that in the duration of 20 hours of air travel how the climate changed from +32 degrees to -32. I am however glad to be back home.

During the past three months the directors have taken on additional responsibilities of the secretary/treasurer. Their dedication and extra effort is much appreciated. We are hoping that the club secretary returns to her office soon. The executive committee is working on various initiatives for making your monthly gathering interesting and informative. For example, we will be inviting various presenters to talk about the issues and concerns important to the pensioners and survivors. Your communication committee will be conveying the detailed information on these topics. Please ensure that we have your current email and phone number.

The construction at the Ogden facility is done and the relocation of all departments to the new CP head office is now completed. So come on down and join us for lunch and share your railway stories with your fellow pensioners. Bring your family and friends and show them around the club. We have movies and books on railway that you can enjoy. There is free parking and the club house is accessible by wheel chair.

In the mean time happy retirement and stay healthy.

Surinder Rehill

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Coming Events 2014

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 THESE 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)

October Club Meeting and Lunch

The regular monthly meeting of the Calgary CP Pensioner's Club was Held on Tuesday October 8, 2013 at the Ogden Club Rooms. The Meeting was well attended with over 50 members in attendance. A presentation was made by Emergency Medical Services on the "Capsule of Life". The Capsule of life is an emergency medical assistance procedure that individuals do in their home in case of an emergency.

The Capsule contains an individual's or couple's personal medical information forms (containing all pertinent medical information) and is placed in the refrigerator. The refrigerator is marked with an orange sticker (provided in kit) which will direct EMS personnel to the medical information provided in the capsule. This medical information may be necessary in case the person is unable to talk or is unconscious. Capsules may be obtained from any Calgary Co-op Store and are limited to two per request.

A great lunch was served, by our Ladies of the Kitchen, consisting of Submarine Sandwiches and a dessert of Apple Pie and Ice Cream. Thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation and clean up. We could never do without their services.

A 50/50 draw was held at the end of the meeting and the winners were:

Jerry Winick...\$35.00

Bob Winick.....\$35.00

By Bill Benner

November Club Meeting and Lunch

The regular November monthly meeting of the C.P. Pensioner's Association was held in the Ogden Club rooms on November 12, 2013. The meeting was very well attended with 52 members in attendance. Although our planned speaker was unable to attend we were still able to enjoy the gathering of old friends and acquaintances.

Lunch was prepared by our hard working and reliable kitchen ladies and consisted of ham, scalloped potatoes and a salad with dessert. Many compliments were received on this lunch.

A 50/50 draw was held, and the winners were :

Jurgen Lehmann ... \$30.00

Barry Kennedy \$30.00

John Sparks..... \$30.00

By Bill Benner

Club Directors for 2014

Surinder Rehill	President	403 280 2976	Bill Benner	Director	403 271 5343
Dinah Breu	1 st Vice Pres.	403 256 1684	John Sparks	Director	403 278 7021
Hugh Carey	2 nd Vice Pres.	403 278 4709	Kathy Hogan-Gregory	Director	403 240 1454
Ken Brown	Past Pres.	403 225 1252	Frank Mark	Director	403 946 4561
Lyle Berge	Past Pres.	403 271 3604			

December Banff Park Lodge Lunch

On Tuesday December 17th Quality Time picked us up at Ogden at approximately 09:15 after having stopped for a pick-up at Horizon Village. After departing Ogden we went over to St Anthony's on Heritage Drive for a final stop. A Second bus was also headed out on the trip and we met them at the park gates so Tom could get both buses through.

We arrived at the Banff Park Lodge around 11:30 AM where we were sent upstairs to the Glacier Room. Lunch started with a minestrone soup followed by a Turkey Dinner and a dessert of Plum Pudding and Fruit.

After lunch there was an hour where one could walk downtown to shop or to simply relax at the lodge until departure back to Calgary at 02:15 arriving back at Ogden about 04:15. The lunch was great and Bus Driver Mike was courteous and attentive to the passengers in his charge. Tom took a moment to thank us for our travels in the past year and gave us a Brochure outlining Trips for 2104. Over all we had a very pleasant trip with our friends.

Submitted by **Frank Mark**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 14 2014

The regular Annual General Meeting was held at the Pensioner's Club Rooms on January 14 2014 at 10:30 am. President Ken Brown called the meeting to order at 10:45 and called for 1 minute of silence in remembrance of all deceased members of the past year. Minutes of the last Semi -Annual Meeting were not read in the interest of time but were adopted and accepted by the membership.

Reports of Committees

Financial - The financial report was presented by President Ken Brown in the absence of Bruce Bennett . Ken mentioned that revenue was still in the red (expense to revenue) but net worth, although slowly falling was still in a respectable position.

Secretary Treasurer's Report . In the absence of Irna Wiebe the report was presented by President Ken Brown. Ken Mentioned that the present membership was 277 members with the addition of 43 members from Alyth to be added to our membership.

Internal Communication Property Insurance will continue at the same amount of \$57.00 per month, same as last year.

Sick and Visiting - John Sparks reported on various visitations of our members . If you know of anyone who is ill and would like a visitation, please phone John or the Club.

Travel - Ken Brown reported on the successful trips of the past year and mentioned the possible trips coming up in the new year. Keep informed through the Newsletter and you will be also informed by E-mail or by phone about the next tour.

Social - Pat Brown reported on the successes of the past year with our lunches and thanked the members of our kitchen staff for their assistance, These lunches greatly assisted in our yearly income.

Newsletter - Reported by Bill Benner. Bill reported that our total cost for printing 400 Newsletters was; Printing\$230.60 , Postage\$229.32 - At a total cost of \$459.92 or \$1.15 per copy .

Pensions - Ken Brown reported on the pension increase of \$6.75 per month that will appear at the end of January on your monthly pension earnings. Also there have been minor adjustments to the Blue Cross plan.

Communications - Dinah Breu mentioned the advantages of using E-mails for our Association as a matter of convenience and saving postage money on sending Newsletters. Dinah thanked all the phoners for their help in notifying members of club functions.

New Business - Ken Brown mentioned that we would be giving a key for the Wednesday pool players in the absence of any board members being present . Ken also mentioned that there would

be a defibrillator available next door in the event of an emergency.

By-Laws - Bill Benner presented two By-law changes that were presented and accepted by the membership. These By-Laws were :

The Board of Directors shall consist of up to 9 members but no less than 7 Directors . Previously it was 12 to 9 members. The other By-law was the Quorum By-Law which was changed from a minimum of 5 Directors to a Minimum of 4 Directors. These changes were necessary because of the difficulty in acquiring enough Directors at times to conduct the transaction of regular Club business.

Nominations This year we had only two members that let their names stand for re-election and they were re-elected . They were Surinder Rehill and Kathy Hogan-Gregory. One new member was nominated and was elected. Hugh Carey is the new member of the Board of Directors. We are still short one member for this term.

The Annual General Meeting ended with a great lunch of Lasagna and salad with apple pie and ice cream for dessert. Thanks to the ladies that prepared this great lunch.

A 50/50 draw was held and the winners were Vic Rennie and Emilio Juliani, both winning \$25.00. Also a bottle of wine donated to the Club by Vic Rennie was raffled off and the winner was Sid Mitchell. Although there was only 28 members in attendance, the event was very enjoyableby Bill Benner

2013 Remembrance Day Ceremony at Ogden.

This year, the CP Remembrance Day service was held at Ogden, to coincide with the company head office move there.

The service was held by the cenotaph on top of the hill just up from our pensioner clubroom. This cenotaph has been there for many years (Ogden itself is over 100 years old). So it was quite moving to have the ceremony there - a bit like coming home to our roots.

Our pensioner representative this year was again Bruce Bennett. The wreath laying was a bit different this year in that both our pensioner representative and a CP employee representative laid one wreath. Several military groups were represented, including cadets from the Army, Air Force and Navy. And two representatives from Lord Strathcona's Horse Regiment were also there. This is especially noteworthy because of Lord Strathcona's involvement as well with the beginnings of CPR. Several members of CP police Service were also there in their dress uniforms. Some people thought there may have been upwards of 200 people in total attendance.

After the service CPR provided some very welcome hot chocolate and cookies. It was a perfect day, a little on the cool side, but it was sunny and there was no wind.

by Lyle Berge

February Club Meeting and Lunch

The regular monthly meeting of the Calgary Pensioners Association was held on Tuesday February 11, 2014 at the Ogden Club Rooms at 12:00 noon. This gathering was our annual Valentines Luncheon and the club rooms were decorated in a Valentine's Day theme.

Although the outside weather was a bone-chilling minus 18 degrees, the inside atmosphere was warm and friendly with 46 members in attendance. It is always great to see a good gathering of old workmates to add to a pleasant gathering.

We had a short speech by Bill Murphy, a representative from the Southern Alberta Pioneers asking for volunteers to relate stories of their old railway days in preparation for a video presentation for the next Calgary Stampede on the history of the railway in southern Alberta .

A great lunch was served by our kitchen staff, who prepared and served a lunch of cabbage rolls, salad, and dessert which was donated by Doreen Gruszecki.

A 50/ 50 raffle was held, and the winners were:

Ken Brown..... \$ 30.00 (donated to the Club)
Robert Jackiw... \$ 30.00
Ruth Pattie..... Bottle of wine

By Bill Benner

March Club Meeting and Lunch

It was a great day for the Irish and for all of the 39 C.P. Pensioners that showed up for our regular monthly meeting on March 11, 2014 at the Ogden Club Rooms. The club rooms were decorated in a St Patrick's Day theme, and the food also suited the occasion, which was Irish Stew along with a dessert of apple pie and ice cream or cake.

Outgoing president Ken Brown introduced our new president Surinder Rehill, who introduced himself to the membership and mentioned some of the objectives of the Association. We had two speakers, Mitch Bracken and David Wong, who are representatives from Lundgren and Young Insurance Ltd . They answered questions from members on various Insurance issues.

A raffle was held at the end of the meeting and the winners were:

Bottle of wine..... Pedro Denegri

50/50 draw \$30.00John Horrnick (donated to the club)

50/50 draw\$30.00 Dinah Breu

By Bill Benner

<u>In Memory</u>	<u>Welcome New Members cont'd</u>
Newell Haynes Eric Emerson	Gerry Kubke Real Gagnon Raja Lall
Alexander Geekie Petras Devenis	Laselo Domotar George Valezuela
Albert Hart Rodolfo Vergara	Amir Nanji Mohamed Khan Prem Sandhu
Steven Mills Douglas Pritchard	Vincent Fernandes Fateh Punja
Don Kosar Mac McLellan	Romeo Fattica Fred Blackmore
Hecter Carlyall Stevenson	Bob Foster Michael Colaco Mike Brent
	Amritalal Raithatha Raymond Lopez
	Nizar Ramji Beant Gill Joga Lehal
	Les Trathen Don Lyons Benny Frewin
	Parminder Grewal Jagatjeet Banga
	Birinder Madan Taddeus Pieszko
	Pedro Denegri Denis Kaputas
	Jaferali Kanji Peter Bochenic
	Shivcharan Sethi Erughie Mahn
	Allwyn Vaz Narinder Tumber
	Robbie Deman Bernie Vandebos
	Nadir Habib Gordie Brown
<u>Welcome New Members</u>	
Darrel Brown Bob Armstrong	
Mike Brett Terry Kosyk Mike Lakha	
Mark Sapowski Mike Bek	



Figure 1. Rail after Flooding south of Calgary 2013



Figure 2. More rail damage South of Calgary 2013



Figure 3. Our President: Surinder Rehill



Figure 4. Our 1st Vice President: Dinah Breu

<u>Executive Officers</u>		
President	Surinder Rehill	403-280-2976
1st Vice President	Dinah Breu	403-256-1684
2nd Vice President	Hugh Carey	403-278-4709
Secretary Treasurer	Irna Wiebe	403-262-8852

<p>We're only a telephone Call Away.....</p> <p>CPR Toll Free Number 1-888-511-7567</p> <p>CPR Calgary Area 403-319-3035</p> <p>CPR Calgary Fax 403-319-3669</p> <p>Blue Cross of Canada Toll Free Number 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"> . Change of Your Address . Inquiries concerning your Direct Banking Deposit Service . Income Tax (Additional Deductions or Inquiries) . Inquiries about the Status of your Health Care Coverage . Inquiries about Pension (Payments Calculations etc) . Notification of Death. 	<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 Human Resources Service Centre Pension Services 7550 Ogdendale Road SE. Calgary AB T2C 4X9</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 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.



<p>The executive of the National Council of Canadian Pacific Pensioners and Survivors is pleased to announce it has concluded an agreement with Blue Cross. This is an opportunity for members to benefit from affordable access to quality travel medical emergency coverage.</p> <p>The next time you think of traveling, think Blue Cross and inquire about the discounted rate for CP Pensioners and Survivors.</p> <p>Remember to state you are a CP pensioner or Survivor.</p> <p>Blue cross is unlike any other travel insurance, with unparalleled coverage that makes it the preferred choice of vacationers everywhere.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CALL NOW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and start planning your worry-free vacation!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The only way to get your exclusive 10% discount is by calling this special toll-free number:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1-866-544-7720</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">The 10% discount <u>will not apply</u> if you purchase your travel insurance through your local Blue Cross office or travel agent.</p>
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City _____ **Province** _____

Postal Code _____ **Phone** _____

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HAVE A GOOD DAY AND A NICE FOREVER