

UPDATE – BRANCH OPERATIONS AND VIRTUAL TURN

Despite the ongoing pandemic and its string of restrictions, the Outaouais Branch remains at your service and is available to respond to your needs. Our mandatory teleworking is not an obstacle as you may still reach us at our usual contact address listed at the end of this newsletter. Since it appears probable that our social activities for 2021 will be canceled, we are presently finetuning our move to the virtual to better respond to your needs. Therefore, until such time when we may again meet face-to-face, here are the particulars concerning two webinars which will be offered to you in February and March 2021.

Webinars on financial literacy – February 4, 2021



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Early year tax planning – RRSP / RRIF, what are the guidelines to consider for your situation. This webinar will be offered by the Michel Bertrand team at the National Bank, in collaboration with their business partner, CI Investment, and will be offered in English in the morning and in French in the afternoon using the Zoom platform. Lasting from 25 to 30 minutes, each presentation will be followed by a question period for the benefit of the participants.

To register you need only click on your choice of session:

[Zoom Webinar– English](#) – Financial literacy - February 4, 2021, at 10:00 am

[Zoom Webinar– French](#) – Littératie financière - February 4, 2021, at 13:30 pm

Webinar on compassion – March 3, 2021

Our colleagues at the Quebec Branch are organising a Zoom videoconference in cooperation with Mrs. Madeline Fortier, speaker, author, and writer. This Webinar, offered in French only will be held on March 3rd 2021, from 9:30 to 11:00. The subject is **weariness of compassion** [*l'usure de la compassion : jusqu'ou aller sans se brûler?*]. Those interested, may register by [clicking here](#).

LOOKING FOR A LOCAL ADVOCACY OFFICER FOR THE OUTAOUAIS BRANCH

One of the priorities set out in the Association's action plan concerns our role in protecting and promoting our members' interests. Thus, came about the "Reach 338" initiative in the fall of 2020. To support this initiative, the Outaouais Branch is looking for a volunteer to become the Local Advocacy Officer (LAO). In this capacity, the volunteer will be organizing meetings with Members of Parliament or other politicians, establishing relationships with local organisations whose views are similar to ours and who will help us achieve our advocacy goals. For further information about this initiative, please visit the Branch's Web page under Reach 338, or [click here](#). If you are interested in the position of

Local Advocacy Officer, you may get in touch with our president, Donald Déry, at president@anrf-outaouais.ca.

NEW MEMBERS AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



In November 2020, the Outaouais Branch greeted two new members at the Board of Directors. Please join us in welcoming back Mrs. Murielle Allain who was away for a few years, and Mr. René Caron, a very involved volunteer who has been a member of several Board of directors over the last 30 years.



We want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Pierre Laflamme for his invaluable contribution as interim treasurer while the Branch was searching for someone to fill the position following Mr. Tremblay's departure last April.

We are thus pleased to announce that Mr. Caron has been elected as Treasurer in December 2020. Mr. Caron has previously held positions as treasurer in other organizations and we trust that he will do well in his new assignment.

Again, we wish you an excellent, healthy, and prosperous year 2021. We look forward to serving you.



Donald Déry
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COORDINATES FOR THE OUTAOUAIS BRANCH

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