



55th annual *Rotary Seniors' Expedition to Barkerville* slated for Thursday September 6th

Local seniors can soon sign up for Quesnel Rotary's 55th annual Seniors' Expedition to Barkerville, set for Thursday, September 6th. The club's organizing committee chairs Ron Paull and Cathy Walsh report that sign-up sheets will be available at both the Quesnel Seniors' Centre and Golden Centre starting Thursday, August 16th on a first come, first served basis until all 100 seats on two charter busses are spoken for. To ensure all seats are filled, seating will not be confirmed until those who have signed up have been called by phone. Rotary also hosts a third bus load of residents from Dunrovin Park Lodge.

Busses will depart from the Legion, but attendees **MUST** sign up in advance and then be confirmed by phone. Following an hour of fun and fellowship on the Cariboo Waggon Road, the entourage will be treated to lunch in Barkerville, before attending Mrs. McGinley's Gold Rush Variety Show at the famed Theatre Royal. Following the show, everyone will have time to enjoy tea and sweets in Barkerville's restaurants while poking about the shops and exhibits. Of course, a loaf of sourdough bread from Goldfield Bakery will be high on many a shopping list. The day will be capped off with the annual group photo in front of St. Savior's Church. Buses will arrive back at the Legion in the Gold Pan City around 4:15pm.

Quesnel Rotary Club president Petrie Neave is hoping to accompany the seniors on their outing. "Rotary has been hosting local seniors to Barkerville for over 50 years and this continues as a wonderful way for our club to recognize and honour the contributions our seniors have made to the betterment of our great community."

Paull says this annual outing for area seniors is the most enjoyable and rewarding aspect of his many years of Rotary service. He encourages his fellow seniors 65+ who wish to participate in this outing to sign up as soon as the sign-up sheets are available at the two seniors' centres on Thursday, August 16th.

"Our club is committed to continuing this annual outing for seniors. Our charity fund, with assistance from a Province of British Columbia gaming grant pays most of the bills for the outing, but the charter bus company, Barkerville Historic Town, Barkerville restaurants and Theatre Royal all give us a break, which we truly appreciate" Walsh said. For more information, please call Ron Paull at 250 992 8994, or any Rotary club member can direct enquiries to the organizing committee.