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John McKay and Geoff Turnbull

PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT

Our now retired president, John McKay, made an entrance at the October regional meeting to a warm welcome from the board and the general membership. John wants you to know he appreciated the plaque we presented to him in May. He was also a star at the national meetings in October, where he was a special guest and was presented with a Waterman pen in appreciation for his many years steering the organization both nationally and regionally. This took place at the national executive and board fall meeting in Ottawa/Gatineau on the 22nd and 23rd of October. Both Don Langis and I were there, Don as the new national EAP rep and I as the new Maritime regional president. First, the pension fund: it remains in very good shape. By both arcane measures they use to figure this stuff out, we are in surplus. The ongoing surplus is more than 30 percent, which means you really never have to worry about your pension. The January raise will be 1.93 percent.

Le bureau de direction et les membres ont chaleureusement accueilli notre président régional sortant, John McKay, à la réunion régionale d'octobre. John a bien apprécié la plaque que nous lui avons remise en mai. Il était également la vedette lors de la réunion nationale d'octobre où il avait été invité et au cours de laquelle on lui a présenté un stylo de marque Waterman pour souligner son engagement national et régional à l'association. Cette présentation a été faite au cours de la réunion automnale du bureau de direction à Ottawa/Gatineau les 22 et 23 octobre. Nous étions tous les deux présents à cette réunion, Donald Langis, à titre de représentant national du PAE, et moi, en tant que nouveau président pour la région des Maritimes. D'abord la caisse de retraite : elle se porte très bien. Par les deux mesures arcanes utilisées pour résoudre ce problème, nous sommes en surplus. Peu importe comment le calcul se fait,

Christmas Dinner arrangements are on page 9.

On the other hand, a surplus distribution is still a way off because of the way the legislation works. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

We are also reviewing our MOA (memorandum of agreement) with CBC management which governs our relationship, particularly around the sharing of any surplus distribution. We should hear more about that soon. It is 10 years since we signed the first MOA and this is simply the first scheduled review since then.

The board distributed the new national by-laws which were approved in principle at the AGM in May. We will be updating our regional by-laws in accord with it in the coming months.

And the board was treated to a demonstration of the under-construction version of our new national website. It will be a terrific improvement, much more user-friendly and full of useful information and news, everything you need to know about the association and its people. The site should be released to us in February.

On the local front Don Langis and I, with financial support from the national board, have planned a face to face series of meetings with the mostly English-speaking retirees in New Brunswick. We are inviting them to share some time and refreshments with us in Fredericton, and Saint John and Moncton. The purpose of the trip is twofold: to help organize better service for these often-neglected folks, and to get their help in recruiting CBC retirees who have not yet signed up with the association.

The reason by now we are familiar with: the association is authorised to do its work on behalf of all retirees and deal directly with the CBC – so long as we represent more than 50 percent of all retirees. Right now we have work to do to preserve that standing so we can continue to protect the interests of us all. This is a volunteer-run group, and there is a great group of volunteers all across this country doing the work to serve our needs and interests.

I'll sign off by wishing everyone Happy Holidays, whether it's a Merry Christmas, a cool Kwanzaa, a Happy Hanukkah, or however you celebrate the winter solstice, and the best in the new year. Enjoy your local holiday get together next month!

nous avons un surplus qui dépasse 30 pour cent, ce qui indique que n'aurons jamais à nous inquiéter au sujet de notre pension. Le surplus dépasse constamment 30 pour cent, ce qui signifie que l'avenir de notre régime de retraite est assuré. L'augmentation pour le mois de janvier sera de 1,93 pour cent. Mais le partage du surplus n'est pas pour demain en raison des règlements de la présente législation. Ne perdons pas espoir!

Nous procédons actuellement à une révision du Protocole d'entente définissant nos rapports avec la direction de la SRC, dont le partage de tout surplus. Nous devrions en connaître davantage bientôt. Il s'agit de la première révision du Protocole depuis sa signature qui remonte maintenant à 10 ans. Le bureau de direction a distribué les nouveaux statuts et règlements approuvés à l'AGA de mai. Nous aurons à revoir les nôtres au cours des prochains mois pour les mettre en harmonie avec ceux du national.

Et le bureau de direction nous a présenté un aperçu de notre nouveau site web national toujours en chantier. Ce nouveau site représente un progrès exceptionnel. Il est plus convivial, contient plus d'informations et de nouvelles utiles; il présente, somme toute, tout ce que nous devons connaître au sujet de l'association et de ses membres. Il serait mis en ligne en février.

Sur le plan local, nous avons obtenu, Donald Langis et moi-même, une aide financière du bureau national afin de tenir une série de rencontres avec les retraités anglophones du Nouveau-Brunswick. Nous les invitons à partager du temps et des rafraîchissements avec nous à Fredericton, St-Jean et Moncton. La tournée a un double but : aider à organiser de meilleurs services dans ces régions souvent négligées et à obtenir leur aide dans le recrutement des retraités de la SRC qui ne font pas encore partie de l'association.

La raison nous est bien connue: l'association demeure le porte-parole officiel de tous les retraités auprès de la SRC – dans la mesure où elle représente plus de 50 pour cent de ceux-ci. Nous avons donc du travail à faire afin de maintenir notre statut pour continuer à protéger les intérêts de tous. L'association est constituée de bénévoles, un groupe de bénévoles formidables répartis à travers tout ce pays consacrant de leur temps et de leurs énergies afin de répondre à nos besoins et à nos intérêts.

Enfin je vous souhaite tous de Joyeuses Fêtes, qu'il s'agisse d'un Joyeux Noël, d'un Kwanzaa cool, d'un Joyeux Hanukkah, ou peu importe comment vous fêtez le solstice hivernal, et une bonne et heureuse année. Jouissez des fêtes et de vos rencontres le mois prochain.

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Roland Daigle réalise son rêve

Notre premier déjeuner-causerie de cette nouvelle saison nous a introduits à un collègue et technicien dont le rêve est devenu réalité. En effet, Roland Daigle, de l'Aldouane, au nord de Richibouctou, rêvait de réaliser un jour un livre de bande dessinée.

Encouragé par des réalisateurs de la radio, des Émile Babin et Gary White entre autres, il passait son temps libre à offrir des bandes dessinées à des publications locales avant de faire le grand saut : d'abord un premier stage à l'*Académie des Beaux-Arts* de Tournai, en Belgique, puis un autre à l'*Ontario College of Art and Design* de Toronto.

Mais Roland attendait toujours de publier sa première livre de bande dessinée, rêve qu'il a réalisé avec la maison d'édition *Bouton d'or* de Moncton. Ce premier livre, *Alerte à Richibouctou*, est une histoire imaginaire inspirée de sa jeunesse et colorée par les récits d'un père vétéran de la Seconde Guerre Mondiale.

À l'agenda : Notre traditionnel dîner de Noël le jeudi 12 décembre. À noter qu'il aura lieu dans un nouveau local, le *Centre Patrice-LeBlanc* situé au 91, avenue Murphy, où il y a amplement de stationnement accessible et une entrée spéciale pour les membres à mobilité réduite.

Pendant la deuxième moitié de la saison, nous prévoyons des déjeuners-causeries les mercredis 22 janvier, 25 mars et 22 avril. L'AGA (assemblée générale annuelle) aura lieu pendant la dernière semaine de mai (date à être confirmée) tandis que le souper au homard aura lieu le jeudi 11 juin. A dream come true for Roland Daigle

Our first luncheon for this new season introduced us to a former colleague and technician whose dream became a reality. Roland Daigle, from Aldouane, north of Richibouctou, always dreamed of producing one day a comic book.

Encouraged by radio producers, people like Emile Babin and Gary White, he passed his spare time offering comics to local publications before making the big leap. First he did an internship at the *Académie des Beaux Arts* in Tournai, in Belgium, and then went on to the *Ontario College of Art and Design* in Toronto.

But Roland always dreamed of publishing his first comic book, a dream that the Moncton publishing house *Bouton d'Or* helped him bring to fruition. His first comic book, *Alerte à Richibouctou*, is an imaginary tale inspired by his youth and inspired by the stories by his father, a Second World War veteran.

Upcoming Activities: Our traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 12th, that has moved to the *Patrice LeBlanc Centre* at 91, Murphy Avenue. There's plenty of accessible parking and an entrance for members with special needs.

During the second half of the season, we plan on scheduling three Wednesday luncheons on January 22nd, March 25th and April 22nd. These will be followed by the AGA (Annual General Meeting) during the last week of May (date to be confirmed) while the annual Lobster Supper is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 11th.

ALERTE À RICHIBOUCTOU

ROLAND DAIGLE



BOUTON D'OR ACADIE

Charlottetown

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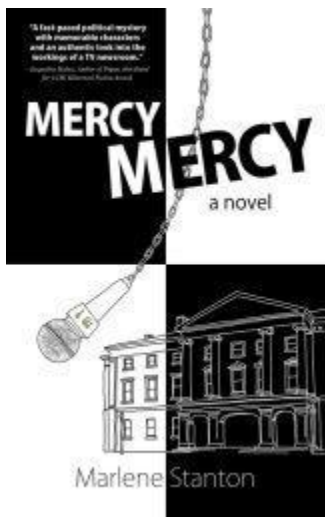
Kathy Large

From Fact to Fiction

Marlene Stanton spent more than two decades perfecting her grasp on the facts, the five W's, and the real-life characters in Prince Edward Island public life as a reporter and assignment editor for CBC. But once she retired from the Corporation, she immediately turned to writing fiction. Stanton says she has always been drawn to writing the stories she created herself.

And she admits it is quite a change from news. "Journalists are often accused of putting words in people's mouths. Now that I'm retired and writing fiction, I'm doing just that, and inventing the characters too."

After moving to Halifax soon after retirement, the first project she started was a novel. She eventually put it away in a drawer as an unfinished manuscript. Other interests such as her love of the dance world intervened and she served on the board of Halifax Dance and joined a folk dance group. But the manuscript was resurrected several years ago when she was invited to join a writer's group. Her new friends provided support and encouragement to get her working on it again.



The result is "Mercy Mercy", a novel set in a Prince Edward Island television newsroom in 2002. Stanton says her "vivid" memories of her work experiences fuelled the story she created. But she doesn't want former newsroom colleagues or anyone else to go looking for themselves in the pages of the novel. "This is fiction. None of the characters in my book are based on people I worked with or interviewed," she says firmly.



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The central character is Mercy Pepper, a smart and sarcastic TV reporter who struggles with feelings of guilt after her cameraman dies at the scene of a story they were covering together. A secretly recorded conversation is found among his personal effects. That sends Pepper on a trail of corruption rooted in Prince Edward Island politics.

Stanton describes her key character as “quite sarcastic”. And she also says she worked hard to include a lot of humour in the story. During the editing phase, she considered updating the newsroom setting. So she went to see former colleague Tom Murphy, the CBC Halifax supper hour host at the CBC newsroom to gather information about current equipment and work practises.

Her tour forced her to conclude it wouldn't be possible to set her story in today's multi-platform world. "Everything is digital. It couldn't be done with some of my key events. For example, my character has to find a video tape. That just wouldn't happen in today's newsroom. So I told my editor the story would have to stay in 2002."

Stanton's publisher Acorn Press held two launch parties in October. In Charlottetown, Stanton said it was great to see some former colleagues. "There was a lot of fun, laughter and some teasing." In Dartmouth where she lives now, writer and former MP Wendy Lill interviewed her in front of a warm audience. At both events, her daughter Krista Wells read the first chapter of the book. Wells is a former actor at the Ship's Company Theatre and sound designer who now works as an artist and writer. She designed the cover art for her mother's book.

The novel is available at Maritime bookstores, through Chapters/Indigo and on amazon.ca.

"*Mercy, Mercy*" is Stanton's first book. She is working on the second of a series featuring Mercy Pepper.

Sydney

CAPE BRETON REPORT

Bill Doyle

The fall meeting of the Cape Breton Chapter of the CBCPNA takes place at the Westmount Legion on Thursday, November 15, at 2:00 p.m.

The annual dinner for the Cape Breton chapter takes place on Thursday, December 5, at the Holiday Inn on the Esplanade in Sydney. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

One member of the Cape Breton Chapter of the CBCPNA is making a difference in our community this year. Russ Powell is Coordinator of the 2019 Red Kettle Campaign for Salvation Army Sydney Community Church.

Halifax

NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

Station Break/Pause-indicatif **needs** a correspondent in Halifax to provide news and information on the Halifax branch and membership. Please volunteer.

Christmas is coming and, in the Spirit of Christmas, it's giving time, time to share our good fortune with others. Please bring your items to our Christmas dinner – gifts of hats, scarves, socks, warm clothing of any nature. Many people are living on the streets and could use a warm blanket. Too busy to do more shopping? Pick up a Sobeys or Superstore gift card and we will supply groceries to a needy family, or donate cash at the dinner.

GREAT REASONS TO BE A MEMBER of CBCNPAM – Geoff Turnbull

Our Regional president challenges all CBC pensioners:

Do you know any former colleagues who aren't yet members of our association?

Do you ever wonder what to tell them if they ask "Why should I join?"

It really is important for them to understand how much it can be worth to them.

Here are a few reasons why.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER GROUP AND WE ARE WORTH OUR WEIGHT IN GOLD

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.

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.
- The CBC recognizes the CBCPNA as the vehicle for appointing pensioners' representatives to critical corporate

committees –the Pension Board of Trustees, the Consultative Committee on Staff Benefits the Employee Assistance Plan. It is the only way pensioners have a voice on these issues.

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 deducted at source to help us pay for the expenses of supporting you.

To join us call the national office at 1-877-361-9242 or visit www.cbcpensioners.ca

Or contact our Maritime President, Geoff Turnbull, at g.turnbull@ns.sympatico.ca

EMPLOYEES AND RETIRES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

To reach the counselling service,
please contact

1-866-838-2025

A service offered by CBC/Radio-Canada, available to pensioners and their spouse.

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Pour rejoindre le service de
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1-866-839-7897

Un programme de CBC/Radio-Canada, disponible aux retraités et à leur conjoint(e).

TREASURER'S REPORT - CBC Pensioners' National Association (Maritimes) **David Carr**

At the mid point of our financial year, we are doing quite well. As of 30 September, 2019, our bank balance stood at \$10,086.85 with a small predicted deficit of (\$40.70.)

Our Annual General Meeting in May, 2019, approved a budget with several cost-cutting measures including, in part: Negotiating with our caterer to maintain catering costs with no increase in fees for the year – following directions from our Head Office – and cancelling our annual charity donations, increasing our monthly lunch charge to members from \$7.00 to \$10.00 – continuing to charge a \$10.00 fee to members attending Christmas Dinner – and cancelling our February and March, 2020 General meetings. (The Board will continue to meet in these two months.)

We have two large expenditures coming up, to wit: The Fall Newsletter and, Christmas Dinner (which costs considerably more than the \$10.00 per member charge.)

Despite this, we are predicting that we will end our fiscal year on 31 March, 2020, with no deficit and maybe even a small surplus.

On a personal note, our AGM re-elected me once again as Treasurer for which I am really grateful. Managing this Region's finances is a privilege and a labour of love.

If anyone would like more information on all of this, including downloads of Financial reports and/or the Budget and/or anything else, please feel free to contact me at davidscribe@aol.com or 902-457-1837.

Most Respectfully, **David Carr** Treasurer, Maritimes

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À mi-chemin de cette année financière, notre situation est relativement bonne. Au 30 septembre 2019, nous avons un solde de 10 086,85 \$ en caisse tout en prévoyant un léger déficit de (40,70 \$).

Notre Assemblée Générale Annuelle a approuvé en mai 2019 un budget comportant plusieurs compressions dont la négociation avec notre traiteur pour le maintien des coûts sans augmentation pour l'année, la fin de dons annuels de charité pour suivre la directive du bureau national, une augmentation des coûts des déjeuners de 7,00 \$ à 10,00 \$, le maintien des frais de 10,00 \$ aux membres participants au dîner de Noël et la suspension des réunions de février et de mars 2020. (Le bureau de direction continuera toutefois de se réunir pendant ces deux mois.) Il nous reste cependant deux importantes dépenses à venir : le bulletin automnal et le dîner de Noël (dont le coût dépasse davantage le 10,00 \$ imposé aux membres).

Malgré cela, nous prévoyons terminer l'année fiscale au 31 mars 2020 sans déficit ou possiblement avec un léger surplus.

Sur une note personnelle, je suis heureux que l'AGA m'ait réélu au poste de trésorier pour une autre année. La gestion des finances est un privilège et un travail d'amour.

Si quelqu'un souhaite plus d'information, y compris le téléchargement des rapports financiers et/ou du budget et/ou de toute autre chose, sentez-vous libre de me joindre à davidscribe@aol.com ou au 902.457.1837.

Respectueusement **David Carr**, Trésorier, Maritimes

Christmas Dinner / Souper de Noël

Moncton:

Le jeudi 12 décembre au *Centre Patrice-LeBlanc*, 91, av. Murphy. Accueil à 17 h suivi du repas à 18 h. Réserver au plus tard le lundi 9 décembre en communiquant avec Ronald Cormier au 506.383.8563 ou par courriel à rcormier8563@rogers.com. Prix 15 \$ pour les membres et leurs conjoint.e.s ou partenaires et 30 \$ pour les non-membres.

Thursday, December 12th, at the *Patrice LeBlanc Centre*, 91 Murphy Avenue. Meet and greet at 5:00 p.m. followed by supper at 6:00 p.m. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, December 9th, by calling Ronald Cormier at 506.383.8563 or by e-mail to rcormier8563@rogers.com. Price \$15 for members and their spouses or partners and \$30 for non-members.

Charlottetown: A December get-together is being arranged. Details will be sent to members by e-mail.

Sydney:

The annual dinner takes place on Thursday, December 5 at the Holiday Inn on the Esplanade in Sydney. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

Halifax:

Wednesday December 4 at the Royal Canadian Legion on Hillcrest at Main in Metro. Meet and Greet opens at 11 a.m., with a cash bar.

Turkey Dinner at 12 noon, along with Tea and Coffee.

Fee: \$10.00 each per member and one other (\$20.00 per twosome) and any additional guests, who are most welcome, at \$20.00 per person. There is at least one door prize and David Carr will be at the door collecting the loot and giving out prize tickets.

We are asking for voluntary gifts for charity. Much needed at this time of year are such things as scarves, gloves, socks and woolly hats etc. These gifts are anonymous and completely voluntary. No wrapping please, just in a plastic or paper bag. Just a small gift to keep a needy person warm. A small gift of money in lieu would also be very appropriate and appreciated.

Our caterer needs to know how much food to prepare, so if attending, please let David Carr know who and how many at davidscribe@aol.com or 902-457-1837 voice mail. We have to know week of 25 November. So, lets eat, drink and be merry.

Season's
Greetings

From your Newsletter Team



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If you move, change your phone number or e-mail address, please make sure you notify both the National office and the Regional office of your new contact information, especially your e-mail address so we can keep in touch with you by newsletters.

Dites-le à votre association:

Si vous déménagez, changez de numéro de téléphone ou d'adresse courriel, assurez-vous d'en informer les bureaux national et régional. Votre adresse courriel nous permet de rester en contact avec vous à l'aide de notre bulletin.

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