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President's Report

Hello to all. It's that time of year again. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 31 beginning at 11:00 a.m. sharp. We are holding it in a new location this year.

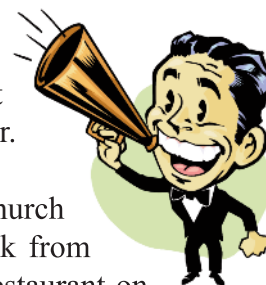
The AGM will be at the Hothouse Restaurant and Bar, 35 Church Street. For those arriving by subway it is a 5-8 minute walk from Union Station. There is parking available just north of the restaurant on Church Street.

Lunch will follow our guest speaker. We are honoured to have Ms. Heather Conway, Executive Vice-President of English Services as our guest this year. Ms. Conway is responsible for all of CBC/Radio-Canada's English-language services including CBC Television, CBC Radio One, CBC Music, CBC News Network, CBC.ca, documentary and digital operations.

What have we been doing this summer? The Triennial Convention was held in May where retirees from across Canada began work on a three year plan and specifically what can the PNA do for its members. The National Board met August 28 and 29 to fine tune the three year plan and work on this project will continue at its October meeting.

I would like to repeat something that I wrote in the last Livewire. When a PNA member passes away it is not automatic that his/her spouse becomes a member. Please talk to him or her now. Encourage them to join so that they may continue participating in the Association.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 31 October, 2018 11:00 a.m.

The Hot House Restaurant, 35 Church Street

This fully accessible venue is located on the northeast corner of Church and Front Street E./ Wellington Avenue E.

Closest parking lot is just north of the restaurant, off Church Street; there are several other parking lots in the area plus some street parking. It's a five minute walk from the King Street subway station and approximately 10 minutes from Union Station.

Speaker: Heather Conway - Executive Vice-President, CBC English Services

Lunch will be served after the meeting and our speaker. And, there will be DOOR PRIZES!!



We are entering the time of year when the Chapters hold events and dinners for its members. Please take note of what events are listed in this edition of Livewire and please plan to meet with your colleagues at one or more of these events. If your local Chapter is holding a General Meeting please attend and participate.

If you know a CBC retiree that is not a member of the Association please invite them to attend the AGM with you. Our meetings are open to all but only a member may vote on any issue.

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.

Gerry Head, President

AGM NOTES

Yes, the AGM is being held on Halloween! If any of you care to dress up, we may have a prize or two for best costume!



On a more serious note, it's important that as many members come out to this meeting as are able. If you have beefs or kudos, this is your chance. No point whinging away home when you can make your views known to a much wider audience. It is also a time to think about what you are able to offer to the Ontario Region. Elections will be held again a year from now and the regional board needs new faces, new ideas and new energy.

Our speaker will be Executive VP, Heather Conway. She was our guest 4 years ago, with less that one year's experience at the CBC at that point. It will be interesting to hear how these past 4 years have either solidified or changed the views she came to the job with. To give some perspective of what the corporation is up against here is a quote from a Toronto Star May 2018 article ..."Conway pointed out that the budget of a Netflix series such as The Crown, which has reported costs of \$130 million US (\$168 million) would be equivalent to the entire CBC budget for programming, not including news."

Conway's talk will begin at 12:15, following the AGM, which we hope will start very close to 11:00 a.m.

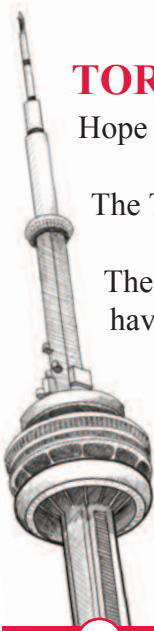
TORONTO NEWS

Hope everyone had a good summer.

The Toronto Pub Afternoons and the Chowder Club lunches have started up after their summer break.

The first pub afternoon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26th at Factory Girl on the Danforth. The date may have passed by the time you receive this newsletter, but be sure to check out the next edition for pictures.

If you know of CBCers who would be interested in attending any of these functions, drop me a note (raj.narain@gmx.com) with their info to get their names added to mailing lists. This is not just open to CBC retirees, present CBC employees are also welcome.



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER

Saturday, July 14 turned out to be the perfect day for a BBQ overlooking the St. Clair River! It was a special day because it was also our last one that was hosted at the Menard Villa on the water. Thank you Gabe and Linda for your years of hospitality to the Chapter. We are already looking into a new venue for 2019 and will announce it in the Spring newsletter. Again the success was due to the many that attended. Some, where it was their first attendance, and others who have never missed a gathering. It was wonderful to watch and hear many get re-acquainted after a few years apart. Also, it was good to see some of our associate members who always make the trip from different parts of the county and province. The BBQ went into the late hours of the evening where many of us had the opportunity to toast a final farewell to the sunset! It was a day that we will always remember and look forward to many more gatherings down the road.

Our 4th annual Essex County Wine Tour that took place on Saturday, August 25, was once again a sell-out! Although, the day originally called for rain, it cleared and was excellent. Two 24-seater buses, made their way through the county to visit the following four wineries. Tasting at Pelee Island Winery; tasting and lunch at Muscedere Vineyards; tasting at Cooper's Hawk Vineyards and final tasting at Vivace Estate Winery. On our trip back raffle prizes were drawn on both buses and many returned to the Caboto Club around 5:30pm where we sat and enjoyed a thin crust pizza dinner.

Looking forward to seeing many of our friends at our next re-union the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Information will follow in the next Livewire, our Facebook page and Chapter's Newsletter. Your Board: Gino, Sandy, Jackie, Gerry and Manny





Photo collage above by Judy Meikle

More than 60 CBC pensioners and guests gathered at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington on June 13th for lunch and the chance to interact with Paul Zammit. He's Director of the Toronto Botanical Garden and an enthusiastic expert on all things gardening. After Paul's presentation and a Q and A session, everyone had a chance to explore the beautiful grounds at RBC Centre and Hendrie Park.



GOLDEN HORSESHOE CHAPTER



Spring Fling at the Royal Botanical Gardens



GOLDEN HORSESHOE CHAPTER



Christmas Luncheon & Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018

Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Rd., Burlington

11:00 Reception (Cash Bar) with **music** by **JustUs**

12:00 Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner, Wine, Dessert, Coffee, Tea
Dozens of outstanding **DOOR PRIZES**: dining gift cards, maple syrup, craft beer, wine and much more

*Ron
Freeman
plans to buy
his tickets
early*



*Why don't
you
consider
doing the
same?*

\$20 per person

Tickets **must** be bought in advance. **Cut-off date:** Mon., Nov. 26

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(Make cheques out to John Bainbridge, the chapter Treasurer)
Please advise him of the full names of any guest(s) for name tags



20 YEAR ASSOCIATION

For the first 20yr lunch of the fall, Stephen Puddister of Consumer Services will talk to us about the latest in computer scams - identity theft, safeguarding your information, how to spot scams, gift card rules and online shopping tips. There is always something new!!

The date is Monday, Oct. 1, 12 noon, and the location ...The Blake House at 449 Jarvis Street.

On Mon., Nov. 5, we welcome back Dr. Mike Sebastian who will talk to us about MACULAR DEGENERATION - an important topic for seniors. Same place, same time!

For further information, contact - Nancy Flynn at n.flynn@sympatico.ca

ONTARIO REGION CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

This is a first notice of our annual Holiday get together here in Toronto. Once again it will take place in the Duke of Devon Pub in the Toronto Dominion Centre, 66 Wellington Street West. The festivities will commence at 11:30. Tickets will be available at the AGM on October 31st at a cost of \$15.00 for members and partners and \$25.00 for non-members. More details will be available in our next Livewire re parking, other methods of obtaining tickets etc. etc.



DURHAM CHAPTER

The Durham Chapter once again held its very successful BBQ on August 22 at the Ocala winery. There were 32 in attendance and all enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, great salads and the best apple dessert made from Ocala farm apples. Janet Abate, once again, outdid herself with door prizes and just about everyone went away with either a bottle of wine or a cooler bag full of tasty treats. John caught everyone up to date on Association happenings and gave a special thank you to Bette Laderoute for her continuing work with "The Buzz" and chapter communications. Randy, Mike and John continue in their positions despite their terms being up and unfortunately the Chapter may fold if other members don't volunteer to take over.

The chapter will hold its annual general meeting on November 21st at the same time as it hosts its annual pre-holiday get together. The rumour is prime rib beef will be served!



NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

On Thursday August 16, 2018, the North Central Ontario Chapter had its annual BBQ. It was a catered buffet lunch on the estate of Bob Burt at Lake Couchiching. We had a good turnout with old friends and were joined by the Probus Club of Orillia. There were a variety of meats and salads as well as cold drinks, coffee and dessert. Our usual band entertained everybody by playing guitars and singing Western and modern music. After lunch a lucky draw took place with gifts of bottles of wine and Tim Horton gift cards. Although sometimes threatening, the weather held until everything was over. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we look forward to next year's event.



GET YOUR CALENDAR OUT!



- 26 September – Pub afternoon from 1:00 pm – Factory Girl on the Danforth
- 01 October – 20yr Association – Speaker + lunch – The Blake House
- 31 October – AGM – Hot House Restaurant
- 05 November – 20yr Association – Speaker + lunch – The Blake House
- 08 November – North Central Chapter Annual Meeting – Bracebridge, 10:30 a.m
- 21 November – Durham Chapter – Holiday lunch – Ocala winery
- 01 December – South Western Ontario Chapter – Christmas dinner – Caboto Club, Windsor
- 05 December – Golden Horseshoe chapter Christmas lunch – Royal Canadian Legion, Burlington
- 08 December – Regional Christmas lunch – Duke of Devon Pub - Toronto

OBITUARIES:

- CAMERON, Mary** – died on June 1, 2018. Mary was hired as a script assistant by the CBC and was there for the launch of CBC TV in Toronto.
- HEIDEMAN, Harvey** – died on June 1, 2018. Harvey was a switcher in TV Technical Services in Toronto.
- STOROSCHUK, Slawko (Gerry)** – died on May 3, 2018. Gerry was a TV Maintenance Technician in Toronto where he was involved in the production of live sporting events (CFL, NHL, etc.) and numerous television programs..
- JENKINS, Keith** – died on 12 June, 2018 in his 82nd year. Keith was a film lighting technician, Film Production, Toronto.
- ORR, Andrew (Andy)** – died on 17 June, 2018 at the age of 73. Andy was the husband of Patricia Bustine who worked for the CBC for 31 years and was very active in the CBC Pensioners Association, Ontario Region..
- DORN, Michael** – died on 5 July, 2018 at the age of 60. Michael was a Video Producer and Editor in Toronto.
- NELSON, Ralph** – died on 8 July, 2018 at the age of 87. Ralph was Supervisor, TV Technical Services in Toronto.
- SKELLEY, Sheila** – died on 04 August, 2018 in her 88th year. Over her career, Sheila worked in many departments at the CBC, including Assistant BBC rep in Toronto.
- GOODWIN, Don** – died on 21 August at the age of 88. Don was a long-time CBC television sportscaster and rose to become Head of CBC Sports.
- UNGER, Walter** – died on 25 August, 2018 at the age of 81. Walter had a long career at the CBC, including Senior Director Radio and Director of Network Radio Resources in Toronto.
- WARDROP, Les** – died on 29, August, 2018. Les was a CBC Toronto Booth Technician.
- MARSHALL, Edward (Ed)** – died on September, 8, 2018 at the age of 73. Ed was a recording engineering at the CBC for 30 years.



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 cbcpcensioners@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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