

BRANCH REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

The National Association of Federal Retirees, or commonly Federal Retirees, is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and retired federally appointed judges, as well as their partners and survivors. We believe every Canadian, today and in the future, should benefit from better retirement income security and a strong, sustainable health care system. With your support, we can make retirement better for all Canadians.

President's message

Greetings and best wishes from Christopher Hawksworth, president of the Bluewater Branch (ON36). As this message will be received in the spring of 2020, I wish all of you a very happy and healthy New Year.

We had a great turnout for our 2019 Christmas Lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion in Sarnia. We all enjoyed a fine turkey meal and were serenaded/entertained by the "Georgian Singers". They did a tremendous job and we will look to them again for our lunches into the future. The format for our draws changed at the lunch, (the Branch has ceased to conduct 50/50 draws), and therefore the total prize money was divided 25 /50/25 in three draws back to the members. In addition Pat Mason did a great job finding many Christmas seasonal flowers (thanks Pat) that were won by various members throughout the lunchtime. I truly hope that you have the opportunity to attend a Branch lunch in 2020, especially the Christmas one in November 2020.

I had the pleasure of laying a wreath on behalf of the Bluewater Branch at the November 11th ceremony at the Sarnia cenotaph.

I hope to see you at our Annual General Meeting in April 2020; we are looking for some new members to sit on the Board, specifically:

Program Coordinator and Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Director

Sincerely,

Christopher Hawksworth
Branch President

Call for Nominations

Bluewater Branch Executive requests nominations for the following Board positions which are up for renewal at the AGM in April 2020. For more information contact Christopher Hawksworth.

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Director of Membership



TREASURER'S REPORT

My quote for this issue:

"You only live once, Be Fearless".

It's December, the excitement of the holiday season is upon us. By the time you read this it will just be a memory, hopefully a happy one.

Our Branch finances are in line with our budget that we vote on at our AGM each April. Our 2018 Branch Annual Reporting was sent in to National Office before May, 2019. In September they sent out their review and the overall comment they gave was: "Wonderful job".

See you in April at our Annual General Meeting. Hopefully the sun will be shining and spring will have sprung!

Diane Kerr

Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am writing this report for the spring 2020 Sage magazine a few days before winter officially sets in. Hopefully everyone had a great winter and the Snow Birds had a safe trip back home.

I hope everyone exercised their right to vote last fall and their elected MP is representing our retiree's needs that the National Association has been working hard for.

Our Branch membership has been steady over the last year, around 538 members. 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.

I would also like to remind Non Dues Deducted at Source [DDS] members that the membership renewal is now handled directly by the National Office and will be notified directly by email, if on file, or mail. Follow up notices will be sent, if necessary, by the National Office.

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.

I hope you and your family had a safe and healthy winter and do look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming meetings in the spring of 2020.

Bill Mason

Membership Chairperson



Outreach Coordinator

As Outreach Coordinator, my duty is to make sure members of the Bluewater Branch are kept up to date on all meetings and social events. This is done through National Office by way of email. It is very important that National Office have your current email address. Should you not be receiving notification of Branch meetings or social events, please contact myself, Pat Mason at 519-869-8872 or email me at nafrmason@gmail.com. Members with no email should receive a phone call. Members who wish not to receive these notifications, please contact me as well.

Pat Mason

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/bluewater

Information for the future Branch Events appear on the right side of our Branch's HOME page. Please check prior to meetings/luncheons for latest updates.

Your input is essential for our "Members' Profiles" page! We need profiles so the title of this page can remain "Members' Profiles" (plural). 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; the current Sage Branch Inserts (available weeks prior to publishing), as well as past Branch Inserts; Minutes from Branch and Executive meetings; and much more.

I am always looking for web content suggestions and pictures relevant to Branch activities and/or our members. Forward any suggestions/input to nafr.bluewater.kerr@cogeco.ca. Please confirm individuals in pictures are OK with having their pictures published on our web site, in the public domain.

Doug Kerr

IT and Web Site Coordinator

IN MEMORIAM NOTICES

- Gordon Marchello
- Sadie McPhee
- Doreen Taylor



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

Date: Apr 14, 2020

Time: Noon

Location: Petrolia Legion.

The following positions will be up for election/re-election:

-Vice-President

-Treasurer

-Director of Membership.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Board Listings 2019-2020

Executive, (Elected)

President - Chris Hawksworth, 519-330-1492 | chawksworthnafr@gmail.com

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

Treasurer - Diane Kerr, 519-869-8824

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

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

Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason, 519-869-8872

IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr, 519-869-8824 | nafr.bluewater.kerr@cogeco.ca

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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