



Confederation Chapter



NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

7 DAYS OF INSPIRATION: TAKE ONE A DAY...AND FEEL GREAT ALL WEEK!
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- DAY 1: Be glad you're you. Other people are, too!
- DAY 2: Good things begin when you let them.
- DAY 3: It's okay to move yourself up on your to-do list now and then!
- DAY 4: Keep dreaming. It works.
- DAY 5: Your inner beauty always shows.
- DAY 6: Fears get so much smaller when we face them.
- DAY 7: Today sets the stage for tomorrow. And you're the Director!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS:

- 1) Heritage Club: As I previously mentioned to you in the 2017 Year-End Newsletter, the Heritage Club will be awarding three (3) scholarships to all dues paying members of two (2) years of the Heritage Club. In order to be eligible students must be dependent children, including adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and ward in legal guardianship of an active member. **The scholarships are valued at \$1000 for university and \$500 for college studies.** The scholarships will be awarded to students starting, for the first time, their first year of full-time studies and *all applications had to be post-marked by June 28, 2018.* This is just a reminder and to obtain an application package, please visit the Heritage Club website at "Heritageclub.ca" under "LINKS" and all applications and queries should be directed to Eldred Holmes at "holmese@nl.rogers.com".
- 2) Johnson Inc: Johnson Inc. is also proud to offer **50 scholarships, valued at \$1000 each**, to students completing high school in 2018 and starting post-secondary education in the fall. *Application deadline is August 31, 2018.* For eligibility criteria visit "Johnson.ca/scholarship" or call 1-866-544-2673.

EVENTS: It was decided by the Chapter that any event requiring the rental of a COACH mini-bus (26 passengers), we will need a minimum of 20 people to go on. If it is not achieved, the event will be automatically cancelled. We have been working very hard to bring different events and if you have any suggestions, please feel free to send them to us by calling at 613-371-5228 or by email at: "confederation_chapter@bell.net".

NATIONAL HERITAGE CLUB: In an effort to help serve us more efficiently and with the utmost professionalism in mind, the National Heritage Club have installed a new phone line in their office and have set up office hours in which the phones will be answered. Please note that *the new number is 226-526-8666* and the phone will be answered from 10am to 3pm Eastern Standard Time.

2018/2019 MEDOC TRAVEL RENEWAL (IMPORTANT DATES)

1. Submit all changes of travel plans by July 29th to ensure premiums are properly reflected over 12 payments (1ST deduction August 5th).
2. September 1st – New policy year commences.
3. October 5th – If you wish to cancel your coverage, you have until this date. Also, if you qualify for preferred or optimum health option, HOQ (Health Options Questionnaire) must be received by this date.

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CONFEDERATION

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When Confederation officially came to force on July 1, 1867 – as the Notre-Dame Cathedral clock struck 12 on that historic Monday and fireworks lit up Ottawa’s dark summer sky – hundred of the city’s 16,000 residents could not wait for the daylight celebrations to begin, letting loose a preliminary burst of patriotism to welcome the birth of the Dominion Canada.

It began with a midnight chorus of bells ringing across the capital, a 101-gun salute by the local rifle regiment and a “monster bonfire” at the sprawling picnic grounds we know today as Major’s Hill Park. And according to Ottawa Newspapers of the era, the birthday bash did not really stop for the next 24 hours.

In between the kickoff and the wind-down of the capital’s first Dominion Day – what today would be branded something like Confed Fest ‘67 or maybe Dom-Day-palooza – there was military parade and marching music in the great square in front of Parliament. There was lacrosse games and hard-fought ticket match in a city blessed by clear skies and mid-afternoon high of 24C. There were canoe and rowboat races galore on the Ottawa River and Rideau Canal, sports of all sorts at a shoreline ark over in Hull – feats of running, leaping and “throwing heavy hammer” to win prizes and delight from the crowds.

Later on, there was another colossal inferno (some 20 cords of wood were torched) and hours of starlit square-dancing to the fiddlers up on Ashburnham Hill, the height of land around the north end of today’s Bronson Avenue.

Less flashy than the roman candles and “coloured rockets” shot in the night – but central to the whole shebang – was the sombre, late-morning swearing-in of various mutton-chopped men assigned to run the country just created. At the head of the pack: the newly knighted prime minister, now “Sir” John A. Macdonald.

He and his cabinet colleagues took their oaths in the East Block right after Governor General, Viscount Monck – with a “clear and distinct voice” and “his right hand on the Bible” – pledged his loyalty to the Queen.

PLANNED EVENTS (3rd quarter)

Friday, August 24, 2018 - *PRINCE-EDOUARD WINE TOUR* : Huff Estates Winery (wine tasting + lunch) / Sandbanks Winery (wine tasting + private tour of the vineyard) / stop at the Black River Cheese Store - retail for an assortment of cheese (details are included).

Sunday, September 9, 2018 - *GOLF TOURNAMENT* : 2nd combined golf tournament with By-Town and Confederation chapters at The Meadows Golf & Country Club (details are included). We had 71 players and great donations last year trusting to see you there again this year.

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