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## President's Message

To all Parkland Chapter members,

Welcome to Spring 2016. I sincerely hope this finds you all in good health.

A number of our snow birds are now starting to return to enjoy the summer months we have in this part of the world. Many of you are gardeners and are looking forward to a good long growing season. I have heard some are already planting some root crop seeds and others are cleaning up the cabins and readying their recreational vehicles for the summer ahead.

This of course leads into the first of our seasonal activities, the Spring BBQ. This event has been very well attended in the past and I am certain that this year will be no exception. Your executive has most of the plans in place for this year's event at the Devon Lion's campground. I urge as many of you as possible to come

out and enjoy the beautiful setting, great food and camaraderie. If there is anyone who wishes to attend that does not have a way of getting out to Devon, please let one of the executive know and we will arrange to have someone get you there and back.

I would also like to remind everyone that our spring membership drive is still ongoing so if you have not already sent in your membership for 2016 it is not too late.

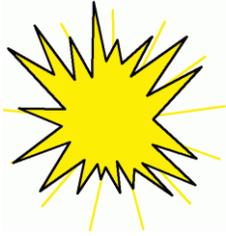
The BBQ and membership will be covered in more detail further in this newsletter.

So once again I wish you all a great summer season and hope to see many of you soon.

Lloyd Rogowski  
President Parkland Chapter 28

**WE'RE ON-LINE: Check out our new website**

Check out the latest Parkland Chapter news and activities and other chapters at: [www.heritageclub.ca](http://www.heritageclub.ca)



# 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 9, 2016  
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**

OPPS!! I guess we did not make it clear enough that the location of the February Luncheon had changed. We had a good turnout, but we understand that a number of members landed up at the old location.

Parkland Chapter will continue to host a series of quarterly luncheon and social get togethers. This year however, we intend to try and move it around a bit to various areas of the city. Please make sure you check the location of the event.

Our next event for 2016 will be on:

**Thursday July 7, 2016**  
**11:30 AM**  
 Buffet Royale  
 3318 Gateway Boulevard  
 Edmonton, AB

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION**

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.

Fisherman - A jerk at one end of the line, waiting for a jerk at the other end of the line

# Fall Banquet:

*Please Mark  
your Calendar*

The Parkland Chapter Fall Banquet will be held:

## **Saturday September 17 2016.**

Continental Inn  
16625 Stony Plain Rd  
Edmonton, Alberta,

The Annual Fall Banquet is another one of the club's very popular events. It is a chance to dress up a bit, and get out for a great evening featuring a great meal at a terrific price, along with a few hours of entertainment. All that with the added bonus of catching up with old and new friends to see what they have been up to over the summer, and compare winter plans.

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

2016 SEPTEMBER						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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and fellowship.

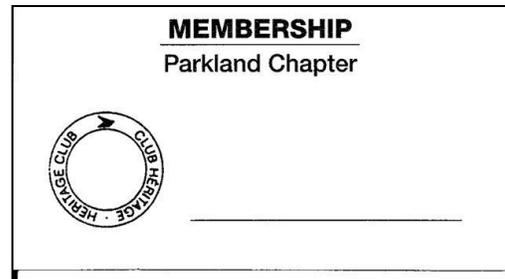
We will be sending out another Newsletter in late summer that will contain more information, but for now please reserve Saturday September 17, 2016.

# Membership

The 2016 membership campaign is well underway.

If you have already paid your 2016 membership, you will find your 2016 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](mailto:parklandheritageclub@gmail.com), or by mail at The Heritage Club, 12135 - 149 St. Edmonton AB. T5L2J0. You can also contact 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 –Spring is sprung – the grass is riz- I wonder where the golfers is.

Hopefully they are cleaning up their golf clubs, and getting ready to once again get out with friends for a few rounds of golf.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11, (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:

James Batiuk  
Reginald Bayliss  
Ambrose Cust  
John Demchuk

Roman Drynych  
Nestor Paul Krisco  
John MacIntosh  
Lillie McKay

Harry Miseck  
John Nimcan  
Dorothy Orlecki  
Frank Petrowsky

Marlene Schneider  
John Skitsko  
Danny Wong

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:

Florence Henning - Mayerthorpe  
Joy Perrot - Edmonton  
Brenda Steadman – Stony Plain  
Margot Jones - Millet

Nancy Mulyk – Grande Prairie  
April Steen - Edmonton  
Ivy Bochon Duffy - Sherwood Park

If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation.

If you work at it it's Golf - Bob Hane

# Heritage Club Travel:

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2016



**June 15/16 - 7 day Alaska cruise** on the Volendam, **VANCOUVER RETURN**, visit Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan, Tracy Arm and Glacier Bay. Inside cabins from \$1199.00 CAD and Window cabins from \$1439.00 plus taxes \$268.00 pp.

**June 20, 2015 - 14 day Alaska cruise** on the Maasdam, Seattle return. Visit Ketchikan, Tracy Arm, Juneau, Hoonah, Anchorage, Homer, Kodiak, Sitka, Victoria. Inside cabins start at \$2279.00 plus taxes \$477.00 CAD pp



**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 Christians Sound; Rekeyavik, 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 \$9,199.00; Veranda cabins starting from \$16,098.00. Taxes and fees are an additional \$710.17 CAD p.p. A number of members have already booked this cruise.

**September 17, 2016 - 7 day New England cruise** on the Rotterdam. Montreal to Boston (or back to back 14 days Montreal return) Visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbour., Boston. Inside cabins start at \$1679.00 plus taxes \$311.00 CAD pp.

**October 9, 2016 - 10 day cruise to California, VANCOUVER RETURN** on the Star Princess. Visit Los Angeles, Catalina Island, Santa Barbara and 2 days in San Francisco. No flights! This cruise was a highlight for members last year. Inside cabins starting at \$1349.00 plus taxes \$270.00 CAD pp. (\$75.00 Shipboard credit with Heritage Club group). **DON'T MISS!**

**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 2016 and paid your dues to be covered.

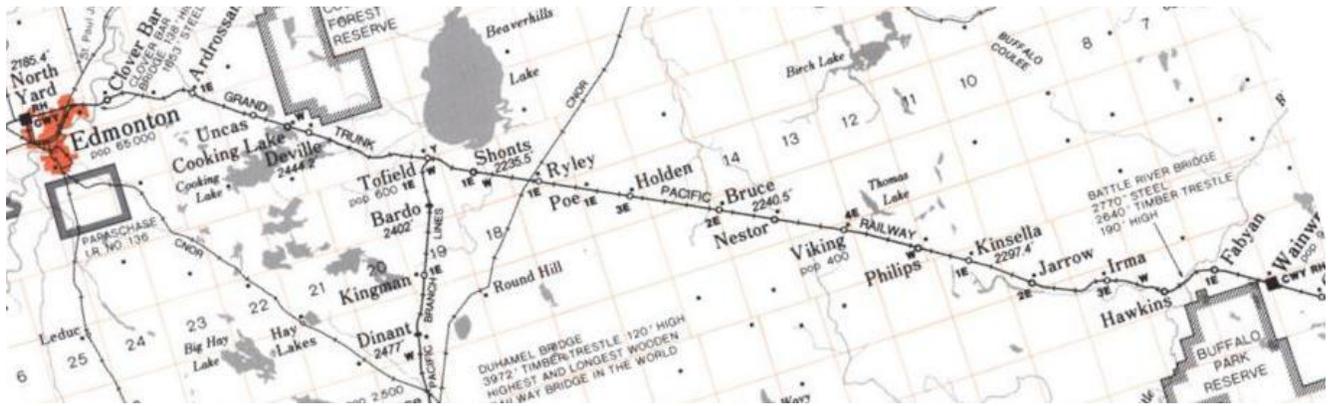
### HERITAGE CLUB Travel Contact Information:

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## Post Offices of Central and Northern Alberta.

Continuing in our series of historical looks at post offices in Central and Northern Alberta, for this issue, I have selected post offices along the old Grand Trunk Pacific Railway line which ran through East Central Alberta. It is currently the CNR line that parallels Hiway 14. The GTP was known as the Alphabet Railway. In the first decade of the 20th century, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway embarked on constructing a northern transcontinental railway across Canada in competition with the southern route taken by the CPR in 1885. The use of steam locomotives meant that railway stations and sidings needed to be constructed every few miles to service both trains and the influx of homesteaders that were about to pour into the vast unsettled Prairies. An unknown person or persons at the Grand Trunk offices took it upon themselves to systematically name each unnamed siding along the line in alphabetical order east-to-west. Across the prairies,

93 stations were named in the scheme, completing five rounds of the alphabet and the beginning of a sixth. The only breaks in the system come where there wasn't enough population to warrant a siding, or where the railway ran into a locality that already had a name. In each case, the letter would be skipped. The Grand Trunk also cheated a tad by mostly glossing over the letters Q and X

Many of these sidings became towns and took on the name assigned by the GTP, and so as we look at town names from Wainwright to Edmonton, (Wainwright, Fabyan, Hawkins, Irma, Jarrow, Kinsella, Meighen, Nestor, Poe, Ryley, Shonts, Tofield, Uncas, Ardrossan, Bremner, Clover Bar, Edmonton) we see the result of this naming convention. A few towns like Bruce and Holden already existed so the names were retained and do not follow the alphabetic sequence.

## Closed Post Offices

### Shonts AB

Approximately 8 km east of Tofield. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway established a siding here in 1909 and named it as one of the alphabetically named sidings after Theodore Perry Shonts, (1856-1919), president of several U.S. railroads. There was never a post office at this location, only the siding and grain elevator. The original elevator at Shonts, Alberta, has some historical significance. Around 1969 it was moved from Shonts, and is now a fully restored and operating museum piece at Calgary's Heritage Park. The Security Elevator Company Ltd. was a company formed to build grain elevators on the newly constructed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

(today part of CN). The Grand Trunk Pacific went out of business in the late 1920s. The Shonts elevator was the last elevator completed by the Security Elevator Company.

A second elevator was constructed and still stands next to Hiway 14 at Shonts between Tofield and Ryley. The western face is painted with the name "Dirty Shonts". The story apparently is that one Halloween some local boys altered the name from "SHONTs" to "SHORTs". Several years later some local boys were more daring and managed to paint the word "DIRTY" above the word "SHORTs".

### Poe AB                      Opened 1912 -Closed 1964

Approximately 8 km east of Ryley AB. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway established a station here in 1909 and named it as one of the alphabetically named sidings. It is named after Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), the American writer, literary critic, and essayist.

The post office operated at this site from February

1912 through February 1964. It was never much more than a post office and grain elevator site.

The elevator is still standing. It is the lonely sentinel east of Ryley on Hiway 14. It is one of only 2 remaining National Grain Company elevators still in existence.

What is a Nuclear Scientist's favorite lunch? Fission chips

The First Postmaster was C.H. McLennan. Other postmasters were Mrs. R.A. Bradley, George Kerr, Ole Kirkelund, James Bracegirdle, Frank Kolodychuk,

Martin Gienger, Wm. Thomson, Esther Kail, Helen Roloff, August Auch, and Arthur Auch

### **Uncas AB**      Opened 1925 - Closed 1968

An acreage subdivision within Strathcona County, approximately 30 km east of Edmonton. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway established a station here in 1909, and named it after the town of the same name in Oklahoma. James Fenimore Cooper introduced a character by this name in his novel *The Last of the*

Mohicans.

The post office operated from August 1925 through May 1968. Postmasters were; Jos. E. Harrison, Mrs. Kezia Harrison, Nick Shewchuk (30 yrs), Lilly Sank (10 yrs)

## **Current Post Offices**

### **Tofield AB.**      Opened 1898

Tofield, a town 65 km southeast of Edmonton on Hiway 14, was named after Dr. James Henry Tofield an English medical man who arrived at Fort Edmonton in 1882, and served in the North West Rebellion of 1885. Dr. Tofield eventually settled in the hamlet during the 1890s.

The first Tofield Post office was established in 1898 and was located about 5 miles north of the current town, close to the Logan Post office. A few years later, it was relocated to the current town site.

The early settlement of present day Tofield actually had 3 different town sites. The first site began in

1906 at a site southeast of present-day Tofield. Very soon after that, the town moved to a site north of the present town site near the proposed route of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Later that year the GTP decided on a route south of the second town site and the town was moved again, to its present location. Tofield was proclaimed a village on September 9, 1907 and became a town just two years later in 1909.

Tofield Postmasters have been; George Cookson (10 Yrs), C.H. Crest, Clarence Jamieson, J.W. Somers, Ed. Beirnes, Allan Clutterham (25 yrs), William Drew, Edith Dairson, Norman Glover (22 yrs), E.J. Nolan

### **Holden AB.**      Opened 1904

Holden was one of the locations where the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway used the existing village name. Holden initially underwent a few name changes. In 1903 the community began under the name 'Pleasant Ridge'. The first Post Office was established in 1904 under the name Vermilion Valley. In 1906, to remove confusion with the town of Vermilion, the name "Holden" was chosen in recognition of the first local member of the new Alberta provincial legislature, the late Mr. J. B. Holden. The Post

Office name was changed to Holden in 1907. The arrival of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, in 1909, opened up a whole new array of opportunities. Holden was formally incorporated as a village on April 14, 1909. Postmasters; W. Campbell, Norman Smith, William Campbell, E.W. Hayes, Dr. Samuel Farrell (20 Yrs), Walter Stewart, Eugene Bilyk (17 yrs), Mrs. O.M. Bilyk, Ronald Hanrahan, G.J. Schissler, Harriet Giebelhaus

### **Viking AB.**      Opened 1904

In 1908, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway using the alphabetic naming convention, originally named this siding and station "Meighen" after Arthur Meighen who was a federal MP at the time, but who eventually became Canada's ninth Prime Minister. The GTP did this despite there being settlement in the area. The Harland post office had been established in 1907 and was located about 2 km south east of present day Viking. The area residents did not want the name Meighen, and instead held a vote. The Scandinavian contingent, located mostly on the north side of the community wanted the name Viking, after the post office (1904-09) by that name

located approximately 10 km to the north east. Those on the south side, mainly Czechs, favored Prague, after the post office (1906-18) by that name located approximately 25 km to the south west. The Scandinavians must have turned out in greater numbers for the vote as the name "Viking" won the day. The Harland Post Office was renamed and moved to the new location in 1909, the same year that the first town council was formed.

Postmasters; Basil Hilliker (25 yrs), Howard Hilliker, Edwin Primett, Betty Lou Hockett, Howard Gilpin, John Willmer

Nursery Clerk: "And this is a dogwood tree". Customer: "How can you tell?"

Nursery Clerk: "By its bark"

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## 2016 Executive



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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](mailto:parklandheritageclub@gmail.com)

### **Restructuring the Canada Post Pension Plan: - Update**

This applies only to Canada Post retirees that have retired after Oct 1, 2000. Those members that retired prior to Oct 2000 are on the Public Service Superannuation Plan, and are not affected by these potential changes.

After much delay, the first meeting of the C&C Group was held on November 12, 2015, in Ottawa. The C&C Group representatives were scheduled to meet again in April and then two more times in 2016. It is hoped that with information now starting to be provided to our C&C Representatives, that we will soon start to hear something from that group.

The role of C&C Group representatives is to help facilitate the exchange of information between the Corporation and the Plan members they represent.

In addition, the annual Pension Report to members and the audited financial statements are normally completed by March 31, and then published 8- 10 weeks after that. The 2015 Pension Report to members and the audited financial statements should therefore be released soon. That report provides information about the pension plan's financial situation, investment performance, membership and services delivered to members. It is hoped that here will be a statement in that report updating the pension reform issue.

The safest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.