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President's Message

Since this is my first note for the Chapter newsletter, I want to start by thanking John Bailey and the other members of our outgoing executive, Randy Blyth and Mike Abate, for going above and beyond in their service to the Chapter by keeping things going for a full year past their mandate. I know everyone has appreciated all the work they've done in making sure that Chapter members have had the opportunity to get together a few times a year for great meals and conversation. It's a tradition the new executive plans to continue.

As you know, one of my top priorities as your president is to see what we can do about expanding our membership. If you know anyone who has retired from the CBC who is not a member, please encourage them to join. If you'd like some help, give me a call!

In January, please watch your email inbox for an online survey from the Chapter. We want to get a better idea of the issues that matter most to you and where you would like to see us focus our energies. I will be calling those of you for whom we don't have an email address to update our records. If you don't have access to the online version of the survey, we will mail you a hard copy. We'd really like your input! If you have any questions about the workings of the Durham Chapter, or the services offered by the CBC Pensioners National Association (PNA), contact us at our newly established email:

CBC-PNA-Durham@outlook.com

If we don't have the answers, we will direct you to someone who does.

And finally, Bette and I would like to expand the newsletter if we can. You will still get updates on pension and benefit issues and other news from the PNA. We would also like to hear from you. Send us your stories. They could be about something you're doing in your community, a great travel experience, a personal reflection, your experience of learning something new, or even your best story from working at the CBC. We know we have lots of great storytellers in our Chapter. Just listening to the buzz at the Christmas lunch proved that!

Have a wonderful holiday season, everyone! I wish you all much joy and laughter with your families and friends and all the very best in the coming year. I'll be in touch! Barbara Saxberg



Past President's Message

Dear Fellow Members:



The last four years have flown by quickly. We've had many fantastic get-togethers. I would like to thank my Vice President (Randy Blyth) and Treasurer (Mike Abate) for all their support. Randy always had great input for all events. Mike kept the books, so we were always on a solid financial base. And kudos to Janet Abate for her ingenuity and perseverance in the door prize department. As always, Bette Laderoute kept us informed with the *BUZZ*. She has consented to continue with the newsletter.

The previous Executive was also a guiding light for our endeavours and the Ontario Region also helped us, keeping us up to date with things that matter to CBC pensioners.

I would like to thank the incoming Executive for stepping up to the task for the next three years.



Barbara Saxberg is Durham Chapter's new President, Bruce Rogers (R) is Vice President, and Founding President Bob Ross (L) is the new Secretary-Treasurer.

I'm confident that the Durham Chapter will continue into the future. I wish Barbara and her Executive all the best in achieving a growing and vibrant Chapter. John Bailey

Letters To The Editor

I just couldn't let all this space go to waste, and it isn't big enough to accommodate a decent recipe. So, I thought I would say another word of thanks to John and his Merry Men. It has been my pleasure to work with you. And thank you John, for your kind and thoughtful parting words. I'm looking forward to working with new President Barbara Saxberg, my third since the Durham Chapter was created in 2010. Her Merry Men, Bruce and Bob, are seasoned veterans, having served one way or another for as long as I have. So far, working with Barbara has been pretty darn smooth sailing. Finally, all the best to all in the new year. *Bette Laderoute Sampson*