



**VETERANS AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS
VÉTÉRANS CONTRE LES ARMS
NUCLÉAIRES**

Vol 24, #2

October 2011

Tuesday October 4, 2011

St. Andrew's United Church 117 Bloor Street East, Toronto
(Coffee at 10.00 a.m. Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Second floor)

DIRECTIONS: take the SUBWAY to Bloor and Yonge, exit on the South side of Bloor. Walk east a short distance along Bloor to St. Andrew's United Church.

For VANA members only. No film, no Speaker, just ourselves. We shall sit around tables in a circle or oval, in the centre of the room, talking to each other. Please come if you can. But no point in forcing yourself if you are in physical difficulty.

We reflect on VANA - specially, where do we go from here. Can we continue? Do we have the people to keep it going effectively? If so, who will take responsibility? If not, we should close down in a dignified orderly fashion. Not just fade away.

Phyllis Creighton will comment on our Programs and their purpose. Bruce Mutch will present a Financial Report. We need to talk to each other to work out a future or not. If we continue, how? And who will do it?

LUNCH around 11.45 or so

Sandwiches, wraps, tea. All are welcome. Please contribute \$6.00 toward lunch.

VANA Ontario/Quebec Region Newsletter

Editor - Audrey Tobias Tel/FAX (416) 423-8523; email atobias@primus.ca

Advisors - Phyllis Creighton; envelopes/ mailing - Eileen Swinton, Audrey Tobias

Dear Friends:

September 9, 2011

The time has come for me to step down as Co-Ordinator of VANA. A certain physical fatigue is setting in.

I believe Bruce Mutch would continue as Treasurer and Phyllis Creighton as Program Developer.

The job of the Co-Ordinator is to organize Membership meetings, convene Co-Ordinating Ctee meetings, keep in touch with Members and with other Peace organizations, honour our "vision", keep on top of peace activities, concerns and campaigns. The Co-Ordinator makes sure that VANA does its part in supporting worthy events and campaigns.

However, for VANA to be effective, many posts must be filled:

- Newsletter Editor - a means of keeping in touch with Members. Produce Newsletters, solicit articles, put it all together.
- Newsletter "publisher" - buy envelopes, stamps, print, run off stuff, mail out the Newsletter
- Membership Secretary - keep Membership list up to date and provide mailing address labels
- Regular Secretary - take Minutes, keep records, keep in touch with members (we have no Minutes because there is no-one to do it)
- Social Convenor, to arrange lunch, coffee, clean up.

We have had no-one to do these jobs. They have been done chiefly by the Co-Ordinator for some time, with support from the Co-Ordinating Committee. This state of affairs cannot continue. A proper organization should have several persons to do these jobs. If so much falls on one person, that is not healthy for an organization, nor for the person.

Much of the difficulty arises from failing health for many. Furthermore, many of our members have other commitments. I invite all VANA Members to consider seriously our situation and let me have your opinion if you cannot attend. Where do we go from here? Thank you.

In peace



Audrey Tobias, Co-Ordinator

Tel or FAX (416) 423-8523

atobias@primus.ca