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Qu'Appelle Valley, Saskatchewan
Photo: Courtesy of Monique Nenson, CBC PNA, Regina, SK

Fall has arrived with a display of rich and vibrant colour in the countryside.

President's Report

Bob Forrow, CBC PNA Regional President, Edmonton, AB

Here is a more cheerful take on the COVID-19 virus. According to Canadian statistics people from 70 to 80 years old are the least likely to come down with the coronavirus. This means they are not as likely to pass it on because they have less contact with large groups, are more willing to wear masks and are more likely to wash their hands frequently. Keep up the good work!

The pandemic caused our region to hold a virtual annual general meeting on September 16, 2020. This was the first time for an AGM to be held electronically. We easily surpassed the 5% attendance required for quorum and had 21 members present. Thank you! The regional membership of the CBC Pensioners National Association is now at 276. We continue to talk to CBC retirees about the benefits of joining our CBC Pensioner Association. At the regional AGM Ray Bielecki of Cochrane, AB, one of seven new members, won the draw for a \$100.00 gift card.

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I have completed the second year of my three-year term as Regional President as has Regional Vice-President Lutz Walsh of Regina SK. According to the CBC PNA by-laws a member can only serve six years in any position. Treasurer Cécile Magnan of Edmonton, AB, and Secretary Joanne Skidmore of Regina, SK. have started their final year of contributing their knowledge and experience to help run the regional PNA. Next September, we will need a new Treasurer and Secretary so please start thinking now about YOU offering to step into those roles. We'll also hold elections for the positions of President and Vice-President and the current holders of those positions are eligible to run again.

Metro Edmonton Entertainment Director Royle Harris has been working on behalf of Edmonton members of the PNA for many years. Many thanks, Royle! He decided to retire from his duties in September due to ill health. One of his contributions was to call members in Edmonton and vicinity on their birthdays to wish them well and to discuss any questions they might have about the PNA or their CBC pension. I will now take on those calls, in addition to phoning members in the Northwest Territories and Saskatchewan. Jeff Collins of the Southern Alberta Chapter will call members in Calgary and areas in southern Alberta.

Since our 2019 AGM in Edmonton, we asked CBC PNA members in Alberta to donate historical CBC items they might have stored to the Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton. I also had the pleasure of attending several regional CBC PNA / Retiree social events in Edmonton including breakfast/coffee gatherings at IHOP, CBC Edmonton's Turkey Drive, a Christmas luncheon at the University Club and a Valentine's Supper there, too. In addition, I attended the national PNA Board of Directors meeting in Ottawa in October 2019. Then the pandemic shut down travel in March 2020. The Southern Alberta Chapter cancelled its Annual General Meeting in April and the CBC 20 Year Association and Saskatchewan PNA Chapter cancelled its annual Spring Fling in May. On top of losing those social events, I lost the opportunity to visit CBC employees and management in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina to talk about the Pensioners National Association. Since March, the Saskatchewan Chapter has met virtually using Zoom, and members in Edmonton have tried it, too. The Regional Executive meets regularly by e-mail, Zoom and telephone conference calls.

Three issues of our regional newsletter *The Transmitter* have been published during 2020. CBC PNA Regina members Monique Nenson and Joanne Skidmore look after the production of *The Transmitter*. Not willing to rest on their achievements, they strive constantly to improve *The Transmitter* by reaching out to members for articles and photos that would be of interest. Thanks to everyone who provided content, and to Joanne and Monique for pulling it all together with great skill. *The Transmitter* also includes obituaries and news of CBC people from across Canada. Our members appreciate this information about friends and colleagues as people move about, change careers, start new hobbies, volunteer, and accomplish much in retirement.

Bob Forrow

President, Alberta, Saskatchewan & NWT Region of the CBC PNA

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National PNA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 @ 1 p.m. (EST)

No travelling required to attend the AGM of the CBC Pensioners National Association! Simply preregister:

<https://live.webcastcanada.ca/webcast/registration/66563e91-5764-4452-808a-73d8bd91b9f7>

The members will receive the annual report of the President and the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020. An auditor will be appointed for the current financial year. Following the AGM there will be an update on the CBC Pension Plan.

CBC Pension Board of Trustees

The CBC Pension Board of Trustees meets quarterly to discuss and make decisions about the pension fund. Following each meeting, the Board publishes a meeting Communiqué, which includes pension plan highlights, a financial overview, investment performance and strategy, and governance matters.

The **September 2020 Communiqué** is now available on the [CBC Pension Plan website](#).

We are continually looking for ways to improve the timeliness of member communications and reduce the costs to administer the Plan. If you are in contact with other retired members and think they should be added to our e-mail list, please forward this communication to them and they can send an e-mail to CBC Pension Payroll at pension@cbc.ca with instructions to be added to the distribution list.

Treasurer's Report - AGM / Rapport financier - AGA

CBC PNA region of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories

September 16, 2020

Cécile Magnan, ANR Radio-Canada, Edmonton, AB

This fiscal year, 2019-2020, we sent out gift cards to our members who were very appreciative of receiving them in early December. Recruitment of members continues to be a concern for both our chapter and the national association.

Travel expenses are greater than in previous years. We have two people from Saskatchewan on our board of directors and quite a few people from Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina attended our AGM in September 2019.

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Our fiscal year ended just at the start of uncertain times. The COVID-19 pandemic has us all wondering how we will live from now on. Our association of retirees has a particular concern of being at an increased risk for severe illness due to our ages. We want to protect ourselves from this disease while keeping in touch. Stay well!

For any questions or concerns, you can reach me at cecilemagnan1@gmail.com

Il était prévu que notre association envoie des cartes-cadeau dans l'année financière 2019-2020, ce qui a été très apprécié de nos membres. Le recrutement de nouveaux membres continue d'être une préoccupation pour notre chapitre et celui de l'Association nationale.

Nos dépenses de déplacement ont augmenté, premièrement parce que deux personnes qui font partie du conseil de direction viennent de la Saskatchewan et que plusieurs personnes de Calgary, Saskatoon et Regina ont participé à la réunion générale annuelle.

Notre année financière s'est terminée alors qu'un événement fâcheux commençait. La pandémie de la Covid-19 nous oblige à penser à l'avenir—étant une association de retraités, nous devons composer avec le fait que l'âge entre en jeu et que nous sommes plus à risque de développer des maladies sérieuses. Nous voulons nous protéger de cette maladie tout en restant en contact. Soyez prudents !

Pour toute question, n'hésitez pas à m'écrire à cecilemagnan1@gmail.com

Chapter Reports

CBC PNA region of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories

Southern Alberta Chapter Report

The Southern Alberta Chapter is based in and around Calgary. We meet with members approximately 6 times per year at the Kerby Centre. The Kerby Centre is a nonprofit organization, community Centre and a charity organization for individuals aged 55+.

Our last luncheon meeting was held on February 12th. The next two lunches, scheduled on April 8 and June 24, were cancelled due to the pandemic and restrictions on gatherings. The executive is working with the Kerby Centre, to see if it will be possible to hold a meeting in October, and what that will look like in the meeting room.

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The Southern Alberta Chapter continues to work on ideas to increase our membership. Any suggestions from our members will be greatly appreciated.

President Joanne McAdam at clairmont.mcadam@gmail.com or at 403-275-0957.

Saskatchewan Chapter Report

The Spring Fling was our first activity of the new fiscal year in May of 2019. It was held in partnership with the CBC 20 Year Association in Regina. Once again it was held at Nicky's Café and attendance was just about beyond capacity. The Saskatchewan Chapter would like to thank the AB/SK/NWT region of the PNA for providing us with a \$10.00 subsidy for each of our attending members and their spouses. Regional President Bob Forrow travelled from Edmonton to join us for the supper and to meet members in person.

We held our monthly Come & Go Coffee in April and May, took a break for the summer and then met again from September through March. Our Annual General Meeting in November was well attended. There was a change in our executive because Saskatoon Vice-President Ellen Armstrong had moved to Calgary. Gaynette Spafford became the new Saskatoon V-P. As well, we decided to continue with our monthly coffee meetings in Regina. Our last function of 2019 was the Christmas party held again with the CBC 20 Year Association. The turnout was the best ever.



*Hartland's remote office at his summer home in PEI.
Photo: Courtesy of Hartland Jessome, CBC PNA, Regina, SK*

To say that 2020 has been an interesting year would be an understatement. The Come & Go Coffee meetings in April and May were held virtually by using Zoom because of the restrictions on large group gatherings due to the pandemic. Much to the executive's surprise, the virtual sessions were very well attended. The first meeting had a few technical glitches but the second one went flawlessly. About 12 people attended each time.

We will see this fall how the pandemic will affect the rest of our plans for 2020-2021 and will adjust our activities accordingly.

Notre première activité de l'année financière 2019 a été le « spring fling », en partenariat avec le « CBC 20-year association » en mai. Comme par le passé, l'événement a eu lieu à Nicky's Cafe et la participation a été excellente! La section Saskatchewan de l'Association nationale des retraités de CBC/SRC aimerait remercier la région AB/SK/TNO de L'Association pour le subside de 10 dollars pour les membres et leurs conjoints.es qui ont assistés à l'événement dont notre président régional, Bob Forrow.

Notre activité suivante a été notre AGA en novembre qui a aussi été un succès. Des changements ont été apportés à la composition de notre exécutif. Gaynette Spafford est devenue notre représentante au bureau de l'Association à Saskatoon. Nous avons également décidé de continuer nos cafés-rencontre mensuels.

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Notre dernière activité de 2019 a été la soirée de Noël, tenue encore une fois avec la collaboration de la « CBC 20-year Association ». Là encore la participation a été extraordinaire, une de nos meilleures.

Dire que 2020 n'a pas été une année intéressante serait une sous-estimation. Nos derniers cafés-rencontre de l'année ont été virtuels, via Zoom, en raison de la pandémie et des restrictions imposées sur les regroupements. À notre grande surprise, beaucoup de membres ont participé. La première rencontre s'est déroulée malgré plusieurs problèmes techniques qui se sont résorbés lors de la deuxième rencontre virtuelle à laquelle plus d'une vingtaine de personnes ont assistés en tout et partout.

Nous verrons en septembre ce que nous réserve le reste de 2020. Nous ajusterons nos activités en tenant compte de la pandémie tout au long de l'année.

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The COVID-19 Expressway



Photo: Courtesy of Gary Fowlie, New York City

Gary Fowlie is originally from Prince Albert, SK. He worked as a television journalist with CBC Saskatchewan, has been living in New York City for 16 years, and contracted COVID-19. Gary is sharing his story widely.

I'm sharing this with you because as your family, friend or fellow Covid 'Long Hauler', I want to thank you for your support during the past pandemic months. Obviously Covid didn't kill me. Not so obviously, I wasn't able to escape its clutch.

My last dispatch from New York, the pandemic epicenter, was sent on Easter Weekend; a day or two before Covid and I had our rendezvous. That dispatch went like this:

May Easter bring strength to the young couple upstairs fighting Covid; peace to a friend whose mother passed and he couldn't be with her; thanks for the health care workers fighting for us; courage for family and friends facing financial challenges; selfless leadership and protective equipment for all. Count your blessings and stay safe. We are; XO G&K

At the time, it was heartfelt. Today it sounds sanctimonious. I stand by the missive to 'count your blessings and stay safe' but the morally superior tone of 'we are' should definitely have been changed to 'we are trying to'.

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If you read beyond this, you'll find out that no matter how hard you try to avoid this insidious disease, it can sneak up and attack you and your best efforts.

I've called this chronology of events a recovery road trip; in hopes that the journey to our cottage in Canada would do just that. It began on June 5th when we were able to rescue our car from its isolation in Yonkers and load it up in Manhattan but to do this tale justice, I need to go back to early March when we were unloading the same car in the same spot, from a winter road trip to the south.

What follows are the events which marked milestones on the Covid expressway.

March 6th

The Siren before the Storm

We arrived home in Upper Manhattan to be greeted by police cars and emergency vehicles racing by us. An all too obvious omen of the steady stream of emergency vehicles to come. This noisy neighborhood welcome turned out to be just some idiot on the next street with an attitude and access to a gun. (Continue reading the story using the link below.)

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New Normal is Now "Near" Normal

James Hees, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB



The easing of restrictions actually allowed my wife and I to go on something called a vacation.

That's right, we literally got in our car and racked up thousands of kilometers on a trip to British Columbia which had previously banned the horrible hordes of easterners from Wild Rose Country. We visited family at a distance and stayed at our favourite coastal resort on Quadra Island. We even did socially distanced winery tours in the Okanagan on the way home. Of course, we didn't bring back dozens of bottles of bubbly across the provincial border because that would be illegal.

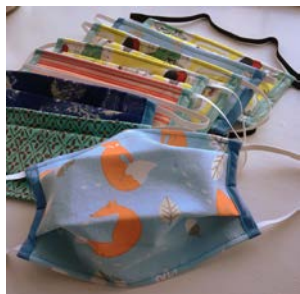
Here in Edmonton our new normal involves old habits such as occasional dinners on restaurant patios and weekend brunches with bubble friends and family. I've even ventured out to the fitness centre to strengthen my hip in preparation for a previously postponed replacement, and to work off the patio dinners and brunches.

Masks, of course, have become a necessary accessory. Mine hangs from my aging Toyota's rear view mirror, through which I hope to figuratively view the pandemic in the not-to-distant future.

The Fine Thread to Sanity

Anne Brochu Lambert, Radio-Canada PNA, Regina, SK

Photos: Courtesy of Anne Brochu Lambert



When the confinement was imposed on us across the country, way back in March, I was like anybody else: shaken to the core! I felt safe at home with my husband but worried so much for all my loved ones, far away. I remember waking up in the morning with a weird pressure in the pit of my stomach. It was overwhelming.

After two weeks, I decided that action - any small gesture - was the only possible salvation. I simply wanted to regain some control over the chaos brought to our lives by COVID-19. First, I radically reduced my daily ration of news, live media conferences and public announcements – which says a lot coming from an ex-news producer! Then, I turned to my faithful sewing machine.

The discussion about the usefulness of masks was already making the rounds in April – to me, it was a non-issue. I understood that the precious N93 masks, and anything medically approved, should be left to the health



Anne's son, Jean-Philippe

professionals. My plan was to sew our own masks, so that my children, my mom, my mother-in-law, my elderly neighbours and my close friends would have a fighting chance to protect themselves. I was going to make masks my war effort, one piece of fabric at a time.

Good thing I had quite a stash of textiles, rubber bands and buttons accumulated over the years. I quickly became proficient at finding YouTube tutorials and free patterns downloads. I had quite an assembly line at times. I made special “care packages” in Ziploc bags and dropped them in mailboxes in Regina or shipped others to my relatives. It did bring me some peace of mind, even if this was still a small gesture. The comforting fact was that everyone wore the masks!

COVID-19 is far from over and the second wave is showing its ugly head, especially in Quebec City as I write these lines; that's where most of my relatives live, including my son and mom. So, like someone said before me, “Once more unto the breach, brothers!” I'll sew a fresh crop of masks. I'll even venture to improve on the design.



Anne's daughter, Gabrielle



Anne's husband, Jean

My COVID-19 Fitness Detour

Kathy Fitzpatrick, CBC PNA, Saskatoon, SK

Photos: Courtesy of Kathy Fitzpatrick

I have been a year-round recreational tennis player for roughly a quarter-century, playing two or three times a week – indoors in winter, outdoors in summer. So, when COVID-19 forced the courts to close it left a gaping hole in my life. I was sad but understood the necessity in order to curb the spread of the disease.



As the snow disappeared, and the count of infections went down, I eagerly looked forward to the day the padlocks would come off the gates to the outdoor public courts across Saskatoon. At the same time, I knew everyone would have to follow new protocols to keep from passing around the virus. These protocols are posted on the websites of tennis associations around the country, as well as on signage at entrances to the public courts.

I won't cite all of the protocols, but I will mention a couple of key ones: maintain physical distance including while coming on and off the courts; and only touch your own equipment (this is not instead of sanitizing your hands, but in addition to). It means that each player is to serve his or her own balls, marked for identification, and balls are to be returned using racquets or feet only. (There is a very easy manoeuvre to return a ball that has rolled to a stop, using only a foot and a racquet to lift it into the air then bat it over the top of the net.)

Alas, just as in wider society not everyone takes COVID-19 with the same degree of seriousness or is equally informed or willing to follow anti-transmission protocols, so it is too among tennis players.

Some people just didn't bother to read the signs or check how to play safely. Others repeatedly forgot, well into the season, not to pick up another player's ball with their hands, or not to walk right up beside someone to speak. Others bluntly declared they didn't care about COVID-19 and weren't willing to follow public health measures.

I found the situation too exasperating. Going out to play tennis wasn't relieving my stress, it was adding to it. So, I put my tennis racquet aside and instead rode my bike for exercise.

It opened up a whole new experience for me. I discovered the impressive network of parks, trails and natural areas snaking through my end of the city. Every time I went out (almost daily), I took a different route, and in the process, explored the newly built neighbourhoods edging out to the horizon. I saw wildlife – even got close enough to a fox to take a decent photo with my smartphone.

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And everywhere, I passed by friendly people who smiled and said hello. I always arrived home in a better mood, feeling more energized.

As I write this the indoor tennis club has reopened, and once again leagues are being organized. Unfortunately, having players only handle their own set of balls is not among the protocols being implemented. This is a deal-breaker for me, and so I have decided to forego indoor tennis for now. I will look for other ways to stay fit once the snow flies. Who knows? Maybe I'll become a winter cyclist yet.



Wear the Mask

Cathy Little, CBC PNA, Calgary, AB

Photos: Courtesy of Cathy Little

It may be a bit odd, but the pandemic has shown me how suited my husband and I are to The Pandemic Lifestyle. We aren't big partiers (understatement of the year) and enjoy outside pursuits. We do love to travel, so not being able to get on a plane and go somewhere is a disappointment for us. As for the easing of some restrictions, we have enjoyed eating in restaurants again and getting haircuts! Man, I was looking shaggy.

The people I really feel badly about are the seniors in retirement condos or assisted living facilities. My mother-in-law lives in a retirement home in Edmonton and chafes at the restrictions placed upon her. It is disorienting and she gets lonely. We have to visit with her outside or in the underground parkade! Fortunately, there have been no COVID-19 cases in her building.

One area of concern I do have is managing the bubble and how stringent to be about other peoples' bubbles. I have friends I have visited with over the summer, sitting six feet apart outdoors. But what will happen in the winter?



Cathy Little's original mask, made of a Shop-Vac towel, is held together with staples and elastic bands.

We are big proponents of mask-wearing. I adopted the practice early on and at first, felt self-conscious, especially as very few other people were wearing masks at the time. Thankfully that's changed in Calgary. I now try to find masks that are not just utilitarian but also fashion statements. Gotta look good! It's maddening though to think that if everyone just wore masks and kept their distance, we might be able to get things under control.



Cathy Little's elegant, professionally made black number, is suitable for any occasion!



On the Air Again

Costa Maragos, CBC PNA, Regina, SK

Photos: Courtesy of Costa Maragos

What a difference a mere seven years makes - post-CBC retirement. Here I was back in a TV studio, awkwardly trying to hide that telex cord around my ear while doing a quick mic check.

“Test, test, testing, 5,4,3,2,1...sounds great,” I repeated into the microphone clipped onto the lapel of my sports jacket. “I hear ya,” muttered

the studio director, confirming from the tiny control room a mere three meters away. “I see your first guest on the monitor; she’s good to go.”

Within a few minutes, I could clearly hear in my earpiece the theme music, followed by the director’s five-second countdown. Just like that, I was back on the air for the first time since I said goodbye to hosting the CBC TV supper hour news back in the spring of 2013.

Since late August 2020, I’ve been hosting an interview-based online show called In Real Time with Costa Maragos (adding my name wasn’t my idea, honestly). The show airs live on Facebook with the plan to air a weekly one-hour show by mid-November. That’s about the right pace for me.



I host the show in a Regina studio owned by Paul Drouin, a former CBCer who now runs IKS Media, an immensely successful Regina-based multi-media company. When Paul approached me in May with the idea of doing a show, I figured why not?

While I had no intention of returning to the airwaves, I can thank Paul for catching me at a moment of weakness. The pandemic had stalled my travel plans while suffering from a serious case of cabin fever. (You’ll recall from the March 2020 issue of *The Transmitter* that I wrote about my annual trip to Greece with my family, and how I couldn’t wait to visit my relatives again. We continue to wait.)



Hosting a show the way I would want to was just the tonic needed to get out of my pandemic funk. It has been fun coming up with story ideas, finding interesting guests, crafting interviews, and seeing the excellent results online.

Some things never change. Good journalism and great story ideas will never go out of style. But much else about broadcasting has changed. The guests willingly do interviews from wherever they are as

long as they have a phone or screen to look into. Viewer analytics instantly roll in while on the air. We know the number of viewers, where they’re watching from, their ages and genders.

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In Real Time has had positive early feedback. After two shows the interviews reached about 200,000 people. Paid sponsors are now coming on board. To top it off, the show garnered a front-page story in the Regina Leader-Post. It's been fun so far as well as mentally stimulating.

Time soon for the next show. Test, test, test, hello? Am I on yet?

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxjMNLw4ZVQV7vmoe-vBZcw>



Masking Around

Nick Denesyk, CBC PNA, Saskatoon, SK

Nick is looking cool wearing a mask made in Vancouver by “cool “. His son Brian was in Vancouver on business and picked up several. Nick says the mask is made from stretchable material, fits well and feels very comfortable. Don't leave home without your mask!

Photo: Courtesy of Nick Denesyk

Lighter Look at Pandemic Life

Bill Laing, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB



Photo: Courtesy of Bill Laing

During my first trip to the supermarket wearing a mask, I went through the checkout and then spotted the assistant manager. In very sober tones I informed him that the manager had previously told me he didn't want to see my face in the store again! I then pointed to my mask and said: " I guess COVID solved that problem for me!" He doubled up in laughter!

With the pandemic I switched to online banking to avoid contact with other people. But soon I discovered I was running out of cash to pay our grandchildren for mowing our lawn. I rushed to my bank, went inside and saw the manager talking with the teller. They both looked at me disapprovingly! Horrors, I had left my mask in the car! The manager informed me I must wear a mask, or leave, or I would get a ticket. I replied "I've been banking here for 50 years and if I had been so foolish as to come in wearing a mask the police would have been called to arrest me. Now you're going to have me charged if I don't wear one?!" Thankfully they both saw the irony and had a good laugh.

Masks are the Fashion

Vi Atwell, CBC PNA, Saskatoon, SK

Photos: Courtesy of Vi Atwell

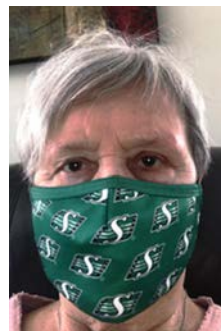
Vi Atwell knows how to accessorize her wardrobe with a variety of masks.



This is a disposable mask. I wear it when I go to a grocery store or attend an unimportant event.



I wear this face covering when I go shopping in a mall or to a grocery store. This covering does not qualify for a visit to a doctor's office or to a



This is a special mask! How can you tell I'm a fan of the Saskatchewan Roughriders football team? I wear this mask when I go out shopping.

In Memoriam: We Remember

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

Jacques Baillaut (August 17, 2020) Société Radio-Canada à Vancouver Manager of Communications

Mark Barber (September 13, 2020) CBC Ottawa Communications Account Director

Gerri Barrer (June 23, 2020) CBC Vancouver TV News Reporter & CBC Montreal Health Reporter

Dorean Binns (July 6, 2020) wife of Jack Binns, former CBC Vancouver Engineering Services Building Superintendent

Martin Chapman (August 24, 2020) CBC Sudbury Radio Journalist

Roger Chartrand (September 17, 2020) CBC Ottawa Coordinator of Production Resources CBOFT

Phyllis Curley (August 17, 2020) widow of Austin Curley, CBC North

Bill Dexter (June 21, 2020) Husband of Joan Dexter of CBC Head Office in Ottawa, Senior Forms Clerk

Margaret Dolphin (September 16, 2020) Wife of the late Frank Dolphin CBC TV Legislative Reporter in Edmonton

Ken Dyba (July 6, 2020) CBC Toronto Radio Archives

Rick Gibbs (July 23, 2020) CBC Radio Documentary Producer based in Victoria, BC

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Joan Gottselig (August 11, 2020) CBC Radio Journalist and Director of Radio

Cam Graham (September 8, 2020) CBC Ottawa Television Producer

Joan Graham (September 6, 2020) CBC Edmonton Purchasing Manager

Gustave Héon (August 30, 2020) Société Radio-Canada à Ottawa Announcer

David McFadyen (August 16, 2020) CBC Toronto Designer

Paul Mockler (September 18, 2020) Photographer, Writer, Director, Cinematographer

Linda Moore (July 29, 2020) CBC Calgary and Toronto, Television Sports Production

Gord Noble (July 10, 2020) CBC Ottawa Head Office Director of Affiliate Relations

Trevor Odgers (August 12, 2020) CBC Winnipeg Lighting Director and Technical Director

Rick Ouston (August 31, 2020) CBC Vancouver TV Reporter and Assignment Editor

Benoit Gilbert Pariseau (July 25, 2020) Radio-Canada Edmonton in Radio & Television News & Sports, Program Director, Announcer

Ron Place (August 21, 2020) CBC Winnipeg TV Audio

Glenn Powell (September 29, 2020) CBC Radio Agricultural & National Reporter

Heather Pullen (September 15, 2020) CBC Ottawa Radio Broadcaster

Miles Ramsay (June 19, 2020) Entertainer (singer) on many CBC Vancouver and network television series in the 1960s

Dorothy Robitaille (September 28, 2020) CBC Toronto Television

Murray Smith (August 14, 2020) CBC Ottawa Head Office Senior Clerk with Accounting Payroll

Barry Allan Stewart (July 19, 2020) CBC Publicist in Ottawa

Robert Stos (August 18, 2020) CBC Toronto Stagehand and Lighting Technician

Val Strazovec (August 17, 2020) CBC Toronto Television Production Designer

Brian Sung (August 10, 2020) CBC Vancouver Regional Comptroller

Lorraine Thomson (August 13, 2020) Television and Radio Host, Interviewer, Producer. Her late husband was CBC Journalist and News Anchor Knowlton Nash.

Pierre Lucien Trottier (July 4, 2020) CBC Ottawa English TV Production Editor

Doug Wardle (August 15, 2020) CBC Special Effects Technician

Genevieve Westcott (July 10, 2020) CBC Vancouver Reporter. Her late husband Ross Kenward was a cameraman for CBC Vancouver.

Mike Zartler (August 31, 2020) CBC TV Saskatchewan Videographer, Editor, Switcher-director

No Dinner Theatre Creelman Style

Pat Hume, CBC PNA, Creelman, SK



Photo: Courtesy of Pat Hume

Six months ago, I ended my article in *The Transmitter* about dinner theatre Creelman saying, “Year 40 awaits.” That was then, this is now, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic you won’t be surprised by me saying there will not be an annual Creelman Dinner theatre this year. In true pandemic style, and because of harvest in full swing, we were unable to hold an official club meeting to make this announcement. However, everyone agreed via WhatsApp that it was the right move. We’re hoping to be back on stage and in front of an audience in 2021!

Growing my Christmas Village

Susan Graham, CBC PNA, Regina, SK

Photos: Courtesy of Susan Graham



The year I moved into my house my brother Bill started presenting me with a special gift for my birthday each November. He gave me a new piece for the village so that I could set it up in time for Christmas.

Setting up the display takes me a day. I must also set up and test the lights in the houses and wait for the darkness of night in order to see the full impact.

There are 28 structures. More than 80 people mill around London with Big Ben, Victoria Station and St Martin-in-the-Fields, as well as in the village and countryside. Scattered around the set are nearly 50 trees. A piper in Graham tartan is ready with his pipes at Balmoral Lodge. There are sidewalks, fences, signs, lamp lighters, vendors, and over 15 animals.

My favourite pieces are the three that have movements such as the Fezziwig dancers and the waterwheel at the mill. The music box store plays a tune. When you peek inside one interior you see a Gainsborough painting and a portrait of Queen Victoria. My prize piece is the large three-story home with the family just sitting down for Christmas dinner.



What I love the most about the display is the reaction of the little people who visit. When my great grandnephew, six-year-old Noah, came last year he looked and looked and then asked, “where is the painter?” Now that made my day. He had remembered from the previous Christmas. When I am done with the village, the next generation of family members will each receive a little village to get them started. And another village then commences.

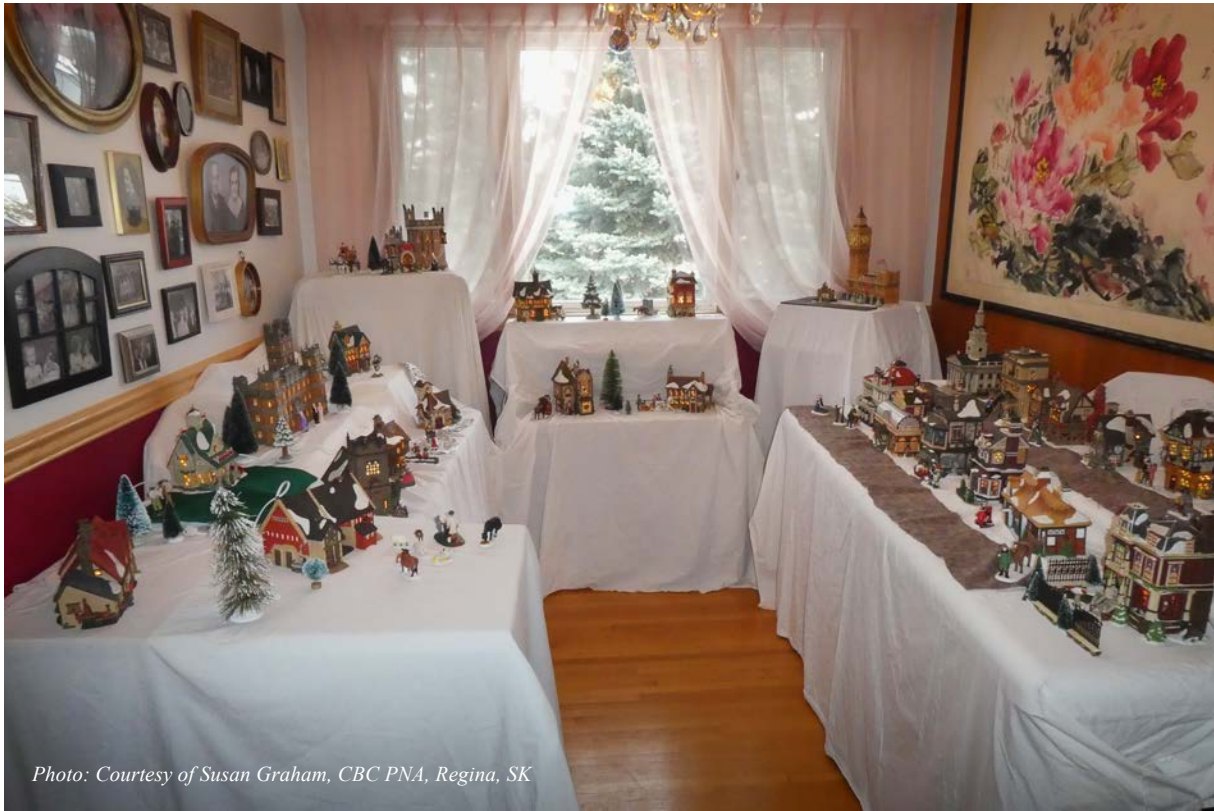


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Best wishes for good health in 2021