



Your Voice

MUN Pensioners' Association (MUNPA) Newsletter Vol. 15, No. 2; March 2017; Peter Fisher, Editor



GRENFELL SOCIAL

The Grenfell MUNPA folks enjoyed an informal social at the Blow Me Down Cross Country Ski Club on the afternoon of Thursday, February 16, 2017.

A few hardy souls went snowshoeing on the club's trail before twenty-five people enjoyed chatting to colleagues around the wood stove. A light supper was followed by a draw for a variety of small door prizes. The local Food Bank, run by the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association, benefited from a collection of \$125.

The Grenfell MUNPA committee consists of Madonna Day, Sharon Walsh, Kathleen Snow, Linda Carroll and Lois Bateman lbateman@grenfell.mun.ca. Please contact Lois if you are a MUN retiree from Grenfell and/or living in western Newfoundland and are not receiving our emails. We also welcome suggestions for future activities.

NEW MONOGRAPH

MUNPA member Patrick O'Flaherty has published a 70 page monograph entitled *A Reading of Samuel Johnson's The Vanity of Human Wishes. The Tenth Satire of Juvenal, Imitated (1749)*. For information, please e-mail longbeach@nf.sympatico.ca

GREAT BIG BOOK SALE

The CFUW St John's 2017 Book Sale will be held at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre on **March 28 – 30**. Hours are: Tuesday 6 pm – 9 pm; Wednesday, 10 am – 9 pm; Thursday, 10 am – 1 pm. Thursday will be Half Price Day!

They are now accepting used books at their collection site, the former TD Bank in Woodgate Plaza, Kenmount Road, near Toys R Us. Please drop off your gently used books during the following times:

Friday 11 am – 3 pm; Saturday 11 am – 1 pm; Sunday 2 pm – 4 pm and Monday 11 am – 3 pm.

They accept books of all genres, except Encyclopedias, textbooks, Readers Digest Condensed books, magazines and outdated technology manuals.

NEW CURAC WEBSITE

CURAC, the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada, recently announced the launch of a new website www.curac.ca. MUNPA is a member of this association, so check out the website for possible benefits and opportunities.

And of course don't forget to visit our own redesigned website, <http://www.mun.ca/munpa/>! We encourage all members to visit and bookmark the site to stay abreast of Association activities.

MUNPA AGM: Save the Date!

MUNPA's annual general meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 8th at Lester's Farm Chalet on Pearltown Road.**

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

The Department of Human Resources, is pleased to provide you with the March issue of the Wellness Zone employee health & wellness newsletter. <http://www.mun.ca/hr/services/wellness/March2017.pdf>



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Upcoming deadline to apply for a plot

Applications are now being accepted for plots in the Memorial University Community Garden, located behind Queen's College on the St. John's campus. Membership is open to students returning in the fall, and current and retired staff and faculty. The deadline to apply for the 2017 gardening season is Wednesday, March 15. Plots will be allocated through a lottery. For more information and to apply, go to the garden website

<http://www.mun.ca/communitygarden/application.php>.

Email <mailto:communitygarden@mun.ca> with any questions.

COLLETTE TOURS

MUNPA members may take advantage of a number of benefits resulting from our membership of CURAC. As an example, travel agent Collette Tours offers guided tours that may be of interest.

Collette provides additional benefits on all tours exclusively for being a member. The travel collection features comprehensive 4 star land tours, river cruises, rail journeys, small group tours, garden holidays and MORE. Collette seamlessly handles the details. Go to www.gocollette.com for more details. Or email: scoupland@collette.com for the Atlantic Canada Business Development Manager.

OUTING CLUB

The establishment of a MUNPA outing Club is coming closer. Recently as a first step, a group of 16 members got together at Holiday Lanes for a session of bowling. Reports indicate that this was an enjoyable experience for all.

Stay tuned to the MUNPA website for details of a second session later this spring. Also, if anyone is interested in leading other outings please contact Steve Wolinetz, Program Committee at steven.wolinetz@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

Many years ago, a group of recently hired faculty from across the university formed MUNAFT, the MUN Association for Fair Treatment, in order to seek credit for years of service prior to coming to MUN. Dr. Robert Adamec, a University Research Professor in the Psychology Department was Chair of the group. Funds were collected to cover any expenses should the group require legal services. The matter was settled and the funds never used.

The membership of MUNAFT recently decided to close the account and to donate the funds towards scholarships to honour the memory of Dr. Adamec who died in 2014. The donation totalled \$2102.

The Scholarship fund chosen was the *Memorial University Golf Tournament Scholarship*, established in 1998 as a result of entry fees and donations from corporate and individual participants in the Annual Memorial University Scholarship Golf Tournament. This fund now has more than \$200,000 and funds seven students each year.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 15, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road

"MUN Trivia Fun" (Okay, so you all retired from MUN... but how well do you know MUN??? People?? Places? Programs?)

The Memoirs group meets on the first Monday of the month, from 12-2.00 pm. in the Board Room of the Mount Scio Research Facility, 297 Mount Scio Road (opposite the Botanical Garden). For further information, email Roberta Buchanan, Department of English rbuchana@mun.ca.

The ongoing **Health and Aging** discussion group will be meeting on the morning of the third Wednesday of the month. For further information, email David Thompson davidt@mun.ca

The **Craft Group** meets on Thursdays from 10:00 - 12:00. in the Board Room of the Mount Scio Research Facility, If you have questions about the group, send an email to Liz Stanford stanford@mun.ca

Shutterbug, the photo group meets every second Friday, but will not be meeting in March. For more information see the web page <https://munpaphotos.shutterfly.com/> or contact Mike Wilkshire at mwilkshire@nl.rogers.com