

Happy New Year

# Your Voice

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## Editorial

### Services to Members

The Constitution of the MUN Pensioners Association states that the first goal of the Association is to “foster and promote the aims and well-being of its members.” At the December meeting of the MUNPA Executive a *Services to Members* Subcommittee was formed—members of the Committee are: Sharon Buehler, Daniel Stewart, Glenys Woodland and Doreen Whalen. As a first project the Committee is organizing an informational session which will likely (details are not settled) include material related to long-term care and financial and tax planning (e.g. income splitting). We hope to hold this event in late February or early March and **details will be published in the February edition of *Your Voice*.**

This is just one kind of event, however. Retiree associations at universities elsewhere provide many other types of services for their members—we don't always have to be serious and practical. For example, the *McMaster University Retirees Association* organizes winery tours, theatre and concert excursions, and group travel (they have organized a 10 day Caribbean cruise on the Queen Mary II for next spring). We can do this sort of thing as well but we have to know what people want and then someone has to organize the details. Organization is often hard work but we know how to do it.

So I will repeat the plea from a couple of issues ago: Let us know what you want the Association to do for you—contact any member of the Executive, write a letter to the Association, or write an article for the newsletter describing your views on what the Association should be doing.

### Personal Information Release Form

By now you will have received a form that allows you to authorize the release to MUNPA of limited personal information from Memorial's records which will allow us to build a members database. **Please, please fill out and return this form**—at the moment this newsletter is the only way we have to communicate with members. But there is a two or three week delay between the writing of the newsletter and you receiving it so we have no method of contacting all of you on short notice. Also, we have no way of contacting you directly; all communication must be channeled through the University.

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### Note from Lifelong Learning:

Happy New Year! As we embark on a new year, the staff and I at the Division of Lifelong Learning wish to say "thank you" to MUNPA members for their ongoing support. We greatly appreciate you being a part of our learning community.

I hope your experiences with us in 2007 were satisfying and rewarding and that the class(es) you attended met all your expectations. We welcome any suggestions you might have for the "what", "when", "where" or "how" of what we do,

and we look forward to having you be a part of our activities in 2008.

Our winter calendar will now have been distributed. If you haven't received a copy, please get in touch with us. The brochure is also available online in PDF format.

Many of our audience's favourites are back this winter: Marjorie Doyle's *Travel Writing* class, a *Delectable Desserts* class with Chef Roary MacPherson, Randy Bennett's *Learn to Play Bridge* class, and Robert Young's *Basic Digital Photography* class. Speaking of photography, look for Robert's *Winter Wonderland* workshop

which includes a picture-taking field trip to Bowering park.

We've also joined forces with the Faculty of Arts to present a *Global Cinema Series* featuring six, international film-festival award winners, each of which will be followed by a facilitated discussion.

Finally, for the tea enthusiasts amongst you, we're offering a new course, *Just Your Cup of Tea*, which will have you supping several samples while looking at the popular leaf's history, production, health benefits and the role it plays in various cultures.

Whatever your interests, we're sure you'll find something that engages the lifelong learner in you.

In the meantime, may your New Year be filled with health, happiness, and good fellowship.

Elaine Healey  
Director (Acting)  
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, one of the items on the university's *Newsline* was about an 'Important change to dental coverage' which noted that the province would now be covering the costs for fillings and extractions for children under the age of 13. Consequently, Blue Cross no longer has to pay for these services. No mention was made, however, of the impact of that change on our dental insurance premium.

I wonder if Human Resources, or whoever manages our dental plan, would comment on this matter for publication in *Your Voice*.

I look forward to their response.

Joanne Myrick-Harris

## Words to Live By

"Retirement requires the invention of a new hedonism, not a return to the hedonism of youth".

Mason Cooley (b. 1927), American aphorist



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