

**Federal Superannuates National Association  
General Meeting – North Vancouver Island Branch  
June 9, 2004**

Ian called the meeting to order at 12pm. Luncheon was served, and the business meeting came to order at 1pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (March 10 2004). Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Barb Schneider that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. MOTION CARRIED.

**Committee Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: Tom Dandeno tabled a financial statement showing a balance of \$27446.76. He noted that 2 more DDS payments are to come from Ottawa.

Membership Report: As tabled by Tom Dandeno. Tom pointed out that there are 4000 federal pensioners residing in the Comox Valley who are eligible for FSNA membership. We still have a lot of work to do in membership recruitment. Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Barb Schneider that the membership report be adopted. MOTION CARRIED.

Welfare: Halle MacMullen reported sending 2 cards this past month to members suffering illness. Halle thanked the members of the telephone committee for letting her know about members falling ill.

Programs: Barb Schneider thanked the Coast Westerly Hotel for providing a gift certificate for Sunday Brunch.

Media: Nil Report

Historian: Nil Report

Health Benefits: Nil Report

Telephone Committee: Audrey Clark thanked members of the phone committee for their service, reported that we are attempting to obtain a few more volunteers to serve as backups to members who might not be able to do the phoning for any given meeting. She mentioned a signup sheet being circulated to all present at the meeting, and asked for those able to volunteer to please do so by signing the sheet.

**Newsletter:**

Ron Richardson thanked the members of the previous newsletter committee for their help in the production of issue 21, the new committee's first issue. He asked members who had not received the newsletter to let him know. He added that an article on earthquakes by Audrey Clark has been included in this issue, and could be cut out for easy reference. Ron reported that discussions are underway with Johnson Inc with respect to group auto insurance. More detail to follow.

### New Business:

Free Mason's Cancer Car Project: Moved by Tom Dandeno, seconded by Brian that the branch donate the sum of \$1000.00 the Freemason's Cancer Car Project. MOTION CARRIED.

Noted in the discussion that this is a one time donation only, in line with our practice begun last year of providing financial support to worthy projects that are of benefit to our membership. Ian advised that we will continue to bring such projects to the attention of the membership. While we are not a charitable organization, but when we have funds to distribute, we will do so.

Guest speakers: Ian reported on the input from members sought last meeting to suggest guest speakers for upcoming general meetings. Amongst subjects proposed by members were security, and tourism. Also proposed was a suggestion that political speakers (provincial, federal, local) be invited. With respect to the latter suggestion, Ian pointed out that while we are united as seniors, we are certainly not united in terms of our political views. Political guest speakers would therefore not be appropriate.

### Members' e-mail addresses:

Ian advised that over the next few months, we will be asking members for their e-mail addresses. The intent is to determine the feasibility of sending the newsletter via e-mail to those who would prefer to receive it by that means. A list will be available at the September meeting where people can sign up and provide their e-mail address.

### Convention Update:

There was discussion at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> regional meeting about the upcoming triennial convention. It will be held in Ottawa over 4 days, August 11, 12, 13, and 14. Ian Sibbald and Bill MacSeveney will be our delegates. Ian advised that he will keep the membership posted on convention plans.

Regional Web Site: Ron Mitchell reported that planning is now underway to produce a regional website. Input from all Island branches will be included in the new site. We are hoping to provide a wider perspective on FSNA issues, and to give members an opportunity to read about what other branches on the Island are doing. Detail to follow.

Prize draws: Congratulations to Cathy Murphy and Fred Lind, winners of the 50/50 draw. Congratulations also to Gordon Clark, who won a \$50. gift certificate from the Monte Cristo Restaurant, and to Peter Clark who won a gift certificate for Sunday Brunch at the Coast Westerly Hotel.

### Guest Speaker:

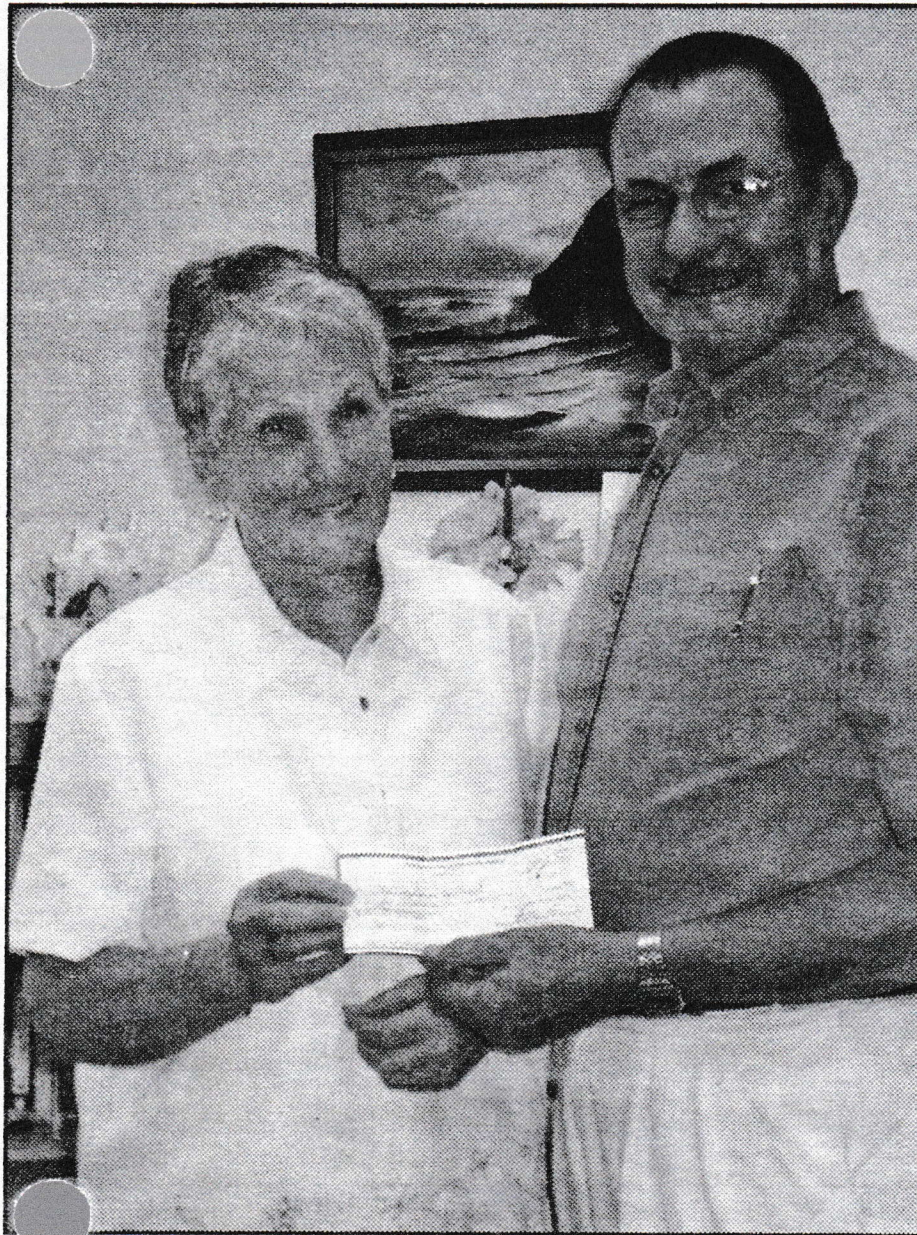
Guest speaker, Constable Dean Maxwell, gave members present an enlightening talk on the increasing and alarming number of scams currently being perpetrated on seniors. He dealt with telemarketers, 1-900 numbers, Bank Inspector frauds, identity theft, and fake mail boxes. His chief message that if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is, was well received by members present.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.



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