



The Peel Halton & Area Branch Report

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 2008

I would like to begin this message with an invitation to our members to attend the **Branch's 2008 Fall General Meeting** to be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. This meeting will take place at the **Hansa Haus, German Canadian Club, 6650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga.**

Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the meeting will be convened at 10:00 A.M., followed by a hot lunch.

Our speaker will be a representative from Alterna Bank, who will talk about the financial solutions offered exclusively to FSNA members.

Please plan to attend this very important session.

The Association's first annual congress, held in Ottawa on July 8 and 9, 2008 was a great success. The annual Congress replaces the Triennial Convention, the last of which was held in August 2007.

FSNA has a new very impressive Logo and a new and improved Web Site, at **www.fsna.com**, which includes more information and is more easily accessed. The National Office is interested in hearing from members on how well it did in reaching its goals.

Congratulation to Richard Poersch, a member of our branch, who was elected to the position of National Director, Ontario, and John Schneider, elected Regional Service Officer for Central & Northern Ontario.

This year we lost one of our oldest members, James Rowlatt, at the age of 104, as well as Ruth Gray who was a member of our board of directors for many years. Your directors, on behalf of all members, would like to take this opportunity to convey their sincere condolences to all those who have lost a loved one in the past year, and wish a speedy recovery to those who have been in poor health.

As in part years, our branch will be taking part in the Remembrance Day Celebration on November 11 and will lay a wreath on your behalf.

We are, once again, inviting some of you to offer some of your time and to volunteer to help by assisting or becoming a member of the Board of directors of our branch.

Renee Labbad-Thibault

Government Retiree Recruitment Campaign

The Association's national recruitment campaign will be launched in mid-September 2008. This campaign, held every two years, is organized through

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Branch Telephone number: (905) 599-6151

Branch Officers: President - Renee Labbad Thibault / Vice President - Spencer Gludish / Treasurer - John Rozenberg / Membership - Robert Lane

Website: www.fsnapeelhalton.org *General e-mail:* info@fsnapeelhalton.org

Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) under the authority of the President of the Treasury Board and the approval of the concerned ministers.

Under this program, individuals receiving a pension payment under either of the Public Service, the Canadian Forces or the RCMP superannuation acts, will receive a brochure encouraging them to join FSNA. A separate mailing will be sent later to retired federally appointed judges directly by the National Office.

Only those who are **paying FSNA dues through Dues Deduction at Source (DDS)** are **excluded from the PWGSC mail-out. Unfortunately,** the system **cannot** exclude those members who are paying their dues by cheque and, in certain circumstances, individuals who are receiving a pension from more than one source. Although though this fact is explained in the pamphlet, some members still call the National Office or their branch to ask why they received the recruitment material even though they are members.

One way to avoid such possible inappropriate mailings is for you to consider joining the convenient, monthly, DSS dues withholding program. It is automatic, you will no longer have to submit cheque payments to your branch, and automated mailing systems will be aware of your membership. To find out more about it just contact the Membership Director on our Board.

(The above is, in part, a reproduction of information contained the Bulletin to Branches 2008-08.)

Maple Leaf product Recall – August 2008

By now you are, no doubt, aware of the national recall of possible, tainted meat products with possible links to a particular Ontario processing plant.

The Maple Leaf corporate Internet website provides the following information to concerned customers:

“...Our voluntary expanded product recall includes all production from the Bartor Road facility in Ontario **(Establishment # 97B)**.

This is a further precautionary measure, notwithstanding the fact that there is no evidence of Listeria contamination in products beyond the production lines originally under investigation.

How do I determine if a Maple Leaf product is part of the recall?

There are two identifiers, a Crown Seal or an Inkjet imprint, on Maple Leaf products that will help you determine if the product is part of the recall.

Look for the Crown Seal with the establishment number (97B) printed underneath the crown.

If 97B is not printed with the Crown Seal, look for an Establishment Number (Est97B) near the Best Before Date.

All recalled products include the Establishment Number 97B identified through a Crown Seal or an Inkjet Imprint and the best before date associated with the recall.

For more information, including a list of recalled products as well as the names to companies that use Maple Leaf products, go to:

<http://www.mapleleaf.com/>

Branch Telephone Number

Please note our **telephone** number. If you wish to reach anyone on the board – you can call **905 599-6151**. Please leave a message and your contact information and the appropriate board member will call you back as soon as possible.

When you leave your message, please include your name, if possible your membership number, and your telephone number, including area code, so that board members can call you back. If you can briefly outline what your call is about – that would be of immense help in directing your call.

Branch mail address:
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2008 Board Members' e-mail addresses

President: Renee Labbad-Thibault
president@fsnapeelhalton.org

**Vice-President and Resolutions
Committee:** Spencer Gludish
resolutions@fsnapeelhalton.org

Chair - Health and Benefits: Robert Brown
healthbenefits@fsnapeelhalton.org

Treasurer: John Rozenberg
treasurer@fsnapeelhalton.org

John has stepped in, temporarily. We are looking for a member to come forth to serve as treasurer of our chapter. Please contact the President if you are interested.

Secretary: Vacant

We still need help to fill the position of Branch Secretary. If you are interested please contact our President, Renee Labbad-Thibault to discuss the portfolio in more detail.

Chair - Membership: Robert Lane
membership@fsnapeelhalton.org

Member at Large: Shiv Bajwa
(also assistant Health Benefits Officer)
healthsupport@fsnapeelhalton.org

Member at Large: Harold Henry

Chair - Recruitment: John Rozenberg
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Chair - Telephone Committee: Chris Buklin
telecom@fsnapeelhalton.org

Member at Large: Kanwal (Ken) Dean

We welcome our newest Board Member, Mr. Ken Dean. He will, initially, work with us as a member at large.

Branch Report Editor and Webmaster:
Gerhard Mohr *editor@fsnapeelhalton.org*

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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 and 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
attn. Membership Director
1235 Trafalgar Road, Box 84018
Oakville, Ontario, L6H 5V7**

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?**

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

***Note: Associate Members are Federal Public Servants still employed but who wish to join the FSNA now**

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

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

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