

## Federal Retirees Edmonton Branch E - Newsletter May 15, 2019

Greetings from the Edmonton Branch of the National Association of Federal Retirees (NAFR). We are pleased to provide you with this update of Branch activities. This E-Newsletter focuses on the Annual Members Meeting and future events.

Feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you know who may be a member or eligible for membership.

### BRANCH EVENTS

#### Annual Members Meeting



On May 1, 115 Edmonton Branch Members enjoyed lunch and meeting with friends at the 2019 Annual members meeting. Business included an update of the Branch finances, a report from Ross Gillespie, Branch President, on branch activities over the past year, the Financial Report, and the Election of Officers to fill vacancies at First Vice President and Secretary.

Rick Brick, National Director for the Prairie District provided an overview of activities and Initiatives at the National Office

Members were also briefed on member recruitment initiatives and advocacy program activities and plans for the coming year.



Two new executive members were installed. Congratulations to **Secretary Judy Tracz** (L) and **First VP Joan Brick** (R).



District Director **Rick Brick** briefed members on initiatives and plans by the National Office.

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Ross Gillespie, Branch President presided over the meeting and delivered his annual report.



Treasurer Clay Kolstad delivered the Branch Financial report.



Brian Emdin, Alberta Advocacy Program Officer (APO) briefs members on the initiatives taken during the provincial Election and previewed plans for the forthcoming Federal election.



Dave Riffel, branch APO and recruiting committee chair outlined initiatives taken to increase membership.

The Meeting minutes, Financial Report, and the President's Report will be available on the Website. Go to:

<https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/branches/alberta/edmonton-branch/minutes-of-meetings>

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**The Edmonton Branch Board of Directors for 2019**



**Standing L to R:** Mahir Mansi, Milton Rempel, Rick Brick, Sylvia Kennedy, Heather Ann Elliot-Martin, Delbert Dahl, Brian Emdin.

**Sitting L to R:** Judy Tracz, Lillian June, Joan Brick, Ross Gillespie, Dave Riffel, Clay Kolstad.

**Next Event: Fall General Meeting**

**Date:** September 4, 2019  
**Time:** 10:30AM to 3:30 PM.

**Doors open:** 10:30 AM (for Social Hour)  
**Lunch Served:** 12:00 Noon  
**Meeting:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Royal Canadian Legion, Kingsway Branch  
14339 50 Street NW

**Guest speaker:** Will be announced on Facebook and the Branch Web Page at a later date.



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**RSVP:** Please confirm your attendance by contacting **Heather Anne Elliot-Martin** by **August 30, 2019** by Email at [nafrsocial@yahoo.com](mailto:nafrsocial@yahoo.com), or phone **780-942-2664**

**PLEASE NOTE:** This meeting will be a “bring a potential member” meeting. If you bring one or more guests **who are eligible to join** our association, you will receive one entry for each person you bring for a **special prize draw**, and they will receive a small gift plus a special prize draw entry as well. There will be enough prizes to ensure that the odds of winning are good. Additionally, if the potential member joins within 60 days, both you and they will be entered in another draw for bonus prizes!

When you RSVP, please let us know if you are bringing a potential member guest or guests, and how many.

**Note:** Membership eligibility requirement is anyone who is a recipient of a Federal pension and retirement benefits, or is a member of the pension plan for current and former members of Canada's Federal Public Service, Armed Forces and the RCMP. This includes those currently employed.

We hope to see you there!

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Edmonton Branch is continually in need of volunteers to fill positions on the Board of Directors or committees. Put your years of experience and valuable skills to work in helping the branch achieve our goals:

- ***To protect and enhance the benefits of those in receipt of pensions under the superannuation acts (Public Service, Canadian Forces and RCMP) and the Judges Act.***
- ***To prevent the acceptance of proposals detrimental to interests of Veterans and federal retirees.***
- ***To protect and enhance the benefits of seniors in general.***
- ***To inform and assist federal retirees with regard to their rights as federal pensioners.***
- ***To co-operate with other seniors'/pensioners' organizations on mutual objectives***

We welcome everyone who wants to actively support the organization. A special perk: You get to work and associate with some pretty great people.

To share your skills and talents, please contact any of the board members listed on the following page.



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