
Federal Superannuates National Association

Nanaimo & Area



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NEXT MEETING – 14 JUNE 2007

Location: Meeting Room, Quality Resort Bayside, 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville (Corner of Dogwood Street and Highway 19A), across the street from the Travelodge. The Meeting will commence at 11:00AM. Parking is not a problem and the first four spaces are reserved for those with an approved Handicapped Decal.

Our Guest Speaker will be retired RCMP/GRC Constable Tim Schewe. Tim will speak about how to improve automobile driving habits at any age and how driving changes with age. Constable Schewe implemented the driving program and writes a weekly column for the Harbour City Star and the Oceanside Star.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that fourteen Branch members will receive five year service awards during the meeting in Parksville. Certificates will be presented to:

Vic Ashdown, Michelle Ashdown, Liz Barker, Evelyn Ethier, Helen Hartmen, Cathey Hoogerbrug, Frieda Mason, Alex McConnell, Enid Perry, Charles Scrivener, Pat Smith, Marion Rivers, Marjorie Rose and Leroy Wood. Their contribution to the Nanaimo Chapter of the FSNA is sincerely appreciated by the membership.

Following a short business meeting and the presentation by the Guest Speaker, we will move to Heron's Restaurant for lunch (table service). The menu consists of Chicken breast a la Swiss, fresh vegetables, roasted potatoes and dessert. The cost is \$15.00 per person, gratuities included. VERY IMPORTANT! Please ensure that you purchase your lunch ticket (s) at the Meeting Room prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Your local FSNA representative will telephone you to ask whether you plan to attend the meeting and, if you do confirm your attendance, you are reminded of the Association's cancellation policy. We are required to pay for all meals that we order therefore, if you find that you are unable to attend the meeting, you are requested to cancel your reservation to avoid being charged for the meal. To do so, please call Pat Mason at 753-6008 or Barb Campbell at 954-0733.

NOTE: THE LAST DATE FOR CANCELLATION TO AVOID BEING INVOICED FOR YOUR MEAL WILL BE THURSDAY, 07 JUNE, 2007.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAG!

PRESIDENT BOB'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

At this writing I am not sure if we are really approaching spring or whether that season is a vague recollection from the past. My meteorological training tells me it has for all intents and purposes been a cool and sub normal spring season.

Unfortunately we have had to alter our venue for the June meeting from Port Alberni to Parksville. This has arisen from the rather cool response we received from the Best Western when we attempted to book and arrange things. We could not get any Thursdays and they seemed not to care about coming in at pricing our members could afford. This will however be offset by the excellent food and meeting room at the Quality Bayside Resort in Parksville, where we held our function last year.

There will be a more structured itinerary for this meeting in order to avoid the confusion arising last year. The opening of the meeting will be a hard 11:00AM, with the speaker starting at 11:45AM. We will retire to the restaurant at 12:30PM with lunch being served at 1:00PM. These times have to be fixed to allow the restaurant personnel to accommodate the members. All persons attending the meal as well must purchase their meal tickets at the meeting room before the meeting starts.

The Branch has vetted the resolutions for Convention 2007 and forwarded them to National. This seems to be proceeding well and all is in hand. A NBOD meeting was held in Ottawa in March but there has been precious little in the way of information coming forth. This is because of Convention 2007, which has delayed the disbursement of the Minutes. A Regional Meeting for the Island Branches will be held on June 5 2007 in Duncan. This will allow us to co-ordinate our efforts at Convention and iron out any problems existing. Also in attendance at this meeting will be our National President Dennis Jackson and Jean-Guy Soliere, our past Executive Director and now the Chair of the National Seniors Council.

We will await eagerly to hear what they have to tell us. I will have further information on this at the next General meeting. A Long Term Care Seminar was held on May 01 in Nanaimo, which I attended as a Branch representative. It went well with attendance around 50 persons, some of which were from other Branches.

We will be looking for some of our Veterans to lay wreathes for us in November and we will be entertaining any volunteers to do this for the Branch. It does serve a worthy service. As usual speaking of volunteers, we are always looking for phoners and persons to serve on the Executive. We are especially in need of someone to serve as Treasurer. All it requires is some computer skills and the ability to handle accounts with training being provided by the Branch. Marg Mostowy is now filling that role for us, competently as it seems, but she has done that job in the past and is now due a well earned respite from these. Please step forward and help us carry the Branch into the new few years.

Lastly, I would like to thank Peter Hann for the excellent job on then newsletter! It was a great read for his first stab at it and it was well received, I am looking forward to seeing you in Parksville at the June meeting. Have a safe and happy summer and we'll see you all in the fall.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – VIC ASHDOWN

As of May 10th, 2007, the Nanaimo and Area Branch had 1758 members comprising 1179 superannuates and 579 spouses. There are 1363 on DDS and 395 pay at Branch. Since the last Newsletter Report (February 22nd), the following membership changes have taken place:

NEW OR REINSTATED MEMBERS (22)

**Suzanne & Gary Brothers, Nanaimo
B & Maria Gill, Parksville
Joan Greenwood, Parksville
Wayne & Lynn Healey, Parksville
Albert & Phyllis Hood, Nanaimo
Patricia & Reginald Irving, Nanaimo
Rodger Knutton & Hazel Hinchcliffe-Knutton, Nanaimo
Wilma & Ross Melvin, Lantzville
Roy Sage & Judith Gibson, Nanaimo
Carol Simms, Parksville
George Summers, Parksville
Donald Switzer, Gabriola
Richard Zurbrigg & Sheila Bergin, Nanaimo**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (CONTINUED):

TRANSFERRED IN (8):

**Ronald Crossley, Cedar, from BC10 South Okanagan
J Hayes, Parksville, from ON54 Cornwall & District
Phil & Ruth Kilpatrick, Qualicum Beach, from BC09 Victoria-Fred Whitehouse
V & George Pearson, Parksville, from SK25 Saskatoon & Area
Roger Taylor, Nanoose Bay, from ON55 York
Robert Williams, Qualicum Beach, from BC12 Kamloops**

TRANSFERRED OUT (4):

**Leigh & Jean Beaton, Qualicum Beach, to ON43 Ottawa
Colin & Alice-Marie Smith, Qualicum Beach, to BC03 Duncan & District**

MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATIONS (6):

**Carolynn Banks, Nanaimo
Earl Jordan, Nanaimo
Tom & Sheila McIntyre, Port Alberni
Vern Rushmer, Nanaimo
Betty Thomson, Nanaimo**

IN MEMORIAM (10)

**Eileen Bent, Nanaimo
Henry Breaden, Nanaimo, survived by wife Alice
Marjorie Bunnin, Nanaimo, survived by husband Norman
Basil Chambers, Parksville, Survived by wife Catherine
Edith Clegg, Nanaimo, survived by husband Jack
Alice Field, Etobicoke, ON
Katharina Jacquot, survived by husband John
Raymond James, Cedar
Bernard Lee, Lantzville
Joyce Pearson, Nanaimo, survived by husband Andrew**

WEB-BASED MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM (WMS)

WMS Version 2 has been delayed because all National Office Technical Staff members were working full-time on the recent Recruitment Campaign. However, the draft User's Manual for this new version has been written and was released for review at the end of March. The Manual is quite good and will need only minor revision before going to a final version. This review also confirmed several significant software flaws and the developer has been tasked to fix the problems. Should everything be resolved, Version 2 should be ready for acceptance testing this summer.

The good news is that Version 1, despite its inherent limitations, continues to function well and adequately handled the recent influx of about 16,000 new members resulting from the Recruitment Campaign.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MARG MOSTOWY

BALANCE AS OF APR.30/07		INCOME STATEMENT APR.30/07	
ASSETS		INCOME	
Bank	869.83	Membership Dues	8,657.37
Petty Cash	100.00	Interest GIC	179.61
Accounts Receivable	6,183.81	Int. Reserve Fund	192.41
PrepdPost	86.43	Miscellaneous	188.00
Total GIC	17,893.64	TOTAL INCOME	9,217.39
Total Reserve	6,072.81	EXPENSES	
TOTAL ASSETS	31,206.52	Box Rentals (2) S/C	171.32
LIABILITIES		Communication	157.16
Per Capita	78.84	Computer	331.42
EQUITY		Executive Meetings	262.30
Total Reserve Funds	6,072.81	Mileage	422.40
RetainEarn Prev Yr	18,692.35	Office Supplies	149.34
Current Earnings	6,362.52	Photocopies	418.56
TOTAL EARNINGS	31,127.68	Postage	624.96
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		General Meeting	125.00
		TOTAL EXPENSES	2,662.46
		NET EARNINGS	6,554.93

Note: Net Earnings minus Interest Reserve Fund = Current Earnings

YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2007

POSITION	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
President	Bob Hoogerbrug	751-8735	r-choog@shaw.ca
Past President	Marg Mostowy	756-1069	fsnananaimo@shaw.ca
Vice-President & Recruiting & Retention	Al Heinrich	738-0192	agh@shaw.ca
Secretary	Cathey Hoogerbrug	751-8735	r-choog@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Marg Mostowy (Temporary)	756-1069	fsnanaimo@shaw.ca
Membership Director	Vic Ashdown	248-2027	ashdown@shaw.ca
Membership Secretary	Doris Grieves	716-1952	dgrieves@shaw.ca
Historian, Nominations Committee & Volunteer Coordinator	John Ablett	752-7572	
Programme Director	Pat Mason	753-6008	
Awards Speaker	Charles Scrivener	758-2240	scrivener@shaw.ca
Registration	Susanne Body	729-9588	sbody@shaw.ca
Health & Benefits, PSHCP & PDSP	Leroy Wood	758-0078	woodsie@shaw.ca
Newsletter Hospital Visitation	Peter Hann	248-3165	phann@shaw.ca
Nanaimo	Alex Kohuch	755-3040	
Parksville	Harold Goodman	248-3269	
Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	

YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2007 (CONTINUED):

POSITION	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Telephone Chairpersons & Area Coordinators			
Qualicum Beach	Sherwood & Nora Moore	752-1048	
Parksville	Barbara Campbell	954-0733	campbellca@shaw.ca
Ucluelet	Sandy Henry	726-7086	macfunnelcover@telus.net
Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	
CARDS			
Parksville, Qualicum Beach & Nanoose	Frieda Mason	468-7706	freidam@shaw.ca
Nanaimo Metro	June Wiebe	756-4873	ejwiebe@telus.net
Port Alberni, Ucluelet & Tofino	Marg Pierce	723-9791	

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

The Nanaimo and Area Branch sends out this newsletter via email to those who wish to receive it in this format. This method of delivering the newsletter has proven very popular and you are urged to consider receiving it in this fashion.

The advantage to you is that you will receive it about ten days earlier and you will be able to file it away on your computer for easy reference. The advantage to the Branch is that we save \$4.00 annually per household in printing and postage costs, not to mention the time required to stuff, label and post the envelopes.

Please let Membership Director Vic Ashdown or Newsletter Editor Peter Hann know if you wish to receive the Newsletter by email. It is available in PDF and Word format, your choice.

TRIVIA

According to a study commissioned in 2006, the average Canadian walks 900 miles per year. The average Canadian, on average, consumes 22 gallons of beer per year. Therefore, the average Canadian averages 41 miles on one gallon of beer. WOW!

MORE TRIVIA

On May 15, the price of gas in Victoria was \$1.30 per litre.

On May 15, the price of gas in Amsterdam was Euro 1.80 or \$3.63 per litre

Maybe we should stop complaining, eh!

DID YOU KNOW!

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have the phrase "rule of thumb".

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only-Ladies Forbidden" – thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

OKAY – ENOUGH OF THIS STUFF ABOUT THE LADIES – MEN WOULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT THEM!

The first novel written on a new machine called a typewriter was: Tom Sawyer.

Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great King from history.

King of Spades – King David

King of Hearts – Charlemagne

King of Clubs – Alexander the Great

King of Diamonds – Julius Caesar

The percentage of the African Continent that is wilderness – 28%

The percentage of the North American Continent that is wilderness – 38%

What is the only food that will not spoil? Honey (true).

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts...so when customers became unruly, the bartender would yell at them "mind your pints and quarts, and settle down". This is where it gets the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".

OKAY – ONE LAST TRIVIA (FOR THE LADIES).

What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common. They were all invented by WOMEN.