

# CALGARY & DISTRICT BRANCH REPORT

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## Presidents Report - Fall 2017



Hello to members of the Calgary and District Branch of NAFR.

I am Rob Pollard and was elected the President of your Branch at the AGM held on April 7. We also elected a new Director, Ron Beirnes, along with several board members who agreed to serve for another term. Rob

Malcolm and Lois Fisch have left the board however both remain as volunteers. Many thanks to both for all the work and hours that they have given to our association over their years of service. Our thanks to Marlene LaMontagne for serving as our President for the past three years.

The Presidents from all the Branches across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba met in Winnipeg May 10 & 11 for the District Director's Meeting. We discussed issues and came to some agreement on a united western perspective for the AMM in Ottawa. National President Jean-Guy Soulière, CEO Simon Coakeley, and Vice-President Roy Goodall attended and gave presentations on where the association was heading and plans for the next year.

The AMM was held in Ottawa June 13 -17 and was attended by myself and 3 directors from the Calgary branch. The results will be reported in Sage magazine so I will not go into details here, other than to say is that all proposals were passed or withdrawn after discussion. The Prairies & NWT District have a new national director, Cynthia Foreman from Winnipeg.

The next year your board will be focusing on Advocacy and the recruitment of new members and volunteers.

I look forward to meeting you and hope to see you at our next meeting and lunch in September.

## AGM & Luncheon April 2017



Marlene LaMontagne handing President's gavel over to Rob Pollard



Sally Manchurek presenting Marlene with President's Commendation Plaque



Calgary Board of Directors

## **GENERAL MEETING and LUNCHEON - Friday November 17, 2017**

**The November 17, 2017 Luncheon will mark the conclusion of our Canada 150 special pricing for meals at \$15.00 per person.**

**Location:** Fort Calgary, 750 - 9 Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M5

**Please arrive at 10:00 am to be seated.**

A short business meeting commencing at 10:30 AM will recognize our veterans and volunteers.

At 11:00 AM Rick Staple and his band will entertain us with some old-time favourites and those of us who like to take a spin for a waltz, 2-step, polka etc. can join in as a small dance floor will be set up.

A selection of Christmas carols will be included so we can sing along and bring in the festive season.

Rick and his band play at a variety of senior's centres, lodges, Legions and community centres across the city and are highly recommended by those who have heard them perform.

Be sure to book early so we can fill the hall and round out our Canada 150 Celebrations.

### **Menu:**

- **Buttermilk scones with butter**
- **Roasted Butternut Squash and Apple Soup /Creme Fraiche/ Toasted Almonds**
- **Roast Turkey/Sage Stuffing/Thyme Mashed Potatoes/Pan Gravy/Roasted Carrots/Cranberry sauce**
- **Warm Ginger Honey Cake/ Vanilla Ice Cream**
- **Freshly Brewed Coffee/Tea**

**Remember to reserve a seat by calling the office at 403-265-0773 two to three weeks before the function. We have to pay for the number of meals ordered once we have committed to that number, therefore, if you cannot attend the luncheon, it is very important to please phone the office and cancel five days before the luncheon.**

**\*\*Please remember our Veterans; food donations will be very much appreciated.**

**Okotoks/Foothills Coffee Sessions:**

For more information call Michelle Luchia at (403)938-7397 or Doug Raynor at (403)995-1786.

**Canmore Coffee Sessions:**

Please contact Jette Finsborg at 403-609-0598, email [jfinsborg@gmail.com](mailto:jfinsborg@gmail.com) for information.

**Notice to Calgary and District Branch AB16 members:** - in late September/early October 2017 a survey of members will be conducted by the Branch to determine your potential interest in other activities besides our Quarterly Luncheon meetings.

We also want to get your input on the venue, meal options, speaker options etc for the Quarterly Luncheons and to hear from those who live outside Calgary as to how the Branch can better serve your needs.

So, watch for a notice - we'll conduct the survey primarily by a link through e mail but we will have options for those who do not use email.

**NAFR Members Information**

**Please check out our National Association of Federal Employees websites:**

National: <https://www.federalretirees.ca/>

Calgary & District Branch: <http://nafrcgyc.ca/>

Please contact our office if you have any inquiries or questions. The volunteer working that day will be happy to help you. Our office is located in room 302, third floor at the Kerby Centre, 1133, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1B2. Please phone during our business hours, Monday to Friday 10 am to noon at 403-265-0773 or email [fsnacal@telus.net](mailto:fsnacal@telus.net). Please note that our office is closed on all holidays. (During July and August the office will be closed, a volunteer will check our voice mail for messages during that time frame).