



Contact NL Spring 2023

New faces on your regional executive

After a call for nominations this winter, we will have two new members at our upcoming Annual General Meeting. Bob Sharpe will become our vice-president and Anne Budgell is stepping into the role of treasurer. Bob will replace Judy Squires and Anne will take over from Ruth Lawlor. Both Judy and Ruth are finishing their second terms, the limit under our bylaws. They will be missed, but we'll soon have an opportunity to thank them in person.

AGM time approaching

A formal notice with all the details is going out in our spring mailing, but put Wednesday, May 24, in your calendars for our Annual General Meeting. The lunchtime gathering will be held at the Paul Reynolds Community Centre, on Carrick Drive, in St. John's. It will be in-person, but members also will have the opportunity to phone in toll free. A light lunch will be available at noon, business starts at 12:30, and we will wrap up by 2:30 because that's as late as we could book the room. The Western Newfoundland Chapter plans to join us remotely at the start before conducting their own meeting. Bill Sharpe will fill people in on the details later.

Recruiting new members before they leave the CBC

This March, the CBC conducted pre-retirement information sessions for employees who are or soon will be eligible for retirement. The sessions were virtual, but at locations across the country we visited CBC buildings and raised the association's profile. On March 8, Debbie Hussey and Jon Soper brought coffee and snacks to the employee lounge. For a couple of hours, we chatted with just about every person who can retire within the next few years, and we got their contact information. We think staff really enjoyed the opportunity to welcome a couple of retirees back into the building for the first

time since the pandemic began. Now we plan on welcoming them as members to the PNA at the earliest opportunity.



Debbie Hussey gets a bear hug as staff enjoy coffee and snacks at our "PNA Day".

We score a few strikes and spares

We managed to organize one winter recreation event for members, but it took two tries. Our first bowling event was cancelled in mid-February because a storm hit St. John's. A few weeks later, the weather co-operated and about 20 members turned out at Plaza Bowl for a couple of games and pizza. We weren't really keeping scores, and it was a good social occasion.



Former teenage champion Wayne Guzzwell shows off his form at our March bowling event.

Scholarship application time

May 31 is the deadline for pensioner family members to apply for our \$500 Memorial Scholarship. It was established after the passing of John O'Mara and continues to honour the memories of all our CBC pension association members who are no longer with us. All the details, including [eligibility criteria and the application form](#) are included in the spring mailing.

Birthday greetings from the West Coast (some say Best Coast)

Members can expect a fresh voice on their birthdays. Joan Hanlon is going to be making the calls. Of course, many members already know her voice from her years on switchboards in Corner Brook and St. John's. Thanks, Joan.

“Twas the time before Christmas

Almost 80 people came out in early December for our annual Christmas luncheon – a good turnout, we thought. The draw for gift cards seemed to be a hit with everyone, as were the chocolates and some leftover desserts to take home. With Bally Haley moving to a new home, our Christmas lunch was the last of our events to be held at the Logy Bay Road site.



As lunch wound down there was lots of chatting going on around the room.

After the winter, time to plan for summer

BBQ season isn't too far away, and we're planning to start the summer with a barbeque lunch on June 22. We'll be sending out details closer to the date, but we will be holding it at the RCAFA Club on Roosevelt Avenue in the Pleasantville area of St. John's. That's another one to put in your calendars. We'll include a map when we post the details.

On a more serious note

On several occasions over the past few years, members of your executive have been called on to help family members deal with the inevitable CBC pension-related procedures and paperwork that come with the death of a retiree. We've included a short document in the spring mailing for the AGM that contains practical information that can help families work with the Pension Administration Centre to do what must be done. It's worthwhile to save the guide with other important documents. That said, we can always provide a copy to anyone who needs it.

It's that time of the year

The deadline for filing your 2022 income tax return is one day later this year, Monday, May 1 rather than the usual April 30. If you need help with a simple return, the Canada Revenue Agency lists a variety of community groups that may provide assistance. You can search online for one near you at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program.html>

We hope to see you soon, at the AGM or our BBQ.

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