

BRANCH REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

The National Association of Federal Retirees, or commonly **Federal Retirees**, is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and retired federally appointed judges, as well as their partners and survivors.

We believe every Canadian, today and in the future, should benefit from better retirement income security and a strong, sustainable health care system.

With your support, we can make retirement better for all Canadians.

President's message

I am pleased to write to you as your new branch president. I am proud to support you at the various local, district and national forums. I am writing this in July for September's issue.

At our branch's annual general meeting held April 30th, a representative from Hearing Life gave a very interesting presentation. A new executive was elected. Pat Russell is now Treasurer and Dianne Raniowski is taking over the membership responsibilities.

The new board had its first executive meeting on May 15. Board members have participated in a number of webinars: branch board orientation and advocacy training for election activities.

The branch is gearing up for the fall federal election and plans are underway for an all-candidates meet n' greet at the Royal Canadian Legion in Belleville. Once details are confirmed, they will be communicated and posted on our website. Please plan to attend and bring family and friends.

From April 30 to May 2, Pat Russell and I participated in the Ontario District Branch meeting. Hosted by the two Ontario directors and two branch service coordinators, most of the 22 Ontario branches were represented.

In recognition of the hard work the public service provides, during National Public Service Week, June 9-15, I promoted our association at a Service Canada event.

I attended the National Association's Annual Members Meeting in Gatineau June 18-20. I am happy to say Jean-Guy Soulière was acclaimed as President of the Association.

Sincerely,

Joan Rockburne
Branch President



Election 2019 Priorities

Seniors represent the fastest growing demographic in the country and the next government has an important role to play in adapting public policies and systems to the needs of today's growing seniors population, and in future-proofing our policies and systems to tomorrow's seniors.

In this election, the National Association of Federal Retirees has set out four key priorities: retirement income security, a National Seniors Strategy, support for veterans and their families, and pharmacare.

I encourage you to go to the association's website for more information:

<https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/news-views/news-listing/june/election-2019-our-priorities>

Branch Office Hours Are Changing

Commencing Tuesday, September 10, 2019 the Quinte Branch hours will be changing to be open every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, with the exception of July and August when we are closed for the summer. Telephone and email will continue to be regularly monitored.

In Memoriam

Charles Argent (Sgt Ret'd)

Murray Babcock

Reva Babcock

Rita Beswick

Alice Bould

Roy Cirotto

Richard Cloutier

Garth Cornwall

Doris Franklin

John Fraser

Kathleen Kettle

Linda Melady

Charles Moore

Phillip Nolet

Fran Perry

Velva Reicker

Debbie Robichaud

Enid Rowe

Judith Smith

Achille Uddenberg



The following is a condensed version of the minutes from the 2019 Quinte Branch Annual General Meeting **Pat Russell President's Report – 2018**

2018 was a memorable year for the Branch as we celebrated our 50th anniversary since receiving our charter.

In 2017, the Branch participated in the Veteran's town hall meetings that took place across Canada. This initiative was very successful in bringing to the attention of Veteran Affairs and The Veteran's Ombudsman the obstacles that our Veterans encounter when returning to civilian life. The final report can be found on the Federal Retirees website. You have to login under your membership number to access this document.

The Branch participated in the annual Older Adult+ fair at the Wellness Centre in May 2018.

In November, we partnered with the Legion Branch #99, to commemorate Remembrance Day. The Branch contributed \$500 to assist with these activities. Joan Rockburne and I participated in this event. In addition, our member Ted Ryczko provided a video presentation that he produced on the 100th anniversary of the First World War. This was an opportunity for the Association to raise its profile in the community. With approval of branch membership, it is the intention of this Branch to continue this partnership with Legion in commemorating Remembrance Day, subject to the availability of funds.

Treasurer's Report

Quinte Branch financial documents for 2018 were reviewed by member Barry Birkett in March of 2019. It was determined that all financial documentation is in order and the finances were managed according to guidelines set out by National Office and that as of Dec. 2018, the financial position of Quinte Branch is healthy.

Social Report

In addition to our 50th anniversary, we had our Annual Christmas dinner which has now been changed to being held in the afternoon. Attendance improved which I believe was due to the time change.

Organizing these events is labour intensive for the entire Board. Despite advertising the events through various methods, the attendance has been disappointing especially for the Annual Meeting. If you have any suggestions as to how we can engage our membership, please call or email the Board.

Members have expressed concerns about the cost of tickets for the Christmas dinner. Included in the handouts was a summary of the costs for Christmas and the amount of the Branch's subsidy which amounted to \$17.54 per person. It is the goal of this Board to provide members with a wonderful venue and dinner. It was approved we exclude entertainment and just play Christmas music as a cost saving measure.



UPCOMING EVENTS

All-Candidates Meeting
Tentatively Set for
**Tuesday, September 10,
2019 –**
**Watch for E-blast/Check
Branch Website for
Confirmed Details**

1:30 pm

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 99
132 Pinnacle Street
Belleville

Christmas Luncheon

**Tuesday,
November 26, 2019**

Banquet Centre
Emerald Room (lower level)
1 Alhambra Sq, Belleville

Meet & Greet 11:30 am
Turkey Lunch 12:00 pm
Speaker 1:00 pm

RSVP by November 16 by
email fsnaon45@gmail.com or
call the office 613-968-7212.

\$30 per person

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES**Board and Volunteer Listings
2019-2020**

President: Joan Rockburne

Vice-President: Kathy Nisbet

Treasurer: Pat Russell

Secretary: Sharon Brohm

Membership/Social: Dianne Raniowski

Director: Nancy Landry

Health benefits officer: Ken Capstick

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