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The Peel-Halton & Area Branch Report



President's Message

Winter 2007

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to convey our very best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year 2008.

We would also like to convey our sympathy to all those members who have lost a loved one during the course of this year.

2007 Fall General Meeting

Our Fall General Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007. Those of you who did not attend missed an opportunity to learn about the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). You also missed hearing about some of the important changes to FSNA.

Robert Brown, Vice-President, and I attended the Fourteenth Triennial Convention held in Ottawa on August 16, 17, 18, 2007. The theme of this Convention was "Next Step to Continuing Success". Several very important issues for our organization, such as the Proposed Governance Model

and the amendment of our By-Laws and Regulations, were on the agenda. The National Office has provided you with details of the results of the Convention, in the fall ON GUARD and has indicated that our New Governance Model will only be implemented when the revised corresponding By-Laws were approved by Industry Canada.

The revised By-Laws have now been approved by Industry Canada. Further details on the implementation will be provided to our members as they occur.

2008 Annual General Meeting

Our 15th Annual General Meeting will be held in May 2008. This is a very important meeting for our members who have the opportunity to exercise their rights to elect their Board Members. Your Board is also looking to attract **younger seniors** to take over some of the tasks we, **older seniors** board members, have been carrying out on your behalf.

Please watch for the notice of our Annual General Meeting.

Renée Labbad-Thibault

Where to find us

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HELP – Telephone Committee

As always ...we need your help! Please volunteer to make calls to members to announce meetings and other special events. If interested, please call 905-566-6150 and leave a message for Chris Buklin or email him at: cbuklin1234@rogers.com.

Also, please e-mail him to send him your e-mail address – just send a blank message with the words “FSNA E-Mail (followed by your e-mail address)” in the subject line. This is of special importance if you have, recently, changed your e-mail address.

Health Issues

If you have questions or concerns on any health related issue, please contact Robert Brown, VP & Director, Health Benefits Officer using the contact information provided right.

At our October annual meeting a representative of the Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) provided an overview of its responsibilities.

LHIN, a provincial coordinating body, will work to create “a local health system that helps people stay healthy, delivers good care when they need it, and will be there for their children and grandchildren”.

There are 14 LHINs across the province. While they do not directly provide health care services, they were given the mandate for planning, integrating, and funding health care services. They oversee nearly two-thirds of the \$37.9 billion health care budget in Ontario.

If you have general information requests about the programs and

services provided by the Ministry, please send your question to INFOLINE (infoline@moh.gov.on.ca). Please note that this service does not provide medical advice or counselling. Please do not include any personal information, such as health card numbers, in your email.

Please visit <http://www.lhins.on.ca/> for more information.

2007 Board Members & Contact Information:

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Information and Errata:

Affinity Programs (New):

Alterna Bank (see fall ON GUARD p. 19) has a comprehensive calculator that might be of interest to you.

For more information visit:

<https://www.mygofigure.com/gofigure/gf.cn/fplanner.ASP?cuid=444>

Reminder of new Affinity Programs:

-**ALTERNA BANK**, for the Ottawa & Toronto area (York, Toronto, Peel Halton members in 2007), expanding to other cities in 2008.

-**COLETTE Vacations** for all of Canada now approved.

For more information on existing Affinity programs please visit the national website at <http://www.fsna.com>.

Note that the savings available through FSNA's affinity programs might well cover more than the cost of your annual dues.

Member News and Success Stories:

This is a new section of our own website. Submit news and pictures to the webmaster at:

webmaster@fsnapeelhalton.org

We have one entry that you might wish to check out concerning:

“Lawrence Lafond - former RCMP and CSIS member hits the "BIG SCREEN". Lawrence is a member of the cast of Pirates of the Caribbean II (already showing) and III (released in spring of 2007).”

To see some pictures go to:

<http://www.fsnapeelhalton.org/membercorner.html>

As for our own website we are pleased to report that for the 12 months ending in October 2007 it has received 14,766 visitors.

Treasury Board Notice

Overview of the Amendment to the Coordination Formula of the Public Service (PS), Canadian Forces (CF) and RCMP pension plans with the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) or the Quebec Pension Plan (QPP):

The above notice recently sent to pensioners by Treasury Board Secretariat had a box saying:
« For more information about tax implications, please visit the **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)** Web site at: www.cra.gc.ca/pension »

That Link does not work.

Try this one instead: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/agency/budget/2006/pspp-e.html>

Membership Issues

If you have not already renewed your membership please do so. Unpaid member accounts will be dropped from our listing.

FSNA Peel-Halton & Area Branch Membership Form

This is your FSNA membership application or information update form. Membership dues are effective from January 1 to December 31. Please complete this form if you are applying for membership whether you are paying dues via automatic DDS (Dues Deduction at Source) or directly to this Branch and forward it to our Membership Director at the address outlined below, as soon as possible. Please also use this form to notify us of address, telephone number, e-mail address, or membership option changes. This will ensure that our membership data base and contact information is current. You can also notify us of changes by e-mail. Write to membership@fsnapeelhalton.org.

Please make cheques payable to: "FSNA, Peel-Halton & Area Branch".

Members who have NO CHANGES to report and are paying dues via DDS, need not submit this form. Once your application and dues payment (if applicable) are received, a new membership card will be mailed to you. If you use the DDS deduction method, you will receive your membership card as soon as possible from FSNA.

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MEMBERSHIP Application/Renewal FORM

**FSNA Peel-Halton and Area Branch
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Please indicate the applicable membership option

- Single member = \$34.20 /yr
- Dual membership = \$44.40 /yr
- Associate Member* = \$15.00 /yr

Renewals: – please enter current FSNA Membership **Number:**

Are YOU a: (please indicate the one that applies to you!)

- Member whose dues are deducted at source (DDS) & have changes to report?
- Member paying directly to Branch, with enclosed cheque, or have changes to report?

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss: (please circle the appropriate title)

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City/Town: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel: (____) ____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

(Please note: Confidentiality is assured - your information will only be used for FSNA purposes.)

*Note: associate members are federal public servants who will soon retire and who wish to join the FSNA now.