



Monthly BC04 Branch News Update

January 2020

Hello, fellow BC04 Branch Members;

Our Dec. 5th GM & Christmas Buffet at Newlands Golf & Country Club was another happy, resounding success. Great food, great people and great prizes. Confirmation that our Branch is strong and active.

- Leslie Gaudette and Ian Spence reported on the Advocacy work our organization has done at the District and Branch level, especially during the recent Federal Election.
- Katherine Kettler, as Director of Volunteer Engagement, reported that there are always short-term, “limited engagement” opportunities for volunteers willing to help out at branch events. A good way to get to know your branch better!

As well, a pretty busy schedule of Speaker Events was introduced (see below).

Mention was made of the newly created **‘Branch Calendar’ tab on our website**, giving a quick overview to anyone seeking Branch Events schedule information. Give it a try:

https://www.nafrfraservalleywest.ca/images/PDFs/2020_Events_Calendar_1_to_12_R_Nov14.pdf

This Event Calendar is being updated as and when Event Information evolves.

- A brief report on the November Western BC Regional was provided. Presidents and branch directors of the five branches (Lower Mainland and Prince George) met with the District Directors to discuss Advocacy in the recent Federal Election, Recruitment initiatives, and the challenge of re-establishing spontaneous e-mailing to our Branch Members. ...the challenge of balancing the need for quick, responsive email communications with the constraints and concerns about anti-spam legislation.

Appointment of BC04 Branch Nominations Committee Chairman

In preparation for our March 12th 2020 AGM, and in compliance with our Branch By-Laws Part VI, Ian Blake has been appointed to be our Nominations Committee Chairman.

All nominations for elections to the BC04 Board of Directors should be directed to **Ian Blake** at iansblake1@gmail.com. Nominations will also be accepted at the BC04 AGM on March 12th.

Registering and prepaying for Branch Events

As there were a number of “no-shows” by members who had pre-registered for the Dec. 5th GM & Buffet, we are working harder than ever to switch to **on-line registering via Eventbrite and prepaying via e-transfers or via Credit Cards**. This change is hoped to better serve our members while ensuring best cost controls for our major events.

For the Buffet at our General Meetings, we seek to receive on-line pre-registrations and pre-payments, thus eliminating the pay-at-the-door payments and the large costs due to no-shows. . More news on this development, shortly.

- **Next Meet & Chat: 2 pm – 3:30 pm, Thursday, Jan 2nd**, then, **Feb 6th**. Come & join us in the meeting room at Ricky’s Restaurant on King George Blvd, near 22nd Ave, in South Surrey. Coffee or Tea is on us. Let’s chat retirement.

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Please check out our Branch website: www.nafrfraservalleywest.ca for an overview of BC04 Branch functions, contacts, minutes of meetings, and general information of interest to retirees.

Upcoming Branch Events:

- **February 6th 2020** HearingLife Canada "Lunch & Learn" - an **upbeat**, and **motivational** Speaker event; + hearing screening tests will be available.

Location: **Timms Community Centre,**
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

Cost/person: **No cost** to Federal Retirees.
Light lunch provided.

Pre-registrations required by January 30th, 2020.

RSVP: (604) 372-1109, nafrsecretary@gmail.com

Doors open at: 10:30 a.m. Event starts at: 11 a.m.

- **February 13th 2020** Medoc Insurance *Lisa Hansen* Speaker Event,

Location: Cloverdale Rec Centre, 6188 – 176th Street, Surrey, BC

Cost/person: No cost

Pre-registrations required by February 5th, 2020.

To register, please contact Sharon at: slriches@me.com

(Final Event Details will be provided upon pre-registering)

Doors open at 12:30 PM, Speaker starts at 1 PM

- **March 12th 2020** BC04 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Location: Newlands Golf & Country Club, Langley, BC

Cost/person: \$20 / person

Please pre-register with Katherine at: kettlerk@gmail.com

Doors open at 11 am, AGM starts at 11:30 am, Buffet follows

- **March 19th 2020** **Let's do Lunch** with Charles Louth

Location: Dublin Crossing Irish Pub on Fraser Highway, Surrey

Time: Noon

Please pre-register with Charles at: kabot21@gmail.com

- **April 15th 2020** Survivor Workshop – details to follow

- **wk. of May 5th 2020** Speaker Event - details to follow

- **wk. of June 23rd 2020** Speaker Event – details to follow

- **July 16th 2020** GM & BBQ

Location: Peace Arch Provincial Park, South Surrey, BC

Cost/person: \$20 / person

Please pre-register with Katherine at: kettlerk@gmail.com

Doors open at 11 am, GM starts at 11:30 am, BBQ follows

We wish you a very **Happy & Health-filled New Year !**

Let's stay in touch.

Come on out and join us.

Bernd Hirsekorn, BC04 Branch Pres.