



BLUEWATER Branch Report

Fall 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members:

Recently, Bill Mason and I attended a training session in London dealing with recruitment of members and volunteers. From everything we learned, it is clear that the Bluewater Branch must go in a new direction if we are to survive.

Advocacy should be the number one priority of this branch. We must work to maintain our pensions and benefits. Although, the government promised to make sure that our pensions and benefits would always be available, we know that this is not the case. Every member in our branch should ensure that their Member of Parliament is aware that we expect that they will fight to protect what we worked for. I expect that we are going to focus more on advocacy in the future.

Volunteers are essential to make our branch healthy and viable. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. The presidency comes up for election in 2019. We must have someone who will become the new president in order to ensure that the branch continues.

I would like to thank all those that allowed their names to stand for election so that we have a complete Board for 2018-2019.

Gloria Cayea,

President

Where to find us

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TREASURER'S REPORT

My quote for this issue:

“When what we are is what we want to be – That’s Happiness”

My sincere thanks go out to Paul Herage and Larry Stevens for auditing the 2017 financial reports. They had a few questions but everything came out perfect.

At our April AGM I agreed to another 2 years as Treasurer as there was no other nominee for this position. The position of Treasurer is described on page 39 in the summer 2018 edition of the SAGE magazine. Take a look and talk to me if you have any interest in helping out your Branch by becoming the next Treasurer.

The future viability of our Branch depends on New Volunteers! Volunteer time for most positions is very minimal and duties are not onerous. At our next AGM in April of 2019 we are looking to fill the position of President. Please think about this position as it is imperative that we have a President in order to carry on the Bluewater Branch of NAFR.

Diane,

Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am writing this the second week of June for the fall 2018 Sage magazine. We have just had a very unusual spring this year so far, temperatures in the high 30's, cold rainy weather and now warm and dry weather. Mother Nature sure has been acting funny lately. Must be the global warming effects.

I hope everyone exercised their right and voted in our spring Provincial election. I also hope everyone will exercise their right and vote in the fall municipal elections.

Our Branch membership is 542 members. Down slightly from my last report. Once again I ask 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 and can pass them on to anyone who is interested.

I hope you and your family had a safe and healthy summer and do look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming meetings in the fall of 2018.

Bill Mason,

Membership Chairperson

MEMORIAM NOTICES

- Marie Meyr
- Don Dark
- Claude Renaud
- Mary Humphreys
- Delores Trevail
- Timothy Gleason
- Gerald Fosberg

OUTREACH COORDINATOR

As Outreach Coordinator, my goal is to make sure each and every member who wishes to be notified of any upcoming meetings or events and are not being called or emailed, please call myself at 519 869 8872.

Pat,

Outreach Coordinator

WEB SITE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

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/en/Branches/Ontario/Bluewater

Current information for the next two Branch Events appear on the right side of our website's HOME page. More details on specific events can be found by clicking on "More Details". Information on additional planned Branch Events can be retrieved by clicking on "Branch Events" in the Bluewater Branch (ON36) box at the middle bottom of the home page. I try to keep this Events information as current as possible.

Future General Meetings, as I understand at this time:

- Wednesday, September 12, 2018, (changed from Sep. 19th) 12 noon, Harbour Hill Retirement Community 104 Suncoast Dr. East, Goderich, ON
- Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 12 noon, at Hessenland, 72981 Bluewater Hwy, Zurich, ON (on Highway 21 North of St. Joseph).
- Wednesday, November 21, 2018, 12 noon, (location to be announced later). Our Christmas gathering.

Doug

IT and Web Site Coordinator

Bluewater Branch Board

I am no longer listing all email addresses as spamming and phishing have become an annoying problem.

Anyone who wishes to email any Board member can send their email to one of the addresses below. Please include the name of the intended recipient in the Subject Section, and on the first line in the body of the email. It will be forwarded as appropriate:

- fsna.bluewater@gmail.com
- nafr.bluewater.kerr@cogeco.ca

Executive, (Elected)

President - Gloria Cayea, 519-869-6326

Vice-President - Earnie MacDougall, 519-524-6981

Treasurer - Diane Kerr, 519-869-8824 | *nafr.bluewater.kerr@cogeco.ca*

Director of Membership - Bill Mason, 519-869-8872 | *fsna.bluewater@gmail.com*

Board Members (Appointed)

Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Director - Chris Hawksworth, 519-330-1492
(Added after submitted to Ottawa)

Program Coordinator - Mary Ann Burgess, 519-524-6981

Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason, 519-869-8872

IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr, 519-869-8824 |
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Health Benefits Officer – This position no longer exists

Secretary – Bob Jackson, 519-383-6568

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

Member at Large - Georgina MacIsaac

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