

Welcome to our new RAQ members!



Welcome to the Retirees' Association of Queen's University (RAQ). We are delighted that you have joined us. As a result of a new partnership with the University, we are thrilled that all Queen's retirees now automatically have the opportunity to join RAQ free of charge; this change has resulted in an amazing growth of our organization in just a few short months. We also welcome spouses and partners of retirees who may join as Associate Members for a small annual fee.

RAQ strongly promotes the interests of Queen's retired faculty and staff – including vigorous advocacy for many retiree benefits such as the new optional benefits now available through Manulife. We also offer an ever-growing array of programs, learning opportunities, deals and discounts, and travel opportunities especially tailored to members. Several member benefits are also offered through CURAC, our national organization for university retirees.

We recognize that today's unique circumstances will limit our activities over the next few months but hopefully we will be able to meet each other soon. We traditionally have welcomed new members at a reception, and as soon as it is safe to do so, we plan to hold a celebratory event on campus. Please refer often to our website <https://www.queensu.ca/retirees/> which is updated frequently with the latest information on events, discounts, travel opportunities and news of interest, including updates on your pension and benefits. We will also be sending out regular newsletters to keep in touch with you.

In just a few weeks' time you will receive a mailing from RAQ which includes your RAQ membership card and a brochure which summarizes some of our programs and activities. The membership card confirms your membership in our organization and entitles you to some associated benefits so please keep it in a safe place. As an example, when you visit campus for official RAQ events, you may park for free in any of the Queen's surface parking lots by placing this card on your dashboard.

RAQ is run for Queen's retirees by volunteer Queen's retirees. If you would like to help with organizing events, writing for the newsletter, or participating in other activities, please contact us at raq@queensu.ca or 613-533-6986.

Everyone on the RAQ Council joins me in wishing you a warm welcome to a revitalized RAQ, which is committed to continuing to bring value and fun to its members.

Sincerely,

Diane Kelly
President, RAQ

Questions about switch to Manulife?

New and existing members have questions

about the transition to Manulife as the benefits providers for Queen's. RAQ volunteers Bill Forbes, Diane Kelly, and Donna Lounsbury have been front and centre with Queen's HR to get answers. See the link below for our current update.

[Link to Manulife update](#)



Tell us how we can help you



RAQ wants to hear from all members about how membership in the Retirees' Association of Queen's can be of value to your post-Queen's retirement. Your feedback will help in our fall strategic planning process. Please feel free to share your thoughts directly with Diane Kelly, RAQ president. **Email Diane Kelly**

In the meantime, please keep in mind that RAQ offers a variety of learning opportunities, including the Lunchtime Guest Lectures, Monday Morning Forum speakers, and tours of galleries, labs, and other interesting sites around Kingston. We also create custom-designed small group trips such as cultural tours, scenic excursions, and local food and wine tastings!