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# *Federal Superannuates National Association*

## *Nanaimo & Area*



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**Note: The masthead now lists the web-site for the BC Coastal Islands Region. The web site is maintained by the FSNA North Island Branch. To access Nanaimo, click BCCIR Home page, the first listing shown at the top of the page. Then click Nanaimo or any of the other four Branch websites that will show on your screen.**

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\* **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2008** \*  
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**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 VEGETABLES, 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 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Veterans Petition URL Hot Link: [www.petitiononline.com/vets8](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

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

**LIABILITY**

<b>Per Capita Payable 2008</b>	<b>369.76</b>	
<b>Total per capita payable</b>		<b>369.76</b>
<b>Total Liability</b>		<b>369.76</b>

**EQUITY**

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

**Income Statement as of February 19, 2008**

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

## LIST OF OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED MARCH 2008

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

**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

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

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

### **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!**