



April 2025 Newsletter

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SAVE THESE DATES

Look for registration details for some of these activities in this newsletter.

Tuesday, May 6 – 11:00 am to 1:30 pm- MEETING AND SOCIAL

Richmond Hill Legion Branch 375, 233 Centre St. E, Richmond Hill

Wednesday, May 14 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – FIVE PIN BOWLING

Centre Bowling, 3000 Cawthra Road, Mississauga

Wednesday, June 11 – 10:30 am – LAWN BOWLING

Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club, 43 Church St. S, Richmond Hill

Wednesday, June 25 – Tee Time 8:00 am – GOLF TOURNAMENT

Rolling Hills, Bethesda Grange Course, 12808 Warden Ave., Gormley

Sunday, September 14 – 1:30 pm – BLUE JAYS GAME vs BALTIMORE

Rogers Centre, One Blue Jays Way, Toronto

Thursday, October 9 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL

Time and location to be determined

Thursday, November 13 – 12:30 - CURLING

Richmond Hill Curling Club, 121 Elgin Mills Rd. E, Richmond Hill

Tuesday, November 25 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Mandarin Restaurant, 1027 Finch Avenue W., North York

STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED

Toronto Council Facebook: **CN Pensioners Association Toronto Council**

CN Pensioners' Association Website: **[http:// www.cnpensioners.org](http://www.cnpensioners.org)**

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Change of address: notify CN Benefits and Administration at **1-800-361-0739** or **<http://cnbenefits.hroffice.com>**

Change of email: notify **c14torontocouncil@cnpensioners.org**

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

THERE ARE NO FORMS TO FILL OUT AND SEND IN SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE ACTIVITY REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Richmond Hill Legion Branch 375
233 Centre Street E
Richmond Hill, Ontario

This Legion's location is near the intersection of Newkirk Rd and Centre St. E. and close to the Richmond Hill GO Train Station. It is situated near the CN railway tracks on the north side of Centre Street East, halfway between Yonge St. and Bayview Ave. There is plenty of parking available at the Legion.

Registration for this meeting is not required and there is no cost to attend.

INCLUDES: A light lunch and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Attendees may purchase alcoholic beverages.

BONUS: A special Question and Answer session on the latest Seniors Fraud trends will be conducted by Lou Lisi.

FREE DOOR PRIZE DRAW.

FIVE PIN BOWLING – WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2025

Five Pin Bowling is a great Canadian game not found anywhere else!

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Centre Bowling Lanes
4300 Cawthra Road
Mississauga, Ontario

Centre Bowling Lanes is located on Cawthra Rd, southwest of Eastgate Parkway, in the lower level of the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Sign-up and payment are required by Friday May 9th as space is limited.

The price for CNPA Toronto Council C14 members is \$10.00

INCLUDES: Pizza lunch with soft drink and FREE shoe rental

TO REGISTER

Please email: c14torontocouncil@cnpensioners.org

Or call: Aubrey Gill at 416-574-3445 or Ron Charles at 905-884-5268

Include your name and the name of your accompanying spouse or guest if applicable.

TO PAY

Paying by Interac E-transfer:

Send your payment by email to; c14torontotreasurer@cnpensioners.org.

Please be sure to fill in the comment section saying what you are registering for.

Paying by Cheque

Make your cheque payable to; **CN Pensioners' Association – Toronto** and indicate what you are paying for.

Mail the cheque to; **Dave Bradshaw, 54 Confederation Way, Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 5R5**

LAWN BOWLING – WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2025

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club, 43 Church Street S., Richmond Hill, Ontario

The club's location is near the intersection of Yonge St. and Major MacKenzie Dr. Go 1 block north to the 1st stop light and turn east onto Lorne Avenue. At Lorne and Church Street is the Elgin Barrow Arena complex.

The Lawn Bowling Club is at the north end of the arena's back parking lot.

Sign-up is required because, as this is an outdoor sport, it can be affected by weather so if there is a need to cancel or reschedule we need to be able to get in touch with you.

The cost for CNPA members is \$10.00. Payment is not required in advance but is payable on the day.

INCLUDES: Light lunch with beverage.

REQUIREMENTS: There is no dress code but, flat soled shoes are a must. Running shoes are acceptable.

TO REGISTER:

Please email: c14torontocouncil@cnpensioners.org or call **Ron Charles at 905-884-5268**

TO PAY

Bring your payment in cash or cheque to the club on the day.

Make cheque payable to; **CN Pensioners Association – Toronto**

THE 33rd ANNUAL CN PENSIONERS' GOLF DAY WEDNESDAY JUNE 25 th 2025

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, has been reserved for our "Golf and Bar B-Q" day at the CLUBLINK CORP

Rolling Hills Golf Club, Bethesda Grange Course

Location: Warden Avenue, just 1.7 km north of Stouffville Road, Gormley.

COST: \$70.00 per person, which **INCLUDES:** green fees, golf cart and Bar-B-Q a good price for this quality of course.

In addition, there are personalized scorecards on the carts and prizes at the Bar-B-Q.

SHOTGUN TEE OFF STARTS AT 8:00am for everyone.

Cost for members that wish to attend the 12:00 pm Bar-B-Q only is \$20.00.

There will be prizes for "CLOSEST TO THE PIN FEMALE & MALE" & "LONGEST DRIVE FEMALE & MALE" and "WINNING TEAM"

Please ensure that scorecards are turned in to Wayne MacFarlane or Mike Jennings at the end of the round.

Anyone wishing further information or wishing to donate prizes (which would be most appreciated) are asked to contact **Wayne MacFarlane at 416-846-8169 or Mike Jennings 905-466-4631.**

We welcome any new and novice golfers - Remember, we are just out to enjoy the day and have fun with fellow pensioners and friends - You do not have to be an expert golfer to join in!!

It is best ball format golf. Everyone plays each shot from the farthest hit ball by the foursome.

Bring a friend and have some fun.

TO REGISTER

Members can register an individual, a twosome, a threesome or a foursome. In such cases, one cheque or E Transfer will do, together with the name and email address of each member of the party.

Please register and send payment as soon as possible but **no later than June 18th 2025.**

TO REGISTER

contact **Wayne MacFarlane at 416-846-8169** wmacfa8169@rogers.com or

Mike Jennings at 905-466-4631 mjennings5@cogeco.ca

TO PAY

Paying by Interac E-transfer

Send your payment by email to; c14torontotreasurer@cnpensioners.org. Please be sure to fill in the comment

section saying you are registering for the Golf Tournament. Payments will be auto deposited and you will receive an email confirmation of your payment.

Paying by Cheque

Make the cheque payable to; **CN Pensioners' Association – Toronto** and indicate what you are paying for.

Mail your cheque to; **Dave Bradshaw, 54 Confederation Way, Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 5R5**

MEMBERSHIP

Scholarship Program

The 2025 Scholarship Program will be open online to applicants effective April 15, 2025. Application Deadline - August 13, 2025. Look for details in the CNPA Website: **[http:// www.cnpensioners.org](http://www.cnpensioners.org)**.

Member Questionnaires

We'd like to get to know you better than just by your name. That is why we have put together 2 questionnaires. We want to find out about your CN work experience and your interest in our social activities. With this newsletter, there is an "Activity" questionnaire asking for your input to help us understand the things you would like to participate in. The following is a "Getting to Know You" questionnaire which asks about where you worked on your first and last days at CN. It also asks if you would share anything about your work experience and/or if you would be a resource for our new newsletter feature called "Working at CN". The focus for the feature will be on job titles and duties.

Look for the first Working at CN feature page in this edition of the newsletter.

Please fill in and send the questionnaires to: Ron Charles at 467 Balkan Rd, Richmond Hill, L4C 2P4 OR Email: c14torontocouncil@cnpensioners.org OR call 905-884-5268

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

No details that would identify you will be used without your consent.

RETIREES

Please include your Name and PIN # _____

What year did you start working for CN? _____

What was your first job? _____

In what department? _____

In what city or town? _____

What year did you retire? _____

What was your last job? _____

In what department? _____

In what city or town? _____

Would you be willing to be a resource for us when we have articles or quizzes about areas of CN of which you have personal knowledge?

Are you willing to share anything about your work that we could use in our newsletter?

Do you have any photos that you think might be of interest for the newsletter?

SURVIVING SPOUSES

You may not have worked at CN but as a CNPA member, you are part of the family. Spouses play an important role for CN employees. In many cases the jobs required working long hours, shift work and time away from home, so your support was crucial.

Do you have any memories, thoughts or photos you would be willing to share?

Name (Please Print) _____

PIN _____

CN PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION
TORONTO COUNCIL ACTIVITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Attending Activities

Is transportation an issue preventing you from attending meetings or activities? YES NO
Is your health an issue preventing you from attending meetings or activities? YES NO

Meetings

Are you interested in attending meetings? YES NO
Would you attend meetings only if they were held close to where you live? YES NO
Would you attend virtually, like on ZOOM? YES NO
Are you in favour of the CNPA providing a lunch at the meetings? YES NO
Would you like to have guest speakers at the meetings? YES NO

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Social Activities

Are you interested in participating in social activities? YES NO

Luncheons

Are you interested in attending group luncheons partially paid for by the CNPA? YES NO
If so, indicate your preference(s) Restaurant ____ Private Hall ____ Served ____ Buffet ____

Group Activities and Outings

Would you attend group activities partially paid for by the CNPA? YES NO

Indicate your interests.

Golf ____ Bowling ____ Curling ____ Card Games (Bridge/Euchre) ____
Billiards ____ Darts ____ Other _____

Would you attend group outings, if partially paid for by the CNPA? YES NO

Professional sporting events (cost dependant) YES NO

Theatre matinees YES NO

Local (GTA) outings to places of interest YES NO

Out of town day trips by bus YES NO

Please suggest any destination preferences here.

Volunteering

Would you consider volunteering with the CNPA

a) As a Board Director? YES MAYBE

b) As a committee member? YES MAYBE

Name (Please Print) _____

PIN _____

WORKING AT CN

JOBS AND DUTIES

Boilermakers. Boilermakers played an important role at CN. Until 1990 the Toronto Central Heating Plant provided steam heat piped through underground tunnels to a wide variety of railway facilities including Union Station, the CNR Express Building at 20 York Street and the CN Telecommunications Building at 151 Front Street. It also supplied heat for individual passenger cars stored in the Coach Yard. Boilermakers repaired damage on Budd Cars and locomotives and passenger cars were inspected for water leaks on the boiler. In the 1970's, CNR Steam Engine 6060 ran tours from Toronto to Niagara Falls. After each tour, the engine was checked for steam leaks and the fire bricks were inspected in the Fire Chamber.

Are you in this photo?



DID YOU KNOW?

CN uses detectors to register the severity of earthquakes that may cause damage to tracks and bridges.

In 1998 a CN locomotive was driven down a Montreal street to generate electricity for a hospital during a power failure caused by a major ice storm.

CN and CP employees used to form a choir to sing Christmas Carols in Union Station.

Modified jet engines were used to clear snow and ice from tracks and switches in MacMillan Yard.

CAN YOU TELL US?

Send your answers to email c14torontocouncil@cnpensioners.org or call 905-884-5268.

What triggers level crossing signals to start working?

What mud rail is and where it is installed?

What is the purpose of the rails placed between the track's rails on bridges?

QUIZ (Answers on next page)

What is a Thousand Miler?

- a) The name of the fuel tank on a long haul freight engine.
- b) A reuseable envelope.
- c) A Track Maintainer who inspected the most track distance in a month.

What is the Spirit of the North?

- a) The name given to the friendship bond of extra gang crews working in northern Ontario.
- b) A fictitious spirit of a Station Master thought to inhabit a disused passenger station on the Ruel Subdivision.
- c) A kitchen/dining car used to feed crews attending derailments in northern Ontario.

Welcome New Members

June Dupont	Brampton
Fernanda Leite	Mississauga
Jacqueline Martin	Ajax
Tanya Nolan	Orangeville
Troy Shapcott	Orangeville
Gladys Shirley Vine	Keswick
David Wong	North York
Margaret Wynne	Rexdale

Remembering Our Colleagues Who Have Recently Passed Away

		<u>PASSED AWAY</u>
George Adams	Newmarket	2025 01 16
Bill Armstrong	Richmond Hill	2025 02 15
Ray Black	Richmond Hill	2024 12 16
John Booker	Hamilton	2024 09 17
Robert Brewitt	Waterford	2024 09 21
Rita Dominicis	Etobicoke	2025 01 19
Jean Downey	Cambridge	2024 12 12
Jerry Glower	Richmond Hill	2024 12 06
Julia Grant	Sharon	2025 01 20
John Janczek	Mississauga	2025 01 16
Elsie Jardine	Mississauga	2024 11 07
Josephine Kearny	Bracebridge	2025 01 03
Mary Carmel King	North York	2024 10 30
Anastasios Koropoulos	Nanaimo BC	2024 10 05
Chick Lau	Scarborough	2025 01 07
Francisco Leite	Toronto	2024 09 16
Denis Levesque	Burlington	2024 12 19
Wayne Lovelace	East York	2024 11 09
Ronald McGillivary	Brampton	2024 12 26
Maria Masciarelli	Mississauga	2024 10 14
Barbara May	Mississauga	2024 09 03
Douglas McGarvey	Brampton	2025 01 10
Frances McGeachy	Toronto	2024 07 28
Aristides Miguel	Toronto	2025 01 16
Bruce Miller	Belle River	2024 11 22
Keith Murphy	Oshawa	2024 12 23
Margaret O'Regan	North York	2024 09 03
Carole Ouimet	Mississauga	2025 01 29
Patrick Persaud	Richmond Hill	2025 01 19
Julietta Pimentel	Etobicoke	2024 09 18
Stanley Sheen	Hamilton	2024 10 27
George Somerville	Oakville	2024 09 20
Gordon Smith	Orangeville	2025 02 22
Mary Storey	Oshawa	2024 11 27
Maurice Sword	Innisfil	2024 12 08
Maria Tavares	Toronto	2024 09 03
Irma Wilson	Cambridge	2024 08 30
Evelyn Wynne	Wilberforce	2025 02 04