

BRANCH REPORT

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President's message

On Sept. 12, 2023, the Vancouver Branch held its 60th anniversary celebration. It was an overwhelming success, in main part due to the detailed preparation by the branch board and office manager, Jocelan Caldwell. It truly was a team effort. The approximately 165 attendees had a thoroughly enjoyable time, thanks to great speakers, Roy Goodall, national president and Ron Morse of the R.C.M.P. Retirees Association, Vancouver Division. The attendees were also entertained by the Brenda Baird Band and comedian Ray Morrison.

On Aug. 15 and 16, our branch partnered with the Association's Fraser Valley West Branch and attended the convention of the Union of Health and Environment Workers (UHEW). It was held at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. We set up a booth there and it turned out to be a tremendous advocacy opportunity. The 150 delegates and observers were very interested in our Association.

Also, regarding advocacy, our branch advocacy committee has arranged more meetings with MP's than any previous year. For the first time in our history, Paul Davis (Vancouver Branch director) met with the Yukon member of Parliament, Brendan Hanley. The meeting took place in Whitehorse on Aug. 30, 2023. As well, our vice-president, Murray Bryck, has been particularly active in meeting with MPs on the North Shore.

Members should take note that our Christmas luncheon will be held on Dec. 7 and our annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on April 9, 2024. Both will take place at the Italian Cultural Centre.

Sincerely,

George Scott
Branch president

Not sure what to get
for the federal retiree
who has everything?



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The Vancouver Branch board of directors with Roy Goodall, national president, at our 60th anniversary celebration. Tom Chang, Deb Turner, George Scott, Ian Sanderson, Roy Goodall, Jocelan Caldwell, Bev Segal, Murray Bryck



Suzanne and Suresh Prasad, latter day hippies

Obituaries

The Vancouver Branch of National Association of Federal Retirees extends its sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following members: Nancy Berndt, Joyce Bourke, B. A. (Bruce) Hunter, Joe Laitar, Ron A. Lucas, Sonia McLennan, Helene St. Michel, Paul Skinner, Margaret Styan, Isami Yagi

Rosie the Riveter musical picnic — Whitehorse Yukon (early notice)

Saturday, April 27, 2024, noon to 2 p.m. at the Kwanlin Dunn Cultural Centre Multi-Purpose Room, Whitehorse, Yukon. Custom-order pizza provided. Musicians will play classic union songs. The event will be held outside, weather permitting.

Admission: Present a Federal Retirees or any union card or make a cash donation to Yukon Employees Union's Local Y010 Hardship Fund. For details, call (867) 633-4255.

Volunteer opportunity

The Vancouver Branch recruitment group is seeking volunteers to present pre-retirement seminars to governmental departments and agencies. Training is provided.

Commitment: One morning per month, from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on presentation dates.

Requirements: Time-management skills; public speaking. Currently held online but may return to in-person. Must have a PC or laptop with a camera to share your screen using Microsoft Teams and deliver a ready-made PDF presentation.

For more information, contact the Federal Retirees Vancouver Branch office by phone at **(604) 681-4742** or by email **fsnavan@shaw.ca**.

Our next events

Unless otherwise advised, the following will take place at the Italian Cultural Centre (Trattoria Hall), 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver, B.C. Free parking is available.

Christmas luncheon: Thursday, Dec.7, 2023. Doors Open at 11:30 a.m. Price TBD.

Reservation deadline: Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, 2 p.m..

Annual general meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Price TBD.

Emails

If we have your email address, you will receive an email invitation one month before an event, including Eventbrite credit card reservation information.

If you have **not** been receiving emails from us, please contact the Vancouver Branch by phone at **(604) 681-4742** or by email at **fnavan@shaw.ca**.

Office volunteers are always needed

Office volunteers are always needed at the Vancouver Branch. The time required is just one day per month for four hours. Duties include answering phones, inputting information and responding to members' questions. Computer skills are required, and training is provided.

If interested, please contact the Vancouver Branch by phone at **(604) 681-4742** or by email at **fnavan@shaw.ca**.

Vancouver Branch information — September 2023

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Branch report: Published quarterly with *Sage*, four-page report with the fall and winter editions

General meetings: April (AGM), June, September and December

Board of director meetings: Held the weeks before branch general meetings

Vancouver Branch board of directors

President	George Scott
Vice-president	Murray Bryck
Secretary	Ian Sanderson
Treasurer	Tom Chang
Director	Beverly Segal
Director	Deborah Turner
Director (Yukon)	Paul Davis

Volunteers

Office manager	Jocelan Caldwell
Recruitment	Helio Da Costa
Membership	Sylvia Mechler
Membership	Ed Tam
Health and benefits	Connie Cameron