

BRANCH REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is holding steady at 1079.

Those with email addresses remains at 490. Only 96 persons have created an account at Federalretirees.ca.

Please signup for emails. It is so important. Otherwise it is very hard to keep you informed and up to date.

Greetings Peterborough & Area Retirees

It is late December as I write this note. Winter certainly arrived early this year. An early spring would be most welcome!

A brief recap on fall events. A general meeting was held in Oshawa on Sept.18, 2019. This was followed by a general meeting in Peterborough on Oct.15, 2019. Thanks to those who attended. Your executive needs that encouragement.

There were a number of interesting emails sent by HQ which you may have missed.

1. Pensions will increase by 2% this year.
2. The government announced a Phoenix damage settlement which will cover those working in the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2020. Compensation will take the form of additional leave or equal pay for those eligible and retired. Further information at Federal Retirees web site "Latest News".

Due this year is:

1. An updated "You and Your Survivors" workbook.
2. Launch of the Perkopolis offering for Medoc subscribers.

Create an account on federalretires.ca!

1. You can customize your communication preferences. For example, you can opt out of promotional emails and just get those from your branch.
2. There's where you get the latest Preferred Partner codes.

Board and Volunteer Listings 2019-2020

President: Pierre Brunet brunet.pierre@sympatico.ca 705-740-0302
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Annual General Meeting & Luncheon April 15, 2020

Time: 11:00 to 2:15pm

Location: Peterborough Legion 52, 1550 Lansdowne St., Peterborough K9J 2A2

Theme: SCAMS and Staying Safe

Cost: Free for members. \$8 for Guests

RSVP: By April 7 by email to on44.info@gmail.com or by phone to 705-559-9253

Some bylaw changes are up for member review as well as changes to budget items. Those with email will have received the text of the proposed bylaw changes in early February.

Note that elections will be held for the positions of Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

There are currently too few on the executive to share the load. To address this challenge we have collectively broken down the duties of Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Director to require reasonable effort and time commitments. Meeting attendance is another area addressed. With such a spread-out area, ideally, we have representation from across the region. Let's leverage technology (easy to use) to make this happen.

Here's an example: One of the unfilled roles is Advocacy Officer. Someone who reaches out to members of parliament to raise awareness of Federal Retirees and their concerns. Our branch members are spread across 5 Federal Ridings. What if we had a volunteer for each riding? Their duty would be to write their member of parliament on an as-needed basis. (In practice, headquarters sends out the sample text which is then personalized and mailed.) That's it We start small.

The association has a database of all its members. A branch can view member data and reports. It's also easy to extract the data into a spreadsheet and produce useful statistics. A quarterly task at most. Lots of you could do this.

Stay tuned for further information. We will use emails and the web site to describe the various jobs that need doing. We have many members with the skills to keep this branch alive and meaningful. Think about where you might fit in. Email Sharron at on44.info@gmail.com if you can help.

Trivia Corner

Attention all butter tart lovers. I have it on good authority that Doo Doo's Bakery in Bailieboro is number one in the area. What I did not realize were the number of contenders for this title. There is an actual "Butter Tart" tour. Amazing. By the way, don't look for butter tarts in Florida. Not to be found. Strange, eh?

Send us your thoughts and trivia submissions.

