

YOUR VOICE

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YOUR VOICE addresses member concerns. It is our only way to reach you. Our independent membership list remains incomplete. Please notify us of any change in your address. **Your views, news, and suggestions are vital to us** Contact us. MUNPA, Memorial University, Box 206, St.John's, NL A1C 5S7, E-mail: <munpa@mun.ca>; Phone: 709-737-6979. Leave a message and we will get back to you.

Note: Owing to stormy weather on September 13, 2006, the Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled as follows:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & FALL SOCIAL

**DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006
HOUR: 2:30-4:30**

LOCATION: JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

PARKING: In Front of Gushue Hall.

MEMBERS NEEDING RIDES OR WILLING TO DRIVE SHOULD CALL: 737-6979

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the AGM of September 15, 2005
2. Correspondence
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
6. Questions and Concerns of Members
7. Election of Executive for 2006-2007

REVIEW AND RENEWAL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. LIKE YOU, THEY HAVE EITHER STAFF OR FACULTY BACKGROUNDS. DEFENDING AND ENHANCING OUR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS ARE OUR MAJOR CONCERNS. THE AGM IS A YEARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO BECOME CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE. WE NEED NEW PEOPLE WITH A WILLINGNESS TO TACKLE OUR CONCERNS. STAND UP AND JOIN US.

Presently, our nominating committee (Rollie Burke & Don Steele) advises that the following have indicated their willingness to stand for election: Rollie Burke, John Evans, Judy Collins, Derek Burton, Evan Simpson, Don Steele, Bill Marshall, Mary Steele, and John Royle.

Additional nominations are encouraged: Those wishing to nominate others should contact either Rollie Burke or Don Steele. Other nominations may also be made from the floor at the AGM.

WHATEVER YOUR PAST ROLE IN THE MUN COMMUNITY, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOUR INTEREST IN THE EXECUTIVE. VOLUNTEER BODIES LIKE OURS NEED CONTINUITY, NEW BLOOD, PEOPLE ABLE TO MOVE AGENDAS FORWARD, BALANCE IN ITS MEMBERSHIP BETWEEN THE ACADEMIC AND SUPPORTING STAFF, AND MEN AND WOMEN, AND INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY'S PLACE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY.

OUR MEMBERS ARE THE EXECUTIVE'S KEY INSPIRATION AND RESOURCE. WE NEED YOUR GUIDANCE FOR OUR ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES. ATTENDANCE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT

FOR THOSE PRE-1993 RETIREES AND SURVIVORS AFFECTED BY THE UNIVERSITY'S DECISION TO END FREE HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFITS, AND THOSE PRE-1997 SURVIVORS WHOSE BENEFITS REMAIN AT ONLY 55%.

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

FALL SOCIAL

One free drink will be provided. Light refreshments will be appreciated. Come and meet your friends.

REMINDERS

E-MAIL?

Not all MUNPA members have access to e-mail. Those who do are more easily sent information quickly (e.g. notice of cancellation of the AGM in September past). On September 21st we sent an e-mail to everyone on our e-mail list, but many messages were returned due to Account Closed (Have you changed your e-mail address?), Over Quota (Do you check your e-mail regularly?), or Timed Out. If you received our e-mail, there's no need to contact us. If you didn't and you have an active e-mail address, please send it to <munpa@mun.ca> and we will update our files.

MEMOIR CLUB FALL-2006 MEETINGS

Dates: On Monday from 12 to 3 p.m.: October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th. Location: Seary Room, A3014. Join us. For information, contact the coordinator, **Roberta Buchanan**, at MUN's English Department or by e-mail <rbuchana@mun.ca>.

PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Eager to Explore New Paths? Consider MUN Fall Classes in Personal and Professional Development Memorial's Division of Lifelong Learning offers interesting classes in: crafts, Middle-East belly dancing, personal finance, photography, computer technology, gardening, the ABCs of Wine making, the History, Taste and Mystery of Single-Malt Scotch, American Sign Language, painting with acrylics, Yoga, rug-hooking decoration, coastal navigation, and even special classes for seniors. And More. All taught by experts in these topics. For information: Phone: 709-737-7979, or e-mail: <www.mun.ca/lifelonglearning>. Or contact Jeff Green: 737-2142 or <jeff@mun.ca>.

TRAVELLING AWAY THIS WINTER?

What About Your Health Benefits? If your travel plans include lengthy absences from home and/or foreign travel, it's wise to establish your coverage status. If you have questions, phone our Medavie Blue Cross provider for information: 1-800-667-4511. Or e-mail them at: <WWW.medavie.bluecross.ca>.

INTERESTED IN TRAVEL TO PANAMA?

One of our members -- Abe Ross -- has studied and visited in Panama. If you are interested in that direction, he has offered to answer any questions about the area. e-mail him at: <rossabe@hotmail.com>.

Do so before October 30, when he sets off to explore the Caribbean as a retirement location.

NOTICES