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Time to visit Canada's National Parks



Photo: Courtesy Monique Nenson, CBC PNA, Regina, SK
Clear Lake, Riding Mountain National Park, MB

Taking to the trails is one of the joys of summer when visiting Canada's national parks.

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President's Report

Jim MacVicar, CBC PNA Regional President, Devon, AB

Hello everyone. April, May and June were busy months for pensioners at social events across our region and nationally at the CBC PNA Triennial Convention. I'll begin with the Triennial Convention and turn to regional events later in my report.

The Convention was held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Gatineau, Québec on May 15 and 16. The delegates were updated on the NDP private members bill supporting the Spousal Pension Fairness Coalition and the Canadian Coalition for Retirement Security. Bill C-27 has been put on hold temporarily. It's still important to let our representatives in Parliament know how we feel about the proposed changes outlined in Bill C-27. There was also an update on the Supplementary Health Care Plan with CBC and Morneau Shepell. Morneau Shepell are the administrators for the SHCP with Great West Life. Jean-Marc Guérin from CBC and Louis Bernatchez from Morneau Shepell were on hand for a presentation and to answer questions. The plan is non-insured with GWL, with

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the lowest possible fees as the users pay for it. Prior to the implementation of the new plan, part of the study included an analysis of paramedical usage over the previous 2 years. 98% of plan users were under \$950 per annum for paramedical services. CBC also promised to do an analysis of the new plan after its first year of operation.

The objectives for the Convention were to build a vision of the PNA for the future and a plan to support that vision. We also needed to assess our strengths and weaknesses as they relate to everything we mean to do, and continue and refine the membership growth and maintenance initiatives begun at the 2015 convention. This convention was different from the previous two I have attended because we used a professional facilitation company that specializes in 'Learning & Facilitation'. It's called 'Syzygy' -- pronounced 'si-zi-gee' - - and you can learn more about it here: <http://www.szg.ca/index.html> Groups were assigned, instructions were given, and people deliberated in workshops over a day and a half. Recruitment strategy, gender parity, social media networking, communications, external advocacy and how to engage and retain existing retirees were some of the items we discussed. Syzygy will synthesize the results of our work for a presentation to the national directors at the end of August.

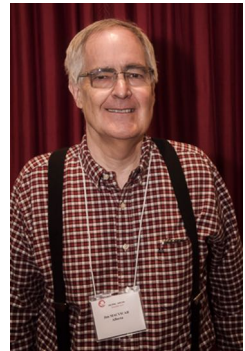


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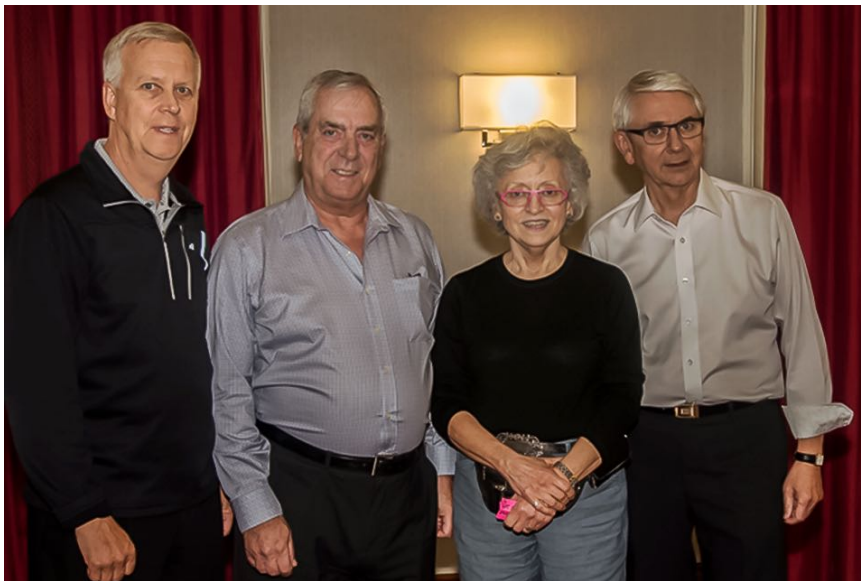


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*The new CBC Pensioners National Association Executive was elected in May 2018.
From left to right: Vice-President (Anglophone) David Jeffrey (Kanata, ON), Treasurer Réjean Labrie (Brossard, QC), Vice-President (Francophone) Suzanne Aubin (Longueuil, QC), and President Denis Collette (Winnipeg, MB)*

Following the convention, the Annual General Meeting was held and a new executive was elected to govern the CBC Pensioners National Association for the next three years. Denis Collette (Winnipeg, Manitoba) was elected as President, David Jeffrey (Kanata, Ontario) as Vice-President (Anglophone), Suzanne Aubin (Longueuil, Québec) as Vice-President (Francophone), and Réjean Labrie (Brossard, Québec) as Treasurer. This was the first time at a triennial convention that there was more than one candidate for each position. All elected officers will serve a three-year term. The guest speaker, Debra Alves, Managing Director and CEO of the CBC Pension Fund, updated everyone on the

positive performance of our pension plan. Debra Alves will be retiring on September 30th, 2018. Recruitment is underway for her replacement.

I also had the pleasure of attending regional PNA get-togethers. The Southern Alberta Chapter held its Annual General Meeting on April 4 in Calgary, Saskatoon members had their annual lunch on May 24. In Regina, the CBC 20 Year Association held its annual Spring Fling on May 26. In Edmonton, members met on June 1 for the annual spring supper. At all of these events PNA members and guests each received a \$10 subsidy for their dinner meals courtesy of your regional CBC PNA.

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Amazing Convention

Hartland Jessome, CBC PNA, Regina, SK



*Hartland Jessome,
President of the
Saskatchewan Chapter,
(Regina, SK)*

This was my first time attending a CBC PNA triennial convention. It was a busy two days of activities in Ottawa in May this year.

The PNA put on a workshop with these objectives: how to increase our membership, how to get our message out to the folks who will be retiring in the near future, and what are the advantages of joining the PNA. These were defined on the first day, in a very creative way I might add, by the use of random pictures put into a storyboard. I will not list all of the objectives but instead I will concentrate on the one that I volunteered to help achieve.

What really excited me was the social network and media. In other words, how do we as an organization reconnect with our membership? Lots of good ideas came out of our group discussions. All of the recommendations will be reviewed and organized by the new national executive and an action plan will be formulated on how we implement them. There is even a provision in the national budget, that if we have a region that wants to implement some of these goals on a local level, there is now a special project fund available.

There were many other things on the agenda at the convention: updates on the Supplementary Health Care Plan, Bill C-27 (target benefit pension plans), and the Surviving Spouses Pension Fairness Coalition. There was a pension plan update from Debra Alves, who is, by the way, retiring this year. You will most likely read about these issues in other articles in the *Contact* or *Transmitter* newsletters.

On a personal level, let me say that the convention was amazing. I have never felt prouder to be part of the PNA. There are a lot of good folks out there (ex CBC/Radio-Canada employees) who take the well-being of the retirees (members and non-members) seriously. The PNA is more than a social group. It is there to be an advocate for the pensioners. Believe me, the national executive and board of directors take that responsibility very seriously. We are in good hands.



Photo: *Courtesy Hartland Jessome, CBC PNA, Regina, SK*

Bob Forrow, Vice-President of the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories Region (Edmonton, AB); Julia Sargeant, Employee Assistance Plan (Edmonton, AB); Jim MacVicar, President of the ASN Region (Devon, AB); Joanne McAdam, Southern Alberta Chapter ASN (Calgary, AB); Hartland Jessome, Saskatchewan Chapter ASN (Regina, SK)

(La version française suit...)

Un congrès remarquable

Hartland Jessome, ANR SRC/CBC, Regina, SK

C'était la première fois que je participais à un congrès triennal de l'Association nationale des retraités SRC/CBC. Ce fut deux jours fort occupés à Ottawa au cours du mois de mai 2018.

L'ANR a organisé un atelier avec ces objectifs: Comment augmenter ses effectifs, comment transmettre notre message à ceux et celles qui seront bientôt retraités et finalement, pourquoi il est avantageux d'être membre de l'ANR. Ils ont été définis dès le premier jour, de façon très créative je dois dire, par l'utilisation de photos diverses sur un scénario-maquette. Je vous ferai grâce des détails de la liste complète sauf ceux dont j'ai travaillé à la réalisation.

Ce qui a vraiment attiré mon attention sont les réseaux sociaux et les médias. En d'autres mots, comment, en tant qu'organisme, pouvons-nous resserrer les liens avec nos membres? Beaucoup de bonnes idées sont ressorties de nos discussions de groupe. Toutes les recommandations seront revues par le nouveau bureau de direction national et un plan d'action sera ensuite mise en place afin de déterminer la meilleure façon de les mettre en oeuvre. Il y a même, actuellement, un fond spécial dans le budget national qui permet à une région d'instaurer certaines de ces recommandations.

Il y avait plusieurs autres choses à l'ordre du jour du congrès : une mise à jour sur le programme supplémentaire des soins de santé, le projet de loi C-27 (régime de prestation de traite cible), et la Coalition équité des pensions aux conjoints survivants. Il y a également eu une mise à jour du régime de retraite par Debra Alves, qui, en passant, prendra sa retraite cette année. Vous en saurez davantage sur ces sujets en lisant d'autres articles dans *Contact* et le *Transmetteur*.

Sur une note personnelle, je dois dire que le congrès était remarquable. Je n'ai jamais été aussi fier d'être membre de l'ANR. Il y a plein de bons gens (d'anciens employés de la SRC) qui prennent au sérieux le bien-être des retraités, qu'ils soient membres ou non. L'ANR est bien plus qu'un groupe social. Elle est là pour défendre les droits de retraités. Croyez-moi, le conseil exécutif national et le bureau de direction prennent cette responsabilité très au sérieux. Nous sommes entre de bonnes mains.

Productive Convention

Joanne McAdam, CBC PNA, Calgary, AB



Photo: Courtesy of Hartland Jessome, CBC PNA, Regina, Sk

Joanne McAdam, delegate from the Southern Alberta Chapter (Calgary, AB)

What a pleasure it was to represent Calgary at the convention and to meet the pensioners who were from other parts of Canada. Everything was extremely well organized and everyone worked hard to accomplish the items on the agenda.

Based on the PNA's Mission, Values and Vision statements, all of us were divided into groups and each group determined the most important issues to discuss. All the work accomplished by each group was listed on posters and will be photographed and given to the PNA executive.

We heard what other regions do and have done to recruit people who are taking a pension from CBC but have not joined the PNA. Some have lunch and learns, have get-togethers at a pub, have separate meetings for technicians and separate meetings for management and administrative staff. We also talked about how to give information about the PNA to CBC staff who are getting close to or thinking about retirement. Giving information to the unions and the Association of Professionals and Supervisors (APS) is another way to inform staff about the PNA and its benefits. It is important to know that the PNA is one voice for one group of people. As a group, we can make a difference.

Information and an update was given regarding SHCP. Updates were also given regarding Bill C-27, Canadian Coalition for Retirement Security and on Bill C-397, Spousal Pension Fairness Coalition. We are all encouraged to continue to write to our MLA's, etc. regarding these bills. There is a form letter on the PNA website, but it is suggested that there is more of an impact if we compose a letter in our own words.

All in all, it was a very productive conference and well worth the time and membership.

Respectful Convention

Bob Forrow, CBC PNA Regional Vice-President, Edmonton, AB

When I first started in broadcasting I was very fortunate to work in French television in Montreal. I have never forgotten how fiercely my French colleagues regarded and showed pride in their culture. It did not matter whether the budget on the shows was meager or extensive, they worked hard, not necessarily with money as motivation, but for cultural patriotism. I saw patriotism in the assembling of the CBC Pensioners National Association advocating from across Canada not for money but to help and support one another. This was my first trip to the Triennial Convention as an observer for the region of Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories and I was struck by the respect each delegate showed for each other and for each region of the country. All had a common goal to help one another. All came together as volunteers with compassion for their fellow pensioners and to support a vision of inclusion. All delegates helped come up with suggestions to implement in the next three years.

The commonality to serve all members of the PNA with respect came out in the workshops held during two days. English and French delegates created a variety of strategies to help the PNA move forward.



Photo: Courtesy of Hartland Jessome, CBC PNA, Regina, SK

Bob Forrow, Vice-President of the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories Region (Edmonton, AB)

Is Freedom from Fear Possible?

Krysia Jarmicka, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB

At my going-away party last October, friends gave me a card that quoted an important writer J.R.R. Tolkien saying "Not all who wander are lost." No matter how brave and independent I saw myself, it was nice to have some reinforcement from earthly authorities!

Where was I going last October? Hard to know because I had decided to become, in effect, voluntarily homeless.

I released most of my earthly possessions, climbed into my Stow'n Go Dodge Grand Caravan, full of camping gear, and headed out of Edmonton. Since then I have camped as far south as Guanajuato, Mexico; been to a great family reunion/Christmas adventure in Phoenix, Arizona; rendezvous-ed with a never-met-but-always-knew-about cousin near Chicago, Illinois; set foot on Walpole Island, a piece of unceded territory sitting in the mouth of the St. Clair River between the province of Ontario and the state of Michigan; and visited Ottawa to attend the party for my great-grandson Arthur's first birthday in May.



Photo: Courtesy of Krysia Jarmicka, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB

When people ask me: "Aren't you scared?" I reply "Of what?" and then we have a conversation about fear. I feel deep within myself a call to ACTIVELY trust in the goodness of my fellow human beings and to encourage others to do the same.

I have driven over 25,000 kilometres since October 29th, 2017, enjoying many a campfire gathering in countless campgrounds in Canada, the United States of America and Mexico. We sit, we talk, we think about personal experience versus the drama 'out in the world'. We contemplate.

But why? Why wander? I don't feel restless. Quite the contrary, I feel totally comfortable in my skin. What I DO feel is a relentless urge to move across the land, alone.



*Photo: Courtesy of Krysia Jarmicka
Travelling near the Mexican border.*



There's no rush, just a deep sense that it's really okay to feel calm amongst others. If I miss my family and friends, there's always a McDonald's just down the road with WiFi for my iPhone. And at this point, the road still beckons.

Photo: Courtesy of Krysia Jarmicka, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB

Camping in the LTVA (Long Term Visitors Area) near Yuma, Arizona

Singing Farmers

Stan Ewert, CBC PNA, White City, SK

Back in the day, CBC Radio was tasked with the job of producing School Broadcasts for the provincial Departments of Education. There were four programs a week during the school year covering various subjects from music to Shakespeare. At that time there were still many small schools in rural areas that lacked resources. School broadcasts were one way to help.

It was after a long week of travelling in rural Saskatchewan that we found ourselves in a two-room schoolhouse in Anaheim. The 'we' were Producer Dave Cruickshank, School Broadcast representative Gertrude Murray and me as the Recording Technician. We had been recording school choirs for a special music broadcast and this was our last stop.

We had just finished recording when the teacher who conducted the school choir asked if we would like to listen to the Anaheim men's choir that would rehearse that evening. We told him we couldn't use an adult choir on a school broadcast but he explained he just wanted us to listen to the choir. We were anxious to hit the road but he came up with an offer we couldn't refuse. He invited us to his home for a chicken dinner before the rehearsal. For a group of tired travellers who had been eating restaurant meals all week, this clinched the deal. We ate a delicious home-cooked meal and then returned to the school.

When we arrived we saw trucks coming from all directions bringing farmers, some right off their tractors. The choir of about a dozen men began singing and our jaws dropped. The full a cappella sound of baritones and tenors vibrated throughout the room. The beautiful music we were hearing couldn't possibly be coming from an amateur choir. My producer signaled me to start the recorder and we recorded the whole rehearsal. Unfortunately the microphones were still set up for the children's choir so the pickup didn't do justice to the adult men's choir but it was too late to change anything.

When we returned to Regina, Dave Cruickshank sent the tapes to the CBC Music Department in Toronto. They were so impressed they took the rehearsal tapes and edited them into a half hour *Choral Concert* program that went to the full radio network.

A year went by and Toronto asked for a further program from the Anaheim men's choir. We recorded material for another *Choral Concert* network production.

Another year went by and as expected we had a request from Toronto for an additional program. However, we had bad news. The conductor had left Anaheim and the men's choir had dissolved. We didn't get to do another recording but we had the satisfaction of knowing we had brought the talented voices of a group of farmers to radio listeners across Canada.

Blasts from the Past

Bill Laing, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB

Remembering CBC Edmonton Information Radio, 1970



Top left: Dennis Woodrow / **Centre:** Keith Rutherford / **Top right:** Glenn Bjarnasson

Bottom left: Colin MacLean, arts & entertainment reporter / **Bottom right:** Jennie Diment, chief makeup artist

Dennis Woodrow hosted a national classic music request program from Edmonton in the afternoon five days a week. Keith Rutherford was a general duty announcer for television and radio, and Glenn Bjarnasson was a sportscaster on television - when we had sportscasts!

At this time even the news and sports people got makeup for the show!

Remember CBC Christmas advertising?

Years ago, CBC Edmonton put out a Christmas card for staff to send to their contacts.



Remembering Ripple Rock

Bob McQuay, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB

Have you ever watched any of the films made long ago by the National Film Board? One film, *Ripple Rock*, caught the attention of Bob McQuay because it jogged his memory about being part of the CBC camera crew that filmed the explosion in 1958.

The NFB says “This film shows a complicated three-year engineering project leading to the destruction of Ripple Rock, a deathtrap in the shipping lane between Vancouver Island and the mainland. Also shown are tunnelling beneath the ocean floor of Seymour Narrows, the placing of the explosives and a close-up view of the successful explosion in 1958.”

Bob McQuay says:

“I had forgotten about it but 60 years later it becomes a big item. It sure jarred the old memory. I remember ripple rock like it was yesterday. I guess that really makes me old because I was there.

The CBC broadcast the explosion live and I was one of the three cameraman on the project. To get the signal out it was sent to Seattle then through to New York then on to Toronto and feeds to eastern Canada. Alberta was not yet hooked up to the TV towers so they got a taped delay. Years before satellite! Vancouver was just a microwave feed. Full coast-to-coast microwave came in later that year.

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Down at the shore there were no fish as they had been fished out really well. I saw two dead star fish and they were just like jelly. It was cloudy that morning in April and right after the explosion the rains sure came down.

The explosion was loud and huge and debris was spread over quite a distance and our three sided shacks that protected the cameras sure got covered. A film cameraman kept calling us patsies and other such names for being in a shelter. When the explosion occurred he was so startled that he ran away and somehow his camera tilted up and all he got was sky. Justice was served.”

The NFB calls the event the biggest non-atomic explosion in the world.
See for yourself at https://www.nfb.ca/film/ripple_rock/

Chapters Roundup

Calgary: Members of the Southern Alberta Chapter got together for lunch on Wednesday, June 6 at the Kerby Centre. The guest speaker was Joanne McAdam, the local member who was one of the delegates from the Alberta/Saskatchewan/Northwest Territories Region to the national convention of the CBC Pensioners National Association in May. Chapter President Ken McCreath will contact everyone in the fall about the next lunch meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. You can find out more information about the Southern Alberta Chapter by calling Ken at 403-949-2392 or sending an email to him at kenmcreath@rogers.com

Edmonton: Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month to meet PNA members from in and around Edmonton for breakfast. The location is IHOP, International House of Pancakes, 3921 Calgary Trail NW in Edmonton. The restaurant is across the parking lot from Walmart. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and there is a 15% Seniors Discount on Tuesdays. The upcoming get-togethers will be on August 14, September 11 and October 9. For more information contact Jim MacVicar at 780-987-5933 or pna.absknt@gmail.com



Saskatoon: CBC retirees in Saskatoon met with CBC PNA Regional President Jim MacVicar at Grainfields restaurant on May 24. The PNA helped subsidize the lunch for its members. Thank you, Jim! It was great to see you! Ellen Armstrong, the Saskatoon Vice-President for the Saskatchewan Chapter, will travel to Edmonton to represent the Chapter at the Regional Annual General Meeting on September 12. Ellen will send out a note to members in the fall about the next gathering of the Saskatoon PNA members. For more information call Ellen at 306-880-4732 or send an email to her at cbcellen@hotmail.com.

Photo: From left to right: Jim MacVicar, CBC PNA Regional President from Edmonton, AB, Ellen Armstrong, Vi Atwell, Al Willems, Laura Wirachowsky and Kathy Fitzpatrick.

Regina: We had a great turnout for the CBC 20 Year Association Spring Fling at Nicky's Café in Regina on May 26. Thanks to Regional President Jim MacVicar for travelling from Edmonton to join us and for giving \$10 to each PNA member and guest attending the dinner to help with the cost of their meals.

We're taking a holiday from our coffee meetings and will start again just after the Labour Day Long Weekend on Wednesday, September 5 at Theo Bill's Restaurant in Regina. The Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Chapter will be held in the fall and you'll receive details then. For more information contact Hartland Jessome, President of the Saskatchewan Chapter at 306-520-2859 or hartlandj@sasktel.net

CBC Pension Board of Trustees

Dear CBC Pension Plan Member,

The CBC Pension Board of Trustees (the Pension Board) has released the 2017 Annual Report and the 2017 Highlights of the CBC Pension Plan (the Plan). The 2017 Highlights provides a brief summary of the Plan's activities for the 2017 fiscal year: Financial Overview, Investment Overview and Member Services. For a full review of the 2017 results and the audited financial statements please refer to the 2017 Annual Report. These reports and other important communications and information about the Plan are available on the [Pension Board's website](#). We invite you to take a look.

If you wish to receive a paper copy of this year's Highlights or the 2017 Annual Report please [email us](#) with your name and address and we will be happy to send you a copy.

If you have questions related to your pension payments, we invite you to go to the [Retirees and Survivors page](#) of our website for contact information.

Sincerely,

The Pension Board

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De très bonnes raisons... / Great Reasons...

De très bonnes raisons d'être membre de l'Association nationale des retraités de la SRC

NOUS SOMMES VOTRE VOIX...

L'Association nationale des retraités de la SRC est la **seule voix unifiée** qui défend vos intérêts auprès de Radio-Canada et des gouvernements, et au sein de la communauté nationale des retraités.

- Grâce à la vigilance et à la détermination de l'ANR et de ses membres, nous avons conclu une entente avec Radio-Canada pour le partage des surplus de la caisse de retraite – un avantage important à la fois pour les retraités actuels et pour ceux qui nous suivront. La puissance est dans le nombre.
- L'ANR défend d'une voix forte et efficace vos intérêts dans le débat en cours en vue d'améliorer les avantages pour les conjoints survivants, le traitement équitable des conjoints de même sexe et le versement de prestations aux époux ou aux partenaires post-retraite.
- L'ANR surveille la gouvernance du régime d'assurance-maladie complémentaire et y participe régulièrement, contribuant à s'assurer que les tarifs demeurent raisonnables, que les services soient maintenus et que les avantages conviennent aux besoins de ses membres.
- Radio-Canada reconnaît à l'ANR le droit de nommer des représentants des retraités à d'importants comités qui supervisent notamment le placement de nos fonds de retraite par le Conseil de fiducie de la Caisse de retraite, défendent les intérêts des retraités au Comité consultatif sur les avantages sociaux et assurent la prestation des services nécessaires aux retraités par le Programme d'aide aux employés.

Les sondages auprès de nos membres ont constamment cité cette défense diligente de nos intérêts comme le plus important avantage de faire partie de notre Association.

NOUS VOUS OFFRONS DU SOUTIEN...

Nous offrons aux membres un soutien téléphonique bien informé, la défense de leurs intérêts, ainsi que des renseignements par l'intermédiaire de notre site Internet sur le régime de retraite, le centre d'administration des pensions, les avantages médicaux, le Fonds d'aide spécial et un vaste éventail d'enjeux concernant la retraite. Notre bureau national est une excellente source d'information et de conseils, accessible par téléphone, par courrier ou par courriel.

NOUS VOUS PERMETTONS DE RESTER EN CONTACT...

Nos groupes régionaux organisent une foule d'activités sociales qui favorisent les contacts entre retraités de Radio-Canada. Des bulletins d'information national et régionaux fournissent aux membres des nouvelles sur les pensions et sur les retraités qui leur permettent de se tenir au courant des enjeux nationaux et de rester en contact les uns avec les autres.

NOUS VOUS OFFRONS ACCÈS À DES SERVICES SPÉCIAUX...

Nos membres ont accès unique à des régimes d'assurance habitation, automobile et voyage conçus pour les retraités à des prix compétitifs. Nous continuons à chercher des occasions d'ajouter à nos programmes privilégiés.

ET DEVENIR MEMBRE EST UN BON INVESTISSEMENT...

Le travail important de l'ANR est financé par de faibles cotisations mensuelles, soit seulement 0,32 % du montant brut de la pension des membres. Ainsi, pour chaque 1 000 \$ de pension mensuelle, le membre paye 3,20 \$. Pour plus de commodité, grâce à une entente négociée avec Radio-Canada, votre cotisation est déduite directement à la source et elle est entièrement *déductible d'impôt*. Pour vous joindre à nous, téléphonez au 1 877 361-9242 ou visitez notre site Internet, à l'adresse : www.retraitessrc.ca.

Great Reasons to be a Member of the CBC Pensioners National Association

WE ARE YOUR VOICE...

The CBC Pensioners National Association is the **sole unified voice** advocating on your behalf – with the CBC, with government and in the national community of retirees.

- Thanks to the vigilance and determination of the CBCPNA and its members, we have an agreement with the CBC for sharing surpluses in the Pension Fund – a significant benefit for both today's pensioners and those who will follow us. There is power in numbers.
- The CBCPNA is a strong and effective advocate in the ongoing quest for improved survivor benefits, equitable treatment of same sex partners and the extension of survivor benefits to spouses or partners married after retirement.
- The CBCPNA regularly monitors and participates in the governance of the Supplementary Health Care Plan, helping to assure rates are controlled, services are maintained, and benefits are appropriate to the needs of the membership.
- The CBC recognizes the CBCPNA as the vehicle for appointing pensioners' representatives to critical corporate committees – overseeing the investment of our pension funds by the Pension Board of Trustees, defending pensioners' interests on the Consultative Committee on Staff Benefits and assuring needed services to retirees by the Employee Assistance Plan.

Surveys of our membership have repeatedly cited this diligent advocacy as the first and most important benefit of membership in the Association.

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WE OFFER YOU SUPPORT....

We provide knowledgeable telephone support / advocacy and website information to members about the pension plan, the Pension Administration Centre, health care benefits, the special assistance fund and a wide range of retirement issues. Our National Office is a great source of information and advice. We can be reached by phone, letter or email.

WE KEEP YOU IN TOUCH....

Our regional groups organize numerous social events promoting contact with other CBC retirees. National and regional newsletters provide members with pension and retiree news allowing members to keep in touch with national issues and with each other.

WE OFFER YOU ACCESS TO SPECIAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES...

Our members have unique access to home, auto and travel insurance plans designed for retirees and very competitively priced. We continue to seek out opportunities to add to our inventory of affinity programs.

AND MEMBERSHIP IS A GOOD INVESTMENT....

The CBCPNA's important work is funded by low monthly membership dues - just 0.32% of a member's gross pension payment. For every \$1,000 of monthly pension, a member would contribute \$3.20. Thanks to an agreement we've negotiated with the CBC, your dues are conveniently deducted at source and are *fully tax deductible*. To join us call 1-877-361-9242 or visit <http://www.cbcpensioners.ca/>

In Memoriam: We Remember

This is the information we've received about CBC colleagues and PNA members who have died since the publication of the last newsletter.

Robert Asgeirsson (June 12, 2018) CBC Vancouver Freelance Cameraman

Mary Cameron (June 1, 2018) CBC Toronto Script Assistant (1950s)

Les Carpenter (July 3, 2018) CBC Inuvik, Northern Broadcaster and CEO of Native Communications Society of Northwest Territories

Doug Crosbie (May 16, 2018) CBC Toronto/Montreal/Moncton Radio and TV Reporter, Writer and Producer

Frank Cardo (June 5, 2018) CBC Ottawa Technical Producer

Michael Dorn (June 2018) CBC Toronto ENG Editor

Garth Fowlie (May 23, 2018) CBC Vancouver TV Sports Producer/Director

Harvey Heideman (June 1, 2018) CBC Toronto TV Technician (Switcher)

Mike Hunchak (July 3, 2018) CBC Calgary TV Cameraman

Arvi Liimatainen (May 19, 2018) CBC Producer *Da Vinci's Inquest*, Director of *The Beachcombers* and *Jake and the Kid*

Ross Margach (June 10, 2018) CBC Vancouver TV Technician

Gerry Storoschuck (May 3, 2018) CBC Toronto TV Maintenance Technician

Nancy Louise Ure (February 13, 2018) CBC Calgary *Prairie Showcase* Singer

Peter Varcoe (March 26, 2018) CBC Toronto Lighting Technician

Dave Waters (April 10, 2018) CBC Winnipeg Director/Producer of *Hymn Sing*

Howard Wilkinson (February 7, 2018) CBC Toronto Manager of Engineering Services

Geralyn Wraith (March 30, 2018) CBC Toronto Make-up Artist

CBC Eastern Arctic Jacket



This photograph of a creative design using the old CBC “jewel” was posted online by Craig MacKie. He put it on the Facebook page called CBC and Radio-Canada Employees Only (Past and Present). Craig said they’d had this jacket done for the radio crew in Iqaluit (Frobisher Bay) in the mid-to-late 1980s.

What interesting CBC clothing do you have hanging in your closet or garage? Send us a photo of a prized possession and tell us the story of how you came to have it, or wear it, and what you’re doing now with the clothing.

Send your story and photos to the Co-Editors of *The Transmitter* no later than Monday, September 17, 2018.

Email the story to joanne.skidmore09@gmail.com and the photos to mnenson@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting

You’re invited!

The 2018 Annual General Meeting for the Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories Region of the CBC Pensioners National Association (CBC PNA) will be held on **Wednesday, September 12th 2018** at the University of Alberta Faculty Club in **Edmonton**. We’ll gather at 10:30 a.m. for coffee. The meeting will start at **11:00 a.m.**

Our new national President Denis Collette will be the guest speaker following the AGM.

As well after the meeting, your CBC PNA invites you to attend the annual lunch for CBC employees and new retirees from CBC. The Faculty Club takes **DEBIT CARDS or CREDIT CARDS** in payment. Each PNA member and their guest will receive a \$10 subsidy for their lunch.

The University suggests parking off 116 Street just south of Saskatchewan Drive in the Windsor Indoor Car Park. The Windsor Car Park is recommended for a flat rate of \$15.00. If you decide to park outside in the V Lot carefully check the rates. We will give \$10.00 towards parking costs to each CBC PNA member who attends the annual general meeting.

Everyone is welcome.

RSVP by September 3rd 2018 by phoning Jim MacVicar, **780-987-5933**, or email pna.absknt@gmail.com