The Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation is pleased to join, as a member, of the NL Coalition of Pensioners, Retirees, and Seniors Associations. This Coalition will provide a unified voice in advocating for all actions that would have a positive impact on the quality of life of its members and their families.

The President of the Federation is a member of the steering committee of SaferMedsNL. This organization is devoted to improving the health of Newfoundlanders and Ladradorians by curbing the use of potentially risky or harmful medications.

**OUR MAIN CONCERNS THIS YEAR**

That Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to reinstate dental coverage for older persons in the province.

That Government of Newfoundland and Labrador not to implement any caps or deductibles in the Automobile Insurance Act.

The impact of the increased cost of electricity, as it may double by 2021. The Premier advised, at our last convention in September that “It is not going to happen”.

*Our Newsletters can also be viewed on the SeniorsNL web site:  http://seniorsnl.ca/nl-50plus-federation/*
As 2018 comes to a close, I wish to extend my best wishes for a joyous and peaceful holiday season, and a safe and prosperous New Year on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development and the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.

“There is no greater joy, nor greater reward, than to make a fundamental difference in someone’s life.”

~ Sister Mary Rose McGeady

Over the past year, our work together to design and deliver important programs and services, and collaborate on effective solutions to the many challenges we face, is our shared commitment to make a difference. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for our partnership, and I look forward to continuing our work together in 2019.

May you and your loved ones enjoy the best that the holiday season has to offer.

Sincerely,

Minister Lisa Dempster

gov.nl.ca
November 20, 2018

Robert J. Rogers
President
Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation
P. O. Box 407
Glovertown, NLAOG 2L0

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for sending a copy of your November 2018 newsletter to my office. I have reviewed its contents and will be bringing a copy to the Liberal Seniors Caucus, which I Co-Chair with my colleague, Jean Yip, a Member of Parliament from Ontario.

Though many of your resolutions fall within the jurisdiction of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador it remains important that I am kept informed of the views of your members. As such, I will be discussing your resolutions with my colleagues at the Seniors Caucus as well as the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister of Seniors and Member of Parliament Sherry Romanado, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Seniors.

I remain committed to advocating on behalf of Seniors across Newfoundland and Labrador to the best of my ability. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any issues or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Churence Rogers, M.P.
Bonavista-Burin-Trinity
Co-Chair, Liberal Seniors’ Caucus
The Department of Health and Community Services, Memorial University and the Canadian Deprescribing Network are currently developing a deprescribing project entitled SaferMedsNL. The goal of this initiative is to decrease the use of potentially inappropriate medications and maintain or improve the quality of life of Newfoundlander and Labradorians.

SaferMedsNL: Improving Medication Use Across Newfoundland and Labrador

SaferMedsNL is devoted to improving the health of Newfoundlander and Labradorians by curbing the use of potentially risky or harmful medications. Not all meds get along! They will work with patients, healthcare providers, community organizations and policy makers provincially and around the country to promote change around harmful medication use.

SaferMedsNL is a three-year initiative that will focus on reducing the inappropriate use of proton pump inhibitors in year one, sedative-hypnotics in year two and opioids in year three. SaferMedsNL aims to increase public awareness of the benefits and harms of these medications, and facilitate meaningful conversations between healthcare providers and patients to ensure medications are continued when necessary and stopped when they are no longer necessary.

**PLEASE DO NOT STOP OR CHANGE ANY MEDICATION BEFORE CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR, NURSE OR PHARMACIST**

The following organizations are in full support of this initiative by SaferMedsNL.
The Convention Hotel will be the Quality Hotel & Suites in Gander. Two rooms will be reserved for each Club’s Voting Delegates. Voting Delegates must confirm their reservation at the Convention Hotel before July 26, 2019 after which all rooms will be released to general accommodation. It is strongly recommended that Clubs make their reservations early to insure their accommodation.

2019 CONVENTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

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2019 CONVENTION TICKETS

A number of Clubs have indicated that they would like to receive their allotment of convention tickets early, as a number of clubs are not active during the summer months. We are pleased to advise that tickets have been printed and will be sent out to the Clubs when they register for 2019. The prize structure will remain the same as last year, as indicated below. Remember your club will receive 40% of the proceeds from all tickets sold by their club. Again this year our Treasurer, Kevin Throne will look after this activity and can be reach at 709 592-2169.

Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation Inc.

1st Prize $2,500.00
2nd Prize $1,000.00
3rd Prize $500.00

PLUS $1,000.00 TO THE CLUB SELLING 1st PRIZE TICKET
And $100.00 TO THE PERSON SELLING 1st PRIZE TICKET

Drawing at the Convention at Quality Hotel & Suites Gander, NL on Sept. 12, 2019

Tickets: $2.00 each
2019 MEMBER CLUB REPORT

Member Club Reports were mailed to your club last month, to register for 2019. If your Club has not received or have misplaced the registration form for 2019, please call your President Robert Rogers at 709 533-6189 and a one new will be mailed to you.

HST REBATE

Just a reminder that Clubs under the umbrella of the Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation, can obtain a rebate of half the amount of HST paid by the club. If you require any further information do not hesitate to call Kevin Thorne at 709 592-2169 or Robert Rogers at 709 533-6189.

ACTING PRESIDENT

President Robert Rogers will be out of the province from February 11, 2019 to the March 19, 2019 and 1st Vice President Linda Oldford will be Acting President and can be reach at (709) 256-7642.

INCORPORATION

Many of our Clubs are now incorporated and we are encouraging all clubs to incorporate, which provides an organization with legal status and is an indication of stability, as incorporated organizations have perpetual existence. Remember all applicants seeking funding in excess of $1,000.00 from the Government Community Living Fund, must be incorporated. For further information you can contact Kevin Thorne, Treasurer of the NL Federation at (709) 592-2169.

44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION

We have just been advised that the Convention Hotel, Quality Hotel & Suites in Gander will now accept your reservation for Club’s Voting Delegates only. Each club is permitted two rooms at the hotel and after July 26, 2019, all remaining rooms will be released to general accommodation. It is strongly recommended that Clubs make their reservation early to insure their accommodation.
On December 8, 2018 Amanda Dean, Vice President Atlantic, Insurance Bureau of Canada, made a presentation to the Coalition of Pensioners, Retirees, and Seniors Associations regarding the insurance industry claiming it is losing money in Newfoundland and Labrador. To rectify this situation the Insurance Bureau of Canada believes a $5,000.00 Cap on minor injuries is the best option for the province’s insurance industry.

Should the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador approve a Cap on accident claims it would limit the ability to receive fair compensation for an injury. According to a report of the Superintendent of Insurance for Newfoundland and Labrador, insurance companies in the province collected $92 million more in auto insurance premiums in 2017 than was paid out in claims.

It is worthwhile noting that insurance investment profits are up. In the first quarter of 2017, the insurance industry in Canada reported $986 Million in profit from investment alone. This was more than double the $482 Million in the first quarter of 2016.

Valerie Hynes, lawyer with Insult to Injury Campaign to Protect Accident Victims, addressed the Coalition of Pensioners, Retirees, and Seniors Associations and indicated that the insurance industry is making a healthy profit, despite the fact it is losing money in Newfoundland and Labrador.

While some seniors are concerned about the cost of auto insurance, we have become increasingly concerned about the impact proposed by insurance caps or an increase in the legislative deductible would have on seniors in our province. Many seniors no longer drive, yet they could become the victim of a car accident, either as a pedestrian or passenger. A cap on insurance claims would have detrimental impacts on these innocent victims, leaving them vulnerable financially and with no ability to challenge the outcome of a settlement.

It would seem to me that Insurance Companies would like to increase their profits by having the automobile insurance profit be used to supplement other areas of their portfolio that are not profitable.

Attached is poster which has been updated as result of the latest the Superintendent of Insurance’s report, shows insurance business transactions in Newfoundland and Labrador for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Robert J. Rogers
Chairperson
Seniors Against Insurance Cap
Telephone: (709) 533-6189
Fax: (709) 520-520-2074
Email: robertrogers@personainternet.com
A CAP IS NOT GOOD FOR SENIORS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR.

A CAP WILL NOT LOWER CAR INSURANCE RATES. EVEN IF YOU NO LONGER DRIVE, IF YOU ARE INJURED AS A PASSENGER OR PEDESTRIAN, A CAP WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR RIGHTS FOR FAIR COMPENSATION.

**Insurance investment profits are up.**

In the first quarter of 2017, the insurance industry in Canada reported **$986M in profit** from investment alone.

This was more than double the $482M in the first quarter of 2016.

**Insurance underwriting profits are up.**

In 2017, insurance companies in Newfoundland and Labrador reported **$92M in underwriting profit** alone.

That's approximately 22% profit.

**Accident numbers are down in Newfoundland and Labrador.**

RNC reported a 25% decrease in accident numbers from 2013-2017.

**Accident injury claims are down by nearly 50%**

Source: General Insurance Statistical Agency
A cap means seniors will lose their right to sue for pain and suffering. The right to sue under a $5000 cap is an empty right. Innocent seniors lose their right to fair compensation and insurance companies will make even more profits. Is it really worth giving up your rights?

*Source: lowestrates.ca*
The Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation and local 50+ clubs are working together to help spread the word about a simple way of providing critical information to paramedics and other health professionals in an emergency situation. The Vial of Life is a simple form that lists all your important medical information in a location that medical personnel can find quickly in an emergency.

While there are different types of Vial of Life programs, they all function similarly. When the paramedics arrive at a home, a sticker placed on your fridge door alerts them that the resident has completed a Vial of Life form.

The Vial of Life program has been around for some time. But interest has been growing of late as more and more seniors want to be proactive in protecting their health and well-being as they grow older.

We ask individuals to place their completed medical form inside a plastic Vial of Life (an empty pill bottle) sticker attached and also place a sticker on their fridge door.

We are pleased to see that the Alexander Bay 50+ Club has partnered with the Alexander Bay Lions Club of Glovertown to distribute over 300 Vial of Life containers in their area during the past year.

Attached is a copy of a document covering the information sheet that was used in their project and below copies of the sticker used on pill bottle and the sticker on fridge door.
Vial of Life Information Sheet

INFORMATION FOR PARAMEDICS

Alexander Bay Lions Club and local partners of this program in this community encourage you to complete this form and update it with changes in your medical conditions or medications. Once completed this document is a means to identify and assist potentially high-risk people in any emergency situation. The information contained on this document may assist paramedics or other First Responders provide proper medical care or treatment in the event that you are unable to clearly communicate information at the time of an emergency. It includes information about medical conditions, past history, current medications and allergies. You may also include information for emergency contacts so that a family member or friend can be contacted to notify them of your situation or needs.

After you have completed this document it is recommended that you place it in the “Vial of Life” container and place it in your refrigerator in a place where it can be easily found by paramedics. Place the included sticker on your fridge door in a highly visible location to direct paramedics to the vial inside your refrigeration. Carrying an additional copy in your wallet, may also provide accurate medical information in an emergency situation.

If you have any questions regarding this program or require additional copies of this document please contact Robert Rogers 709 533-6189.

In your community this program is proudly supported by:

Alexander Bay Lions Club

Glovertown, NL
**Vial of Life Information Sheet**

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**Prosthesis (including dentures, glasses, hearing aids etc.)**

Date this form completed / updated
SUNNYSIDE 50+ GROUP
Sunnyside, NL
Report of Activities 2018

We are happy to report that 2018 has been a rewarding and enjoyable year for our group.

We continue to meet monthly for regular meetings and conclude our evening with a social time to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries within our membership.

We continue to maintain our building through the efforts of our senior volunteers. We purchased a lawn mower, installed outside vents and front entrance steps to the building. We purchased a Miracast device which enables us to conduct our meetings with less paperwork.

Card games and darts are enjoyed each week and our weekly Craft group is very active. We completed 39 Knickers for the 1st. Tricentia Cubs and Beavers and we were presented with a certificate of appreciation for our efforts at a luncheon, while they demonstrated the various ways they use their Knickers. We extend special thoughts, through greeting cards to all in our community, who are sick or need words of encouragement and we recognized Mental Health week with green lighting on our building.

We contributed to the Children’s Wish Foundation. We offered AED training for our members and others who are interested. Again this year we planted flowers throughout our town in conjunction with our Town Council and we opened our building to the Recreation Committee for an event, as well as our Cubs and Beavers. As a fundraiser for our group we completed a quilt which we put on raffle tickets.

We applied for and received a “Bridging The Gap” grant. This grant enabled us to purchase equipment, whereby we could share our knowledge, to help our young people in learning the basics of sewing, cooking, rug hooking, fly tying and net knitting.

As part of the grants requirements we hosted a Youth day with our very young and teens, participating in various games and activities which included a luncheon. The evening concluded with a concert hosted by our youth.
We also had our youth involved in preparing a Jigs Dinner, serving and cleanup. We were very impressed and pleased with the interest we received and their participation. They entertained our members with their musical talents and singing, following the dinner.

We joined with our Lions Club for a St. Paddy’s Day celebration dinner at which time, both groups made a monetary donation to one of our members who were experiencing health issues.

We attended a session on food preparation with a representative from Service NL.

We were invited by the Town to attend a Volunteer Recognition night in April.

We attended an Eastern Regional Wellness Coalition workshop in Clarenville hosted by Tammy Greening, on “Improving health” with emphasis on community gardening and healthy eating and the Seniors Information Fair in October, was well attended by our group.

We were pleased to have Brittany Green, Audiologist, visit with us from Beltone. She gave a very informative talk on the importance of taking care of our hearing.

We were happy to have our director Sam Saunders attend one of our meetings. It was an enjoyable evening with a dinner, followed by entertainment.

For a day outing we did a trip to Bonavista, the Elliston Sealers Museum, concluding our day with a concert in Clarenville.

Four of our members attended the 50 Plus Convention in Marystown.

We partnered with the Sunnyside Lions Club to do the school breakfast program.

We hosted a “Pot Luck” dinner, in recognition of our Town Council for their financial support and help. It was an enjoyable evening with Archie and Edith as our special guests.

We visited Hant’s Harbour to acquire information on the Community Gardens and are presently looking at the possibility of doing such a project here.

To conclude our year’s activities, a Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all at “Pauline’s Place” in Goobies.

We extend thanks to our members, our youth and the town for their participation and cooperation throughout the year.

*Delilah Snook*

Secretary, Sunnyside 50 + Group
BRIGHTON 50 + CLUB
Brighton, NL

Report of Activities 2018

We started 2018 by registering 53 members. Throughout the year, we had monthly meetings of our core committee, including other members as much as we could get the participation. In January, we had open darts, with 24 attending. We had open darts again in February, with 20 registered and $140.00 raised. We also had a Valentine’s dance, open to the public, with 18 attending.

In April, we held a fundraising breakfast, which resulted in $950.00 for a member undergoing cancer treatment. A games night had very poor attendance. There was a Mother’s Day potluck in May, with 26 members attending. In June, 10 of our members conducted a community clean-up, picking up trash on the roadsides and in the ditches. Also in June, 10 members took a trip to nearby Long Island, where we had lunch at the tea room, visited their museum, and did some sightseeing.

We closed out for the summer in July, with a barbecue. Thirty people attended. In September, we offered an afternoon of Boccia and snacks. Just 5 attended. Afternoon tea in October was enjoyed by the 16 ladies that attended. A games afternoon had low attendance. Another games night in November had poor attendance; a collection was taken for Prostate Cancer Canada.

During the fall, we undertook collection of non-perishable items for the food bank, up until 14 December. On 12 December, we had our Christmas potluck, with 31 attending. This was followed by games and socializing. One of our members, Diane Fudge, had great success in collecting winter clothing items and bedding for the Wiseman Centre (our group also did this last December), and we also sent along a donation of money.

Our club has supported our community through donating to the community garden, continuing as needed, and in assisting those developing a trail system in our town (who are mostly club members). We also make it our mandate to help out members and other residents on an individual basis, where the need is.

We have a small group of women (6 - 8) that meet weekly for sewing and other craft projects -the Brighton Sew-n-Sews. This group is not a part of 50 +, but kind of loosely associated, as that is how we got our start. To support our group’s activities, we do some fundraising, such as selling tickets on a quilt we made, and having our items at local craft fairs. We recently donated $495.00 to the Lionel Kelland Hospice, proceeds from ticket sales on a quilt and other items.

Judy Fudge
Secretary
These are real questions asked by seniors (and those who support them) on SeniorsNL’s information line.

Q. I have a question about my application for my Guaranteed Income Supplement, but when I call Service Canada, I can’t get through. Is there anyone else I can call? A. The Service Canada number to call about specific information on your benefits or an application is 1-800-277-9914 (which I suspect is the number you have been trying). We have had several calls from people in the last few months who have also not been able to get through even after days of trying. Often the message a caller will get is: “Our call volume is high, and we are unable to transfer you to a representative. Press 1 to return to our automated service.” Unfortunately, this leaves the caller without any way to talk to a human being or to even leave a message. The good news is that Service Canada has 15 centres across the province that you can visit in person for services, as well as scheduled outreach in many other communities. Feel free to call us at SeniorsNL if you would like us to look up the one closest to you. However, if you are not able to visit a Service Canada centre in person and continue to have difficulties getting through to the 1-800-277-9914 number, you may wish to report this to your member of parliament so that he/she is aware that you are unable to access a federal service.

Q. I no longer drive or travel, so I don’t have a driver’s license or passport. Is there any other kind of picture ID that I can get? A. Even if you don’t drive, you can still get a photo identification card from the Motor Vehicle Registration Division, which is part of ServiceNL. There is a fee of $16 for seniors (65+), and cards are valid for five years. You will need to bring two pieces of identification (e.g. birth certificate) with you when you apply. Note: There are certain kinds of ID that they don’t accept, so you may wish to call them in advance to ensure that what you are bringing will be accepted. For more information on this, or to find the location nearest you, call 1-877-636-6867. You mentioned that you don’t travel much, but in case you ever do need to take a plane, you should check with the airline well in advance to see if they will take this form of ID, some don’t, and of course, you would still need a passport if you ever left the country.

Do you have a question that you would like answered? If so, send it to SeniorsNL by email at info@seniorsnl.ca or by mail to 243 Topsail Road, Suite 110, St. John’s, NL, A1E 0G5. Or feel free to call us with a question about a seniors’ issue, service or concern on our toll-free information line at 1-800-563-5599. Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter and visit our website at SeniorsNL.ca.
Once again our Burnside 50 + Club Inc. had a very enjoyable and productive year. We held 7 meetings with average attendance of 28 members. We always open our meetings with prayer and again at the ending. A practice passed down through the years. Birthdays and anniversary greetings are always extended to members who are celebrating usually at the beginning of our meeting.

On September 19th to 21st, eleven of our members took a road trip to Bonavista. We visited sea stack Spillars Cove, fisherman’s museum and sealers monument Elliston, the Dungeon in Bonavista, Coakers property in Port Union, Council Office in Bonavista where we met with the Mayor. We visited the Brewery in Port Rexton where we enjoyed some tasting and was given a lecture on the processes of making beer. The first night there we all got together for a barbecue at Phil’s and Shirlie’s cabin. We enjoyed Linda’s potato toutons and mushrooms galore. A fun night where we all sported our funny glasses and posed for pictures. A lot of these poses the glasses were upside down. Funny glasses gifts from Phil and Shirley. We enjoyed several meals at the Captain’s Quarters, Ryan’s Premises. On the way home we had a meal at the Bonavista Social Club, where we enjoyed the best homemade pizza, raisin bread and partridge berry bread pudding with sauce. This was also a good place to wear our funny glasses. From Amherst Cove, we drove to Tickle Cove to visit the Arches Inn, sure we can all say it was a wonderful trip.

Rex and Pat Ralph were our voting delegates at the Annual Convention held in Gander on September 5th to the 8th, nine members attended from our group and it was reported that they really enjoyed the conference and found it very interesting and informative.

Our Club usually pays 50 % of the fuel bill, 50 % of the electric bill and 50 % of the insurance for St. Alban’s Church Hall. This year, we gave $1,500.00 to help out with this cost. We gave $25.00 to Sea Fest in Eastport, $50.00 for an award at Holy Cross School in Eastport. Two new stoves were also purchased for our kitchen. Thanks to Carolyn and Frank Ralph for purchasing and delivering these stoves.

Dinners at our meetings usually consist of pot luck, Kitchen Committee cooking, barbecues or going out for supper. During the year, we had a few barbecues, jiggs dinner cooked by the kitchen committee. July 1st we had our Annual Surf and Turf. Christmas took us to Gertie’s for turkey or beef dinner.

This year as before we enjoyed our Halloween Party, Bonfire and Christmas party, most everyone dressed in costumes for our Halloween Party where we enjoyed a night of dancing and fellowship together. At our Christmas party, Santa and Mrs. Claus looked smart as usual and brought gifts to all members. Mummers came and we enjoyed a few spot dance. Certain people won all the prizes.
St. Patrick’s Day took us to Salvage Seniors Club for supper. Most of us wore green or some St. Paddy’s attire. We then came back to the hall where we enjoyed a fun night of fellowship and danced the night away.

Art Cheater cut two loads of wood for us to sell on tickets. We are still in the process of selling these tickets. Draw date is around the 24th of May. We sell Federation tickets and we get 40% of the profit for our club.

During the year we were saddened to hear of the passing of Terry Matthews’s mom. Terry Hollett’s mom and Phil and Beth’s mom. We were also very saddened to hear of the passing of Scott Hapgood’s brother Dennis. Dennis grew up in Burnside and attended school here. A large crowd attended his Memorial Service right here in this Church Hall. Deepest condolences to all the family. May the souls of all of the departed rest in peace.

On November 2nd, two of our members, Carolyn Ralph and Jim Rock traveled to Appleton to a central regional wellness coalition gathering. Topic was Safe Food Handling.

In November a new to us furnace was installed in our hall with duct work under the floor. The old one was removed which had duct work in the ceiling. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this task. It wasn’t very easy crawling in under the building. Bravo to all of you. Because of you we all enjoyed a warm winter in our Church Hall.

In January members of our group went to visit Uncle Char Oldford on the occasion of his 95th Birthday and presented him with a Certificate of Honor. Uncle Char has been a member of our club since it was founded in 1988. Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening with food and refreshments.

In January we heard from our member Colin Holloway that we were going to get broadband internet sometime in the future, that’s St. Chad’s – Burnside. In January we also welcomed five new members to our club.

We want to congratulate our President Linda, on being elected Chairperson of the Provincial Advising Council on Aging and Seniors. Right now she is awaiting surgery on her hip. We want to wish her all the best from all the Club. As you all know she is the one who holds our club together.

During the early part of April our hall, the interior received a new face lift. All the ceilings and the walls pretty much received a new coat of paint, some three coats. What a wonderful job. We are so proud of this. Thanks a million to everyone who helped out. It was quite the task. When everyone pulls together you get a lot of work done.

Finally, thanks to everyone who helped out in any way during the year. Usually I mentioned everyone but you know who you are. I think we can all say that we had a very, very good year and it all seem to work together quite well. I beg to adoption of this report.

Patricia Oldford

Secretary