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On the job with CBC

For more than 30 years, Neil Cochrane of CBC Regina worked as a camera operator for CBC-TV during the coverage of the Olympics. He took this photo of the Great Wall of China in 2008 while in China for the Beijing Olympics.



Throughout this issue you will see some photos of former colleagues while they were on the job.

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President's Report

Bob Forrow, CBC PNA Regional President, Edmonton, AB

Hope all are well! I've received both vaccinations for protection against the virus that causes COVID-19 and I feel very safe and less vulnerable. I still isolate myself from others for their protection.

In this report, I will tell you about our monthly coffee klatch by Zoom, the work of some PNA volunteers, and the work of our regional and national executives and directors. I will wind up by letting you know about a volunteer opportunity within our regional CBC PNA.

I would like to thank the members in Alberta and Northwest Territories who are taking part in our coffee klatch on the second Tuesday of each month through Zoom. It's good to see your faces on a screen! Those of us in Edmonton will meet again in person at the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) when it is safe to do so.

Your regional PNA is keeping in touch with members through telephone calls. Jeff Collins phones members in the Southern Alberta Chapter (SAC) on their birthdays. I phone members in Edmonton and area, northern Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories on their birthdays. We enjoy having the conversations and the members appreciate being contacted in person.

This fall we'll be electing a new regional executive. The former regional president Jim MacVicar chaired our Nominations Committee. After many telephone calls he found members interested in sharing their skills and time as Treasurer and Secretary for 2021-2024. Treasurer-elect is Richard Marcotte of Regina and Secretary-elect is Del Simon of Calgary. The current President, me, Bob Forrow from Edmonton, and Vice-President Lutz Walsh of Regina were able to serve for a second term and we let our names stand for those positions. The new executive will be elected at the region's annual general meeting (likely a virtual meeting) on September 15. Until then, Treasurer Cécile Magnan and Secretary Joanne Skidmore will continue with their duties. They are each serving the maximum number of six years. You'll find out more about the executive-elect later in this newsletter.

The CBC PNA could not function without the active participation of volunteers, and I would like to recognize two longstanding volunteers for the ASN region. In Edmonton, Royle Harris has been the Entertainment Director for the Edmonton members for years. Before that he was on the board of directors of the 20-Year Association for many years before the Association was dissolved. Royle retired as Entertainment Director at the last annual general meeting. In Calgary, Eleanor Suddaby has been working on behalf of the Southern Alberta Chapter (SAC) as its Treasurer since the inception of the Pensioners National Association in Calgary 20 years ago. Thanks to both Royle and Eleanor for their contributions to the PNA. You'll read more about Eleanor later in the newsletter.

Regional Vice-President Lutz Walsh worked on a national project entitled "Becoming Indispensable". The participants in four groups worked on recruitment, advocacy, diversity and communications. They presented their recommendations at the national convention last month. You'll read a report from Lutz about the project in the next issue of *The Transmitter*.

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The convention was held in May via Zoom and our ASN region was represented by delegates Bob Forrow (Edmonton), Lutz Walsh (Regina), Joanne McAdam (Calgary), and by observer Hartland Jessome (Regina). The alternates (in case a delegate or observer could not attend) were Richard Marcotte (Regina) and Del Simon (Calgary). We learned that the CBC Pensioners National Association is in solid financial shape due in part to no money being spent on travel in the past year. The CBC Pension Plan is also in good shape.

The convention also heard about the Pension Surplus Sharing Agreement and the status of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relating to the sharing of any surplus in our pension plan. The CBC has said the MOA is no longer in effect. The PNA and CBC are working on choosing an arbitrator soon to resolve the issue. As well, the PNA is sending a petition to all members to join in communicating the PNA's disappointment in CBC no longer recognizing the MOA.

Following the national convention, the delegates elected a new national executive on May 21. Alain Pineau of Ottawa, ON will be President for the next three years. He replaces Denis Collette of Winnipeg, MB. Alain has been the PNA Trustee on the CBC Pension Fund Board of Trustees; you may remember hearing him as the guest speaker at our regional annual general meeting in Edmonton in September 2019. Donald Langis of Moncton, NB is the new French Vice-President, replacing Suzanne Aubin of Longueuil, QC. The continuing English Vice-President is David Jeffrey of Ottawa, ON. The continuing Treasurer is Réjean Labrie of Montréal, QC.

There is a vacancy for co-editor of *The Transmitter* coming up this September when Joanne Skidmore steps down as secretary on the regional executive. If you are interested in volunteering for the position of co-editor, you can receive more information by calling President Bob Forrow at 780-437-5074 or Secretary Joanne Skidmore at 306-581-4415. Call us by June 30! Co-editor Monique Nenson of Regina will continue doing the layout and editing the photos.

Bob Forrow

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He Shoots, He Scores!

Dave Smiley, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB

I worked as a producer/director for CBC Edmonton and this is the Stanley Cup broadcast crew that I was involved with in 1984. The teams in the finals were the Edmonton Oilers and the New York Islanders. The Oilers won the cup.

Blasts from the Past

Use these photos to dig into your memory bank and remember what some of your CBC colleagues looked like at one point in their lives.



Alberta Today live from the Eaton Centre, 1978

*Photo: Courtesy of Dennis Sherbanuk
CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB*

Here is the noon-hour crew at CBC radio in Edmonton. Dennis was the farm commentator. Garnet Anthony was the co-host, specializing in resources coverage. Ethel Marliiss was the consumer commentator. The Eaton Centre, site of this broadcast, is now City Centre, and the same shopping centre now houses CBC Edmonton.

Out in a field near Yorkton, SK 1980

*Photo: Courtesy of Krysia Jarmicka
CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB*

Krysia Jarmicka was the news anchor for the 6 p.m. TV news for CBC Regina. Do you recognize the cameraman in the photo? If so, let us know, and feel free to send another photo of him for the next issue of *The Transmitter*.



*Photo: Courtesy of Kathy Fitzpatrick
CBC PNA, Saskatoon, SK*

Christmas Morning Show Open House 1994, Regina, SK

This is the radio crew for The Morning Edition's Christmas Open House in December 1994 at CBC Broadcast Centre in Regina. Back row left to right: Paul Dornstauder, Jim McKillican, Bill Gerald. Middle row left to right: Noreen Kotowich, Doug Millington, Barbara Cross. Front row left to right: Sheila Coles, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Lindy Thorsen, Michelle McCaw, John Weidlich, Dave Naylor.

A Quintessential Technology Man

Bob Carr, CBC PNA, Yellowknife, NWT

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit last March, former CBC Yellowknife Technical Supervisor Peter Radcliffe used technology to grab the pandemic by its throat. Peter was 91 years old and determined to take care of himself and his wife, Peggy, which he did, right up until the end of his life on February 15, 2021 in Pickering, Yorkshire, England.

Peter and Peggy were originally from Yorkshire. They married in 1954 and emigrated to Yellowknife in 1956 at the invitation of Peter's brother, John. He offered them a job and a house if they moved there so they sailed from Liverpool to Montreal, took the train to Edmonton and then flew to Yellowknife via Peace River. What they found was no brother, no job nor a place to live. That didn't stop them from living there for 30 years and building a remarkable life for themselves in Canada's North, working and raising their three sons, David, Steve and Michael.



When the pandemic began, Peter was already skilled at navigating technology online. He'd been



ordering groceries and goods online for years in Pickering. Ordering online became a problem only when everyone else started doing it at the same time. Soon, the stores couldn't reliably supply bread. Peggy couldn't go without bread. With the onset of mild memory loss, she needed to keep her habit of toast and jam with Yorkshire Gold tea in the morning. Peter went into the garage and dug out the family's old bread machine which hadn't been used in years. When he got the hang of it, he ordered a brand-new state-of-the-art machine.

FaceTime was a pure technological blessing during the pandemic. Peggy and Peter loved that their son, daughter-in-law, and three grand dogs "visited them in their living room" every other day. Peter's sharp eyes and ears for video and audio quality would kick into high gear each time he signed onto FaceTime. He would notice the slightest deficiency in video and sound and comment on them. People who worked with him at CBC during his 30 years in Yellowknife said that about him too. On-air staff soon learned not to use the term "we are having technical difficulties" unless they indeed were.

Even as a hobbyist, Peter was a master at technology. Proficient in Morse Code, Peter applied for and received his ham radio licence VE8BY. He exchanged signals with friends from around the world for decades. He loved gadgets, including a smart TV, a robotic vacuum cleaner and a robotic lawnmower, both of which returned (on their own) to auto charge and were ready to perform the next day.

Peter embraced technology and it was his friend every day. The pandemic was just another challenge to finding ways to use it to make life better for himself and Peggy.

Prpick and Daughter, Inc.

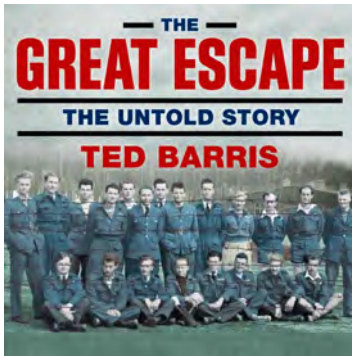
Sean Prpick, CBC PNA, Regina, SK



One of my great joys as a former CBC Radio producer was working with young talent, showing them the ropes of our business, mentoring them and celebrating their successes as their careers took off. When I retired in 2015 after nearly 30 years with the Corp., I thought, with some sadness and nostalgia, that those days were over forever. But it turns out, thanks to the pandemic, that delight from my past life is back.

Photo: Zoé Prpick, daughter of CBC PNA member Sean Prpick of Regina, SK

My daughter Zoé Beaulieu Prpick has been riding out COVID-19 with her mother Maud Beaulieu and me since finishing grad school in the spring of 2020. As a result, she agreed last year to work with me and in doing so, she has acquired new skills as an audio producer. Zoé developed quickly and after 12 months -- more than an entire season in CBC-speak -- there's not much more I can show my latest co-producer. In fact, she's the classic case of the student outdoing the teacher and there are many things she does better than me now.



Together, in the last year we've produced nine different audio books for three different publishers -- two in Regina, one in Ontario -- and produced them to a very high standard, I must say. We also co-produced a podcast for a group at the University of Saskatchewan. Our work was good enough that we've been hired to produce four more audio books, so far, in 2021 and we've been engaged to do another season of the podcast.



While I'd much preferred to have seen Zoé follow her dreams over the past year and fulfill the plans she set out for herself during grad school, I would not trade anything for this unexpected detour in our lives. It's allowed me to teach and work with my daughter...and to hand down some of the things I learned in my nearly 30 years of service with the CBC.

Who knew something so worthwhile could happen at a time as this?



Regional CBC PNA Executive-elect

*For the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories (ASN) region
CBC Pensioners National Association*

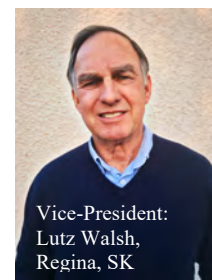
Four members of our region were elected by acclamation. The Executive-elect will begin working together after the ASN Annual General Meeting on September 15, 2021. Thanks to each member of the new executive for your commitment to the CBC PNA.



President: Bob Forrow,
Edmonton, AB

Bob graduated from the École des Beaux-Arts in Montréal and worked in television there for Télé-Métropole (now ATV) as a scenic painter. He moved to Toronto and worked for CFTO television and CTV. Then he was hired by CBC Toronto and worked on many national TV shows as well as studying at its Institute of Scenography. In 1980 Bob transferred to CBC Edmonton as a Set Designer. He has been regional president of the Pensioners National Association since 2018. Before the pandemic Bob worked out faithfully four times a week at a gym. Early in the pandemic he bought a rowing machine and rows intermittently at home.

Lutz was the News and Current Affairs Television Director at CBC Saskatchewan. He retired in 2013 after 32 years at CBC. Since 2018, Lutz has been the Vice-President of the region as well as of the Saskatchewan Chapter of the PNA, and is the President of the CBC Saskatchewan 20 Year Association. He enjoys being outdoors and in winter you can find him on the ski trails. During the summer, hiking, camping and working in the garden keep Lutz busy.



Vice-President:
Lutz Walsh,
Regina, SK



Secretary:
Del Simon,
Calgary, AB

Del was a reporter for CBC Radio and Television before moving into Communications. When she's not volunteering, she spends as much time as she can traveling (at least before COVID-19 changed everything). Del can often be found reading or writing in one of her favorite hometown cafes in Calgary.

Communications manager, Director of Radio, Executive director of Ce Soir for Radio-Canada Saskatchewan was followed by at least a decade as Manager of finances for French Services in Western Canada. His academic training was in Business Administration. Pilgrimage walks (spiritual, nature, ecological, historical), reading

(sometimes the material is too serious!), trying to stay healthy (diet, gym, bowling and yoga when not in pandemic mode) and visiting friends and family are among his major interests. Community engagement is also important.



Treasurer:
Richard Marcotte,
Regina, SK

Chef des communications, Directeur de la radio, producteur-délégué du Ce Soir pour Radio-Canada Saskatchewan ont abouti au poste de Chef des finances pour l'ensemble des services français dans l'Ouest. Sa formation académique fut en Administration des affaires.

Les marches de pèlerinage (spirituel, nature, écologique, historique), la lecture (à l'occasion le matériel est bien trop sérieux!), voir à sa santé (diète, gym, quilles et yoga quand nous ne sommes pas en mode pandémie) et visiter amis et famille sont parmi ses intérêts. L'engagement communautaire est toujours important.

Snowbirds Staying Connected

Bill Ringrose, CBC PNA, Devon, AB

The most common question we snowbirds were asked when COVID-19 rules kept Marg and me in Devon this past winter was whether we missed our winter home in the sunny south. The snowbird life is about a lot of things and the most important involve our connections and friendships. Our winter travel from near Edmonton, Alberta to Yuma, Arizona had allowed us to see things we might not have discovered otherwise. We also made friends who became part of our extended family. So yes, we missed our winter home!

We chose Yuma because it was usually the hot spot in winter and was easy to get around. We are about 3 1/2 hours driving time to Phoenix (Arizona), Laughlin (Nevada), Palm Springs (California) and the cruise ships in San Diego (California). That made it more economical than flying to the port cities.



Mountain Sheep in Valley of Fire State Park

When we drive south in the U.S.A. on Interstate-5, we try to miss as much of the Las Vegas (Nevada) traffic as we can. A favorite bypass is Valley of Fire State Park. We leave the Interstate after Mesquite (Nevada) and don't get back on the main road until we are on the south end of Las Vegas.

Now that we have spent our winter in Devon, we rely on the Yuma recreational vehicle park website to keep us in touch with our American neighbours. We are part of a chat group with

others who stayed home last season, as well as with our American friends who did go to Yuma. Our happy hours became Zoom chats.

The pandemic shutdown required a switch to more phone calls, Zoom visits with our family and meetings using conference calls. Our neighbours in Devon got us interested in watching the birds that are amazingly active during the cold months. We stayed warm inside and watched the birds come to our feeder on the tree outside our window.

Our street in Yuma had an NHL Hockey Pool last year and now it continues online. We also chat regularly with our Lotto group (and no, we haven't won the lottery yet!). We also have virtual coffee meetings once a month with Alberta members of the CBC Pensioners National Association.



Marg & Bill Ringrose on a cruise ship

Before the total closure we found that our local seniors club offered alternatives to the recreation activities we enjoyed down south. Instead of outdoor shuffleboard we joined indoor floor curling. We also took part in weekly card games and other events at the club in Devon.

Life is all about change and connections. Marg and I learned that COVID-19 regulations can't entirely separate you from family and friends.

Extra. Extra. Read all about it!

Jeff Collins, CBC PNA, Calgary, AB

On Tuesday March 23, I bumped into Kate Beckinsale. I didn't mean to. I was told by the Assistant Director to get in her way as the English actress was striding down a hallway in a magnificent western mansion near Bragg Creek, west of Calgary. As she brushed past me, she looked at me with those famous hazel eyes and said, "Excuse me."

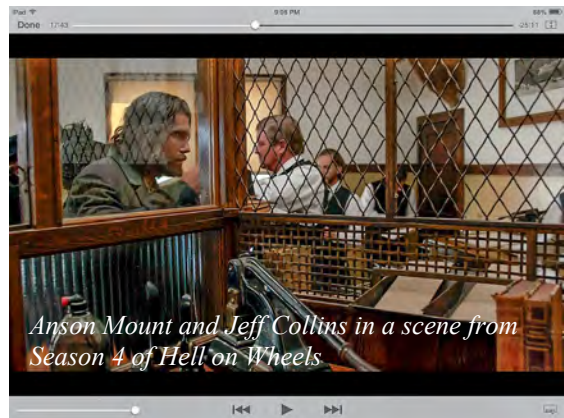


Jeff Collins and Cathy Little on their last show together at CBC Calgary in 2009

When I left CBC Radio in Calgary in 2009, it left me with quite a hole in my life. For more than thirty years, I had been part of a team devoted to producing material that would engage, entertain, and enlighten an audience. It was that desire to be part of something big that motivated me in 2014, when I heard there were opportunities to work as an extra in film and TV, so I set out to find an agent.

I was interviewed by one agency which wanted about \$250 up front to get on their list with a promise of "lots of work". Having been a union member through my whole career with CBC, I reached out to the actors union, ACTRA, for advice. It was a good move. They sent me to my first agent and she sent me to appear in the final episode of Season Four of "Hell On Wheels". I played a bank teller in a scene with the star, Anson Mount, as he storms into a bank to confront the manager over the fate of his Mormon wife and child. When I downloaded the episode and spotted myself in the scene, I was hooked!

I returned to "Hell on Wheels" for Season 5, played a rodeo spectator, a grieving horse owner, and a party guest on "Heartland". I spent 14 hours on the set of " Fargo" and never got in front of a camera. However, a four-hour day garnered me some major exposure in the movie "Dead Again in Tombstone" starring Danny Trejo. I play a nervous bank manager watching a box of gold go onto a stagecoach.



Anson Mount and Jeff Collins in a scene from Season 4 of Hell on Wheels



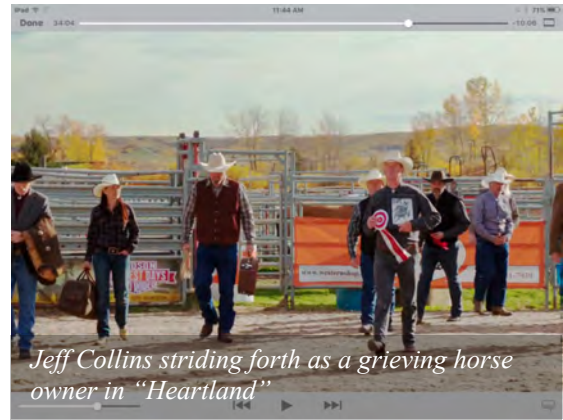
In 2018, I voiced a Public Service Announcement for the Alberta Teachers' Association and that got me into ACTRA, the actors union, and suddenly my pay for being an extra doubled.

If you think this is something you'd enjoy doing, the first step is to find a good agent. ACTRA keeps a list of those they feel are credible and won't charge extra fees. Your agent will put you in touch with the casting directors who will offer introductory "Set Etiquette" courses. You will learn the basics: how to mime your conversations with fellow extras, how to be animated without overdoing it, and how to do exactly the same thing, exactly the same way, over and over again through a 12-14 hour day. You will also learn to come prepared, dressed for the elements, and able to entertain yourself for hours spent waiting around for someone to ask you to do something.

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While I have been uncomfortable on a set, I have never felt disrespected. The hair and wardrobe people treat you the same way they treat the stars. The food is good, and trust me, you will never lose weight on a set. They seem to be serving something every couple of hours.

When the camera is rolling on a major production like the new CBS series, “The Guilty Party”, it is costing thousands of dollars a minute. That day in March near Bragg Creek, I had already blown a take bumping into the cameraman trying to pilot a steadicam around the star. So, I didn’t say anything when Beckinsale said “Excuse me” to me. I didn’t want to distract her in any way. She was a major movie star doing her job, and I was a background extra doing mine. But it was a thrill all the same. I hope it makes the final cut.



Jeff Collins striding forth as a grieving horse owner in “Heartland”

Working the Olympics



Courtesy of Neil Cochrane, CBC PNA, Regina, SK

2000 - Cameraman, Neil Cochrane, sits in a surf boat with announcer Chris Cuthbert, and rowing color commentator and former two-time Canadian Olympic gold medalist Kay Worthington. They were on the surf boat at Manly Beach to shoot the opening segment to the Sydney Olympics. Neil had the privilege of working several years with Chris and Kay at various Olympic and World Rowing Championships.

1988 – Calgary hosted the Calgary Olympics but downhill ski events were held at Nakiska ski resort in the Kananaskis Valley. With their colourful uniforms, CBC employees were quite visible everywhere throughout the games.

Clockwise: Jeff Nenson, Peter Leitz, Bryan Wilson, Harold Dupuis, Neil Cochrane, Ed Seneshen



Courtesy of Jeff Nenson, CBC PNA, Regina, SK

PNA Spousal Membership

Individuals who receive pension survivor benefits are eligible to become members of the CBC PNA and have access to all of the PNA member benefits including the Special Assistance Fund, loyalty programs, discounts and social activities.

They are also eligible to hold office in the PNA and to serve on committees. Join us!

<https://www.cbcpensioners.ca/join-us/>

Go to the CBC PNA website and follow the instructions for enrolling. You can also contact the national office.

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Members of the CBC Pensioners National Association come from across Canada and have worked in radio, television, administration, and in different languages. Please share this newsletter with any former colleagues or their spouses who are not yet members and encourage them to join the PNA.

Yellowknife Reunion on July 29, 2006

Jim MacVicar, CBC PNA, Edmonton, AB

Every July some CBC folks have a fishing trip at Quiet Cove on the east arm of Great Slave Lake. Dwane Williams came up with the idea for the reunion in Yellowknife following the trip and soon other people got involved. Kevin Woldum organized the reunion at Top Knight Hall above the Black Knight Pub. Dwane's company Ensat Broadcast Services in Calgary donated the cost of the hall. Danceaway, Kevin's company in Yellowknife donated the cost of the DJ and sound system. Twenty-one past and present staff enjoyed the dinner buffet and watched videos and bloopers from CBC North. Kevin produced a 5+ hour video that was a great backdrop on a big screen as people visited with colleagues. The good weather made it a pleasure to go down the Ingraham Trail to fish, have a barbecue and walk around Yellowknife to see the sights such as Bush Pilot's Monument.

My wife Nancy and I had left Yellowknife four years previously and it was interesting to see how the city had grown.

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Front row left to right: Tookie Mercredi, Pierre Lebel, George Jones, Louis Batonyi, Marie Wilson, Dwane Williams, Dave Kellett

Middle row left to right: Jim MacVicar, Phil Mercredi, Nancy Gardiner, Rob Backhouse, Jeff Gardiner

Back row left to right: Kevin Woldum, Jason Squires, Phil Morck, Marie Morck, Gary Elmer, Keith MacNeill, Bob Ellison

CBC goes to Northern Saskatchewan

Nick Denesyk, CBC PNA, Saskatoon, SK



In the late 1970s, CBC opened new services in Beauval and Ile-a-la-Crosse in northern Saskatchewan. CBC Saskatchewan and Alberta were under the Winnipeg region at that time. CBC



people from Winnipeg, Regina and Saskatoon travelled to Beauval and Ile-a-la-Crosse to join local people in the celebrations. The new CBC services were English television and FM radio, same as 540 AM in Saskatchewan.



Ribbon cutting at the official opening of CBC services in Beauval



CBC Winnipeg representative with a member of the local community

Committed to Colleagues, Community and Family

Eleanor Suddaby, CBC PNA, Calgary, AB

Eleanor Suddaby joined CBC Calgary on February 1, 1960 and held a variety of positions during her 36 year career. She worked in Radio and TV Traffic, Central Registry, Film Library, ENG Library, Coordinator of TV Traffic and Operations, Unit Manager, and finally Production Manager for CBC Newsworld.

Eleanor also cared about the people working with her and she was active in many committees in the workplace. This included helping to protect the job security of the film staff through retraining and enabling them to make an easier transition to ENG. In the early 1980s, Eleanor attended the founding conference in Ottawa of the CBC Employee Assistance Program. She then served as the co-administrator of the Calgary EAP for many years.



In January of 2000, Eleanor attended the founding convention in Montreal of the CBC Pensioners National Association and became Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta region. Members in the Calgary area decided to form the Southern Alberta Chapter and Eleanor took on the role of Secretary-Treasurer. She served for many years with two long-standing members President Ken McCreath and Vice-President Russ Down. Ken and Russ stepped down a couple of years ago but Eleanor remained the Secretary-Treasurer. She has managed to attend all but one Chapter meeting over many years.

You might say that “volunteer” is Eleanor’s middle name. In 2013, Volunteer Calgary recognized her with the Heart of Calgary Award and Tourism Calgary presented her with the White Hat award in recognition as the Volunteer of the Year. In 2014, Eleanor was awarded a Lifetime Membership in the Heritage Park Society, having devoted thousands of hours to the many facets of its operation in Calgary.

For more than 61 years, Eleanor has been married to Darrel Suddaby. They have two daughters and five grandchildren, and they often look after their great-granddaughter. Eleanor gives fully of her time, enthusiasm and love for what matters most to her. Many thanks, Eleanor, for your commitment to the Southern Alberta Chapter of the Pensioners National Association.

In Memoriam: We Remember

Since the last newsletter we have received the following information about the deaths of former CBC colleagues and current PNA members.

Ray Adam (April 27, 2021) CBC Vancouver Sales Representative

Paul Barr (April 29, 2021) CBC Fredericton and Halifax Radio and TV News Journalist

Raffaella Caldarola (née Burdi) (April 17, 2021) CBC Toronto Secretary

Margaret Collier (April 11, 2021) Retired National Director of ACTRA, Writers Guild of Canada

Marc Doré (March 16, 2021) Producer/Director with CBXFT Edmonton, Executive Producer of Radio-Canada’s *Clan Destin*

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Phyllis Ferguson (March 12, 2021) CBC Whitehorse Radio Announcer Operator, CBC Toronto Assistant Production Manager *The Fifth Estate*

John Findlay (April 12, 2021) CBC Toronto News Videographer

James Gagnier (May 11, 2021) CBC Ontario Maintenance Technician

Beth Gaines (May 1, 2021) CBC Saint John, Halifax, Windsor, Toronto Radio and TV Program Host, Anchor and Journalist

Violet Grant (February 2021) CBC Toronto Switchboard

Charlie Harris (April 19, 2021) CBC Toronto Producer, Radio Documentaries and Assistant to the Director of Television

Cecile Hebert (May 13, 2021) CBC Radio and TV, Radio-Canada, in Edmonton and Vancouver as Announcer, Writer and Reporter

Gordon Hinch (April 8, 2021) CBC Toronto Unit Manager, Drama Producer

Sian Jones (February 2021) CBC Toronto Radio Producer

David Hall (May 23, 2021) CBC Ottawa Cameraman

Roma Hearn (February 13, 2021) CBC Vancouver TV Series *Some of Those Days* cast member

Barry Hussey (February 7, 2021) CBC Radio and Television in Churchill, Regina, Ottawa and Toronto

Ron Lapointe (May 10, 2021) CBC Ottawa Stagehand, Staging Crew leader and Production Assistant

Eric Lipka (April 29, 2021) CBC affiliates CHBC-TV Kelowna, BC, CKSO-TV Sudbury, ON, CBC Toronto Set Designer

Mick Lowe (April 17, 2021) CBC Sudbury Reporter & Producer

Doug McKay (December 20, 2020) CBC Vancouver Cameraman

Bill McVean (March 21, 2020) CBC Toronto Television Personality

Gunter Mende (February 5, 2021) CBC Vancouver Sound and Lighting Technician

Frank Mikuska (February 28, 2021) CBC Winnipeg TV Graphic Designer

Peter Radcliffe (February 15, 2021) CBC Yellowknife Northern Service Technician and Technical Supervisor

Jack Ruttle (April 29, 2021) CBC affiliate CKLW-TV Windsor Vice-President of Programming

Des Saumer (February 17, 2021) CBC Edmonton and Vancouver Cameraman, and CBC Vancouver Supervising Technician

June Shafi (May 6, 2021) CBC Toronto Switchboard Operator and Receptionist

Chris Skene (March 14, 2021) CBC Radio *The World at Six*.

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Paul Soles (May 26, 2021) CBC TV Network Host *Take-30*, performed in sketch comedy series on television as well as acting in radio drama and live theatre

John Solilo (May 22, 2021) CBC Regina Film Cameraman for *The National*

Jim St. Marie (March 24, 2021) CBC Toronto Television Producer

Chris Straw (March 16, 2021) CBC Vancouver Executive Producer, CBC Toronto Senior Director of Network Talk

Louis Tardif (February 23, 2021) CBC Ottawa Radio-Canada and RDI Editor-in-chief

Ray Waines (May 24, 2021) CBC Vancouver Cameraman

Bruce Yaccato (April 26, 2021) CBC and CTV Broadcaster, Journalist, Documentary Producer and Writer

What's NEW with YOU?

Since the start of the pandemic, some people have ramped up their favourite activities or started new pursuits. For example, regional President Bob Forrow has worked on a model Bluenose ship in honour of the 100th anniversary of the original launch of this famous vessel.



A model of the Bluenose, as assembled by our president, Bob Forrow

What hobbies and interests have you expanded or cultivated during the pandemic? Tell us a short story about your pursuits and send us a couple of photos. Write the story in 300 words and send it by email to joanne.skidmore09@gmail.com. Send the photos in a large version, horizontal format, high resolution, JPEG OR RAW to mnenson@gmail.com

Deadline for submitting articles and photos is JUNE 30

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Back in the Day



These people are among the CBC employees who started the broadcasting of daily television programs in northern Canada. This photograph was taken in the Yellowknife television studio on November 14, 1995. (Photo courtesy of Jim MacVicar, CBC PNA, Devon, AB)

Front row left to right: Diane Lonergan, Jennifer Tilden, Cecilia Wetrade, Rassi Nashalik, George Tuccaro, Paul Andrew, Marie Wilson, Janet Leader, Bronwyn Henry, Anne Lynagh

Back row left to right: Bob Eliison, Steve Smith, Janice Madsen, Wayne Vallevand, Dave Kellett, Snookie Catholique, Mark Sandiford, Elias Abboud, Keith MacNeill, Louis Batonyi, Mark Trudeau, Kim Trynacity, George Mount, George Jones, Brenda Percy, Randy Swan, Jim MacVicar

Will YOU be co-editor of *The Transmitter*? Volunteer by June 30, 2021

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The deadline for volunteering to co-edit *The Transmitter* is June 30, 2021.

If no one volunteers, the quarterly newsletter of 12 or more pages may become a 4-page newsletter consisting of a report from the president, updates from the regional Chapters, and In Memoriam.

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