



Fundy Shores Branch Report NB65

Happy Spring! Or at least I hope it is more spring like when you get to read this. I hope you had a good Holiday Season and winter was been kind to all. The board had been busy since our last newsletter, so I will try to bring you up to speed.

Pre-retirement Seminars

I have had the opportunity to do 4 pre-retirement seminars in your area over the summer and fall. There appears to be a real interest in these sessions and I have been lucky to represent our organization at these workshops. It gives a good overview of what the National Association does and it a great way to get potential members.

You and Your Survivor Workshop

In October, Lynn Chatterton organized with Martha Peters a workshop on You and Your Survivor. It was well received, and I asked Lynn to prepare the following report:

“We held our first Workshop on Survivorship on October 24th, 2018. We had invited 28 members to attend. Six (6) could not make it for different reasons. Barry Murray, our Contact Benefits Volunteer was our Special guest speaker who put on the session. He is very well informed and delivers the program in a way that is easy to understand. Barry has a gift for this kind of presentation. He was very interesting and knows how to capture his group's attention. Martha Peters and I were involved in preparing the session at the Silver Falls Memorial Hall here in Saint John.

Everyone present was in awe as to how ill-informed on what happens when a spouse dies, or when our day happens, how we must leave our succession in prepared hands. Among many important items, Barry underlined that, pre-election, the NB Government was about to pass a motion to modify the current procurations or Power of Attorneys that are presently two documents, namely 1) finances and 2) for health or personal care. It is

their intention to make it ONE DOCUMENT. Also, when ordering a Death Certificate from the Province, we need to ensure that we are dealing directly with the NB government. If you go on line, without realizing it, you may be getting the Death Certificate through a third party at an added cost of \$50.00...and there is so much more that we don't realize.

We have tentatively scheduled another such session for April 2019. For the benefit of all, we limit attendance to less than 30 people. Those on the submitted list will be contacted then. If you did not submit your name and would like to attend, please call me, Lynn Chatterton at 214 4910.”

I want to thank Barry, Lynn and Martha for taking this on, a job well done! I plan to attend the next workshop in April and would highly recommend all members to seriously think about attending one as well. I am sure over time we will be able to accommodate all interested parties.

Spring Annual Meeting

I was away in October and returned home only to find out that the Men of St. Marks were no long able to do our dinners. These men are awesome cooks and have spoilt us over the years. Many of you may not be aware that several of these men are also members of this organization. On behalf of every member that has ever attended our dinners, I want to thank them for their work, time, effort and great food. You will be missed but not forgotten.

After a search of the area, both Martha Peters and Catherine O’Leary had come to the board with suggestions for a new dinner venue. I must admit price and location played a great deal in our decision. The spring dinner will be held on April 11, 2019 with our annual meeting at The Assumption Center, 721 Chapel Street West Saint John. Dinner is \$20.00 person and it’s a hip of beef. Cheques can be made out to and sent to the National Association of Federal Retirees, PO Box 935, Saint John, N.B. E2L 4E3, no later than April 5th. **Dinner will be at 2 p.m.**, followed by our annual meeting. The guest speaker will be Allison Gallop, Past President of NB/PEI Last Post Fund. What is real treat is that he is also a member of your branch. For more information on this dinner, please contact Martha Peters at 506-648-9535, Lorraine Scott at 506-849-2430 or fsna65@gmail.com

If you are going to the center from the KV area take Route One or McKay highway and go to west Saint John taking the first exit to Market Place, from Market Place take a right on to St. John Street then turn left on City Line and then a left on to Clifton St. and another left onto City Line and you’re at the center.

If you are coming from the St. George or from the Fredericton areas: From the high way take exit 120 which is a sharp right on to Prince Street, left on Champlain Street, right on

to Duke St west and a left on to Lancaster Ave. Continue along to Dufferin Row and a right on to Chapel Street and you have made it.

Pre Budget-Presentation

In early October I had the chance to speak before the Parliamentary Committee regarding pre-budget consultations and what our area would like to see either in or out of our future budget due in the spring of 2019. I gave a brief to Wayne Easter, MP from PEI and his committee requesting the withdrawal of Bill C27. This is the bill that could change future employees from having a defined pension plan to a targeted one. It's the belief of the NAFR, that it could affect future hires, current staff and down the road may even affect us as pensioners. It was well received by committee and Mr. Easter pointed out that was not the first time he had heard our concerns regarding this bill.

Harbour Lights

If you have attended on of your dinners you know that we have a 50-50 draw, where you can win back the price of your dinner ticket and the other half goes to charity. As we are a non-for-profit organization, we can not use any of our day to day funds for charity. This year we raised \$430.00, I presented a check on December 14th at the Saint John City Market Harbour Lights open house. The funds raised by Harbour Lights is given to the various food banks from Sussex to St. Stephen in the new year. It would be nice over the next year if we could raise this amount, as there are so many that are less fortunate than us. Thanks to all who buy and good luck in our future draws.

Sorry if this was a bit longer than your used to, but I was trying to cover all that the board has done in the last 6 months. I have the pleasure of working with a great board and we all give freely of our time. With out Martha, Lynn, Peggy, Fran, Marianne, Jeannette, Catherine and Harold none of this would be possible. I give a heart felt thank you to all them as they make my job look easy!

If you have questions, concerns or need anything call me at 849-2430 or email me mlscott55@gmail.com. I may not have all the answers at my finger tips, but I do promise to answer you promptly.

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