

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON IN NEWFOUNDLAND-LABRADOR DECEMBER 2018

There was fine food, lots of stories, plenty of laughter and some foolishness at this year's annual Christmas Luncheon for members of the CBC Pensioners Association in St. John's, NL. The event was held on Monday, December 10 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 1.

President Bill Maher extended Christmas Greetings to everyone and thanked the Executive for all their hard work during the year and for making all the arrangements for the Christmas Get together.

A great start was the singing of a few Carols, led by our CBC Pensioners Choir, which we affectionately call them. Five ladies Judy Squires, Doreen Coady, Margie Cahill, Shirley Moss and Lillian Bartlett did themselves proud. The Christmas spirit was alive and well as everyone attending joined in the sing-a-long.

There were the ever popular few prize draws which everyone was hoping to win and then we settled down to be served our sumptuous Christmas lunch. The Blessing was said by Dianne O'Mara and then out came the plates laden down in true Newfoundland style with your choice of Turkey, Beef, Ham, Chicken, or Vegetable Stir Fry.

We were treated to a story from David Quinton long time host of a program called Land and Sea. This program still goes on today. In fact, it's so popular the CBC in St. John's has telecast this program each Christmas season for more than thirty years. Dave regaled us with a story of the making of one episode called "The Mummies". Just as he was finishing his story in came a troupe of Mummies.



For those of you Up Along who may not be familiar with Our Newfoundland Mummers tradition at Christmas you can always check it out on Google. And for those Newfoundlanders who live up on the Mainland you will no doubt remember these traditions from your childhood.

All hands at the dinner were invited to get up and have a Scuff (dance) with the mummers. Great fun and much laughter was enjoyed by all.

Time for Christmas hugs and kisses all around. It's always a pleasure to get together with colleagues and friends.

We hope you and all your friends and colleagues have a Wonderful Christmas Season.



**Submitted by Dianne O'Mara**

