

# BRANCH REPORT

ON36 | Bluewater

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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

Greetings and best wishes from Christopher Hawksworth, president of the Bluewater Branch (ON36).

I truly hope that you and your families are well and have enjoyed a good summer with loved ones.

Our Branch held a virtual AGM on April 14, 2021. I had hoped for some more attendees given our attempts to inform members through February/March/April, however you can read the minutes on our Branch webpage.

At time of this writing, the Annual Members Meetings have just completed. There were two virtual meetings this year, June 17 and 29, 2021. I encourage all members to go online and read the material covering both.

Further to the AMM, as per direction from the National Office, holding in-person meetings is not allowed. Hopefully as this edition of Sage reaches you, that decision will have been modified. All of us are looking forward to the time when we can sit and chat with each other again, at the same time as conducting NAFR business.

As always I encourage members to go online and read the excellent material from National Office, you can certainly keep up to date on all topics.

Bluewater Branch does have some printed editions of "You and Your Survivor". These will be available at our next face to face event, or if you would like a copy, let any of our Board members know.

Stay safe and well,

Sincerely

Christopher Hawksworth

*Branch President*



## Treasurer's Report

My Quote for this issue: "Kindness is Free, Let's pass it on".

My wishful thinking is that COVID is in the past and won't be repeated. Maybe soon we will be able to have in-person meetings with all of our Bluewater NAFR members.

Like me, I am sure we have all done our best with coping at this time of COVID. I've enjoyed zooming with my kids and especially with my new grandson. Also, playing games with friends via the computer, emailing, texting and phoning friends and family more often has taken up time. Getting outside just to walk or play pickleball or golf and rediscovering my tread mill has kept me busy. It is amazing what we can find to do to pass the time!

Our Retirees' Association has been busy updating the computer reporting program we use to track Branch finances and membership etc. I've participated in webinars and zoom meetings that have been well presented and some just plain boring. The program I use as the Treasurer has gone through many changes since I started in 2016. Most changes make my job easier once I get used to them.

Our Branch finances are in great shape as not much has been happening at the Branch level.

I hope everyone has a wonderful fall, perhaps we will see you soon!

Stay safe. Be kind.

Diane Kerr

*Treasurer*

## Membership Report

I hope everyone took advantage of receiving their COVID-19 vaccine shots. They are very important, in my opinion, to get over this pandemic, so we can have a more normal life again.

Our Branch membership is still just over 500 members. Once again I ask that if you know of any Federal retiree or potential retiree please let them know about our Association. Or have them contact any member of the Branch executive for further information. Phone numbers and e mail addresses for the executive can be found on the last page of this insert. Information can be found on the National Association web site as well.

New for the 2021 membership renewal for non DDS (Direct Deduction from Source) members, for a limited time you will receive the first three months free if you switch over your renewal payment to DDS, \$4.28 for Single and \$5.55 for double.

Please feel free to contact me with any membership concerns or information as necessary.

I hope you and your family stay safe and healthy! Hopefully we can look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming meetings in the fall of 2021

Bill Mason

*Membership Chairperson*

## Web Site and Information Technology

Please take a look at our National and Branch Websites. They are full of great information.

- National Site: [www.federalretirees.ca](http://www.federalretirees.ca)
- Branch Site: [www.federalretirees.ca/bluewater](http://www.federalretirees.ca/bluewater)

Information available on our Branch Web site includes:

- Contact information for our Branch Executive and Board
- Listings for upcoming Branch Events
- Current Sage Branch Inserts (available weeks prior to publishing), as well as past Branch Inserts
- Minutes from Branch and Executive meetings
- And much more.

Stay safe during these stressful pandemic times and hopefully we'll all be able to gather with friends and family for a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Doug Kerr

*IT and Web Site Coordinator*

## In Memoriam Notices

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| • Ruth Aicken     | • Bill Burch         |
| • E Campbell      | • Delmar Dark        |
| • Rita Rebie      | • Claudette Deshaies |
| • Olive Ferguson  | • Bruce Griffith     |
| • Mary Hind       | • Dorothy Kings      |
| • Hudson Milburn  | • Norma Martin       |
| • Moyra Obermeyer | • E Powell           |
| • Marie Richard   | • John Rome          |
| • Helen Smith     | • Hazel Vaughan      |
| • David Wright    | • Robert Young       |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All Membership Meetings and Luncheons are on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic.

## Executive, (Elected)

**President** - Chris Hawksworth, 519-330-1492 |  
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**Past President** -

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