

BRANCH REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

The National Association of Federal Retirees, or commonly Federal Retirees, is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian armed forces, royal Canadian mounted police (RCMP) and retired federally appointed judges, as well as their partners and survivors.

We believe every Canadian today and in the future, should benefit from better retirement income security and a strong, sustainable health care system.

With your support, we can make retirement better for all Canadians.

President's message

As I write this the country is in full election mode, with promises coming faster than the pundits can keep track of them. And way faster than I can keep my limited attention span focussed on them. So my mind wanders.

By the time you read this the election will have ground to its conclusion, hopefully not to be repeated for another four years. Your Association has been working hard during the campaign to engage the candidates by real and e-mail and by real and online meetings. We have made sure they know we exist and have some real power through our votes and our connections. After the election we need to continue to communicate with the elected representatives in our ridings to make sure the Government understands just how much we contribute to a prosperous and forward-looking country.

Another factor I can't guess at is how well we will have managed the Covid crisis by now. Not to try to make predictions, I am sure that there will still be controversy over the measures being taken (or not) and we will still not be able to live as we did before. Hopefully the different levels of government will have learned how to cooperate, rather than compete, and people in general will have become easier with the restrictions that may well persist for a long time.

A feature of the preventive lockdowns and restrictions is that in-person meetings have been difficult. This is necessary, but it adds to the effect of the pandemic, adding insult to the injury of the very real risk of the virus itself. A result is that using computer software like Zoom and Meet, groups have been able to conduct business online, with everyone in the comfort of their own homes. This has not been an easy transition for a number of reasons. Making the software behave is just the first hurdle.

Not sure what to get
for the federal retiree
who has everything?



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IN MEMORIAM 2020

It is with deep regret that we have learned of the passing of the following members. The heartfelt sympathy of the branch is extended to their families and friends.

Judith	Davidson
Dolores	Fraser
Helen	Wilson
Roger	Brummell
Lois	McCredie
Roy	Wilton
Wayne	McNulty
Constance	MacDougall
Ray	Michaud
Mildred	Jackson
Jack	Harper
Kenneth	Crocker
Vern	Wieler

Learning how to adjust the camera and the lighting in the room takes some trial and error, and things that you can do in a real meeting become very distracting when you inhabit a little frame on the computer. Among the distractions that do not help are seeing the bottom of a coffee cup fill the screen, or the top of a head as the owner looks down at the keyboard. Perhaps zoom etiquette should be part of the instructions. As an aside, I do not mind the occasional cat appearing to see what the fuss is about.

You may have noticed the membership drive that the Association has been conducting. We have experienced a slight drop in numbers but have been very successful in regaining some of us who just forgot to renew. I urge us all to talk up the Association and make prospective members aware of the real need for us to continue to make our presence known to the government.

Bringing my mind back to the present, we will by now have held our Fall General Meeting, either in person or online, and have conducted the business of budget approval and Executive elections, and will be preparing for the Spring General Meeting. We will keep everyone informed by email about items of interest, and will look forward to seeing you the next time we can meet in person.



Sincerely

Tom Kupecz
Branch President



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 Win a \$500 pre-paid credit card
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Call 1-855-304-4700, ext. 300, to refer someone by phone, or for more information about the contest.

*All successful referrals must be eligible for membership and qualified by Federal Retirees recruitment and member services team.



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Our office is currently closed, but messages can be left on our answering machine 613-394-4633. Messages are checked frequently, and someone will get back to you. We can also be reached by email, federalsupernet@bellnet.ca.



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