



August 2024 Newsletter

1. PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

As you have seen in our previous newsletters, we organize meetings and activities for you. Sometimes members can be reluctant to attend these events thinking they may not know anyone else. There might be someone that you do know or you can take the opportunity to meet someone new, like your council's directors!

2. STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED

We have many ways to keep you informed including through the Royal Mail, Email, Facebook and the CNPA Website.

Change of Address and Phone Number

It is very important if you have a change of address that you notify CN Benefits and Administration by calling them toll free at: **1-800-361-0739**. They will not accept your change from us but they will provide us with your new address.

Change of Email Address

It is also important that you let us, at the Toronto Council, know of any change to your email address. Send changes by email to: **charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com**.

Toronto Council Facebook

Our Facebook Group name is: **CN Pensioners Association**

Toronto CNPA Website

The website, **www.cn pensioners.org**, has a lot of information on things you want to know about including contacts for questions about your pension, benefits, healthcare plan, scholarships and councils. In the Councils section you can click on our council to see past newsletters and updates on our meetings and activities.

3. TORONTO COUNCIL EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR-CONTACT INFORMATION

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4. CNPA TO ATTEND BLUE JAYS IN ACTION ON SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2024.

LIMITED TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE TORONTO COUNCIL C14 – CNPA TO ATTEND THE BLUE JAYS IN ACTION ON SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2024.

A block of tickets have been purchased for the **September 15, 2024, Blue Jays vs St. Louis Cardinals @ 1:35 pm at Toronto's Rogers Centre**. The tickets can only be provided electronically. There is a limit of 2 tickets per member of the Toronto Council.

The cost is **\$30 per ticket** and they are located as follows: **Section 136L, rows 5,6,7 and Section 137R, rows 5,6,7.** A portion of the cost of these tickets is subsidized by the Toronto Council.

The ticket will be available for purchase on **Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 7PM**. Tickets will be on a first come first served basis and the person making the request must be a member of the Toronto Council.

The procedure for obtaining tickets is as follows:

At 7 pm call Nancy Zajacz at **906-836-2266** or **905-717-6500** to request your **2 tickets**. Nancy will advise if tickets are available. You will need to provide your PIN number and email address.

If tickets are available you will have to log onto your online or mobile banking app, select account, select INTERAC e-Transfer, enter amount (2 x \$30 = \$60) to Nancy at **nzajacz@hotmail.com**.

A security question, answer is to be sent by separate email to Nancy at the same email as noted above.

Tickets will be sent to you by email once the payment has been confirmed, for you to download to your phone.

5. THE FALL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 4 AT 11:00 am

Come out and socialize and have your opinions heard! See old friends and make some new ones! We are all CN Pensioners!

Lots of parking and subway access!

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-527

948 Sheppard Ave. W. North York

6. NOVEMBER IS ALSO THE MONTH TO TRY CURLING!

Come out and play or just support your friends! **PRICE \$20**

Wednesday, November 13th 2024 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Richmond Hill Curling Club

121 Elgin Mills Road E.

Richmond Hill, Ontario

If you would like to try curling, please contact Ron Charles at **charlesron.cnpa@gmail.com**

7. OUR ANNUAL FESTIVE LUNCHEON IS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26 AT 11:30-2:30

We had a blast last year – don't miss it!

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 05-527

948 Sheppard Ave. W.

North York

Contact: Nancy Zajacz **nzajacz@hotmail.com**

Price to be determined however, this luncheon is partially subsidized by your CNPA

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome New Members

Sheila	Casey	North York
Jim	Chalmers	Oshawa
Mike	Doiron	Hanmer
Steve	Turvolgyi	Oakville
Sharon	Watt	Milton

In Remembrance

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of our members and former CN work colleagues who have recently passed.

			<u>Passed Away</u>
Hilda	Hopton	Toronto	2024 05 15
Thomas	Moriarty	Toronto	2024 03 22
Isabel	Morrisette	Milton	2024 05 16
Dolores	Rodnick	Manila	2024 04 16
Yvonne	Ruszel	York	2024 05 02

9. MEMBER BENEFITS NEWS

CNPA WEBSITE; www.cnpensioners.org

The CNPA website has a lot of information on things you might want to know about it, including contacts for questions about your pension, benefits, healthcare plan, scholarships and councils. In the Councils section you can click on our council to see past newsletters and updates on our meetings and activities. Also there is a CN Community page that gives details for the Railroaders in the Community (RRITC) program on how your volunteering can earn money for the local causes where you and your spouse volunteer.

Member benefits can be found in the Membership section of the web-site.

VIA pass Issue

Some passes no longer work within the new VIA reservation system. Some old passes have initials instead of full first names. VIA reservation system no longer accepts initials (November 2023)

For VIA pass holders who intend to travel, check their VIA pass and do the following:

- If the pass contains both the full first and last name of the pass holder, no action is necessary, and travel can be booked using VIA's online system.
- If the pass contains only initials, contact CN Pension & Benefits Administration (1-800-361-0739) at least 4 weeks prior to travel to have a new pass issued.
- For those who do not intend to travel on VIA, or if their pass has the full spelling of their first and last name, no action is required.

It is the member's responsibility to create an online profile with VIA, and members should contact VIA customer service for any online issues at 1-888-VIA-RAIL. (1-888-842-7245)

10. CN GOLF DAY

We had a nice sunny day for our 32nd Annual CNPA Toronto Council Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Club on June 26th. The 56 golfers had a wonderful time followed by a lunch and prizes. Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year along with some other and new CNPA Toronto members looking to have some fun golfing and meeting some former CN co-workers.

Golf Tournament June 2024



11. PHOTO GALLERY

See if you can spot anyone that you know!

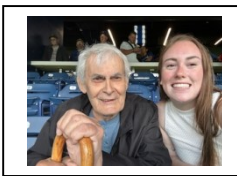
Bowling Day May 2024



Festive Lunch November 2023



Blue Jays 2023



Curling November 2023

