

BRANCH REPORT

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President's message

Dear Members,

I would like to thank Micheline Lefrançois, our 1st Vice President and representative at the Special National Membership Meeting held by videoconference on September 8th and 15th. She represented us with aplomb and our resolution to abolish the fee for our representatives to vote on behalf of the branches was passed. It was a matter of principle for us that each branch representative, having the responsibility to vote on behalf of its entire membership, should not pay to exercise its right to vote.

Speaking of voting, the Federal Election 2021 is over. We have congratulated the new MPs in our 18 ridings and are keeping the lines of communication open for advocacy. Now it's time to turn our attention to the next provincial election.

The membership drive is still underway, please encourage your colleagues to join our association. You don't have to be retired to be part of the Association, so don't be shy about asking those who are still working. It takes new people and new ideas to meet new challenges.

Mega Recruitment Campaign underway, win many prizes:

<https://www.federalretirees.ca/fr/devenez-membre/mega-campagne-de-recrutement>

In the meantime, I am asking for your goodwill, we always need volunteers. Those who joined us last year are very proud of it. To all those who want to join the team and especially if you have skills in graphic design, accounting or financial strategy, please contact me. Your Branch will be eternally grateful to you for joining our team. Like Micheline and the other volunteers, you can make a difference.

We are already approaching that "time of year". Let me be among the first to offer you all, on behalf of your Board of Directors, our best wishes and happy holidays! Please register early for our virtual happy hour on December 22. Finally, don't forget us in your 2022 resolutions, we need you!


René Grenier
President, Quebec Branch

Not sure what to get
for the federal retiree
who has everything?




**GIVE THE GIFT
of membership!**

federalretirees.ca/gift



Micheline Lefrançois
1st Vice-President



Quebec Branch receives 2021 National Advocacy Award

This award was presented by the Association's National Office because of our Branch's efforts to communicate the priorities of our Association to our candidates from all political parties. This award also recognizes exemplary efforts to advance the Association's advocacy strategies. As stated by our President René Grenier, "This award is an important demonstration that our members are proud to be part of an association that is committed to the defense of the rights and interests of pensioners and future pensioners. It is also a recognition of the work of our volunteers who deserve to be noted for so much constant effort to succeed in the activities of a non-profit association like ours."

The 2021 federal election for our Branch - After the 2019 federal election, we had contacted the elected MPs in writing and subsequently met with several virtually. Many incumbent MPs knew us well and know what our concerns are as an Association. So, for the Federal Election 2021, we wanted to introduce ourselves to the new candidates and remind all candidates, in our Branch ridings and in the major political parties, that we are always there to defend the rights and interests of our members and of our future members.

As the pandemic has brought to light the weaknesses of our system in supporting seniors, this time around we have emphasized the importance of a national senior's strategy that focuses on health care, caregiver support, home care and long-term care. In our correspondence, to keep things concrete, we asked them the following question:

How will your party implement a national senior's strategy that focuses on health care infrastructure, caregiver support, home care and long-term care?

This is why, during this short campaign, our President sent a letter to all the candidates of the main political parties in order to make known our Branch and its priorities, and to invite them to share with us how their electoral platform corresponded to our priorities.

Following our correspondence, we received some answers and we managed to hold a videoconference with Joël Lightbound, from the riding of Louis-Hébert. We would have liked to do more videoconferences with a candidate from each of the major parties, but it was not possible. This 36-day blitz - the shortest possible under the Canada Elections Act - took place against the backdrop of a health crisis. An atypical campaign. And the results of the September 20th vote show that the list of MPs remains quite similar to the last one. Nevertheless, it will be with pleasure that we will resume our Branch's correspondence of with each of them.

Old Age Security Increase for 75 and over - Concerns of our members

Many of our members between the ages of 65 and 75 have reacted to the federal government's decision to provide financial assistance to those aged 75 and over.

On this issue, the Association joined with the FADOQ and the Canadian Association of Retired Persons in calling on the federal government to include seniors between 65 and 75 years of age in the increase to the Old Age Security.

As a result, one million seniors have requested the federal government for sustainable and inclusive financial assistance. They want to ensure that there is no discrimination based on age.

Once the Members of Parliament are in place, we will be contacting them to exchange views and to reminding them of their commitments to seniors.

We will also be present during the 2022 provincial election.

RESUMPTION OF MONTHLY BREAKFASTS – QUEBEC CITY BRANCH

The Quebec Branch is happy to once again offer you the chance to have breakfast together. Indeed, after a long year of confinement and in accordance with current public health rules, we will gradually resume our social activities. Breakfast will take place on the last Wednesday of each month at the Normandin restaurant, 986, rue Bouvier, Québec, G2J 1A3, 418-627-1265 A private room is reserved for 35 people from the Branch.

To attend the breakfasts, you must present your vaccination passport and reserve your place by email: anrf@bellnet.ca mentioning your name and phone number.

SUB-BRANCH REPORTS



SAGUENAY-LAC-SAINT-JEAN REPORT - Ghislain Lavoie, Director

La Baie – Breakfasts resumed September 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the Restaurant le Chalutier, 490, boul. de la Grande-Baie sud, La Baie (418)697-0000

Alma – Breakfasts resumed September 29, 2021, at 9:00 am at the Pacini restaurant, 1000, boul. des Cascades, Alma (418)668-0872



BAS-SAINT-LAURENT-GASPÉSIE REPORT - Bruno Beaulieu, Director

The Association has signed an agreement with the Association for the Development of Seniors of University of Québec in Rimouski (ADAUQAR). This agreement will allow Quebec Branch members who wish to participate (via Zoom) in training activities and conferences offered by ADAUQAR. For more information: <http://adauqar.uqar.ca/>

Breakfasts - Breakfasts for Rivière-du-Loup, dates are not available at this time. We will keep you informed.

RECRUIT MEMBERS AND WIN BIG



The National Office is organising a Recruitment Campaign.

Members who recruit new members have the chance to earn outstanding awards. The Campaign began on September 1st and ends on December 31st. Participate in large number!

How to participate:

www.retraitesfederaux.ca/en/joining-us/mega-recruitment-drive

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – QUEBEC BRANCH



The winning quartet of the 2021 tournament

Germain Boivin (left) responsible for the social activities of the Branch presents the Robert-Asselin Trophy to the winners of the 2021 tournament: Jacques Bisson (2nd from left), Gilles Croteau (centre), Michel Roberge and André Bisson. Congratulations to the winners!

Join the team for next Spring. Tuesday at 9:30 am at Golf Royal Charbourg, Notre-Dame des Laurentides. There is always room for interested parties, members or non-members. Simply contact Germain Boivin, email gboivin@videotron.ca Tel: 418-407-1809.



5 @ 7 VIRTUAL – INVITATION DECEMBER 2021

BE PART OF THE VIRTUAL SUPER PARTY FROM EASTERN QUEBEC
December 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm by ZOOM

Local talent! Wish! Music! Storyteller! Bingo! Fiddler! Draw!

Register immediately with our Coordinator
by phone (418)661-4896 / toll free 1-800-661-4896
or by email anrf@bellnet.ca

IMPORTANT NOTICE - 2022 MEMBERSHIP

- Individual membership : \$51.36 annually or \$4.28 monthly
- Family membership : \$66.60 annually or \$5.55 monthly

Three options to pay your membership: Deduction at source, cheque or credit card (internet)
Website for additional information: <http://www.anrf-sq-org/adheacutesion-anrf-et-renouvellement.html>

We encourage you to renew your membership by monthly deductions on your pension. It's simpler and more economical to administer and it avoids forgetting it. If you are interested, contact our office at 1-866-661-4896 toll free.

Option 2 -Renewal by cheque for the 2022 Membership

Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Family Name of Spouse: _____ First name of Spouse: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____
 Membership Number: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Individual membership: \$51.36 Family membership: \$66.60

Do not forget to write your membership number on your cheque.

Send the completed form and your payment to
 National Association of Federal Retirees,
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During the Christmas Holidays the office will be closed
 From December 24, 2021 to January 3rd, 2022