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*The Good Life*  
*Newsletter of the Southwestern Ontario Chapter of The  
CBC Pensioners National Association*

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## Nationally (highlights)



The August edition of Contact has a great deal of information regarding the triennial convention. Especially in the forefront the recommendations approved by the following committees. Diversity & Inclusion, Recruitment, Advocacy and Communications.

As well, an arbitrator has been appointed regarding the dispute on the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) dealing with the surplus of the CBC Pension Plan.

Notice of the Virtual Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 1:00PM (ET).

**Please note: Pre-registration is required.**

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### New PNA Executives

*Never  
give up  
on the  
things  
that make  
you smile*

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## Regionally

Since January of this year, your regional Board has met four times virtually to deal with a variety of issues. At our last meeting in July a discussion took place regarding a call for volunteers on three specific committees discussed at the past Tri-Annual Convention. A note from your Regional President:

### Ontario Region: Call for Volunteers



*Happiness  
is a  
direction,  
not a  
place!*



Your CBC Pensioners National Association needs your help! The CBC Pensioners National Association Board has endorsed the recommendations that came out of the National Conference in May of this year. There are four areas that the Association will be concentrating on improving during the next three years: Communications, Advocacy, Diversity & Inclusion and Recruitment.

The National Board is seeking volunteers to become members of the Diversity & Inclusion committee, the Recruitment committee or the Communications committee.

Each Region is being asked to nominate members to be a part of these committees. The plan is to meet by Zoom conference (virtually) and possibly an in person meeting once a year.

If you would like more information about any of these committees please feel free to contact any of the following members:

Gerry Head [gercarhead@gmail.com](mailto:gercarhead@gmail.com) or by phone at 519 250-8516  
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Please consider this request to be a volunteer as an opportunity to further the work of the PNA and a great opportunity to improve the well-being of your colleagues.

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Respectfully,  
Gerry Head  
President Ontario Region  
CBC Pensioners National Association



# Locally (SWO)

Thank you for your comments and like-mindedness regarding our decision to cancel our 2021 BBQ. It is with great hope that our 2022 BBQ will take place as planned.

[Update: regarding our possible year-end gathering Saturday, December 4, 2021.](#)

Although we are tentatively booked and restrictions are slowly relaxing, your Board will continue to monitor all recommendations made and enforced by our local, regional and federal health organizations. A final decision will be announced in our fall/winter edition. As with past practice, please feel free to communicate your comments to any of your Board members. Our decisions are greatly influenced by your emails and phone calls.

Going through some past archives and emails, I would like to thank Rudy Kryger for sending me this site on the rise and fall of the Big Eight CKLW Radio produced by Markham Street Films. Click on the link to view or search Markham Street Films. We are sure you will all enjoy it!

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Gino

Sandy

Jackie

Gerry

Manny





**'THE CONTINUING SAGA OF: HERE IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN UP TO'**

**Gerald Head –**



I actually lead a quiet life. After returning from Florida in March 2020 Carolyn and I went into quarantine as required by the government. Two days later I was informed by my employer that I was laid-off. Three months later I was called back to work and now spend 3 days a week travelling between Windsor and Woodstock and anywhere in between. My partner, Tony, and I move vehicles to wherever they are needed.

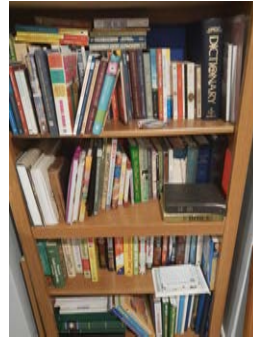
As President of the Ontario Region of the CBC Pensioners National Association I attend meetings. This year all meetings have been held through Zoom. Computer meetings are a great money saver and can be extremely interesting as you get the same time while speaking. Your mind other listeners are the expression on



Carolyn has designed did the rototilling and that our son David brightly in our front yard. Carolyn and I spend quality time legally possible.

I have returned to an old favourite pastime of mine, biographies, history. You name it I read it. When I was in class many years ago, we were assigned the task of wrote a Western. It has always been my dream to expand have it published. Maybe soon!

and created a beautiful garden in front of our house. I some planting. I restored a 35-year-old outdoor lamp made while in grade 7 at Glenwood. It again shines with our grandchildren as



reading; mysteries, high-school literature writing a short story. I it and maybe some day,



**Pat Ryan - Technician/Associate Producer**



Life was going well when everything (*not the original word Pat used*) hit the fan in March 2020; I was laid off from my part-time job as a Driver for Enterprise (have not been called back yet).

Army Cadets was shut down and training went virtual and our trip to Cuba was cancelled.

My career with the Military has come to an end. I put on my uniform for the last time in June and officially retire with 35 years in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves on my 65th birthday in August.

The good thing with not being able to do or go anywhere is you can get all your projects done, not only your own but your Kids' as well.

To say I have been busy is an understatement. I started with my house by doing some renovations in the basement, walls, electrical, drywall, mudding, installing doors, trim and painting. With that done our son Brendan and his wife wanted to finish off their basement, which included painting, installing doors,

finishing a closet, laminate flooring and trim work of the entire basement. Something that my son thought would take a week went on for months. My latest "keep Dad busy" project is working on a house that our son Patrick and his wife bought as an income property. This was a complete gut, down to the studs. We are in the rebuild stage with the light at the end of the tunnel still a ways off. I work on the house when my son has days off, which is great for me as I put in a couple of days a week.

We recently found out that we are going to be Grandparents again (Brendan-his first) in early December, which will give us four grandchildren, two boys and two girls.

With the summer here, Cathy and I try to go for a bicycle ride or walk every morning. We are both fully vaccinated and can't wait for travel and the border to open up so we can do things again.

## **FRIENDS OF THE SWO CHAPTER**

*At our last Christmas gathering in December 2019, we also celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the re-opening of the Windsor News and amalgamation of Radio and TV in one building. At that celebration many past friends and co-workers attended that were involved in the Windsor Experiment. They came from all over North America and still keep in touch with us today. Here are a couple of updates and we welcome more!*

### **Sean Henry – Host CBC Daybreak**



I have been very busy during the last sixteen months. I switched jobs a couple of times at CBC Montreal. I went from anchoring weekend news at the start of the pandemic, to late evening news for the rest of the calendar year. In January, I took over as the new host of Daybreak on CBC Radio. The transition from TV news to Radio current affairs was and still is challenging, but I'm having fun learning along the way and connecting with a new audience. At the same time, I'm getting used to showing more personality on the air, and navigating the range of interviews I conduct. I even interviewed Tyra Banks at the end of my first week!

I am excited about the municipal elections this fall and the coverage we have planned.

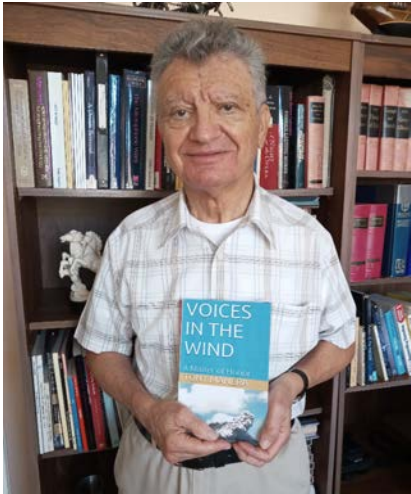
Outside of work, I've tried my best to keep in shape like everyone else, especially when everything was closed. There were lots of zoom classes and individual training with equipment I bought. I returned to in-person activities when that was allowed last summer, and again this year now that restrictions are loosening. The warmer weather has allowed me to start exploring our city and province by bike and on foot, and we've been lucky to have lots of sunshine!

Now that I feel more comfortable travelling, I also took a trip to Vancouver last week. It was my first time in that city, definitely not my last. I had a great time. Pandemic travel is interesting, especially when you're moving from one province to another that are at varying stages of reopening. Ontario was still the most restrictive, while British Columbia was the least. Here in Quebec, I'd say we're somewhere in between. Here's to safe and continued reopening, and a reunion in Windsor soon!



## Tony Manera (Update)

Many have asked to be kept updated with regards to information on Tony's upcoming new novel.



VOICES IN THE WIND – *A Matter of Honor*, by Tony Manera, finalist in the Fiction Five 2021 writing contest (Mystery category) will be released on October 1, 2021 in e-book and paperback versions. The e-book is now available for pre-order from amazon. A sample can be viewed at: <http://www.tonymanera.ca/announcement/>.

This is a contemporary mystery novel grounded in historical fact. A brief description follows:

“Don Pasquale has the inside track on a five-billion-euro project that promises him fame and fortune. Complications arise when the European Investment Bank, worried about Mafia involvement, freezes the project’s funding, and he receives a mysterious warning from the local police inspector. He decides to raise cash from his corrupt allies in London,

unaware that he’s being betrayed in Sicily.

All appears lost until the Byzantine machinations of Italian politics create an opportunity that will make his troubles dissipate like morning dew under a rising Sicilian sun. And he’ll go down in history as the man who got the grand project done.

A complex investigation involving police forces in Italy, Canada, Scotland Yard, the FBI, and Interpol follows. The scenic Sicilian resort town of Taormina, with its rich cultural heritage, provides the primary setting for the plot’s epic clash between corruption and the pursuit of justice.

*Kirkus Review Excerpt:* “Manera, author of several novels as well as nonfiction books and a memoir, writes a fast-paced story that wastes no time in building to its climax. He shows a keen understanding of Italian and specifically Sicilian politics, business practices, and culture; matters such as the complicated Italian Parliamentary system are explained clearly, sometimes in helpful footnotes. He also makes good use of Mount Etna as a metaphor for Don Pasquale’s rise and possible fall, as Bellini suggests to him in a nice bit of foreshadowing: “Isn’t it amazing how peaceful Etna is most of the time? Yet, even when a mantle of snow covers its peak, there could be a devastating eruption. Sometimes, there are warning signs.” The ending provides satisfaction, with all the loose ends tied up.”

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James Albert Gagnier - July 2, 1922 - May 11, 2021 - Beloved husband of the late Lillian (2010). Loving father of Jamie (Miriam), and Laurie (David) Hart. Cherished Poppa of Kaitlyn (Cyril), Rachel (Taylor), Alex (Meagan), Andrea (Mitch), and Joshua. Treasured great-grandpa to Max, Lily, Nova, and soon to arrive Baby Mayrand and Baby Graf. Dear brother to Joyce (late Bob) Bear, Nancy (Tim) Labadie and the late Robert.