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President's Message

To all Parkland Chapter members,

Welcome to spring everyone. I hope winter did not treat you too badly even though it was a funny one to say the least. Looking forward to spring, summer and fall of 2018 I am hoping you all enjoy the coming year in good health. I wish to express our condolences to all who have lost loved ones in the past year and on the other hand welcome all the new members who have recently joined.

Our first event of the season is the spring BBQ. Details on this event are included in this publication. Please try to attend

this great function and enjoy good food and camaraderie. Throughout the summer there will be quarterly luncheons and golf outings followed in the fall by the annual banquet.

All these functions are quality affairs and I encourage as many of you as possible, especially the new members, to take advantage of these events.

I wish you all a good summer and hope to see many of you throughout the year.

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



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 7, 2018

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.

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

It's been a few months since our last luncheon. Spring is here, and members are starting to think about spring and summer activities. Why not make one of those activities a lunch out with old and new friends. Find out what other members have been up to over the winter, and what their plans are in the upcoming months.

The current location for our quarterly luncheons is the Beijing House Buffet, a Chinese buffet restaurant that our members have been very happy with in the past. We will continue to move the location around occasionally so that the luncheon locations are convenient for members in various areas of the city.

Our next luncheon for 2018 will be on:

Thursday July 5, 2018 - 11:30 AM



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).

Thursday July 5, 2018

11:30 AM

Beijing House Buffet

13619 St Albert Trail

Edmonton, AB

PLEASE NOTE THE 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.

*The four most satisfying words in the English Language
"I told you so"*

Fall Banquet:

*Please Mark
your Calendar*

2018 SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Heritage Club Banquet
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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The Parkland Chapter Fall Banquet will be held:

Saturday September 22, 2018.
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.

You also have 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 and fellowship.

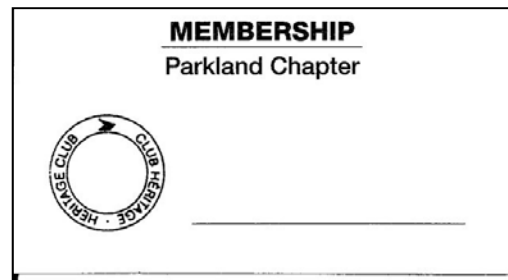
We will be sending out another Newsletter in late summer that will contain more information, but for now please reserve Saturday September 23, 2018.

Membership

The 2018 membership campaign is well underway.

If you have already paid your 2018 membership, you will find your 2018 membership card enclosed with this newsletter. If instead your newsletter contains a membership renewal form, then we have not 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, or by mail at The Heritage Club, 12135 – 149 St. Edmonton AB. T5L5H2. 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:



Finally!! After a long winter, the snow is finally gone, and the golf courses are back up and running.

Our golf group will also 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 retirees out for some fun on the links. So, clean up those golf clubs, and get ready to once again get out with some postie friends for a few rounds of golf.

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 Bob Broomhall at (780) 481-8627, or email parklandheritageclub@gmail.com

Interested members should 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 9, (time and location TBD).

Edmonton Food Bank



Parkland Chapter would like to organize a group of members to volunteer at the Edmonton Food

Bank one day a month. Talking to members at coffees and luncheons at various locations it seems that the 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm shift on Thursdays is preferred.

Paul Otto has kindly taken on the

challenge of organizing this group. He would like to build a roster from which to draw, enabling members to miss if need be. This would allow for a drop in numbers during the winter migration south, seeing to medical appointments, etc. If you are interested in joining our group in helping at the Food Bank, then please contact Paul Otto at protto@shaw.ca or phone 780-484-8636 (leave message) sorry no cell or text.

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:

Edward Bochon
Eva Kiss
Maude Purdy

Gladys Danchuk
Bernice Perrot
Valentin Kunik

Gloria Hogue
Alex Trufyn

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.

*The world tongue-twister champion just got arrested.
I hear they're going to give him a really tough sentence.*

New Members:

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

John Anderson - St. Albert
Janet Middlemiss - Edmonton
Joseph Cho - Edmonton
Sharon Sobotiuk - Edmonton
Lee-Anne Mulvihill - Jasper

Bernadette Szwajkowski - Edmonton
John Martin - Edmonton
Susan Rogers - Wembley
Earl Thorson - Edmonton
Anne Nixon - Settler

Did You Know?

Loblaws (Superstore) is offering Canadians a \$25 gift card as a result of overcharging for the cost of bread products in their stores and other grocery stores across Canada. Save-on-Foods is also offering a similar \$25 offer, through their More Rewards program. The Save-on-Foods offer will also give customers the option to re-direct their \$25 to a local food bank.

Many people have contacted Edmonton's Food Bank asking if they can accept these gift cards as a donation.

Unfortunately, due to the complexities of this situation, accepting gift cards directly does cause some issues, but the Food bank is encouraging donors to please support their work by considering one of the following means of help. In lieu of giving the actual \$25 gift card to Edmonton's Food Bank, they are hoping that you can do one of the following:

1) Accept your gift card and make an equivalent monetary donation to Edmonton's Food Bank.

If you wish to donate \$25 or more, you can do so securely online at;

edmontonsfoodbank.com/donate or feel free to send a cheque in any denomination payable to Edmonton's Food Bank to:

PO Box 62061
Edmonton, AB T5M 4B5

OR

Drop off your donations directly to Edmonton's Food Bank at 11508-120 Street (Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.)

2) Use your gift card to purchase and donate food.

Many people love the thought of donating their family's favorite items to Edmonton's Food Bank. You know your family's favorite will end up on the dinner table of another deserving family in need. Please consider purchasing healthy non-perishables items with your gift card and placing them in the donation bin at your local grocery store.

Please note: Registration forms for the Loblaws (Superstore) offer must be submitted by May 8, 2018 to be eligible.

*I don't think policemen should wear mirrored sunglasses.
The whole time he was chewing me out, all I could think was,- I need a haircut.*

Heritage Club Travel:



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITES FOR 2018

CANADA POST HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

May 6, 2018, - 7 day/6-night Alaska cruise, Vancouver to Vancouver, on the Noordam, visiting Tracy Arm (or Endicott) Juneau (overnight) and Ketchikan. Over 50 Heritage Club members have already booked this cruise. Limited availability. Call for low prices.

June 25 and July 2/18 - 14-day cruise to Alaska, Vancouver return, on the Norwegian Jewel, visiting Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway (twice), Seward, Icy Strait (Hoonah), Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Sawyer Glacier and cruising the Inside passage. Limited availability and low prices at time of printing. Contact the Heritage Club Office for current prices. You can also book a 7-day segment and fly to or from Vancouver.

September 26, 2018 -CRUISE PORT SAMPLER on the Volendam, - 23-day cruise Departing from Vancouver to Fort Lauderdale with stops along the Pacific Coast, Mexico, Panama Canal and the Caribbean - explore all four areas in one cruise! Visit San Francisco, 2 days/ overnight, San Diego, Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Chiapas, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama Canal, Aruba, Curacao and fly home from Fort Lauderdale. Insides from \$2600.00 plus taxes \$812.00.

October 4, 2018 -15 Day Cruise on the Emerald Princess to Hawaii. Vancouver return. Inside cabins from \$2535.00 CAD pp plus taxes. Visit Four Hawaiian Islands.

October 13, 2018 -15 Day Canada/New England cruise on the Rotterdam. Cruising from Quebec City to Tampa. Visiting Charlottetown, Halifax, Sydney, Bar Harbor, Boston, Martha's Vineyard, New York, Charleston, Key West and Tampa Florida. Experience the fall foliage, quaint towns as well as big cities. Inside cabins from \$2729.00 CAD pp plus taxes.

SPECIAL!!! - Cunard Cruise Line. The elegant and traditional Queen Elizabeth luxury liner is coming to Vancouver for 4 - ten-day Alaska cruises in 2019!!! This is a great opportunity for all who have had a Cunard Cruise on their bucket list but didn't want the flight or transatlantic cruise trip to Europe. The Heritage Club has a group of people already booked on the June 20/19 sailing and there are still a few cabins left. There are sailings leaving Vancouver also on May 21/19; May 31/19 and June 10/19. The Queen E. will depart and return to Vancouver visiting on route Ketchikan, Tracy Arm, Juneau, Skagway, Icy Strait Point, Sitka and Victoria. Call or email the Heritage Club office for availability and pricing.

REMINDER

Be sure you have out of country travel insurance for any trip you book and that it is active before any cancellation penalty fees are in effect for your trip. For those with MEDOC, ensure you have renewed your Heritage Club Membership for 2018 and paid your dues to be covered.

Contact the Heritage Club office for more information on any trips.

Van Fraser Heritage Club: 604 482-4311 or email: vanfrasernews@gmail.com

I was going to hang a map of the world in my house, and then put pins into all the locations that I've traveled to.
But first, I would have to travel to the top two corners of the map so it won't fall down.

Six Things Travelers Do That Get Them Into Trouble

Since he started a consumer advocacy website in 1997, author and travel writer Christopher Elliott has fielded tens of thousands of complaints from travelers who have encountered problems they want him to fix.

During that time, Elliott and his volunteer contributors have bucketed those complaints into general categories that offer consumers a roadmap to not needing his services by either resolving the problems on their own or avoiding them altogether.

Here are Elliott's top six tips to help travelers stay out of trouble, and keep them happy before, during and after their trip.

1. Take the time to fully understand what you are booking.

"Just because you can look up a fare and book it, that doesn't mean you understand the airlines' complex fare rules. The travel industry has its own rules and sense of logic, and most people don't understand it," he said, noting airline ticketing and refund rules and hotel prepay restrictions. "It's all illogical and even some airline customer service departments have a hard time explaining it."

For instance, a common problem is; the airline spelled my name wrong on my tickets.' Airline websites only print out what you, the consumer, put in. In most cases, if you catch your mistake within 24 hours, you can get it corrected with no charge. I'm shocked at how many folks do not review their confirmations.

2. Purchase travel insurance.

"Even just thinking about travel insurance isn't common," said Elliott, who believes half the complaints he and his staff review could have been avoided if the consumer simply had purchased travel insurance.

"Everyone thinks, 'My vacation is going to be fine. My connections will be fine.' And then they end up losing everything and contact me to get help. They send threatening letters to the local newspaper, or local TV advocate and that can sometimes work, but it would be so much easier if they had just purchased travel insurance," Elliott said.

'I got sick and I couldn't travel and want the airline/cruise/resort to refund my money.' Or 'my flight was canceled due to weather and the airline won't give me an overnight hotel.' In cases like this, that's what travel insurance is for. Even if it's just an airline ticket. if your flight is canceled and you need an extra day, most airline policies will only reimburse you up to



a certain amount.

3. Do your due diligence.

"Read the fine print before you purchase. Read it twice, and click once," Elliott said. "If you had taken the time to read everything, you might not even have purchased the product."

4. Plan for the unexpected.

"People are overly optimistic when it comes to travel. They think planes take off on time and that hotel rooms will be ready when they arrive. All of their dinner reservations will go flawlessly," he said. "The people who contact me for help thought nothing extraordinary would happen, but of course, something did. Travelers need to hope for the best, but plan for the worst."

5. Pack your manners with everything else.

"Often you will find people are their own worst enemy. When something goes wrong, they make it worse by their rudeness. A customer service representative is a human being, and if you treat that person, who probably isn't happy about the events surrounding your misfortune either, politely, you may never need to contact me," he said.

"But so many people have an event on the first day of their trip, they get really bent out of shape trying to fix the problem, and they end up ruining the rest of their vacation. If they had packed their manners, they likely would have had a much better trip."

6. Book through a travel agent.

"Most of the people who contact me think they can DIY their way through their vacation," he said. "I tell them, next time, find yourself a good travel agent, not just any agent. You'll keep yourself out of trouble that way. A good travel advisor tells the clients everything I do, so the consumer can make an educated decision and protect themselves."

*Why did the librarian get kicked off the plane?
Because it was overbooked.*

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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 also contact us via our 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

Did you Know?

An Alberta mailman, J.A. Lapierre, built a snow machine, to deliver mail between St. Paul and St. Lina, Alberta, in the winter of 1923. He replaced the front wheels of a Model T Ford with skis. The front wheels were then connected in tandem with the rear wheels and a double-length set of chains went on over each pair of wheels. He may have used an attachment designed to convert a Model T into a 'Snowmobile'. There were three or four companies in the market at that time. (see picture). The enclosed cab used heat from the radiator, and the machine looked not unlike an early snowmobile. It worked so well it was used as a taxi



Farm Specialty Manufacturing - Mailman's Special ca. 1926

to dances and meetings when the roads were otherwise impassable

A farmer counted 196 cows in the field. But when he rounded them up, he had 200.