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PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT



After a very iffy spring followed by a very nice summer and a wonderful fall we are now well on the way to the Christmas season. In fact, in about two weeks our Chapters will start hosting their annual Christmas dinners.

We are working to the same end, keeping in touch with our old comrades and friends. But we want everyone to become members. If you know a former CBC employee who receives a CBC Pension and has not joined, please pass the information along or invite them to a meeting. Our Maritime Region hopes to add a Fredericton chapter soon.

Change is always a bit unsettling, but change is part of life. Our former employer is in the midst of implementing major changes again. The CBC is forging ahead trying to keep on track or at least on top of the new technology. It now appears that there will be more staff reductions in the future.

The Supplementary Health Care Plan (SHCP) has recently been overhauled. The SHCP premiums in the Maritimes have increased a bit over last year. The same will happen in 2018. However, the overall coverage seems to have improved. As I heard from one person several times, it is insurance and you can have almost anything you want if you pay for it.

Please read the CBC information letters carefully and if there are questions contact the Ottawa Office (1-877-361-9242) or your local representative. Please keep in mind that the Great West Life contract is the CBC's contract. Your association tries to have a say in any decisions that are made by the CBC.

Après un printemps plutôt incertain suivi d'un très bel été puis d'un automne exceptionnel, nous voilà bien en route pour la période des fêtes. À ce sujet, les dîners annuels de Noël des sections locales doivent débiter dans quelques semaines.

Nous cherchons tous à maintenir nos liens avec nos anciens collègues de travail et nos ami.e.s. Mais nous voulons que tous les retraité.e.s fassent partie de l'association. Si vous connaissez un ancien employé ou une ancienne employée qui reçoit une pension de la SRC mais qui ne fait pas partie de l'association, de grâce dites-le nous ou invitez-les à une de nos réunions. La région souhaite bientôt avoir une section locale à Fredericton.

Le changement dérange inévitablement, mais il fait partie de la vie. Notre ancien employeur entreprend encore une fois des changements majeurs. La Société va de l'avant tout en essayant de demeurer dans la bonne voie ou à tout le moins d'être à l'affût des nouvelles technologies. Tout semble indiquer qu'il y aura bientôt de nouvelles mises à pied.

Le Régime d'assurance santé complémentaire a récemment été révisé. Les primes ont augmenté cette année et augmenteront 2018. Il y aurait eu une amélioration dans la couverture en général. Comme je l'ai entendu à plusieurs reprises, c'est une assurance et tu peux avoir presque tout ce que tu veux si tu es prêt à en payer le prix.

Je vous invite à lire attentivement les informations reçues de la Société et, si vous avez des questions, de communiquer avec le bureau d'Ottawa (1-877-361-9242) ou votre représentant local. N'oubliez pas que le

Christmas Dinner arrangements are on page 10.

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Finally, the pension indexing will be out in December. At the moment it appears to be 1.49% or possibly 1.50%. The actual amount will be on your December cheque stub.

A small bit of information regarding these cost of living increases. John Paul Rouillard, a member of the National Board, loves figures and every year he always forecasts what the indexing might be. But this year J.P. took it a bit further. He supplied the fact that from 1996 to 2017 the indexing clause has kept our loss of purchasing power at a little more than 1%.

Christmas dinners are slated for Halifax, Moncton, Sydney and PEI TBA. The Halifax dinner will be December 6th and all are invited to attend. There is only one prerequisite and that is that you inform us if you are attending. This just so we know how much food to order and places to set.

Hope to see you there.
Have a wonderful Holiday season.
John McKay



RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT – 2

contrat est entre la Great West Life et la Société. Votre association cherche à être consultée dans la prise de décision de Radio-Canada.

Enfin, les détails relatifs à l'indexation de pensions seront disponibles en décembre. Tout indique que le taux sera de 1,49% ou possiblement de 1,50%. Le montant réel sera indiqué sur le talon de votre chèque en décembre.

Un détail intéressant : Jean-Paul Rouillard du bureau national, aime bien s'amuser avec les chiffres et prédit à tous les ans le taux d'indexation. Cette année, il est allé un peu plus loin. Il a démontré qu'entre 1996 et 2017, le taux a maintenu la perte de notre pouvoir d'achat à un peu plus de 1%.

Des dîners de Noël sont prévus à Halifax, Moncton, Sydney et l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard. Halifax tient le sien le 6 décembre et tous y sont invités. Il y a cependant un prérequis : vous devez nous communiquer votre présence. Cela nous permet de placer notre commande pour la nourriture et de préparer les places.

Nous serons heureux de vous accueillir.
Passez de belles fêtes.
John McKayio-Canada.



Moncton – Automne – 2017

Plus d'une trentaine de membres dont quelques-uns étaient accompagnés de leurs partenaires ont participé, le jeudi 26 octobre, à notre premier déjeuner-causerie de l'automne portant sur le vieillissement.

Notre conférencière invitée, Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard, co-présidente du Conseil sur le vieillissement, a expliqué les grandes lignes du rapport de la stratégie provinciale que son groupe a présenté au gouvernement en décembre dernier. Le rapport a été rendu public le mois suivant. En plus d'être professeure à l'École de science infirmière à l'Université de Moncton, Mme Dupuis-Blanchard est titulaire de la Chaire de recherche en santé CNFS-U de Moncton sur le vieillissement des populations et Directrice du Centre d'études du vieillissement.

Dans sa présentation, elle a précisé que le Nouveau-Brunswick compte la plus grande proportion de personnes âgées au pays. « Le Nouveau-Brunswick a la chance de faire de belles choses puisque la province est un chef de file sur le vieillissement au pays, » a-t-elle ajouté. « On a même suscité l'intérêt de plusieurs provinces qui veulent plus d'informations sur notre stratégie. »

Le Conseil était composé de 17 membres dont deux co-présidents et 15 membres représentant divers secteurs d'intérêt. Un concours avait été lancé afin de recruter ces membres. Le groupe a tenu des consultations auprès de personnes clés dans les différentes communautés et du public en général.

Le Conseil s'était donné 3 buts : déterminer ce qui est nécessaire pour rester en santé chez soi, définir les mécanismes à mettre en place pour s'assurer d'un système de santé fonctionnel et enfin donner accès à des soins adéquats. Pour chacun de ces buts, Mme Dupuis-Blanchard s'est arrêtée sur quelques-unes des recommandations qu'elle a accompagnées d'exemples.

La conférencière a fait part d'une certaine frustration face à la lenteur du gouvernement à réagir au rapport rendu public en janvier. Ce n'est qu'en juillet que premier ministre Brian Gallant a annoncé la mise en œuvre des 77 recommandations contenues dans le rapport et la création d'un secrétariat sur le vieillissement. Elle s'est dite encouragée de constater qu'une rencontre aura lieu en novembre avec des personnes clés dans quelques communautés pour donner suite au rapport : le premier signe tangible de progrès vers une mise en œuvre concrète du rapport.

Dates à retenir : Le prochain déjeuner-causerie aura lieu à midi le mercredi 15 novembre au restaurant Swiss Chalet de la rue Champlain à Dieppe. Le souper de Noël le jeudi 7 décembre au club de curling Beauséjour.

Régime d'assurance-santé : Les membres ont demandé de consacrer le déjeuner-causerie du mercredi 15 novembre à l'étude du nouveau régime qui doit entrer en vigueur au début du Nouvel an. Le silence entourant la négociation d'un nouveau régime en inquiète plus d'un.

Une nouvelle section au Nouveau-Brunswick? Les 168 membres de l'association dans la province font tous partie de la section de Moncton. Le Nouveau-Brunswick pourrait suivre l'exemple de la Nouvelle-Écosse où il y a deux sections (Halifax et Sydney). Une section dans la partie sud-ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick pourrait possiblement mieux desservir les membres de Fredericton et St-Jean. Le président régional, John McKay, et le président de la section de Moncton, Donald Langis, discutent de cette possibilité depuis un certain moment. Pour réaliser un tel projet, il faut recruter 25 membres. Comme première démarche, Donald s'est rendu à Fredericton à la fin septembre rencontrer Paul Dixon et Ross Ingram. Leur réaction a été positive. Advenant l'aboutissement du projet, la section de Moncton verra un nombre indéterminé de membres actuels adhérer à la nouvelle section.

Des retraités à l'oeuvre.

- L'ancienne directrice de *Radio-Canada Acadie* de 2007 à 2011, Louise Imbeault, a été élue présidente de la *Société nationale de l'Acadie*. Après avoir œuvré à *Radio-Canada* pendant plus de 30 ans, Louise s'est lancée en affaires en achetant la maison d'édition jeunesse *Bouton d'or Acadie*. Elle est également membre de divers conseils d'administration dont ceux du *Regroupement féministe du Nouveau-Brunswick* et du *Musée du Nouveau-Brunswick*. Elle a également reçu l'Ordre de mérite de Moncton en mai dernier.
- Paul Dixon et Ross Ingram ont ouvert une station religieuse sur la bande FM à Fredericton. À l'aide de réémetteurs, cette station couvre toutes les régions anglophones de la province, sauf Moncton, et une partie du Maine. Les studios sont situés au 151 rue Main dans le quartier Northside de Fredericton.



Déjeuner-causerie sur le vieillissement: de g. à dr.: la conférencière Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard, et les membres Annette LeBlanc et Simonne LeBlanc-McCarthy.

Luncheon on Aging: l.to r.: guest speaker Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard, and members Annette LeBlanc and Simonne LeBlanc-McCarthy.

Moncton – Fall – 2017

More than 30 members, some of whom were accompanied by their partners, attended our first Fall luncheon - on aging - on Thursday, October 26th.

The guest speaker, Ms. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard, co-chairperson of the Council on Aging, outlined the main points in the provincial aging strategy report presented to the provincial government last December.

In addition to being a professor at the School of Nursing Sciences at the Université de Moncton, Ms. Dupuis-Blanchard is holder of the CNFS-U Moncton Chair in Health Research on Aging Populations and Director of the Center for Aging Studies.

In her presentation, she indicated that New Brunswick has proportionately the largest number of seniors in the country. "New Brunswick has the chance to do some great things since we're a leader on aging in the country." She added: "We've attracted the attention of several provinces that want more information on our strategy."

The Board was made up of 17 members including two co-chairs and 15 members representing various areas of interest. Recruitment was done by advertising the 15 positions. The group held consultations with key people in the different communities and the general public.

The Council had 3 goals: what has to happen to stay healthy at home, how do you ensure a functioning health system and what needs to be done to provide an adequate access to health care. For each goal, Ms. Dupuis-Blanchard explained a few of the recommendations which were accompanied by examples.

She also expressed some frustration at the government's slow response to the report, made public in January. It was not until July that Premier Brian Gallant announced the implementation of the 77 recommendations in the report and the creation of a secretariat on aging. Ms. Dupuis-Blanchard was encouraged to see that a meeting was to take place in November with key people in some communities as a follow up to the report: the first tangible sign of progress towards its implementation.

Dates to Remember: The next luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 15th at the Swiss Chalet restaurant on Champlain Street in Dieppe. The Christmas dinner will take place at the Beauséjour Curling Club at the corner of Essex Street and Lockhart Avenue on Thursday, December 7.

Health Insurance Plan: Members requested that the luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th, deal with the new health insurance plan, which will become effective at the beginning of the New Year. The silence surrounding the negotiation of this new plan worries more than one.

A new chapter in New Brunswick? The 168 members of the association in the province are all part of the Moncton Chapter. New Brunswick could follow Nova Scotia's example where there are two chapters (Halifax and Sydney). Association members in the southwestern part of the province could better serve members in the Fredericton and Saint John areas. Regional President John McKay and Moncton Chapter President Donald Langis have looked at this possibility for quite some time. It takes 25 members to create a new chapter. As a first step, Donald met with Paul Dixon and Ross Ingram in Fredericton in late September. Their reaction was positive. Should the project become reality, the Moncton Chapter would see some of its members join the new section.

Retirees at work.

- The former director of *Radio-Canada Acadie* from 2007 to 2011, Louise Imbeault, was elected president of the *Société nationale de l'Acadie*. After working at *Radio-Canada* for more than 30 years, Louise started her own business by buying the *Bouton d'or Acadie*, a youth publishing house. She is also a member of various boards of directors, including the *Regroupement féministe du Nouveau-Brunswick* and the *New Brunswick Museum*. She also received the *Order of Merit* from the City of Moncton last May.
- Paul Dixon and Ross Ingram operate a religious station on the FM band in Fredericton. Using a series of transmitters, the station covers all the English-speaking areas of the province, except Moncton, and parts of Maine. The studios are located at 151 Main Street in the Northside neighborhood of Fredericton



Bureau de direction: de g. à dr.: Francis Porelle, trésorier; Donald Langis, président; Normand Héту, directeur; Simonne LeBlanc-McCarthy, directrice; Maurice Olsen, président sortant; Benoît Duguay, vice-président; et Ronald Cormier, secrétaire.

Board of directors: Francis Porelle, treasurer; Donald Langis, president; Normand Héту, director; Simonne LeBlanc-McCarthy, director; Maurice Olsen, outgoing president; Benoît Duguay, vice-president; and Ronald Cormier, secretary.

Charlottetown

PEI REPORT

Ian Petrie

CBC pensioners on PEI will enjoy another pre-holiday get-together in early December. Final Plans are being made for a Saturday luncheon either December 2nd or 9th.

Like last year, we will enjoy a meal together along with some business. There will be information on changes in the Healthcare plan and a call for a new executive of the Pensioners' Association, so give some thought to running yourself, or nominating someone else.

As soon as the final arrangements are made about where and when, you'll get an email. Our hope is to hold two events like this a year so people have a chance to catch up with old work colleagues. Spouses are more than welcome to come along. Look forward to seeing you all.

Sydney

CAPE BRETON REPORT

Bill Doyle

While many and varied happenings occurred in Cape Breton during the summer and fall, CBC Cape Breton pensioners initiated no special events or projects. We've passed the torch to a younger generation and we're living the good life.

Our fall meeting takes place on Friday, November 24, at the Royal Canadian Legion at Westmount. It starts at 2:00 p.m. In addition to regular business, we are expecting a visit from Denise Wilson. She's the Sr. Managing Director, CBC Atlantic, and she will explain why we can't hear CBC Radio 2 programming week days between 6:00 a.m. and on 9:00 a.m.

The background is this. CBC Radio 1 is broadcast on 1140 AM which has limited range and poor reception. Many years ago, CBC put Information Morning on 105.1 FM, which carries Radio 2, to better serve its audience. This meant that Cape Breton listeners could hear Information Morning on Radio 1 and Radio 2, but could no longer hear Radio 2 Morning from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Now, CBC has upgraded the Radio 1 signal with a new FM band, but Information Morning continues to be heard on Radio 2. We want to know why, and if Cape Bretoners will ever get to hear Radio 2 Morning with Raina Douris between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Our usual eagerly anticipated Christmas dinner takes place on Thursday, December 7, at the Holiday Inn, Esplanade in Sydney. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

Halifax

NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

Geoff Turnbull

Recruitment is one of the biggest issues our organization faces. The association must have more than 50 per cent of retirees signed up in order to be recognized as the voice of retirees by the corporation. Seats on the pension board, the EAP, and other key representations depend on it. It should be noted that our agreement with the CBC which gives us a share of any pension surplus is up for negotiation soon. It is by no means guaranteed that it will continue.

Subscribers to the Great West Life supplementary health care plan have been advised to check their coverage through the Morneau Shepell site. Some types of clinic are no longer accepted by GWL. You can also get more information by phoning [1-888-665-2648](tel:1-888-665-2648).

If you get our twice-a-year newsletter by both snail mail and e-mail, please consider cancelling the snail mail version. The cost of printing and mailing it has gone through the roof. To cancel the printed version, let our national office know. You can do that through our web page or by phoning Suzie at the national office. ([1-877-361-9242](tel:1-877-361-9242))

The members of your Board are Claire Brownell, Pat Short, Lorne Izzard, Olga Milosevich, Doug Kirkaldy, and Barb Service. Long serving Bert Skinner is an emeritus member of the board. The executive includes Regional President John McKay, Vice-President Don Tremaine, Treasurer David Carr, and Secretary Geoff Turnbull.

Bert Skinner, with a little help from his friends, as told by Don Tremaine

The honourable Bert Skinner is a highly respected member of the CBCLO (CBC Left Overs, that is). He is a member of the CBC Pensioners' Association and a member of our Board.

Bert was hired as a junior technician pushing a mike boom around our main studio when we and TV were very young.

Microphones in that last ice age hung on a long boom mounted on a four-wheel carriage about half the size of a small grocery cart and weighed about five pounds. Today they are battery-powered, weigh about four ounces and attach to a necktie or as a distraction for an attractive cleavage.



Don

Bert made a startling on-air appearance early in his career. Somewhere in the late 60s, our evening supertime show GAZETTE was to interview the hypnotist "The Great RAVEEN." He was unable to get Lloyd MacInnis, Rube Hornstein or me under his spell, so the producer sent me off to the canteen to see if anyone among the coffee cups had ever been hypnotized. Bert was the only one who had been and by the Great Raveen, no less! So, without saying why, I said Bert, could you come up to the make-up room? Someone wants to see you.



Bert

Raveen was halfway through being painted and powdered and Bert leaned against the sink. I said, "Mister Raveen, meet Bert Skinner" and himself said, "Hi, Bert, go to sleep." Bert went out like a light!

On the way up to the studio, Mr Raveen gave Bert some post-hypnotic instructions to the effect that when he hears me say "and now, here's Rube with the weather," he will take off his earphones and give his impression of Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog."

The performance did not win any prizes but surely got a load of laughs!



Christmas Dinner / Souper de Noël

Moncton:

Le jeudi 7 décembre au club de curling Beauséjour, coin de la rue Essex et de l'avenue Lockhart. Accueil à 17 h suivi du souper à 18 h.
 Réserver avant 17 h le lundi 4 décembre en communiquant avec Ronald Cormier au 383-8563 ou par courriel rcormier8563@rogers.com
 Prix : 15 \$ pour les membres et leurs conjoint.e.s ou partenaires et 30\$ pour les non-membres.

Thursday, December 7th at the Beauséjour Curling Club, corner Essex St. and Lockhart Avenue. Welcoming at 5:00 p.m. followed by supper at 6:00 p.m.
 Reserve by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4th, by calling Ronald Cormier at 383-8563 or send an email to rcormier8563@rogers.com
 Price: \$15 for members and their spouses or partners and \$30 for non-members

Charlottetown: An early December get-together is being arranged. Details will be sent to members by e-mail.

Sydney:

Christmas dinner takes place on Thursday, December 7, at the Holiday Inn, Esplanade in Sydney. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

Halifax:

Wednesday, December 6. Meet and Greet opens at 11:00 a.m. Cash bar.
 Turkey dinner at noon.
 Royal Canadian Legion, 50 Hillcrest Avenue (at Main Street), Halifax.
 The dinner is free to members and one guest. Additional guests welcome, \$20.00 cash.
 Door prize: There is only one door prize this year, from an anonymous donor, a beautiful hand-made afghan bed throw. There will be tickets for the draw. As we did last year, we are again collecting items for charity and invite you to bring a small gift such as gloves or scarfs or woolly hats...something warm and useful. A small cash gift in lieu would also be most welcome. Gifts should not be wrapped - just bring them in a paper or plastic bag.
 To reserve, please reply by November 28 with your names and how many are coming to David Carr

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If you move, change your phone number or e-mail address, please make sure you notify both the National office and the Regional office of your new contact information, especially your e-mail address so we can keep in touch with you by newsletters.

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Si vous déménagez, changez de numéro de téléphone ou d'adresse courriel, assurez-vous d'en informer les bureaux national et régional. Votre adresse courriel nous permet de rester en contact avec vous à l'aide de notre bulletin.

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