



Your Voice

MUN Pensioners Association (MUNPA) Newsletter-----Volume 9, No. 2; February, 2011; Daniel Stewart, Editor

Editorial

Noel Veitch, a MUNPA member, is the Coordinator of Memorial's Campus Food Bank. The Food Bank provided food to 2919 people last year—mostly to students of MUN and the College of the North Atlantic, and to their families. The Food Bank is located (and well marked) in Corte Real-Burton's Pond and is open to provide food Mondays and Thursdays from 3 – 5 pm and 7 – 9 pm, and on Sundays from 3 – 5 pm. Noel says it is better for those wishing to donate non-perishable food items to leave the food outside the door **when the Food Bank is closed**—food left outside the door is rarely taken and Noel points out that if it is, that's what it's for. The Food Bank is a registered charity and donations can be sent to: Campus Food Bank, Box 2, Corte Real, 57 Allandale Road, St. John's, NL, A1B 5S7. A receipt will be issued.

The MUNPA Board encourages members to contribute to the food bank and has decided as a token of our support that we will each bring an item of food for the Food Bank to our monthly Board meetings. Further information can be obtained on the web at www.mun.ca/campusfoodbank or by emailing foodbank@mun.ca. MUNPA members without web access can phone the MUNPA office and we will print the information and mail it to you.



Photo: Chris Hammond

Front (L-R): Tribute Award recipients Sharon Buehler, Arthur May, Shirley Fraize. Back: MUNPA President, Doreen Whalen; MUN President, Gary Kachanoski.

2010 MUNPA TRIBUTE AWARDS

The post-retirement contributions of MUNPA members Sharon Buehler, Shirley Fraize, and Arthur May were celebrated at a luncheon reception on December 16th. The reception was hosted by Memorial's President,

Gary Kachanoski, and was attended by family and guests of the award recipients as well as by representatives of Memorial's Board of Regents, Senior Executive, and the MUNPA Board. Citations read by MUNPA President, Doreen Whalen, detailed the considerable and outstanding contributions to the University and to the community by each of the recipients. Dr. Buehler was recognized for her continuing work in the areas of health and wellbeing as well as the protection of human subjects in research. Ms. Fraize was recognized for her long-standing commitment and leadership on behalf of the Women's Institutes and Zonta International. Dr. May's leadership in and contributions to a wide variety of initiatives at the local, provincial, national, and international levels were recognized. Two examples among many include his organizational role with the 2010 Memorial on Parade reunion and his continuing membership on the Atlantic Regional Council of World Wildlife Canada. Congratulations to our 2010 Award recipients. Your continuing contributions are inspiring and are much valued by MUNPA, the University, and the broader community.

Retiree Membership on Senate Committees

Memorial's Senate has many committees needing people to serve on them. At the January 11 meeting of the Senate a policy was adopted whereby retirees from Memorial may serve on Senate committees. Eligibility for membership will be determined according to a retiree's position before retirement.

A list of the standing committees of the senate can be found at:
www.mun.ca/senate/senate_committees.php.

Coffee? Tea? Problems? Solutions?—*The Garden in Winter*

On the third Thursday of the next four months, beginning on **February 17**, MUNPA will host a "morning" at the **Botanical Garden** on Mt. Scio Road. Coffee and tea will be available, and so will cookies, breads or other goodies—but only if you bring them! Do you have Christmas treats stored in the freezer that you'd like to get rid of? A new recipe you'd like to try? Bring something along to share with others.

You can drop in for a quick cup or stay for the morning (9:30 – 12:00). Bring friends and a board game or a deck of cards. If the weather is good, take a stroll or bring your binoculars to bird watch.

We'd also like to try a sort of "show and tell" or, at least, "show and ask." Our members have all kinds of skills and knowledge and if we help one another, maybe we can remain independent a bit longer. So bring your questions (and small appliances!): How do you install a wireless doorbell? Who is a reliable plumber? Do you have computer problems? And if you have answers, you're particularly welcome!

The Garden in Winter

Thursday, February 17

9:30 – 12:00

MUN Botanical Garden

Mt. Scio Road

Coffee and tea provided but please bring something to share

Getting about is particularly difficult for some during the winter months. To that end, we'll do our best to provide transportation. Call the office, leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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Academics for Higher Education and Development

Academics for Higher Education and Development (AHED) seeks to support developing countries in building capacity in higher education. **AHED** can provide volunteer opportunities for Memorial retirees with academic, technical, or administrative expertise. For those interested, there is a new link to AHED on MUNPA's web page (www.mun.ca/munpa) or go to www.ahed-upesed.org.

AHED is affiliated with the **College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC)** of which MUNPA is a member.

MUNPA Board of Directors Committee Members

A list of the various MUNPA Board of Directors committees and their membership is now posted on the MUNPA web site.