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present agreed that most plans cover up to \$1,000,000 regardless of destination. Members were urged to read the 'small print' in the brochures, to note the items the insurance does not cover, and to check their medication coverage.

Jim Walker stated that a MURA mailing list (with telephone numbers) is on order through Personnel Services.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance	\$2,761.09
GIC's	\$3,000.00

An amount of \$692.50 is outstanding for Canterbury Hills, leaving a bank balance of

\$2,068.59

2. Joy stated that ticket prices for Canterbury Hills may need to be raised from \$20 to \$25 in order to cover the cost of the dinner, plus hall, tax and gratuity.

The Treasurer reported that other expenses will include the cost of printing the Newsletter. 880 MURAs had been sent out and perhaps this number should be cut back for 1994, by way of sending only one copy per year to non-active members. Paid up members will, however, continue to receive their copies on a regular basis (see Point #9) It was encouraging to hear that as a result of the membership notice in the MURA issue, a number of memberships fees have been submitted.

3. Joy will be in contact with Gemma Allan of Cook Tours with ideas for 'overnight' stays, such as the Ottawa Tulip Festival, or out-of-town theatre trips. When planning such events, lead time will be an important factor.
3. The Chairman advised that a Memorial Service will be held in Convocation Hall at 10:30 a.m. on November 11th.
4. An article written by Albert Mueller, entitled Retirement Years was distributed to those present.
5. Council was advised that Louis Gentilcore and Joseph Nemeth had passed on.

6. Joy Baby will represent Council at the Bake Sale on December 2nd. Anyone interested in participating should contact her before that date.
7. Jim Walker to submit article on MURA to Heather Larmour early December.
8. Carm McMullen asked if hourly employees were included in the McMaster Pension Plan revision mailed out. The Chairman advised that he understood that a revised information sheet was being prepared for mailing to those classified as hourly paid retirees.
8. The Chairman advised that the MURA mailing list will be revised before the April/May mailing in 1994. A discussion will take place in the New Year re whether anyone who has been retired for two complete years (or over) and has not paid membership should be removed from the mailing list. Details of any approved change in mailing will have to be agreed upon and issued to all members in the April/May Newsletter.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 7th in Bilmour Hall Room 306 at 1:30. This change of date is necessary because of the Simcoe Lights Tour to be held on December 8th.

Bill MacPherson moved, seconded by Carm McMullen that the meeting be adjourned - carried.