



Report on Our March Meeting

By Dorothy Derksen

ARE YOU HAVING A CREATIVE RETIREMENT?

A Presentation by Peggy Pendergast

"Our parents, school, and employers influence who we are, but who is it we were meant to be?" said Peggy Pendergast, our Heritage Group March guest speaker. After a successful career as a Home Economics teacher with Winnipeg One School Division, and administrator of the Winnipeg Adult Centre, upon retirement Peggy was looking for something different. This led her to join Creative Retirement Manitoba(CRM). She shared with us how CRM provides opportunities for life-long learning, discovering one's hidden talents, and expanding our friendship circle

Peggy's goal in becoming a member of CRM was to meet people from different walks of life. As she said, "When we retire, we are NOT TIRED, but we do want to explore who we really are, explore new things, new experiences." For example, she had not thought of herself as an artist, but took up water colour painting, enjoyed it and now teaches water colour painting to others. CRM offers lectures on a variety of topics from issues pertaining to seniors, to personal interest on travel, music, technology, lifestyle and Language courses, Arts and Leisure, computers, and special interests as well as health and well-being seminars.

CRM also organizes group tours (e.g. a trip to Churchill is being planned for October 31 to November 2, 2014) and other activities such as Book and Digital Photography clubs, to name a few. CRM not only offers opportunity for individuals to participate in their activities, but also to teach courses, particularly those of us who might have some specialized knowledge or skills.

Creative Retirement Manitoba has around 1000 members. It is funded largely through membership fees (\$40.00 annual fee), as well as the tuition for lectures, classes and activities. Anyone can participate, but CRM members get a discount on all activities, lectures, etc. Their office is located at 270 Sherbrook St. To find out more about the courses and activities, visit the CRM website at www.crm.mb.ca, or request their 55+ Learning Guide at 204 949 2565

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER

Colonel (retired) Gary Solar, MSM
(Meritorious Service Medal), OStJ (Order of
St. John), CD (Canada Decoration)

Presentation on INTREPID:

The Quiet Canadian and Our
Greatest Manitoban
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Update on Membership Issues

Recently we have had a few enquiries about who may be a member of the RRC Heritage Group and what are the benefits. Here are some guidelines:

1. Membership eligibility is defined, according to the RRC Heritage Group Constitution Article 3 as:

"To be eligible an individual **must be a retiree** of Red River College or any other person deemed suitable by the Executive of the Heritage Group as an associate member."

2. Member Retiree Benefits (as confirmed March 27th 2014) include:

- Discounts - UniGlobe Travel, Garriock Insurance
- Invitations to college events:
 1. Holiday reception;
 2. Holiday dinner/dance;
 3. RRC Staff golf tournament;
 4. Staff curling league;;
 5. The annual Alumni event;
 6. The annual Donor Reception, if the individual makes a donation to the Endowment Fund
- Access to Continuing Education courses at no cost, space permitting
- Access to the Gymnasium(NDC and EDC) - contact Elena Grinshteyn
- Access to the RRC Library - associates card - contact Elena Grinshteyn

To contact Elena Grinshteyn:
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3. Communications to Members and Associate Members:

- Heritage Group Newsletter
- Alumni Newsletter
- Selected Items - Health and Wellness site
- Selected Items - Staff News

Note:

If Heritage Group members have e-mail, the above are distributed when released or shortly after. Otherwise distribution is packaged with the Meeting Agenda.

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APRIL PRESENTATION: INTREPID:

The Quiet Canadian and Our Greatest Manitoban

By Dale Watts

Almost two decades after World War II, the world became aware of the extraordinary contributions of a Canadian spymaster named Sir William Stephenson. Born in Winnipeg in the Point Douglas area in 1897, William Stanger was adopted by foster parents--the Stephenson family—when his family could no longer care for him.

A veteran fighter pilot of World War I, Stephenson won several medals for bravery. Subsequently, he invented the wire photo and then a facsimile method of transmitting pictures without telephone or telegraph wires which made him tremendously wealthy. Stephenson became well-connected with influential people in Britain, including Winston Churchill, and when WW II broke out Stephenson was appointed head of the British Security Coordination (counterespionage) unit in New York. In that capacity he served as a link between Churchill and Roosevelt and is credited not only with helping change isolationist American opinion toward supporting America's entry into the war, but with helping establish the foundation for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Author Ian Fleming, who wrote the James Bond 007 novels, once said "James Bond is a highly romanticized version of a true spy. The real thing...is William Stephenson."

Colonel (retired) Gary Solar, President of The Intrepid Society, will talk about some of Intrepid's incredible accomplishments at the Heritage Group meeting on April 17.

IDEAS FOR 2015

Heritage Group Wind-Up

Some previous places visited:

1. Fort White Alive
2. Hydro Building on Portage Ave.
3. Prairie Dog & Hitch n Post
4. Gimli & Environs.
5. Mennonite Heritage Museum.
6. Oak Hammock Marsh.

Some places fornsideration:

1. Lower Fort Garry
2. Loveday Mushroom Farms Ltd.
3. Winnipeg Railway Museum
4. Ukrainian Cultural Centre
5. Winnipeg Fire Services Museum
6. Engineering & Information Technology Complex, U of M
7. Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Staff Golf Tournament: June 3, 2014

This year's staff golf tournament will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at Kingswood Golf & Country Club in La Salle, MB. (Rain or shine.) Lunch will take place from 11:00am - 12:15pm, followed by a shotgun start at 12:30pm.

The tournament is open to RRC staff and retirees only. Significant others and/or friends will be placed on a waiting list, and accepted only if the tournament is not full.

Register early! (Maximum of 144 spots available.) Your payment MUST accompany your registration form to reserve your spot. Please note: post-dated cheques will not be accepted.

Call Elena @ 204-631-3324 for further details.



Tour of the Western Canada Aviation Museum

Date: Thursday, 22 May, 2014

Where: Western Canada Aviation Museum, Hanger T2, 958 Ferry Road.

When: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Activities: There will be a talk **on historical aviators and cold weather flying** commencing at 9:30 a.m. on the Flight Deck followed by a tour of the Museum and lunch.

Lunch menu: Caesar Salad Penne
Alfredo
Grilled Chicken Breast
Roasted Root Vegetables Garlic
Bread
Dainties Coffee /
Tea

Spouses/partners are welcome.

Tickets: Price is \$25.
Entrance fee, coffee and lunch are included in price.
Tickets should be purchased in advance from Elena Grinshteyn, book stores at both campuses, at the Heritage Group meeting.

The deadline to buy a ticket is May 15.