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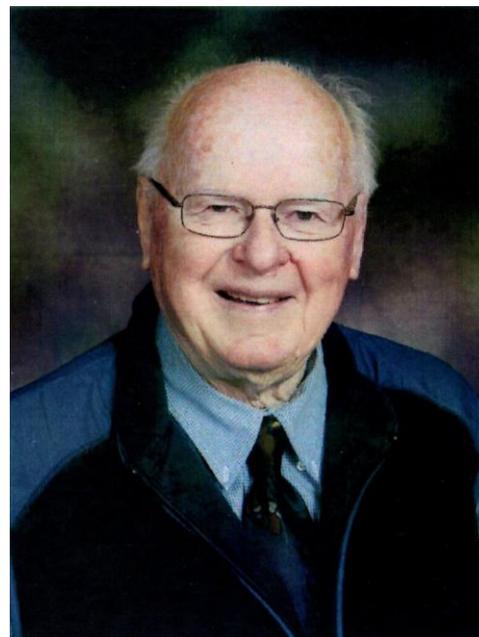
President's Message

Hello Parkland members;

It looks like spring is trying to break through but there is still a chill in the air. I know a lot of us are looking forward to gardening, golfing and generally enjoying the warmer weather of summer, as short as it is in this part of the world. I hope this finds you all in good health although we know as we get older that this is not always the case.

I would like to welcome the many new members who have signed up to join the Heritage Club this past year, I am certain you will enjoy the benefits that come with membership. Without new members the Heritage Club could not continue.

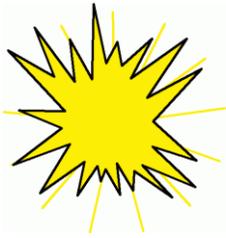
Once again I have the sad task of acknowledging the passing of one of our original Heritage Club members. Mr. Ed Kieller was the original secretary of Parkland Chapter and served on the executive until he stepped down a few years ago. Ed dedicated many hours to this organization and was an avid volunteer especially with the Literacy program. He, along with his wife Mary, were always available and willing to help in any way they



could for the betterment of the club. Ed will be missed by all who knew him.

Lloyd Rogowski
President Parkland Chapter 28

Psychologist - A person who encourages you to speak freely, and then charges you to listen.



Spring BBQ

Join us for our Annual Spring Barbeque

We have once again booked this year's BBQ at the Devon Lions Park gazebo



The date for the BBQ is:

Date: Thursday June 11, 2015
Time: Noon to 4:00 (lunch at 1:00 PM)
Location: Devon Lions Park Gazebo
Devon AB

The park is located in the river valley right next to the Devon Golf Course.

See the map at the back of this newsletter for directions to the park

Feel free to bring a bottle of wine, or other refreshment. This is a private park so we do not have the same restrictions on alcohol as we do with public parks

This BBQ is a fun event, and is very well attended.

The event goes "Rain or Shine" – the gazebo provides excellent shelter if it rains

Cost of the BBQ is:

- \$10.00 per person for paid up members and spouses
- \$ 15.00 per person for non-members

If you would like to attend, but require a ride, or need additional directions to the park, please contact any of the executive (see the list of club executive members at the back of this newsletter).

Please complete the BBQ Attendance Registration form enclosed with this newsletter, and send it along with your payment to the Heritage Club office, at the address indicated.

Quarterly Luncheon

In 2015, Parkland Chapter will continue hosting our popular quarterly luncheons and social get togethers.

Our next event for this year will be on:

Thursday May 28, 2015
11:30 AM

Buffet Royale
12866 Fort Road
Edmonton AB



Larry and Norma Kruger recently visited Equador, and visited with their Equadorian foster child. Larry and Norma will do a brief presentation and slide show on this most interesting trip.

Come and enjoy a great lunch at a great price, and share some good times with old and new friends.

Please call Rene Plouffe 780-476-7230 or Lloyd Rogowski 780-458-8936 to confirm attendance

Fall Banquet:

*Please Mark
your Calendar*

The Parkland Chapter Fall Banquet will be held:

Saturday September 12 2015.

Continental Inn
16625 Stony Plain Rd
Edmonton, Alberta,

Did you hear the excellent reviews on the entertainment at last fall's banquet? Do you wish you had been there for a great meal, and a terrific night of fellowship and dancing?

Well good news! We have secured the same group to entertain us again this year.

We hope as many of you as possible will make it out for an evening of fun and fellowship.

September 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 <i>Heritage Club Banquet</i> |
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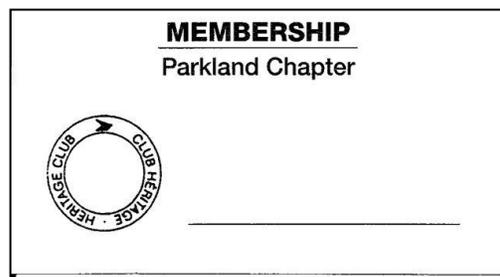
We will be sending out another Newsletter in late summer that will contain more information, but for now please reserve Saturday September 12, 2015.

Membership

The 2015 membership campaign is well underway.

If you have already paid your 2015 membership, you will find your 2015 membership card enclosed with this newsletter. If instead your newsletter contains a membership renewal form, then we have not as yet received your annual renewal, and we would ask that you please take a moment and complete the membership form enclosed.

Please remember that our Heritage Club chapter receives only a portion of our funding from the national office, and membership fees are necessary for the chapter to offer a range of activities and to keep everyone informed via newsletters and bulletins.



The annual dues in Parkland Chapter are still one of the lowest in the country at \$10.00 per member and \$10.00 for a spouse.

If you have any questions regarding your membership status, or if you are aware of a member that does not receive this newsletter, please have them contact Judy Broomhall at 780-481-8627 to confirm their membership status.



Change of
Address

Have you moved recently???

If you have recently moved or are planning a move, please let us know so that we can update our mailing list.

Please let us know by email at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com, by mail at The Heritage Club, 12135 - 149 St. Edmonton AB. T5L2J0, by contacting our membership coordinator Judy Broomhall at 780-481-8627, or by contacting any of the executive - contact information on the back page

Golf Group:



WOW - It's finally Spring!!! and we're once again anxious to get out on the golf course.

Our golf group will be up and running again this year, with the intention of organizing one golf outing per month for interested members.

There are no serious golfers here..... Just a bunch of posties out for some fun on the links. Come out and enjoy a fun round of golf with some of your old friends, and other retired Canada Post employees.

The golf group meets the 2nd Wednesday morning of each month.

We attempt to go to a different course each month. (Subject to being able to obtain tee times). If you are interested in joining us, please call either Bob Broomhall 481-8627, or Larry Kruger 485-0767.



Interested members will have to let us know at least a week in advance so sufficient tee times can be arranged.

If you have any suggestions on courses you would like to play, let us know as well.

The first outing this year will be Wednesday May 13, (time and location TBD).

OBITUARIES:

It is always with a heavy heart that we hear of the passing of some of our members. We have been made aware that the following people have passed away:

Arline Elke
Camille Snider
Ronnie Petruk
Edward Sandgren

Ed Parama
Harry Mydlak
Edward Kieller
Tom O'Donoghue

David Boyd
Margaret Pelster
Karen Quint

If you are aware of a member or a spouse passing, can you please contact one of the executive, and let us know the name, date, and any information that you may be aware of, as to their career with Canada Post.

New Members:

Parkland Chapter of the Canada Post Heritage Club is pleased to welcome the following new members to the chapter:

Diane Neiman - Edmonton
Harry Pabillano - Edmonton
Donna Spiller - Peace River
Cheryl Sorensen - Edmonton
Robert Sorensen - Edmonton
James Lang - Edmonton

Grace Knittle - Ardrossan
Janet Poulsen - Fort Sask
Margaret Miller - Edmonton
Byron Benson - Sherwood Park
Dawn Haines - Edmonton
Monica Stojan - County of GP

Gayle Acton - Edmonton
Bret Bell - Lacombe
Alan Mah - Edmonton
Darrell Atkins - Edmonton

What do you get when you cross a hospital with a skunk? - a medical scenter

Heritage Club Travel:



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2015

June 29, 2015 - 14 day Alaska Cruise on the MS Statendam. This ship cruises from Seattle return but does not repeat any ports. Visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Tracy Arm, Icy Straight Point (Hoonah), Anchorage, Homer, Kodiak, Hubbard Glacier, Sitka and Victoria—an amazing itinerary to see Alaska. Inside cabins start at @2099.00 CAD pp including all taxes.

August 16, 2015 - 14 day Alaska Cruise on the Oosterdam. This ship cruises back to back from Vancouver return visiting Ketchikan (twice), Juneau (twice), Skagway, Seward, Haynes, and Glacier Bay. Inside cabins start at \$2423.00 CAD pp including taxes.

September 15, 2015 - 10 day Hawaii Cruise on the Carnival Legend Vancouver to Honolulu
Enjoy five fun filled days on the ship before visiting, Hilo, Kona, Kauai, Maui and Honolulu. Extend your trip with a few days on the beach in Hawaii before flying home.
Inside cabins start at \$1075.00; Window cabins from \$1245.00 and Balconies from \$1435.00 Cad pp. Taxes are an additional \$186.39 pp and airfare from Honolulu home is extra.

NEW

July 20, 2016 - 35 Day Voyage of the Vikings MS Rotterdam. Boston return

Itinerary: Boston, Bar Harbour, Maine; Sydney, Nova Scotia; Corner Brook, Newfoundland; Red Bay, Labrador; Qaqortoq, Greenland; Cruising Prince Christianson Sound; Reykjavik, Iceland (2 days); Alesund, Norway; cruising Hardangerfjord; Eidfjord, Norway; Rotterdam, Netherlands (2 days); Dublin, Ireland; Douglas, Isle of Man, UK; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Akureyri, Iceland; Cruising Eyjafjord; Isafjordur, Iceland; cruising Isafjardjur; cruising Prince Christian Sund; Nanortalik, Greenland; St. John's, Newfoundland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Boston.

Inside cabins starting from \$8,048.00; Outside cabins starting from \$9,199.0; Veranda cabins starting from \$16,098.00. Taxes and fees are an additional \$710.17 CAD pp. All fares are CAD, based on double occupancy and availability at time of booking.

*******This itinerary is only offered once a year and always sells out very early. Book soon to get the cabin of your choice**

********* A number of members have already booked this cruise.

REMINDER: Be sure you have out of country travel insurance for any trip you book and that it is in effect before you pay for your trip. For those with MEDOC, ensure you have renewed your Heritage Club Membership for 2015 and paid your dues to be covered.

Call for further information or to make a reservation.

Van Fraser Heritage Club 604 482-4311

Parkland member Alma Labossiere has cruised several times with the Heritage club. Alma, second from the left, is pictured here with her travelling companion, along with Fred Danells and his wife Leslie, and another couple from Van-Fraser Chapter on a recent Panama cruise.





Post Offices of Central and Northern Alberta.

This issue will start a series of historical looks at post offices in Central and Northern Alberta. Over the years more than two thirds of the original post offices in Alberta have closed. Many of them have very interesting histories. For this issue, I have taken at random 3 post offices that have now closed, and 3 that remain open, and provide a bit of history for each.

Much of this history is taken from a book titled "Post Offices of Alberta 1876 - 1986", written by Neil Hughes of Edmonton. Sadly Mr. Hughes passed away in 2013. Mr. Hughes was an avid stamp and postmark collector. He spent 3 summers in the 1980's

travelling Alberta stopping at all the current and former post offices, collecting information about the office origin and history. I have also used the Government of Canada Library and Archives, and in some cases municipal websites and Wikipedia to verify and complete the information.

If you are aware of any errors or omissions in the histories presented here, please let us know. Also if there is a post office you would like to see featured in these articles, please let us know. We can be contacted by email at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com, or by mail at Heritage Club, 12135 - 149 St. Edmonton AB. T5L2J0

Closed Post Offices

Hercules AB. Opened 1913 -
Closed 1969.

A small hamlet in Strathcona County a little south-east of the present day Anthony Henday and Highway 14 interchange. Was also the post office for the hamlet of Bretona. The hamlet was named after the first postmaster E. Hercules Murphy. Other postmasters were Michael Murphy, Sep Savage, Joe Weismantel, and the last Postmaster Daniel Teske (1956 - 1969)

Mapova AB. Opened 1930 -
Closed 1968

A small farming area 10 miles west south west of Newbrook AB. The post office name was derived from the first letter of the

names of the first 3 settlers in the area, Musklak, Alho and Povawick. The first postmaster was George MacGregor. Other postmasters were Charles Schick, Leo Hemming, Joan Alho, and the last postmaster Violet Turner (1965 - 1968)

Venice AB Opened 1916 -
Closed 1970

A small hamlet on the rail line south west of Lac La Biche near Lake Missawawi. The post office was named by the first Postmaster Olive Jos Peter Biollo who came from Italy in 1902. Other postmasters were Miss Regina Biollo, Mrs. Annie Biollo, Mrs. Della Piquette, Mrs. Elizabeth Fornari, and the last Postmaster was Mrs. Fleurange Lefebvre (1963 - 1970).

Current Post Offices

New Sarepta AB. Opened 1905

A village south east of Edmonton on Highway 21. The village is named after the biblical town of Sarepta, a Phoenician city on the Mediterranean coast between Sidon and Tyre, mentioned several times in the bible including The Book of Kings, and Luke's Gospel. Many may recall the Edmonton Journal cartoonist Yardley Jones often featured New Sarepta, often asking where is Old Sarepta? - so now you know. The first postmaster was P.Elliott from 1905 to 1913. The post office was temporarily closed in 1913, and then reopened in the same year with Rev R. Reimer as the postmaster. Other postmasters were Gustave Henkleman, Alice Knopp, John Knopp and Myrtle Lehman.

Altario AB. Opened 1911

A small community on Highway 12 near the Alberta Saskatchewan border about 50km east of Consort AB. Originally on the railway line that served that area. The post office name was derived by a combination of the names Alberta and Ontario. The community had previously been called Wilhelmina, after the daughter of the first postmaster. The name was deemed too hard to spell, so the village was renamed in 1914 first to Bideford, then Saskalta, and finally to Altario. The first postmaster was P. Robinson. Other postmasters were Duncan McLeod, David Thomas, Palmer Swanson, Frank Formanek, Agnes Kreiser, James Donovan, Audrey Coates, Rolf Mandseth and Clifford Long

Innisfree AB. Opened 1905

A small community on Highway 16 (Yellowhead) about midway between Vegreville and Vermillion. The Post Office was originally opened as Delnorte, but the town was renamed in 1907 to Innisfree.

After the Canadian Northern Railway was completed, Sir Edmund Walker, then President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, made a cross Canada tour of the area on the newly completed railway. Upon stopping in Delnorte, he was taken on a tour by James Hunter, mayor of the village. They walked to the top of the hill to the south of the village where a considerable area could be viewed, and the story goes that Sir Edmund was very impressed with the beautiful view and Birch Lake. He stated that it reminded him very much of the Scottish town of Innisfree. Mayor Hunter is reported to have stated that the town would welcome a branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Sir Edmund assured him this could be arranged, if the name of the village would be changed from Delnorte to Innisfree. The bank was subsequently built and is currently being used as the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum

The first postmaster was John Norris. Other postmasters were Bruce Gibbons, Rand Gibbons, Percy Thompson, Bill Taylor, Lessia Napora and Henry Stasiuk

Did you Know ?

If a worker ant has found a good source of food, it leaves a scented trail that other ants can follow. Sweeping or mopping is not enough to eliminate the scent. Instead mix one part vinegar with three parts water in a spray bottle, then spritz whenever you see ants.

The Cheetah is the fastest land animal in the world. In a mere 2.5 seconds it can accelerate to a speed of 70 kilometers per hour, and it can reach a top speed of 100 kilometers an hour, but cannot sustain this speed for long.

Where does a computer mouse live ? - In a mouse pad, of course.

Heritage Club - Parkland Chapter 28

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The executive will do their best to serve the members of the Parkland Chapter in every way possible. Please do not hesitate to call any one of us to answer any of your questions.

You can now also contact us via our new email address. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to let us know by sending us an email at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com

Words to Live by:

- Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- Don't take yourself too seriously. No one else does.
- No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
- Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'

You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from, and start refusing to tell you where they're going.