

Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association of Calgary

Spring 2020 Newsletter

COVID 19 – please be aware that CP Ogden now has very restricted access, and our Pensioner Clubroom is locked down. Please follow the suggestions and instructions from our Government and Health Officials.

President's message

Greetings for the Pensioners.

We hope that everyone had a good holiday and were able to get together with friends and relatives. Nothing raises the spirits like sharing a meal and catching up with the news.

I am sure you have noticed that we have a new convener who is working with our helpers to provide lunches. We are very pleased to have Micheline Caroline taking that function, and the meals are great.

Her husband Don is going to replace Frank Mark as Secretary Treasurer. He is knowledgeable with computers, and will be picking up Frank's methods quickly.

Frank lives out of town and we were fortunate to having Frank taking us from spread sheets to computerized recording. We owe a big thank you to Frank. When we see him at the Club be sure to say hello and thank him for his work. Last month we had elections of Directors and this month (February) the Directors chose the Executive.

The names and functions will be elsewhere in this Newsletter. The Veterans sent us a framed plaque and a locomotive engraving. They are on the posts; have a look they are quite good. We look forward to the new Executive and Directors with new ideas. Believe it or not this is the SPRING Newsletter, if only the weather will co-operate. A quick reminder, some dues are a little behind and reminders will be in some Newsletters. Enjoy the Spring and Summer. We will see you at the next Luncheon

President Ken Brown

IRNA WIEBE

CP Calgary Pensioners Association is saddened to announce that one of our long-time members passed away recently. Irna Wiebe, Secretary Treasurer from 1997 to 2015, died on March 4, 2020, of heart and kidney failure, at Peter Lougheed Hospital. She was 91 years old.

Under that “crusty” exterior, Irna had a loving heart, and made many long-term friends. She will be missed by those who knew her.

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*Your Directors and Kitchen staff for 2020.*

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Since our last Newsletter:

In Memory of Departed Members – Bernard Johnson, Ken Stewart, Margaret Orr, Thomas Owens and Irna Wiebe.

**Welcome to our New Members - Bill Feher, Garry Gartner, Kennie Lee, Royal Legace, Fred Rippe,
Rudy Platz & Doug Terris**

Returning Members – David Jones

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**Executive and Committee Chairpersons for 2020:**

Ken Brown - President - 403-225-1252  
Laurie Rupert – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - 403-255- 6426  
Dale Gale - 2nd Vice President –  
Don Caroline - Secretary Treasurer - 403-262-1238

**Committees - Lead Directors - Sub Directors**

*Property Committee* - Ken Brown - 403 225-1252  
*Sick and Visiting Committee* - Laurie Rupert - 403-255-6426  
*Travel Committee* - Ken Brown - 403-225 1252  
*Newsletter Committee* - Bill Benner - 403-271-5343  
*Pensions Committee* - Surinder Rehill - 403-280-2976  
*Phone/Email Committee* – Dale Gale + phoners (Anne Lesyk, Mary-Anne Quesnel, Lyle Berge, Bill Benner, Julie Paul, Marilyn Horne, Dinah Breu, Surinder Rehill and Vic Renney)  
*Social Committee* - Micheline Caroline + Mike Estabrooks  
*By-Law Committee* - Bill Benner - 403-271-5343  
*Nominating Committee* - Bill Benner - 403-271-5343  
*Financial Committee* - Arthur Wieckowski - 403-870-1897 + Don Caroline - 403-262-1238  
*Membership Committee* – Don Caroline - 403-262-1238.

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“ LEST WE FORGET “

On November 11 2019 Canadian Pacific paid tribute to more than 33.000 C.P. employees who served in the last century’s two world wars and those who continue to serve today. This tradition continues every year with every C.P locomotive sounding their whistle at 11:01 A.M. local time, and if safe to do so, stop, to honour a moment of silence.

C.P’s Remembrance and Veterans Day Ceremony started at 10:40 A.M. A.M. and was very well attended even although the temperature was still - 6 degrees Celsius with about 4 inches of snow on the ground. But the sun warmed us up along with the spirit of the occasion.

The ceremony was held at C. P’s Memorial Square with representatives from all branches of the Armed Services in attendance.

Bruce Bennett placed the wreath on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Pensioners Association. After the ceremonies. light refreshments were served at the Royal Canadian Pacific Pavilion located at C.P. Head Office Campus.

At this time, we always remember the importance of the great supportive endeavours of C.P, in the war efforts. and the brave men and women, some who gave their lives in the freedom of our country.

by Bill Benner

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NOVEMBER MEETING AND LUNCH.

The regular November meeting and lunch of the Calgary C.P. Pensioner’s Association was held in our Ogden club rooms on November 12 2019. We had a very good turnout with 64 members in attendance.

Opening remarks were presented by President Ken Brown, who mentioned upcoming bus trips and said grace previous to having our lunch. Surinder Rehill one of our Board Members and president of the National Council of C.P Pensioners notified members of the upcoming pension increase of 0.95% increase on the first \$1500 of our pension which amounts to \$14.25 monthly.

Lunch was served, which included Lasagna and salad with garlic toast. Desert was apple pie and ice cream.

We had a very interesting speaker (Cheryl Beatty) who spoke on recovering from a stroke at the age of 28 and had to learn to walk, talk, read, write and think all over again. She also wrote a book called “First Day of Class; Learning To be Yourself Again.”

RAFFLES

50/50 Draw Rashpal Sandhu \$ 35.00
 Doug Noakes \$35.00
 Rick Binszack \$35.00

WINE Draw Doug Noakes
 Dale Gale Thanks to the wine contributors Vic Renney and Rick Boittiaux

Railway book ends - Chris Roach Donated by Rick Binczak

Thanks to Rick Binczak for his hand crafted wooden locomotive models put on display for our members.

by Bill Benner

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December Meeting and Lunch 2019

“Twas the season to be jolly”, and it truly was with a good turnout of 67 members. The clubrooms were decked out with the appropriate Christmas decorations including our Christmas tree. Even the mood of the occasion was festive and one could feel the spirit of the season. Congratulations to the ladies who prepared and served a wonderful Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by all. You made the occasion something to remember!!!

President Kan Brown welcomed the members and introduced the first speakers. We had members from the Veterans Association Food Bank, who reminded us of the struggle of many veterans especially at this time of year. Members were asked to bring food or cash donations to support their cause.

This request went quite well with over \$500. Collected, also with much food being donated. However, if members are still interested in donating to this worthy cause they may contact Veterans Association Food Bank, phone 403-367-8387, or donate at #10 – 820 – 28 Street N.E. T2A 6K1.

Representatives from CP Social Committee invited pensioners to social functions of their association, and we had CP Communications Director wishing members a Merry Christmas and thanking all members for their work in the past and for their contributions to today’s railway.

Raffles and draws:

50/50 – draw \$20 each

Debra Newton, Rick Boittiaux, Gerry Vogels, J.S. Banga, Emilio Iuliani.

Wine Draw - Rick Boittiaux, Ken Brown, Jack Bush, Peter Schaber, Dale Gale, Mel Villa, Rick Wigmore, George Wiberg, Donna Wieckowski, and Dale Gale.

- Thanks to the wine donors Vic Renney and Rick Boittiaux.

CP Calendar winners – Gary Nichols, Hugh Carey.

By Bill Benner

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***(following page)*** Darrel Sundholm brought a plaque and a plate to the club to be presented to the

Pensioners Association, in appreciation of our December Luncheon food and cash donations, on behalf

of the [Veterans](#) Association Food Bank.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JAN 14 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Calgary C.P. Pensioners Association was held in the Ogden Club Rooms on January 14, 2020. Despite of the extreme weather of minus 30 degrees we still had a good turn out with 49 members in attendance.

The meeting was opened by President Ken Brown who welcomed attending members for braving the cold to attend this meeting. Ken asked for a minute of silence in memory of deceased members of the past year.

Reading of minutes: Minutes were not read in order to save time but were available for anyone interested.

Financial Report - Reported by President Ken Brown - Ken reported that the Association was in good shape with assets of \$17,996 including investments.

Secretary Treasurer's Report- This report was presented by Ken Brown in the absence of Frank Mark.

Ken reported income of;

Raffles	\$1310	Members	209
Pool	\$714	Deceased	6
Donations	\$125	New	13
Misc.	\$ 173		
Total	\$ 2322	Memberships not included	

Communications Internal: Surinder Rehill - Reported on the purpose of the National Council and its purpose for the benefit of our members. The purpose of the Council is to protect the interests of all pensioners and of any issues arising. Surinder is presently the President of the National Council. Presently there are 13000 pensioners and 8000 survivors. The pension fund looks very good with 13 billion dollars in the fund. Presently the pension fund pays 50 million dollars a month to all C.P Pensioners.

Surinder reminded pensioners of Bill C27 which could affect those of us on Defined Benefits. It is now on the back burner but the plan was to go to Target Benefits which could reduce many of our pensions.

This year's pension increase will amount to \$14.75 per month starting January 2020

Sick and Visiting - by Laurie Rupert who reported on sick and deceased members. If you know of anyone who is sick or wants a visitation, let us know.

Travel - Ken Brown reported that at the moment there was not much participation because many of the dates conflicted with our other functions and dates. Also we cannot get enough people for local pickups. We need 10 for a local pickup.

Social Committee - Because of the retirement of Pat Brown, we required a new Social Director. The new Social Director is now Micheline Caroline who has already proven herself with excellent lunches and has put in lots of work and effort and does an excellent job.

Newsletter - Bill Benner reported on the Spring and Fall newsletters

Total copies printed 240..... Total Cost \$144.06

Our costs have been substantially reduced because our Credit Union Legacy Financial has graciously decided to pay the mailing costs through their automatic postage machine. Thank you, Legacy!!

Communications - Dinah Breu - Dinah thanked the 9 callers and all those who provided their E-mails. This saves us mailing costs as we send out 131 E-mails for newsletters.

Property Report- Ken Brown reported on the new PC projector and screen donated by the company . really works well. Ken also repaired a model steam locomotive, donated by Dick Bryant, which goes into motion when switched on. Check it out when you are there.

Bylaws Reported by Bill Benner - We only had one bylaw change. This bylaw was the one that set limits for the amount of Directors that can be elected. The new bylaw does not restrict the amount of directors that can be elected but still keeps the minimum at 7 directors.

Nominations This year we had 3 directors that had their term expire. They were;

Lyle Berge did not run

Birinder Madan..... did not run

Surinder Rehill will do only one more year

Newly Elected Members

Jarmail Taggar; Don Caroline; Dale Gale; Mike Estabrooks; Doug Noakes

We had an excellent speaker representing CP police. We had constable Tat Ng who gave the history of CP police, its scope roles and responsibilities along with its authority and control.

Raffle Winners

Wine 60/50

Don Lions Dinah Breu \$30

Don Caroline Dennis Kopustas \$30

(Thanks to Vic Renney for the wine donations)

By Bill Benner

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FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING AND LUNCH

The regular February meeting and lunch of the Calgary C.P. Pensioner’s Association was held in our Ogden Club rooms on February 11 2020. It was a large St. Valentine’s day gathering with 71 members in attendance which was the largest gathering of members in our present location.

There was much work to be done for the Board of Directors at this meeting with the selection of a new executive and committee members with the following results;

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT..... KEN BROWN
1ST VICE PRESIDENT LAURIE RUPERT
2ND VICE PRESIDENT DALE GALE
SECRETARY TREASURERDON CAROLINE

COMMITTEES

PROPERTY COMMITTEE KEN BROWN
SICK AND VISITING LAURIE RUPERT
TRAVEL COMMITTEE KEN BROWN
NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE BILL BENNER
PENSIONS COMMITTEESURINDER REHILL
PHONERS E-MAIL COMMITTEEDALE GALE, BILL BENNER, SURINDER REHILL
SOCIAL COMMITTEE MICHELINE CAROLINE, MIKE ESTABROOKS
BYLAW COMMITTEE BILL BENNER
NOMINATING COMMITTEE BILL BENNER
FINANCIAL COMMITTEE ARTHUR WIECKOWSKI, DON CAROLINE.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - DON CAROLINE

A delicious lunch consisting of chili and a bun, with fruit cake for dessert, was served by the hard working ladies of the kitchen who prepared served and cleaned up . This is always something to look forward to. Thanks ladies !!!!!

Raffles were held with the following winners;

Wine

Wes Mummery__ (donated back for a re- draw)
George Doer
Al McGunigal
Jackie Gay
Dale Gale

50/50 draw

Pedro Denegri \$25.00
Dinah Breu \$ 25.00
Gordon Brown \$25.00
Laurie Rupert \$25.00

By Bill Benner

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ST. PATRICKS DAY MEETING AND LUNCH

Twasa a great day for the Irish on our regular monthly meeting held at our Ogden Club Rooms on March 10, 2020. The club rooms were decorated with the appropriate Irish decorations and many members were prompted to wear the green for the occasion. The weather was almost spring like which encouraged 69 members to attend.

President Ken Brown welcomed the members and lightened up the meeting with an Irish joke which helped set the mood for the meeting.

Lunch was served with a hearty bowl of Irish Stew and a bun Thanks again to our Lassies of the kitchen who prepare, serve and clean up. Our kitchen has become one of our very proud contributors to the success of our organization.

We had a well-informed speaker, Christa Geddes who is a Chartered Insurance Professional at Marsh Canada and has been in the Insurance industry for 18 years. She explained to our retirees how you can save on your next insurance renewal especially the way rates are increasingly rising yearly. This prompted many questions,

Dessert was served with a delicious apple crumble with ice cream. This was well received and very tasty. Thanks again kitchen Lassies.

At the end of the meeting we held our Raffles and the winners were;
50/50 draw John Peterson \$40Helen Gale \$40

Wine Draw Helen Gale ... Mario Carara

By Bill Benner
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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 8 AM to 1 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST)/Mountain Daylight Standard Time (MDST).

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

CONTACTS continued:

Or by mail at:

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

CP Headquarters Main Switchboard number (403) 319-7000

Blue Cross

Toll free – 1-888-873-9200. The NCCPPA negotiated an exclusive 10% discount for Blue Cross travel insurance for CP pensioners. Call Blue Cross directly at 1-866-544-7720 to receive the discount.

Claim Secure Inc.

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