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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES NEWSLETTER



FSNA ANRF

The Kingston Branch Report

From the President's Desk

Winter 2009

Fall Outreach

Our luncheon held at *The Cove Inn, Westport*, on 27 October was another great success. Many thanks to Noel and the folks at **The Cove** for taking such good care of us.



Winter Outreach

Our next event will be our winter-cum-Valentine's Day luncheon in Brockville, **9 February 2010** at **C J's Banquet Hall**. See inside for details.

Branch Secretary

Our last secretary was, unfortunately, unable to continue in the job, and we began the task of looking for a replacement. I'm happy to report that one of our past secretaries has stepped forward to fill the gap for now. Many thanks to Lois for returning, and Barb for filling in.

Membership Renewal

Our membership director has asked me to thank all those members who pay their membership dues annually by cheque, and who responded to the reminder in our last Branch Report and sent in their renewal fees. If you're wondering why you didn't hear from her sooner, be advised that we usually don't receive the replacement membership cards from National Office until late October or early November. Rest assured we send out your receipt and new cards as soon as we have them.

For those who haven't yet sent in their renewal fee, see the reminder inside.

Cheers,
Ron Henderson

WINTER OUTREACH

09 February 2010

For our Winter Outreach Luncheon this year, we are returning to one of our favourite spots...



C J's Banquet Hall, 803 Chelsea St, Brockville, ON

C J's will be providing our favourite buffet lunch featuring:

- Baked Ham (with sauce) – Turkey Pot Pie
- Choice of salads – Assorted desserts
- Tea and coffee

**Cost will be \$15.00 per member or
\$18.00 for a non-member guest!!**

Don't forget to mark your calendar –

- Kingston & District Branch Winter Luncheon
- CJ's Banquet Hall
- 803 Chelsea St, Brockville
- **Tuesday, 09 February 2010**
- 11:00 – Welcome, meet & greet



KINGSTON and DISTRICT BRANCH - ACTIVITY RESPONSE FORM
Winter '10 LUNCHEON - Tuesday, 09 February 2010

✉ **To:** Kingston & District Branch, FSNA
PO Box 1172
Kingston, ON K7L 4Y8

Yes, I plan to attend the Branch Luncheon Meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 09 February 2010
CJ's Banquet Hall, 803 Chelsea St, Brockville.

I have enclosed my cheque in the amount of \$ payable to
Kingston & District Branch, FSNA. Please reserve places.
(Members are encouraged to write "Deposit Only" on the back of their cheque)

Name/s: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

- I require transportation, please have someone contact me
- I can provide transportation for people



A Reminder...

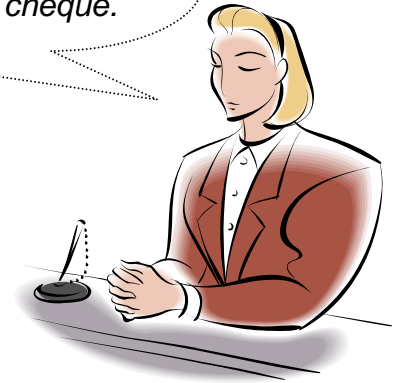
*For those members who prefer to pay by cheque,
membership fees are due 31 December 2009.*

Associate - \$15.00 Single - \$34.20 Double - \$44.40

*If you are unsure if you pay by cheque or not, take a look
at your membership card;
If it expires 31 December 2009, you pay by cheque.*



**National Association of Federal Retirees
Kingston & District Branch
Attention: Membership Director
PO Box 1172
Kingston, ON K7L 4Y8**



There seems to be some persistent confusion among the members as to when and whether it is necessary to renew membership by cheque or not. Let me try to clarify. There are two methods of paying for your membership:

- 1. Payment by Dues Deduction at Source (DDS).** By this method, the pension office deducts your membership dues directly from your pension by way of monthly deductions. Once you have subscribed to this method, it is continuous and simple; **no annual renewal is required!** It does require the initial completion of a form permitting the relevant pension office to make the deduction.
- 2. Payment by cheque.** This is an annual renewal method whereby membership fees are due and payable by 31 December of each year. Members should send their renewal fees to the address above by this date.

If you are in doubt as to which method you use, the simplest way is to check your membership card. If the expiry date on the card is March 31, 2010, you pay by DDS and you need take no further action. Your new card will come to you early in the New Year. If the expiry date shown is December 31, 2009, you pay annually by cheque and should forward your payment before that date.

If you currently pay by cheque but are interested in the DDS payment method, you are invited to fill out the form printed on page 20 of the enclosed ON GUARD.

Donna Henderson
Membership Director
613-544-0663

E-mail "Broadcast System"

By the time you read this, the Kingston and District Branch e-mail Broadcast System will be almost a year old. It can't be declared a success yet. Out of a branch population of 3,769 we have 44 members signed up, that is 1.17% of the membership. However, when you considered that 11 of the 44 who have signed up, were actually signed up by the webmaster because they are members of the Board of Directors of the Branch, that leave 33 who actually joined of their own free will, or 0.87% of the membership.

Do you own a computer? Do you have E-mail? Then why don't you join. We will not inundate you with pages of information but will direct you to the source of the information. You will of course be able to opt out of the system at any time you do not feel comfortable with the product and we guarantee that we will never give, lend, rent or sell your e-mail address to anyone.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to kingston.fsna@gmail.com; write 'FSNA K & D Branch electronic broadcast system' in the subject line; and indicate your desire to register and receive your FSNA news and notifications via e-mail. We will ensure that you receive all your news and notifications electronically and that your name does not appear on our telephone list anymore until and unless you decide that the phone is a better option for you.

In Memoriam

2009

We regret to announce that your Branch has lost the following members due to mortality this year.

Willis Boisclair,	Athens	Robert Burns,	Brockville
Douglas Graham,	Yarker.	Robert Johnston,	Kingston
E. Stanley Mitchell,	Ottawa;	Douglas Myhill,	Kingston
Ted Nichols,	Amherstview	Frederick Tipping,	Kingston
Hendrik van de Merwe.	Kingston	Doreen Weir,	Kingston