



Your Voice

MUN Pensioners Association (MUNPA) Newsletter

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And Yet More on MUNPA Expatriates Paying High Banking Fees

You will recall that the August issue of *Your Voice* contained an article about the high banking fees paid by MUNPA members living abroad. Comments received in response to this were included in the September issue. We have subsequently received an additional comment from another MUNPA member living in the USA. He writes, and we quote from his email message, "it may be of interest to some of our members to note that it is possible to use a Scotiabank card to withdraw foreign cash directly from a Canadian chequing account at BNS using the machines at Bank of America in the USA and Barclays Bank in the UK. There are no fees for these transactions, and in some cases an account balance is also available. BNS uses its daily exchange rate to debit the appropriate amount in Canadian dollars."

Thank you to all those who commented on this matter. We hope these responses will be helpful to other members.

MUNPA Scholarship

As you know, we have asked you, our MUNPA members, to join together to make a meaningful impact at Memorial through the Family Campaign. By participating in this plan to build a first-rate learning and research environment at Memorial, we can help to make our University a destination of choice for academics, students and staff from around the world. We are progressing toward our goal to endow a MUNPA Scholarship, but we still need your support. Currently, we have 80% (\$18,110) of the amount needed to create an

endowed scholarship (\$22,500). We need your help with the remaining 20%.

We invite you to donate an amount you deem appropriate – whether as a deduction from your monthly pension cheque over a fixed period, or as a one-time gift. Participation is what matters most – becoming a part of something that matters to all of us.

For donation forms or for more information, please contact Tara Pearce, Alumni Affairs and Development, by e-mail at tpearce@mun.ca or by telephone at 864-4305. Alternatively, please contact MUNPA Board member, Barb Cox, by e-mail at bcox@mun.ca or by telephone at 753-2644.

Upcoming Events

Now that the summer is officially over (what little there was in Newfoundland this year!), our Services to Members Committee has met and is actively planning upcoming events which we hope will be of interest to all MUNPA members.

Travel Sessions*

FOUR Travel Sessions are planned – on the 3rd Thursday of the following months: October, November, March and April, from 10:00 am to Noon. These will be one-hour slide presentations from MUNPA members who've travelled the four continents, followed by half-hour sessions on travel insurance comparisons, travel safety tips, ways to save money, and types of tours. Coffee will be provided with volunteered cookies/treats. So mark your calendars NOW for the two Fall sessions:

Thursday, October 20:

Bruce and Jo Shawyer - "The purest of humane pleasures!" - a presentation on English gardens with slides of private gardens and a walk around English villages.

Thursday, November 17: To be announced.

- Venue: The Mt. Scio Boardroom (MS1009)

*If you have slides and tips on an interesting travel site, safety, tours, insurance, etc., please give the MUNPA office your name. If these sessions prove of interest, we would like to schedule more throughout the year.

Christmas Party

A Christmas Social is being planned but the date and venue has not been determined. This event provides an opportunity for meeting and conversation with old friends and new acquaintances. Cash bar, nibbles (hot and cold), and music! Watch for more details on this event in the November newsletter.

Information Session

An Information Session is planned for February – date and venue to be determined. This will be a two-hour session: "Learn How to Get Rid of Your 'Stuff'" - tips and instructions on Ebay, Kijiji, Not for Profit repositories, and, if all else fails, directions to the dump! Watch for more details on this event!

Notes from the MUNPA Office -

- Updating Contact Information

Have you changed your email address? If so, you are reminded to inform the MUNPA office. Whenever email messages are forwarded to our members, it is not unusual to have several returned due to "invalid address". Please help us to keep you informed!

- Changing your Email Password

University policy requires that you change your password every 122 days (approximately every four months). Should you experience difficulty doing this, you should contact the C & C Service Desk at help@mun.ca, or phone 864-4595.

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