

BRANCH REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Christopher Hawksworth, president of the Bluewater Branch (ON36). I hope this message finds you both safe and well in these trying times.

The spring/summer of 2020 has certainly been a challenge for us all, unfortunately all planned face to face meetings within the Branch were cancelled; however Zoom is starting to be a useful tool. Our Board just completed a meeting tonight, October 1st by Zoom, successfully no-less.

The Branch 2020 Annual General Meeting, normally held in April, has been postponed until safer times. Honestly at the time of this message I do not have a date in 2021, however we will continue to work towards one. There are certain Branch positions that we are looking to fill in 2021, so please consider volunteering your time and experience.

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Director of Membership
- Program Coordinator
- Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Director

I hope that you are keeping current with all the information coming from National Office, they are all working really hard to keep members up to date on local and national issues. In addition I hope that you read the Bluewater Branch website, which is updated on a regular basis.

If I can be assistance to a Branch Member, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will try my best to help.

Sincerely

Christopher Hawksworth

Branch President

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Bluewater Branch Executive requests nominations for the following Executive positions which are up for renewal at the next AGM. For more information contact Christopher Hawksworth.

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Director of Membership

Treasurer's Report

My quote for this issue:

"Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable".

I am writing this in late September. It's a beautiful, colourful fall day. Hopefully when you are reading this in December it will be a beautiful white, winter day.

Our 2019 Branch Annual reporting was sent in to National Office in March 2020 and in September they sent out their review with an overall comment of "Wonderful Job". However, we have to address our Unreserved Equity. Our Board has addressed this issue and we will discuss it with our members at our next AGM.

National Office has been busy providing us with Zoom meetings and E Learning Courses. It's very much appreciated at this time.

Hope everyone is keeping safe and doing the best you can following COVID-19 Government restrictions.

Stay Safe, Play Safe, Be Kind...

Diane Kerr

Treasurer

Membership Report

I am writing this report for the winter 2020 Sage magazine a few days after fall has set in. The leaves on the trees are starting to change colour and we know what is to follow, old man winter. I am sure many of the snow birds have decided to stay put this year and enjoy one of our good old fashion winters, due to the ongoing pandemic. Hopefully our scientists and doctors will come up with a vaccine so that we all might get back to what we used to call a normal life style!! ☺

Our Branch membership has been fairly steady over the last year. However, I wish to remind you that if you know of any Federal retiree or potential retiree please let them know about our Association. Or have them contact any member of the Branch executive for further information. Phone numbers for the executive can be found on the last page of this insert. I have information pamphlets available as well and can pass them on to anyone who is interested. There is currently a recruitment campaign going on that ends Dec 31, 2020 with lots of great prizes for members who refer prospective members. A \$10,000 grand prize, a \$5000 trip and several prepaid visa cards. Visit "federalretirees.ca" for more information.

Now, members who pay their dues directly have been offered, for a limited time, a 25% reduction in dues if you switch over to Direct Deduction at Source (DDS). If you are interested in receiving this reduction, please visit "federalretirees.ca/DDS" for more details.

Please feel free to contact me with any membership concerns or information changes such as address, phone number or email address so I can keep your membership information up to date.

Now, on a sad note, one of our long time members, Dorothy Newman, passed away on August 5th. She used to come to all our general meetings and Dorothy was a great volunteer. We will all miss her.

I do look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming meetings, hopefully in the spring of 2021.

Please remember: Be safe, Be healthy and Be nice!

Bill Mason

Membership Chairperson

Outreach Coordinator

Here's hoping all our members are well, and stay safe. Abiding Covid 19 Guidelines keeps you safe as well as your loved ones.

And an early MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!!

Pat Mason

Outreach Coordinator

Web Site and Information Technology

There is not much happening re Branch Events right now due to COVID-19. We plan on having ZOOM internet Board meetings and these as well as future Branch Events will appear on the right side of our Branch's HOME page once we get these going again. Please check prior to all meetings/luncheons for last minute updates.

Our "Members' Profiles" page needs your input! Please pass any suggestions and information you may have, to our president, Chris Hawksworth.

Information available on our Branch Web site includes:

- Contact information for our Branch Executive and Board
- Listings for upcoming Branch Events
- Current Sage Branch Inserts (available weeks prior to publishing), as well as past Branch Inserts
- Minutes from Branch and Executive meetings
- And much more.

Stay safe during these stressful pandemic times and hopefully we'll all be able to gather with friends and family for a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Please take a look at our National and Branch Websites. They are full of great information.

- National Site: www.federalretirees.ca
- Branch Site: www.federalretirees.ca/bluewater

Doug Kerr

IT and Web Site Coordinator

IN MEMORIAM NOTICES

- Dorothy Newman

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Membership Meetings and Luncheons are on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The following positions will be up for election/re-election at the next AGM:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Director of Membership

Executive, (Elected)

President - Chris Hawksworth, 519-330-1492 |
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Vice-President – Vacant

Treasurer - Diane Kerr, 519-869-8824

Director of Membership - Bill Mason, 519-869-8872 |
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Board Members (appointed by the Board)

Past President - Gloria Cayea, 519-869-6326

Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Director - Chris Hawksworth,
519-330-1492 | chawksworthnafr@gmail.com

Program Coordinator - Gloria Cayea, 519-869-6326

Advocacy - Gloria Cayea, 519-869-6326

Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason, 519-869-8872

IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr, 519-869-8824 |
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Secretary - Bob Jackson, 519-383-6568

Member at Large - Murray Lester, 519-481-0385

Member at Large - Georgina Maclsaac

Member at Large - Diana Wright, 519-786-4738

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