

FSNA Quarterly Newsletter

Nanaimo & Area Branch

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Next Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, March 28, 2013 , Annual General Meeting starts 1100 AM.

Location: Coast Bastion Inn, 11 Bastion St., Nanaimo, B.C.

Directions: Located in downtown Nanaimo, Bastion St and Front St. Parkade next door.

Meeting/Lunch: Doors open at 10:00 AM. The Annual General Meeting will start at 11:00 AM followed by the installation of Officers. There will be a short presentation on a program called "Find First". A Luncheon Buffet will be served after the meeting is adjourned, including - Salads, Roast Sirloin with mushroom sauce, Vegetarian Lasagna, Vegetables, Potatoes, Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea. Cost, including gratuities and tax, will be **\$21.00** per member and **\$23.00 for non-members**, payable at the door on arrival.

Presentation - Our speaker for the March AGM will be D'Arcy Falkiner or Ken Neden of Arrowsmith Search and Rescue. They will give a short presentation about "Find First", a program which uses the "Project Lifesaver" system to locate people that have wandered away from their caregivers. Search and Rescue responds by tracking a small transmitter that the individual wears on their wrist.

Reservations/Cancellations: Your local FSNA volunteer will phone you to ask whether you plan to attend the lunch. If you confirm your attendance, please be aware of our **new cancellation policy**. The Branch is required to pay for all meals ordered on your behalf; therefore, if you subsequently are unable to attend, you must cancel your reservation to avoid being charged for the meal. To cancel, please call **Susanne Body at 250-729-9588**. **The last date for cancellation to avoid billing is Thursday, March 21, 2013**



Don't Forget to Wear



Confirmed FSNA Nanaimo Events 2013

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	VENUE	MEMBER \$	GUEST \$
March 28	Annual GM	Nanaimo	Coast Bastion	\$21.00	\$23.00
May 13	Volunteer Lunch	Parksville	Bayside	\$ 0.00	\$17.50
June 27	General Meeting	Parksville	Bayside	\$20.00	\$21.00

A/President's Report February Newsletter



On behalf of your Executive Committee, I hope that you all had a healthy, peaceful Christmas and New Year's celebration.

We sincerely wish you all the very best of health and happiness in the months ahead.

Acting Pres. Bob Since my last report, we have had some good moments, and some sad moments.

The GST/HST debacle was overturned, and that was a good moment. FSNA was able to re-file our tax returns for the refund which was received on February 13, 2013. Hopefully that is the end of that scenario.



In early January our Membership Secretary **Doris Grieves**, passed away. That was a sad moment. She definitely will be missed.

Although the Festive Season is usually a quieter time, it seems the cards and letters (emails) just

Doris Grieves kept on coming.

There is a host of activity leading up to the 50th Anniversary of FSNA and the National Congress in Ottawa June 18-20, 2013. Some of that activity is centered around the new Non-For-Profit Act (Bill C14), which will result in a change in our By-Laws, and possibly our Association name and logo. Basically, it will change the way we do business. Challenging times are ahead of us, for sure.

Another area of major discussion will be the report/recommendations of the Dues Committee,

and the impact that will have on our daily operations.

The recruitment campaign for new members was delayed until January, which set us back in terms of acquiring new members, and the possibility of adding new financial assets to our operation. However, new memberships began arriving late-February.

On a Regional level we are moving forward in the training of our Executive volunteers. There is a training session scheduled this May in Chilliwack that hopefully will see us send four of our executive for those training sessions. I firmly believe that in order to best provide for our membership, we need and insist that our Executive volunteers providing advice and advocacy do so with all the training available.

And on that note: **We need your help.**

We **need** volunteers to step forward and give about two hours a month serving on the Executive Committee to help us maintain the level of service that all of you expect. Again, this is an open invitation to attend one of our 90 minute Executive Committee meetings (per month) and experience first-hand how we strive to give the best service to our members. Contact any one of the Executive Committee members, or myself, to set up an orientation and prepare to share the art of giving back.

As of our latest Membership report, we have almost 1900 active members. Of those approximately 1900 members, we are only asking for about four- to- six new volunteers to help us carry on with the tasks necessary to continue our high standard of service to you, our members.

Vacant Positions

Phoners
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Qualicum Beach
Parksville
Port Alberni
Nanaimo

Our AGM, and election of Officers, is set for March 28, 2013 at the Coast Bastion Hotel in Nanaimo. I will let my name stand for election as president, and a full candidate's list will be published in this Newsletter.

Al Heinrich, past President of our Branch and now National Director, is seeking re-election at the National Congress in Ottawa this coming June.

John Finn, PAO (Provincial Advocacy Officer), is seeking election as 3rd Vice-President National.

Both John and Al have the full support of your Executive Committee. We wish them well.

We hope to see you at our AGM on the 28th of March, until then, stay healthy



John Finn



Al Heinrich

and stay happy.

Robert (Bob) Willis

A/President Nanaimo and Area Branch

Annual General Meeting Election of Officers

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) we have our annual election of Branch Officers. The following list shows all who are running and those positions yet to be filled. Although some of the incumbents have indicated (yes) that they are prepared to stay on, members may apply to fill any of the listed positions. Also, volunteers are urgently required for the vacant positions of phoners.

List Of Officers To Be Elected Mar. 28 2013

President	Bob Willis	Yes
Vice-President	Vacant	No
Secretary	Penny Kanigan	Yes
Treasurer	Ken Jones	yes

Director Positions

Membership Chair	Colleen McGonigle	Yes
Membership Secretary	Vacant	No
Director Telephone	Barrie Bonfield	Yes
Director HBO	Penny Kanigan	Yes
Directors At Large (various)	Vacant	

If anyone is interested in standing for any of the above positions please indicate your intention to Bob Hoogerbrug (751-8735), Nomination Chair, prior to the Meeting.

How the Registration System Works

By Susanne Body - Director Registration



Susanne Body

Have you ever wondered how the Registration System for our quarterly meetings works? Here is a glimpse into the magic behind the curtain.

It starts with the volunteers who phone their assigned list of members starting Thursday, two weeks before the day of the meeting. They have four days to reach their people before they need to pass along their

list of attendees to their Phone Captains, on Sunday. (A plea on behalf of the phoners, if you are a

snowbird please let them know so that they don't worry when they cannot reach you.) Monday is my busy day as I await the input from the seven Phone Captains. This is the day I start to compile the list for the volunteers who greet you at the meeting room door. Please do not call me before Tuesday as I have nothing to amend and you risk me losing your message to either add your name to the list or to take it off. Those members who have requested that they not be called and decide that they would like to attend are the only exception to this rule. Please identify yourself as such so I don't go looking for you on the phoners' sheets. We have approximately 1300 households and I cannot take individual replies from each one of you. The next step is to pass along the

THE FSNA MID ISLAND BRANCH
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Program Director's responsibilities, besides



Al Tully

participating in the various meetings of your Executive Board, include the arranging of the various quarterly General Meetings, and the Volunteers' Luncheon.

Al Tully has been providing this service for the past three years and has developed a relationship with various venues in the area that are capable of

handling the large numbers that attend the lunches and business meetings. This he does with the co-ordination of a dedicated group of Directors and volunteers that assist in giving us all a great experience.

Although retired from two Tourism Boards the contacts that he has made have now also become part of his network in arranging these meetings. Al will be confirming venues and meal costs for the last two meetings of this year.

Unconfirmed Events 2013

DATE	EVENT
September 19	General Meeting
November 21	General Meeting

In all FSNA luncheon functions the host has graciously waived any charges for room rentals thus saving our members extra costs added to the meals, and the prices we are paying also include HST and a 15% gratuity, which provides us with good buffets, or a sit down lunch, and coffee service prior to the meeting. For the upcoming event at the Coast Bastion management has waived a \$950.00 charge that is the rate for the room rental only. They also do not charge for audio visual equipment that we use.

The support comes from the dedication of the Telephone Director, who arranges schedules for the phone Captains and phoners that get in touch with you, the Registration Director, who co-ordinates the names of those attending the meet-

number of attendees to the Program Director at our Thursday Executive meeting. He then notifies the venue a week in advance of the numbers and that is the number of meals we are billed for.

If you have said that you would attend and then didn't, you are still responsible for the cost. Upon reimbursement to the Branch you will remain in good standing with reference to future meal bookings. Those in arrears can still attend meetings but will not be served a meal. Check out our new meeting policy enclosed in this mailing.

We try to find venues that will accommodate all of the members who wish to attend but there are very few in our area that can hold 200 people and provide a quality meal at a reasonable price. On one occasion we found that there were more attendees than the facility could accept, so the decision was made to reduce the numbers by eliminating the guests. This has now become the policy. We will let you know in the Newsletter, if the venue has a limited capacity.

For those of you who were sure that they gave their name to their phoner but are not on the attendee list, there is a reason for that. As mentioned previously, we pay for the number of meals booked by the Program Director, not the number of meals eaten. It was decided that each member could forget three times before their name would not be added to the list. This applies even if you pay for the missed meal. If you are very forgetful we do not want you to be out of pocket after the third meeting. This does not mean that you are unwelcome, just that you do not have a guaranteed meal. To date, we have been able to meet the requirements of the additional attendees.

Hope this takes some of the mystery out of the Registration system for you.

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign

“Energy efficient vehicle:
Runs on oats and grass,
Caution: Do not step in exhaust.”

ings as they are received from the Telephone Director, and the Director for the Newsletter as the dates, times, menus, and other information requires publishing on a timely basis. The Program Director also arranges for the volunteers who provide the “check-in” service at the door and monitor attendance. Our Historian also arranges for interesting guest speakers.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming General Meetings.

Changes to Distribution of the 2012 Tax Package

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is no longer automatically mailing general income tax and benefit packages and has discontinued its TELEFILE service (telephone filing).

Although the CRA did not publicly announce its new procedure, it has started to send letters to taxpayers to inform them that they can request to receive the package by mail or obtain one from Canada Post outlets.

The is the only item currently posted on the CRA’s Web site about the procedure:

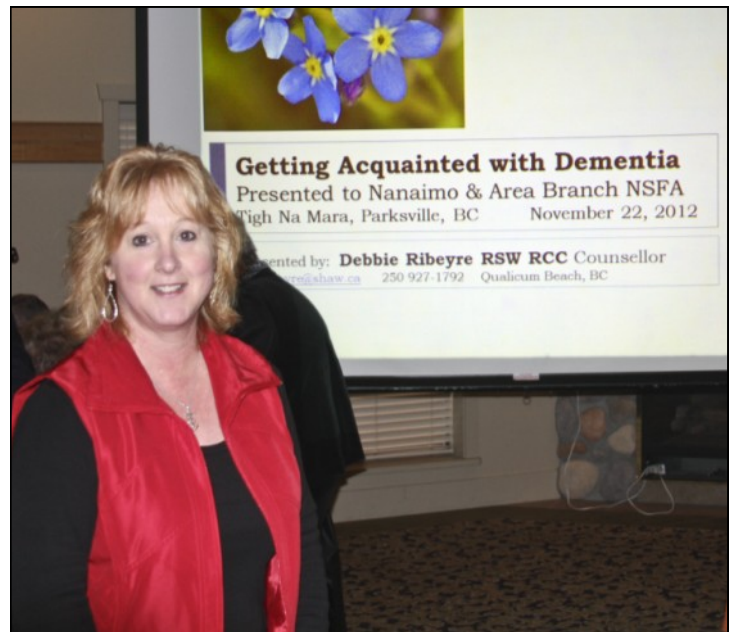
2012 tax package - You can order a printed copy using this online order form, however the ordered packages will only be mailed starting **February 4, 2013**. The 2012 General income tax and benefit package will be available at Canada Post and Service Canada outlets as of **February 4, 2013**. You can also view and print the 2012 General income tax and benefit package online at:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/formspubs/t1gnrl/menu-eng.html>

PHONER TRAINING HELD IN LANTZVILLE

A training session was held at the Lantzville Legion on Thursday, February 28, 2013. Acting President Bob Willis welcomed attendees and Vic Ashdown gave an informative and lively presentation to approximately 40 volunteers.

Cold cuts, desserts, coffee and tea were served following the presentation.



Debbie Ribeyre, a counsellor from Qualicum Beach, gave an interesting and informative talk on the many aspects of Dementia at our November 22, 2012 meeting. Debbie can be contacted at 250-927-1792 or email debribeyre@shaw.ca

Payment Dates for Government Pensions

The following are dates that pension payments are transferred in pensioner's account, via Direct deposit or that regular pension cheques (paper) can be cashed.

March 26	August 28
April 26	September 26
May 29	October 29
June 26	November 27
July 29	December 27



Phoner Training Feb 28



**Front Row, left to right: Charles Scrivener, Leroy Wood, Susanne Body, Penny Kanigan
Back Row, left to right: Vic Ashdown, Rene Marchand, Ken Jones, Al Tully, Ian Williams, Al Heinrich and Acting President Bob Willis.**

Branch Financial Report - Ken Jones

Current Assets		Canadian Western Bank Statement 15 Jan 2013	
Total Cash	\$ 7454.92	Current Balance	\$ 7631.12
Minus Petty Cash	\$ 100.00	Outstanding deposit	\$ 000.00
		Sub Total	\$ 7631.12
		Minus outstanding cheque	\$ 156.80
		Minus outstanding cheque	\$ 50.20
		Minus outstanding cheque	\$ 34.60
		Minus outstanding cheque	\$ 34.60
		Sub total	\$ 276.20
Total Cash	\$ 7354.92	Total Cash	\$ 7354.92

Actual Cash on Hand	
Total Cash Balance	\$ 7354.92
Liabilities Per Capita 2013/Minus	\$ 434.76
2014 Dues paid at branch	\$ 12.24
Minus sub total	\$ 484.80
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 6870.12

Membership Report



As of February 21st, 2013, the Nanaimo and Area Branch had 1898 members comprising 1279 retirees and 619 spouses. Of the 1279 retirees, there are 1110 on DDS and 169 pay at Branch. Since the last Report (October 18th), the following changes have taken place:

New or Reinstated Members (13)

Stuart Cunningham & Marilyn MacDonald
Ivan & Margaret Graham
Petra Herrmann
Bernie & Sharron Lafrance
Mary Lockwood
Ken & Pam McCready
Colleen McGonigle
Bruce McLellan
Jana Svoboda

Transferred In (2)

Robert Labarge, from BCo8 Vancouver
Brenda Peachey, from AB17 Edmonton

Transferred Out (10)

Mary Bell, Nanaimo, to BCo8 Vancouver
Allan & Marg Cameron, to
BCo9 Victoria-Fred Whitehouse
Blaine Everett, to BCo2 Chilliwack
Art & Connie Goguen, to BCo2 Chilliwack
Onni & Helen Maja, to BC13 Kootenay
Grace Nishimura, to BCo8 Vancouver
Cecilia Saele, to BCo6 Vancouver Island North

Membership Cancellations (6)

Dale Johannesson
Joyce Kaardal
Alastair (Steve) Stevens
Gerald Walker
Nelson & Betty Young

Lost Sheep (4)

Agnes Lang, Errington
Shirley Seltzer, Nanaimo
George & Beth Summers, Parksville

Changes In Membership Dues

FSNA has been informed by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) that, contrary to an earlier ruling, the Association is **not** required to charge the goods and services/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) on membership dues. Therefore, dues for 2013 remain unchanged at \$44.40 for Double, \$34.20 for Single and \$15.00 for Associate.

2013 Dues – Billing (Non-DDS Paid At Branch)

Those members paying dues at Branch are reminded that the invoice mailed out in November is the only invoice that they will receive. Memberships still unpaid on April 30th, 2013 will be cancelled.

National Recruitment Campaign

2012/2013

The national Recruitment Campaign mentioned in the last Newsletter has been further delayed – the 2012 mail-out was scheduled to take place in late January 2013. If you receive such a package, you should ignore it unless you wish to use the application form to apply for DDS.

Vic Ashdown

In Memoriam

Ralph Allen, survived by wife Jean
Myra Erickson
Olive Gillespie, survived by husband
Robert
Doris Grieves
Doris Holmes, survived by husband James
Lynda Isham
William Lang, survived by wife Agnes
Donald Lockwood, survived by wife Mary

Margaret Macfarlane, survived by husband
Ian
Kendall Murley, survived by wife Beatrice
Eira Rockliff
Jim Rockliff
Hilda Sheptycki
Cliff Sloper, survived by wife Bernice
Norman Southern, survived by wife Judy
George Stoner, survived by wife Mary
Frances Young

FSNA Nanaimo Executive, Directors & Volunteers 2012-2013

Class	Position	Name	Phone	Email
Executive			All 250	
Exe	President (Acting)	Bob Willis	468-0260	bobwillisbc@shaw.ca
Exe	Vice-President			
Exe	Secretary	Penny Kanigan	760-0929	pennykanigan@hotmail.com
Exe	Treasurer	Ken Jones	586-5002	casper6@shaw.ca
Exe	Past President	Rene Marchand	753-1657	bendawn@islandnet.com
Directors				
Director	Membership	Vic Ashdown	248-2027	ashdown@shaw.ca
Director	Membership Secretary			
Director	Awards/Speakers/Hist.	Charles Scrivener	758-2240	scrivener@shaw.ca
Director	Newsletter Editor / Web	Ian Williams	758-0954	ianwilliams@fsna-nanaimo.org
Director	Program	Al Tully	740-0306	altully@shaw.ca
Director	Health & Benefits			
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Director	Telephone	Barrie Bonfield	954-3780	bbonfiel@shaw.ca
Director	Registration	Susanne Body	729-9588	sbody@shaw.ca
Dir. At Large	Special Projects			
Coordinators				
Area	Parksville	Harold Goodman	248-3269	
Area	Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	
Area	Qualicum Beach	Sherwood Moore	752-1048	
Area	Tofino/Ucluelet	Sandy Henry	726-7086	macfunnelcover@telus.net
Cards	Nanaimo & Area	June Wiebe	756-4873	juneldo@shaw.ca
Cards	Parksville/Qualicum	Michelle Ashdown	248-2027	ashdown@shaw.ca
Cards	Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	
Nominations	Committee Chair	Bob Hoogerbrug	751-8735	r-choog@shaw.ca
Com	Special Projects	Jim Gahr	754-0989	heidleberghound@shaw.ca
Hospital Visit	Nanaimo Area			
Hospital Visit	Parksville/Qualicum Area	Harold Goodman	248-3269	
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Phone Captain	Parksville/Qualicum	Marjorie Rose	586-7007	marjoriebrose@shaw.ca
Phone Captain	Parksville/Qualicum	Michelle Ashdown	248-2027	ashdown@shaw.ca
Phone Captain	Port Alberni	Marg Pierce	723-9791	