

# BRANCH REPORT

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## President's message

Well, another year has passed and hello 2023! 2023 will be an exciting year for the branch. We will have a new board, with new ideas and a big celebration to top it all off. This will probably be my last newsletter to you, so excuse me if I look back a bit.

Over the course of my 10 years on the board we have made great strides to keep you informed. We went from caller lists, that were super time consuming, to completing email lists. It was faster and easier. We got a new computer program, thanks to the national office, to do our finances and keep our membership information up-to-date. Lastly, we were able, with the help of a remarkable team in Ottawa, to send email blasts that went out to all of us at once. Covid came and we quickly learned the love hate relationship we have with zoom. Love it or hate it, it made us work together in some very difficult times. In the end we still use it and it's lovely to see all the faces we were not able to see in person. Thankfully in June last year, we were able to have an in-person national meeting in Ottawa. It was nice to socialize again.

The branch board has had several zoom meetings and in person meetings this year. If we need to discuss something quickly zoom is great but together around a table is even better. As a board we decided to renew our zoom licence. Hopefully we never have another lockdown, but we will be prepared.

In the late fall a very dedicated team has worked tirelessly to plan our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. Geoff Howson, Mike Powers and Donna Bovolaneas, with me in the background only. These three have done a remarkable job to get something going and I thank them dearly for all the time and effort they have put into this. The final details I will share with you via an email blast as soon as I am able. This event will be a celebration as well an invitation for newer retirees to join us. Important to note they must be a federal employee or a federal retiree to join the association.



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Last thought before I leave. I sent a special newsletter in December to all members requesting help on the board. I have had two responses, and I thank them for coming forward, but three or four more would be ideal. This is your association, and we need your help. It's a pity that only two from 1100 can help. Time to think outside the box to meet new people and learn something that we all have in common, National Association of Federal Retirees.

Ten years ago, this spring I walked into my first FSNA dinner and was told by the sitting president, Martha Peters, "you are now on my board, we need you." I was scared the first few board meetings I attended, but that faded fast. I am glad I stayed. I have had great days and frustrating days but, in the end, it was a blast. My last meeting with you will be our annual meeting coming up shortly. Until then, take care.

Thank you  
Lorraine Scott  
President

