



**The CBC Pensioners
National Association**
Preserving our Future, Sharing our Past

2022 Regional Presidents Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories Report

Thank you very much for your encouragement and your continuing support!

Barring new health restrictions due to COVID-19, the Board of the Regional Executive looks forward to seeing you at the regional Annual General Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 14th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the University of Alberta University Club, (formerly the Faculty Club), in Edmonton. There will be a draw for a \$100 gift card.

The Executive Board had hoped that our National President, Alain Pineau, would return as guest speaker but he sent his regrets as he will be busy defending the interests of CBC Pensioners at a meeting with the CBC Board of Trustees.

As you know, the epidemic made it impossible to meet in person. As such, on the second Tuesday of each month members of the Northern Alberta, Southern Alberta and Northwest Territories chapters meet on line via Zoom to catch up on what's happening in their lives and communities.

Because I had not been able to travel to different cities and visit CBC locations during the epidemic that allocated money accumulated. The Board decided to share the money with members this past spring. We purchased and distributed one-time \$25.00 gift cards to all members of the Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories PNA.

In January, the National Pensioners Association surveyed members and non-members about several issues including recruitment of new members and retirees' expectations of the organization. To our delight 37% of those who received the mail-in and online questionnaire responded with 90% of them saying they are happy with the work being done by the National, Regional and Chapter in defending their interests and answering

their questions. A high number of non-members indicated that it was important to have an association, even if they did not participate in it. Results of the questionnaire can be found on the PNA site.

As president of the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories Region, I believe that CBC PNA volunteer executives rarely get the recognition they deserve as they work on your behalf. I would like to take this opportunity to mention them.

In the Saskatchewan Chapter they are President, Monique Nenson, Vice-President, Guy Michaud, and Financial Officer Susan Graham.

The Board volunteers in the Calgary Chapter are President, Joanne McAdam, Financial Officer Eleanor Suddaby, and Jeff Collins who phones each chapter member on his or her birthday.

At the Regional level I am joined by Lutz Walsh who holds the position of Vice-President, Richard Marcotte is the Treasurer and Del Simon is the Executive Secretary.

Still, we need your help. We need a volunteer to fill the position of regional editor for our newsletter, *The Transmitter*. This way we would be able to seasonally publish it once again. If you know of a person or persons who would like to step up, please phone Bob Forrow at 780 437-5074 or email srforrow@telusplanet.net.

Bob Forrow
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CBC Pensioners National Association

CBC PNA Report
Southern Alberta Chapter 2022

The Southern Alberta Chapter has been very quiet for the last year due to COVID numbers in Alberta and the reluctance of our membership to go out amongst others in a close environment.

Jeff Collins continues to call our membership on their birthdays. It is a great way to connect. He reported back to the executive any concerns those contacts had and one of the executive followed up with what hopefully was a helpful answer.

The executive periodically called some of our shut-ins and checked on their well being.

This coming Fall, we hope that we can schedule a luncheon meeting based on those members comfortable with attending.

During the past months, Gerry and I have relocated to Didsbury and Eleanor continued to deal with family health issues.

CBC PNA Report Saskatchewan 2022

This has been a quiet year for Saskatchewan.

A new executive was elected late last November. Each position is usually elected for a 3-year term but it was decided that this was not the most effective way to guarantee continuity

between electoral terms. Consequently, it was agreed that the terms of service for each position would be staggered until we reach the point where all the positions will again be for 3-year terms

The positions were filled as follows:

Monique Nenson.... President (1-year term)

Guy Michaud... Vice president (3-year term)

Susan Graham.... Secretary Treasurer (2-year term)

There was also a draw for 4 x \$25 Superstore gift card for those who attended the meeting, followed by pizza & salad.

Since then, we resumed our monthly coffee get-togethers at Theo Bill's in April. The effects of the pandemic linger on as attendance was down from pre-pandemic levels. We were able to organize three gatherings, but we broke for summer after the last meeting in early June.

In terms of membership, we've been able to add 3 new members this past year, for a total of 89 members.

Monique Nenson
President,
PNA, Saskatchewan