



HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



February 2024

CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 12 th	Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, June 11 th	Quarterly Meeting

Last Alarm



Don Wishart
January 6, 2024



Retiring Local 288 Members 2024

Andrew Stanislawczyk	January 1	Peter Maniaci	January 1
Enio Di Nardo	January 1	Rob Daiber	January 24
Paul Ormond	February 1	David Lowen	April 30
Donnie King	February 5		

NOTICE OF MEETING Next Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2023 at 10:30 am

Macassa Bay Yacht Club
80 Harbourview Dr (just off Pier 4 Park)

Doors open at 10:00 am. Come and chat with colleagues and have a coffee,
courtesy of Bob Mueller, our MBYC host.

Special Speaker: Rose McAleer – Speaking about the “CRA Disability Tax Credit”

See the website to download the CRA Disability Tax Credit Form

PARKING FOR THE March 12th QUARTERLY MEETING

No Parking in the compound. Street Parking on Harbourfront Dr (Obey the signs). Do not park in the Harbour Police lot. Overflow parking at Pier 4 Park.

SPECIAL NOTICE

VACANCY - PRESIDENT

President Mike Jackson will be retiring as President at the end of the 2023/2024 term.

VACANCY - SECRETARY

Secretary Larry Staples has been nominated for President

VACANCY - TREASURER

Treasurer Chuck Wilson has declared he will not oppose any nominations for Treasurer

Dave Christopher has been nominated for Treasurer

Additional nominations must be submitted to the Secretary, Larry Staples prior to the March quarterly meeting
Send nominations to info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca

OHEP SCREENING PROGRAM

The 2023/2024 Screening program has finished

If you have completed your screening labs (blood/urine collection) but have not received an appointment for the medical, call:.

Alison Moore at: 905-570-3971 or email at: amoore@ohclinic.ca to

Thank You for participating in the 2023/2024 OHEP program
The 2024/2025 program will commence in the fall.

New Hamilton (Waterdown) Fire Station 40

A new 23,000 square foot, joint Fire/Police station for 2026 was announced by Councilor Ted McMeekin in January. Fire Chief Dave Cunliffe also announced the location at the SW corner of Parkside and Highway 6. The Fire facility will be approximately 12,000 square feet. The Fire Station is designated to be numbered as Station 40 and will house a Ladder and an Engine. It is proposed to be staffed with eight full-time firefighters, 24/7/365.

The existing Station 24, at Parkside and Centre Rd will be a volunteer station with a Pump, Tanker and a Squad. 13 Volunteers will be hired for the converted station.

The Police component of Station 40 will be occupied by more than 80 officers/staff from the current eight officers that patrol the area now. The Collision Reporting Centre is expected to be relocated there.

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GOOD & WELFARE

	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul Marson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul has been hospitalized at Juravinski Hospital Paul has requested no visitors at this time Paul is being treated for late stage liver disease</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">George Archibald</p> <p style="text-align: center;">George has limited ability to get out and always like to receive calls from the members. Contact info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca for the phone number.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">John Burjaw</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John reports that he is not well and is being treated for esophageal cancer as well as being investigated for other abdominal issues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John sound well but requires a lot of rest.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Wilf Elliott</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wilf is being treated for Multiple Myeloma and is resting at home. He is also receiving dialysis every two days</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul Marchese</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Village of Wentworth Heights Call 905-575-4735, X8021 before visiting</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tom McDade</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospitalized since September 2023, recovering from a fall and respiratory complications at HHS/St Joes Satellite Health Facility at 150 King St E (Old Holiday Inn), 4th Floor. 4th Floor Nursing Strn: (905) 521-2100, Ext 42936</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Ron Reid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ron has been moved from his residence into a special care wing of his extended care residence.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Walter Romachyk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walter was released from the hospital in December and is convalescing at home. Walter is having mobility issues but he is in good spirits</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Don Young</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seasons Stoney Creek 8 Shoreview Place</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">If you are aware of any member that is in poor health, please contact Don Alford at: dsalford37@gmail.com or, Phone: (905) 560-1963; or Chuck Wilson at: info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca; or, Phone: (289) 260-1231</p>		

2024 ASSOCIATION DUES

Many members have already submitted their 2024 HFDPA dues of \$10. Member accounts that remain unpaid after March 31st, 2024 will be classified as dormant and removed from the Active mailing list. For payment methods email info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca for instructions. Payments may be made by mail (cheque only) , Interac e-Transfer, or cash at the March quarterly meeting.

Canes For Heroes



At the December 2023 quarterly meeting we had a special presentation by Bob Pring and Ken Maitland, members of the Burlington Sculptors & Woodcarvers Guild, located at the Art Gallery of Burlington, 1333 Lakeshore Rd.

The Burlington Wood Carvers carve “Canes for Heroes” which include Veterans, Firefighters, Police Officers, Paramedics etc.

Canes for Heroes were offered to our group as a way of expressing thanks. Below is an article that appeared in the Inside Halton Community Newspaper.



“InsideHalton” – by John Bikila; An unassuming, yet intricately carved wooden beaver sits atop a cane in the Sculptors and Woodcarvers Studio at the Art Gallery of Burlington.

It's one of several currently being made for veterans at the Burlington and Bronte Legions as part of a project called Canes for Veterans, which was born out of four members of the Burlington Sculptors and Woodcarvers Guild in 2015.

That year, Bob Pring, Ken Maitland, Mike Sheppard and Ken Naunton were in Michigan attending an annual woodcarvers' event where they saw a group carving canes with eagle heads to be donated to American veterans.

“Our veterans are being forgotten and when we saw that they were doing this in the states, we thought what a great idea to honour them (Canadian veterans) by giving them something they may need to have in the future,” said Pring, noting his grandfather, Godfrey Sindelar, fought in both world wars in the Canadian army.

“As sculptors and woodcarvers from the art gallery, we thought this was something we could do on our own time.”

Pring explained the beaver was selected for their canes because it's the national animal of Canada.

The group makes the canes, but leaves it up to specific Legions to decide the recipients.

Canes for Veterans have presented 54 canes, to date, with the first presentation taking place in March 2016 to members of the Burlington Legion.



Susie's Ode to Hamilton Retired Firefighters

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