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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WINTER 2011

First let me take this opportunity to wish the members of QPARSE and their families a very happy New Year, 2011. I sincerely hope you had an enjoyable time with family and friends during the holidays. In December at our holiday party, QPARSE members and friends were entertained by the Montreal West Operatic Society. We were so fortunate to have them return, as like many organizations they are struggling financially. I would like to ask that you support them whenever possible. Dix Milles Villages also returned with their many items promoting "fair trade". I would also like to thank all those who brought food and contributed money to the NDG food bank. To Heather Lightfoot and her Ottawa "teacher" friends who donated beautiful items that we could use to obtain monetary donations, we thank you. The money raised was donated to the food bank.

Teachers, who are over 65, and members of QPARSE, and insured with Industrial Alliance will have received notification from QPAT of an increase of 20.3% in the Insurance plan for 2011. The increase in the premium is a significant one as a result of increases in medication cost not covered by the government, members using private sector for various tests and increased charges of dispensing medications by the pharmacies. Teachers under the age of 65 have a much more moderate increase.

You also received in your package a survey concerning Travel Cancellation Insurance. The request for this addition to the plan in 2012 was made by retired teachers and QPARSE. Trip insurance reimburses you for prepaid, non-refundable expenses, such as airline tickets, if you are forced to cancel a trip due to an unforeseen emergency, especially illness or death. As this cancellation insurance cannot be purchased separately it will be included in the annual premium for ALL retired members. The increase would be $17.66 per year (approx. $1.48 monthly) for an individual and $35.32 per year (approx. $2.95 monthly for a couple or family). You are asked to return the survey by **January 31st 2011.** You will have an opportunity to ask a representative from QPAT, Paul Barnes about the Insurance plan and matters that concern you.

This presentation concerning Insurance is the first in our 2011 program year. Future meetings will deal with "Elderly Fraud", a "Wellness Workshop", the "Crisis in Haiti", and conclude with our AGM meeting. You will also note as you read through the newsletter that we are once more visiting the Robinson Residence on June 16th 2011. We are going by bus making this a day's outing, visiting Knowlton for a "walk about" or a little shopping before going for Tea at the Residence. Please join us on that day! **(RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 13th 2011 OR BUS WILL BE CANCELLED.)**Once more we wish you a very happy 2011 and urge you to attend a meeting. Those who cannot meet with us please feel free to keep in touch through our web site or the Newsletter editor.

Best wishes,
Sandra K. Aird -President

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL EDUCATORS
PROTESTANT RETIRED TEACHERS' HOMES AND BENEFITS CORPORATION

JOINT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 10th 2011 at 10.00 am - Coffee will be served at 9.30 am
Laurence Patterson Room, English Montreal School Board, 6000 Fielding, Montreal

Come and join us for our most important business meetings of the year. We will receive reports from the various committees who have worked on your behalf during the past year, scrutinize and receive the financial reports of the past year, and appoint the Boards of Directors for the coming year.

Lunch at Carmine's Tuscany Grill Restaurant, 5525 Cote St. Luc Road H3X 2C6 (514-484-7527) will follow at noon.

Call for Nominations 2011

The Association is looking for new input, so if you would like to become more involved, we would like you to consider joining the Board of Directors. The Board consists of 18 members including a President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary and 14 other Directors who assume specific responsibilities.

The Board meets once a month from September to June and runs the affairs of the association.

There are potential vacancies on the Board for the coming year. If you have an interest, or know of someone who would be interested, in joining the Board, please contact:

Pat Steele
235 Metcalfe Avenue, Apt G4
Westmount, QC, H3Z 2H8
Phone: 514-369-3473
e-mail: patricia.steele@videotron.ca

Nominations must be signed by at least 10 QPARSE members and must be accompanied by the Nominee's written consent. The slate of nominations will be approved at the Annual General Meeting on May 10th 2011 where votes will be held if necessary. Please forward your nominations to the Chair person of the Nominations Committee by April 1st , 2011 so that names can be included in the notice of the AGM.

QPARSE PROGRAM CALENDAR
2011

DATE	TIME	PLACE
February 15th	11.00 am (Tues) 12.30 pm	Carmine's Tuscany Grill Restaurant **Elderly Fraud** **Christian Edmond/SPVM officer** **Economic & property crimes division** Lunch (optional)
March 25th	10.00 am (Friday) 12.30 pm	EMSB/Patterson Room/WORKSHOP **Wellness Workshop/Harmony Health Centre** Ruhkshana Surty & Ian Ramsay presenters Cost **$15.00** Lunch (Optional)
April 21st	11.00 am (Thurs) 12.30 pm	Carmine's Tuscany Grill Restaurant **Sue Montgomery/Gazette Reporter** Haiti/The crisis and what is being done Lunch (Optional)
May 10th	9.30 am (Tues) 12.30 pm	EMSB/Patterson Room ***AGM*** Lunch: Carmine's Tuscany Grill Restaurant
June 2nd		**Explore the Lachine Canal** – info on notice
June 16th		**Trip to Eastern Townships** - info on notice

Carmine's Tuscany Grill Restaurant
is at 5525 Cote St Luc Road,
H3X 2C6 (514-484-7527)

Guests Welcome: Please inform Events Co-ordinator Ken Cooke
(514-485-9118) if you are attending the luncheons.
Program information,
contact Erene Anthony (514-626-8002)

We are taking this opportunity of sincerely thanking Carmine's Tuscany Grill for providing us with a venue for our monthly meetings and lunches

QPARSE and HARMONI HOLISTIC HEALTH CENTRE

"WELLNESS IN ACTION" WORKSHOP

Focus: Joyful Living for Retirees
through Breath work, Stretching, Meditation and Mindfulness
Friday, March 25th, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.
Laurence Patterson Room, EMSB

A TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY TO EMPOWERMENT

Our Facilitators, Rukhshana Surty and Ian Ramsay are dedicated, holistic professionals and educators who are passionate about empowering individuals to lead healthy, balanced lives. They have led many corporate programs and retreats for Educators and School Boards and have been active at the annual Teachers' Convention for the last 8 years.

The workshop will include an explanation of the methods, very gentle yoga exercises and an introduction to meditation and breath work.

Please wear comfortable, loose clothing for gentle movement.
(minimum jewelry and no perfume please)

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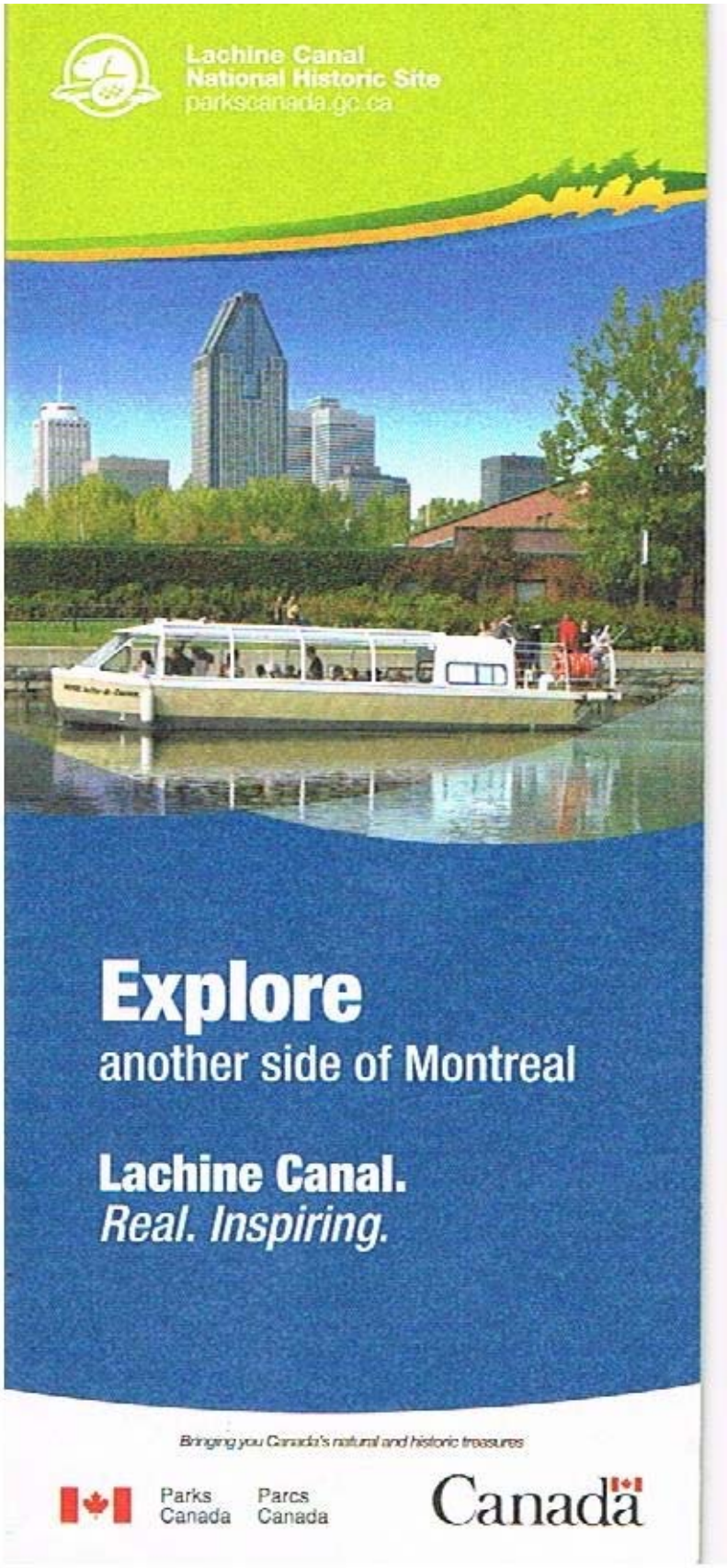
Registration form
Wellness Workshop – March 25th 2011

Name: _____

Phone Number:_____ e-mail_____

Please return before March 11th 2011
Enclosing registration fee of
$15,00 – cheque made out to QPARSE

Return to QPARSE, 28 Lansdowne Gardens, Pointe Claire QC H9S 5B9
For information, contact:
Renate Sutherland 514-695-1970 or Erene Anthony 514-626-8002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National Historic Site
parkscanada.gc.ca
Explore
another side of Montreal
Lachine Canal.
Real. Inspiring.
Bringing you Canada's natural and historic treasures
Parks Canada
Parcs Canada
Canada

QPARSE
LACHINE CANAL BOAT TOUR
Thursday June 2nd, 2011

Join us aboard the Navark Dollier de Carson for a one of a kind Montreal experience. Pass through the locks and enjoy the spectacular views to the South-West and downtown. You will be accompanied by a professional guide and young actors.
You will relive the glorious history of the canal that was both the forerunner of the St Lawrence Seaway and the cradle of Canadian industry.
Check it out on the web **http://www.navark.ca/site_eng_2010/2_croisiere_bateaux.htm**
(Info from Parks Canada*)*

Reservations	Mandatory First come first served Boat capacity of 36
Price	$17,00 Tax incl.
Duration	1 hr 45 mins
Departure	1.00 pm from the Atwater Market
Date	Thursday June 2nd 2011,

Registration Form
Lachine Canal Boat Tour
Thursday June 2nd 2011

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____e-mail_____

More Info: contact Erene Anthony erene@qparse-apperq.org 514-626-8002
Or Ken Cooke erica2ken@yahoo.com 514-485-9118

RETURN YOUR RESERVATION FORM BY - May 10th, 2011
And enclose cheque for $17.00 made out to QPARSE

Return to QPARSE, c/o Erene Anthony, 8 Rosedale, D.D.O. QC, H9G 1C7

QPARSE

Presents

A DAY IN THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS

Thursday June 16th 2011

Bus from EMSB 9.30 am

Cost: **$20.00 per person** – guests welcome

High Tea at the Robinson Residence **$10.00**

(to be collected on the bus)

9.30 am	Depart for Knowlton	
10.45am	Knowlton:	Knowlton Museum which houses one of only 3 existing Fokker planes from the WWI Antique Stores, Quaint shops such as Jones New York, Christmas Shop, Fudge Shop and Art Galleries.
12.45 pm	Snack time (optional)	
1.45 pm	Depart for the Robinson Residence (a beautiful home on the lake)	
2.00 pm	High Tea with the residents	
4.00 pm	Depart for Montreal (EMSB) (approx. arrival time 5.45pm)	

A little about what there is to see and do during this outing:

Knowlton is a beautiful area of the Eastern Townships. There are many stores and a museum to visit or you can just take a stroll and enjoy the magnificent scenery. Please join us that day for what will be a most rewarding outing. Maps will be provided to you so that you can design your own 2-hour tour.

PLEASE RESPOND EARLY TO PREVENT THE CANCELLATION OF THE BUS (minimum of 35 people required)

REGISTRATION FORM

Reply no later than Friday May 13th 2011

NOTE: LACK OF PARTICIPATION WILL MEAN A CANCELLATION OF THE BUS

NAME (S): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____E-MAIL_____

PLEASE ENCLOSE REGISTRATION FEE OF **$20.00 payable to QPARSE**

Return to: QPARSE c/o 8 Rosedale Avenue, DDO, H9G 1C7

For more information: Erene Anthony 514-626-8002 or Ken Cooke 514-485-9118

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

1. WHEN WE PLAY IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

When we Play is looking for committed volunteers to help build this non-profit organization from the ground up.

When We Play provides accessible artistic education for youth. We are confident that it can help shape a better Canada by teaching youth new skills, developing creativity and bonding people together through art.

WWP is looking for people with the following skills:
Business and Administration; Accounting and Book Keeping; Website and Graphic Design
Anyone passionate about helping children with art.

WWP is also looking for people to fill the following roles:
Board of Directors; Fundraisers and Event Planners; Committee Leaders

Please contact us with your interests and questions. We will be happy to discuss how you can become part of our committed team of volunteers.

Contact Info: When We Play, 5144 Papineau Avenue, Montreal, QC H2H 1W2,
tel: 438-881-7511

2.WEST ISLAND CITIZEN ADVOCACY

West Island Citizen Advocacy is a non-profit organization, which recruits, trains, matches and follows up competent volunteer citizen advocates, who work on a one-on-one basis or on a team with a person having a handicapping condition.

West Island Citizen Advocacy is looking for volunteers to help with its Seniors Advocacy Project, headed up by Hélène McGregor. The project aims to assist and educate seniors who are facing financial, physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect or exploitation on the West Island. So far support has included helping a senior lady with the paperwork after the death of her husband, income tax issues, applications for government supplements, adapted transport, etc. Support for seniors can include help with filling out forms, writing letters, and/or advocating on their behalf with government agencies or banking institutions. If you feel you can help a vulnerable senior, please call Hélène at 514-694-5850.

CODOFIL
CONSEIL POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT DU FRANÇAIS EN LOUISIANE

Québec

Enseigner le français en Louisiane

Vivre une expérience professionnelle enrichissante au sein de la culture louisianaise

Répondez à l'invitation du Conseil pour le développement du français en Louisiane (CODOFIL) qui, en partenariat avec le Département de l'Éducation de l'État de la Louisiane, et avec l'appui du Ministère des Relations internationales du Québec et de la Délégation du Québec à Atlanta, offre des postes d'enseignement du français dans les écoles publiques de cet État.

Objectifs du programme:

- ✓ Contribuer au développement du français en Louisiane
- ✓ Permettre à des enseignants québécois de parfaire leur expérience en enseignement du français langue seconde
- ✓ Fournir aux enseignants du Québec l'occasion de se familiariser à l'égard d'une culture francophone distincte et d'un système pédagogique différent

Programmes offerts:

- ✓ Enseignement en immersion (de la maternelle jusqu'à la 8ème année): toutes les matières sont enseignées en français
- ✓ Enseignement du français langue seconde (de la maternelle à la 8ème année)

Conditions:

- ✓ Rémunération de base fixée à 42 000$US, imposable au Québec ou aux États-Unis
- ✓ Prime d'installation de 6 000$US pour la première année

Durée:

- ✓ Un an ou deux ans, de préférence

Admissibilité:

- ✓ Enseignants actifs et retraités

Programme d'immersion:

- ✓ Enseignant de niveau primaire et/ou début secondaire
- ✓ Baccalauréat spécialisé en éducation préscolaire, enseignement primaire, enseignement début secondaire
- ✓ 3 années d'expérience
- ✓ Une bonne connaissance écrite et orale de l'anglais

Programme d'enseignement du français langue seconde:

- ✓ Baccalauréat spécialisé en enseignement du français langue seconde, ou du français en général
- ✓ 3 années d'expérience d'enseignement au niveau primaire ou secondaire

Date limite pour l'année scolaire 2011-2012:

1er mars 2011

Pour en savoir plus et déposer votre candidature: http://www.codofil.org/francais/enseignants.html

Update from ACER-CART

The ACER-CART Board of Directors was very disappointed to learn that the executive of our largest Quebec association (AREQ) has decided to withdraw from membership in ACER-CART, stating that they wish to pursue other priorities. They were asked to review this decision but they did not change their opinion. The 2011 AGM will have to accept the resignation for it to become effective.

ACER-CART 2010 AGM Action Update

Almost all of the motions adopted at the 2010 AGM have now been acted upon. Support by member associations in contacting their federal MPs by phone, letter, or email to advocate for these motions was much appreciated. The items that lent themselves to lobbying the Government of Canada were

- to change tax legislation in such a way that charitable donations up to the amount of $1200 be accorded the same tax credits as those of political contributions;
- to improve the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), …particularly the automatic inclusion of eligible pensioners; and
- to increase CPP/QPP, OAS, and GIS benefits and to take other measures to ensure that seniors are able to avoid living in poverty.

In addition, ACER-CART asked CNSO members to pursue lobbying the federal government on the issue of investment fraud against seniors. We also expressed concern regarding the loss of the long form census survey. The government is in the process of preparing its next budget. There is still time to let the politicians know about these concerns.

ACER-CART Executive Director Boudreau Honoured

Norbert Boudreau received District 27's RTO/ERO Exceptional Service Award at the Nov 18, 2010 AGM. Norbert was also acclaimed to the RTO/ERO provincial executive. Congratulations, Norbert!

Committee Reports

Pension and Retirement Income Committee (Arnold Hull, Chair)

The committee has been reviewing various sources of information and that which member associations were able to provide us concerning retired teachers in poverty. A report on this is being prepared for the 2011 AGM.

Communications Committee (Vaughn Wadelius, Chair)

The website is a good source of information about our national organization. Links to all member associations are an aid for those looking for comparisons among the members, updated member association contacts, and annual general meeting locations and dates. On December 21 the website registered 7800 visitors since September 2004. One new feature inaugurated in January was a website page dedicated to information about the

Congress of National Seniors Organizations (CNSO) of which ACER-CART is a member. Links to federal reports and CNSO issues will also be featured on this page.

Health Services and Insurance Committee (Thomas Gaskell, Chair)
Tom continues to monitor various issues related to national health care and drug plans.

Legislation Committee (Helen Biales, Chair)
As a result of the withdrawal request of AREQ, the Bylaw and Articles are being reviewed for changes that may have to be made. In addition, a review of the process and parameters for accepting new organizational members is being undertaken.

The President Comments - Vaughn Wadelius

We will be celebrating our 20th anniversary as ACER-CART when we meet at the 2011 AGM. Three additional national associations have joined CNSO this year, making our collective voice even louder at the national level. Lobbying action taken by several groups (including us) seems to have prompted the government to consider whether the "no application" option for obtaining the OAS and GIS. While there are problems with initiating this, it is a move that could save time, administration costs, and help to ensure all qualifying seniors are included.
Have a great New Year!

Renate Sutherland - ACER-CART Director

A LITTLE WEATHER TRIVIA

January 23rd 1923: Following a snowstorm that dumped in excess of 35 cm of snow, fox ranches on Prince Edward Island became so badly banked with snow that some 40 foxes walked out over the wire fences of the fox farms. Search parties scoured the neighbourhood for prized foxes, but breeders lost much of their valuable captive stock.

Contact QPARSE

If you would like to submit an article, story, poem, anecdote etc or make a correction to the newsletter. When e-mailing Dick Meades with an article, or Ellen Holzman with membership information, please start your info in the "Subject Space" with QPARSE. This should avoid messages sometimes being shuffled off into the "Junk" folder. Many Thanks

Please contact:

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Quebec H9R 3Z2
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You are also invited to contact our website at:
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 Tel: 514-931-2531
4635 Sherbrooke St. West Fax: 514-931-2534
Westmount,
QC H3Z 1G2

This Newsletter is published three times a year by QPARSE,
The Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators.

The deadline for submission of items for the Spring Newsletter is
May 10th by e-mail to the Editor
or Hard copy can be handed in at the AGM

When submitting items for the newsletter, please make sure you are in WORD, that Language is English Canada (set as default) not English US, Please do not press ENTER when you come to the end of a line of typing. Just keep typing, the page will format itself, if you are making columns, please use TABLE instead of tabbing along. Also, as the newsletter is printed in black and white, please do not send anything in colour.

Thank You – The Word Processor

MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL EXPERTISE

We are continuing to include in the Newsletter a list of names & phone numbers of members who have skills and interests that they are prepared to share with others.
Any fees to be charged for these services are to be set with the agreement of the parties involved.

If you are interested in adding your name to this list , please contact us by:
e-mail – info@qparse-apperq.org or by phone –
Sandra Aird – President 514-738-6169, Richard Meades- Editor 514-695-2164

Name	Contact point	Service
Bill Bernhaut	450-246-3796 rbernhaut@bellnet.ca	Antique furniture refinishing
Sonia Browman	514-748-5788 (home) 514-747-0568 (machine)	Sign language, Speech therapy, lip reading
David Chandler	514-334-7418 ptolomee@autoroute.net	Digital photo help Skype assistance possible
Robin Narsted	mnarsted@yahoo.ca	Computer questions

REUNION NOTICE

WHO	Former School Board Employees
WHAT	April Bash
WHEN	Friday April 15th from 3.00 pm until the last person leaves
WHERE	PJ's Pub, 6910 St Jacque Street West
WHY	Because it shall be fun – Come join us
Contact	Bob Smith Tel: 514-488-56137 e-mail: shirleyandbob9@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Notes from the Goodwill Committee - Alanna Dow

We enjoy your feedback concerning the holiday and spring booklets sent to those retired for 25 years and more.
Recently we have heard from Ellen Stevenson, Margaret and Jean Laird, Elizabeth Roy, and Yvonne Wilson. Thank you for your holiday wishes and kind comments.

Apologies to Gloria Bellam and Hilda Little whose August 4th and October 6th birthdays were left out of Spring Newsletter, and to Harry Haydock, who should not have appeared on the Super Senior list at all!

Sincere apologies to the family of Esther Gilbert who read her name in both the list of Deaths and that of the Super Seniors. It was my fault entirely as I had neglected to check the membership list for updates before sending the Super Senior list to the editor. The two lists are submitted by different directors.

We regret the passing of Alfred E. Johnson, whose death was not known to us when his birthday was listed. As well, the membership list had an incorrect birth date.

A belated Happy Birthday to George Rothney who joined the Super Senior ranks on November 29th.

And all good birthday wishes to Mabel Probert who turned 100 on February 16, 2010 and to Eileen Higginson who celebrated that same milestone on January 6, 2011. We received notices of same too late for publication in the Super Senior list.

And finally, apologies to Norma Westman whose December 29th birthday notice was printed as 'Norman'.

Thank you for helping us to keep the lists as accurate as possible by informing us of your attaining Super Senior status (age 90) and of your correct birth date.

NEW MEMBERS

The following are new members who have joined us since the last Newsletter:

Surname	First Name	City
Ansel	Eileen	Montreal, QC
Baker	Genevieve	Quebec, QC
Clarke	Edith	DDO, QC
Donahue	Helen	Montreal West, QC
Fraser	Catherine	St. Lambert, QC
Gellner	Sonia	Pointe Claire, QC
Kat	Joyce	Lachine, QC
Lochtie	Peter	Beaconsfield, QC
Lovell	Alfonso (Rudy)	Montreal, QC
McLachlan	Fiona	Cote St. Luc, QC
Phelan	Linda	Montreal, QC
Phelan	Chris	Montreal, QC
Reeves	Debra	Lachine, QC
Tritt	Cheryl	Westmount, QC
Zizos-Vines	Elenie	Montreal West, QC

SUPER SENIORS

The following members will become Super Seniors in the following months. We send them our very best wishes:

Date	Name	Age
February 3rd	Evelyn Crozier	95
February 16th	Geraldine Taylor	95
February 16th	Mabel Probert	101
March 1st	C. Wayne Hall	101
March 31st	Marjorie Topham	94
April	E. Amelda Bennett	96
April 1st	Joan Skinner Hanna	97
April 1st	Gordon Bowes	93
May 31st	Ella Hoy	105

LOST AND STRAYED

The following member's newsletters have been returned to us. In order to help us keep our membership files current, if you have any information about address changes, strays, deceased, birth dates, e-mail address, etc, please send it to:

Ellen Holzman
6067 MacDonald Avenue, Montreal, QC, H3X 2W9
(e-mail: mcellen@yahoo.com)
(Please write QPARSE in the Subject line)

Surname	First Name	Address
Alexanian	Sonia	Montreal, QC
Bane	Edith	Cote St. Luc, QC
Brock	Agnes Ellen	Vankleek Hill, ON
Brown	Julia	St. Lambert, QC
Foreman	Elliora A.	Richmond, QC
Halsall	Arthur	Ladysmith, BC
Hamilton	Noel and Ruth	Oakville, ON
McHarg	Jean Fraser	Bridgewater, NS
McRae	Eileen Avril	Montreal, QC
Smirlie	Bernice	Scarborough, ON
Tarasofsky	Esther G.	Ottawa, ON
Willis	Kenneth	Perth, ON
Wood	Glen	Lakefield, ON

CONDOLENCES

The following members have passed away since the last Newsletter. We send our condolences to the families.

Date	Name	Address
??	Batten, Hattie	St. John's NFLD
??	West, Harry R.K.	Pointe Claire, QC
2010	Williamson, Annabel	St. Andrew's, NB
Feb 28th 2010	McKelvey, Elaine	Smith Falls, ON
May 13th, 2010	Johnson, Alfred E.	DDO, QC
August 15th, 2010	Halsall, Frances	Ladysmith, BC
Sept 9th 2010	Murray, Esther	NDG, QC
October 3rd, 2010	McElrea, Marjorie	St. Lambert, QC
October 21st, 2010	Duclos, Jacques H.C.	Westmount, QC
October 24th ,2010	Miller, Jean	Nepean, ON
Dec 7th, 2010	Campbell, Keith Francis	Morin Heights, QC

New Members Application Form

QPARSE FEES: **Life Membership $85.00**

Please complete the form below and return it, with your cheque for $85.00 made payable to QPARSE, to:

Ellen Holzman
6067 Macdonald Avenue
Montreal,
QC, H3X 2W9
e-mail: mcellen@yahoo.com

Date of Application_____(dd/mm/yy)

(Please Print)
Name: _____

Address: _____
Apt/Hse #/Street

_____
City Province Postal Code

Tel. No: _____ Date of Birth_____
(Area code plus number) (dd/mm/yy)

e-mail address: _____

Is there anyone residing at the same address who is already a QPARSE member? If so, please specify first and last names.

First Name _____Last Name _____

UN LEADER QUI DONNE SA PLEINE MESURE

Un leader
C'est le catalyseur
Qui rallie les railleurs;
Un novateur
De projets rassembleurs.

Il diffuse le bonheur
Par la saveur
De son humour
Enchanteur.

Ce fil conducteur
Prête son concours
À toute heure
Sans heurt.

Lors d'une fâcherie
Il compatie
À la kyrielle de soucis
D'autrui,
Et restaure l'harmonie

Grâce au génie
De ce fureteur
De compromis,

Il déverrouille les esprits
Et dessille les yeux
Des individus résolus
Et endurcis
Aussi bien de ceux
Éperdus et indécis.
Ainsi,
Il dissipe les péripéties.

L'HIVER EN GUERRE

La température
A dégarni les arbres de leurs armures.

La nature,
Maintenant mûre et dure
Mais sans cœur
Cesse de fournir ses fleurs.

Les ravages de cette saison :
Nids laissés à l'abandon,
Plus de cri-cri de grillons,
Des feuilles mortes
Éparpillées sur le gazon
Sont enterrées par les flocons.

Un Soleil moribond
Qui s'enfuit sur l'horizon,
Manifeste un air sombre
Au-dessus les décombres.

Both of these poems were composed by
Brian Ostrovsky

NEWS FROM THE ROBINSON RESIDENCE - EVELYN BABAN LEWIS

Thursday December 2nd saw the residence open its doors for the annual "Christmas Party." A good number of the board members of the home & QPARSE attended, The sound of Bob Kerr on the piano greeted everyone as they entered.

V.P. Gary Crandall & his wife Bev were at the door to welcome everyone & help with name tags. Matron Margaret Beattie and staff saw that everyone was regularly plied with tasty treats & punch.

Gary & Sandra Aird both sporting splendid 'reindeer horns' headgear welcomed guests & residents offering Christmas cheer to all in their remarks.

Each resident was presented with a bulging Christmas stocking & each staff member received a gift envelope & the sincere thanks from a receiving line of Board members. Alana Dow must be thanked for her careful preparation of the gift stockings.

A hearty carol sing followed, led vocally by Graeme Sutherland & Roy Seaman accompanied of course by Bob Kerr playing the piano.

Evelyn Lewis said grace & the residents left for the dining room while guests served themselves from buffet tables laden with the traditional Christmas fare of turkey, tortiere, potatoes, vegetables & of course a very tasty stuffing. This was followed by squares, cookies & coffee the staff attended to the needs of all, serving wine & ensuring that everyone had enough to eat. The entire ground floor of the residence was full of conversation , laughter & seasonal spirit.

Our local Pharmacists, Frank & Rachel Ritz, who serve many of the residents, arrived and again donated 5 beautiful gift baskets crammed full of goodies, their generosity is much appreciated. Gary co-coordinated a drawing for the baskets which were won by a resident, a staff member 2 QPARSE board members & 1 basket was presented for the benefit of everyone at the residence.

Time passed all too quickly making it necessary to say our goodbyes & make commitments to see each other again at the spring tea . The beautiful weather made it easy to have a safe journey home for all.

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The English Language is Crazy:

1. The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
2. The farm was used to **produce** **produce**
3. The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** the **refuse**.
4. We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
5. He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
6. The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
7. Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
8. A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
9. When shot at, the **dove** **dove** into the bushes.
10. I did not **object** to the **object**.
11. The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
12. There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
13. They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
14. The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
15. A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
16. To help with planting the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
17. The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
18. Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting, I shed a **tear**.
19. I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
20. How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend.

Let's face it – English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in a hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England, or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted, but if we explore in paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig.

Why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, two geese, so one moose, 2 meese? One index, two indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends, but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and can get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play

at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you will in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS: Why doesn't "Buick" rhyme with "quick"?

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational

once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are the winners:

1. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. **Ignoranus** : A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
3. **Intaxicaton** : Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. **Reintarnation** : Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. **Foreploy** : Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
7. **Giraffiti** : Vandalism spray-painted very, very high
8. **Sarchasm** : The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. **Inoculatte** : To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. **Osteopornosis** : A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
11. **Karmageddon** : It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. **Decafalon** (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13.. **Glibido** : All talk and no action.

14. **Dopeler Effect**: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. **Arachnoleptic Fit** (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
16. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
17. **Caterpallor** (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

And the winners are:
1. **Coffee**, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted**, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. **Abdicate**, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4 **esplanade**, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly**, adj. Impotent.
6. **Negligent**, adj. Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.
7. **Lymph**, v. To walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle**, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence**, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash**, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle**, n. A humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude**, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokemon**, n A Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster**, n.. A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism**, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **Circumvent**, n. An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

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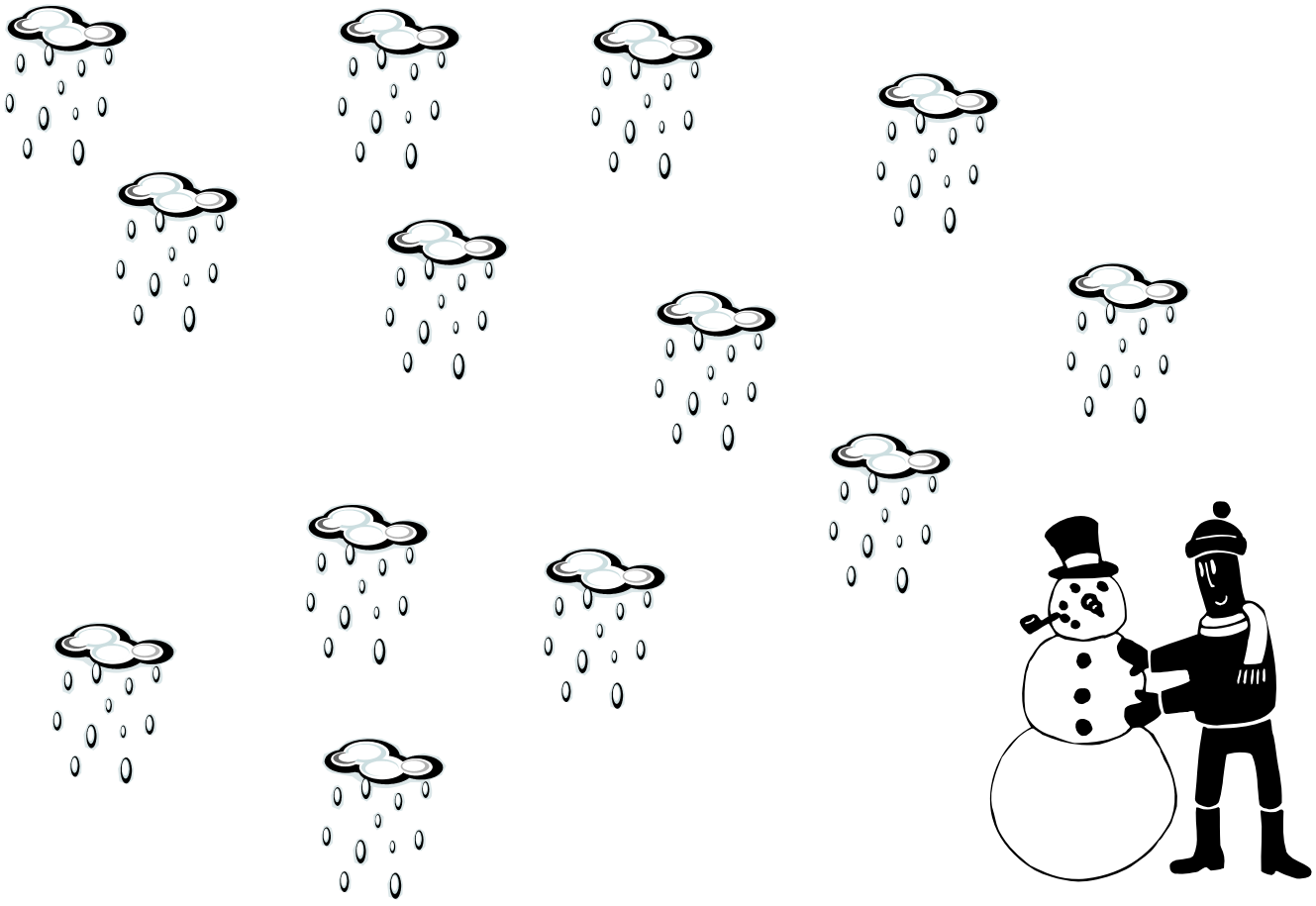

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