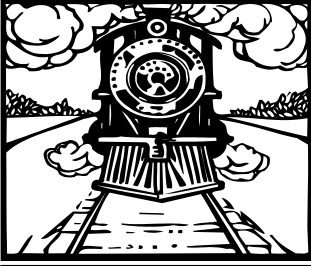


# CANADIAN PACIFIC PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION (MANITOBA BRANCH)



*Spring 2023-2*  
*Editor — Lou Guay*

Greetings to all Manitoba Branch CP Pensioners, Spouses and Survivors.

All the normal signs of a Manitoba spring are everywhere. The geese are back, there is a bumper crop of potholes, and we have flood watches. Winter's annual insistence on repeatedly leaving, then attempting a comeback, means you often start the day in winter gear, switch to shorts and t-shirts by noon, and are shoveling snow (again) by 5 pm.

In this issue:

In Memoriam - see pg 2.

Reminder: not every obituary mentions employment at CP, and some chose not to publish any notice at all. If you are aware of a fellow CP retiree, or a survivor, passing, please contact Lou Guay at 204 275 0630.

For MB Branch members, we send condolences, and a brief guide on how to contact the CP Pension Department, and how to navigate some of the other challenges encountered after a loved one has died.

Golf fans may want to check out the CP Women's Open volunteer opportunity. See pg 3.

Thank you to Karen Merrifield for assuming the role of Manitoba Branch Recording Secretary. Slowly but surely we are filling the executive vacancies. There are still opportunities to help - see pg. 4

For those contemplating travelling this summer, as Seniors and CP Pensioners there are discounts available to help you stretch your dollars a bit further.

- for details on the discount for Blue Cross Travel Insurance. - see pg. 4
- for tips on how to get the best travel discounts when using CP Corporate Rate, Perkopolis, and hotel and other travel businesses websites - see pg. 5

Hope to see many of you at the May 11th luncheon meeting. - see pg. 2

Reminder: no meetings during the summer - details on pg. 4

Have a wonderful spring and summer. Hope everyone has good luck on the links, great times at the lake, bountiful gardens and safe travels.



## IN MEMORIAM

Since our last Newsletter, Father Time has taken his toll. Please take a few minutes out from your day to remember old friends and former workmates.

If you know of any members who are ill or have passed away, please contact Lou Guay @ 204-275-0630 and let him know.

DECEMBER 02, 2020 - DAVID PENMAM, 90. ENGINEER  
MAY 14, 2022 - BOBBIE (ROBERTA AUDREY) RICHARDSON, 89. SPOUSE OF FRANK  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 - FERN STEVENS, 92, SPOUSE OF FRED  
DECEMBER 15, 2022 - MARGARET ELAINE ASKEW, 86, SPOUSE OF ERIC  
DECEMBER 20, 2022 - JERRY (JOHN BRUCE) GEROLAMY, 93,  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 - FRANK RICHARDSON, 89, INVESTIGATOR, CP POLICE  
JANUARY 03, 2023 - EDGAR (ED) WILSON, 92, MANAGER, INTERMODAL  
MARCH 05, 2023 - TERRANCE (TERRY) MACHALEK, 76, CARMAN, SURVIVED BY WILILE

NOT A MEMBER, BUT SOME MAY REMEMBER WORKING WITH  
OCTOBER 24, 2022 - JOSE (JOE) GUIBOCHE, 71

THE COMPANY WIDE IN MEMORIAUM IS FOUND ON LINE AT  
[HTTPS://CP-PENSIONERS.COM/NEWS-EVENTS/](https://cp-pensioners.com/news-events/)  
(ABOUT HALF-WAY DOWN THE PAGE) PUBLISHED TWICE A YEAR

### CP Pensioners Manitoba Branch May luncheon meeting

The next will be on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the  
Belgian Club - 407 Provencher Blvd.  
Doors open at 11:30, meal served at 12:30 (earlier if everyone is there)  
Cost: 15.00 (fifteen) dollars per person  
Members and invited guests.  
If you are want to attend, please contact Ron Hinkle, by phone at 204-667-3520  
or by e-mail at [hinkleronald224@gmail.com](mailto:hinkleronald224@gmail.com). no later than Friday, May 5th  
*. No walk-ins please.*

### Finding out about upcoming events, changes and cancellations

- 1) Any member who uses email, and have not already done so, is encouraged to send an e-mail to [WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com](mailto:WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com).  
Please show your name and the words "add to mailing list" on the subject line.  
Emails about upcoming events, changes and cancellations will be sent to everyone who enrolls.
- 2) We now have a Facebook page - Manitoba CP Pensioners - provides information about upcoming events, changes and cancellations.

Due to timing, new events, cancellations and changes may not be in the newsletter.

**Possible destination vacation for the golf enthusiasts among us?**

***Volunteer at the CP Women's Open***

Employees and pensioners can get closer to the game this summer by volunteering at the CP Women's Open hosted by the Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club in Vancouver, B.C. during the week of August 21-27, 2023. Each year, over 1,200 people volunteer their time and energy to make the event successful in raising millions of dollars for North American heart health and making memories for golf fans around the world.

Volunteer positions are filling quickly, but many attractive positions are still available.

**The cost to volunteer is waived for CP employees and pensioners.**

- Volunteers must work at least four shifts totalling 24 hours throughout August 21-27, 2023 -

**How to register:**

1. Visit the CP Women's Open Volunteer Website  
<https://cpwomensopen.com/volunteer>.
2. Select Register Here
3. Click "Register Here" on the next page.
4. Select Volunteer Type either "CP Employee Volunteer" or "CP Pensioner Volunteer"
5. Enter code: **CPVOL23**
6. Create a unique username and password and complete the rest of the registration questions.

On Uniform Pick-up Day, you will receive the following items in your volunteer package:

- Levelwear volunteer shirt and hat or visor
- Volunteer credential (provides grounds access when volunteering or as a spectator)
- Transferable weekly guest pass
- Weekly parking pass and shuttle service (volunteer lot)
- Discounted concession prices in the volunteer tent

If you have any volunteer-related questions, please contact Golf Canada at [cpwomensopen@golfcanada.ca](mailto:cpwomensopen@golfcanada.ca).

**On the lighter side**

Retirement - when every day is the weekend.

There is never enough time to do all the nothing you want. Bill Watterson

Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught at it.

## **Executive Vacancies— UPDATE**

Thank you to Karen Merrifield for assuming Recording Secretary

### **Positions to fill:**

Corresponding Secretary - Ron Hinkle is stepping down.

**NEW:** Social Facilitator - due to the recent passing of Terry Machalek.

Research and propose possible activities for the membership.

Cheer Chair - vacant. Arrange to send condolence cards as required,  
contact known sick members.

50/50 draw chair - vacant - conduct the 50/50 draw at meetings

Vice President - vacant - chairs meetings if President unable to attend..

Please consider stepping forward and lending a hand. Having a full executive, with new faces, will make us a stronger, more active and more interesting association. If interested, please contact

Doug Belcher at 204 334 2108 or Ron Hinkle at 204 667 3520  
or Lou Guay at 204 275 0630

### **Travel Insurance**

The National Council of CP Pensioners Associations negotiated a 10 per cent discount on Blue Cross Travel Insurance.

To get it, call 1-866-544-7720.

- Identify yourself as a CP Pensioners, and state that the 10 per cent discount is a national (no provincial) program.
- Quote the CP Travel Insurance Group Number—093102
- Provide your CP Employee Number.

### **SUMMER BREAK**

our next meeting is May 11th, then we take our annual summer break

**NO meetings in June, July or August.**

Hope to see everyone when we start meetings up again  
on Thursday, September 14th

### **Facebook: CPR Retirees**

an unofficial informal Facebook group for CP Retirees worth checking out.  
Odds are good you will recognize a few faces and names.  
This group is growing - now has over 2900 members!

## Benefits and Discounts when travelling

With the return of good weather, travelling to visit family and friends, or to be a tourist, is on the agenda for many of us. And few of us willingly turn down a bargain -getting the best value for our dollar is always a priority. As seniors, and CP Pensioners, there are ways to reduce the costs of hotels, flights, car rentals and even train travel.

CP corporate rates for flights, car rentals and hotels are now accessed through the website **Concur**. Directions to access CP rates can be found here:

CP Pensioners website: <https://cp-pensioners.com/discounts/>  
Getting your account set up is a bit confusing, and using the website is awkward, but, worth the effort as there are some bargains to be found.  
Be aware:

- Concur charges a 5.25 service fee when you book through them.
- you may need to prove CP status when you register
- you cannot book the corporate rate for family or friends unless they are travelling with you. For hotels, one room limit may apply.
- as with the old corporate rates, some are bargains, many are not.

**Perkopolis** is another discount website. Again, some are bargains, many are not. No charge to become a member, but, you need to belong to a sponsoring group. Mb Branch Members can get membership thanks our National Council.

If you are interested, send an email to [WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com](mailto:WpgCPRPensioners@mail.com). Show Perkopolis on the subject name and include your full name in the body of the e-mail. We will send instructions on how to access the website and create an account, and will provide the one-time member id needed to start the process. Perkopolis has discounts for products and services offered by over 5000 businesses. Again, some are bargains, many are not.

Individual company websites are another potential source of savings. For example, many hotel chains, and independents, offer a seniors rate. Often it's the best rate you can find, but, not always.

Like every other form of shopping, compare prices before you buy.

The downside to these is internet access is required. If you are not web-savvy, we suggest approaching a relative to help. Grandchildren are often a great resource when it comes to computers and the internet.

## WRAP-UP

If you have any questions relative to our Association, or are encountering problems pertaining to pensions, Blue Cross Coverage, etc., which may be affecting you as a pensioner or survivor, please contact one of the under-signed. If we cannot answer your query, we can possibly direct you to someone who can assist you.

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Are your membership dues up-to-date? If not, or if you have misplaced your card, or if you are not sure, please call **Karen Merrifield**, our Membership Co-chair, at **204-226-1711**, who can let you know where you stand. There has been no change in membership fees -

For either pensioner and spouse, or pensioner only. - \$10.00 per year

For surviving spouse only - \$5.00 per year

**Reminder: our membership year runs January 01 to December 31**

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### Canadian Pacific Pensioners' Association Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Pension Payroll # \_\_\_\_\_

Former Trade/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO C.P. PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION**  
and forward to (NEW CONTACT INFORMATION)



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