

# BRANCH REPORT

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### MEMBERSHIP

Single memberships are \$51.36 per year and double memberships are \$66.60 per year.

Members are encouraged to pay membership dues through Dues Deduction at Source (DDS). It is the simplest and most convenient way to pay for your membership and to automatically renew annually. Thanks to our relationship with Treasury Board and the Pension Centre, the DDS option allows your membership fees to be deducted directly from your pension on a monthly basis.

### Acting President's message

Greetings to all our members. I am honoured to be stepping into the role of Acting President, with confidence knowing that Lynne will be available to offer advice if necessary. I would like to offer my personal thanks to Lynne for all she has done for this Branch. It is an interesting time to be assuming this role, with changes to the leadership at the National Office, and a new PSHCP Administrator effective July 1, 2023. As well, your Branch Executive is trying to reach out to our members that may not want to make the trip to Barrie to attend either the AMM or AGM. This Fall, we held a Meet and Greet in Bracebridge, and we are already talking about another Meet and Greet either late Spring or early Summer next year, with Collingwood or Wasaga Beach as possible locations.

The date for our Spring AMM will be Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at which time we will be holding elections to fill our Board vacancies. Please do consider joining our Board.

A reminder that the 2022 Mega Recruitment Drive (MRD) is here. The MRD remains the biggest and most important recruitment campaign we run each year. It's also a great opportunity for members like you to win several great prizes simply by recruiting new members to the Association. This year's grand prize is **\$10,000 cash**, courtesy of Johnson Insurance.

In closing, on behalf of your Executive, I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and all the best for 2023.



Sincerely,

**Chris Auger**  
*Hurononia Branch Acting President*

PARTNER BANNER

## Hurononia Branch Annual General Meeting – October 4, 2022



*Hurononia Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM), October 4, 2022 at the Barrie Legion.*



*Chris Auger and Dianne Michals presenting Lynne Ellis with flowers.*



*Jill Mortimer and Liz Tomassetti, two of the three winners of door prizes generously donated by Johnson Insurance.*

Following our successful AMM back in May 3, 2022 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Barrie, your Branch Executive decided to hold the Fall AGM also at the Legion. Both the Executive and the members expressed their pleasure with the venue and the abundance of good food. And again, we were not disappointed. The meeting was attended by over 30 members. Our guest speaker was Chantal Palon, a Senior Consultant with Johnson Insurance, who spoke on Medoc Travel Insurance. The AGM serves as a means to inform the membership of the activities of the Huronia Branch and National Office. Of note, National Office (NO) held elections for both President and Vice President this year. The new NO President is Roy Goodall, and the new Vice President is H el ene Nadeau. At the Branch level, the membership was introduced to the new Huronia Branch Acting President, Chris Auger. Our former President, Lynne Ellis, has been a member of the Huronia Branch Executive for over 20 years, most recently serving as President for the past 4 1/2 years. Lynne has agreed to stay on in the role of Past President until May 2023, serving as an advisor to the Board, but without voting privileges. We thank Lynne for her many years of dedicated service and for agreeing to share her wisdom with us for another 8 months.

Chris Auger joined the Board on May 5, 2021 in the role of Web Master. At the May 3, 2022 AMM, Chris was acclaimed as the Vice President, and as of October 1, 2022, Chris has agreed to assume the role of Acting President until the May 10, 2023 AMM, at which time we will be holding elections for a number of positions, including President and Vice President. Chris has been chairing the Branch Executive Meetings since January 2022. We wish Chris all the best.

Jackie Akeson advised that Canada Life Assurance Company is the new PSHCP Administrator, replacing Sun Life, as of July 1, 2023. Jackie identified the major improvements to plan benefits, which are listed on the NAFR web site.

## Huronia Branch Past Initiatives and Upcoming Events

The Executive of the Huronia Branch was delighted to hold a Meet and Greet in Bracebridge on September 13, 2022. The purposes of this event were both to give current members in the area the opportunity to meet their Executive in-person and to recruit new members. Also, the Executive wanted to offer all of our cherished members an opportunity to see the historic and unique Woodchester Villa!

Coffee, tea, muffins, and donuts were served and enjoyed by the attendees. They also received a very informative and interesting tour of the Woodchester Villa by Lauryn Herstek, Collection and Event Coordinator for the Town of Bracebridge.

Donna Wallace was our door prize winner of a \$25 gift card for Shell gasoline! Congratulations Donna! As you can see by the photos, it is a very picturesque spot!

The Spring Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the Barrie Legion, 410 St. Vincent Street, Barrie. Doors open at 10:30 am for coffee with meeting starting at 11:00 am. There will be a \$7 per person lunch to follow. Reservations will be required at [huronia@federalretirees.ca](mailto:huronia@federalretirees.ca). There will be a guest speaker, but not confirmed who at time of printing.

Your Executive is in the early planning stages of organizing a second Meet and Greet for next year, likely after the AMM and possibly in the Collingwood or Wasaga Beach area. The information will be conveyed by email, telephone and through the SAGE magazine. Stay tuned.

## Photo gallery from the Huronia Branch Meet and Greet and Annual General Meeting



### Huronia Branch Meet and Greet

*Woodchester Villa, Bracebridge, an octagonal house built in 1882 and home of woolen manufacturer, Henry J. Bird.*



### Huronia Branch Meet and Greet

*Kathy Rupnow presenting Donna Wallace with door prize. At the AGM, Donna generously returned the door prize back to the Branch, to be used as a door prize in the future. Thank you Donna for your generosity.*



### Huronia Branch AGM

*Guest Speaker, Chantal Palon, Senior Consultant with Johnson Insurance, talking about Medoc insurance.*



**Huronia Branch AGM**

*Branch Executive (left to right), Mark Burchell, Jackie Akeson, Lynne Ellis, Chris Auger, Kathy Rupnow, Dianne Michals and Noreen Campbell, wishing you a happy holiday season. (Absent: Leo Brooks).*

**Huronia Branch Meet and Greet**

*Noreen Campbell sitting at antique dresser.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Huronia Branch AMM**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**  
**Doors open at 10:30 am**

Royal Canadian Legion,  
410 St. Vincent Street,  
Barrie, Ontario

\$7 for lunch  
RSVP to confirm  
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**2022-2023**

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