



Your Voice

MUN Pensioners Association (MUNPA) Newsletter --- Volume 9, No. 5; May, 2011; Daniel Stewart, Editor

Editorial

MUNPA Annual General Meetings have usually been held in the Fall. However, it sometimes proved difficult for new Board committees to get up and running in time for the busy December holiday season (meetings and festivities). The MUNPA Board of Directors has decided to hold this year's AGM in June to give newly formed committees more time to organize (and maybe, finally, to hold an AGM during enjoyable weather).

The AGM will elect the Board of Directors for the coming year. MUNPA Board Members are all volunteers who give of their time and talents working for the benefit of Memorial University pensioners and their survivors. This year some long-time members have chosen not to stand for re-election so there will be vacancies on the Board. Please consider offering yourself for election to the MUNPA Board of Directors. Evan Simpson is the Past-President of MUNPA and this year's Chair of the Nominating Committee. If you would consent to be nominated for election to the MUNPA Board or, with their consent, wish to nominate others, email Evan at: esimpson@mun.ca, or call and leave a message at: 864-6979.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Information Session and AGM – June 14, Lester Farms, St. John's

Many of our members find they are "sandwiched" between elderly parents who require care *and/or* children who still depend on them. **The Sandwich Generation (maybe open-face): Considerations for You and Your Family** is the theme of our next information session which will be held in conjunction with the 2011 AGM. Like last year, the venue is *Lester Farms* (see below for directions). This site has an interesting meeting space as well as lovely greenhouses with immediate access to the farm itself.

PROGRAMME

9:00 am - 9:30 am: **Registration and Coffee**

9:30 am - 10:15 am: **Moving House: You? Your Parents?**

Considerations for downsizing and how to remain in your home longer.

Speakers: Sharon Buehler and others

10:30 am - 11:15 am: **Where do We Go when the House is too Big?**

1. Assisted living (Speaker: Kay Matthews)

2. Questions to ask if you are purchasing a condo (Speaker: TBA)

11:15 am - 11:30 am: Break

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: **Annual General Meeting of MUNPA**

12:30 pm: Break (while lunch is being set up we can stroll around the farm, if the weather is fit)

1:00 pm: Lunch (Preregistration required, \$20.00)

Menu: Salmon or Stuffed Chicken Breast with Roasted Vegetables and Dessert

There will be a cash bar. **There is no cost to attend the presentations and the Annual General Meeting.**

If you wish to have lunch you must preregister by May 30th. Preregister with your menu choice by calling 864-6979 (leave a message); emailing munpa@mun.ca; or by sending a note to "Pensioners Association, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NL, A1C5S7". The cost is \$20—you can pay for your meal on the day but we have to know how many people are eating and their meal choices by **May 30th**. If you haven't preregistered, you can't have lunch—no exceptions! We will try to accommodate dietary restrictions—please let us know when you preregister.

Directions to the site:

Lester Farms Inc. (not to be confused with *Lester's Farm Market*) is located on Pearltown Road off Brookfield Road. The entrance to Pearltown Road is directly opposite the Federal Government *Cool Climate Research Centre* entrance. Proceed on Pearltown Road and turn left just before the overpass.

Morning in the Garden

Thursday, May 19th

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 am

**Location: MUN Botanical Garden
Mt. Scio Road**

This month we will hear about the Botanical Garden and then, if the weather cooperates, we can tour the Garden in the springtime.

Coffee and tea will be available. Donations of cookies and cakes are welcome.

Call for Nominations: MUNPA Tribute Awards

Nominations are invited for the next round of **MUNPA Tribute Awards**. These awards recognize outstanding post-retirement service and/or achievement in any of the following categories:

- Outstanding service to the University
- Outstanding service to the Community
- Outstanding personal achievement

Former employees of Memorial, whether faculty or staff, with no fewer than 5 years of employment service with Memorial, are eligible for nomination. To be considered for an award, a candidate must be nominated by at least two MUNPA members. The nominations form is available on the MUNPA webpage at www.mun.ca/munpa or it may be requested from the MUNPA office by calling 864-6979 or by sending an e-mail to munpa@mun.ca. The deadline for submission of nominations is July 31.

Travelling to Cuba?

Employees and retirees are reminded that all visitors to Cuba are required to have travel health insurance prior to entering the country.

AXA Assurances Inc., Memorial's travel health insurance provider, advises travellers to have on hand their AXA travel membership card and a copy of the travel insurance booklet when entering Cuba. For more information call 864-7406.

Johnson Geo Centre Seeks Volunteers

The Johnson Geo Centre is seeking volunteers to be interpreters at the Centre. Interested MUNPA members may see the detailed call for volunteers on the MUNPA website or go to www.geocentre.ca. As always, those without web access can phone the MUNPA offices—we will print off and mail you a copy of this material.

Launch of New Local Film:

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association has invited MUNPA members to attend the launch of the film **The Journey to Better Hearing for Seniors: Opening Doors to a Hearing World** at the Capital Hotel on **May 30th, 2011, from 2-4 pm**. There will be food, refreshments, and gift bags. Transportation is available. Seats are limited. For more information or to reserve your place, please contact: Kim Pratt Baker, phone: 753-3224, or email: kpbaker@nfld.net