

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
NORTH ISLAND BRANCH

Reorganization Meeting held at Waverley Hotel Courtenay
November 26, 1993 with Regional DIRECTOR Colin K. Crutch
presiding.

Volunteers were obtained for a 15 person executive, and after
a survey of each of the 15, offices were allotted and directors
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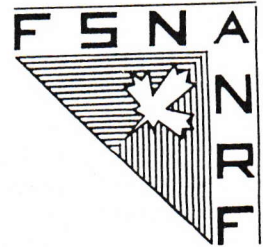
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Dear North V.I. FSNA Member,

As the newly elected FSNA Regional Director for B.C. & Yukon, and having talked to Bob Morley and received his "go-ahead", I am writing to ask those of you for whom it is feasible, to join me at a meeting in Courtenay on 26 November to put the North Vancouver Island Branch back on its feet.

As you know, better than I, both Bob Morley, your Branch President, and Donna Lemay, your Branch Secretary, have serious medical situations that have put them on the disabled list in terms of running the Branch. The Nanaimo Branch Executive have been good enough to take on the temporary workload of accepting your annual dues, and forwarding them, plus the list of paid members, to the National Office. To those who have recently renewed through the Nanaimo Branch, thank you.

That, however is only a stop-gap solution. The long term question that must be answered is whether the FSNA members in North Vancouver Island want to have a Branch, or whether you want to be members-at-large who will be contributing directly to the National Office. The latter option does help fund the FSNA National efforts to protect your superannuate benefits. It gives FSNA the added power of your membership numbers; and in return you would be sent the quarterly issues of the "On Guard". (Having received your membership list from the National Office I can see that there are 14 members from such remote locations as Stuart Island; however, about 375 are within easy driving range of Courtenay).

What concerns me with you deciding to become members-at-large is that you would not benefit from the services that "on-site" volunteer Branch Officers can provide to newly bereaved survivors, and to those in their senior years for whom the ever more complex world of bureaucracy and form-filling becomes mind-boggling.

My experience in FSNA, until recently, has been at the 500 member Chilliwack Branch. It compares in size with your membership; but it has the advantage of having enough member-volunteers to staff a small office in a downtown Seniors' Recreation Centre. From this office we offer Information and Referral services to not only FSNA members, but to any retiree or senior citizen. We have 27 members who volunteer as Phone-callers. They each make a monthly contact with the 17/19 member-families on their lists, & in this way know when members have problems; we get valuable input, and we quickly know when to volunteer our assistance to a survivor. Yes, and we also have an Income Tax Volunteer team. Last year that team completed 155 returns for no charge, but received over \$2,000 in unsolicited donations; which, by the way, more than pays our office rent and the stamps for our bi-monthly newsletter.

So how many Chilliwack members are involved as Branch workers all together? Roughly 55; but each one selects a load that they are comfortable to shoulder. Some focus on the Feb-Mar-Apr period, and work on Income Tax only; others edit & publish the bi-monthly Branch newsletter, others run Flea Market Tables three or four times a year, and others plan & organize our monthly meetings through Fall, Winter & Spring, & run our June & November Dinner meetings.

The important bonus to the Branch is that there are plenty of members sufficiently involved, & interacting with each other, that when one falls by the wayside there is no void of replacements.

Oh, sure; some jobs are more skill-demanding than others, and are harder to fill; but they get filled. The big plus is that those who get involved obtain a lot of satisfaction from the fact that they are on a team that is helping others.

Please think about which way your membership should go; and if there is a part that you would consider playing if you want the Branch to continue.

As you can tell from your own experience it is unwise to ask two or three members to carry the load of running a Branch. You have no "back-up" position, when sickness strikes; and the burden for those few must surely be laborious, when it can, and should, also be providing companionship, fun, and satisfaction.

The meeting I am asking you and your spouses to attend is at the Coast Westerly Motel, on Friday 26 November. The Courtenay Room is booked starting at 10:30am with Coffee/Tea laid-on. Some of the Nanaimo Executive are also driving up; which I greatly appreciate.

We'll start the meeting at 11:00am, and a soup/sandwich lunch will be served at 12:00 noon for \$5.95 the cost for which I am asking you each to pay. Based on your last turn-out I have booked for an attendance of 60+. The kitchen can adjust upwards if our numbers exceed my expectations. (But I am stuck if I have estimated high. So don't let me down!)

Please make a mark on your calendars now! Join me there on Friday the 26th, and we will make the necessary decisions.

Sincerely,



Colin K. Crutch

PS Be sure to bring your spouses, I'm bringing mine, Elizabeth, who is the Membership Chairman at the Chilliwack Branch. In fact five of their 15 member Board of Directors are Ladies, and there are two Husband/wife combos.

PPS If the decision is made to re-activate the Branch, and some volunteers are found, Liz and I, and maybe some of the Nanaimo Branch officers, will conduct a mini-workshop while we are there, hopefully that afternoon or evening. We'll bring the "tools" in case!