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NEXT MEETING – 29th March 2007

Location: 256 Royal Canadian Legion Branch at 1630 East Wellington Street, which is located between Bowen and Townsite Road. Doors will open at 10 a.m.

The Guest Speaker will be Jim Cotter, President of the Sidney Branch of the FSNA. Jim's topic will be estate, income tax and legal planning for seniors. His address will include new information about tax changes when preparing your 2006 income tax and proposed changes for the 2007 tax year.

There will be a selection of desserts, plus coffee, tea or milk. Cost is \$15 per person, including tax. Please note that gratuities are at your discretion.

Your local FSNA representative will telephone you to ask whether you plan to attend the lunch and, if you do confirm your attendance, you are reminded of the Associations 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. The last date for cancellation to avoid being invoiced for your meal will be Thursday, 22nd March 2007.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAG!

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From The President

Now that the holiday season is past, we are approaching a year which, maybe at the least a watershed for our organisation. With the possible adoption of the new Governance Model at convention in August, we could see a vastly different FSNA. It is still not clear whether these will be an improvement or not but only time will tell. The Executive Board will be evaluating the responses from the branches to this new system over the next few months. In addition the Executive as a whole will be looking at some of the revised Administrative Procedures for the new model in order to pass on our critiques to NBOD before summer. We will endeavour to keep you all informed as best can through special Email bulletins and at our General Meetings.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Treasurer Bob Stitt has resigned from that post. In the interim Marg Mostowy will be ably filling in until we can find a suitable replacement for Bob. This will not be easy as Bob kept a high standard to follow. This is an extremely important function for the Branch, and it is imperative that we fill it as soon as possible. Also the branch is thinking of returning to the use of committees for our various functions. If you are interested in serving on any of these future committees or as Treasurer you can make your intentions known to anyone on the executive. As usual this leads to the subject of participation in Branch activities. Our Branch will only flourish if you the membership come forward and aid in running it. I do hope you will consider this and volunteer, as it can be most rewarding.

For those of you who missed the Annual General Meeting at RCL Branch 256 you missed an excellent gathering. Our National President, Dennis Jackson, was in attendance and gave us an update on the new Governance Model as well as other insights from National. Also our Regional Director Al Dawber swore in our new Executive at the AGM. In addition you all missed an excellent repast put on by RCL 256 in their usual fashion. A hearty thank you goes out to the RCL volunteers as well as Pat Mason and her crew.

We are hoping that you read both your branch bulletins and the On Guard to keep up on developments as they occur. We noted that lately the Canadian Federation of Independent Business has been taking pot shots at our super fat pensions and the luxurious supplemental health care and dental plans we are party to. I resent being named a bureaucrat, but in Canada all levels of public employees can join these plans. They also failed to mention the 8.5% employees are contributing to their pensions these days as well as the fact that the other supplements are far from free. From the gist of these attacks, I would gather that the public thinks these are perks and are on their backs. Dennis Jackson has since responded to these with a strongly worded missive on the subject, but as usual the media has not asked for our input, at least not in the National media.

I hope to see you all there at the March 29 meeting and am looking forward to a fine meeting and a really good meal. In closing keep well and we'll see you soon.

BOB HOOGERBRUG

NOTE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

The Nanaimo and Area Branch sends out this Newsletter via email to those that wish to receive it in that 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 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 and label envelopes, etc.

Please let Peter Hann or Vic Ashdown know if you wish to receive the newsletter via email. If you are not sure, please email us and ask for an email copy of this edition. Of course, if you decide to try the email version and don't like it you can always change back to the regular mail version at any time.

The email Newsletter is edited and transmitted by Peter Hann. The Membership Director, Vic Ashdown, is responsible for the Membership Data Base, including email addressees. Vic provides Peter with only those addresses needed to send out the email version.

Please consider receiving the Newsletter electronically. It really does save your Association a lot of money and effort.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members by the Number. As of February 22nd 2007, the Nanaimo and Area Branch had 1752 members comprising 1175 Superannuates and 577 spouses. There are 1306 members on DDS and 446 members who pay at the Branch. Since the last Newsletter Report on October 19th, 2006, the following membership changes have taken place./

NEW OR REINSTATED MEMBERS (171)

Gabriola: Glen and Peggy Archibald, Stephen & Linda Barnard, Joan Clouthier, Douglas & Gwen Fraser, Dixon & Lucile Kenny, Marie Phelan.

Nanaimo: Thomas & Norma Bowen, Mary-Jane Burns, Dennis & Diana Chalmers, Eleanor Chapman, Joan Clarke, Philip Clarke & Dawn Johnson, John Clover, Stephanie Coggins, Gloria Cope, Hiroko & Peter Cote, Garnet Currie, J. Dodge, Bill & Florence Duncan, Richard Eliassen; Robert & Linda Fahey, Phillip Field, Julie & Bill Foster, Wally Funk, B. Gallant, Robert Garbett, Marie Gorton, Muriel Grant, Audrey Gunn-Fowlie, Kathleen Haigh, Ray Hambly, Walter & Elizabeth Hammond, Larry & Irene Harker, John Harvey, Del & Ella Haylock, Peter & Wilhelmina Huyghebaert, Larry & Gail Johannes, Richard & Pauline Jones, Ken & Donna Keith, Robin Lines, Peter MacLaren, Jack & Ai-Heang Mathias, B & Robert McKernan, Edmund & Cindy McKinnon, James & Leona Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Joan Nott, Tony Pearson, Barbara & Donald Peters, Ann Rainboth, Midge Rees, Carolyn & Eric Ryll, Emile Septon, W & Katherine Shultis, M. Smith, Marjorie Thomson, Willem Van Otterloo, Don & Linda Vieau, Madeleine Ware-Jud, George & Georgette Wells, John Whyte, Jena Young.

Nanoose Bay: Maurice & Claudia Adams, Jeffry & Catherine Coldham, Bill & Ruth McBratney, Bruce & Caryl Wylie.

Parksville: Walter & Barbara Baine, L. Biccum, Virginia Bond, Sandy Brown, Colleen & Ronald Butler, Thelma Dow, C Elliott & William Basarab, Jim & Patrice Bourgeois, Joshua & Helen Finck, Victor Hay & Marion Tait, H & Anne-Marie Hodes, James & Jane Kennedy, E & Linda Pallot, Daryl & Patricia Pentland, Violet Pridmore, William Rose, Gerald & Sheila Roy, Dominick & Mairuth Sarsfield, Jana Svoboda, Caroline Terry, James & Joan West.

Port Alberni: Mona Braiden, Montgomery & Gwen Elliston, Manfred Gerigk, Robert & Vilma Hastings, Winnifred Koal, Richard & Karen Mason, Thomas & Sheila McIntyre, Pat & Ray Nass, William Parker, Earl Thomas, George Summers, Ray Volk.

Qualicum Beach: Jim & Shirley Anderson, Leigh & Jean Beaton, Erik Bell, Malcolm & Patricia Cavanagh, Mireille Chiasson, Phil Cople, Kate Hall, Clayton & Joyce Hamilton, John & Joanne Humphrey, Ralph & Shirley Phillips, Douglas & Gloria Smith, Thomas & Anne Sturge, Peter Toft.

Out of Area: Dora Jardine (Calgary), Audrey Moore (Ladysmith).

Transferred In (16):

Donald & Shirley Cohn, Nanoose Bay; from AB16 Calgary & District.
Donald & Susanna Duggan, Parksville; from AB 16 Calgary & District
Marlene Ganderton, Nanaimo; from BC08 Vancouver.
Harry Hill, Nanaimo; from SK25 Saskatoon & Area.
Jacques Hogue, Parksville; from QC58 Montreal.
Colin Houlihan, Nanaimo; from AB19 Red Deer.
Bill & Lynda Kalbfleisch, Gabriola; from BC14 Sidney & District.
Jean McCall, Nanaimo; from ON43 Ottawa.
Gail Robson, Nanaimo; from AB16 Calgary & District.
Bruce & Mary Shepherd, Gabriola; from BC08 Vancouver.
Charles & Betsey Spiers, Parksville; from ON53 Ottawa Valley.

Transferred Out (14):

Catherine Frederiksen, Nanaimo; to.....?
Bruce Frith, Qualicum Beach; to BC06 North Vancouver Island.
John Gibbons, Qualicum Beach; to BC06 North Vancouver Island.
Paul & Victoria LaPointe, Nanaimo; to BC09 Victoria—Fred Whitehouse
Vern Larsen Port Alberni; to AB17 Edmonton
Baden Lewis, Parksville; to BC11 Okanagan North
Patrick Littleton, Ucluelet; to BC12 Kamloops

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Members Transferred out: continued from the previous page:

Oren & Betty Loucks, Ladysmith; to BC12 Kamloops
 Daniel & Jeannie Moyles, Port Alberni; to AB17 Edmonton
 Elizabeth Ramshaw, Nanaimo; to SK24 Regina & Area
 Daphne Roberts, Parksville; to MB48 Lakehead

MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATIONS (5):

Gary Bingham & France Champeau, Ucluelet
 Cicely Lacaille, Qualicum Beach
 Ann Quayle, Nanaimo
 Grace Rye, Nanaimo

IN MEMORIAM (16):

Harry Austin, Parksville. Survived by wife Zena
 Ronald Bull, Lantzville. Survived by wife Ely.
 Bill Clarke, Nanaimo. Survived by wife Joan.
 Ralph Cope, Nanaimo.
 Tom Curran, Nanaimo. Survived by wife Judith.
 Sam Deane, Victoria.
 Marcus De Leeuwe, Parksville. Survived by wife Adriana
 Arthur Haddon, Nanaimo. Survived by wife Bridget.
 Heise, Nanaimo.
 Anne Henderson, Nanaimo. Survived by husband Dick.
 Mack McPhee, Qualicum Beach. Survived by wife Jessie.
 Frank Smith, Parksville.
 Nancy Smith, Nanaimo.
 Lorne Walton, Nanaimo.
 Muriel Watson, Nanaimo.
 John Zitzewitz, Qualicum Beach. Survived by wife Kathleen.

2007 DUES

For those who have not yet paid their dues for 2007, invoices (Final Billing) are enclosed. For those receiving email Newsletters , invoices were mailed separately. Your cooperation is appreciated.

VIC ASHDOWN

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 15, 2007

ASSETS

Cash in Bank of Western Canada	5,079.75
Petty Cash	100.00
Accounts Receivable	
Rental Facility Deposit	50.00
National Office	2745.98
Total Accounts Receivable	2,795.98
Float Due—Membership	100.00
Total Floats Due	100.00
Prepaid Expenses	
(Equipment Reserve & GIC's)	20,447.56
Total DOB Contingency Fund	3,199.81
Equipment	7,927.47
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	31,723.10

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Per capita payable 07	4.00
(Associate member)	
Per capita payable 08	28.44
Per capita payable 07	6,051.71
Total per capita payable	6,084.15
Reserve Funds	
DOB	3,199.81
Equipment Reserve	2,680.59
Total Reserve Funds	5,880.40
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	11,964.55

EQUITY

Retained Earnings	19,575.43
Current Earnings	183.12
Total Earnings	19,758.55
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	31,723.10

PAT MASON'S REPORT

Pat has been hard at work setting up the meetings for 2007. Contract's have been negotiated and signed off for our lunches at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 256, in Nanaimo. They are:

March 29—Roast Beef
September 20—Roast Pork
November 22—Turkey

As noted earlier in this Newsletter, we require your notice of cancellation so that we and YOU are not charged for a meal when not in attendance (in the travel industry, this is known as a NOSHOW). The cutoff dates for cancellations are:

March 22nd for the March 29th meeting
September 13th for the September 20th meeting
November 15th for the November 22nd meeting

Your Association is planning a meeting (and lunch) in Port Alberni for Friday, June 15. Details to follow as to the venue, menu and cost. THINK GREEN—WHY NOT CARPOOL?

Again, concerning NOSHOWS, Pat has reported that there were several members who failed to inform her of their non-attendance at the November Christmas lunch. This was a great meeting and those that missed it also missed an excellent address by National President G. Dennis Jackson.

Okay, enough about NOSHOWS except that there are two very important contacts for your address book:

In Metropolitan Nanaimo, call Pat Mason at 753-6088
In Beautiful Oceanside, call Barb Campbell at 954-0733

VOLUNTEERS

YOUR Association is looking for Volunteers. As previously noted in President Bob's address on page 2 of this Newsletter, we are searching for a new TREASURER, preferably a member who resides in Metropolitan Nanaimo. It is preferable that the President and Treasurer reside in the same general locale as it would not be practical to relocate banking and postal facilities. If you have had accounting experience your Association would be most grateful if you would step forward to take on this position. Past President Marg Mostowy has taken on the responsibility of Treasurer in the interim but she has other commitments. YOUR support is crucial to ensure the good health and growth of YOUR association. Please call President Bob Hoogerbrug at 751-8735 or email Bob at r-choog@shaw.ca.

YOUR association is also looking for a few good guys and gals to volunteer for various programmes and activities undertaken by the Board. Nothing strenuous or time-consuming but you will enjoy working with other members and meeting new friends in the process. Encore: call Bob Hoogerbrug and he will refer you to the appropriate person with whom to speak to concerning your offer to volunteer on behalf of YOUR association.

OTTAWA REPORT

As many members are aware, the trial on the Federal Pension accounts surplus resumed on 26 February 2007 before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Ottawa. The presentation of evidence and expert testimony is scheduled to last until 13 April and the final arguments are to be heard from 30 April to 18 May. The plaintiffs, i.e., FSNA and the Federal Public Service Bargaining Agent Representatives, wrote to Prime Minister Harper to strongly encourage his government to intervene in this matter and spare the Canadian public any further expense and acrimony of long and protracted legal proceedings. The plaintiffs remain extremely confident that the facts of this case and existing legal jurisprudence would eventually result in a court decision in favour of employees and pensioners. A copy of the Letter to the Prime Minister and other matters relating to this trial may be found by accessing the FSNA website at www.fsna.com, then follow the instructions to read the latest report.

SOME LIGHT STUFF

At one point during a game, the coach called one of his 9-year old baseball players aside and asked “Do you understand what cooperation is”? “What a team is”? The little boy nodded to the affirmative.

“Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team”? The little boy nodded Yes.

“So”, the coach continued, “I’m sure that you know, when an out is called, you shouldn’t argue , curse, attack the umpire, or call him a pecker-head. Do you understand all that”? Again the little boy nodded.

The coach continued, “And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it’s not good sportsmanship to call your coach ’a dumb a..h... is it’. Again the little boy nodded.

“Good”, said the coach. Now go over there and explain all that to your GRANDMOTHER”.

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One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked “why are some of your hairs white, Mom”?

Her mother replied, “Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white”.

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, “Momma, how come ALL of grandma’s hairs are white”?

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted it on the apple tray. “ Take only one. God is watching”.

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of cookies. A child had written a note, “Take all you want. God is watching the apples”.

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IN ALBERTA

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in Edmonton. A \$100.00 speeding ticket was enclosed . Being cute, he sent the police department a photograph of \$100.00 bank note. The police responded with a another photograph, a pair of handcuffs.

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IN SASKATCHEWAN

A young woman was pulled over for speeding near Moose Jaw. As the R.C.M.P. Constable walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book, she said, “I bet that you are going to sell me a ticket to the R.C.M.P. ball”. The constable replied, “Ma’am, the Saskatchewan R.C.M.P. don’t have balls”.

There was a moment of silence while she smiled and then he realized what he had just said. The constable closed his book, got back in his patrol car and took off. She was laughing too hard to start her car.

