



This winter season has become a nasty word for some while others who haven't been hit as hard with snowfall are enjoying their winter sports. The cold over the school Christmas break made it hard for the kids to get outside and enjoy the snow.

Let's hope there is some relief coming with some seasonal temperatures and less snowfall.

2018 is going to be an exciting year for the 3M Canada Retirees club as we hope to add a few new social activities.

This year's executive introduces a new Club president. John Banjac is joining us and has two meetings under his belt so I think we can consider him seasoned.

To start us off here is an update on your 3M Retirees club executive. Cindy Knight is stepping down and will now hold the title of Past president and John Banjac will fill this position. As usual we will have a few words from our club president but first a few words from our departing 3M Canada Retirees Club President.

Take a moment to relax and review this action packed newsletter and as always your feedback is important to us to make sure we are able to bring you the information and activities you are looking for.

3M Canada Retirees Club Retiring President - Cindy Knight

Greetings to all 3M Canada Retirees.

Art and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2018.

It has been a real pleasure for me to be involved with the committee for your social club this past year and to have had a chance to meet many of you at volunteer events and at our spring luncheon and the fall banquet.

I know that your executive are looking forward to an interesting and fun year so you can enjoy this year's upcoming events.

All the best to you,

Cindy Knight

Introducing 3M Canada Retirees Club President - John Banjac



We would like to welcome John Banjac as our incoming 3M Canada Retirees Club President. John was born in England and came to Canada with his parents in 1953 at the age of three. Life was challenging growing up in rural Ontario. Not only was he flanked by two younger sisters, he was the eldest in a European family. That meant you set the example, worked hard and did your chores and “no” was not optional.

From there his next big step was King City where he attended high school. John then travelled to Toronto attending Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. At the end of his formal education (as we all know we never stop learning) he spent 10 years working for Dominion Stores before joining 3M in 1981. With his retail experience gained at Dominion Stores he was hired as a sales representative in the Commercial Tape Div. now CBG. His various roles in his career at 3M included Ontario Sales Manager CGB, National Accounts Manager Construction Home Improvements Division, National Sales Manager managing the Canadian paint and hardware business. After surviving the introduction of SAP he retired in October 2015.

John lives in London and has two daughters living in Toronto. Christine is in Human Resources with Nordstrom and Kimberly is an Account Manager with a public relations agency.

3M Canada Retirees Club President message

Greetings fellow 3Mer's. It is a thrill and pleasure to be a part of the 3M Canada Retirees Club. I recently found my new job description, it pretty much sums it up for me:
When you stop living at work, and start working at living.
When travelling, exploring, indulging and relaxing are in your job description.
When every night is Friday and you are happy on Mondays.

For many of us, our entire careers have been spent at 3M Canada. Over the years we've built relationships and developed great friendships. One of the goals of the 3M Retirees Club is to maintain that circle of friends through events we can all participate in.

These are exciting times for this organization. We have some veterans on the team, and some 'fresh, new' faces (LOL) managing events and various committees. Volunteers are always welcome – please let us know if you'd like to get involved.

Looking at the numbers we have 600 registered members: 57% are on our email/ mailing list – we are able to contact them directly to communicate news and events. If you know of fellow retirees who are not receiving communications directly from the Retirees Club, please let them know that they can submit their contact information through our website:
3Mcanadaretirees.com

We have a great agenda for 2018 and ask you to join us at these events. We look forward to your participation, and your feedback. Don't miss these opportunities to stay connected with your peers and colleagues. Looking forward to seeing many of you in 2018.

Open Positions

I know here we go again but we are still looking for a communications co-ordinator and a special events co-ordinator to join the team. Please contact John Banjac (EMC4N.PRES@gmail.com) if you are interested or want to learn more. The success of this club relies on expanding the committee. We are always looking for help in different areas if you cannot commit to a position on the committee. All members are invited to attend the monthly meetings to find out more on how you can help or to learn more about the club.

Visit 3Mcanadaretirees.com for this years meeting and events dates.

Fall Banquet recap

A total of 154 3M retirees and their guests attended the Fall Banquet on October 17 and were treated to the 3M Canada Company President as a guest speaker, the addition of turkey as a menu choice and lots of winners of some exciting prizes....

It was nice to see quite a large crowd linger after the presentations were over to visit with old and new friends and I am sure to perhaps finish off a wee bit of wine.

Our winners left with smiles on their faces...

\$25.00 cheque x 3 winners - Giselle Varillas, Billie Spooner, Kathleen McLeod

\$50.00 Gift certificate for the 3M Employee Store - Sue Reeves

\$50.00 Restaurant Gift Certificate - Bill Corneil

3M Gift Basket - Karen Taff

Movie Passes - Jerry Brhelle

and the winner of the 50 50 draw to the tune of \$345.00 was Joan Newman.



3M Canada Company President Mojdeh Poul updates attendees on how well 3M Canada is doing.



A few of our attendees catching up and having a good time.

Website update

It's always fun to see photos from social events whether you were able to attend or not. We have had several requests to share photos from our various events. A new page has been added to the 3MCanadaretirees.com website to feature photo galleries from retiree events.

Photographs may also be downloaded for personal use. Visit the website to see additional photos from the Fall banquet.

February Luncheon - Renamed Spring Luncheon - Note date change to March 19, 2018

We have some exciting news for everyone. This year's luncheon typically held in February will actually be a true SPRING luncheon as the date has been moved to Monday, March 19, 2018. This is just before the first day of spring and daylight savings time will have kicked in.

The luncheon will be held on March 19, 2018 at the Greek Canadian Community Centre. Details and sign up information for this event are enclosed and are posted to the 3M Canada retirees website.

Our June luncheon will be renamed to Summer Luncheon and I am sure most of us will be ready for a great kick off to summer. Stay tuned for additional details on the June Summer Luncheon.

Budweiser Gardens

As previously announced the 3M Retirees Club is pleased to announce a new program for retirees to receive DISCOUNTED TICKETS for a variety of Budweiser Gardens events. Details on what venues and how to order discount tickets is now posted on 3Mcanadaretirees.com ***under Budweiser Garden Tickets.***

There are several exciting venues coming up and to *name a few...*

- Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella
- Wizard of Oz
- Stomp

Please visit the website often for certain venues and opportunities to purchase discounted tickets as a 3M Canada retiree, family and/or friend...

3M Employee Store

November/December at the 3M Employee Store saw record sales. The Store was open for a couple of special customer shopping events as well as offering extended hours throughout the month of December. January/February are typically slower months for the Store but they continue to get new and exciting items every day. You should have received a list of January Specials via email/mail recently. Saturday Store openings are listed on the Club Website. A reminder that regular shopping hours are 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Saturday hours (when open) are 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Remember to bring and present your gold card in

order to receive your 10% discount (which is available to 3M retirees and their spouses only).
Happy Shopping!
Marilyn Piper

Golf outings



Two great outings will be once again organized by Brian Piper over the summer.

Plans are already underway for next year. We will be adding West Haven, in addition to Forest City. Both are wonderful venues. Stay tuned for further details once the golf courses are up and running again. These events are open to golfers of all calibre and you have your choice of playing 9 or 18 holes. The focus is on fun and friendship. (and maybe a pint after the game)

Take a Break Travel 3M Retiree outings

Take me out to the Ball Game....



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Take a Break Travel have come through for us again and we are pleased to announce that we have secured 20 seats for the following baseball game. Our group will be seated together on the bus (seats marked 3M but not specifically assigned to a person)

Monday July 2, 2018

Toronto Blue Jays vs. Detroit Tigers

Tour Includes: Field Level Bases Tickets, Transportation to Rogers Stadium, HST. Cost: \$113
Tickets Section 130AL Rows 16-20

Please refer to the attached flyer as well as 3Mcanadaretirees.com for payment information and how to book. Space is limited on each trip so book early. If you book after the cut off date and there is still space you will be accommodated or can be put on a waiting list in the case of a cancellation.

Buble - Sinatra Christmas show and lunch review

The Buble - Sinatra Christmas show and lunch on December 5, 2017 was attended by nine 3M Retirees and relatives and the weather co-operated for our bus trip down the highway. Our first stop was in Guelph at the Stone Mall where a few people were able to finish off (or get started) on their Christmas shopping.

We continued on to bingman park where our group was seated together. The lunch was buffet style and consisted on Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and a lovely dessert table. Once the dishes were cleared away the entertainment started and we enjoyed songs from Sinatra, Buble and of course Christmas music.

The return home was fun. One of the participants out of the blue stood up and got us all singing a Christmas Carol.

These trips are fun and a great way to get together as a group of 3M retirees. We hope that participation grows in 2018.

The 2018 line up of trips will be available in the next few weeks. Is there a particular interest you would like us to book as a group trip. (wine tour, theatre, shopping US, shopping Canada) Let us know and we will try and work something out. Contact Lynn Daly at EMC4N.VICEPRES@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer We will be announcing the need for volunteers for the following two events as they become available.

- **Kiwanis Music Festival**
- **Kinsmen Sugar Bush (week of March Break)**

Stay tuned for details on these events and how to register to help on 3Mcanadaretirees.com website.

3M Childrens Festive Party

Children's Festive Party was held on Sunday November 12th at the Western Fair Agriplex. There were between 500 and 600 attendees who enjoyed a great day, fun was had by all. Thank you to Herman Sahrman and the many 3M Retiree volunteers for their help with this event.



3M Canada Retiree Meetings for 2018

Tuesday, Jan 9	11am - 1pm	Queen Victoria Room, 363 Sovereign Road
Tuesday, Feb 13	11am - 1pm	Queen Victoria Room, 363 Sovereign Road
		NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION
Tuesday, Apr 10	11am - 1pm	OxBox Room, 1840 Oxford St. East
Tuesday, May 8	11am - 1pm	OxBox Room, 1840 Oxford St. East
Tuesday, Sept. 11	11am - 1pm	OxBox Room, 1840 Oxford St. East
Wednesday, Oct 10	10am - 12pm	3M Retiree Club Annual General Meeting A101 300 Tartan Drive
Tuesday, Nov. 13	11am - 1pm	OxBox Room, 1840 Oxford St. East



Bowling - NEW

Ever thought you would like to try your hand at bowling. The 3M Canada Retirees Club will be offering up the opportunity to join fellow 3M retirees at Fleetway Fun Bowling centre for a game or two of 10 pin bowling.

You don't have to be an expert at Bowling, scoring is taken care of by electronic scoreboards. The cost is reasonable and shoe rentals are available at the center.

Once details of this event are finalized an announcement will be made via email and the 3M Canada retirees website. Stay tuned.....

3M Euchre Social - Family & Friends Welcome

Everyone loves a good game of euchre (well Almost everyone) and you shouldn't have to search high and low just to get in the game.

Search no further. Come join fellow 3M'rs, family and friends for a very social game of euchre every second Thursday of the month at the 3M location on Sovereign Road (cafeteria). Cost is a loonie which covers coffee, tea, cookies and supplies.

If you need more information please visit 3Mcanadaretirees.com for schedules or contact Joan Peck 519-268-3737 or Joan Struckett 519-645-3169 information.



Obituaries

We have struggled with a way to keep our members informed when a 3M Canada retiree passes away. We do not get notified by the company. Moving forward we will communicate this type of information, via email, to our membership only upon written request by the retiree's family. Keep in mind that information is timely and we will do our best to get the information out as soon as received. No hardcopy notifications will be mailed out and sufficient lead-time must be provided. Please send information to the following email address which is monitored regularly - EMC4N.SECRETARY@gmail.com

Scheduled activities - 3M Employee Store

Saturday, Feb 3 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, Mar 3 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, Apr 7 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, May 5 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, June 2 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, Aug 11 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, Sept 8 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, Oct 13 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, Nov 3 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road
Saturday, Dec 1 9am-2pm	3M Employee Store Family & Friends Saturday	363 Sovereign Road

3M Canada Retirees Executive committee

President - John Banjac
Past President - Cindy Knight
Vice President - Lynn Daly
Secretary - Marilyn Piper
Treasurer - Peter Heisz
Membership - Pierre Holden
Web Services - Marilyn Piper
Event Coordinator - OPEN
Communications Coordinator - OPEN
3M Liaison - Chris Allen

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter and encourage new 3M retirees to join the club, remember if you know of someone who hasn't signed up please encourage them to do so. Retirees can go to 3mcanadaretirees.com to sign up.

We look forward to an exciting and fun filled year in 2018.

Your 3M Canada Retirees Club Committee