



Your Voice

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MUNPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all... It seems like only yesterday that I was drafting a President's message for December 2015! In that message, I noted how quickly Fall was speeding by, and this year is no different. We have had a good start to the 2016-17 year, with a number of activities for members. Our recent panel discussion on the US Presidential Election was particularly well attended and helped us all get our heads around the unexpected results of that exercise and what they might mean for Canadians. Steve Wolinetz, Osvaldo Croci and Michael Wallack gave an engaging presentation followed by a good Q&A session. There was clearly a lot of interest in the topic!

Among the things to look forward to as the year progresses are our Christmas Social at the Fluvarium on Dec. 8, and the launch of our updated web site, which is tentatively scheduled for early December. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Social, our best attended and most convivial event of the year! Whether you are able to join us or not, I wish you, on behalf of the Board, all the best for the coming year.



Steve Wolinetz, Osvaldo Croci and Michael Wallack lead a panel discussion on the US Presidential election.

DON'T FORGET the MUNPA Christmas Social

Our *Christmas Social* will be held:

Thursday, December 8th, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
at the Fluvarium, Nagles Hill Place.

Please sign up by sending an e-mail to munpaevents@mun.ca with *Christmas Social* in the subject line or by calling the MUNPA Office at 864 6979 and leaving a message on the answering machine. **Please pre-register. It helps us know how many people to expect.**

MUNPA MEMOIRS CLUB

The MUNPA Memoir Group is a lively and sociable group of those interested in writing about their lives, and hearing others' stories. The group meets regularly each month in the Board Room of the Mount Scio Research Facility. Winter meeting times will be available in the New Year.

At its latest meeting, held on November 7th, the offerings were as usual varied: Bruce Shawyer read a memory of learning the techniques of stained glass production; Tony Chadwick, a childhood memory of grocery shopping; Roberta took us back to her short career as a fortune teller; and Jo Shawyer read short excerpts from her book (with Chris Sharpe) about co-operative housing in post-war Newfoundland. Once again, one person's memories sparked those in someone else's life, a process which enriched the experience for all.

We are a small number, but hope to see more interested retirees at the next meeting on Monday, December 5th, noon until 3:00 pm, same place. Bring your lunch, coffee and tea are provided. Why not drop in and see if you like it? It is not a "critical" group; we like to enjoy others' work rather than analyse it.

For further information, please contact Roberta Buchanan, Department of English rbuchana@mun.ca

2016 MUNPA TRIBUTE AWARDS

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the MUNPA Tribute Awards for 2016: **Dr. Carolyn Harley**, retired from the Department of Psychology, and posthumously, Prof. **Kjellrun Hestekin** of the School (now Faculty) of Music.

Carolyn Harley

Dr. Harley is being recognized for her ongoing contributions to research in her retirement, as well as for her university-based volunteer activities. Since her retirement in 2008 she has co-authored some thirty-one peer reviewed research articles and participated in NSERC, CIHR and MUN grants totalling over \$1.4M. She has also given freely of her time, as a supervisor or co-supervisor, of students in both Psychology and Biomedical Sciences, as well as of NSERC summer students.

On the national research scene she has continued to serve on grant selection committees for both NSERC and CIHR.

Dr. Harley's activities are not restricted to research as she is an organizing committee member for the annual MUN Scholarship Golf Tournament, and has served on the John Lewis Paton University Professorship Selection Committee.

Kjellrun Hestekin

Prof. Hestekin is recognized for her contributions to the local music community and volunteering for a number of local organizations. In retirement, Kjellrun continued to contribute her talents to the local music community through membership in local choirs, as well as acting as a board member for the Tuckamore Festival, and as an adjudicator for the Gower Community Band's Terra Nova program for young composers.

In addition to her involvement with the music community she greatly expanded her interests in volunteerism to many other fruitful endeavours including volunteering with the Association for New Canadians and a local food bank.

Kjellrun also served as a member of the MUNPA Executive Board and assisted in University Convocation ceremonies.

Formal presentation of the awards will take place at a function hosted by President Kachanoski in May of next year.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ARTS

Business and Arts Newfoundland and Labrador is a non-profit organization that drives economic development and fosters partnerships between our business and arts communities. We work to build a thriving arts and culture sector in a vibrant province.

Our volunteer program offers artists the support they need to make their best work while strengthening creative networks throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Through the volunteer matching program, volunteers have the opportunity to apply leadership skills and a wide variety of expertise to arts boards, committees, and operations for short-term, project-based involvement.

We would like to invite members of MUNPA to consider joining our growing roster of skilled volunteers and mentors who support the arts in their community. Prospective volunteers are invited to visit <https://businessandartsnl.com> for further information.

Please direct any enquiries via email to: Bryhanna Greenough, *Program Director - Business and Arts NL* bryhanna@businessandartsnl.com or by phone at (709) 690 4066.

MARK YOUR DIARIES

The following events will take place in the New Year at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Rd:

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Travel Session with Michael Wilkshire, French and Spanish, *"Spring in Spain: Andalusia (Granada, Seville, Cordoba) and a touch of Mallorca."*

Thursday, January 26th, 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Member's Forum with Cathy Penney, Psychology, *"Is Educational Software the Key to Individualized Instruction?"*

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Travel Session with Alan Whittick, Biology, *"Australia, East and West."*

Other events are in preparation. Details will be available in the New Year.

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