



The Peel Halton & Area Branch Report

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **Spring 2010**

During the past year, your Committee has had several Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, a Spring Annual General Meeting and a Fall General Meeting. As well, BOD members have attended the May 09 CNO Regional Conference and the summer 2009 Congress in order to represent the interests of our Peel-Halton membership. To continue to represent you competently and effectively, we require your feedback and input. Only in this way can we assure ourselves that your issues are being addressed and pursued.

At our last General Meeting we recognized Harold J. Henry, your Membership Secretary, for his dedicated decades of service on your behalf. I wish to welcome new BOD Committee members Michael Smith as Secretary and Linda Smith as Treasurer. These positions were competently performed by John Rosenberg, in addition to his Recruitment portfolio, when vacancies arose. We wish to thank John for a job well done. We continue to look for volunteers to serve as backups for existing positions and to fill vacancies on new positions. Specifically we wish to solicit volunteers for the position of **Project/Event Administration**, as well as the **Resolution Committee**.

Nominations are accepted at the Annual Branch General Meeting on May 06.

On your behalf, I wish to thank all of our Board of Directors members for their competent and extensive contributions and dedication by volunteering their time and expertise.

Sincerely,
Spencer Gludish,
President

March 2010 **Annual Branch General Meeting**

The 2010 annual Branch Meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, May 6, 2010**, at the **Hansa Haus, German Canadian Club**
6650 Hurontario Street
Mississauga.
Hansa Haus is located 1 km. north of the 401, on the west side of Hurontario

Registration will open at **9.30 A.M.**

The Membership meeting will convene at **10.00 A.M.**

Speaker: Mr. S. Ballantyne, Care Link Advantage (*CareLink Advantage is a privately owned Canadian company providing new technology that allows caregivers to monitor the activities of seniors or the disabled.*)

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Branch Officers: President – Spencer Gludish / Vice President – Robert Brown / Treasurer – John Rozenberg / Membership – Robert Lane

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

OPP – Drive Wise Seminar

(We have not received confirmation. If they are unable to make a presentation at this meeting, we will reschedule this for the fall session.)

The meeting will be followed by a Buffet Lunch, which will include a vegetarian menu. The cost of the lunch is subsidized by the Branch.

Your cost is \$ 10.00 per person.

Members of the Telecom Committee will be contacting you in April to remind you of the date of the General Meeting and to request that you submit your payment of \$ 10.00 per person in advance if you wish to reserve lunch.

To register for the lunch, please make your cheque payable to:
FSNA Peel-Halton and Area Branch

Mail it to:
Chris Buklin
1603-1535 Lakeshore Road E.
Mississauga, ON. L5E 3E2
Tel: 905-271-1234

E-mail: cbuklin1234@rogers.com

NOTE: *We would like to receive your feedback on your rating of the Hansa Haus for our General Meetings. Let us know what you think about its location, parking and food service so we can be sure of a general consensus on our meeting place choice.*

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

2010 Central & Northern Ontario (CNO) Regional Meetings

Our Branch participates, along with the other six Branches that make up the Central & Northern Ontario Region, in a one-and-a-half-day meeting to address issues of common concern. This year the meeting will be held in May in Barrie, because of its central location.

Each Branch sends from three to five representatives, to be selected from their respective Board of Directors. The seven Branches making up the CNO consist of: Sault Ste. Marie; North Bay; Elliot Lake; Sudbury; York Region; Toronto; and Peel-Halton.

These regional meetings have several objectives that will include the review and discussion of “specific” new resolutions that Branch Presidents will vote upon at this coming June 2010 National Congress (to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia). There will be updates on policy and planning from the National Director (Richard Poersch), and on health issues from our new Provincial Advocacy Officer Ruth Dale. Representatives will also discuss issues on operational and procedural matters affecting Branch operations. A financial training session for attendees is also being planned.

Other Notes

MEDOC: You are reminded that when you are travelling to the USA and should you be hospitalized... you **MUST** contact MEDOC for instructions immediately. If you do not do so you could end up receiving coverage for only 70% of your bills.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

If you pay your annual dues by cheque, remember that you will not receive your 2010 FSNA membership card until your cheque has cleared the bank.

2010 WINTER OLYMPICS

Many volunteers have offered their services during the 2010 Olympic games held in Vancouver on February 12-28 (or Paralympics games to be held March 12-21). If you have, or if you know of any Peel-Halton and area Branch members who have participated at the games, please let us know. We would like to share such positive contributions by our members with the rest of our membership.

PENSION INDEXING

The Treasury Board has announced that the increase in indexing to be applied to public service, Canadian Forces, RCMP, and federally appointed judges' pensions in January 2010 will be **0.5%** (half of one per cent).

TELEPHONE SURVEY

One of our members was contacted by someone claiming to be sanctioned by FSNA to do research on banking and insurance habits. In this instance, it was indeed an FSNA affinity program partner surveying some 100 Ontario members on their banking and insurance needs; respondents were given the National Office phone number in case they wished to confirm this.

Providing **personal information** to unsolicited callers should always be done with caution. Never hesitate to confirm that such calls are indeed made on behalf of FSNA.

MEMBERSHIPS

As of February 3, 2010 our Branch had a total of 1638 members consisting of 7 associate members; 705 single memberships and 463 (926 members) double memberships.

BRANCH OFFICERS

President: Spencer Gludish
Vice-President and Health and Benefits: Robert Brown
Treasurer: Linda Smith
Membership: Robert Lane
Contact/Telephone Committee:
Chris Buklin
Branch Report Editor and Webmaster:
Gary Mohr
Membership Support: Harold Henry
Health and Benefits Support:
Shiv Bajwa
Member at Large: Ken Dean
Secretary: Michael Smith
Past-President: Renée Labbad-Thibault

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.

Branch mail address:
FSNA Peel-Halton and Area Branch,
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To contact a board member just write to:
Branch Report Editor and Webmaster:
editor@fsnapeelhalton.org
or to our Branch Secretary at:
secretary@fsnapeelhalton.org

or

Visit our website: **www.fsnapeelhalton.org**

FSNA Peel-Halton & Area Branch Information Update Form

This is your FSNA membership information update form.

Please 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**.

Members who have **NO CHANGES** to report **need not submit this form**.

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MEMBERSHIP Information Update FORM

**FSNA Peel-Halton and Area Branch
attn. Membership Director
1235 Trafalgar Road, Box 84018
Oakville, Ontario, L6H 5V7**



Please enter current FSNA Membership Number:

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: _____