

Montreal Branch 60th Anniversary Newsletter



Dear members,

As this exceptional year marking the 60th anniversary of our Montreal chapter draws to a close, we invite you to look back at the highlights of these celebrations. Throughout the year, activities organized under the theme "60 Years of the Evolution of Our Rights" allowed us to honor our history, highlight the progress achieved through our members' commitment, and strengthen the bonds uniting our community.

In this final edition, we revisit the key events that defined this 60th anniversary and offer a preview of the grand closing event taking place during our traditional Christmas dinner. This final festive gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate this important milestone in our history, share cherished memories, and bring a memorable close to a year

filled with emotion, meaningful connections, and collective pride.

The Claude Edwards Leadership Award -- Tribute to Jacques Lambert

Each year, the NAFR presents the prestigious Claude Edwards Leadership Award to a volunteer who stands out for their leadership and perseverance in championing the Association's causes.

This year, the award was presented to **Jacques Lambert, President of the Montreal Branch**, in recognition of his more than 15 years of dedication to the Association. His journey includes various roles, notably as a volunteer and President of the Montreal Branch, as a National Director from 2014 to 2023, and again as President of the Montreal Branch since 2024.

Drawing on his extensive experience and understanding of the issues facing the Association, Jacques actively contributes to its advancement at all levels. He received the award during the Annual General Meeting held in Gatineau last June. **We extend our congratulations to Jacques Lambert and our sincere thanks for his commitment and contributions to the Association!**



A Look Back at Our Two Spring Events



Thursday, 21 May 2026 – Armand-Frappier Health Museum

Our chapter's 60th-anniversary spring celebrations kicked off with an enriching afternoon at the Armand-Frappier Health Museum in Laval. Offered free of charge to members, the event combined discovery, learning, and a friendly atmosphere. The event was a resounding success.

Click on the link to view the photo gallery. [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

Thursday, 4 June 2026 – Surf Oasis – Quartier Dix30

, with:

- Cocktail reception
- Dancing – 1-hour Western dance lesson
- Wave pool – 30 minutes of surfing in the pool
- Photo booth to capture the moment
- Presentation on 60 years of the evolution of our rights
- Door prizes

This unique activity gave members the chance to celebrate the Montreal Branch's 60th anniversary in a warm, friendly, and cheerful atmosphere. Click on the link to view the photo gallery.

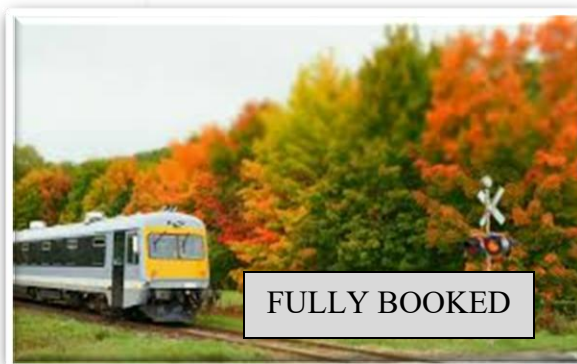
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Upcoming Events

🍁 Journey through the Colors of Charlevoix – 5 & 6 October 2026 🍁

Among the activities marking our 60th anniversary year, the "Colors of Charlevoix" trip promises to be the highlight of the autumn program. Participants will have the opportunity to discover the spectacular landscapes of Charlevoix decked out in their autumn hues, while enjoying a warm and convivial getaway with fellow members.



Due to limited availability, registration had to be completed by mid-August, and the group is now full. Although it is unfortunately no longer possible to sign up, we wanted to highlight this wonderful initiative, which will allow members to enjoy a memorable experience in one of Quebec's most beautiful regions.

We will be sure to share a recap and photos of this getaway in a future newsletter so that everyone can see the highlights of this trip amid the brilliant autumn colors of Charlevoix.



Grand Closing of the 60th Anniversary Celebrations at the Christmas Dinner

Thursday, 19 November 2026 – Montreal | 1600 to 2200 hrs.
Plaza Le Rizz, Saint-Léonard

 ***Paid event (\$)***

To bring the celebrations marking our chapter's 60th anniversary to a memorable close, we invite you to join us for a festive evening as part of our traditional Christmas Dinner. This special occasion will bring members together to celebrate six decades of history, achievements, and solidarity.

On the program:

- Christmas meal
- Special guests
- Entertainment and dancing
- Presentation on 60 years of the evolution of our rights
- Door prizes

As space is limited, registration is mandatory **BEFORE 31 OCTOBER 2026**. Click the following link to register and pay for the event.

[REGISTRATION](#)



*Tables will seat 8 people – **PLEASE NOTE THAT NO TABLE NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED THIS YEAR, SO PLEASE PLAN YOUR ARRIVAL ACCORDINGLY TO ENSURE YOU ARE SEATED WITH THE PEOPLE OF YOUR CHOICE.***

Looking forward to seeing many of you at this special occasion!

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