

Retirement news

Pionairs explore Switzerland

The Toronto chapter of the Pionairs' mini Switzerland fall tour was a great success. In fact, due to popular demand, the original tour was divided up into two groups - the first one from October 4 through 10 and the second October 11 through 17. Despite the heavy load factors on flights to Zurich, everyone managed to arrive for their respective tours.

The 49 members on each trip enjoyed a seven-day stay in Weggis, at the lovely first-class Rossli Hotel on the shores of Lake Lucerne.

Although some people chose to venture off on their own or to relax at the hotel, many others participated in organized outings. These included: a funicular ride up to the peak of Mt. Rigi; a scenic boat ride around Lake Lucerne; a bus ride through the Alps with spectacular views of the snow covered peaks and the valleys below; a trip to the Trummelbach waterfalls and a visit to the famous Einsiedeln Monastery. On all these outings the bus was filled with jovial people laughing and chatting but always taking time to enjoy the scenery and the interesting comments of tour director Norm Danton.

Apart from the touring, there was time set aside for a shopping trip to Interlaken and the

last group was treated to a colourful fall festival, where more than 100 farmers, dressed in traditional Swiss costumes, and cows, decked out in garlands of flowers and tinkling bells, competed for prizes.

Upon returning to the hotel each evening, the guests found a superb dinner awaiting them. Afterwards, everyone relaxed in the lounge, took part in a sing-along or had a whirl on the dance floor.

Before they knew it, the week was over and it was time to leave. But, along with their souvenirs, everyone brought back memories of beautiful scenery and many happy moments.

The tours were organized and capably handled by Norm and Blanche Danton and the Pionairs wish to express their appreciation to them both for all their efforts and time spent in planning the trip.

Now, when is the next one?

Fashion show raises funds

Members of the Montreal chapter of the Canadian Maple Wings Association recently attended a fall fashion show at the Dorval Golf Club.

The event, organized and staged entirely by volunteers, was held in aid of the West Island Women's Shelter. Joyce Macdonald, chapter president,

Calgary Pionairs meet

Calgary district Pionairs recently gathered for their annual general meeting and elected the following members to the Executive committee: Gordon Saunders, Director; Ken Morrison, Treasurer and Joan Clark, Secretary.

The phoning committee consists of: Jean Ingram, Barbara McKenzie, Dorrie Reese and Joyce Young.

All members in the Calgary district are invited to come out for informal 'pub afternoons'

Luncheon in Victoria

Once again, the Vancouver Island Pionairs had a very successful fall luncheon at the Holyrood House in Victoria, with 131 in attendance.

Chairman John Innes welcomed all new members as well as Eleanor and Bill Singer, who are not new members but new to Victoria, as well as the 'Pond Hoppers' from Vancouver. John also thanked his hard working telephone committee for all their efforts in calling the members.

welcomed the guests and introduced Claire DeRosier of the shelter, who outlined the organization's needs, especially those of the children

The show was coordinated by Macha Colas and Denyse Walsh, fashion experts and makeup artists. Beautiful fashions, modelled by members of the Maple Wings, their daughters and friends, were presented by Diane Ott, co-owner of Jeckyl and Hyde of Pointe Claire Village. As well, there were cozy furs from Hercules of Montreal, jewellery by Avril and hairstyles by Salon



Calgary Pionairs are, from the left: D. Reid, Joan Clark, Gord Saunders, Joyce Young, Jean Ingram, Ken Morrison and Barbara McKenzie.

on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information

phone Gordon at (403) 275-0545.

The luncheon started off with Happy Birthday greetings to Doug McLeod. Dorothy Buss reported on the second Annual Picnic and thanked all who helped and especially the 60 who turned out. The highlight once again was the baseball game. Peggy Davies, the Ladies' Auxilliary President, gave a run-down on the winter activities and welcomed any members who would like to join in.

The group was pleased to have the opportunity to introduce the new Pionairs President from Winnipeg, Mike Lewicki and his wife Wilma to Victoria. He was pleased to see and talk with all those former Winnipegers who, as he put it, "are living in paradise".

Also on hand to address the guests was Alex Stevenson,

Capro at the Airport Hilton.

Following the fashion show, everyone gathered for refreshments and a number of door prizes, including a return flight to Ft. Lauderdale - compliments of Air Canada, were awarded.

The event was a tremendous success and, thanks to everyone's efforts, \$1,000 was raised for the women's shelter.

Pension and Administration Manager from Winnipeg, who answered a few questions with regard to the pension fund.

John also thanked the membership for their donations to the four large boxes of food that will be given to the Salvation Army and the Mustard Seed in Victoria.

Calling all curlers

Another curling season will soon be underway and now is the time for Pionairs to put a curling team together.

Each district will be allowed one team and, in a situation where more than one is formed, there will have to be a play-off to determine the district winner, who will then compete for the right to represent the Pionairs at the System Curling Bonspiel in Calgary.

Please note that if you are a Pionair and curl in a regular league, you will not be allowed to qualify through the Pionairs should you be unsuccessful in the local A.C.R.A. playoffs (Article 9, item 8 of the curling by-laws).

If you'd like more information, please contact John Innes, Pionairs Curling Coordinator, 1656 Teakwood Rd., Victoria, BC V8N 1C9, phone: (604) 477-3067.

Richard retires

After more than 30 years service with the company, Station Attendant Richard Parent retired to enjoy a well earned rest. At a party in his honour, he was presented with his retirement plaque by Alain Gagnon, A/ Aircraft Services Duty Manager. In the photo, he is shown, left, receiving a watch from I.A.M. Local Chairman Daniel Charbonneau.



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Maple Wings stir up support

The Mississauga chapter of the Canadian Maple Wings Association has produced a collection of mouthwatering recipes contributed by members of all 12 chapters as well as members-at-large in Canada, the U.S. and Britain.

The book, entitled 'Down to

earth cooking', contains a wide selection of tried and true favourites along with illustrations by Margaret (Moody) Donahue, which evoke the 'good old days' of working for Trans-Canada Air Lines.

'Down to earth cooking' is available for \$10 Cdn and all

profits from the sale will go to Interim Place, a home for battered women in Mississauga.

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