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***NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHWESTERN
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CBC PNA***

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Our SWO Family Did It Again On The Pension Surplus Vote!



THANK YOU and congratulations to all, as we once again succeeded in getting out the vote. Our whole board got on the phones and emails were sent with a consistent reminder. We did above 100% as we also contacted three non-PNA members to vote.

Not only have they sent in their ballots on the surplus vote, two have also filled their membership form to join our CBC PNA SWO Family!

Heading East ⇨ London by Phil Peck

In November, President Gino Piazza and I took a road trip, eastbound on the 401 to exit 177. Our destination – Pasto’s Grill, part of the Best Western Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre. There, we met eight former CBC employees. Three of them had worked at CBC in London, Ontario: Kerry McKee, Bernard Graham and Gary Ennett. The others had worked at other CBC locations and now live in London.

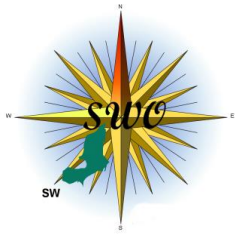
Our trip wasn’t just about lunch. We wanted to encourage pensioners to send in their ballot for the surplus distribution. (Many had already done it). We also discussed other issues that interest pensioners, such as the special assistance fund. We answered some of their questions. We listened to their concerns and suggestions - some things to work toward.

We also explained why it is so important that more pensioners join the association. Being a member shows support for the work that the association does on behalf of pensioners. With more members, we have a stronger voice.

We talked about how current members can help boost our ranks – think about the people who worked with you at CBC. Give them an enrolment form and invite them to join. I distributed forms to those in attendance, and this strategy is starting to pay off.

On a slightly different note, we have noticed that members from the London area don’t show up to association events in Windsor. This road trip proved they are interested in what the association does. Now, the SWO Chapter has to figure out how to get more of its members actively involved, more often and we will!





You Can Help! Phil Peck (Membership Director)

You Can Help

You probably know that I have been working to increase the numbers in the pensioners' association. It is an important goal, and one that you can help achieve.

I am asking, "Who worked with you at CBC?" If you let me know those names, I will make sure that they know about the benefits of enrolling in the association. I will also make sure they understand that the organization needs their support in order to continue its efforts on behalf of pensioners. It's work that includes ensuring that pensioners receive their share of the CBC Pension fund surplus.

Please take a few moments to remember your former co-workers, especially those who you have not seen at an association meeting or function. You can email their names to me at ppeck@kelcom.net, or phone me at 519-990-4941. If you know where they live or how to contact them, that would also be helpful information.

Many thanks to former CBC Windsor colleagues who have already given me names of people they used to work with. Together, we can make the association stronger.

***34% of CBC Pensioners who have NOT JOINED THE ASSOCIATION indicated they are UNAWARE of the advantages of joining!**

*Source – Survey of CBC Pensioners – 762 Non-Members responded to the question

Welcome: *Our New Members to Our Southwestern Ontario Family*



Gary Ennett has recently become a member of the Pensioners National Association. Gary started working as a news reporter with the CBC when the London, Ontario, news bureau was created in 1998, but his media career began years before that. When he was a student, growing up in London, he worked part-time in TV and radio. Then he landed a full-time position at CFPL when he graduated from Western University in 1979. He later became news director. During Gary's 25 years with CBC, the London operation grew from a storefront news bureau to a station producing local radio programs. Gary's role changed from reporter to morning newsreader. Gary retired from CBC in 2023.



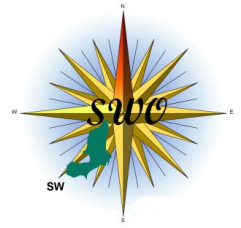
Congratulations Dale Molnar!

After more than 20 years on staff with CBC, and many more years in the journalist trenches, Dale Molnar retired from CBC in December. Dale was born in Windsor and grew up in Essex. He graduated from the University of Windsor with a degree in Journalism and communications. His reporting career started in television in 1986 in Manitoba. Before becoming a fixture in the CBC Windsor newsroom, Dale also worked in print. He then worked for CBC in Windsor as a radio freelance contributor and a temporary replacement. His dedication and determination eventually paid off, and he was hired full-time. Until recently, Dale was working as a video-journalist for the local TV news. After more than 20 years on staff with

CBC, and many more years in the journalist trenches, a newly-retired Dale now plans to continue writing, but it will be more from his imagination than the daily news agenda.



Frank Salive: The Voice of Canadian Standardbred Racing (Joanne Hoppe)



It is said that when one door closes another opens. Such was the case with Frank Salive.

Frank's background as goalie for a World Class Junior A hockey team, sports radio and TV reporting in Peterborough, Sudbury and finally Windsor prepared him to pass through that open door to "transition to an extraordinary career announcing horse races."

It started in the late 70's. While sports reporting in Sudbury, Frank got the opportunity to call a few races. Frank then came to CBC Windsor in 1977 as a sportscaster, working with Don Daly and the news team. When CBC TV downsized, horse racing presented itself as a whole new career. Frank began calling races at Windsor, Leamington and Dresden raceways.

A big break came when the Ontario Jockey Club was looking for a Standardbred Track announcer for the Woodbine group in the Greater Toronto area. Frank got the job and did that for 16 years.

In 2005, Frank left the OJC for reasons of work-life balance and called races for four years at Western Fair in London and surrounding area. In 2010, he left Canada for Pompano Park in Florida. After working there for two years, Frank retired to the island of Tobago.

Retirement didn't last long. After three years, in 2016, Frank took a job at Fort Erie Racetrack—his first full time gig announcing Thoroughbred races. He left Fort Erie in 2021 and announced his final races in Maryland.

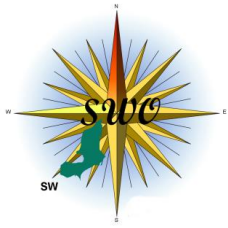
Named the "Velvet Fog" for his smooth delivery, Frank would call close to 200,000 horse races at 75 different racetracks throughout North America. What he liked about harness racing was the quick turnover of competitors with a new group every 20 minutes.

Looking back, Frank said he was in the right place at the nation's biggest tracks when the internet dawned and off track betting exploded on national TV.

Frank, "the voice of Canadian Standardbred Racing" was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2022. He was also honoured at Leamington Raceway last September and called several races from his old booth atop the grandstand.

Now retired, Frank splits his time between Florida and Tobago. Frank has great memories of his time at CBC Windsor and says hello to all his former colleagues.





CKLW MEMORIES - PART 2: Gerald Head

In early 1966, Gary Waterman and Vern Harvey left their positions in the Film Department. I was chosen to fill Gary's position as a film editor. The Film Department was managed by Don Sharon. Ruth Anne Laporte was the senior editor. Bob Knowles and Kathy Flint joined our crew.

The Film Department was responsible for assembling the commercials that would air that day as well as prepare the movies and syndicated shows for airing. We generally were a week or so ahead of each program's airdate. Preparing movies and programs entailed shortening the show to fit the time slot and place the commercial breaks.

I remember editing "Ben Hur" starring Charlton Heston for airing on Bill Kennedy's Sunday show. I had to remove 45 minutes of content and place eight commercial breaks. The day after the movie aired I was approached by a member of the studio crew and told that I did a terrible job of editing the film. I asked for specifics as to why it was bad editing and was told that Ben was a teenager going into the commercial break and that he was a man when the movie returned. That change of age was done by the movie's director. The change of age was in the original uncut movie. I did not edit that portion out.



One Sunday I was working, and Bill was showing "Now Voyageur" starring Bette Davis. Bill had a small role as Bette's husband accompanying her to the cruise ship to see her off on her voyage. This scene occurs closer to the end of the movie. During each live break Bill would promote his upcoming scene. When the movie finally reached that point the scene with Bill wasn't there. Ruth Anne had edited it out. Bill came into the Film Department and demanded that I find that scene and get it into telecine. During the next live break Bill introduced it and it was aired. The next day, when Bill arrived at the station to do his afternoon movie, he came to the Film Department and asked Ruth Anne, "Why did you cut my scene?" Ruth Anne replied "Bill.

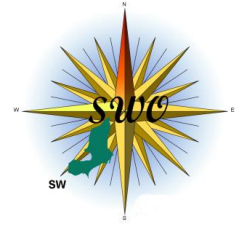


It had nothing to do with the plot of the movie."

The worst thing that ever happened in the Film Department was a complaint about air quality affecting the employees. We used Ethyl iodide glue when splicing film. Ruth Anne did a lot of research on this product. She contacted the Board of Health and Detroit Television stations amongst others. At WDIV Detroit, all editing suites had a vent above the bench blowing air downward to the floor where another vent sucked the air out of the room. This system prevented the editor from breathing the fumes.

Our management responded to our concerns by adding a three-inch fan into the air duct to suck the fumes out into the hallway. This, of course, drew the fumes up to our nose on its way out. Combine the Ethyl iodide glue with the film cleaner that we used, and you had a deadly mixture. By the way, the film cleaner was highly flammable. I would finish work at 4 p.m. and go home and sleep on the floor in the living room for two hours every day. I left work daily with a severe headache. I went to my family doctor, and he investigated the glue and the film cleaner and stated that I was experiencing brain damage. I talked to Ruth Anne the next day and she informed me that she also had gone to her doctor who came to the same conclusion. We began planning how we were going to deal with this with management. No need to! The next day as I walked past Mr. Ritchie's office his secretary told me, in confidence, that my doctor was on the phone with Mr. Ritchie demanding a change be made in the working conditions or he would have the Board of Health, and the Workers Compensation Board shut down the Department. Needless to say, the following Monday saw all the chemicals removed from the building and tape splicers replacing the glue splicers.

Significant Anniversaries this Year



More than 600 people have worked for CBC in Windsor, since the Corp first broadcast from the city almost 75 years ago. That's a lot of people, with a lot of memories – some good, some not so good.

During 2025, former and current employees will be asked to reflect on their work experiences, and share their stories. Some significant historical dates will be highlighted, and shared.

For example:

- 75 years ago, CBC first broadcast from Windsor as CBE Radio went on air on July 1, 1950.
- 55 years ago, Radio-Canada's French language service started in Windsor when CBEF went on air.
- 50 years ago, CBC became the owner/operator of Channel 9 in Windsor, initially with employees who worked for CKLW-TV. The call letters were changed to CBET-TV in September 1975.

The Chimczuk Museum will have an exhibit this Fall featuring old photos and historical artifacts. A group of pensioners is helping to collect material for the exhibit. If you have anything that could be included, please contact Joanne Hoppe (hoppe.joanne@gmail.com) or Lynn Baker (lynnbaker@gmail.com), or by email: anniversaryCBCwindsor@gmail.com

A Facebook Group has been established: Memories of CBC Windsor – Anniversary Edition. This is a private Group, so only people who have worked for CBC in Windsor can join it (past and current employees). The Group page will present old photos, videos and documents about CBC Windsor. It will also be a place for members to share their memories.

The FB Group will be about the past. It will not comment on current CBC programs or policies, and it will not deal with politics, politicians or party policies.

Other events to mark the anniversaries are in the planning stages. As they used to say on TV - Film at 11.

Take a moment to View, Click Like and Comment on all our posts on Facebook, visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/SWOChapterCBCPensioners>



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO UPCOMING SURVEY

The SWO section of the CBC Pensioners National Association needs your input.

In September 2024 at our AGM in Windsor, there was agreement to survey members about some issues.

The survey will go to *most* members via email from FreeOnlineSurveys.com. Others will receive it via Canada Post.

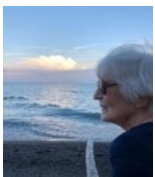
There are 4 questions. That should take less than a minute to complete. Your responses will be confidential and compiled without identifying you.

The questions deal with the timing of social events – The Summer BBQ, the December Christmas Party. Another with a suggestion to change the name of our “Christmas Party”.

Yet another question deals with the relationship between your SWO board and the National board. Last year, SWO asked to become a Region. Even though we have more than 90 members, the SWO request was denied. With your support, your board would continue working on this matter.

Your opinions are valuable to us. Please complete the survey as soon as possible.

Memoriam:



Ruth Evangeline Neilly: March 13, 1926 – March 16, 2024



Rosaline Clark: September 24, 1926 – December 21, 2024



Robert James Miller: August 20, 1953 – January 27, 2025



2024 Christmas Party



Thanks to everyone who attended our December 2024 Christmas party. This was once again a very large gathering, which should not be a surprise and from all the feedback that was received it was once again a huge success. The most common feedback was how great it was to see old friend. The evening saw a great deal of rekindling among past co-workers and meeting



new friends that have joined our family over the past years. Thank you to Ed Everaert, Dan Kennedy and Fitz for putting together another great video that highlighted so many parties of the past. Thank you to our donors for the many door prizes, Kevin and Nancy Brode, Pat Ryan, Manny



Pacheco, Jackie Kervoelen-Cheslea, Stephen Kristof, Amica and the Caboto Club. We gave thanks to Gabe and Linda Menard for all the years of hosting our summer BBQ. The biggest thanks go to YOU our members and Friends, some that travelled quite the distance to

attend. Plans have begun to re-stage our summer BBQ and the many anniversaries that are coming up. Our spring edition will have details on our upcoming events. These are but a small sample of the many photos and our video which is online on our Facebook page. So please take a moment and visit. Thank you and looking forward in seeing everyone at this year's BBQ!



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