

BRANCH REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

Single memberships are \$51.36 per year and double memberships are \$66.60 per year.

Members are encouraged to pay membership dues through Dues Deduction at Source (DDS). It is the simplest and most convenient way to pay for your membership and to automatically renew annually. Thanks to our relationship with Treasury Board and the Pension Centre, the DDS option allows your membership fees to be deducted directly from your pension on a monthly basis.

President's message

Greetings to all our members. I will start by saying that at the May AMM, I agreed to continue as your President for one more year, in order to help your new Vice President get comfortable with the position, knowing that he was prepared to take over as President within that year. I am very pleased to say that Chris is now more than capable to take over and so I have tendered my resignation, effective October 1, 2022.

Although Nancy Viktil has resigned from the Board, we have three new members for a total of eight Board members. We are now better able to share the workload and we have actively pursued partnership with the Barrie Branch of CARP to host a Provincial All Candidates meeting, are actively advertising our organization through local, and national publications, and are maintaining an up to date Huronia Branch web site. It is great that we are once again able to meet in person and we will try to build some momentum with some new initiatives. At the National level, a new President was elected at the AMM held June 21 to 23, 2022. Two of our new Branch Executive members, Leo Brooks and Chris Auger, were in attendance. All in all, an exciting time to be involved with NAFR.



Sincerely,

Lynne Ellis
Huronia Branch President

PARTNER BANNER

Huronia Branch Annual Meeting of Members – May 3, 2022



Huronia Branch May 3, 2022 AMM

Our first in person meeting in over two years was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Barrie. The meeting was attended by over 30 members. The AMM serves as the means to elect the Branch Board and to present the financial statements. In addition, at this AMM we promoted recruitment through the use of two draws for gas gift cards, and members were asked to vote on an amendment to our bylaws.

Two Ontario District Directors were in attendance, Linda MacDonald and Carol Grieco. Linda MacDonald spoke to the group highlighting the importance of Advocacy in furthering our goals to ensure safe access to health care, long term care, community care, and home care for our members.

The By-Law amendment, related to Reserve Funds, and supported by National Office, was adopted as presented by the membership.

Nancy Viktil, who served on the Board for a number of years, resigned from the Board. Thank you Nancy for your many years of service.

Member Peter Evans once again was the Election Chairperson. Four positions were up for election with the following results: Lynne Ellis was elected as President, and Chris Auger as Vice President, both for one year terms. Leo Brooks was elected as Director Advocacy, and Mark Burchell as Director Communications, both for two year terms.

Draws are held at the AMM to encourage recruitment and member participation. There were two draws and the lucky winners of the \$50 gas gift cards were Donna Wallace and Manon Auger.

This was the first time Huronia Branch has held a meeting at the Barrie Legion. The venue was very nice, perfect for our AMM, and the food was delicious. The members in attendance seemed to really enjoy themselves and it was nice seeing some familiar faces.



Huronia Branch Executive – Leo Brooks, Jackie Akeson, Kathy Rupnow, Chris Auger, Dianne Michals, Noreen Campbell, Mark Burchell, and Lynne Ellis

Huronia Branch Past Initiatives and Upcoming Events

Huronia Branch teamed up with the Barrie Chapter of CARP to co-sponsor a political forum and MPP candidate interview for the past Ontario Provincial election. The event was held on May 16, 2022 and was recorded. Candidates from the Barrie-Innisfil and the Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte ridings participated in the event. Leo Brooks, Huronia Branch Advocacy was the driving force from our Branch. Recordings of the event are available on Facebook at facebook.com/events/544543683863432 and on YouTube at youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=qLuS-eqaUbA

In an effort to increase Branch membership, we have advertised in a number of publications, such as the Springwater News, Borden at a Glance and Esprit de Corps. In some cases, we are sharing the cost with other Branches and Nation Office.

Your Branch Executive has decided to hold a Meet and Greet in Bracebridge, at the Woodchester Villa, 15 King Street, on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The event will start at 11:15 am and run until 12:45 pm. Free refreshments will be provided. This will give members who may not be able to attend our meetings in Barrie, an opportunity to meet their executive. There are three accessible parking spots at the site. The remaining parking spots are located a short, uphill walk from the building.

The Fall Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at the Barrie Legion, 410 St. Vincent Street, Barrie. Doors open at 10:30 am for coffee with meeting starting at 11:00 am. There will be a \$7 per person lunch to follow. Reservations required at huronia@federalretirees.ca. There will be a guest speaker, but not confirmed who at time of printing.

Photo gallery from the Huronia Branch Annual Meeting of Members – May 3, 2022



Huronia Branch AMM

Ontario District Directors Carol Grieco and Linda MacDonald



Huronia Branch AMM

Members attending AMM



Huronia Branch AMM

Kathy Rupnow speaking to the membership



Huronia Branch AMM

Attendees filling out name tags and paying for lunch.

Huronia Branch AMM

Dianne Michals registering attendees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Huronia Branch Meet and Greet

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
11:15 am– 12:45 pm

Woodchester Villa,
15 King Street,
Bracebridge, Ontario

No cost. RSVP to confirm attendance at:
huronia@federalretirees.ca

Huronia Branch AGM

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Doors open at 10:30 am

Royal Canadian Legion,
410 St. Vincent Street,
Barrie, Ontario

\$7 for lunch
RSVP to confirm attendance and lunch:
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