

# YOUR VOICE

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**YOUR VOICE** addresses member concerns. It is our only way to reach you. Our independent membership list remains incomplete. Please notify us of any change in your address. **Your views, news, and suggestions are vital to us.** Contact MUNPA, Memorial University, Box 206, St.John's, NL A1C 5S7, E-mail: <munpa@mun.ca>; Phone:: 709-737-6979. Leave a message and we will get back to you.

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**WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE SUMMER FROLIC AND GENEALOGY TALK EARLIER THIS MONTH!**

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## **REMINDERS**

### **MEMOIR CLUB SUMMER-2006 MEETINGS**

Dates: June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>. On Monday from 12 to 3 p.m., in Arts Annex 2072 (Anthropology Reading Room). Bring a lunch and drink. Join us for tales and discussion that transport listeners across time and cultural experience. You'll find enthusiastic encouragement for your own memoir writing.

For information, contact the coordinator, **Roberta Buchanan**, at MUN's English Department or by e-mail <rbuchana@mun.ca>

## **SUGGESTIONS PLEASE**

The June talk on Genealogy was the first of occasional interesting meetings we hope to hold in coming months. These will be opportunities to hear and engage expert speakers. Topics under consideration at present are: Memory and Aging Issues; Wills

& Power of Attorney; Travel and Coping "on the road; "Alternative Medicine and Health Products. We welcome your suggestions.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

**CURAC: College and University Retirement Associations of Canada** On May 5<sup>th</sup>, our president, Don Steele, attended CURAC's first Atlantic regional conference held at Halifax. The CURAC federation has 35 member organizations.

At the Halifax meeting, Don set the stage for delegates to compare experiences and approaches to pensioner and survivor problems. His oral and visual presentation outlined MUNPA's unique challenges.

Don will follow this effort up at CURAC's Annual General Meeting at Guelph on May 24-26, where it is hoped that a longer agenda and national attendance will prove fruitful. A report of comparative findings and lessons will be presented in a future issue of this newsletter.

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**PRE-1993 RETIREES AND SURVIVORS** Due to an interpretation of the Privacy Act, the Department of Human Resources remains unwilling to provide MUNPA with a complete list of names and addresses for Pre-1993 retirees and survivors.

However, we have learned that, as of August 31, 2005, 265 were participating in MUN's health plan. Of this total, 158 had single coverage and 107 had family coverage. We don't know how many of the 265 participants remain with us today. We continue our efforts to obtain this information and to press their concerns.

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**MUNPA's WEBSITE ADDRESS** An updated version will be available as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Look for us at this web address: <<http://www.mun.ca/munpa>> It will be one of only three such sites in Canada. This was accomplished by the dedicated efforts of **Mary Steele**, member of our Executive. We are especially grateful for this achievement.

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**"AFTER HOURS"** DON'T MISS THIS: The **"After Hours"** art exhibit of works by current and retired faculty and staff at the Queen Elizabeth II Library's First Space Gallery, May - August 2006. Works by MUNPA's **Bill Allderdice**, artist and memoirist, are among the stimulating collection on display ... and for purchase.

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**PREFERRED RATE PROGRAM at The Works**

The Department of Human Resources has renewed the Preferred Rate Program (PRP) for fitness memberships at The Works for the 2006-2007 year (to March 31, 2007. A similar program is available in Corner Brook for SWGC employees and retirees. Enrollment is "open" at both locations. That is, those eligible may join the PRP program "at any time throughout the year."

Retirees now participating in the PRP will automatically be renewed for the 2006-2007 program year unless they advise of their wish to withdraw. Update your Membership Card at the Customer Service Desk at the Field House. To withdraw, you must complete a cancellation form available at The Works. Retirees in the Cornerbrook area must give similar notice of their wish to terminate from the "external facility." Program accessibility has been enhanced.

Renewal and eligibility information is available on-line (<[www.mun.ca/humanres/](http://www.mun.ca/humanres/)

wellness/PRP\_Announce\_April\_2006.pdf>). Or contact **Peter Hynes**, Worklife Programs Coordinator (737-4782 or <[phynes@mun.ca](mailto:phynes@mun.ca)>). In Cornerbrook, contact **Sharon Walsh** (637-6233 or <[swalsh@swgc.ca](mailto:swalsh@swgc.ca)>).

Membership/swipe cards at the Aquarena Fitness Centre will remain active. For information about your membership, contact **Craig Neil**, manager of the Fitness Division (737-3809) or <[cneil@mun.ca](mailto:cneil@mun.ca)>

**PENSIONERS RECEIVE A REDUCED RATE WHEN USING THE TRACK AT THE WORKS!**

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**MUN'S WEB PHONE LISTINGS**

For those pensioners who wish to have your phone and e-mail address included on MUN's web phone listing, you should notify the MUNPA office and provide your name and preferred telephone number, including e-mail and/or other address. MUNPA will forward this information to MUN's Communications and Computer Department for input into the system. Hard copies of the university phone book are no longer distributed.

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**SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS**

E-mail is a convenient way to communicate with you between newsletters. On December 19<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup> MUNPA sent an E-mail message to all members for whom we had an E-mail address. Some were returned for various reasons (e.g. no account, user unknown, over quota, etc.). If you have not received our messages and you have a valid E-mail address, please send it to us at [munpa@mun.ca](mailto:munpa@mun.ca).

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