



Pensioners' news

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IMPORTANT

When a pensioner/surviving spouse moves or dies, CN Pension and Benefits Administration must be advised immediately by calling 1-800-361-0739 so that an accurate information database can be maintained.

The Company (CN) has reached an agreement with the CN Pensioners Associations (CNPA) to provide mailing addresses periodically. This is so that the pensioner or surviving spouse does not have to make a second call to the National Council.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's that time of year again to personally bring season's greetings on behalf of the National Council to all of our members. We hope this finds you well and you are able to spend quality time with family and friends through the holidays.

Three times a year, I write a President's message that I hope is interesting enough to keep you reading, while still conveying information that is important for all of you to know. This edition is no different, but to **change gears** slightly, I thought I would use my last four President's messages to give you a **peek under the hood** of this well-oiled machine we call the CN Pensioners Association so you can take a closer look at what makes it run.

Like every other quality vehicle, it requires fuel and a system to convert that fuel to energy. The **fuel input** for our Association is the strength of our membership and the annual dues that we receive from you. The **fuel injection system** for the CNPA is our National Treasurer, who receives all the **fuel** (dues)—most of which he channels back through the **delivery system** out to Councils across the country. Then, much like the **cylinders and pistons** in an engine, those Councils convert that **fuel to energy** by funding social, economic, and fraternal benefits for their respective memberships.

However, there are so many components in today's cars that require electrical energy to properly function that we require a second system, which is a complete **electrical system**. This system must have the capability to manage and monitor huge amounts of data and to deliver requested portions of that data out to various components quickly in a format that can be used for specific tasks. This **electrical system** for the CNPA is managed by two technicians, our Membership Co-Chairs. They not only manage the information flow seamlessly, but just like that car, every time we add or change a component, they redesign the **electrical delivery system** to meet the new requirement.

Fuel and electrical systems are the lifelines of any vehicle, and our systems are superbly managed by three volunteer technicians: Treasurer Ron Charles and Membership Co-Chairs Peter Moloney and Nancy Zajacz. In their own roles, and as they interact with each other, they convert your **fuel input** into manageable data for the Association and others, providing that **energy** that ultimately converts to benefits for you.

Stay tuned for the next edition, when we will explore the **safety options** available with this vehicle.

Bruce Anderson

President, CN Pensioners Association

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CN Pensions and Benefits Administration – 1-800-361-0739
Pensioners' web portal: cnbenefits.hroffice.com

The portal is now available at CNBENEFITS.HROFFICE.COM
It will allow you to access relevant pension information and update your
address and banking information. On your first visit, you will need to
register. You will then be able to access the portal using your CN PIN
(login ID) and the password you created.

If you require assistance with registering or logging in, please call
the Pensioners' Helpline at 1-800-361-0739.

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the **e-newsletter** in the spring of 2026. While this
will replace the paper version for subscribers, **our**
contributing CNPA members who subscribe will
continue to receive their annual CN calendar by
mail each December.

Thank you to those who have already subscribed and
provided feedback on this initiative. We believe our
members, the environment, and CN will all benefit
from this project.

Email us with your comments and get yourself on
the list to be one of the first to receive the National
Newsletter electronically.



IT STARTS WITH RAISING YOUR HAND

Your lifetime of railroading skills—from the shop floor to the front office—are invaluable. We need your expertise to keep our organization strong and to support your fellow pensioners.

Whether you can lend a hand at a pensioner meeting, share a newsletter story, or even help from home, there's a place for you.

We need volunteers of all types to help with different kinds of tasks, including running our organization. Reach out to your local CNPA Executive Council and see how a small commitment of your time can make a big difference to your friends and coworkers.

To get started, simply contact your local **CNPA Executive Council**: cnpensioners.org/councils.



...AND SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS



Tim McCrindle, Patrick McMullin and Claudette McCrindle.

On Wednesday, May 14, members of the CNPA of Manitoba Executive gathered at Maxime's Restaurant to honour and thank Tim and Claudette McCrindle for the volunteer time they so generously have given to the Association. President Patrick McMullin presented Tim and Claudette with a gift in appreciation of their service over the past six-plus years.

Better known for their roles as Publicity Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Associate Editor, they've also helped in many other ways. Always available to assist, they would be there setting up and helping at annual picnics and Christmas lunches, helping Santa hand out the treat bags that they helped fill, and performing a host of other behind-the-scenes duties they put their hands up for. A big thank you to Tim and Claudette for giving us so much of their time and friendship.

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Volunteer, School
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CN PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2025

For its 13th consecutive year, the CN Pensioners Association Scholarship Committee has completed its scholarship program. We've mailed 25 awards of **\$1,500 each** to the successful applicants, all of whom are children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of our contributing members.

In addition to our national awards, several regional and local councils also provided scholarships and bursaries. Most of these awards are funded locally, but they are administered by the same people who fund the national program.

- **Moncton Council:** Two additional scholarships were funded for applicants sponsored by Moncton Council No. 1.
- **Manitoba Provincial Council:** Five Harvey Hosfield bursaries and one trade bursary were awarded.
- **Quebec Region:** Two trade bursaries were given in honour of Luc Grenier.
- **Ontario Provincial Council:** The council awarded an additional bursary.

We received 203 applications this year, but unfortunately, 42 were rejected for various reasons. The most common disqualifying factors were missing or incomplete marks, failure to provide a résumé, and the sponsor not being a contributing member. This year, we also encountered issues with secure or password-protected documents.

Please note: We can accept only **straight, simple, unprotected PDF documents**. If we cannot open or forward a document, the application will be rejected. All application materials are deleted at the end of the selection process each year.

For those interested in applying next year, the program is scheduled to open on **May 1, 2026**. Please read **all instructions** on our website well in advance.

We wish to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made this year's program a success.

- To the **27 volunteers** on the Scholarship Committee and local selection committees, many of whom have participated for years, thank you for your dedicated service.
- To the **applicants**, thank you for taking the time to prepare your professional submissions. We're particularly impressed with the volunteer work you all do in your communities.
- To **Peter Moloney** and **Nancy Zajacz**, our National Membership Chairpersons, for ensuring that each sponsor was a qualified, contributing member.
- To **Ron Charles**, our National Treasurer, for issuing the cheques.

The future of this project will be a key topic at our Annual Directors' Meeting in November, with the possibility of offering it again for the 2026–2027 school year. If you were not successful this year, we encourage you to apply again if you still meet the criteria.

For information on all awards, past winners, and application instructions, please visit our website: www.cnpensioners.org/scholarships.

Reginald Hebert
National Scholarship Committee Chair



IMPORTANT INFORMATION — GET YOUR TAX DOCUMENTS FOR 2025

Tax season is here,
and we want
to make sure you
can access your
important tax slips.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR DOCUMENTS

By mail: Your income tax slips will be mailed to you by the end of February.

Online: For earlier access, your documents will be available on our secure web portal around mid-February. You can log in at <https://cnbenefits.hroffice.com/> to view, download, or print them once they're ready.

WHAT ELSE YOU'LL FIND ONLINE

The CN Pension web portal also has other useful documents, including your monthly pension deposit notices and your annual pension statements. You can also use the portal to update your banking information, download forms, and read helpful articles.

Whether you get your tax slips by mail or online, you'll have everything you need to file your taxes.

NEED HELP?

If you have questions, please call the CN Pension Help Line at **1-800-361-0739**. We're available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time.

2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WINNERS – ALL AWARDS

Student Name	Sponsor's Name	Relationship	Sponsor's Council City	Sponsor's Council No.	Award
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ATLANTIC

Ava Ellen Doiron	Kerry Swetnam	Grandmother	Moncton	A7	Moncton
Marieve Jeannique Bourque	Donald LeBlanc	Grandfather	Dieppe	A7	Moncton
Lauren J. Cassidy	Russell G. Campbell	Grandfather	Moncton	A7	National
Gavin Ross	Eunice Kilpatrick Williston	Grandmother	Rothsay	A11	National
Isabelle Smith	Eileen Smith	Grandmother	St. John's	A9	National
Katie Earl-King	Martha Gillard-Earl	Grandmother	St. John's	A9	National
Jane Tuttle	John Otis Turner	Grandfather	Bedford	A1	National

QUEBEC

Ayva Siokalo	Victor Siokalo	Grandfather	Beaconsfield	B-7	National
Daphnée Lemay	Bernard Lemay	Grandfather	Sainte-Julie	B-14	National
Nicholas Paquette	Léon Paquette	Grandfather	St-Hubert	B-14	National
Juliana Lacoste	David Merrett	Grandfather	Pointe-Claire	B-7	National
Julia Bissegger	Jeffrey Bissegger	Father	St-Bruno-de-Montarville	B-14	National

TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Elorie Perron	Michel V Legault	Grandfather	Candiac	B-14	LUC GRENIER
Léa Cossette	André Doiron	Grandfather	Bromont	B-14	Montreal/ Laval

ONTARIO

Nicole Holden	Margaret Marks	Grandmother	Amherstburg	C2	National
Megan Fraser	Marie Fraser	Grandmother	Barrie	C2	National
Nayna Nijhawan	Sant Lal Nijhawan	Grandfather	Richmond Hill	C14	National
Alessandra Gaspari	Anita Barbarossa	Grandmother	Port Colborne	C8	National
Kalie Di Gregorio	Heather Muirhead	Grandmother	Peterborough	C3	National
Dominic Beyak	Elaine Annette Beyak	Grandmother	Rainy River	C13	OPC

PRAIRIE

Grace Miln	James Miln	Grandfather	Winnipeg	D3	National
Andrea Stephanie Guarino	Jeffery Ayers	Father	Winnipeg	D3	National
Hannah Cole	Robert F. Howie	Grandfather	Winnipeg	D3	National
Ava Dewar	Paul VanWart	Grandfather	East Selkirk	D3	National
Christopher Ryan Sproule	Charles Richard Sproule	Father	Winnipeg	D3	National
Ava Dewar	Paul VanWart	Grandfather	East Selkirk	D3	Harvey Hosfield Bursary
Andrea Stephanie Guarino	Jeffery Ayers	Father	Winnipeg	D3	Harvey Hosfield Bursary
William Ilag	Pedro Gerra	Grandfather	Winnipeg	D3	Harvey Hosfield Bursary
Molly Clyde	Gordon Clyde	Grandfather	Winnipeg	D3	Harvey Hosfield Bursary
Ava Osato	Wayne Nohlgren	Grandfather	Winnipeg	D3	Harvey Hosfield Bursary
Jay Mangin	Albert Mangin	Father	Treherne	D3	Trade

MOUNTAIN

Eliot Avery Scott	Gerald William John Scott	Grandfather	Calgary	E-3	National
Kalli Cooper	Linda (Gerald) Champion	Grandmother	Hanna	E-2	National
Lauren Kemp	Gerald Hugh Spence	Grandfather	White Rock	E-9	National
Abigail Lawes	Reed Kowalchuk	Grandfather	St Albert	E-3	National
Jonathan Dydzuk	Jeanette Dydzuk	Grandmother	Prince George	E-10	National

EXPORAIL, THE CANADIAN RAILWAY MUSEUM: A TESTAMENT TO THE PEOPLE POWERING THE RAILWAYS

Exporail, the Canadian Railway Museum, is a registered not-for-profit organization and an accredited professional museum. Born out of the volunteer-run Canadian Railroad Historical Association (CRHA) and founded in 1932, it is located less than a half hour drive from downtown Montreal on thirty-five acres in Delson/Saint-Constant, Quebec. It is the biggest railway museum in Canada and one that brings together a unique collection of rolling stock, equipment, artifacts, and buildings to tell the proud story of Canada's rail industry.

On site, visitors can enjoy a tramway ride, an operating turntable, an operating passenger train, a working steam locomotive, and a working miniature train for children. The site boasts six kilometres of track and numerous station and workshop buildings housing fascinating artifacts and exhibits. Inside the impressive 9,222 m² Angus Pavillion is a permanent exhibit of 50 locomotives, freight cars and passenger equipment. Other rolling stock includes the beautiful Van Horne business car; the Royal Hudson locomotive, which carried members of the royal family across Canada for the 1939 royal visit of King George VI; the first streamlined road diesel locomotive built by Montreal Locomotive Works in 1950 for CN; a highly innovative rotary snow blower; and a charming mobile School Car that, in its day, travelled through parts of Northern Ontario, complete with a classroom and teacher's quarters.

The Museum also houses some 15,000 small artifacts, such as uniforms, timetables, tools, and even fascinating personal items of long past railroaders, each helping to tell the story of the importance of the rail industry to Canada. The Museum's archives are also a treasure trove of photographic and written materials for researchers and historians alike. The Museum's parent organization publishes the longest running railway history magazine in Canada, *Canadian Rail/Rail Canadien*. Started in 1937 and dedicated to quality articles in both official languages, it showcases the Museum's collection, as well as written and photographic works by contributors from all over Canada. Maybe you would like to submit an original article for the *Canadian Rail/Rail Canadien*. Even if you're not a writer but have great material for an article, there are volunteers who can write it with you.

Exporail is a veritable shrine to a very special breed of Canadians—railroaders from both past and present. This is a place where you can live the legacy of the railroaders who came before us and experience the pride that comes with sharing this special industry with present day railroaders and the public alike. Whether you choose to visit in person or virtually, the Exporail Museum is a great way to stay connected with our industry and to ensure the storytelling continues. exporail.org/en/home/.

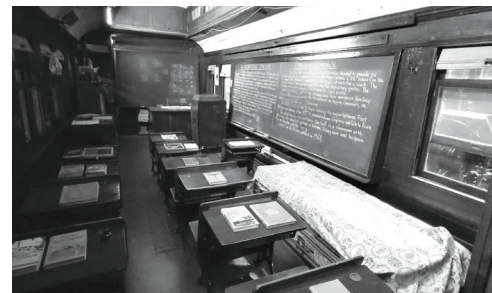
Submitted by Fiona Murray



John Molson steam engine on a tour.



A look inside the Angus Pavillion.



The CN School Car.

WHEN A CN PENSIONER PASSES AWAY – THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY NOTIFICATION

Losing a loved one is never easy, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to all families during these difficult times. While grieving, families face many practical matters that need attention, and one of the most critical is notifying CN Pension and Benefits Administration immediately when a CN pensioner or their surviving spouse passes away.

WHO SHOULD CALL AND WHEN

Time is of the essence when reporting a death. Contact CN Pension and Benefits Administration as soon as possible after the death occurs, whether it is the CN pensioner or their spouse who has passed away. The call should be made by:

- The eligible surviving spouse (if able)
- Someone with registered Power of Attorney for the deceased pensioner
- The designated Executor or Administrator of the estate
- A family member acting on behalf of the deceased (if none of the above are available)

Once you call, CN Pension and Benefits Administration will immediately begin the necessary processes. If there is an eligible surviving spouse, they will start the process for survivor pension benefits. They will also handle notifications to insurance companies for any CN-sponsored life insurance policies.

YOUR COMPLETE RESOURCE GUIDE

For detailed checklists, required information, and step-by-step guidance through this entire process, visit our comprehensive resource page at <https://www.cnpensioners.org/pension/pension-death-of-a-pensioner>. This resource was developed specifically to help families navigate these challenging times and includes everything you need to know about required documentation, survivor benefits, life insurance claims, travel pass eligibility, and CNPA membership transitions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CN Pension Help Line: 1-800-361-0739
Available Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM Eastern time

During these difficult times, we are here to help you through every step of the process to make this challenging time as manageable as possible for you and your loved ones.



Keith and Dixie's artwork

IT ALL STARTED WITH A WISHING WELL

After retiring from 34 years of service at Thornton Yard, Keith Dyrda sought meaningful ways to stay active. He and his wife, Dixie, began assisting elderly neighbours with tasks they could no longer manage, but it was a random Internet search that launched Keith on a new six-year journey of crafting and creation. His workshop is now a testament to the power of that simple idea. A self-described hobbyist, Keith has found a second career in repurposing wood, transforming scraps into charming, handcrafted pieces that delight friends, family, and neighbours.

It all started with a wishing well. After seeing a picture online, he decided to build one himself. The first one, a six-and-a-half-foot-tall masterpiece, was so impressive that, when his wife sent a photo to her sister-in-law, a new path was forged. The requests started rolling in, and to date, Keith has built and gifted over 80 wishing wells and 66 wheelbarrows, often letting recipients choose the colour and style. He has also frequently donated his creations to CNPA functions as door prizes or giveaways.

However, the most significant chapter of his creative journey began with a simple request from his sister: a wooden wiener dog planter that resembled her own pet. This request led to a new business venture and a partnership with his wife, who, as it turns out, is the true artistic force behind the operation.

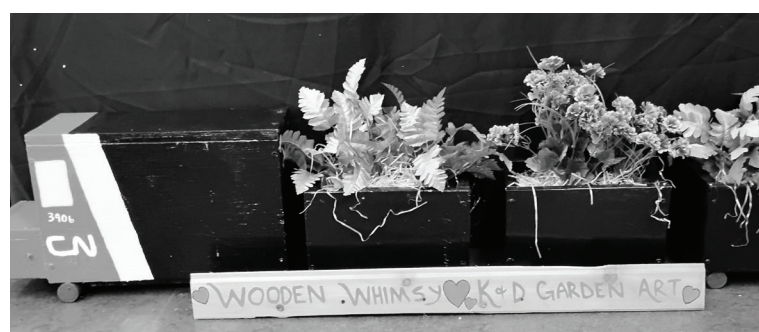
While Keith handles the heavy lifting—tracing the patterns, cutting the wood with a jigsaw, and assembling the pieces—his wife, Dixie, is the meticulous designer and painter. She draws each pattern on cardboard, carefully planning the construction, and then brings the animals to life with intricate paintwork. As Keith puts it, “She is actually the driving force behind it all.”

Together, the couple has created an entire menagerie of wooden animals, from zebras and giraffes to pigs. His “Snoopy” doghouses are a particular favourite. Together, they have over 30 different patterns stored in their garage, with new ideas, such as a raccoon planter, always on the horizon. This creative partnership has transformed a solitary hobby into a shared passion, filling their home with the joyful chaos of creation.

Keith Dyrda's story is a reminder that some of the most fulfilling projects begin with a simple whim and grow into something truly special when shared with a loved one. What started with one wishing well has blossomed into a full-fledged creative enterprise, with each piece bringing a touch of whimsy to every home it graces.



Keith and his wishing wells



CN train planter

RAILROADERS IN THE COMMUNITY: FLORENCE PARLEE

FLORENCE PARLEE'S FAITH GUIDES HER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Florence Parlee is an active volunteer at St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church in Melville, SK, where she has lived since 1991. "I'm not home much," laughs Flo. "I'm a people person and enjoy meeting new families and getting them involved in our parish and organizations."

Flo worked for CN in Melville as a secretary in the Transportation Department from 1974 to 1996. "It was the best job I ever had. I thoroughly enjoyed it and had some wonderful bosses and colleagues," recalls Flo, who grew up in Grayson, SK.

Flo estimates she devotes between 24 and 32 hours a month at the church. At weekend mass, she is a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister and Rosary Leader. She is one of many who gather to count the weekend collection and is in charge of depositing it into the parish bank account.

She is also a board member on the parish council, representing the Catholic Women's League of which she is President. Members of the league work hand in hand with the parish, donating their time to serve funerals and other parish functions, including many fundraisers. "Our pre-Christmas bazaar in November is our biggest event," says Flo. "There's a lot of preparation involved to assemble the baskets to raffle off and sell tickets. I make carrot pudding, cabbage rolls and soup for sale. Other members make things like pierogies, pies, sweet trays and fruitcakes, as well as beautiful knitted and crocheted items."

St. Henry's Social Justice Organization hosts free community meals twice a year and serves well above 100 people each time—and Flo helps with that too. "It is a time for replenishing, visiting, and welcoming new people to our community."

COVID kept a lot of parishioners away during the pandemic, and paying the utilities and upkeep on the building has been a constant struggle. CN's grant money in recognition of Flo's volunteer time through the Railroaders in the Community program has gone a long way to help pay those bills. "It's a fantastic program that supports CN retirees and employees' community service," says Flo. "I would encourage any other CN employees or retirees who are in the parish or volunteering anywhere else to submit the hours they spend helping in their community. The funds do so much good."

When she does manage to find any spare time, Flo enjoys curling in the winter and tending to her garden and flowers in the summer. She also cherishes family time with her three children, six grandchildren (one of whom is a CN locomotive engineer), and eight great-grandchildren, who all live close by.



Flo Parlee at the lectern at St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church.

CALLING ALL CN RETIREE VOLUNTEERS!

Are you a CN retiree who volunteers through the *Railroaders in the Community* (RRITC) program **and** a contributing member of the CN Pensioners Association (CNPA)? If so, here's a great opportunity to make an even bigger impact!

If you volunteer with a registered not-for-profit organization between **January 1 and December 31, 2025**, and you log your hours in the RRITC portal by **5 p.m. EST on December 31**, you will automatically be entered into a special raffle draw.

Ten CNPA members will each win a **\$2,000 charitable gift** for the organization where they volunteered—a fantastic way to support the causes you care about!

Draw date: January 20, 2026. Winners will be contacted directly and announced on the CNPA website.

Be sure to submit your 2025 volunteer hours before the deadline!

Already volunteering but not yet part of the *Railroaders in the Community* program?

It's easy to register and have your hours count toward exciting opportunities like this one. Visit [Railroaders in the Community | Community | Delivering Responsibly | cn.ca](#) to learn how to sign up and start logging your volunteer hours today.

CELEBRATING CENTENARIANS BIRTHDAYS

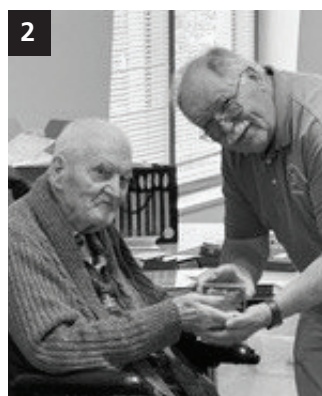
CN and CN Pensioners Associations have always shown respect for their pensioners, especially for those reaching the ripe young age of 100. To honour these centenarians, an award designed and approved by the CN Pension Committee will be presented to this special category of pensioners/survivors to commemorate this milestone. The award is inscribed with their name and date of birth. We will publish the names and dates and, when possible, photos from the presentation in our National Newsletter, released and distributed to all pensioners three times a year.



1. Ada Rose

July 25, 2025

Ada Rose celebrated her centennial birthday with special friends at her residence, on July 25, 2025. She is the spouse of Everett Rose, who worked for Engineering and Service Design. Ada was presented with her special gift by Barry Jones, President of Fraser Valley Council E9.



2. Andrew Papko

June 22, 2025

Andrew celebrated his 100th birthday on June 22, 2025, at the Deer Lodge Center in Winnipeg with a small group of friends from Winnipeg and Wisconsin. He was presented with his Centenarian award by Dennis Brown, Vice President of the Manitoba Council. Andrew worked in the freight sheds at The Forks in Winnipeg, and later as a Claims Adjuster.



3. Ivan (Bud) Clark

September 18, 2025

Ivan (Bud) Clark celebrated his 100th birthday on September 18, 2025. A celebration to honour the occasion was held at the regular CNPA meeting in Kamloops in September and, in addition to the membership, was attended by his daughters Karen (left) and Aila (right) along with other family and friends.



4. Carmelina Contrasto

June 6, 2025

Carmelina celebrated her 102nd birthday on June 6, 2025. She is the spouse of Girolamo Contrasto (deceased), who worked in the roundhouse in Niagara Falls in 1951 and later in North Toronto. Carmelina received her crystal locomotive on her 100th birthday in 2023 but was not included in the newsletter then. We are happy to honour her today.

5. Charlotte Paton

August 24, 2025

Mrs. Charlotte Paton of Pointe-Claire celebrated her 100th birthday and received her gift on August 24, 2025. She is the spouse of James Paton, who worked as a tinsmith at the Pointe-Saint-Charles workshops.

6. Clarence Coveduck

August 21, 2025

Clarence Coveduck celebrated his 100th birthday on August 21, 2025. Clarence hired on in 1943 as a messenger boy and retired in 1986 as Vice President of Administration and Archives in Montreal. Clarence received his award from Les MacDonald, President of Council C3 (right), along with his son Richard (center).

7. Cliff Amesbury

July 27, 2025

Cliff Amesbury turned 100 on July 27, 2025, and celebrated the event at a family gathering. Cliff worked as a yard foreman in the Greater Vancouver Terminals at Thornton Yard and Vancouver. Fraser Valley Council President Barry Jones presented Cliff with his Centenarian gifts.

8. Donna Hodgins

July 12, 2025

Donna Hodgins celebrated her 100th birthday on July 12, 2025, at the South Waverley Heights Community Centre in Winnipeg. Her celebration was attended by approximately 65 people, including friends and family. Donna is the spouse of Thomas George Hodgins (deceased), who worked as an assistant superintendent. She was presented with her Centenarian award by Dennis Brown, Vice President of the Manitoba Council.





9. Josephine Mooney

March 5, 2025

Josephine Mooney celebrated her 100th birthday on March 5, 2025. Her celebration party brought together 82 people, including family and friends. She is the mother of seven, a retired schoolteacher, and an accomplished artist. Her husband, Matt (deceased), worked as a mechanic at the CN Roadcruiser division located in St. John's, NL. He retired in 1987.



10. Julienne (Guévremont) Carignan

August 10, 2025

Julienne (Guévremont) Carignan joyfully celebrated her 100th birthday on August 10, 2025, at the CHSLD Marcelle Ferron in Brossard. Her daughter gave her the gift from the CN Retirement Committee, and she was touched by this wonderful memento. She is the wife of the late Bernardin Carignan (1997), who worked at CN's Pointe-Saint-Charles shop for over 37 years as an electrician.

Thank you to the Provincial President and the Montreal South Shore Council President.



11. Ludmilla Kampen

September 16, 2025

Ludmilla Kampen celebrated her centennial birthday on September 16, 2025. She is the spouse of Valentin Kampen (deceased), who worked as an electrician in the Governor Room at Transcona shops. Ludmilla and her husband had emigrated from Ukraine and were married 62 years. Dennis Brown from CNPA Manitoba presented Ludmilla with her gifts.



12. Lydia Jan

July 14, 2025

Lydia Jan celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at the Aspen House in Morinville on July 11, 2025. She is the spouse of David Jan, who worked as a CN machinist in Jasper, Wainwright, Vermillion, and Edmonton. Originally from a farm near Fox Valley, Saskatchewan, after marrying David, she raised four children and worked as a retail salesclerk until she retired in 1985.

13. Marcel Huot

June 21, 2025

Marcel was very moved to receive this gift from CN and the CN Pensioners Association C9 commemorating his 100th birthday on June 21. Marcel said it was an honour for him to have been a CN employee for 35 years. He was proud to perform his duties and happy to have made many friends over the years. It was a great place to work. Even in retirement, he thinks about the people he worked with.



14. Margaret Connor

September 6, 2025

Margaret Connor's special birthday was on September 6, and she was honoured at the event with family and close friends. Margaret's CN career in the Accounting department spanned 34 years, mostly in the Toronto area, where she is still remembered by former colleagues and employees. Margaret, seated with her son, Rick, and daughter-in-law, Yvonne, received her gift from Vancouver Local President Judy Pearson (standing).



15. Margery Weninger

July 11, 2025

On July 11, Margery Weninger reached her milestone birthday and later celebrated the day with friends and family. Her husband, Jacob Weninger, worked in transportation in Jasper for over 35 years. Margery is shown here at her special event with daughters, Jane and Lucy, and son, John. Blake Olson from the CN Pension Committee presented her with her gift.



16. Natalie Carley

June 18, 2025

Natalie Carley celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family on July 5 at the Dunluce Community League Centre in Edmonton.

Natalie wrote: "It is a heartwarming gesture of the CNPA RailVets to honour those who reach 100 years of age. The unique gift of the Crystal Train will invoke many fond memories of my 'Railroading Family'. Thank you for such a meaningful gift." Natalie also thanked us for the flowers we presented, stating that having the Edmonton RailVets group present on July 5 brought extra joy to the occasion.



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17. Ruth Chaisson

September 16, 2025

Ruth Chaisson marked her 100th birthday with an open house celebration organized by her family at her daughter-in-law's residence in Halifax, NS. Ruth received her Centenarian award from her son, Chris Chaisson, who was visiting from Alberta to attend the gathering. Ruth's late husband, Edward Chaisson, started his CN career as a dining car waiter. After serving in the military during the war, he returned to CN and retired as a yardmaster at Rockingham Bedford, NS, on November 30, 1982.

18. Walter Arseniuk

June 1, 2025

Walter Arseniuk celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday June 1. Walter worked for CN for over 29 years. He was hired on March 22, 1956, and retired from his position as Yard Foreman on November 30, 1985. He worked his entire career at CN in the Edmonton area. When presented with the Crystal Train, he put on his new CN hat and said, "Book me on, I'm ready to go to work."

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FORE! THE B-9 QUEBEC COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS A RESONDING SUCCESS!

What a great day on the green! The B-9 Quebec Council held its annual golf tournament on September 4 at the Sainte-Marie Golf Club, and it was a huge success. We had 13 foursomes hit the links for a fantastic day of golf and fun.

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to all the participants, including our members, guests, and the team from Via Rail. A special shout-out goes to the B-2 Council of Senneterre for joining us and making the event even more memorable.

This wonderful tournament wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our organizers: **Claude Desbiens**, **Paul Goupil**, and **Jean Belleau** and **James Caissey** from Via Rail. Your hard work made this a day to remember!



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