
Federal Superannuates National Association

Nanaimo & Area



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*** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2008 ***

Location: The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #256, 1630 East Wellington Street, located between Bowen and Townsite Roads. Doors will open at 10:00AM.

**The cost for lunch is \$17.00 per person, including GST
EXCLUDING GRATUITIES**

MENU: ROAST BEEF WITH VEGTABLES, SALAD, DESERT AND COFFEE

Your local FSNA Representative will telephone you to ask whether you plan to attend the lunch and, if you confirm your attendance, you are reminded of the Associations cancellation policy. The Association is required to pay for all meals that are ordered on your behalf; therefore if you subsequently find that you cannot attend, you must cancel your reservation to avoid being charged for the meal. Please call PAT MASON at 753-6008 or BARB CAMPBELL at 954-0733. The last date to cancel to avoid being charged for your meal is Thursday, March 20th.

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING MILITARY & RCMP/GRC VETERANS AGAINST ANNUITY BENEFIT REDUCTION AT AGE 65.

Veterans Petition URL Hot Link: www.petitiononline.com/vets8 PLEASE SIGN! In order to succeed, the Petition to terminate the claw back to veteran's pension at age 65 must increase its numbers. The Veterans on-line Petition was initiated on October 17, 2007 and the nominal list is approaching 18,000 supporters. It presently contains the signature of 63 former senior Military and RCMP Officers. The goal is to present the Petition to the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, PC. ALSO VIEW: www.veteranvoice.info - restraint of programme indexation.

PRESIDENT BOB'S FINAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

This will be my last epistle to you from my lofty seat on high, and I must say it has been a most enjoyable run. I would like to thank the Executive, both past and present, for their support and assistance over the years. Also thanks to our members for their kind support also. This AGM represents a watershed for us here in Nanaimo and Area as many of our positions will have to be filled with new people. A list of these positions has been included elsewhere in this newsletter. Anyone wishing to stand for the Board should contact any member of the Board with their name and the position that they are interested in.

We also will be approaching Congress 2008, (July 2008), our first National Congress under the new Governance System. It should be most interesting. Your new President will have to shoulder the burden as he will be the only representative from our branch to attend. There will be no observers at this Congress. It would be correct to assume some of the kinks in the new Governance will have to be ironed out at this Congress also.

Al Heinrich, Marg Mostowy Vic Ashdown and I attended a Regional Meeting held in Duncan on 05 February, to go over some aspects of the new Governance, the 2008 Congress and to discuss mutual problems that our island branches are experiencing. Stan Hrabarchuk, our 1st Vice President, attended to outline the new voting process for RSO's and the ND positions, and to give us some idea of what is going on at National these days. It also seems that we may have to have another meeting sometime in April to further this process.

In closing I hope you will consider joining us on the Executive as these operations require warm bodies' not distant support. I hope to see you all at the AGM.

Bob Hoogerbrug, President

A CANADIAN POEM – AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU LIVE IN LOTUS LAND

**It's winter in Canada, and the gentle breezes blow
Seventy kilomentres an hour and twenty-nine below.**

**Oh, how I love Canada when the snow is up to your butt;
You take a breath of winter and your nose gets frozen shut.**

**Yes, the weather here is wonderful, so I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave Canada 'cause I'm frozen to the ground!**

*******MEDICAL INSURANCE PLANS FOR TRAVELLERS*******

What is MEDOC? MEDOC offers supplementary travel insurance coverage by insuring several expenses that are not covered by the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP). MEDOC also extends some of PSHCP's current out of province/country benefits.

Some of the benefits of MEDOC coverage that are not included with PSHCP are:

- **Annual Base Plan coverage available to all FSNA-PSHCP members regardless of health status – no medical questionnaire is required.**
- **Annual Base Plan provides coverage for an unlimited number of trips per year up to 40 days each. Single trip plan also available to FSNA members.**
- **Over 40 days travel? Supplemental Plan available to FSNA members.**
- **Up to \$12,000 per insured, per trip for trip cancellation, interruption and delay insurance – not available through PSHCP.**
- **Up to \$3,000 for vehicle return – not available through PSHCP**
- **Up to \$500.00 for return of pets – not available through PSHCP**
- **In hospital Private Duty Nursing – not available through PSHCP**
- **Up to \$5,000 for emergency dental expenses – PSHCP covers this benefit up to a maximum of \$2,000 per emergency so that the member can claim up to an additional \$5,000 for a maximum of \$7,000 with MEDOC coverage**
- **Up to \$300.00 for emergency relief of dental pain-not available with PSHCP**
- **PSHCP insures up to \$3,000 for repatriation or burial – MEDOC covers any amount incurred in excess of this amount up to a maximum of \$5,000**
- **PSHCP insures up to \$2,500 in total for all additional hotel and meals expenses. MEDOC covers up to \$150.00 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500 per insured. For example: if the emergency is within the first 40 days of the members' trip then the member can claim \$2,500 from the PSHCP and then a further \$1,500 from MEDOC if in excess of the PSHCP limit of \$2,500**
- **PSHCP covers 80% of medications prescribed while out of Canada; MEDOC will reimburse the remaining 20% prescribed while out of Canada**
- **Up to \$1,500 per insured for loss or damage of baggage and personal effects to a maximum of \$3,000 per family**
- **Up to \$100,000 per insured for flight accident death and dismemberment.**

FSNA, in partnership with Johnson Inc., is constantly striving to ensure that our members receive the best travel insurance product, advice and service. MEDOC meets the criteria for FSNA members. Please refer to the MEDOC brochure or contact them at www.johnson.ca/medoc_b (note underline between c and b) or telephone 1-866-799-0000 or 604-881-8840, in Langley, BC.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS REPORT – VIC ASHDOWN

As of February 21st, 2008, the Nanaimo and Area Branch had 1761 members comprising 1187 Superannuates and 574 Spouses. There are 1364 on DDS and 397 pay at Branch. Since the last Newsletter Report (October 18th), the following membership changes have taken place:

NEW OR REINSTATED MEMBERS (22)

**G & George Berg, Nanaimo
Gerard & Sharon Casavant, Port Alberni
Donald & Carol Chipman, Port Alberni
Ester Christopher & Lance Nater, Qualicum Beach
Roy Farrell, Nanaimo
Mary Gohn, Lantzville
Gary & Yvonne Grant, Nanaimo
Juliette Huot, Port Alberni
Paul March, Gabriola
Alan McWhinnie, Nanaimo
Ronald & Diane Moll, Nanaimo
George & Lorraine Percival, Nanaimo
Tom & Judy Schmidt, Port Alberni
Gary Straughan, Nanaimo**

TRANSFERRED IN (10)

**T Ballam, Nanaimo, from AB16, Calgary & District
Leonard & Kathleen Douglas, Qualicum Beach, from BC04 Fraser Valley West
Grace Fraser, Qualicum Beach, from BC09 Victoria-Fred Whitehouse
James Harmeson, Nanaimo, from AB17 Edmonton
Robert McPherson, Qualicum Beach, from BC09 Victoria-Fred Whitehouse
Kent Nielsen, Ucluelet, from BC06 North Vancouver Island
Sandra Veenstra, Parksville, from BC02 Chilliwack
Joe Watkin, Nanaimo, from NS71 South Shore
Ronald Wesner, Parksville, from AB19 Red Deer**

TRANSFERRED OUT (3)

**Claude & Florence Lachance, Nanaimo, to AB16 Calgary & District
Tom O'Dowd, Nanaimo, to ON35 Huronia**

MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATIONS (5)

**Anne Truesdale, Qualicum Beach
George & Jo Wells, Nanaimo
Robert & Dorothy Wilson, Nanaimo**

IN MEMORIAM (17)

**Elva Anderson, Nanaimo
Walter Bereza, Parksville, survived by wife Fran
Eunice Cook, Parksville
Vern Dahl, Parksville
Nancy de Candole, Qualicum Beach (96 years)
Donalda Drew, Port Alberni, survived by husband Derek
Desmond Erickson, Nanaimo
Al Gregor, Victoria
Mary Kabata, Nanaimo, survived by husband Zbigniew
Lois Lindquist, Nanaimo
Jack Martin, Victoria, survived by wife Alexandra
Jim Moffat, Nanaimo, survived by wife Mae
Jack Parsons, Parksville, survived by wife Anne
Tom Smith, Nanaimo, survived by wife Leona
Bill Ward, Qualicum Beach, survived by wife Peggy
Irma Wehner, Nanaimo, survived by husband Gil
Donald Woolgar, Nanoose Bay**

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES

For those who have not yet paid, “PAST DUE” notices (Third billing) are enclosed. (Invoices will be mailed separately to members receiving email Newsletters). Memberships still unpaid as of March 31st will be cancelled without further notice – three billings should be more than enough!

LOST SHEEP

Since the last Newsletter, we have lost contact with the members listed below (town/city shown is last known residence location). If anyone knows where they are now, please let us know or ask them to get in touch with us. Thanks.

**Nanaimo: Marie Gorton, Gus Saunders
Nanoose Bay: John & Frances Fowler
Qualicum Beach: Dale Elthea**

TREASURERS REPORT- AS OF FEBRUARY 19 2008 -MARG MOSTOWY

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank General Account		2,685.63
Petty Cash		100.00
Accts Rec DDS Nat Off 2008	3,994.05	
Accts Rec Rental Facility RTCL256	50.00	
Total Accounts Receivable		9,338.24
Float Due – Membership Chair	100.00	
Total Floats Due		100.00
Prepaid Post/Stationary	624.64	
Total Prepaid Expenses		624.64
Total GIC Investment		16,601.33
Total DOB Reserve Fund		6,297.59
Total Current Assets		35,747.42

LIABILITY

Per Capita Payable 2008	369.76	
Total per capita payable		369.76
Total Liability		369.76

EQUITY

Defense of Benefits Reserve Fund	6,218.10	
Total Reserve Fund		6,218.10
Retained Earnings Previous Year	19,405.89	
Prior Year Adjustment	603.48	
Total Retained Earnings		20,009.37
Current Earnings		9,150.19
Total Earnings		35,377.66
Liabilities & Equity		35,747.42

Income Statement as of February 19, 2008

Membership Dues		9,378.71
Missed Meal Payment	30.00	
Total Income Gen. Meeting		30.00
Interest GIC	135.23	
Interest Income Reserve	75.49	
Total Interest Income		214.72
Miscellaneous Income		00.00
Total Income		9,623.43
Total Expenses	473.24	(details provided upon request).
NET INCOME		9,150.19

LIST OF OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED MARCH 2008

President	Al Heinrich
Vice-President	Vacant
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Marg Mostowy
Directors	
Port Alberni	Vacant
Historian	Vacant
Health Benefits	Vacant
Newsletter	Peter D. Hann

All other director positions terms of office run for one more year. These positions are very important to the operation of your Branch and it is imperative that we fill these positions. Please step forward and join us in the operation of your Branch!

FSNA NANAIMO EXECUTIVE FOR 2007

POSITION	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
President	Bob Hoogerbrug	751-8735	<u>r-choog@shaw.ca</u>
Past President	Marg Mostowy	756-1069	<u>fsnananaimo@shaw.ca</u>
Vice-President & Recruiting & Retention	Al Heinrich	738-0192	<u>agh@shaw.ca</u>
Secretary	Cathey Hoogerbrug	751-8735	<u>r-choog@shaw.ca</u>
Treasurer	Marg Mostowy (Temporary)	756-1069	<u>fsnanaimo@shaw.ca</u>
Membership Director	Vic Ashdown	248-2027	<u>ashdown@shaw.ca</u>
Membership Secretary	Doris Grieves	716-1952	<u>dgrieves@shaw.ca</u>
Historian, Nominations Committee & Volunteer Coordinator	John Ablett	752-7572	
Programme Director	Pat Mason	753-6008	
Awards	Charles Scrivener	758-2240	<u>scrivener@shaw.ca</u>

Speaker			
Registration	Susanne Body	729-9588	<u>sbody@shaw.ca</u>
Health & Benefits, PSHCP & PDSP	Leroy Wood	758-0078	<u>woodsie@shaw.ca</u>
Newsletter	Peter Hann	248-3165	<u>phann@shaw.ca</u>
Hospital Visitation			
Nanaimo	Vacant		
Parksville	Harold Goodman	248-3269	
Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	
Telephone Chairpersons & Area Coordinators			
Qualicum Beach	Sherwood & Nora Moore	752-1048	
Parksville	Barbara Campbell	954-0733	<u>campbellca@shaw.ca</u>
Ucluelet	Sandy Henry	726-7086	<u>macfunnelcover@telus.net</u>
Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	
CARDS			
Parksville, & Nanoose	Michelle Ashdown	248-2027	<u>ashdown@shaw.ca</u>
Nanaimo Metro	June Wiebe	756-4873	<u>ejwiebe@telus.net</u>
Port Alberni, Ucluelet & Tofino	Marg Pierce	723-9791	

FSNA CERTIFICATES - OF - SERVICE AWARDS

One of the ways that our Branch shows its appreciation to Volunteers Services by members is through awarding FSNA Certificates-of-Service. During 2008, Certificates for Five-years of Service will be presented to nine Branch members during the Annual General Meeting on March 27 in Nanaimo and at one of our General Meetings on June 19, in Parksville or September 19 in Port Alberni.

They are: John R. Ablett, Branch Executive; Barbara A. Campbell, Phone Chairperson; Doris M. Grieves, Branch Executive; Katherine Garbutt, Phoner; Patricia M. Mason, Branch Executive; Helen Smith, Phoner; Mary J. R. Stoner, Phoner; Maureen Stapleton, Phoner and Executive; Anne Thomas, Phoner.

THINK GREEN ON MARCH 17 AND ENJOY A GLASS OF GUINNESS IN CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK' DAY!