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# *Federal Superannuates National Association*

## *Nanaimo & Area*



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### **NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2007**

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

**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, 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 billed for your meal is:**

**THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER.**

**DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAG**

**Our Guest Speaker will be Nathan Thornton, Branch Manager of CIBC Wood Gundy. Nathan will speak about “Investment Planning, variety, risk and taxes for seniors”. He has provided investment advice to seniors resident in central Vancouver Island for the past eleven years, specializing in annuities, stocks, bonds, estate planning and fixed income products.**

**President Bob Hoogerbrug presented five year service awards to twelve of the fourteen 2007 recipients at the meeting of 14 June in Parksville. Marjorie Rose and Pat Smith will be presented with their certificates at the September meeting. Their contributions to the Nanaimo branch of the FSNA are sincerely appreciated.**

**Important announcements follow on Page 2:  
(Please keep your glasses on and keep reading – it’s important stuff)**

**Most of us (okay, all of us) are aware of how the price of petrol has risen over the past couple of years and so it is with dues to your association, however in comparison with most other products and services, your increase will be very modest. The rate structure was approved by National Headquarters in Ottawa.**

**Your membership dues for 2008 are as follows:**

**Single Membership \$34.20 per annum or \$2.85 per month  
Double Membership \$44.40 per annum or \$3.70 per month  
Associate Membership \$15.00 per annum**

**For those paying dues at the Branch, the 2008 billing slips will reflect the new amounts. Monthly deductions for those members on DDS will be adjusted automatically. Please note that there has been no increase in dues since 1998.**

**There will be a major amendment concerning the timing of the Annual General Meeting. In order to adhere to regulations as a non-profit organization; Administration, Section 7, will be amended to read as follows:**

**7.3 - The Annual General meeting of the Branch will take place in March of each year. In the past the AGM has been held in November. The fiscal year remains unchanged, that is, 01 January through 31 December.**

### **PRESIDENT BOB'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

**By the time that this issue is printed I will have just returned from Convention 2007 but unfortunately I will not be able to comment here but I will have comments ready for our September meeting. Even if the new Governance model passes convention in some other form or other, we will be forced to change the date of our AGM to elect new officers. This date will have to be moved to our March meeting. Our fiscal year, 01 January to 31 December, will remain the same but the audited statement will have to be completed within sixty days and presented to the AGM for approval in March. A signed and approved copy will then be forwarded to National. This new procedure will bring our Branch in line with federal guidelines governing not-for-profit organizations such as ours.**

**Therefore, a motion will be introduced at the September meeting to amend section 7 of our Administrative Procedures to reflect this change. A formal notice is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. The amendment will not change the number of meetings we hold each year but will only move the AGM from November to March. This must be passed to enable the Branch to comply with these guidelines.**

**It will not be too early to be looking for the following positions to be filled: Vice-President, Health Benefits Officer, Nomination Committee Chair and lastly but not least one member who is willing to train as Treasurer under Marg Mostowy so she may pass over the reins in the future. We are usually in need of phoner's at the very least but really would like other members to step forward in any capacity they may feel comfortable with. I hope you will all consider joining us in operating your Branch.**

**It was most unfortunate that we missed going to Port Alberni for the June meeting, but rest assured, we will make every effort to be there for 2008. This is a nice segue into comments on our last meeting in Parksville at the Quality Bayside Resort. The meeting went well, with our speaker retired RCMP Constable Tim Schewe giving us a most interesting talk. As a bonus Tim is eligible to join FSNA but was not familiar with us. Upon talking with members of the executive over lunch it looks like we may have a new member. The luncheon was excellent and the organizational skills of Vic Ashdown paid off as usual. Thanks to the Resort, their staff and our own Pat Mason for their fine effort. It was worth attending.**

**This November our Branch will try to participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies in Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach Gabriola Island and Port Alberni. To this end we would appreciate any volunteers from our retired service people to assist us at these ceremonies. It would be a great service to our Veterans and to the memories of those passed if we could see this come about. If you wish to participate please contact your representative in your area.**

**In closing, Peter will have an article about identity theft for our November newsletter. It should be great reading and a worth while effort given the growing evidence of crime. In closing, I hope to see you all at the September meeting where good food and good times are always enjoyed.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS REPORT – VIC ASHDOWN**

**As of August 16 2007, the Nanaimo and Area Branch had 1753 members comprising 1175 Superannuates and 578 Spouses. There are 1356 on DDS and 397 pay at Branch. Since the last Newsletter Report (May 10<sup>th</sup>), the following membership changes have taken place:**

## **NEW OR REINSTATED MEMBERS (9)**

**David Alderson & Philomena Penner, Nanaimo**  
**Lynn Blatchly, Qualicum Beach**  
**Dennis Browne & Linda Erickson, Parksville**  
**Stephen Dunn, Nanaimo**  
**Paul & Carmen MacLean, Parksville**  
**Carol Roy, Nanaimo**

## **TRANSFERRED IN (6)**

**Sylvia and Walter Morello, Parksville, from BC08 Vancouver**  
**U Neugebauer, Qualicum Beach, from ON43 Ottawa**  
**Karen Newell, Nanaimo, from MB 31, Winnipeg and District**  
**Bob & Norma Waddell, Nanaimo, from BC11, Okanagan North**

## **TRANSFERRED OUT (6)**

**Lynn Blatchly, Qualicum Beach, to BC06 North Vancouver Island**  
**Trudy Cavanagh, Nanaimo to BC09 Victoria-Fred Whitehouse**  
**Lou & Elaine Mitchell, Parksville, to BC11 Okanagan North**  
**Pete & Jackie Petersen, Parksville, to BC06 North Vancouver Island**

## **MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATIONS (11)**

**Helen Biloft, Nanaimo**  
**Clay Bird, Parksville**  
**Marguerite Brown, Nepean**  
**Donald & Katherine Eastwood, Nanaimo**  
**Isabel Kear, Nanaimo**  
**Inith Martell, Nanaimo**  
**R & Loretta Reader, Qualicum Beach**  
**Tom Richardson, Nanaimo**  
**F. Thomas, Nanaimo**

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Margaretha Briggs, Parksville**  
**Marjory Gregor, Parksville, survived by husband Albert**

## **WEB-BASED MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM (WMS)**

Software rewrites caused the upgrade from the original WMS to WMS 2.0 to be delayed several months. However, the new version is now scheduled to become operational on August 27 (this year). The trial version of the new system looks very promising. I'll let you know how the roll-out went in the next Newsletter.

## **TREASURERS REPORT- AS OF JUNE 12, 2007 -MARG MOSTOWY**

### **ASSETS**

<b>Cash</b>	<b>1,283.76</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>6,083.81</b>
<b>Advance Due</b>	<b>425.00</b>
<b>Total Prepays</b>	<b>55.06</b>
<b>GIC's</b>	<b>16,017.55</b>
<b>GIC Reserve</b>	<b>6,072.81</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>29,937.99</b>

### **LIABILITIES**

<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>78.84</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>78.84</b>

### **EQUITY**

<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>6,072.81</b>
<b>Retained Earnings, (Previous year)</b>	<b>18,692.35</b>
<b>Current Earnings</b>	<b>5,093.99</b>
<b>Total Earnings</b>	<b>29, 859.15</b>

## **INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 01-JUNE 12, 2007**

### **Income**

<b>Membership Fees</b>	<b>8,857.37</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>325.30</b>
<b>50/50 Draw</b>	<b>73.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,170.67</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,076.68 (details provided upon request)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>5,093.99</b>

## YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2007

POSITION	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
President	Bob Hoogerbrug	751-8735	<a href="mailto:r-choog@shaw.ca">r-choog@shaw.ca</a>
Past President	Marg Mostowy	756-1069	<a href="mailto:fsnananaimo@shaw.ca">fsnananaimo@shaw.ca</a>
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Secretary	Cathey Hoogerbrug	751-8735	<a href="mailto:r-choog@shaw.ca">r-choog@shaw.ca</a>
Treasurer	Marg Mostowy (Temporary)	756-1069	<a href="mailto:fsnanaimo@shaw.ca">fsnanaimo@shaw.ca</a>
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Parksville	Harold Goodman	248-3269	
Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	

## YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2007 (CONTINUED):

POSITION	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
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Ucluelet	Sandy Henry	726-7086	<a href="mailto:macfunnelcover@telus.net">macfunnelcover@telus.net</a>
Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	
CARDS			
Parksville, Qualicum Beach & Nanoose	Frieda Mason	468-7706	<a href="mailto:freidam@shaw.ca">freidam@shaw.ca</a>
Nanaimo Metro	June Wiebe	756-4873	<a href="mailto:ejwiebe@telus.net">ejwiebe@telus.net</a>
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.

As noted earlier in this Newsletter, our guest speaker at June's meeting, retired RCMP/GRC Constable Tim Schewe (pronounced Shooley) edits a weekly column (a carry over from his policing days) in the weekend edition of the Harbour City Star and the Oceanside Star under the banner "Behind the Wheel". Several members have asked me for his email address so here it is: [comments@drivesmartbc.ca](mailto:comments@drivesmartbc.ca)

**Mr. James A. Cotter has arranged for ten copies (in English) of the brochure “BC Seniors Guide-Programs and Benefits for BC Seniors” to be made available to the Nanaimo Chapter. He has also provided two copies of the brochure in French, Punjabi and Chinese. The brochure was published by the Ministry of Community Services but may now be out of print. The brochure is available online at [www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/seniors](http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/seniors). For further information, telephone the Ministry toll-free at 1-800-465-4911.**

### **LIGHTER STUFF**

**For lovers of Scrabble, just look at the following examples:**

**“Dormitory” when the letters are rearranged: DIRTY ROOM**  
**“Presbyterian” when the letters are rearranged: BEST IN PRAYER**  
**“Astronomer” when the letters are rearranged: MOON STARER**  
**“Desperation” when the letters are rearranged: A ROPE ENDS IT**  
**“The Eyes” when the letters are rearranged: THEY SEE**  
**“The Morse Code” when the letters are rearranged: HERE COME DOTS**  
**“Slot Machines” when the letters are rearranged: CASH LOST IN ME**  
**“Election Results” when the letters are rearranged: LIES, LET’S RECOUNT**  
**“The Earthquakes” when the letters are rearranged: THAT QUEER SHAKE**  
**“Eleven plus two” when the letters are rearranged: TWELVE PLUS ONE**  
**“Mother-in-law” when the letters are rearranged: WOMAN HITLER**

### **Tough Questions:**

**If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who already had eight children, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she have an abortion? If you had said yes, the world would not have known the great music composed by Ludwig van Beethoven.**

**It is time to elect a new world leader, and only one vote counts. Here are the facts about the three candidates:**

**Candidate A: Associates with crooked politicians and consults with an astrologist. He has had two mistresses. He chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.**

**Candidate B: He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college and drinks a quart of whiskey every evening.**

**Candidate C: He is a decorated war hero. He is a vegetarian, doesn’t smoke, drinks an occasional beer and never cheated on his wife.**

**Who would you choose as the next World Leader?**

**Candidates A: Franklin D. Roosevelt. B: Winston Churchill. C: Adolf Hitler**