



Your Voice

MUN Pensioners Association (MUNPA) Newsletter—Volume 8, No. 10; October, 2010; Daniel Stewart, Editor

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MUNPA Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 13 at 1:30 at Lester Farms on Pearltown Road (they have a nice meeting facility). See September's *Your Voice* or the MUNPA website for details. The deadline to reserve lunch has passed but please try to attend the AGM and the reception later at 4:00. MUN's new President, Gary Kachanoski, will join us at the reception. There is no charge for the AGM or the reception.

Old Age Security Pension—Useful Information

In August's *Your Voice* there was a brief article on the federal Old Age Security pension (OAS) stating that the OAS is not clawed back until one's income exceeds \$65335. MUNPA member, Dick Ellis, has written to tell us that the clawback threshold is now \$66733. He further noted that the new pension splitting provisions in the income tax rules can have the effect of greatly reducing one's taxable income and therefore greatly reducing the OAS clawback. Remember; you have to choose the pension-splitting option and you have to apply for the OAS. Thanks Dick! For more information on the OAS, call 1-800-277-9914.



PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR FAMILY CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION

The Family Campaign component of *Dare To: The Campaign for Memorial University* will officially kick into high gear in November, beginning with a large-scale celebration on the St. John's campus.

The event, to be hosted by Dr. Gary Kachanoski, President and Vice-Chancellor, will take place on Nov. 18 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Physical Education Gymnasium (PE-2000). The entire University community, including pensioners, Regents, faculty, staff, and students will be invited to attend.

Stay tuned to *Your Voice* for further details about November's main event.

MUNPA Members' Opinions on Timing and Method of Pension Payments

In August's *Your Voice* members were asked to express their opinion on whether pension payments should continue to be monthly or changed to bi-weekly. They were also asked whether they wished to have the option of electronic statements of their pension payment rather than receiving notice in the post.

Of the 109 members who responded, 19 were in favour of bi-weekly payments and 31 preferred monthly payments; 57 had no preference. Of the 109, 33 would opt for electronic notice of pension payments.

As far as MUNPA knows, electronic notice would not be compulsory. Rather, it would be an option offered to pensioners. Anyone receiving a pension notice by computer would receive *Your Voice* electronically also. Actually, *Your Voice* is posted on the MUNPA website every month anyway (and it is usually available there 10 days or so in advance of the paper copies!).

It is not too late to express your views on these issues.

AXA Travel Insurance Card and Updated Medavie-Blue Cross Card

Several MUNPA members have contacted us to report that they have not received travel insurance cards from AXA, the new travel insurance company, or updated cards from *Medavie-Blue Cross*, the health and dental insurance company. Anyone who has not received the new cards should contact Michelle Wade at MUN Human Resources: phone: 709-864-7407, or email: cleary@mun.ca

Division of Lifelong Learning *bringing learning to life!*

Classes for October (Remember: All employees and retirees of Memorial University are eligible to apply for funding to attend non-credit courses.)

- *Art of Life*

Wed., Oct. 13 – Dec. 1, (8 classes), 7 - 9:30 pm, \$199, Cecile Badenhorst.

- *Writers' Club with Chad Pelley*

Wed., Oct. 13 - Nov. 17 (6 classes), 7 - 9:00 pm, \$159, Chad Pelley.

- *'Glocal' Vegetarian*

Thu., Oct. 14 – 28 (3 classes), 7 - 10 pm; \$159, Bob Arniel.

- *Migrating to Office 2007*

Fri., Oct. 15 - 22, (2 classes), 9 am - 4 pm, \$199, Penny George.

- *Garden Tasks for a Fall Day*

Sun., Oct. 17 (1 class), 1- 4 pm. \$49. Facilitator: Peter Dawson.

- *Drawing, Level 1: Drawing for Beginners*

Mon., Oct. 18 – Nov. 15 (5 classes), 7 - 9:30 pm, \$179, Wallace Ryan.

- *Cheese and Wine Pairing*

Tue., Oct. 19 (1 class), 7:30 - 10 pm, \$89, Tom Beckett

- *Building Successful Do-It-Yourself Websites Using Joomla!, Level 1*

Wed., Oct. 20 - 27, (2 classes), 7 - 9:30, \$95, Ryan, Hayward

- *Burners Workshop*

Wed., Oct. 20 (1 class), 1:30 - 4 pm, \$39,

Penny George

- *Soups On!*

Thu., Oct. 21 - Nov. 4 (3 classes), 7 - 10 pm; \$159, Nicholas Hender

- *Yoga*

Tue., Oct. 26 - Nov. 30 (6 classes), 7:30 - 9 pm; \$99, Michelle Lacroix

- *MP3 Players or I-Pods Workshop*

Thu., Oct. 28 (1 class), 1:30 pm - 4 pm; \$39, Penny George

- *Painting with Acrylics, Level 1*

Thu., Oct. 28 – Dec. 2 (5 classes / no class Nov. 11), 7 - 9:30 pm, \$179, Jim Maunder.

- *Communication d'affaires (French Business Communications)*

Fri., Oct. 29 - Nov. 12 (3 classes), 9 am - 12:30 pm, \$135, Marie-Beth Wright

- *French Immersion Weekend*

Fri., Oct. 29, 7 - 9 pm; Sat., Oct. 30, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm; Sun., Oct. 31, 9:30 am – noon (3 classes), \$179, various facilitators.

Registration is easy! Call or click today.

Phone: 864-7979, or, toll-free: 1-866-959-8474

Website: www.mun.ca/lifelonglearning



Who is this man and what is he up to? See November's *Your Voice*.

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