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President's message

Greeting fellow retirees! Welcome spring! Hope the winter has been kind to you and your families. Since last spring a lot of things have been going on with the branch that you should be aware of.

In May we lost one of our longest serving board members, Jeannette Weagle. After 18 years of service to the branch, she decided to retire. Due to the June Annual Members Meeting in Ottawa, the board postponed any recognition for Jeannette until our July board meeting. At that time, we took her to lunch and presented her a gift. She was given a matching purse and wallet and your thanks for all the she had done. She remains as a member and you will see her at dinners, usually helping on the registration table. It was a pleasure to work with her and she will be missed.

At the end of September, we held our fall dinner. I must admit that the attendance could have been better, but we had a very nice meal and a great presenter. Matt Graham from RBC Dominion Securities gave a very good talk on reverse mortgages and the not so pleasant effect it may have on home and money management. It was followed by a question and answer session. He left us with some printed material that we will share at the spring dinner as it was only given to me at the end.

I reported at the fall dinner that I was asked to be one of the coordinators of the Presidents Forum that is at held at our annual meeting in Ottawa. As a result, I was asked to participate in a retreat with the National Board of Directors in early December. With the National President, Jean-Guy Soulière and the National Board



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Members we had a very good discussion on what the association will look like in 2030! It left me with many things to focus on in the future. The number one concern is that we need to increase our membership, as many new retirees are not joining the group. Our President continues to stress that we are the insurance policy that keeps our pensions and benefits in place. So, if you know a recent retiree, please promote and encourage them to join. There is strength in numbers, and we are not aware of what the future governments have in mind.

Following the retreat, we had a regional meeting with all the Presidents, Branch Service Coordinators and Provincial Advocacy Officer, along with the National Board. The first session was given by National office regarding visibility with our local Members of Parliament and issues that are of concern to the association. It is our goal be become more active in this area over the next four years.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent with a panel concerning seniors health care here in New Brunswick. The issues were wait times, nursing home availability, lack of family doctors and the use of too many prescribed drugs that are given to seniors. The presentations from the panel were an eye opener to group. This session was followed by a question and answer from the floor. Great info and very interesting topic. I think we could have used the whole afternoon to get all the information in.

The following morning all the presidents were back at work learning a new trick! We learned how to complete an operational plan. This was given by National Office so that all boards across the country will have one in place as we move forward. It was a very good sessions with lots of hands on work that we shared among us. Our President, Mr. Souliere had presented his Moving Forward piece to you when he was here two years ago. This is a continuation of that work that was approved at our Annual Members Meeting in Ottawa last summer.

On December 13, I had the presented a cheque to the CBC for the Harbour Lights in the 283.00 as requested by the membership at the fall dinner. These funds go the food banks in the area and for the not so fortunate in our area. Maybe next year we will all give more this very good cause.

The spring prime rib dinner and annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 4 pm, at St Marks Church, 171 Pettingill Road, Quispamsis. The price will be \$20.00 per person. Cheques can be made out to NAFR. PO Box 935, Saint John, N.B. E2L 4E3 **no later than May 6, 2020**. The guest speaker for this dinner is Jake VanderLann, Chief Information Officer, Financial and Consumer Commission of N.B.

That about wraps up all the information that I have. If you have an any comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at fsna65@gmail.com or you can call me at 849-2430. Over the next year we will be looking for new board members, so please keep this in mind.

Lorraine Scott
President



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting

May 13, 2020

4 pm

St Marks Church
\$20.00 per person
Cheque made out to NAFR
By May 6th

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