



THE GOOD LIFE

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER
OF THE CBC PNA

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

Welcome to 2023! We listened to the suggestions given and have made some great changes to **The Good Life** newsletter and look forward to your comments. We are always open to improvements.

Our year end Christmas party was an overwhelming success once again. It was a wonderful gathering and from the feedback a very enjoyable time was had by all. All the photos taken by both Fitz and Brian Cowan have been posted on our Facebook page and if you could visit it, please do. <https://www.facebook.com/SWOChapterCBCPensioners>, also if there are additional photos you may have, send them to any of your board members and we will post them.

The SWO recruitment drive for 2022 was very successful and a huge thankyou goes out to Phil Peck and the entire board for taking such an active role in recruiting. More are on the way and the article on page 2 is a little more in depth.

Our Chapter will be quite busy this year, starting with our 20th BBQ anniversary scheduled for Saturday, July 22, details will be forthcoming in our next newsletter.

Following the BBQ, we will be looking into a possible river cruise in August or restarting our local wine tour for the late summer or early fall, the last time it sold out very quickly.

As well, plans have begun for our 20th Anniversary of our Chapter's Christmas party scheduled for December 2. Save the dates for our **BBQ** and **Christmas party**.

On the topic of anniversaries, for those who missed our year end party, we have a few on the horizon that are worth reminding.

In 2025, we will be celebrating:

- CBC English Radio, CBE signed on it 1950 making it 75 years.
- In 1975, CKLW-TV changed the call letters to CBET making it 50 years.
- CBC French Radio, CBEF went on the air in 1970 making it 55 years.

Plans will be begun soon, and we will once again be asking our members to assist in any way. Start by spreading the word, contacting former co-workers and pass on any information to your board. Take a more active role in the planning no matter how much time you can donate. Make the call and contact us. This is a huge project and the more involved the greater the success.

Lastly, your board has increased, page 6 has all the contact information

Stay tuned for more updates!

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The Invitation



It goes out to all CBC Pensioners. It's an invitation to join and to support efforts that benefit Pensioners.

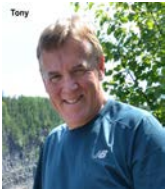
I am inviting you to help keep those invitations going out. "Why?" you ask. The reason is simple. More members are needed, so that the Pensioners National Association maintains its standing as the sole voice of CBC Pensioners. It is the only organization that is an active advocate and defender of pensioners' rights.

When the invitation is received, some Pensioners hesitate, unsure of whether to accept. Sometimes, they just need a reason. The answer is - providing the right reason.

Now, there's help for that. A handy document has been created with a list of things to say to potential members, in response to different excuses.

I invite you to give it a try. We also need volunteers to contact current members to share information. We need people who can make 2 or 3 contacts per week. Start by contacting me.

Here are some people who accepted the "invitation" recently:



Tony Doucette joined when he retired in 2022. At the time, Tony hosted Windsor Morning. Previously he was a Sportscaster on the Windsor Evening News and on Morning Watch.

Rob Wytka joined the SWO chapter in late 2022. Rob now lives in St. Joachim but worked for many years at CBC Toronto in staging and design. We saw him on the picket lines in Windsor.



Robin Brown joined in 2022 after being producer of Windsor Morning. Previously, in Toronto, she hosted The Inside Track and was a sports caster after being a reporter at CBC Thunder Bay.

Kerry McKee became a journalist in 1980, working in several cities before she joined CBC in London in 2000. She worked in news and current affairs as a reporter and an editor.



Nancy Garant worked in television as an associate director in TV and in the video library. She decided to join the SWO Chapter recently and is one our newest members.

Some others have signed an enrolment form and their applications are being processed. There are more new members on the horizon.

Phil Peck

We Want to Hear From YOU



Happy New Year everyone!

Thanks for taking this time to read **THE GOOD LIFE**.

Over the past several years, our chapter's newsletter has concentrated on providing SWO members and associate members of the CBC Pensioners Association with items of interest at a local level.

Four issues are published annually and, in between, members are alerted to relevant breaking news by email or phone calls.

In conjunction with our national newsletter CONTACT and our Ontario Region newsletter LIVEWIRE as well as access to our national website and Facebook pages (see below) we hope that you are being well informed by the CBC Pensioners Association. There is a great deal of information available to our members.

Now your SWO board wants to hear from you, our Members. Do you enjoy reading **THE GOOD LIFE** or do you have some thoughts on how to improve it? Would you like to contribute an article of interest? Please contact any member of the board with your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023. Your SWO CBC Pensioners National Association Board.

Some links to visit: <https://www.cbcpensioners.ca> <https://m.facebook.com/CBCPNA>
<https://www.facebook.com/SWOChapterCBCPensioners>

Sandy Tymczak

Webinar Classes

In February, the Windsor Film and Digital Media Centre is offering four free weekly classes to seniors (55+) about how to plan and present Webinars Online (Webcasts). I have been asked to teach the classes. There are 20 spots available. **And it's free for Seniors.**

The Film Centre is at 664 Victoria Avenue (in the former Downtown Mission Building). I'll have more details next week. If anybody is interested, they can reach me at 519 300 5475.

Cheers,

Rob Miller

Artifacts



Happy New Year Everyone!



This is a call out to anyone who has either CKLW or CBC memorabilia that originates in the current building on Riverside Dr. West. Please, please keep it for now. Here's why.

A few years ago, boxes of archival material including CKLW, and CBC Radio and TV photos and memorabilia were going to hit the dumpster. It was saved and taken to the University of Windsor Digital Archives. The plan at the time was to create a history of both TV and Radio (CBC and CKLW) that occurred in the building at 825 Riverside Dr. West. It would be accessible on-line.

Having rethought this, I'm hoping to recover the material from the University, inventory what is there, hopefully gather more with the plan to make a pitch to the Chimczuk Museum to mount an exhibit celebrating the 70th anniversary of the building on Riverside and Crawford. I believe the first TV signal was broadcast from there in September of 1954.

To my knowledge an exhibit celebrating the history of 825 Riverside Drive West has not been done. The building is on the Heritage Register for the City of Windsor. Heritage listing provides formal recognition that a place or object has heritage significance for the community and should be protected under law.

This should include not only the building itself, but more importantly what happened in it.

It will take time to gather and organize material, focus it, make a pitch and work with the Museum, if in fact there's an interest.

Meantime, you can email me with information about anything you or anyone else who may not be a CBC pensioner association member might have. Just let me know what it is, pass along any information you know about it and if and when the time comes, arrangements for me to get it from you. Just please keep my email address to members or associate members of the pensioners' association only for now.

Thanks for your time and I appreciate any help you can provide. As for progress, I'll update you in the next SWO newsletter.

Joanne Hoppe hoppe.joanne@gmail.com



The Ammeter is from the old TV transmitter on Riverside Drive and the brick is from the "sinkhole". (Actually, an old well on the Riverside property when it was used for a salt/brine operation.) The markings indicate it was probably made by the Jules Robinet brick operation in Sandwich. Courtesy of Bruce Taylor

National & Regional Highlights



Another change within our newsletter format. Many members found that reprinting an article that was already published in another newsletter was just too repetitive. So, we felt it was better to highlight the article and then steer our member towards the newsletter of that article. This would also allow our members to explore other areas of not only the newsletter but the website that may be of interest.

Click on the website <https://www.cbcpensioners.ca> at the top of the homepage click on News and this will give you all the updated news and newsletters from National, Regional and Chapter levels and much more.

Contact (January 2023):

- Why are the latest rounds of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) taking so long? – Dan Oldfield
- Why did our Pension only increase by 2.7%?
- Why Supplementary Health Care Plan (SHCP) costs increased ? – Jean-Paul Rouillard
- Why it is important to be part of PNA ? – Catherine Schellenberg
- Why and how our Pension plan is evolving for the better re: ESG? – Duncan Burrill
- Why Equity, Diversity and Inclusion benefits all retirees?
- Retirement spotlight: John McKay and Talin Vartanian

LIVEWIRE (January 2023):

- The celebrations across the Ontario Region have returned
- Why the priority is on Recruitment?
- The need for new Bylaws, a committee established - chaired by Barbara Saxberg
- Why the establishment of a Communication Committee is so important – chaired by Talin Vartanian
- Those we have lost – In Memoriam
- Contact information of your Ontario Region Board of Directors

Seeking an Editor of *Livewire*

Retirement can allow you to put those special skills to work in other areas!

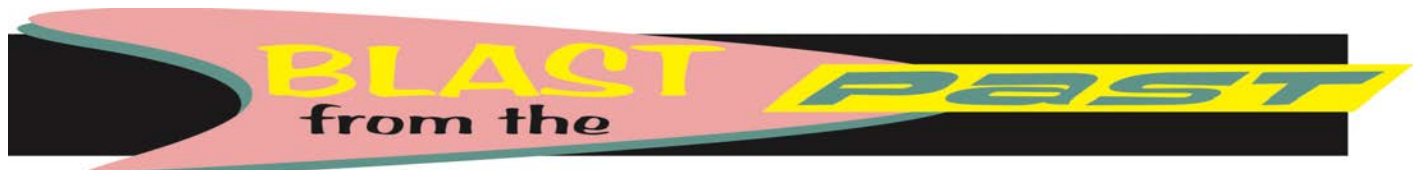
Livewire is the official newsletter of the PNA's Ontario Region. Its goal is to inform and enlighten members about our actions, activities, and events. The editor will be someone with organizational skills, who is comfortable with basic computer tools. Familiarity with news- letter publishing and potential software is an asset. This is a volunteer position.

Our 2022 Christmas Party



We could not have asked for a better gathering for our 2022 Christmas party. The atmosphere showed that we were all ready for another celebration. Thank you to both our special guest speakers, CBC PNA President Alain Pineau and our representative on the Consultative Committee on Staff Benefits Dan Oldfield.

Here are just a few photos but we have posted many on our Facebook site. Take a moment to visit and **Like** our site and feel free to comment. <https://www.facebook.com/SWOChapterCBCPensioners>



Now the trick is to put all the names to all the faces. Good Luck!



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We were the first and are the longest-serving chapter within the PNA organization.