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**Bob Kutzschan**

Who has been with the branch from the beginning.



Seen here receiving an Honorary Life Membership Award from  
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# FSNA NANAIMO & AREA BRANCH 20 YEARS OF HISTORY ANNIVERSARY EDITION

## **1963 - The Beginning**

Fred Whitehouse, the Founder of our Association, while still working for the Federal Government, had long felt the need for such a body to represent the interests of Federal Superannuates. Following his retirement as President of the Civil Service Federation of Canada in 1962, he moved to Victoria, B.C (after a winter spent working on the project in California) and began putting his thoughts together in order to give his ideas substance. He garnered the support of associations in Vancouver, Victoria and the Maritimes and organized the founding Convention of the new National organization in Ottawa in October 1963 where his ideas became a reality.

Initially, most of the administration and organization was carried out by Fred and his wife Evelyn from their home in Victoria, so it is not surprising that Victoria on Vancouver Island was the home of one of the first branches.

Word spread and as people up-Island showed an interest, it quickly became apparent that there was a strong potential for a Branch in Nanaimo. So, in 1982, Fred sent Bob Loosmore and his wife Doreen up from Victoria to see what could be done. They advertised in all the local newspapers, contacted local service organizations, and arranged to hold a founding meeting of all people interested in joining.

## **“1982”**

In April of 1982, the first move to forming a Nanaimo & Area Branch of the Federal Superannuates Association was made at this meeting with Bob and Doreen in attendance as advisors. The idea was accepted with enthusiasm and a founding committee elected, with Alan Field as chairperson, consisting of Peggy and Nelson Yates, Tom Rusnak, Ray Lawrence, Alfred and Doris Frances, and Bob Kutzschan. With the Loosmore's advising them on the criteria for the establishment of a Branch, these founders then began to get organized. Peggy Yates volunteered to act as Secretary/Treasurer and Bob Kutzschan as Vice Chairman. (Bob took over as Founding Committee President from Mr. Field

due to health reasons at this time). The inaugural meeting, with 60 members in attendance, was held on the 18th of September 1982 at the Curling Club.



Ted Miller was the Guest Speaker and the following were elected as the principal table officers of the new Branch:

President	-	Don Sutherland
Vice President		Bob Kutzschan
Secretary	-	Margaret Shimmeyer
Treasurer	-	Ken McNicholl

Most of the early correspondence concerned the referral of members to our branch. 1982 was also a year in which FSNA National Office ran a recruiting insert campaign with a notice in all pension cheques, which was a great stimulus to enrolling members. Nanaimo and Area Branch was off to a good start!

### **“1983”**

In February of 1983, having got the basic organization settled, the Executive called a General Meeting to elect Directors to carry out the functions necessary to the running of the Branch: The positions filled were:

Programs	-	Bob Kutzschan & Don Sutherland
Membership	-	Dr. Alan Hourston & Nelson Yates
Publicity	-	Cliff Shoop & Laurie Grant
Finance	-	George Porteous

In these early days there was no provision for recording history, the new branch was too busy making it. So there are few records of 1983 except for the February General Meeting to elect the directors.

The next record is that of an Executive meeting at the home of Director Alan Field where President Brian Manfleet, Vice President Harold Ruming, Treasurer George Porteous, Secretary Peggy Yates with directors, Nelson Yates and Alan Field gathered to prepare for a visit from Frank Lancaster, the National Secretary-Treasurer on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1984. From the context of the minutes we assume that an Annual General Meeting had just been held since the signing officers were appointed for the bank accounts.

Brian Manfleet and Nelson and Peggy Yates agreed that Brian's responsibilities would mainly be carried out by Harold Ruming. He formed a group of ten members in order to apply for a New Horizon Grant thus making it possible to purchase office equipment and supplies. The first point of contention was the purchase of a brief case for our records. Pam Gill, our federal government contact for the grant, said that a brief case was not proper office equipment. With the aplomb of many years of Public Service amongst the members, the brief case was renamed "portable filing case" and was then acceptable.

### **“1985”**

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, 1985 at Edginton Hall and the following Officers were elected:

President	Harold Ruming
Vice President	Cliff Walker
Treasurer	George Porteous
Secretary	Ed Derkson
Directors	Malcolm MacDonald Bob Kutzschan

It was then that it was also decided that meetings would be held bi-monthly and that the next one would be "brown-bagged" since catering arrangements had not yet been possible. During the meeting a moment's silence was held in honour of our Past President, Don Sutherland who had recently passed away.

During late 1985 we received a letter from Frank Lancaster asking if we had received our charter. This was something we had overlooked and he promptly despatched a copy to us which has become a proud possession in the heritage memorabilia of our Branch. He also stated that our by-laws had been approved on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1983. No copies of these first by-laws have been found but were the basis from which our present Constitution has evolved.

### **“1986”**

Early in the year both George Porteous and Ed Derkson resigned due to ill-health and Robin Davis took over the position of Sec/Treas. During this time we used the Colville Building for our meetings and as our mailing address.

At the Annual General meeting, the following were elected:

President	Ada Howden
Vice President	Marion Body
Sec/Treasurer	Bob Kutzschan
Directors	Harold Rumming
	Allister Stevens
	Malcolm MacDonald

The per capita remittance to National Office was \$10.00 for members and \$2.00 for spouses at this time. We had been charging \$12 for dues, plus \$3.00 for spouses. This made it very difficult to cover expenses of running the Branch, so the membership unanimously voted to increase the dues to \$15.00 and from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for spouses in order to support our branch. No other practical source of revenue was available and formal fund-raising was not an attractive option.

**“1987”**

In September of this year, the British Columbia and Yukon Region held a regional convention in Vernon. The Nanaimo and Area Branch was well represented, and members who went found it valuable to compare notes with established branches elsewhere.



On November 18, 1987, the Annual General Meeting was held in Branch 256, Royal Canadian Legion Hall with a Christmas dinner. This is the first record of an event being held at our present location. Members were charged \$5.00 and the New Horizons Grant subsidized the meal at \$2.50 per person. There were 89 people in attendance.

Gordon Campbell was the Guest Speaker and gave a detailed critique of the merits and demerits of the incorporation of our National Organization. The following members were elected to office:

President	Ada Howden
Vice President	Tom Rusnak
Recording Secretary.	Eleanor Rumming
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Kutzschan
Directors	Malcolm MacDonald
	Cliff Walker
	Tony Pearson
	Gordon Ireland
	Art Story

#### **“1988”**

During 1988 we first began the practice of sending out written notices of meetings (later evolving into our newsletter). A telephone committee was also formed and coordinated by Eleanor Rumming. As a result of a survey of our members for suggestions on meeting format, we found a consensus in favour of guest speakers for all the luncheon meetings. The Annual General Meeting in November elected the executive for 1989.

President	Nick Balke
Vice President	Marion Body
Recording Secretary.	Ada Howden
Corresponding Sec.	Eleanor Rumming
Treasurer	Stephan Arnason
Directors	Bob Kutzschan
	Mike Ilich
	Nelson Yates
	Ray Lawrence
	Don Currie

Due to illness in the family during the year, Ada Howden was unable to fill her position, so Eleanor served as both the Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Prior to 1989 the Treasurer was responsible for membership cards. Because of the volume of work involved, Don Currie volunteered to assist the Treasurer in keeping the cards up to date. In fact, a strong point of our Branch has been the willingness of members to volunteer their services.

**'1989'**

The year of the National Triennial Convention, our President, Nick Balke, was the first to represent our branch with Ray Lawrence appointed as back-up. Branch funds were also now able to assist with expenses thus bringing attendance of a delegate within reach..

This was also the year "Mall Sitting" was used to make us more visible in the community. We circulated petitions throughout Local Royal Canadian Legions and Old Age Pensioners Associations obtaining signatures on a petition against the "Old Age Pension Clawback". The FSNA has always played a prominent role in pensioners' advocacy.

It was decided that the Annual General Meeting of 1989 would elect a slate of Directors who would appoint the Officers of the branch from their members. Marion Body, Bob Kutzschan. Stephan Arnason, Don Currie, Gwen Anders, Dick Gaff, Tony Pearson, Dr. Charles Maunsell, Thelma Maunsell, Ray Lawrence, John McTaggart, Mike Ilich, Dr. Kahn, Owen Kennedy, Helen Bowers, Larry Murphy, Eleanor Rumming, and Nick Balke were elected.

The Branch Officers chosen from this slate were:

President	Owen Kennedy
Vice President.	Dick Gaff
Recording Secretary	Eleanor Rumming
Corresponding Secretary	Helen Bowers
Treasurer	Stephan Arnason

In addition, Thelma and Dr. Maunsell volunteered to be membership conveners, with the assistance of Dr. and Mrs. Kahn, while Gwen Anders headed the Phoning Committee.

With a combined total of eighteen officers and directors, our executive had become stronger. Two "Mall Sittings" were conducted, one at Woodgrove Center and the other at Country Club Mall. Both were extremely successful in obtaining new members and identifying potential members. In addition we distributed, to the public, prepared letters and envelopes addressed to the Senate, objecting to the GST. These events created a great deal of good publicity for our Branch.

**"1990"**

National Office conducted its first "Insert Campaign" (advertising via an insert with the superannuation cheques). It proved to be very successful for all branches including ours. In addition, a "Mall Sit" in October netted another seventeen potential members.

The Annual General Meeting Election results for the 1991 executive were:

President	Owen Kennedy
Vice President	Marion Body
Corr.Secretary	Duncan Dunsmore
Recording Secretary	Eleanor Rumming
Treasurer	Stephan Arnason
Membership	Thelma & Dr. Charles Maunsell
Publicity	Betty & John McTaggart
Telephone	Gwen Anders
Directors	Iris & Jack Adkins Julian & Marion Moen Lee Derkson Bob Kutzschan Don McKenzie Lute Dunsmore

By now the directors had become much more involved with the planning and decision making of branch activities. We were very proud of our attendance figures at the general meetings which was largely as a result of the phoning committee and its efforts. A ten percent turnout is considered good at most branches and we had been achieving twenty-five percent on a regular basis.

In February our branch hosted a seminar for all Vancouver Island Branches on the subject "How to get and keep Members". Led by Ron McLeod, Regional Director for BC and the Yukon, the seminar was held at Brechin United Church and the ladies provided an excellent pot-luck luncheon. Later in the year a similar seminar was hosted, at 256 Royal Canadian Legion, on the occasion of the visit of the National President, Mr. Claude Edwards. Another excellent pot-luck luncheon was provided.

In October, in an effort to attract new members from the Parksville/Qualicum Beach areas, our first "Mall Sit" to be held outside the Nanaimo Area was conducted at Wembley Mall, Parksville.

At our Annual General Meeting, held at 256 Royal Canadian Legion, the new executive elected consisted of::

President	John McTaggart
Vice President.	Duncan Dunsmore
Recording Secretary	Bob Kutzschan
Corr. Secretary	Julian Moen
Treasurer	Cliff Walker
Telephone	Gwen Anders
Membership	Al Meadows
Publicity	Betty Mc Taggart
Directors;	Ray Lawrence Marion Body, Marion Moen, Eleanor Rumming Marion & Ralph Allen, Stephan



Arnason, Lee Derkson, Maureen  
Stapleton, Lute Dunsmore Harold  
Goodman and Barbara Meadows

**“1992”**

1992 was another Triennial Convention year. Our representative was to have been our President, John McTaggart, but for health reasons he could not attend so Duncan Dunsmore was approved as our delegate with Marion Body as the alternate. As it turned out, we had three people at the convention because Marion was in Ottawa at the time visiting her daughter and was able to attend. Also, the Dunsmares' took advantage of the opportunity to visit with their son and his family in Ottawa thus allowing Lute to attend as an observer. As a result three committee sessions were covered simultaneously instead of only one. The Branch allotted \$600.00 for delegate expenses but most was returned through a rebate from National Office.

During the spring and summer months, Harold Goodman and Stephan Arnason took on the task of producing a set of By-Laws for the branch. An onerous task at best, they produced an excellent document that was readily passed by the executive and the membership.

In August a combination executive meeting and “a bring your own bar-b-cue” was held at the Dunsmore's on Gabriola Island. The express purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve the draft By-laws and to develop Terms of Reference for our soon to be formed committees. The teams worked very hard at producing what has turned out to be excellent guidelines for our directors. (It isn't true that Duncan wouldn't let them off the island until the work was completed – it just happened to be late when they finished.)

Under John Mc Taggart's leadership the meeting venues started to change. General meetings were held in both Parksville and Qualicum Beach at the Royal Canadian Legion Halls. June and November meetings were held at the Tally-Ho Inn, Nanaimo. It was soon apparent that the attendance at these meetings was such that only commercial establishments could handle our numbers.

Besides electing the new executive for 1993, the Annual General Meeting was asked to approve a dues increase. The assembly was addressed by our Regional Director, Ron McLeod on the reasons for the increase at the National Level and the Chairman of the meeting, Dunc Dunsmore, (John's Laryngitis lasted the whole meeting – clever John), explained our local requirements. The membership overwhelmingly approved an increase to \$28.00 per member and \$7.00 for spouses.

Also in attendance was Doug Sanders of Duncan Branch. He was the newly elected Deputy Regional Director and he was with us to meet the people and to officiate in the swearing in of the new executive.

Another first this year was the formation of a nominating committee headed by Dick Gaff and including Harold Goodman, Lee Derkson and Steph Arnason. Their hard work really paid off in identifying excellent candidates for the executive and for service on the standing committees.

Elections for the 1993 executive team were held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 1992 Annual General Meeting. The results were:

President	Duncan Dunsmore
Vice President.	Dick Gaff
Secretary	Deanna Neeve
Treasurer	Cliff Walker
Membership	Al Meadows
Telephone Director.	Gwen Anders
Public Relations	Dorothy Ellinor
Programs Director	Ralph Allen
Services Director	Isobel Fitzpatrick
Newsletter	John & Betty McTaggart
Directors:	Lute Dunsmore, Lee Derkson Marion Allen, James Bremner Harold Goodman, Julian Moen, Don & Mary McKenzie, and Eleanor Rumming,

Formation of the Standing Committees was intended to ease the workload on individual directors and to provide continuity during periods of absence. It was also an opportunity to involve volunteers from the general membership who wished to contribute but without being committed as an executive. A third factor was an attempt to have representation from as many of our geographical areas as possible.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **FINANCE**

Chair	Cliff Walker
Members	Stephan Arnason Bill Stapleton

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chair	Al Meadows
Members	Harold Goodman Winnifred Kennedy

#### **PROGRAMS**

Chair	Ralph Allen
Members	Marion Allen Lute Dunsmore

#### **SERVICES**

Chair	Isobel Fitzpatrick
Members	Thelma Maunsell Joyce Richardson Bob Kutzschan

## TELEPHONE & RECORDS

Chair  
Members

Gwen Anders  
Maureen Stapleton  
Dick Gaff

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chair  
Members

Dorothy Ellinor  
Bill Johnson  
Frank Sartario

## AUDITORS

Sigrid Mahoney  
Thelma Maunsell

**“1993”**

In retrospect, 1993 seems to have been a year of activity and change. The positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretary were combined and ably handled by Deanna Neeve. An awards committee was formed for the selection of deserving members who have provided long term dedicated service to the branch. Our first recipients, Marion Body, Eleanor Rumming, Lee Derkson and Bob Kutzschan were presented framed certificates by our Past President, John McTaggart, at the June General Meeting.

A special historical committee was formed to produce a Branch History Book. Marion Body, Eleanor Rumming and Bob Kutzschan, with the help of many long serving members, produced the history of the branch from its inception in 1982 until the present day, forming the basis for this publication..



Canada 125 Medal

Claude Edwards, National President, presenting the Canada 125 Medal to Eleanor Rumming. (September 1993 General Meeting)

Our National President, Claude Edwards, paid us a visit in September. His visit, coinciding with our General Meeting, enabled him to address our membership. The highlight of his visit was his presentation of the Canada 125 Medal to Eleanor Rumming on behalf of the Governor General.

We continued the policy of rotating general meetings between Nanaimo and Parksville/Qualicum area. The Island Hall, Parksville, was the site for the March meeting but parking proved to be a problem and overall cost was higher. It is difficult to

find locations that can accommodate 150 plus people at a reasonable cost.

Sadly, during this year we said good-bye to Ray Lawrence, who passed away after a long illness. Ray always brought a ready smile, a positive attitude and words of encouragement to every meeting.

This was the year our Regional Director, Ron McLeod, resigned (for private and personal reasons) in mid term. An election was held for a replacement and the job was won by Colin Crutch, the former President of the Chilliwack Branch.

The North Vancouver Island Branch, having run for years with an executive of two, President and Secretary, became dangerously close to folding when both incumbents became ill and were unable to carry on.

A new executive had to be elected and trained in short order. At the request of the Regional Director, our executive members volunteered to give whatever assistance we could. Nanaimo and Area Branch became responsible for their finances and assisted the Regional Director in organizing a meeting and the election of an executive for their branch. The co-ordinated effort was so successful that all financial responsibility was returned to the North Vancouver Island Branch by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1993.

## **“1994”**

**E**lections for the 1994 Executive Team were held at the Annual General Meeting, 25 November 1993. Results produced a new Executive composed of:

President	Duncan Dunsmore
Vice President	Dick Gaff
Secretary	Deanna Neeve
Treasurer	Cliff Walker
Membership	Harold Goodman
Telephone	Gwen Anders
Newsletter	Betty McTaggart
Programs	Lute Dunsmore
Services	Thelma Maunsell
Awards	Eleanor Rummig
Directors	James Bremner, Reg Byron, Lee Derkson, Siep Drexhage, Don McKenzie, Mary McKenzie, Clarke Tassie, and Lois Tassie

### **COMMITTEES**

**Finance**                      Cliff Walker, Steph Arneson, Bill Stapleton

**Membership**                Reg Byron, Win Kennedy, Leroy Wood.

<b><u>Telephone</u></b>	Gwen Anders, Fern Watt, Maureen Stapleton
<b><u>Newsletter</u></b>	Betty & John McTaggart, Bill Johnson
<b><u>Programs</u></b>	Nolan Henderson, Siep Drexhage, Mary Kohuch
<b><u>Services</u></b> <b><u>Administrative</u></b>	Eleanor Rumming, Joyce Richardson, Win Kennedy Don & Mary McKenzie
<b><u>Awards</u></b>	Lee Derkson, Eleanor Rumming
<b><u>Historian</u></b>	Marion Body
<b><u>Liaison</u></b>	Clarke & Lois Tassie, Harold Goodman

1994 was a good year. With our active and enthusiastic group of 16 members our board of directors was larger than other branches of similar size. The spouses add strength and eagerness which benefits the board. It would be interesting to know how many other branches have family couples on their boards!

We also amended a by-law which allowed the deletion, after proper notification, of unpaid members by June 30<sup>th</sup>. This enabled us to know precisely our current membership. On the technology front, with National Office going to Fax and Computers, Dick Gaff enabled us to participate with the addition of a Fax Line, supported by FSNA.

As of December 15, 1994 our membership was 537 and at the awards ceremony Awards for 1994 were received by Gwen Anders, John & Betty McTaggart, Cliff Walker, and Thelma & Charlie Maunsell.

### **“1995”**

**W**e can look back on 1995 as a year that saw much activity. Our membership reached 700 by April but due to some members failing to renew, dropped to 628. by November when we deleted the unpaid members under our new rule. Paying for their “*On Guard*” and our newsletter was an expense we couldn’t afford to continue.

Since our President had been supplied with a fax line, we quickly found that our queries to Ottawa could be answered much more quickly. This was a great help in keeping our administration current.

Our branch contributed to the “Toddle Walk” held in Ottawa during the Triennial Convention. Our former president Duncan Dunsmore, carried the BC Flag. As a result of our enthusiastic participation, we won the award for the largest branch

contribution, We received an autographed copy of photographer Yousef Malek's book of scenes from Ottawa. Elizabeth Lawson won the book in a draw of names of those who contributed within the branch.

This year brought the passing of three of our Founding & Executive members. Alfred Frances, Peggy Yates and Ada Howden.

Dr. Gordon McIntyre from Parksville was a speaker at our June Meeting. As a Canadian Forces (Reserve) doctor, he spent several months in Bosnia and told us that other Peace Keepers from various other countries were glad to be able to use our medical services.

At our triennial convention in Ottawa in 1995, a new region – "BC Coastal Islands Region", was created. Our former President, Duncan Dunsmore was elected as the Regional Director. The new region consists of 5 branches; Sydney and District, Victoria, Duncan and District, Nanaimo and Area and North Vancouver Island. Our former past President John McTaggart agreed to continue the duties of Past President to free Dunc for the task.

#### **"1996"**

**1996** was a great growth year with about 300 new members. We ended the year with a membership of 977. As a result, our Board of directors are concerned about accommodating all the members who wish to attend our general meetings. This is a very unusual problem not found in other FSNA branches, even those with a much larger membership. But our members have always strongly supported Branch activities.

We were delighted to have the President of the North Island Branch, Al Dawber, install our new executive for 1997. It was encouraging to hear how well their branch was progressing at this time.

This year also saw the beginning of DDS deducting dues at source when requested by a member. Initially our treasurer had difficulties budgeting; however, each year will be easier as our income grows. Our semi annual "Mall Sits" causes our organization to become well known, not only to those who are entitled to join now, but, to those who may become our future members.

Our Award Winners for this year were: Tom & Pat Rusnak, Mike Ilich, Don Currie and Nick Balke.

#### **"1997"**

**I**n 1997 our membership almost reached one thousand. It was very difficult to find large enough accommodations to hold our dinner meetings, especially outside of Nanaimo. To handle the reservations for the luncheons the telephone

committee directed by Gwen Anders had quite a job. Her helpers were Fern Watt, Bertha Nixon, and Gwen Waldack in Nanaimo. Further north, in the Parksville/Qualicum Beach and Nanoose Bay area were Nancy Arnason ,Peggy Goodman. In addition we had two in Port Alberni. Kay Wallace and Bessie McVie who took over for Lois Tassie. A total of 52 volunteers who help to keep our branch in touch with members. Record keeping was also a major chore with changing of addresses and phone numbers. The Executive for 1997 were:

President	Dick Gaff
Vice President.	Bob Stitt
Secretary	Ellen Suettler-Pellerin
Treasurer	Marg Mostowy
Membership	Harold Goodman
Directors:	Gwen Anders - Phone Chair
	Eleanor Rumming Service
	Don McKenzie - Administration
	Lute Dunsmore - Programs
At Large	Fern Watt, Mary McKenzie ,
	Tom Rusnak, Bill Lane,
	Joyce Richardson and
	Dorothy Cunningham

In the summer of this year our President, Dick Gaff left us to move to West Bank for family reasons and our Vice President Bob Stitt stepped up to fill the vacancy..

**“1998”**

This year, our Executive consisted of:

President	Bob Stitt
Vice President	Hap Armstrong
Secretary	Helen Kreacl
Treasurer	Marg Mostowy
Past President	John Mc Taggart
Directors	Gwen Anders, Phone Chair
	Dorothy Cunningham Services
	Don McKenzie Administration
At Large	Fern Watt, Joyce Richardson, Jim Hubley

Lute Dunsmore, Marjorie  
Cobley, Albert Gregor  
Marjorie Gregor, Alex  
Kohuch

One great advantage we had was that our former President was now the Regional Director for the five branches on Vancouver and Coastal Islands but he was still a member of our Branch. As a result he made sure we have the latest Information on the activities of the FSNA.

**“1999”**

Nanaimo and area FSNA started the year with a full slate of executive and directors. To help orientate new members, on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> we organized a Training Session at the same time as the Executive Meeting at the Nanaimo Golf and Country Club.

Our membership in March was 1109 members with 719 superannuates, and 390 spouses. By November this year Nes Mostowy reported that we had 1132 members. The General Meetings were well attended by our members with in excess of 150 people at each one. This put us in the upper third of Branches in Canada for size and support and was a further indication of how far we had come since our founding.

A survey was done of our members to see how many would like to go back to the Tally Ho (new name Howard Johnson) for lunch and how many would like to stay at 256 Legion. 170 voted for the Legion, 74 for the Tally Ho, and 72 had no preference. We have been at 256 Legion every since.

Marg as the Treasurer kept a tight rein on the funds. She was able to report that we were in a very stable financial position and she also sent out a questionnaire to try and get a feed back on numerous items and to get an idea on how we could provide a service to our members.

Our Newsletter was now well established and kept our members well informed on Branch matters thanks to Albert and Marjorie Gregor.

The Telephone Committee, headed by Gwen, was another function that contributed immensely to the success of the Branch had another very busy year calling over 750 members from Nanaimo to Ucluelet, to Tofino, to Port Alberni/Parksville/Qualicum.

Hap Armstrong, our president, attended the Presidents meeting in Cornwall, Ontario. Numerous issues were discussed and an excellent written report was given to each executive member. All in all we had a very busy and productive year.



The Executive for 1999 were:

President	Hap Armstrong
Vice President	Albert Gregor
Secretary	Jean-Paul Guy
Treasurer	Marg Mostowy
Membership	Nes Mostowy
Past President	Bob Stitt
Phone Chair	Gwen Anders
Public Relations	Marjorie Gregor
Services	Alec Kohuch
Programs	Deanna Neeve
Administration	Betty McTaggart
Historian	Ron Pitts
Directors At Large	Helen Kreaicul
	Marjorie Cobley
	James Hubley
	Fern Watt
	Dorothy Cunningham
	Phyllis Meyer

**“2000”**

Another year had come and gone so quickly. Once again the Executive & Directors were kept very busy servicing over 1000 members in our area and we were increasing the information flow on matters important to retirees in our dinner speaker program. At our General Meetings and luncheons we were given briefings on:

- Wills & Estates
- Home & Credit Card Security
- Long Term Care

## Branch Officers & Directors 2000



President	H.R. (Hap) Armstrong
Vice President	Marg Mostowy
Secretary	Jean-Paul Guy
Treasurer	Bob Stitt
Past President	Bob Stitt
Phone	Gwen Anders
Membership	Nes Mostowy
Programs	Deanna Neeve
Administration	Betty McTaggart
Services	Dorothy Cunningham
History	Ron Pitts
 Directors At Large	 Alan Beighton, Lute Dunsmore, Al Francis, Helen Kreacul, Phyllis Meyer, Fern Watt

In May the Executive & Directors held their meeting in Port Alberni. Members from Ucluelet, Tofino and Port Alberni attended and agreed that we should hold at least one meeting at more distant points in our area each year.

Eight Executive & Directors attended the Regional meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cowichan Golf Course Club House. Jean Guy Souliere was in attendance from Ottawa. He gave an excellent briefing on "What's Happening" with FSNA on numerous subjects.

At our AGM, Marg Mostowy became our President, and Jean-Paul Guy our Vice President. Bob Stitt stayed on as treasurer, and Eleanor White became our secretary.

We added Robert Hoogerbrug, Bob Kutzschan and Ron Gladstone as new Directors. Fern Watt, Dorothy Cunningham, Betty McTaggart, Al Francis, Lute Dunsmore and Nes Mostowy volunteered to serve another year.

Gwen Anders will do Phoning Chairperson for one more year, as will Nes Mostowy for Membership.

Ron Gladstone volunteered to take on the task of Newsletter Editor.  
It was a very productive year.

**“2001”**

Executive meetings up until May of this year had been held at Merrill Lynch’s Board Room at no cost to the branch. Unfortunately these premises were no longer available and the executive had to find a new venue. After a short spell using the legion in Lantzville for a couple of months, very comfortable quarters were found at St. Phillips by the Sea Church in Lantzville.

Changes took place in the early part of this year as far as the executive goes. Eleanor White who was secretary, resigned and Bob Hoogerbrug took over this position.

Many issues were covered over this past year. Marg and Happ attended the Triennial on behalf of the Branch, we held meetings in the Parksville/Qualicum Beach area, and, for the first time, we inaugurated liability insurance for Board activities. During this year the new Dental Plan was inaugurated and revisions to the Pension plan subjected to our members’ scrutiny.

At the November General Meeting awards were given out by Gwen Anders, Director for the Phoners who had contributed so much to our spectacular meeting attendance numbers. They were as follows:

Marg Gregor, Joan Gribling,  
Mary Hardy, Nora Moore,  
Bertha Nixon, Elinor Olsen  
and Joan Tutty.

Other Awards were presented by our President, Marg Mostowy and our Regional Director, Duncan Dunsmore to.

Dorothy Cunningham, Fern Watt,  
Bob Stitt, Alex Kohuch, Grace McNicoll,  
Bess McVie, Kay Powley, Deanna Neeve,  
Marg Mostowy, Pat Tibbo and Kay Wallace.

Elected as the new Executive were

**President-  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Directors**

Marg Mostowy  
Bob Hoogerbrug  
Cathey Hoogerbrug  
Bob Stitt  
Deanna Neeve Programs  
Nes Mostowy Membership  
Ron Gladstone Public

Relations/Newsletter  
Dorothy Cunningham  
Services  
Betty McTaggart  
Administration  
Bob Kutzschan Historian  
Lute Dunsmore Liaison  
Fern Watt  
Victor Ashdown  
Cliff Pickton  
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As of December, 2001 the Nanaimo & Area Branch consisted of 1388 members a fitting conclusion of our first 20 years in existence and truly an example of what people of good will can do when they band together in a common cause and give freely and voluntarily of their time for the benefit of others.

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## “2002”

Where do we go from here? Wise, indeed, is the person who can foretell what the future will bring but, with the continued support of the members we can expect only to go on to bigger and better things.

Many issues will soon have to be resolved. As our numbers increase we will be faced with the problem of finding a location big enough to hold our meetings. The increasing numbers from the extremities of our area also raise the issue of whether or not it would be advisable to either split the Branch or open a satellite Branch, for example, at Port Alberni. We have already instituted Area Coordinators to cater to the needs of those not in the immediate vicinity of Nanaimo and have held “open” Executive meetings at other locations, all of which have proven very successful. Executive meetings were held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday except during July and August.

Our members received a pension increase of 3.0% in January 2002 and Branch membership totalled 1,390 by the end of 2002

The new Executive for 2002 were :

<b>President-</b>	Marg Mostowy
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Hoogerbrug
<b>Past President</b>	Hap Armstrong
<b>Secretary</b>	Cathey Hoogerbrug
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bob Stitt
<b>Directors</b>	Deanna Neeve - Programs
	Nes Mostowy - Membership
	Ron Gladstone - Public Relations/Newsletter
	Dorothy Cummings - Services
	Betty McTaggart - Administration
	Bob Kutzschan - Historian
	Lute Dunsmore - Liaison
	Victor Ashdown-
	Alex Kohuck -
	Hospital visiting
	Cliff Pickton, Charles Scrivener - Awards

Award certificates for 5-years of volunteer service to the Nanaimo Branch were presented to Hap Armstrong and Marjorie Cobley during 2002.

In memory of Nanaimo Branch's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Life Memberships were awarded to our surviving founding members. Beginning in 2003, Nelson Yates, Doris Francis, Bob Kutzschan and Ken McNicoll will have their FSNA dues paid each year by the Branch. We also published a 20 page History of the Nanaimo Branch that was distributed to each Branch member.