

Be sure to visit [3mcanadaretirees.com](http://3mcanadaretirees.com) for the most up to date news and event information!

Once again it is hard to believe we are sending out the final newsletter for 2019. This year and particularly this summer has just flown by. This newsletter contains information on upcoming events as well as reviews of some of the activities we have hosted over the year.

Enjoy reading and as always, your suggestions and comments on content for the newsletter are always welcome.

**A message from your 3M Canada Retirees Club President - John Banjac**

Greetings 3M Retirees

Welcome to the Fall addition of the 3M retiree's newsletter. I'm hoping everyone had an exciting Summer and are getting ready for a colourful Fall. We had some great events take place this year. Our two luncheons were again well attended. There are more events taking place this Fall. There are some volunteer opportunities with the Christmas Hamper program. Please check the 3M retiree's website for other details. The Fall banquet will be at the Four Points by Sheraton on October 21st. This venue has proven to be a success. The menu for the Fall event is outstanding as always. Please get your reservations in early. See you there.

**Open Position**

We are pleased to announce that Gary Shawyer has stepped forward to fill the open Secretary position recently handled by Marilyn Piper. Sandra Nesbitt has volunteered as back up to Gary.

Thank you, Marilyn for doing an exceptional job keeping us all on track with your meeting minutes and action items in each publication.

We will be voting on each of the Executive positions at the Annual General meeting on October 16, 2019. If anyone else is interested in joining the committee, please consider attending this meeting. Not ready to commit? Just come to a meeting to see what we are all about.

**Summer Luncheon recap - Held June 17, 2019**

Our Summer Luncheon was a big success with 109 3M retirees and their guests in attendance! It was wonderful to see so many familiar, and some new faces, all having a great time catching

up with each other. Folks are really enjoying our new venue due to the variety / quality of the food and the convenience of the Four Points Sheraton location on Wellington Road South.

Tina Kalopisis, Lab Manager, Regulatory and Quality Manager was our guest speaker. She brought us up to speed on some of the new exciting products 3M is bringing to market! Everyone enjoyed Tina's presentation as was evident by the number of questions they asked.

Prize Winners:

\$25.00 cheque – Bill Lock

\$25.00 cheque – Lois Day

\$25.00 cheque – Fay Melvil

Employee Store – Bob Holmes

3M Gift Basket - Pat Killeleagh

**...and the grand prize winner of the 50/50 draw for \$315.00 was Helga Cairns!!**

Photos of the winners and attendees are available at [www.3Mcanadaretirees.com](http://www.3Mcanadaretirees.com)

We hope to see you at this year's banquet on Monday, October 21st!



Peter Heisz presenting Helga Cairns with the winnings of \$315.00 from the 50/50 draw.  
Now that's excitement!

## 2019 Fall Banquet Four Points Sheraton

The Fall Banquet is being held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Rd London N6E 1M3.

Announcement and registration instructions have already been distributed and are also available on [3Mcanadaretirees.com](http://3Mcanadaretirees.com). Get your reservation in early.

We will be welcoming Tim Brown as our guest speaker and those that know Tim will attest that you will be in for a very entertaining presentation.

Doors open for cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will get started at 6:15 p.m. ***We will be located on the lower floor in Bristol Ballroom where all of our activities will be held, including the pre-dinner reception.***



## 3M Employee Store

The Employee Store has now moved to 1840 Oxford Street East. It is located just off the main lobby. Park in the west parking lot and enter via the Employee entrance. We think you'll find the new Store quite attractive with wide aisles and bright lighting. The Store is stocking all the most popular items, along with a greater variety of discounted specials.

Due to the increased security at the Oxford location, there have been several changes implemented. Retiree shopping hours are restricted to Monday-Friday, 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m. All employees & retirees may only bring ONE GUEST with them per visit. Special orders can still be placed by emailing [3mcompanystoreca@mmm.com](mailto:3mcompanystoreca@mmm.com) but remember that you will need to purchase the minimum order quantity (usually a case). The remaining Saturday openings for the year are October 5th and December 7th. There will be NO Saturday opening in November. Saturday shopping hours are 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Happy Shopping!

## **Golf Outings**

The final golf outing for the year was held on Monday, September 16, 2019. 24 golfers enjoyed a lovely outing at West Haven Golf and Country Club. Weather was great and the rain held off for our golfers.

Golfers were treated to a few prizes awarded randomly which were donated by Barry Murphy, thank you Barry.

We can't wait to see what Brian has in store for us next season.

Pictured below are Greg Thompson, Jeff Stewart, Dave Cronin, John Collins, Peter Heisz.



## **3M Retiree outings**

We are pleased with the response to the day trips previously announced in August. We were able to partner with the Huff N' Puff Senior Fitness Association to offer you 2 tours. While we were limited to only 10 seats for these shows as we test the waters, the response has been very good.

Both outings - Billy Elliot the Musical (October) and Starbright Christmas (December) sold out.

The Huff 'N Puff club will soon be working on new events for the upcoming year and we hope to partner with them once again.

Stay tuned as these trips become available to our club. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Catherine Madden at [emc4n.events@gmail.com](mailto:emc4n.events@gmail.com)

### **3M Membership Update**

While we haven't updated our 3M retirees on our membership in the past, we thought you would find it interesting to hear how our club has grown. Please see the excerpt below from our Membership Director Pierre Holden.

When I first took over membership in October of 2016, we had 549 total members, of which 259 provided email contact. Prior to the electronic communications, info was shared via a mailed copy of the newsletter, which was issued, on average, three times a year. Since we have collected email addresses, you should have received about one message per week, and often more during peak activity. This is probably our single biggest benefit of the email – timely and focused communication.

As of this writing, we have a total membership of 681. But, to be honest, we have an active base of 419 on the email distribution and a further 20 who receive the newsletters via Canada Post. We have seen an increase in active members of 160, made up in almost equal numbers of existing retirees adding their email addresses, and of new retirees.

I do provide a little published service. Currently, I am the only person who has access to the information you share with us. I am frequently asked by members to forward contact information about former colleagues and friends. For your information, I don't share that information without permission from the owner of the information.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't remind all of you to please keep your information current. People change internet service providers, abandon a land line phone in favour of a cell phone, and move to new accommodations, and forget to let us know. If you are currently in limbo with the club, or plan any of these changes, please go to our web site and provide updated info. <https://3mcanadaretirees.com>.

### **3M Company Picnic**

This year's picnic had a change of date to September 7th from the typical early June dates of the past. We saw a slight reduction in attendees, but those that participated played hard and long. And the weather was perfect for a picnic. The organizers brought in new inflatable contraptions including axe throwing and rifle shooting (all very safe, nerf like tools) that the kids really enjoyed. I am always amazed at the new activities the service provider brings to this event.

We had 19 retiree volunteers alongside numerous students and a few active 3M'ers. Those serving food had the opportunity to catch up with Nuno DaSilva, Greg Sweeney, Richard Chartrand and Jake Sherman. Many more 3M'ers were available to chat, as well as retirees.

All were well fed with hamburgers (even veggie burgers), hot dogs, vegetable trays, drinks, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream.



### **Volunteering in the community**

We have been given an opportunity for new volunteers to participate in the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program. This is a very rewarding experience to help in the community at a very busy time of the year. Information has been distributed and is on the website at [3Mcanadaretirees.com](http://3Mcanadaretirees.com).

There may have been some confusion about these spots (20) as it was intended to give an opportunity to those retirees that have not volunteered in the past and who did not know who to contact. 3M retirees that have volunteered in the past will still be contacted by the co-ordinators of the program for their choice of hours.

Please contact Catherine Madden at 226-268-5816 or email [emc4n.events@gmail.com](mailto:emc4n.events@gmail.com). We will need first name, last name, contact phone number or email and what position from the above lists that you are most interested in filling. We will forward the list to the co-ordinators who will in turn contact you to book your volunteer hours.

Thanks for your participation.

We will keep you informed as we learn about other Volunteer opportunities.

## 3M Canada Retiree Club Member Survey

By now, you should have received an invitation to provide input on the 3M Canada Retiree Club. We need your feedback to ensure we are providing you with the information, events and communications that are important to you.

The last survey we conducted was back in 2016. Since then, we have seen our membership expand greatly. Based on past feedback, we organized a number of different events to appeal to our members, changed venues for our popular luncheons/banquet, offered a variety of options to pay for events and improved the way we communicate information.

To help us plan for 2020 and beyond, we ask that you take **5 minutes** to complete a brief survey. Responses are anonymous and only one response/retiree is permitted. You will have the opportunity to provide feedback on what you like, what you don't like and what the Club can do in the future to increase participation in events and continue to bring you valued information. Results will be shared with retirees once analyzed.

So, if you haven't had a chance to complete the survey yet, here is the link: [3mcanadaretirees.com/survey](http://3mcanadaretirees.com/survey)

If you encounter any issues or have any questions, please email Marilyn Piper at [EMC4N.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:EMC4N.webmaster@gmail.com)

Thank you!

## 3M Canada Retiree Meetings for 2019

We hope you can join us at any or all of the remaining meetings for 2019. Come out and see what we are all about. Don't have time to be part of the Executive? Let us know what interests you have in helping out at some of the events. All 3M retirees are welcome to all meetings!

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

October 16, 2019                      10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held at 1840 Oxford Street, London, ON N5V 4M9 - OxBow Conference Room

All 3M retirees are encouraged to attend. Nominations for next year's Executive positions will be voted upon. If interested in filling a position, please email [emc4n.president@gmail.com](mailto:emc4n.president@gmail.com)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

### **FINAL MEETING OF 2019**

November 12, 2019                      11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held at 1840 Oxford Street, London, ON N5V 4M9 - OxBox Conference Room

Please refer to [3Mcanadaretirees.com](http://3Mcanadaretirees.com) under Upcoming Events to get updates to room location and other important information.

### **3M Canada Retirees Executive Committee members**

President - John Banjac

Past President - Cindy Knight

Vice President - Lynn Daly

Treasurer - Peter Heisz

Secretary - Gary Shawyer (back up Sandra Nesbitt)

Membership - Pierre Holden

Webmaster - Marilyn Piper

Event Planner - Catherine Madden

Communications Coordinator - OPEN

3M Liaison - Tracey LeClair

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 [www.3mcanadaretirees.com](http://www.3mcanadaretirees.com) to register to receive email communications from the Club.

We look forward to seeing you at the remainder of this year's events.

Your 3M Canada Retirees Club Committee