



Confederation Chapter



NEWSLETTER

January to April 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Lise Miville-Dechêne)

I wish to thank you for your quick response for the renewal of your 2019 annual dues. Only 10% have not renewed their dues as of December 16th (date of the draw). Last fall, you were advised of a draw to take place on December 9th but was delayed by one week due to the postal strike. The winners were advised and the gift certificates will be forwarded to them shortly.

The three lucky winners are:

- **André Larochelle** from Vanier ON
- **Doreen Crites** from Maxville ON
- **Gilles Labine** from Orleans ON

The Confederation Chapter is pleased to welcome the following member to the chapter: **DANIEL BRABANT** from Hawkesbury ON.

IT'S TIME TO UNFOLD NEW PAGES AND START A NEW CHAPTER IN YOUR LIFE BECAUSE IT'S A NEW YEAR....

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

ELECTIONS

There will be elections on Friday, April 12th, 2019 at Bella Vista Restaurant, 2645 Alta Vista Drive (Alta Vista Plaza) in Ottawa ON – a reminder will be sent to you at a later date. There will be 3 positions opened in the Executives of the Confederation Chapter: President, Events Coordinator and Secretary-Treasurer.

The Nomination Form is enclosed and should be forwarded to the Chapter *no later than Friday, March 8th, 2019* in the self-addressed envelope. If you need more information, do not hesitate to call 613-371-5228 or send an email to Confederation_Chapter@bell.net

IN MEMORIAM:

JAMES ROBERT CURRAN – Jim passed away on October 24th, 2018. A native of Ottawa, he began his career with Canada Post in 1958. After his retirement, he enjoyed working for Bayshore Pharmacy as their part-time carrier up until this year.

JEAN-PIERRE SARAULT – Jean-Pierre passed away on November 22nd, 2018 at the age of 75. He had a 30 year career with Canada Post and was a retired member of “Les Richelieu Laporte”.

NEW YEAR TO BRING HARSHER DISTRACTED DRIVING PENALTIES TO ONTARIO

Ontario’s distracted driving laws are about to get much tougher. Distracted driver can receive fines of up to \$3,000, six (6) demerit points and up to a 30-days license suspension.

According to the Ministry of Transportation, changes to distracted driving laws passed as part of Bill 174 will come into effect starting January 1st, 2019.

Passed in December 2017, the Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act will strengthen existing road safety laws along with regulating the sale of recreational marijuana.

The new law means that drivers who are caught talking, texting, dialing or emailing using a handheld device like a cellular phone or entertainment device will be fined up to \$1,000. Additionally, they will receive a 3-day license suspension and three (3) demerit points.

Further, drivers will receive a fine up to \$2,000 and a 7-day license suspension along with six (6) demerit points if caught a second time.

Motorists caught more than three times will pay a fine of up to \$3,000 and lose their license for 30 days.

According to Ontario’s Minister of Transportation Jeff Yurek, that means Ontario will have the toughest penalties for repeat distracted driving convictions.

« Safety is our top priority », Yurek told CBC NEWS via email.

He explained the legislation « allows the province to address unsafe driving behaviours, including careless driving and impaired driving with tough new rules and penalties that will help improve safety. »

Ontario’s stricter laws will join the likes of Quebec, which recently increased its maximum distracted driving fine from \$100 with four (4) demerit points to \$600 with five (5) demerit points.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2019

January to April 2019

- JANUARY
- Friday, February 1st (dinner + show) None planned.
CASINO DU LAC LEAMY in Gatineau QC - Dinner at BANCO Restaurant and show ‘WILD MAGIC’ at the ‘Théâtre du Casino’. This event is now sold out since December 8, 2018. Email was sent to paying members only on December 4.
- Friday, March 8 (lunch) **ALLÔ! MON COCO** - Billings Bride Shopping Centre, 2777 Riverside Drive in Ottawa.
- Friday, April 12 (lunch) **THE BELLA VISTA RESTAURANT** - Alta Vista Plaza, 2645 Alta Vista Drive in Ottawa. Elections will take place during this get together. The nomination form is enclosed and if interested to join the Executive staff, it should be returned no later than Friday, April 8th.

May to July 2019

Detailed information will follow at a later date.

- Friday, May 3 (lunch / bowling)
- Friday, May 17 (lunch)
- Friday, June 14 (lunch cruise)
- JULY

ORLEANS BOWLING, 885 Taylor Creek in Ottawa.

MILL STREET BREW PUB, 555 Wellington St in Ottawa.

KINGSTON ISLANDS CRUISES - 3 hours lunch cruise on the Island Queen, lunch buffet style + entertainment.

None planned.

August to September 2019

Detailed information will follow at a later date.

- Wednesday, August 28 (show and dinner)
- Sunday, September 8 (9 holes + dine)

THOUSAND ISLANDS PLAYHOUSE - Show 'RING OF FIRE' (the music of Johnny Cash) – A musical celebration of the man in black + dinner at the Gananoque Inn.

ANDERSON LINKS GOLF CLUB – The main purpose will be to have fun with co-workers and friends, a good meal and some great door prices.

October to December 2019

Detailed information will follow at a later date.

- Friday, October 11 (lunch)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- Sunday, November 10 (9 holes + lunch)

ROGER'S ITALIAN – BISTRO – 500 Terminal Avenue, Unit #2 in Ottawa

BUFFET DES CONTINENTS - 4 Impasse de la Gare Talon, Gatineau QC

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