

## SOUTHEAST & WINNIPEG BRANCH COUNCIL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

The Branch held its AGM on May 14, 2012. We elected two new members as councillors, Katherine Schultz, and Sheila Woods. No one stood for the presidency or secretary. Fortunately, Susan Thorpe volunteered to be secretary later, and the executive appointed her in June. This will be ratified at our General Meeting Monday, September 17. We lost four valued members to the Branch executive, Dennis Simpson, Gwen Pedersen, Kelly Southworth, and Dave Sutherland. Our "phoner" Lynn Francis is retiring from her phoning duties at the end of September. We wish them all the best.

Our Wednesday Night Library started September 5. All volunteers are in place. We will not be open on Hallowe'en this year.

We have upped our fees for the Branch to \$12.00 from \$10.00 effective this last May.

Using profit from our October 2011, seminar we plan to pay for the database subscription to Ancestry and Newspaperarchives to assist the MGS budget through to 2013-2014. We also gave money from the seminar for the library for the purchase of resources and for the Computer Committee for equipment. We gave an additional \$100 in May to assist with the replacement cost of two computers.

We have planned the educational programmes for the year and they are outlined in a brochure. They are very interesting and varied sessions. Last week we had a tour of the Fort Garry Horse Headquarters on Machray Ave in honour of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This Monday evening we will be having author Pat Wotten speak about her book, "With Love, Lydia". It tells about the first woman ordained minister in Canada. We will be having four Computer sessions, and five "12 Heads are Better than 1", eight general sessions, including the one on Monday, Sept. 17 and a walking tour in May. We charge \$5.00 for non-Branch members. We are offering an introductory course called "Growing Your Family Tree", in October, through the St. James School Division Continuing Education Department\* and are in the planning stages with Winnipeg 1 School Division and City of Winnipeg for a similar workshop in the Spring of 2013. All in all, our Branch will be busy this coming year.

Only one person has signed up so far, so this course may not be a go.