

## **Presentation of Tony Chadwick for the 2012 MUNPA Tribute Award**

Memorial Pensioners' Association is very pleased to announce the successful candidate for the 2012 MUNPA Tribute Award is Tony Chadwick - respected academic, political activist, accomplished musician. Since retirement from the Department of French and Spanish at Memorial University in 2004, Tony Chadwick has continued to make significant contributions to the university as well as to the community he adopted as his home after arriving from England in 1967. The range of his retirement contributions to the university and to the community is wide and deep. There is a lovely counterpoint to his efforts that aptly describes the nature of the man - all work in the service of others has dignity - no task is too humble or too demanding. Tony lends enthusiastic dignity to the inglorious but necessary aspects of event organization and does so with the same commitment and energy he applies to the mentorship of graduate students and to his erudition in the analysis of current topics of social, political, economic, and academic relevance.

For the university, Tony continues to offer seminars in the Masters of Philosophy program, is available as external examiner, and provides graduate students with thesis assistance. He has offered simultaneous translation services to university conferences as well as proofreading and editing documents for research projects. He continues to contribute to the international academic community by offering independent conference papers on the psychoanalytic theories of Jacques Lacan, translating Lacan's seminars into English and making them freely accessible to the academic community through a public blog. He participates in the Memoirs Club in which a group of Memorial's retirees share life writing; he engages in genealogical research; publishes a political, social and economic issue blog; and, in memory of his good friend, Richard Buehler, is compiling an illustrated history of the well known 1960's theatre troupe - the Open Group.

Tony's contributions to the community are as diverse as they are notable. Always mindful of social justice issues and the importance of political social action, Tony is currently co-president of the executive for the electoral district of the leader of the New Democratic Party of Newfoundland and Labrador. He has been extensively involved in election campaigns, fund-raising functions, and appreciation events. He advises the party leader on university affairs and is an NDP volunteer in a school breakfast program. He is a persistent advocate of heritage preservation in downtown St. John's.

Music suffuses his life - Tony is active in five choirs: Memorial's Chamber Choir and Festival Choir, the Philharmonic Choir of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, the French Chorale and his church choir. He continues to be extensively involved in the Tuckamore Festival, organizing fund-raising events and chairing the 2012 organizing committee.

In addition, in his 'spare' time, Tony is an avid sailor who, in four major voyages, has completed the circumnavigation of the North Atlantic Ocean!

The MUNPA Board of Directors has unanimously approved the awarding of the 2012 Tribute Award to Tony Chadwick and is very honored to now ask Dr. Kachanoski, the President of Memorial University, to present the award.

*Background Information:*

Nominee: Tony Chadwick

Employed at Memorial: 1967-2004 (37 years)

Position at Retirement: Professor, Department of French and Spanish,  
Faculty of Arts

Nominated by: Phyllis Artiss (retiree, Faculty of Arts)  
Frances Wilkshire (retiree, Faculty of Arts)

2012 Tribute Awards Selection Committee: Maureen Dunne (Chair)  
Barbara Cox  
Sheila Devine (on leave)  
Anne Hart  
Henry Mann (Grenfell Campus)