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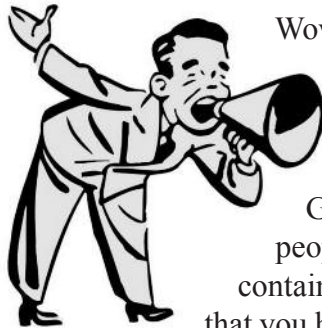
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President's Report



Wow! What a wonderful holiday time. There is nothing like time spent with family and friends. I was at two Christmas celebrations with colleagues and friends.

I was able to attend the Southwestern Ontario dinner and the Golden Horseshoe luncheon. It was great to spend time with people that I haven't seen for sometime. This edition of Livewire contains many photos of events held throughout Ontario. I hope that you had the opportunity to participate in at least one of the events.

Recruiting new members is a part of our mandate. Membership in the CBC Pensioners National Association has its rewards. Maintaining a vibrant membership allows us to continue to represent you in all matters pertaining to retirees. Yes, we are a social organization, arranging events, meetings and fun things to do; but we also represent your interests in benefits, pensions and other matters in conjunction with the CBC. In 2017 we had 50 new members join the association in the Ontario Region. Nationally we had 158 people join. That is great news. We owe this increase to you the membership. You are the best recruiters out there. Please continue talking to your colleagues and encouraging them to join us.

At the AGM last October it was suggested that we get spouses to join the Association. Technically we can not do that. You must be receiving a CBC pension to be eligible. Can we bring them in as Social members? They already are by being a spouse. The real question becomes succession. When a member passes away the spouse does not automatically become a member. The spouse will have to fill out an application form and apply for membership. Here is how we can make this process easier. We encourage you, the member, to talk with your spouse about joining. When they agree that they would like to continue in the Association, please forward the information to your local chapter or the Ontario Region. The Chapter or Region will keep the contact information on hand and will contact your spouse (unfortunately after your death). By becoming a member your spouse will be able to continue participating in the Association without having to become a Social member.

We welcome your input on any matter that concerns you. Please feel free to contact your local Chapter executive or the Ontario Region Board at anytime. I can be reached by email at gercarhead@gmail.com or by phone 519-250-8516.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in 2018 and I wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Gerry Head, President

2017 CHRISTMAS LUNCH/TORONTO

Another very successful Ontario Region/20 Year Association Christmas luncheon at the Duke of Devon on December 9th. 106 members and friends participated which was a great turn out. Everybody enjoyed the excellent turkey dinner with all the fixings and, as usual, the door prizes were happily received. It was good to see so many old friends getting together.

A big thank you to John Dixon and Tom Bilenkey for the photo montage. Stay tuned for information on this year's Christmas luncheon.

Irene Robinson, Director

MORE FROM TORONTO...

2017 ended with one of the biggest gatherings for the pub afternoons, 60. What a great afternoon.

It was a chance to see and get caught up with former co-workers and share a few laughs. Everyone I spoke with commented on the casual nature of the get together and the opportunity to mingle.

The New Year will see the restart of the 20 Year Assn. lunches. For details, contact Nancy Flynn: n.flynn@sympatico.ca

Also, The Chowder Club gatherings have started in the Yonge and Steeles area. For more info, contact Brian Radford brian_radford9469@yahoo.ca

And the Pub Afternoons will begin shortly. To get on the mailing list send a note to cbctorontoretirees@gmx.com

If you have an event or gathering and you would like to invite fellow retirees, send a note to cbctorontoretirees@gmx.com.

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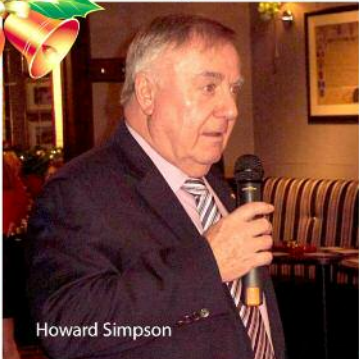
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CBC TORONTO 20YR. ASSOCIATION UPDATE

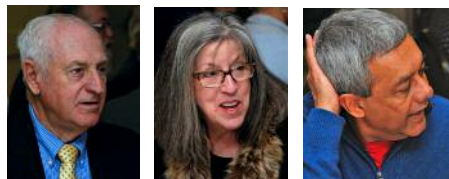
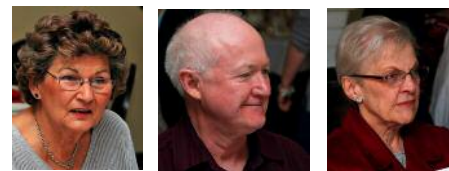
We have opened our membership to the entire CBC family, including retirees, those still working, part-timers, performers or anyone else affiliated with the CBC. This change follows a practice implemented with success many years ago by the B.C. chapter of the 20yr assoc. The new move should help increase our membership numbers by opening up to a wider group of interested people. This is just one more way to help facilitate camaraderie among current and past CBC people, in friendly social gatherings outside the work environment. Be sure to spread the news that this change is in effect now! If you bring a new member, you will get your lunch free when he/she signs up.

We meet on the 1st Monday of most months at the Blake House on the east side of Jarvis St. across from the ballet school. For more info, get in touch with me at n.flynn@sympatico.ca.

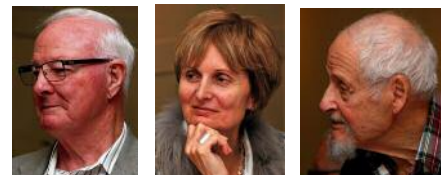
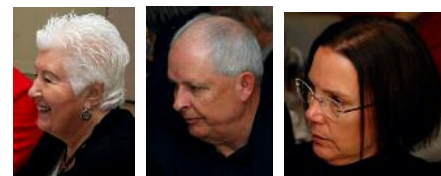
Nancy Flynn, President, Toronto 20yr assoc.



U **GHC** Christmas Luncheon a Triumph U



The 2017 Golden Horseshoe Chapter Christmas Luncheon on Wed., Dec. 6 was a runaway success. A record-breaking 117 tickets were issued, breaking last year's mark by more than two dozen. That crowd sent us upstairs to larger quarters in the Burlington Legion's Victory Hall. We had a band playing through reception. There was a scrumptious turkey dinner. Thirty-seven door prizes were handed out including tickets to Come From Away, the Shaw Festival, a Raptors game, the Stratford Festival, plus dinners at the Keg and Mohawk-Woodbine. We've already booked the hall for next year. Mark your calendars: **Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018.**



From left: Leone Earls, Ron Freeman, Nancy Flynn, David Knapp, Andrew Simon, Gerry Head, John Dixon

U **Golden Horseshoe Chapter Honours Ron Freeman** U

The Golden Horseshoe Chapter has paid tribute to one of its founding fathers. Ron Freeman has retired as the chapter's secretary-treasurer after seven years of service. He is credited with starting the chapter with the late Dave Martin, who was its first president in 2006. Ron is a long-time member of the CBC Pensioners National Association. He has served in a number of capacities at the regional level, including director and vice-president. Ron is also the secretary of the CBC 20-Year Association of Toronto. Many of the association's former and current leaders were on hand at the Golden Horseshoe annual Christmas luncheon to honour Ron.



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER

Just fewer than one hundred attended our combined Christmas Party/Membership Drive to complete another very successful social year for our Chapter. So many new faces that attended who guaranteed us that they would try and do their best to attend our functions throughout the year. No matter, they will not miss our 2018 Christmas Party! The closing party of 2017 gave us 2 new PNA members with a possible third and fourth as new Associate members.

The party, which was once again held at the Giovanni Caboto Club was enjoyed by all who attended. Prior to our sit-down meal, served by a wonderful staff where even those with dietary restrictions were amazed, you could hear 50+ years of memories in conversations floating throughout the hall. Combined with the images of our slide presentation you got the feeling that we were all just attending a very large family reunion! Yes, we were!

Throughout the dinner we had a 50/50 draw, drew twenty door prizes and a surprise 4 nights stay at any 4 Star hotel in Florida.

On behalf of your board, Gino Piazza, Sandy Tymczak, Jackie Kervoelen-Cheslea, Gerry Goulet and Manny Pacheco we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming functions this summer; our annual BBQ - July 14 and our Essex County Wine Tour - August 25 (details to follow in the next Livewire).





DURHAM CHAPTER

2017 has been another good year for the Durham Chapter.

We have had three official chapter functions. Our “free lunch” in April attracted a number of members. The Summer BBQ at Ocala was a resounding success and our Fall \ Winter gathering was bigger than ever. Maybe it was because of the amazing door prizes gathered by Janet Abate and our guest speaker, Brandon Pickard, from Durham Region Tourism. Along with this, there has been the unofficial noon coffee-time at the Pickering Town Centre on the first Thursday of the month. And, Alan Grant organized another unofficial and successful function at the Waterfront Bistro prior to Christmas.

While there has been interest in the functions of the chapter, the chapter itself is in a bit of a situation. The current executive’s three-year term of office is finished and there is a need for other members to step up and get involved. Randy, Mike and I would of course, be happy to help out. The issue was brought up at our AGM held along with the November Fall\Winter gathering and we are working with the region to develop a strategy for the future.

Want to get involved – get in touch with me or any other member of the executive. Our co-ordinates are on the back page. For now, watch for our spring newsletter “The Buzz” for an update.



TRENT CHAPTER

On Wednesday, November 29, 2017 the Trent Chapter held its annual meeting in the Public Library in Cobourg. There were three pensioners from the Trent Chapter and a number who attended from the Durham Region. The turnout was disappointing and, with so few members present, the current executive agreed to stay on another year. Durham members indicated similar problems with low chapter attendance and the two chapters have agreed to work together on social outings. At this point, neither are in favour of amalgamation.

For the last three years, the Trent Chapter has done the Trent-Severn Cruise and although a delightful outing, the numbers were half of what they were in 2016: forty in 2016, 19 in 2017. A future possibility – a joint Trent/Durham bus trip to the Air Force Museum in Trenton. Thanks were expressed to Marc Coté , the chapter’s birthday caller, and Christmas (holiday) cards were sent out to all members before Christmas with a brief update on Chapter happenings.

Barrie Burhoe, Chapter president



NORTH CENTRAL ONTARIO CHAPTER

The Annual General Meeting of the North Central Ontario Chapter was held on November 3, 2017 at the Highwayman Inn in Orillia.

After the business part of the meeting ended we presented our guest speaker, Inspector Chris Whaley of the Ontario Provincial Police. One of the main subjects he spoke about was distracted driving with particular attention to texting, personal telephone calls, eating and general lack of concentration to the traffic around us. He also spoke about tiredness at the wheel and alcohol consumption. Everyone had the opportunity to ask questions after his presentation which resulted in some very interesting and lively discussions.

A light lunch was served at the end of the meeting.

Coming up in August 2018 – our annual BBQ at Bob Burt’s estate at Lake Couchiching – good food, good music and a fine gathering of old and new friends. Further information will follow.



OBITUARIES:

MIKLOSIK, John – died on October 17, 2017 at the age of 87. John worked as a technical engineer, CBC Toronto.

SULLIVAN, Haldane (Hal) – died on November 6, 2017. He was employed by CBC Radio and contributed much to the arts scene in Windsor.

BITTMAN, Roman – died on November 7, 2017 at the age of 76. Roman was “a great producer during his time at the CBC and at the National Film Board”.

LORD, Frank – died on November 14, 2017 at the age of 83. Frank served 29 years with CBC Radio, including 14 years as Technical Director with “The House”.

REID, James – died on November 14, 2017 at the age of 72. James had a long career as a recording engineer at CBC, both in Toronto and Vancouver.

MACPHERSON, Ed – died on November 15, 2017. Ed was best known for his many years in Toronto as a VTR operator and editor and also for his work in NABET as an executive.

PRENTICE, Thomas (Tom) – died on November 3, 2017 at the age of 92. Tom worked as a CBC Sound Engineer for over 30 years.

REED, Vince – died on December 06, 2017 at the age of 84. Vince was a Purchasing Agent for CBC Toronto.

KILLINGBECK, Margaret – died on December 30, 2017. Margaret worked in Program Acquisitions and Business Affairs in Toronto and had a successful career in acting after retirement.

THORSON, Robert – died on January 6, 2018 at the age of 78. He was employed in CBC Thunder Bay as an electronics technologist, before moving on to Rankin Inlet.

KASS, John – died on January 12, 2018 at the age of 66. John was employed as a news producer and writer for the CBC.

KRISTENSEN, Erik - died on January 15, 2018. He was a Film Lighting Director in CBC Toronto.

GURD, Walter – died on January 18, 2018, three days before his 94th birthday. Walter was a pianist and arranged music for “Juliette” and “The Billy O’Connor Show”.

HOSKING, Brian – died on January 18, 2018. Brian started at CBC in the Lighting Maintenance Department, became a Film Camera Assistant and eventually became a “great cinematographer in his own right”.

REMINDER: When you move, change your phone or email, PLEASE let the Ontario Region and the National Office in Ottawa know. TOLL FREE NUMBER 1-877-361-9242, email at cbcpensioners@on.aibn.com. We have had quite a bit of mail returned recently as there is no forwarding address. Also, we would appreciate it, if those with email could arrange to receive LIVEWIRE, CONTACT and all other communications by email to help us reduce our mailing costs.



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