

Outaouais Branch — November 2021 newsletter

Dear members,

The purpose of this newsletter is to send you the latest news from your Branch, particularly:

1. Administrative reorganization of the Branch
2. Technological shift
3. “Les bibliothèques parlantes (BiPi)”
4. Upcoming videoconferences
5. The Christmas "VISIOPARTY"

1. Administrative reorganization of the Branch

Last June, the Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan for the next three years. The plan is based on the following three priorities:

1. Advocacy
2. Recruitment and retention of members
3. Developing partnerships with other regional associations

To fulfill out our mission, we have decided to create a position of full-time Branch director. The chosen person will be responsible for:

- Implementing the strategic plan of the Outaouais Branch
- Recruiting and retaining members and volunteers
- Managing the Branch including budget, staff, and volunteers
- Performing functions related to assessment, analysis, and communications

At the time of this writing, the job posting is still active. If you know of a dynamic person who would have the necessary experience for this role and who might be interested, please let them know about this opportunity. Here is the link to share this job offer:

<https://www.retraitesfederaux.ca/fr/Sections/quebec/Section-outaouais/recrutement-directeurdirectrice-de-la-Section-outaouais>

As part of this reorganization, I am also announcing the departure of Ms. Guylaine Ross from the Branch. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to sincerely thank Ms. Ross for her excellent work, her constant support and her dedication to the smooth running of our Branch. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

2. Digital shift

Our Branch is modernizing and keeping pace with the 21st century. Our treasurer, Mr. René Caron is responsible for setting up electronic payments for all our suppliers and eventually

making payment for social activities accessible via credit cards and other electronic means of payment. This shift will reduce the steps required for check signing, ensure bill payments on time, and make it easier for members to register for social activities when they resume.

3. Les Bibliothèques parlantes (BIPI)! (In French only)

L'Association québécoise des personnes retraitées et préretraitées de l'Outaouais (AQDR) in collaboration with the NAFR Outaouais have launched the BIPI project. BIPIs (intergenerational talking libraries) are thematic, fun and educational meetings between seniors and other generations.

Seniors, who are true living books, will share their experiences in the form of discussions with participants of all ages. BIPIs are social activities not to be missed.

You can register online now by clicking on the following links: [registration link for seniors \(living books\)](#) or registration link for other generations (participants) [registration link for other generations \(participants\)](#). The meetings will take place in several municipalities in the Outaouais region as of April 2022. Participants, after registering, will be able to meet with seniors by choosing a theme. Through these interactions, participants will learn from the experience of seniors.

The ANRF Outaouais is a partner of the BIPI. For any questions, please contact the BIPI team at 819 771-8391 ext 324 or write to <mailto:bipi@aqdroutaouais.org>. You can also learn more about BIPIs by visiting: <https://aqdroutaouais.org/bipi/>

4. Videoconferences

Since last spring we have organized seven videoconferences in French and four in English. These videoconferences reached more than 400 members. Thank you for continuing to participate in large numbers.

Next videoconference: [Year-end financial planning](#)

Description: Overview of various things to consider in order to properly plan your financial year end. You will find sound advice on strategies for registered plans (RRSP, TFSA, LIRA, RRIF, RESP, etc.), capital gains and losses, donations to charities or your sources of income. retirement.

Presenter: Simon-Pierre Dubreuil, Pl. Fin., CIM ®

Date: December 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Duration: 20 to 25 minutes of presentation, followed by a question period

Platform: Zoom

Registration required: [Click Here!](#)

5. Christmas VISIOPARTY

The Board of Directors is pleased to invite you to a virtual "Happy Hour" which will take place on December 17th from 5-7pm on ZOOM. The entertainment will be provided by one of our members, Mr. André Thivierge, nicknamed "The Singing Sommelier". On the agenda, Christmas songs, draws, a rendition of the Mechanic's Prayer, commented tasting of a wine that interested parties can obtain at a reasonable price. Suggestions to follow. You will receive more details via email during the first week of December. This activity is informal and imbued with friendship. Do not miss! Registration required: [Click here!](#)

We look forward to seeing you again during one of our various virtual activities. We look forward with great anticipation to the not-too-distant day when we will finally be able to see each other again face-to-face.