

> **LAST CALL!** <

## **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & AGM**

**Wed., Nov. 27**

**10:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Burlington Convention Centre**

**1120 Burloak Drive**

**Tickets \$25 each**

**Sales Cut-off Nov. 13**

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## **Dan Oldfield will be guest speaker**

Dan Oldfield was elected as PNA national president earlier this year.

As everyone knows, Dan is the person most responsible for securing our share of the CBC Pension Fund surplus.

He's the one who led negotiations for the deal with the Corporation 15 years ago.

Then, when the CBC tried to renege on the deal in 2019, Dan led pensioners and current employees to a sweeping victory in a lengthy arbitration.

CBC pensioners are also



getting ready for the latest pension surplus distribution process.

It looks a lot like what happened the first time around.

The CBC will be contacting all of us soon, seeking consent to share the pension surplus declared following the Dec. 31, 2023 actuarial valuation.

Approximately \$55 million

dollars will be shared between 20,000 pensioners and employees.

As before, the federal pension regulator (OSFI) requires the consent of two-thirds of pensioners.

That means you will have to fill out a form like last year's.

However, there is a silver lining. This time, OSFI will recognize the consent for five years.

Assuming our pension plan continues to generate large enough surpluses, we will not have to fill out the consent forms for another five years.

The PNA will be available to help out when the CBC circulates the forms.



**The Burlington** **2**  
**Convention Centre**  
**is on Burloak Drive**  
**just north of the**  
**QEW. We're in the**  
**Rosewood Room.**

Open to every PNA member and one guest regardless of Chapter.  
The \$25 lunch tickets must be bought **in advance** by the member.

You can also prepay for your **50/50** raffle tickets:

1 ticket for \$2 -- 3 tickets for \$5 -- 7 tickets for \$10.

Pick up **all** your prepaid tickets when you arrive at Registration.

**Cut-off date: Wed., Nov. 13.**

**Easy pay** - e-transfer to **payghchapter@gmail.com**

**Mail** - Cindy Beatty, 2716 Birch Cres., Mississauga, Ont. L5J 4H1  
(Make cheques out to **Golden Horseshoe Chapter CBC PNA**)

Advise Cindy of your choice of protein (**turkey or beef** - the **default** is turkey) - or if you would prefer **vegetarian**. Also advise her of the name of your guest (for name tags) as well as their meal choice.

**10:30 am** Reception: coffee, tea, juices, free drink ticket

**11:30 am** Seasonal plated luncheon, cash bar

**12:30 pm** First draw for door prizes

**12:50 pm** PNA national president **Dan Oldfield**  
speech with Q&A

**1:25 pm** Chapter Annual General Meeting

**1:35 pm** Second draw for door prizes

**1:55 pm** 50/50 raffle draw

# ***So what's for lunch?***

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## ***Winter Wedge Salad***

assorted greens, red grapevine tomatoes, julienne of carrots, balsamic vinaigrette

## ***Entree Selection***

**Specify one of the options below when you buy your ticket. Your choice will be pre-printed on a table place card you'll receive at Registration. If no choice is made, the default will be turkey.**

**6oz Roasted Christmas Turkey Breast** with herb stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce; seasonal roasted root vegetables and roast potatoes

**- or -**

**6oz Slow Roasted Strip Loin of Beef** with grainy Dijon mustard & spices, wild mushroom sauce; seasonal roasted root vegetables and roast potatoes

**- or -**

**Grilled Vegetable Tower** portobello mushroom, red pepper, eggplant & chickpeas on seasoned quinoa (vegan, gluten & lactose free)

## ***Dessert - Berry Crisp***

Fresh berries topped with oats & cinnamon, baked to golden, and served with vanilla ice cream

## ***Beverages***

Freshly brewed Colombian coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, juices.

Every guest receives one alcoholic drink ticket (domestic wine or beer) at Registration. There will also be a cash bar.



# The door prizes keep rolling in 4

The biggest prize is the one from Chapter member, **Peter Mansbridge**. He's donating a pair of *platinum* Leafs tickets for the December 12 game against Anaheim. They're in Section 121, Row 6, Seats 7 & 8. (Value \$690.)

Peter has also donated signed copies of three of his best-selling books. (Photo below.)



## Maple syrup from Jay and Clare



A happy past winner







## ***You can win tickets to the theatre***

The Stratford Festival describes itself as North America's largest classical repertory theatre company.

Each season, it presents a dozen or more productions in four distinctive venues. It produces classics, contemporary dramas and musicals, with special emphasis on the plays of Shakespeare.

The festival's stated goal is to present Shakespearean productions that inspire, captivate and engage audiences of all ages.

It has also been a faithful supporter of the CBC PNA Golden Horseshoe Chapter. Every year it provides a pair of free tickets to be drawn as door prizes at our annual Holiday Luncheon. This year is no exception.

The Stratford Festival is providing a voucher for two tickets to an eligible performance in the 2025 season (Value: \$175). The season features *As You Like It*, *Annie*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Dangerous Liaisons*, *Macbeth*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *The Winter's Tale*, *Forgiveness*, *Ransacking Troy*, and *The Art of War*, plus 150 events in the Meighen Forum.

# Champagne Floral Designs



Carolyn Simpson (above left holding a bouquet made for a young dancer) and her business partner Charlene Durant are once more donating a floral arrangement as a door prize. Wanda Punga won the prize last year (above right with Chapter Secretary Bridget O'Toole). Carolyn and Charlene are donating a gift certificate again this year.

Both are graduates of the Canadian Institute of Floral Design. They operate a fair-market-price floral studio out of Carolyn's home, and pride themselves on creating the perfect arrangement for any occasion.

Most people order on line through the website: [champagnefloraldesigns.ca](http://champagnefloraldesigns.ca) or you can phone in an order to 416-570-1735.

You can pick up from Carolyn's home. They also deliver. Their studio serves Mississauga and surrounding areas. Please call the studio directly for orders outside Mississauga, as additional delivery charges do apply.



# Chapter Director Toni Tosti has been busy gathering door prizes



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Two tickets to **A Celtic Family Christmas** with Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy & their seven children. **Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 pm** Partridge Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, St. Catharines



Toni is also again donating a \$50 Home Depot gift card and a tape measure



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“Why see a show when you can BE the show!” **Choir!Choir!Choir! presents: Un-Silent Night: An EPIC Holiday Sing-Along! Two tickets for Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7pm. Partridge Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, St. Catharines**



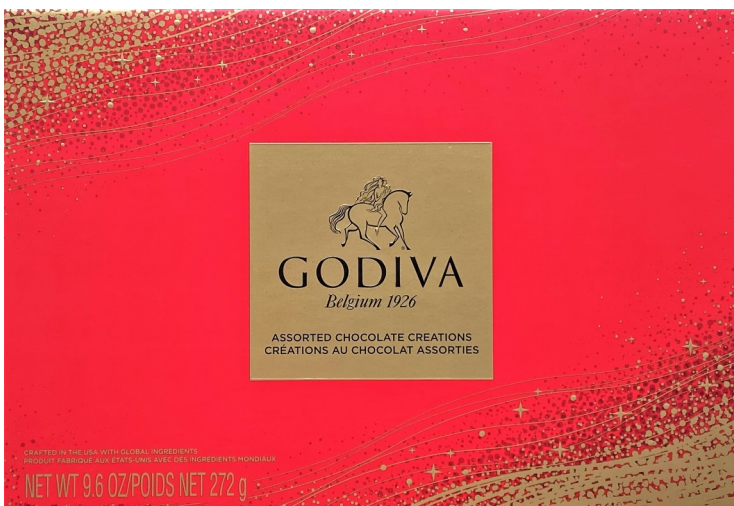
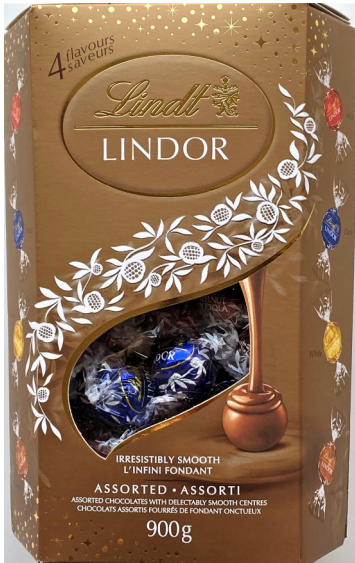
**Four tickets to a Niagara IceDogs game** during the 24/25 season. The Dogs are a major junior ice hockey team in the OHL, based in St. Catharines. They play at the Meridian Centre in the Garden City





# Sweet dreams are made of these

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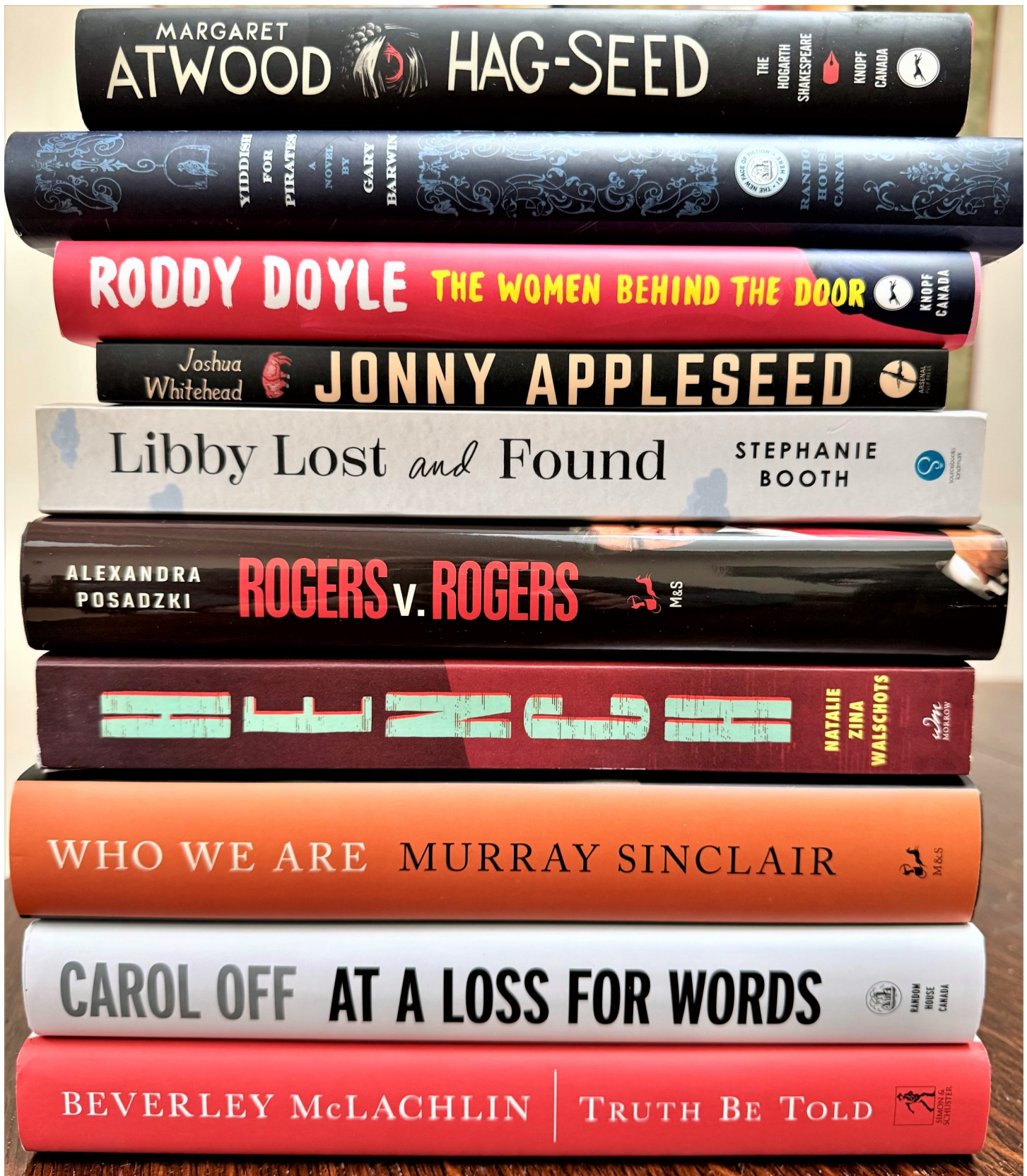




# Food for thought

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*Courtesy of Penguin Random House, CBC Books and Talin Vartanian*





**And then there's this impressive door prize from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous: a 1.75 litre bottle of Grey Goose Vodka!**

**The LCBO describes it this way: *"Made in France, Grey Goose is renowned for its smooth and silky character. Expect subtle aromas of sweet citrus and white flowers; the palate is soft with a gentle and subtle sweetness that envelops your mouth; warm and spicy on the finish. Perfect in a classic martini."* (Value \$113.95)**



**Sue Heddle (left) has donated two LCBO \$50 gift cards. Sue is a former Chapter Director.**



**Bridget Hoffer (above) and Havoc Franklin (left), have donated a \$50 Indigo gift card.**

## **Premiums for supplemental health plan about to rise**

The national board of directors has informed members there will be an increase in the premiums for their supplemental health care plan in 2025. Claims in 2024 have been running higher than the premiums paid by CBC pensioners. The increases vary by province and age group, a reflection of the different levels of provincial prescription drug coverage. The board has also advised that some of the plan's historic surplus (*not* to be confused with the pension surplus) will be used to keep the national average increase at 4.9 per cent. The CBC will contact plan members to update their premium amounts.



If you know of a CBC pensioner who is not a member of the PNA please encourage them to join and give them a copy of the enrolment form. Dues are 0.32% of a member's gross pension payment. For every \$1,000 of monthly pension, a member would contribute \$3.20.

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**The CBC Pensioners  
National Association**

*Preserving our Future, Sharing our Past*

**L'Association nationale  
des retraités de la SRC**

*Assurer notre avenir, partager notre passé*

## ENROLMENT FORM – RETIREE

**Please print**

Name			
Street	City	Prov.	Postal Code
Telephone	Email		

☐ ***I wish to join now*** (please fill in the remaining sections of this form).

☐ *I am uncertain about joining at this time. I understand that, with the information given above, a representative of Association may contact me and, upon request, provide assistance with the enrolment process.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to join the CBC Pensioners National Association and hereby authorize the CBC to deduct monthly membership dues from my pension cheque and remit them to the Association. I also authorize the CBC to provide the Association with such personal information relating to me as the Association may require to facilitate the administration of dues and other services related to the welfare of pensioners.

All personal information provided to the Association by you or by the CBC is held in strict confidence.

**Membership dues are 0.32% of a member's gross pension payment. For every \$1,000 of monthly pension, a member would contribute \$3.20.**

CBC ID (See Notification of deposit, above your name)	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Gender (optional)
<b>Civil Status</b> <input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Married <input type="radio"/> Widow/er <input type="radio"/> Divorced <input type="radio"/> Separated <input type="radio"/> Common-Law		
Preferred language <input type="radio"/> English <input type="radio"/> French		Date of retirement (dd/mm/yyyy)

## Spousal information

Name			
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Gender	CBC Employee <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	CBC Retiree <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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Signature Required

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Date

This form can be mailed to:  
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P.O. Box 8570  
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