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Events Calendar 2007-2008

Day	Date	Event	Time	Where
Tuesday	Sept. 18th	Meeting Lunch	10.00 am 12 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	Oct. 16th	Meeting Lunch	10.00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Thursday	Oct. 25th	New Members Reception	3:30 p.m.	EMSB
Tuesday	Nov. 20th	Meeting Lunch	10.00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Friday	Dec. 7th	Holiday Party Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	Jan. 15 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	Feb. 19 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	March 18 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12.00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Friday	March 28	Benefits Workshop Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	April 15 th	Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Thursday	May 8 th	Annual General Meeting Lunch	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	EMSB Picasso Restaurant
Tuesday	June 17 th	Meeting	10:00 a.m.	

Monthly luncheons are at:
 The Picasso Restaurant
 6810 St. Jacques West (West of Cavendish)
 Tel: (514) 484-2832

- Please call any member of the Special Events Committee to make a reservation. All are welcome, and bring a friend

Alston Narick - 514-272-5459
 Althea Caesar - 514-787-7241
 Sandra Aird - 514-738-6169

- We welcome suggestions for additional activities, call us at any of the telephone numbers shown above, or use the e-mail address: info@gparse-apperg.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pat Steele

Here we are at the end of another year. In my first year as President, I have very much enjoyed meeting many of you at our monthly lunches and larger get-togethers. I look forward to seeing you also at the Spring Tea in Cowansville next month. A major part of our *raison d'être* is the opportunity to meet up with former colleagues and exchange notes on past experiences and current activities. And what a busy group we are! Travelling, volunteering, playing bridge, learning (and teaching!) computer skills and digital photography, doing courses on particular interests, keeping fit, we seem to turn our hands to everything. Who said retirement was the end of our useful and productive years?

This has generally been a fairly good year for seniors. The provincial government has just announced the formation of a special ministry for seniors. Our national association, ACER-CART, was part of a group that successfully lobbied to extend pension splitting to all pension income, not just the CPP/QPP. There were a couple of improvements in the tax system affecting seniors. Of course, with the baby boomers starting to reach that certain age, the strains on our health system are only going to grow, but at least governments seem to be sitting up and taking notice, for the first time in many years.

I wish you all a very enjoyable, healthy and safe summer.

RECRUITING TESL FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

ABOUT THE JOB

Full-time teaching positions based on 1 year contract term (renewable)

ESL Instructor for Public Schools: Student ages range from 7 to 18 attending public elementary school (7-12), middle school (13-15), high school (16-18)

ESL instructor for universities and colleges: Student ages range from 18-22

Location: Dalian, China

START DATE - September 2007

CONTACT - Cindy Yao

Councillors of Dalian Association for International Exchange of Personnel (DAIEP, China), with responsibilities for American Affairs including recruiting TESL to work in China and introduce experts into China

Cindy Yao

Councillor of DAIEP

Director of Kids to Kids - www.k2k2.org

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Spring Garden Party

Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators
Protestant Retired Teachers Homes and Benefits Corporation

At
Robinson Residence
738 rue Principale
Cowansville

Thursday June 14th, 2007
From 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Cost \$5.00

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TRANSPORTATION: Private Car or Chartered Bus

By Private Car:	Follow the directions provided on the following page. Tickets for the tea may be purchased at Cowansville.	
By Chartered Bus:	Reservations must be <u>made by June 1st</u>	
Call for Bus Reservation:	Alston Narick Sandra Aird Althea Caesar	(514) 272-5459 (514) 738-6169 (514) 487-7241
Loading at EMSB	6000 Fielding Avenue	12.30 pm

Cost: Bus \$10.00 + Tea \$5.00 = Total \$15.00

Pay by cheque (QPARSE) or cash at the Board if going by bus.
For comfort, ease, safety and economy, take the bus

The bus cost (\$750.00) is heavily subsidized by our organisation. IF YOU RESERVE, but do not make it, please send your \$10.00 cheque to our treasurer.

Contact QPARSE

Use our e-mail address If you have questions to ask a Board Member	info@qparse-apperq.org
Or: If you would like to submit an article, or make a correction in the newsletter	Don Berry, Editor 68 Courtney Montreal West Quebec H4X 1M5 Tel: 514-487-3140 e-mail: dberry@videotron.ca
Or: Visit our website:	www.qparse-apperq.org/e/feedback.shtml

LEGAL ADVICE

Please be reminded that QPARSE retains the services of a notary who is willing to answer general questions dealing with real estate or taxes. Should he act for you, there will be a charge.

Andrea F. Durso, Notary 4635 Sherbrooke St. West Westmount, QC H3Z 1G2	Tel: (514) 931-2531 Fax: (514) 931-2534
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Front Cover	Gardening is spring dreaming, and an attempt to make the dream come true
Back Cover	Of course there are bugs and droughts to make it a little more difficult. Look who came to dinner

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New Members Application Form

QPARSE FEES: Life Membership \$75.00

Please complete the form below and return it, with your cheque for \$75.00 made payable to QPARSE, to:

Mrs Robin Narsted
Membership Director
323 West Acres
Dollard des Ormeaux, QC
H9G 1V2



(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt/Hse # Street

City Province

Postal Code

Tel. No: _____ Date of birth _____ (dd/mm/yy)

(area code plus number)

e-mail address: _____

Date of Application: _____

REPORTS TO THE AGM

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS (ACER-CART) 2006 Report to QPARSE Annual Meeting, May 3rd, 2007

QPARSE representative, Renate Sutherland, attended the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART), held at the office of the Canadian Teachers Association (CTF) in Ottawa on June 2nd and 3rd. The meeting, which also celebrated ACER-CART's 15th anniversary, was attended by twenty-five persons representing retired teachers' associations from all provinces in Canada.

Update on 2006 AGM Motions that have been acted upon:-

- The process for incorporation of ACER-CART has been completed.
- ACER-CART became a member of the Canadian Caregiver Coalition, a 35 member organization whose mission is to join with caregivers, service providers, policy makers and other stakeholders to identify and respond to the needs of caregivers in Canada. A conference was held in Aylmer in October 2006. CART's Executive Director, Pierre Drouin, is a member of their Board of Directors and holds the position of the Secretary -Treasurer.
- ACER-CART continues to advocate with other senior groups for the implementation of our health care policies, including the need to establish a National Prescription Drug Agency under the Canada Health Act.
- The presentation of ACER-CART briefs to the Federal Government's Standing Committee on Finance Dealing with Pre-Budget Consultation and Pension Splitting resulted in the establishment of strong contacts with representatives from other organizations and the government.
- ACER-CART will continue to pressure the federal government and opposition parties on working towards the establishment of a Seniors Secretariat.
- Notice of Motion to increase the fee from 20 cents per member to 25 cents will be brought to the 2007 AGM

Communications Committee - Vaughn Wadelius, Chair

The ACER-CART website www.acer-cart.org has been updated. A redesign of the index page will better feature current items of interest and, the "What's New?" page will provide a direct link to member organizations' newsletters, including our own at <http://www.acer-cart.org> and, will use a slide show format to exhibit the 2006 AGM photos. Pat Steele is a member of the Committee.

Together with other organizations ACER-CART participated in the "Pension Tension Conference" held last October in Ottawa. Since then the House of Commons has adopted a bill to introduce pension splitting for 2007. There is also pressure from other groups for income splitting. At a Conference on January 30 in Ottawa on this topic, the Minister of Finance indicated that income splitting is NOT on the table at this time.

ACER-CART Partnerships

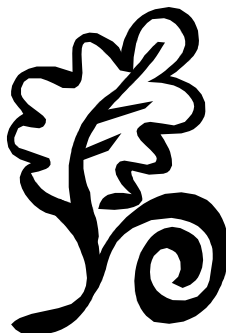
a) Common Front on Pension Splitting - This group has grown to 23 provincial and national associations of retirees/seniors representing 2.6 million people. Contributions by ACER-CART included - research of existing policies, surveys of retirees/seniors, document translation, preparation of media releases etc.

b) Congress of National Seniors Organizations (CNSO):

As a full member of Canadian Seniors' Partnership and the Congress of National Seniors' Organizations (CNSO), ACER-CART has access to posting and sharing ACER-CART policies, programs and projects with other national organizations in presenting a common front on major issues facing retirees and seniors. The Congress of National Seniors Organizations will apply for incorporation. The federal government is gradually working towards the establishment of a Seniors' Secretariat, though funding of such a national seniors' organization remains a major obstacle.

On your behalf, I express my thanks to Merle Lewis, who provided ACER-CART with invaluable information on Quebec seniors' health, tax and pension issues; to Don Berry and Tom Murray for helping to publicize the affairs of ACER-CART to our membership in the Newsletter and on the website, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Sutherland



On Friday, March 23rd, 2007 we held our annual benefits workshop at 6000 Fielding. The topic was travel insurance. A speaker from Industrial Alliance and one from SSQ were to be present to discuss the teachers' and management plans respectively. Unfortunately neither speaker showed.

Merle Lewis spoke about recent changes to benefits and taxes that are of interest to our group. Topics covered were pension income splitting and the provincial tax credit for home support services (which can be claimed on the provincial tax return without prior application as of Dec 2006). In addition, key changes to be found on the income tax returns were mentioned. One of these is the new non-refundable federal tax credit for the cost of monthly bus passes. This came into effect July 1, 2006.

Merle indicated that you should never hand back the magnetic key card issued to you in a hotel. Until that card is re-issued to a new patron, your name, address and credit card information remain on that card.

An article from the CBC web sit highlighting what should be done in the event you have had your pocket picked was discussed as well.

There were many interesting questions and several members had experiences to share and information to offer.

Pat Steele then highlighted the key aspects of the travel insurance plan for teachers with Industrial Alliance. Reference was made to the 45 day coverage and it was suggested that Trent insurance at 1-800-216-3588 was a good choice for top-up insurance.

Always advise your insurance company if you have had a change of treatment or been hospitalized within 90 days of your trip. If you lie you could very well invalidate your coverage. Pat suggested that cancellation and baggage insurance be bought from a travel agent. Various credit cards offer some coverage. It was emphasized that you read the fine print carefully.

Neville Murrison had some information to share regarding travel insurance gleaned from Money Saver's web site. Although the information related mostly to private as opposed to group insurance plans, two things were evident. Never lie to your insurance company and contact the insurance company as soon as possible if you get into medical difficulty while travelling.

Walt Steeves indicated that we could comparison shop for insurance at www.fiscalagents.com

This section of the workshop was also followed by lively discussion and suggestions for safe travel.

We then travelled to Picasso's Restaurant on St Jacques for lunch.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO QPARSE AGM - 2006-2007

Since my last report, we have successfully converted the membership database into Excel, making it much easier to work with. We are now able to organize the data in any way we need to for the various mailings we send out during the course of a year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to please notify us should you move, so that we do not have to put you on the list of stray members. You can always contact us through our website (or by phone or snail mail, if you prefer) with any information which needs to be updated.

In the year since the last AGM, I have recorded 64 new members, an increase over last year, and 41 deaths. While we have found some strays, others have cropped up. At the moment, 30 remain on the list. We have decided that, once members appear on the list of strays for over 2 years, we will remove them from the active membership list since, in all probability, we are unlikely to hear from them again. I am retaining their names, however, in a separate file "just in case". We appreciate it very much when we receive news about these strays from those of you who might know, or have known, them.

Currently there are 1321 regular members, 9 associate members, and 13 complimentary members.

I am pleased to report that, since the membership fee was changed at the last AGM, we have received membership upgrades from over 170 members. Thank you very much!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great summer and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you next year.

Robin Narsted
Membership Director

GOODWILL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT MAY, 2007

Your Goodwill Committee has endeavoured to provide a "light- touch" by sending two booklets (Spring and Christmas) containing poems, jokes and puzzles, as well as a surprise Christmas gift, to all our 25-plus -years' members.

Gift bags were given to the residents at The Robinson Residence at their Christmas party, and birthday cards were sent to our "Super Seniors".

I am especially grateful, and want to thank Maureen Howlett for undertaking the gift purchases and the printing and mailing of the Christmas booklets in my absence.

The 2007 Spring booklet is delayed, but hopefully will be sent out before summer arrives!

Thank you to all who provide feed-back and encouragement. We appreciate hearing from you

Respectfully Submitted
Hilary Hill - Goodwill Committee

NEWSLETTER REPORT - 2006

Don Berry

The Newsletter format was changed as of the winter issue. It was printed in a magazine format with the pages stapled together. We used a new printing company and were able to keep the cost approximately the same. The feedback that I received was very positive. Unfortunately the printer we used is not able to continue and we are looking for someone else to do the spring issue in the same design.

Don't forget that we are always on the lookout for new talent! If you have a yearning to write something that can be shared with your fellow retirees, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. I am also always looking for contributors outside of Montreal and articles 'en Français'.

I want to extend my appreciation to a number of other people for their invaluable support. Bill Hine is responsible for the attractive cover art in each issue. Thank you very much to Rosemary Stewart who does a great job with the production of the Newsletter and is responsible for our improved layout. Sincere thanks also go to all those who regularly submit items for inclusion.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

In September last year we might have predicted a bright and exciting year, but with the death of everybody's friend, Graham Knott, our beginning was somewhat tentative. Our love to his family.

Our Fall Reception held in the afternoon of October 19th, at AMSB was a success as always, but can always be a bigger event if more members would attend.

Everyone looks forward to the month of December when we have our Holiday Party and it seems to follow a winning formula, so why interfere with a good thing. The Lawrence Patterson Hall was again the hub of our activities. Our small but always enthusiastic choir led our annual yuletide sing-along. Our resident story teller, Neville Murison, did only what he can do. The morning climaxed with the singing of a beautiful winsome lyric soprano, Jacqueline Woodley. We seem to be fortunate with sopranos. She was a real hit! Coincidentally, we also discovered an organist-pianist in the person of Philip Crozier, who opened our Christmas festivities while winning everyone's approval. He could well become our Christmas regular. The morning was completed with the traditional presentation of non-perishable food and cash to the NDG food depot who then distributed it to indigent families. To those who made this happen, thank you very kindly.

The acknowledgement of member's birthdays every month with simple little gifts continues to be still popular and it runs on its own steam, so to speak.

The celebration of Valentine's Day at a luncheon session is always a happy combination and an enjoyable one.

The annual trip to the Robinson Residence has always been a pleasant outing. It has already been organised and reach to charge. Again, we have a new bus fitted with a bathroom and we've been promised a driver who knows the route (unlike last year's). This entry into the romantic countryside take place on Thursday June 14th. The bus fills up rapidly, and as we never like to tell late-comers, "Sorry the bus is full", we exhort you to contact the Events Committee soon.

These events can only be successful if you participate.

Respectfully Submitted
Althea Caesar, Sandra Aird, Alston Narick

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2006

The assets of the Association as of December 31st, 2006 were \$187,901.53, an increase of \$9853.70 over that reported in December 31st, 2005. This increase was due to two main factors; the success of the investment portfolio (+\$5426.77), and the increase in revenue from membership fees (+\$8180.00), \$2300.00 of the latter amount came from those members who sent in their voluntary \$15.00 to the Association. The year end balance was \$5762.71 as compared to that of December 31, 2005, \$1355.78.

The Newsletter (\$10,134.87), the Spring Garden Party (\$1,164.79), Communications (\$1,794.77), the Fall Reception (\$231.30), Workshops (\$982.25) and Goodwill (\$1,000.00) made up the greater part of the Association's disbursements. All these costs were very much in line with those of last year.

In the Auditor's Report to the Members, Fernand Jacques noted that he had examined the record of Assets, Receipts and Disbursements of the Association for the period ending December 31st, 2006, and certified that the Treasurer's Financial Report was correct.

Respectfully submitted
Ian Trasler

ROBINSON RESIDENCE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2006

Although the Robinson Residence is not full to capacity of 13, and this is a concern to all of us, we must focus on the positive!

The Residence is well managed and the staff really do put forth a lot of extra care that is not found in other places. It truly is a home away from one's home. Whatever is suggested to be carried out—an activity or a change—the first question is always the same, 'How will this impact our residents?'

Over the year we have seen residents leave us for other places when more nursing care is required. We are thankful that others have come to take their places. As each new face appears, a new dimension is brought to our home and one's past adds to the sharing at the daily 3:00 o'clock tea time.

In a house of this size and vintage, there are always areas that require attention but we are fortunate to have a handyman on staff which can do a lot for us. That, coupled with

the financial resources that have been left to us and along with the foresight of several people responsible for building and grounds, the house is a very comfortable and is a place I know that we would be happy to retire to when the time should come.

With greatly improved CLSC services which permits seniors to remain in their homes that much longer, new residents come to us much later in their lives. No resident has a car in the garage presently which is certainly a change but it also proves the reality of the times.

We will be facing new challenges in the near future—not only with ways of attracting new residents, but with the certification process that we have to undergo, keeping up with the inspections of the various departments from government, maintaining our staff, etc. These things give us food for thought and although we do not meet collectively regularly, we do a lot electronically. I am really happy to be associated with a group of people who demonstrate a very high regard for this piece of property and the institution for which we have had the wonderful fortune with which to become involved.

It is with regret that we have received the resignation of three members from the 'Robinson Board' who have spent many years working for the betterment of our facility. We will miss Audrey Bishop's quiet, dedicated way of 14 years, Ruth Kokelaere's most recent responsibility as the Montreal chauffeur for 9 years but previously as Mrs. Goodwill and Valerie Delacretaz's efficiency as our present good-will ambassador and involvement for six years.. We wish them all well, improved health for Audrey and Ruth, and do hope that they will stay in touch with the board and that we will be able to count on seeing them occasionally and especially at the bi-yearly celebrations.

It is our intention to find three people in the Townships to take their places—but they will never be truly replaced after all of their dedicated years.

Hopefully we will have many turn out at the Annual Spring Garden Party on June 14th.

Once again, if you are ever in the area, drop in at the residence and experience a sample of genuine Eastern Township's hospitality which many people over the last forty years have appreciated after they decided to call The Robinson Residence their new home.

Gary Crandall, Vice-President PRTH & B Corporation

ROBINSON RESIDENCE - MANAGER'S REPORT FOR 2006

As another year has ended, it is time to reflect on the past.

We presently have nine residents, three of whom have been educators. During the winter months we had one gentleman with us while his family were away on vacation. One of our main concerns is our high vacancy. This, however, seems to be universal in this domain at the present time.

Our spacious, well maintained grounds which include flower beds and vegetable garden brings much pleasure to our residents. We are fortunate to have a number of swing sets for our clients to relax and enjoy this home-like setting.

Residents are kept busy with the help of many volunteers. They were honoured at our annual Volunteer Tea held in April. On a regular basis, we have worship services, weekly bingo games, pet therapy, craft and conversation, travelogues, piano recitals and school/church choirs, etc. We greatly appreciate the time these volunteers spend with our residents to help stimulate their days.

We remember each resident on their special day with a birthday cake and cards. If possible, they have a guest for dinner. The residence is appropriately decorated for special occasions along with special meals and/or desserts to fit the event. In March we had a sugar shack meal, topped off with sugar on snow. It was enjoyed by all !!!

The annual Garden Party was held in June. The weather cooperated, making it a pleasant event for all who attended. Our Christmas Party for Board, residents and staff was held on December 7, 2006. We had our carol singing, a visit from Santa, drawings on Christmas baskets, the kindness of Loblaws, as well as a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

All are welcome to stop in and visit the Residence when in the area. If you know of an autonomous senior who would like to join the Robinson Residence family, please pass the word on.

Margaret Beattie, Manager

ROBINSON RESIDENCE - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT 2006

During the past year there have been a number of costly but necessary repairs done to the buildings:

1. A new roof was needed on the south facing side of the Greene wing of the residence. At the same time the southern half of the roof on the workshop/stable was also replaced
2. New kitchen counter tops were installed and stainless steel panels were also installed to protect the counters from steam and excessive heat.
3. A new floor was laid in the kitchen. It is floating floor that looks like terra cotta tiles.
4. A new hardwood floor was installed in the dining room over the existing floor that had large cracks that were unsightly and hard to keep clean.

It is to be hoped that many of you will be at the spring tea and can see for yourselves these changes. I am sure you will be pleased and approve.

Roy Seaman,
Director of Building and Grounds

ROBINSON RESIDENCE - PUBLICITY REPORT 2006

As the Publicity reporter for the 'Robinson Residence Board', I take the opportunity to write up every occasion that I am aware of, taking place there. These articles are then sent to "The Record", the paper read by most of the English population of the Eastern Townships and to Don Berry for the teachers' magazine.

As this beautiful home needs all the help it can get to help keep it fully occupied, I try to make the articles interesting and the home inviting. The articles include the Christmas Dinner, Volunteer Tea, Summer Outdoor Party, and other activities taking place at the home—religious services, music, crafts, bingo, animal visitations, etc. and occasional special events.

Trusting that in my own small way I am helping to keep interest in the residence alive and well, I submit this report.

Evelyn Beban Lewis, Director of Publicity

ROBINSON RESIDENCE - ARCPQ REPORT 2006

ARCPQ stands for :

Association des Résidences et Chsld Privés du Quebec

The Association of Private Residences and Long Term Care Centers of Quebec

The Robinson Residence has been a member of this association since its inception in 1997.

ARCPQ keeps members informed of any new laws and requirements put out by the provincial government in regard to all private residences for the elderly in the province.

At present, much time and energy is being devoted to preparation for certification. All residences must meet the criteria set by the Quebec government in January 2007 and obtain "un certificat de conformité" by February 2009. This means meetings will be held to explain exactly which steps to follow in order to receive our certification. This will prove to be costly and time consuming.

We have much to do but the information provided by ARCPQ should make this work less arduous.

Therese Maguire, Director of ARCPQ

ROBINSON RESIDENCE - GOODWILL REPORT FOR 2006

The Goodwill Report for the Robinson Residence is quite short as my duties have not been very onerous. I have sent about six get well messages to members of the Board of the Robinson Residence and to our employees during the last year.

As I step down from the Board I wish its members and everyone at the Robinson Residence a healthy and rewarding year.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Delacretaz

MEMBERSHIP

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

No. 1: From Eileen Holmes Colton

No doubt you have heard my name before. I always write an article for our QPARSE Magazine after five Pontiac County ex-teachers meet for lunch. We do this as we are all graduates of the MacDonald School for Teachers, Class 1941.

Sadly, I have to report that one of the five passed away this winter. Iva Elinor Horner Armstrong of Shawville, Quebec. W=She was the instigator of our annual luncheons and we will miss her very much. We are hoping we will be able to continue this yearly event. Not all of us are members of QPARSE, but I will certainly show them the "We Remember" page when Iva's name is there.

No. 2: from Joan & Kris Kristensen

I was just reading your Fall 2006 newsletter. Actually it only turned up a few weeks ago. I see your fee has gone up, so I am sending you \$15.00 to cover mine. (letter dated Jan 07)

I keep fairly well but my husband had a stroke 2 years ago. However, he is doing very well now. He looks much better and is trying to keep up with some of the work he did before as an accountant. He is not allowed to drive so I have inherited the job, it keeps me busy.

We are soon celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on Feb 2nd. We are keeping it very low key - the family and very close friends. How time flies! We met on board ship about 55 years ago. He was coming from Denmark to see what Canada had to offer in the needle trade. I was coming from England after studying in a Theological College in order to go into the Mission Field. I did my thing, but we kept in touch and we were married when I returned on furlough. The girl I went with, who was my maid of honour, is still alive. My husband's Best Men are all dead and my other bridesmaid is too. We want a nice reunion with those who are still around.

Thanks for sending me the paper religiously. I do read it but as I get older, I don't run around as much. Life does change as you get older. We have 2 children, a boy and a girl and 3 grandchildren, pretty well grown up now.

No 3: 60th Wedding Anniversary for Blue Hills Couple

Keith Campbell and Anita Tilling celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on November 23rd, 2006. The ex-Canadian Air Force veteran and his wife were Montrealers, but way back in 1959 had the foresight to buy land on Lake Cook in Blue Hills, Morin Heights. The couple built a cottage

there, and in 1984, when Keith retired from being a Principal with the PSBGM in Montreal, they made Morin Heights their permanent home.

Their son Wayne, his wife France, two grandchildren and three great-grand children organized a small celebration in honour of the parents' anniversary. Wayne is building a cottage for his family, right across the road from Keith and Anita. What great present could any grandparents want!

No. 4: Lennoxville Recognizes Retired Teachers Make a Difference. By Ruth Evans

On February 22nd, 2007 the borough of Lennoxville honoured several citizens who have made a difference in the community. The Citizenship and Volunteer Work Award was presented to Janet Angrave. Following a 31-year teaching career, Mrs Angrave has given her time teaching Tai Chi, delivering meals on wheels, helping at the Uplands Gallery and the Library - a few of the ways she contributes to her community. Congratulations Janet!

No. 5: From David & Margo Hogg

My wife, Margot, and I are both retired, we moved to Victoria, B.C. in Sept. 2006 and are finally getting our condo apartment into shape. Since I have been here, I have continued my interest in the travel business. I had been working as a travel agent in Montreal for a year before we moved. Now I am a cruise consultant for the Victoria Cruiseshipcenter, along with Barry Cole (retired Principal from Riverdale High School, as of 1997).

Our office specializes in cruises of course, but we also do organized land tours and can arrange flights as well. I would be pleased to help any QPARSE member find and plan their dream vacation.

QPARSE members can check out my website www.cruiseshipcenters.ca/davidhogg to find out when and what kinds of cruises, trips, destinations are available. There is no charge to use this site and/or to use my services. We work strictly on commission which is paid directly to us by the cruise companies and land tour companies.

I can also be reached at my work e-mail dhogg@cruiseshipcenters.com

NEW MEMBERS

The following members are new to the Association since the Winter 2007 Newsletter and we welcome them to QPARSE.

Surname	First Name	Address
Burley	Norma	Dorval, QC
Carson	John	Rosemere, QC
Haynes	Ron	Brampton, On
McKeown	Kerry	Montreal, QC
Paquette	Francine	Dollard des Ormeaux, QC

NEWSLETTER STRAYS

When a newsletter is returned, we put out a special appeal to our members for information. You are our best source for discovering the reasons for that return. Please check the following list of returned newsletters and send any information to Mrs Robin Narsted, 323 West Acres, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC, H9G 1V2

Surname	First Name	Address
Adams	Eric	Kingston, ON
Brown	Barbara	Moncton, NB
Chapman	Paul	Pointe Claire, QC
Dick	F. Margaret	Montreal, QC
Farr	Robert (Bob)	Bromont, QC
Fraser	Wanda	Halifax, NS
MacLeod	Elizabeth	Truro, NS
McElcheran	Sylvia	Hamilton, ON
McElrea	Marjorie	Longueuil, QC
Poure	Doris	Granby, QC
Reid	Eileen (Billie)	Dorval, QC
Rewakoski	Janet	Montreal, QC
Stewart	Hazel	Napanee, On
Stockwell	Helen	Brockville, ON
Tenneson	Mr & Mrs Geoffrey	Knowlton, QC
Watson	Alan	Rochfort Bridge, AB
Wile	Walter	

SUPER SENIORS - SPRING 2007

The following is a list of our Super Seniors who will be celebrating a birthday in the following months. We wish them all congratulations and good health.

Surname	First Name	Age	Date
Gilbert	Esther	96	June 13 th
Theobald	Elsie	96	June 15 th
Stone	Ernestine	99	June 24 th
Johnston	G. Clifford	94	June 25 th
Cowper	Betty Lou	94	July 13 th
Wales	Elizabeth	93	July 13 th
Stevenson	Ellen	93	July 29 th
Clarke	Marnie	97	July 30 th
Staniforth	Reta	98	July 31 st
Jordan	Herb	93	August 12 th
Wallace	Thomas	91	August 17 th
Wright	Phyllis	96	August 30 th
Markwell	Gwen	95	September 1 st

Stewart	Hazel	99	September 13 th
Tenneson	Geoffrey	90	September 17 th

WE REMEMBER

We remember also, the following members of QPARSE who have passed away since the last newsletter. We join with families and friends in remembrance.

Surname	First Name	Address
Armstrong	Iva Elinore	Shawville, QC
Ascher	Sarah	Dollard des Ormeaux, QC
Balaban	Stanley	Dorval, QC
Champion	A. Constance	Riverview, NB
Gélinas	Barbara	Westmount Park, QC
Hendry	Betty	Pointe Claire, QC
Illingworth	Estelle	Lachute, QC
Jacquot	Christian	Greenfield Park, QC
Jamieson	Vera M.	Westmount, QC
Johnston	Margaret	Montreal, QC
Keene	Florence	Montreal, QC
Laberee	Marion	Sherbrooke, QC
Lang	Margaret Irene	
Morley	Mona	
Oxley	Kiel	Beaconsfield, QC
Paradis	Muriel Maud	
White	Orville	Victoria, BC

OBITUARY - MONA MORLEY 1916-2007

Elizabeth Shales

Mona Morley passed away March 9, 2007. The last years were not kind to Mona . She suffered from a form of dementia which gradually robbed her of her memories and capacities and was hard on her, particularly after the death of her elder sister Edna. Those of you who have had similar experience with your loved ones will know both the physical and mental impact on all involved.

Mona was quite a woman in her day! She was a tall women for her era, about 5-11, attractive with a commanding presence. In her professional and personal life people always knew Mona was there. She was humorous with a great wit. One knew Mona was coming by the infectious laugh which preceded her everywhere she went. One had to be on one's toes to keep up her. She had both intelligence and common sense. This combination enabled her to rise to the top of her profession, to be a leader among her colleagues. She was a capable financial manager, tough construction supervisor, actually supervisor of anything and anybody, reader of mysteries, conqueror of crossword puzzles, a terrible driver, generous to a fault and without an ounce of materialism. She was comfortable in overalls or mink, the local hardware store or the boardroom. She was a talented seamstress, a painter of houses, a digger of gardens, but she was no cook. She loved a

party where she was generally the center of attention. She favoured rye and ginger ale and she could hold her own in any debate. She was the provider of advice to everyone, not always asked for mind you and often of the sort you would hate to admit was right.

In the eyes of her sister Edna's children Elizabeth Shales and Bill Davidson she was an aunt of heroic proportions. She was an influential and involved grandmother to Peter, Mark and his wife Sylvie, Brent, Adam and Margaret. If fate had given her the chance she would have been a fine additional great grandmother to Liam and Clara.

Mona was born April 28, 1916 in Valleyfield, Quebec, the daughter of recent English immigrants from the cotton mills of Lancashire. She had two older sisters, Ida, who died as an infant and Edna. Her relationship with Edna is a tale in itself. Until Edna's death they never lived more than a block away from each other. They were in the family home until their 20's and lived either "upstairs/downstairs" or in the same residence for over 70 years. They had a special bond.

The Morley family moved to Montreal in 1916. Her father Peter was a painter with the Grand Trunk Railway. They lived on Mullins Street in the Point St. Charles district where Edna and Mona grew up. Mona was an excellent student. She graduated as top girl from the High School of Montreal for Girls. She said she wanted to be a doctor but as money was not available she took her teacher training and at 19 she was one of only four graduates to be hired by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. She taught elementary school and then became a biology teacher at the High School of Montreal for Girls. In 1954 she was appointed principal of Kensington School in NDG. She subsequently became Vice Principal for the High School of Montreal for Girls and, when that was amalgamated with the boys' side, she became Principal of Algonquin Elementary School in Town of Mount Royal from where she retired in 1971. While teaching she took correspondence and summer courses from Queens University and attended for one full year to obtain her BA.

Mona was always an organizer. Conditions for women teachers in the 30's and 40's were unequal with men to say the least. Women who married had to resign their positions, salaries were lower than their male counterparts. Mona entered the fray and became President of the Montreal Women Teachers' Federation.

She led the negotiations which eventually resulted in equal pay and service conditions. After she became an administrator she remained a strong union supporter. When her niece, Elizabeth, entered the profession in 1968, during a period of labour turmoil, Mona ensured that Liz understood the issues, attended the rallies at the old York Theatre and the Paul Sauvé Arena, and inculcated her with the values of solidarity among the profession.

Upon retirement Mona became president of the English speaking Quebec Provincial Association of Retired Teachers where she campaigned on their behalf. On her kitchen table she created the first editions of the newsletter which continues today. She was an active board member of the senior's home for retired teachers established in Cowansville.

On the lighter side Mona was a tour guide. She led at least 2 groups of teachers on tours of post war Europe in the days when you got there by ship. She was reputed to be an organizer, humorist, nurse and she generally exercised force of personality to keep everyone on plan.

The following is a card written by tour members.

"To Mother Mona with Love
 M is for the many miles we traveled,
 O is for the orders of the day,
 R is for the rough times that we gave you,
 L is for your laugh so loud and gay,
 E is for efficiency - not Ernest,
 Y is for the yowling that we've done,
 Put them all together- they spell Morley,
 The gal who turned a rat race into fun."

Mona experienced a full life. She did what she wanted to do and she had no regrets. Her philosophy was upbeat in her good years which she often expressed in practical terms. She believed; i) you do not make a mountain out of a molehill, ii) if you applied good common sense to any problem things would work out in the end and, iii) you planned for the future but did not worry about things until you had to. Not bad advice.

Mona Morley was my aunt. Actually she was more like a second Mom. She was a career woman before it was fashionable to be one. Mona - you were a force and you will be missed.



Directory of Members with Special Expertise

Some time ago, we used to include in the Newsletter a list of names and phone numbers of members who had particular skills and interests that they were prepared to share with others. The topics included computers, real estate, travel, hearing problems, taxes and benefits. We would like to reinstitute this list. Of course, if you make additional income from your expertise, we would not expect you to offer your services free except for an initial phone contact.

If you are interested in putting your name on such a list, please contact us by e-mail, info@qparse-apperq.org or phone - President, Pat Steele (514-369-3473) or the Editor, Don Berry (514-487-3140).

Name	Phone or website	Talent
Sonia Bowman	514-748-5788 Home 514-747-0568 machine	Sign language, speech therapy, lip reading
David Chandler	514-334-7418 ptolemee@autoroute.net	Digital photographic workshop
David Hogg	www.cruiseshipcenters.ca/davidhogg dhogg@cruiseshipcenters.com	Cruise consultant

Robinson Residence News

Evelyn Baban Lewis

When everywhere you look, you see volunteers, you just know that there is a lot going on in the place. That's exactly what is happening at the Robinson Residence for Seniors, Cowansville as evident by the number who turned up for the Volunteer Tea on May 17th.

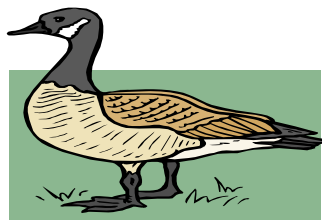
Gary and Bev Crandall welcomed all at the door and invited them to sign their names onto name tags so that names and faces could go together. It was hard to believe that all did not know each other by the conversations and laughter taking place.

Gary officially welcomed everybody and introduced the Board Members, who had attended - Shirley Wescott, Art Hobbs, Peggy Steele, Roy Seaman, Therese Maguire, Ann Beldon and her husband and Evelyn Lewis. Included in the guest lists were Reverend Wendy McLean and Reverend Sinpoh Han. He sincerely thanked the volunteers (Board Members were also included as they also volunteer their time) for the time and activities, which they provide and said that the residents look forward to all their visits. The usual talk around the breakfast table is, "Who is coming today?"; Is it Craft Day, Bingo, Pet Day?; information from the local churches; Church services with either Reverend McLean or Reverend Han, someone else to lead a service of Prayers and Hymns, piano playing of the "oldies and goodies"; or someone dropping in for tea and a visit. Matron Margaret Beattie added her thanks and told little stories of how important the volunteers are to the home.

One volunteer, Patricia Lafrenierte was sadly missed due to her sudden death. A lovely picture of her was on the mantle over the fireplace.

Tea, coffee, sandwiches, veggies and scrumptious desserts were served amid continued conversation and laughter. Too soon it was time to say our "goodbyes" but promises of continued support were expressed everywhere.

It is sad that more people don't know about this beautiful home, with all its special care and that there are some vacancies. It is a home where the residents are not made to feel like a resident, but "one of a family" and more people should be feeling the warmth and friendship that those in the home feel.



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ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE PROJECT-CFUW SHERBROOKE & DISTRICT

Bev Taber Smith

CFUW Sherbrooke & District is involved with a fascinating project of preserving local educational history. The aim of this project is to preserve the history of the one-room schoolhouse era from the 1930's, 40's, and 50's in the Eastern Townships.

In the mid 1990's, a project of oral history interviews of former teachers in one-room schools in the Townships was undertaken by our club. In January, 2006, this project was revived when we learned that Mary Jean Woodard Bean, our new lifetime honorary member, was a former teacher in a one room schoolhouse. Thanks to lots of formal, and "word of mouth" publicity, our project gathered considerable momentum. Club volunteers have interviewed over 50 former teachers (including several francophone) and students and even one inspector.

Important memorabilia have also been received including teachers' contracts, report cards and photographs which, along with the oral histories will be added to the earlier collection of tapes, transcripts and other relevant material in the Eastern Townships Research Centre located at Bishop's University, Lennoxville, QC.

A grant from the Belanger-Gardiner Foundation was obtained which enabled us to hire a BU history student to transcribe tapes to text during the summer of 2006. Recently, we received both a Partnership and a grant from the Townshippers' Foundation. The Partnership encourages people to donate money to the Foundation and to direct it to the One-Room Schoolhouse Project with tax receipts issued. In a very short time, members, families, and friends have donated nearly \$1500. Further donations and grants will be necessary and are being sought.

Funds raised will permit our club to use the information and memorabilia in a publication of a Dates to Remember book. Club members are in the process of writing and editing the text for the publication. This publication will be completed to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary in 2008.

In November 2006, Teas were held to honour the former teachers and students who have been interviewed or who had donated memorabilia. The following comments explain the response to the Teas; "I am writing this note to thank you and your Canadian Federation of University Women colleagues for the special event that you hosted last week in honour of teachers who taught in one-room schools. It was an elegant and informative afternoon - just like the teachers who attended."

The experiences and reminiscences recorded are fascinating and we are pleased as a CFUW group to be dedicated to preserving and celebrating this important history of education in the Townships. With the publication of a permanent keepsake, everyone who has an interest in a part of Canadian history and education will benefit.

For further information on one-room schools,
you may visit: www.townshippersheritage.com/tours-schools.html

Chuckles

THREE LITTLE WORDS

Three little words you often see
Are articles - an, a and the,
A noun is the name of anything
As school or garden, hoop or swing
Adjectives tell the kind of noun,
As great, small, pretty, white or brown -
Instead of nouns the pronouns stand -
Her head, his face, your arm, my hand.
Verbs tell of something being done -
To read, count, laugh, sing, jump or run
How things are done the adverbs tell,
As slowly, quickly, ill or well.
Conjunctions join the word together,
As men and women, wind or weather.
The prepositions stand before,
A noun, as in or through the door.
The interjections show surprise,
As Oh! How pretty! Ah! How wise,
The whole are called the nine parts of speech,
Which, reading, writing, speaking teach.

Extracted from "Annie's Mailbox" the Montreal Gazette March 3, 2007
Credited to Green Baker, Freedman's School around 1865.

The following gems are submitted by Heather Lightfoot

A 4th grade class in Edmonds, Washington was given a quiz on first aid. Among the answers were these dubious home remedies:

For nose bleed	Put the nose lower than the body
For snake bite	Bleed the wound and rape the victim in a blanket for shock
For Fractures	To see if the limb is broken, wiggle it gently back and forth
For Fainting	Rub the person's chest. If a lady, rub her arm above the hand.
For asphyxiation	Apply artificial respiration until the victim is dead

A WELL-PLANNED LIFE

Two elderly women met for the first time since graduating from High School. Once asked the other: "You were always so organized in school. Did you manage to live a well-planned life?"

"Yes," said her friend. "My first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and now I'm married to an undertaker."

Her friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well-planned life?"

"One for the money, two for the show, three for the ready, and four to go."

QUESTIONS TO PONDER - WHY, WHY, WHY?

1. Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
2. Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?
3. Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?
4. Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
5. Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
6. Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
7. Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?
8. If people are evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
9. Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?
10. Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
11. Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
12. Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
13. Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
14. Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
15. How do those dead bugs get inside those enclosed light fixtures?
16. Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that is falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

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