



## E- SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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**SENIORS HELPING  
SENIORS**



**DECEMBER 11 12:45 p.m.**

*Promoting  
physical, mental  
and social  
stimulation*



**President:**

Anna Maria Coletto

**Vice-President**

Rhonda Schreurs

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

Christine Behan

**Directors at large**

Ron Woznow  
Kimberley Young  
Janis Upton  
Ken Gordon  
Ruby Rash

On December 11, 2018 Branch #49 will be holding its Annual General Meeting. The members will be electing nine (9) directors.

Please note that the whole centre becomes a polling station from 9:00 am- end of voting. No campaigning will be allowed on the day of elections and no pictures or written campaigning material will be allowed on the premises or distributed on the tables.

There will be two tables set up at the door. The ladies at one table will take your lunch money and the ladies at the other table will register your name for voting purposes. Once you are registered, you will receive a voting stick. Please do not lose this as it will indicate your right to vote. Keep it safe until it's time to receive a ballot. No stick means no ballot.

Candidates may stand for more than one position. Nominations may be called from the floor. A signed letter must be presented to the electoral chair if a nominee is not present.

Pursuant to the current bylaws, the positions for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be voted for individually and the candidate with the most votes is elected to office.

The first five Directors receiving the highest votes will be elected. If there are five directors or less those directors will be elected by acclamation.

## **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING LETTERS FROM THE CANDIDATES**

Dear members,

My name is Anna Maria Coletto and currently the President.

Besides volunteering for this organization, I am most definitely busy at being a care-giver and property manager when I am not at the centre. My skills are in marketing, sales and management and have utilized them in promoting this association.

I was appointed to the board in 2015 as Vice-president and then appointed President in March 2016. In 2017 and 2018 I was elected as President once more. I am now submitting my name again for the position of President for the year 2019.

As President, I have represented the seniors at a variety of community meetings and workshops discussing how to better meet the needs of seniors in the Powell River district. I sit on the Board at Home advisory committee and liaise with Vancouver Coastal Health to better aid our members.

As a Board member I have held many positions including the membership chair, privacy officer, security officer and hall rental manager assistant along with the many other roles necessary to operate this society.

For the members, I have been the dinner and special event convenor including the 80 and over luncheon and Easter Bazaar. Recently, I was also the cook at the last dinner. I have volunteered as hall decorator, ticket seller and am one of the activity leaders for the gym circuit. On Wednesday mornings you will find me in the office for a few hours doing reception work.

The vision for 2019, if I am elected is to further promote the well-being of seniors through physical, mental and social activities. As always, I am here to serve the members.

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Coletto

My name is Rhondda Schreurs and I am currently the Vice-President of Branch #49. I was also the Vice President in 2016, 2017 and 2018. I am past President of the Hospital Auxiliary. This year I have assisted in many activities at the senior's centre for the benefit of the membership. Besides being the official photographer and organizing the volunteers for the major 50/50 fundraiser I have assisted in:

Soup and sandwich

Dinners

Summer BBQ

Easter bazaar

As vice-President, I assisted at any task assigned to me and was always available to help when necessary.

My ongoing vision for the future of the seniors' centre is to make it more of a fun place to be. In August, I was able to organize a fun night with Kenny Shaw. I would like to see more member participation and to ensure the centre is financially secure.

Please vote for me!

Sincerely

Rhondda Schreurs

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Hello. My name is Christine Behan and I have put my name forward for the position of Treasurer. Why, you ask? Well, I spoke to Anna-Maria a number of months ago, and found out that your current treasurer has been wanting to retire from the position for a long time now, and no one has felt that they wanted to take on the role. After much discernment, I felt that this is something that I could do for the seniors of our town. I have been a member for approximately 6 months and have been on the board since I started, as a director at large, learning what it is that the centre does. I have been under the tutelage of Gene Jamieson for the past few months, seeing if the treasurer's job is something that I would be able to do competently, as I don't like to take on anything that I wouldn't be able to do well. In the spirit of honesty, this is a position that requires a lot of time, and I feel that I would be able to do the day to day bookkeeping of the centre, as I have done bookkeeping in other capacities, and feel very competent in this area. I would, however, have difficulty with the areas that require a lot of concentrated time, such as doing large sum grant applications, as I feel that this is something that needs to be done by someone who is retired and has that much more time available. I still have two of my children living at home, and although my work schedule is quite flexible, it none the less, still requires some time to do. If I were elected, this is something that we, as a board, would have to figure out, but I don't see this as an insurmountable problem. There are many competent people within this organization who could collect the information, and forward it along for proofing by the board, and in this way contribute without having to commit to a year-long position. This may or may not be something that we even need as I would be able to do the yearly gaming grant, but I just wanted to make sure everyone knew where I stood on this issue before the election.

I do commit to you that, unless I am out of town, I will be at every meeting to report the finances, and will answer any questions to the best of my ability, at any time of the year. I will be away the first meeting in January, however – bad timing, I know. I am open to your ideas and will listen to any that are provided in a respectful manner. My vision for the board is that they utilize the expertise of its members to the best of their ability, and not try to take on too much. Tensions run high when people are over-worked and stressed out, so I would work to try to ensure that people are OK with saying that they can't do everything. I like to play nicely in the sandbox, and would work towards harmony amongst us all. Many hands make for light work, so whether or not I am elected, I encourage you all to find a way to use your strengths to benefit this hall and all its members.

To whom it may concern:

With regards to my interest in running in the upcoming elections, I have put forth my name in an effort to meet more people here in Powell River, being a relatively new member of the population. I have only been here for 6 years, hence my interest in the Society,.... people in my own age group I am 67 on my next birthday.

In my previous life, I volunteered in mostly activities that reflected on my children growing up. I was involved with their sports, as coach, team manager, and then onto the provincial organizations. I am NOT a computer genius but I can get by. I organized many tournaments, and helped with the fund raising for the teams, both organizational and individually. To answer the third question, I have done nothing nor accomplished anything for the Society, I am sorry to say

Having talked to Anna Marie, I am hoping that this is good enough to forward to you, even though it is unsigned. My apologies for waiting until the last possible moment,....

Janis Upton. Thank you, for your consideration.

My name is Ruby Rash. I joined this Senior group a year ago watching on the sidelines as the executive ran the meetings and enjoying the Soup and sandwiches, suppers and meeting new people each meeting. When the Executive phoned and asked me if I were interested in volunteering I said yes. I have leadership skills as I ran the Hosp Aux Candy Strippers in Powell River for 5 years before health issues forced me to resign. using my computer to upgrade their paperwork and send out notices for meetings for them to attend and using my management skills to hold monthly meetings and guide the girls on Hospital Tours.

I like the challenge of problems and brainstorming with others to find the best solutions for each situation using past and future ideas.

I have used my backing skills to untangle hours the Candy Strippers needed to obtain scholarships, one being a Candsystriper 6 years yr before my time and needing a reference.

Due to mobility problems it is hard to be physically active but I am willing to be mentally active for the Senior Association

Ruby Rash

CLASS 1 DRIVERS LIC.  
VOLUNTEER DRIVER FOR ECU.  
WILLINGTON CK. AND KIWANIS  
HAVE SOME SKILLS AT YARD + BUILDING  
MAINT. JACK OF ALL TRADES?  
IF I AM A DIRECTOR FOR YOU I  
WILL BE THERE FOR YOU.

Ken Gordon