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CHF Canada Annual General Meeting coming to Halifax

More than 800 housing co-op members from across Canada will be in Halifax for CHF Canada's 2003 AGM, June 4-7, 2003.

"We're really looking forward to it," says **Susan Wells**, Nova Scotia's regional director on the CHF Canada board. "This is our chance show the rest of Canada what great hosts Nova Scotians can be!"

Volunteer for the local AGM Planning Committee. Don't be shy – the more the merrier! Call our Halifax office at 423-7119 or toll-free at 1-866-213-2667, with your suggestions, ideas or offers of help.

Mark your calendar



Co-op housing members are in for a special event this fall. From September 27 to October 6, **Pat McClain**, CHF Canada's Member Relations Officer, will be visiting co-ops across the province.

Pat will join **JoAnn Rogers**, Member Services Co-ordinator at the new Halifax office, in hosting a series of information sessions for members. Come meet other co-op members from the Metro Area and learn more about CHF Canada's services.

Sessions are also planned for Antigonish and Cape Breton, as well as The Valley, Yarmouth and South Shore. Check out the flyer included with this issue of *Newsbriefs* or call our office for details.

Want information or help ?

CHF Canada's new Halifax office can provide services and help for your co-op.

CHF Canada's Halifax office officially opened its doors on May 24 with a great kick-off reception and two new, experienced staff at the helm.

David Emery, Co-op Services Officer, has an extensive background in property management, conflict resolution and co-op finances. Dave helps Nova Scotia co-ops in difficulty, and works with members to develop sound management practices and strong co-op communities. He will present workshops throughout the province starting this fall.



Before joining CHF Canada, Dave spent ten years as Property Manager with **Atlantic Peoples Housing Ltd.** in Moncton, New Brunswick, where he provided management services to housing co-ops.

JoAnn Rogers, Member Services Co-ordinator, has nine years' experience living in a housing co-op. She began as a volunteer in the lobby effort when the federal government was downloading social housing to the provincial level, and later worked as CHF Canada's Government Relations Co-ordinator.

JoAnn is the person to call with questions about your co-op's insurance, MemberGuard contents insurance and AutoGuard vehicle insurance. You can also get information about CHIP (Co-op Housing Investment Program) for co-ops, and discounts available to CHF Canada members through our Cost Cutters program.

You can reach Dave and JoAnn toll-free at 1-866-213-2667 (423-7119 in Halifax) or by e-mail at demery@chfc.ca and jrogers@chfc.ca. 🏠

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Save money with Cost Cutters

Being a member of CHF Canada has many benefits. One good example is Cost Cutters – a co-op bulk purchasing program that can save members money. You can find discounts on building maintenance supplies at the Home Depot Commercial Direct Division. Grand and Toy offers office supplies and office furniture. Color Your World has paint, carpet, flooring, window coverings and much more. Call **JoAnn Rogers** at 423-7119 or toll free at 1-866-213-2667 for more information.

Yarmouth/South Shore co-ops meet

A "meet and greet" was held in Yarmouth on July 25. Members from **Loyalist, Forchu, Four Corners** and **Privateers** housing co-ops attended along with staff from CHF Canada's Halifax office, and Earl Milke from Nova Scotia's Housing Services in Middleton. It was an excellent chance for rural co-ops, who often feel "out of the loop", to get acquainted and talk about common issues. Discussions focussed on the need for educational services for co-op members and getting new members involved in the co-op. Plans for another get-together are underway.

Albro Court: Reason to celebrate

Albro Court Housing Co-op, a successful, well-maintained 24-unit co-op in Dartmouth, is celebrating its 20th year as a CHF Canada member. Members **Peter Leger** and **Linda Legace** were at this year's AGM and have volunteered to help at the 2003 CHF Canada AGM in Halifax.

Kabuki celebrates 20 successful years

Kabuki Housing Co-operative in Halifax recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with an open house. The weather could not have been better. Members and guests mingled in the co-op's beautiful garden and enjoyed watermelon, cake and lemonade. Handmade posters and collages, marking each year in the co-op's life, decorated the buildings and "were humorous, to say the least", according to **Tom Waters**, Kabuki's President. Tom tells us that two-thirds of all Kabuki members, past and present, attended the event. They were joined by **Dave Emery** and **JoAnn Rogers** from CHF Canada's Halifax office. **Maureen MacDonald**, MLA for Halifax-Peninsula also dropped in to congratulate the Kabuki members.

Kabuki is a great example of a successful housing co-op. It is a small co-op with only eight units, but it can claim many large accomplishments. Their back garden alone – the result of hard work, inspiration and co-operation – equals the Halifax Public Gardens in beauty and includes a community vegetable garden. Kabuki has only five years left on its mortgage and the co-op looks forward to making that final payment. Congratulations Kabuki! 🏠

