

# BRANCH REPORT

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### President's message

As I write this, my first insert, it is now early July and I have had two and a half months as your new Branch President. During that time, I have attended an Ontario District meeting and the National AMM. It has, to say the least, been a steep learning curve.

Upon election to your Board I initially had only two Board Directors to support me, Nancy Landry and Sharon Brohm. Fortunately, our treasurer, Pat Russell, and our Past President Joan Rockburne agreed to remain on the Board and have been a tremendous help in guiding me through the twists and turns of NAFR. I have also been joined by my wife, Sally, as your Branch Secretary. Collectively, we have much work to do re-energizing the Branch after two years of Covid 19.

Our goals for the coming year align with those of our National office:

1. To protect our collective retirement income;
2. To advocate for improved long term home care designed to allow seniors to reside in their own homes;
3. To advocate for the creation of a universal pharmacare program; and
4. To advocate for the well being of veterans.

In addition, your board also wants to see the Branch enjoy a reinvigorated social program that will allow its members to gather socially as often as resources permit. We appreciate that many of you have joined and continue your enrollment in the National Association of Federal Retirees for a variety of reasons, but we hope and anticipate that one of those reasons is so you can gather and meet with fellow retirees to share points of view and concerns regarding your retirement. The best vehicle we believe to experience the benefits of your membership is through fellowship.

To that end we are considering monthly luncheons that would include a light lunch and potentially a guest speaker addressing issues of interest to Federal retirees. Your Board will meet soon to discuss how and where we might conduct these luncheons. As always, your input into this process is most welcome by contacting either myself or any member of the board. More to follow in an e-blast once the details are ironed out.

Speaking of email, you may or may not know that our Branch email address has changed from [fsnaon45@gmail.com](mailto:fsnaon45@gmail.com) to [quintebranch@federalretirees.ca](mailto:quintebranch@federalretirees.ca). This move was made to bring us in line with the rest of the National association.

Also on the subject of email, I wish to encourage you to advise me if your email address has changed or you have ceased using email. E-blasts remain our mainstay for general correspondence to Branch members; however, we appreciate that not everyone uses or monitors email traffic and would prefer to be contacted about Branch activities either by phone or Canada Post. If you wish to be contacted by other



than email, please call the Branch office at 613-968-7212 leaving your name and the details about your preferred method of contact. We will return your call noting that we have received your message.

As you hopefully noted from my description of your Branch board, our numbers are small and we are very limited in what we can achieve on behalf of you the members. To that end, we would very much appreciate your help in whatever capacity you can assist. That may be as a Board member, a telephone caller to our members when needed, advocating to local politicians on issues of interest to the Branch, assisting with the organization of social events, creating articles for local media that highlight our Branch's activities, or any other item that may interest you. As a Federal retiree, you possess talents that can greatly enhance the operation of your Branch and we welcome any assistance you might provide.

Finally, I encourage you to visit our Branch website at [federalretirees.ca](http://federalretirees.ca) and search Branches/Ontario/Quinte. I am always looking for suggestions on how to enhance this page and make it more relevant to our Branch members.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our next social gathering. Please feel free to contact me directly if you wish at [margueratt@gmail.com](mailto:margueratt@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Dennis Margueratt  
President

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