



# Parkland News

August 2018

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## President's Message

Hello Parkland members. How is your summer going so far? I hope you are all well and enjoying it. Is it just me or are the days just flying by? It seems like this year we just jumped right out of winter and into summer and skipped right over spring. We did however have a wonderful spring BBQ, one of the best attended in recent years. It's great to see so many coming out and enjoying the great food and camaraderie and the weather was also on our side.

With Summer about half over we are now looking forward to the next big event which is our fall banquet and as I told many of you at the BBQ if we get the same kind of turnout it would be

fantastic. All the particulars for the banquet will be included further in this issue.

Our quarterly luncheons are being well attended and I urge anyone who has the time to come to these gatherings and enjoy a reasonable priced meal and great company. I am especially pleased to see some new faces at these events.

In closing, I wish all of you a good rest of your summer and hope to see many of you at the banquet and future luncheons.

Lloyd Rogowski  
President Parkland Chapter

**WE'RE ON-LINE:** Check out our website; [www.heritageclub.ca](http://www.heritageclub.ca) You will find additional event pictures and club information. Log on and have a look



If at first you don't succeed - try doing it the way your wife told you.



## Fall Banquet:

The Parkland Chapter Annual Fall Banquet is coming up soon. The banquet will take place on September 22 at the Continental Inn West.

A registration form containing all the information regarding this very popular event is attached as a separate sheet.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a very reasonably priced evening of great food, and entertainment with old friends and a chance to make some new ones.

If you would like to attend, but require a ride, please contact any of the executive (see back



### Details:

Saturday September 22, 2018.

Cocktails at 5:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Continental Inn

16625 Stony Plain Rd

Edmonton, Alberta,

page), and we will ensure arrangements are made to get you there and back home.

## October Luncheon & Annual General Meeting

Our next quarterly luncheon event will be a combined Luncheon and Annual General Meeting. The event will take place on:

**Thursday October 11, 2018**

**11:30 AM**

Beijing House Buffet  
13619 St Albert Trail,  
Edmonton, AB

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

The Annual General Meeting will take place immediately after the luncheon.

We know that AGM's are not always the most exciting, so we will try to keep it brief and keep it moving.

Don't worry about getting roped into something? We do open the floor for the nomination of executive positions, but a nominating committee **ALWAYS** has one or more confirmed candidates in advance of the meeting, so there is **NEVER PRESSURE** for nominated members to let their name stand.



This is a great chance to find out what the club has done throughout the year, to hear plans for the upcoming year, and to have a say in how your club operates.

### Coffee Get Togethers:

Are you an early bird? Several Edmonton and area members get together for coffee.

**North side** - 8:00 AM the first every Tuesday of the month - Londonderry mall- just outside A&W

**West end** - 8:00 AM - every Wednesday - Mayfield A&W (Stony Plain Rd & 170 St.)

## Spring BBQ:



Parkland Chapter's 2018 Spring BBQ was held on June 7 at the Devon Lions Park. We were once again blessed with a beautiful warm blue-sky day and we were able to all visit both inside and outside the large gazebo at this location.

It was great to see a lot of new faces at this event and of course it is always great to see old friends and have the opportunity to catch up on what people had been doing over the winter and share summer plans.

We continue to use this out of town location as the Devon Lions Park, is truly is a great location, and has excellent facilities for

hosting this type of event, but the executive worries that some of our members are reluctant to drive this far out of town. We would like to remind the membership that if you are unable to attend any of our events because of transportation issues, please get in touch with one of the executives and if we have enough advance notice, we will make arrangements to get a ride for you to and from the event.

We also want to say a great big thank you to Rene Plouffe for all his hard work in organizing this event.

## Golf Group:



The Parkland Heritage Club Golf Group continues to meet monthly during the golf season. We organize one golf outing per month for interested members. We attempt to go to a different course each month.

Not a serious golfer. Do you only play once or twice a year? Then you'll fit right in with this group. We are here for fun and camaraderie.

To date, we have had outings in May, June and July and we are planning outings in August, September and October. Call Bob Broomhall 481-8627 for more details

The only problem with golf is that the slow people are always in front of you and the fast people are always behind you.

# Santa Letter Writing Program:

I know, I know!! It's still summer, and who wants to be thinking of winter and Christmas, but planning is already underway for Parkland Chapter's support for the 2018 Santa Letter Writing Program. Starting in September. We will be actively looking for volunteers to help man the Santa Letter Writing Booth at the Festival of Trees in November (a great way to see the Festival of Trees for free), and of course in the preparation, and answering of children's letters to Santa Claus.

If you would like to help with either of these events, please give Bob Broomhall a call at 780-481-8627.



## New Members:

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

James Arnup	- Rosalind	Randal Peterson	- Edmonton
Lloyd Day	- Innisfail	Denise Schrader	- Fort Saskatchewan
Violet Hoffman	- Stony Plain	James Sit	- Edmonton
Brian Kelba	- Edmonton	Robert Wimpney	- Sherwood Park
Jayne Lyone	- Edmonton	Barbara Zeiser	- Camrose
Evelyn Michaels	- Edmonton		

## Obituaries:

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

Isabelle Augert  
Harold (Jim) Massey  
Ester Megley

Irene Phillips  
Patricia Zuk

If you are aware of a member's 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.

Don't know where your kids are in the house?  
Turn off the Wi-fi and they'll turn up pretty quick

# TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2018

## HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



**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/ over night, San Diego, Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Chiapas, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama Canal, Aruba, Curacao and fly home from Fort Lauderdale. Insides from \$2600.00 CAD plus taxes \$812.00 p.p.

**October 4, 2018 - 15 Day Cruise on the Emerald Princess to Hawaii**, Vancouver return. Inside cabins from \$2249.00 CAD pp plus taxes. Visit Four Hawaiian Islands.

**October 8, 2018 - 12 Day Cruise on the Norwegian Gem, from Quebec City to New York**. Enjoy the fall foliage, visiting Quebec City, Saguenay, Charlottetown, Saint John, Sydney, Halifax, Portland, Bar Harbour, Boston and New York. Call for current low rates from several promotions.

October 13, 2018 15 Day Canada/New England cruise on the Rotterdam, Quebec City to Tampa, visiting Charlottetown, Halifax, Sydney, Bar Harbour, 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 \$2338.00 CAD pp plus taxes per person.

**October 14, 2018 - 11 Day Cruise, San Francisco return on the Grand Princess**, visiting San Diego, Mazatlán, Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Inside cabins starting at \$1124.00 plus taxes per person.

**October 17, 2018 - 11 Day Cruise, Vancouver to San Diego, on the Eurodam**, visiting Astoria, Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Insides starting at \$1039.00 CAD plus taxes per person.

**November 22, 2018 - 15-day Cruise, Sydney Australia return on the Noordam**. Visit Sydney, Port Arthur, 2days, Hobart, 2 days, Adelaide, Kangaroo Island, Port Lincoln, 2days, Melbourne, Burnie, and Eden. Balcony cabins \$2625.00 plus taxes \$421.00. Insides from \$2040.00 CAD plus taxes. Air Vancouver to Sydney return from \$1200.00. Plan to stay a few days pre or post cruise to explore Sydney.

**May 14, 2019, - 4-night Alaska cruise to Ketchikan and return on the Golden Princess**. A great trip for new cruisers. Insides starting at \$561.00 CAD plus taxes per person. Great Mother's Day gift.

**June 20, 2019 - 10-day Alaska Cruise, Cunard Cruise Line**. The elegant and traditional Queen Elizabeth ship is coming to Vancouver 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 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 info on MEDOC and for more information on any trips.

Call the Van Fraser Heritage Club office at 604-482-4311 or email: fwdanells@hotmail.com to reserve or for more information.

How much does a pirate pay for corn?

A Buccaneer

## 1971 - The Postal Code is Introduced

In 1950, the total volume of mail moving through the Canadian postal system was 1.4 billion items, but by 1966, postal workers were processing 49 billion letters. The increase was enormous, and of course it demanded a larger work force. Between 1957 and 1966 alone, the number of postal staff increased from 30,000 to 44,000. In addition, due to the growth of the cities, letter sorters had to memorize huge amounts of information about letter carrier routes. This reality, combined with the desire to speed up the flow of mail, prompted postal administrators to acquire machines for automating the entire process of sorting, an initiative that inevitably required the introduction of the postal code. This first step in the whole process was taken in 1971.

The submission of a 1969 feasibility report to the Post Office department on establishing a postal code in Canada led to the creation of the Coding and Mechanization Branch the following year. Ottawa was chosen for the pilot coding and on 1 April 1971 it was the first city in Canada to be coded. The work then continued with the coding of an entire province, Manitoba was the first province to be coded and finally the rest of the country.

The Post Office department opted for an alphanumeric code, (ANA NAN). This flexible system allowed possible combinations in the neighborhood of 7.2 million postal codes. The three characters in the first group are a regional indicator; the second three are a local indicator. The first letter of the regional indicator refers to a very large area, such as a province or a substantial part of a province. The other two characters indicate an urban area or a group of towns or villages. The characters in the local indicator determine the address of one side of a street, a building in a city or a rural post office. Consequently, there is real precision in the alphanumeric system. It is superior to the American zip code of only five numerals, which ultimately is only equivalent to our regional indicator alone. The British postal code, which is five to seven characters, is closer to our own, but the comparison stops there,

for the numerals and letters in that system are not always in the same order.

The postal code, at first had to be typed so that it could be machine-readable by an Optical Character Reader (OCR) sortation machine. Since 1990, however, it has been possible to read even handwritten codes thanks to the Multiline Optical Character Reader (MOCR), a machine, which, by 1994, could also cancel letters. With the newest MLOCR technology each machine can now process more than 36,000 letters per hour (10 letters every second).



The introduction of the postal code with its attendant upheaval of the work environment did not pass without friction. The job losses caused by automation were a great cause for concern for the unions. The 1970s were punctuated by a series of strikes, compounded by a national campaign to boycott the postal code (1972-1976). The unions attempted to persuade citizens and business people to refrain from using the postal code until postal workers had received their fair share of the profits generated by use of this new technology. The tense labour climate of the time made these years among the most difficult in post office history.

However, mechanization moved ahead, and the total mechanization of mail processing ushered in by the postal code was one of the biggest changes in the Canadian postal service since its beginnings.



Sticker produced by CUPW to support  
their boycott of the postal code.  
(Canadian Union of Postal Workers)

## Aviation Museum marks 100 years since first airmail flight in Alberta

The Alberta Aviation Museum on Kingsway Avenue in Edmonton recently marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first airmail flight in Western Canada.

It's hard to believe in this day of instant messaging, but at the turn of the 20th century mail delivery could sometimes take weeks or even months.

All that began to change on July 9, 1918 when famed American aviator Katherine Stinson was doing an aerial performance at the Calgary Exhibition grounds in her Curtiss Special biplane. As a promotion for the event, she was given a sack of 259 letters, which she flew 300 kilometres north to Edmonton, arriving to great fanfare.

"Girl Aviator Flies with Mail from Calgary to Edmonton — Gets Great Reception from Fair Crowd," read the headline in the Edmonton Bulletin. It was the first delivery of mail by air in western Canada and only the second airmail flight in all of Canada.

Throughout 1918, Stinson a pioneer aviator actually flew at six Alberta cities — Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Camrose, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. Her July 9, 1918 flight from Calgary to Edmonton was the first non-stop flight



between two major Western Canadian cities and the first air mail flight in Western Canada.

A re-enactment flight of that historic event was organized by the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society on July 9, 2006. For that re-enactment flight, there were 259 specially stamped letters flown in the same vintage mail bag.

Making the flight for the second time was a letter carried on the first flight in 1918. It was written by Henry Waterhouse and mailed to his wife, Arabella, who was visiting a relative in Edmonton. The letter was acquired for the flight from a grandson of Waterhouse who lives in Texas. The letter is one of only 23 known original letters still remaining.

A pioneering aviator and heroine, Stinson helped show the way for women pilots.

## Did you Know??

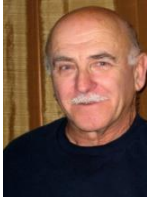
An air mail contract helped finance Trans-Canada Airlines (which later became Air Canada in 1965). On March 1, 1939, a daily air mail service began between Montreal and Vancouver. It was extended to the Maritimes

in January 1940. On July 1, 1948, Canada became the first country in the world to introduce domestic "all-up" service. First class mail was carried by air at regular postage rates.

If you have a headache, do what it says on the Aspirin bottle.  
Take two and keep away from children

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## 2018 Executive



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## Canada Post Review and Pension Implications

On May 5, 2016, the Minister of Public Services and Procurement launched an Independent Review of the Canada Post Corporation with the objective that the Corporation provide quality services to meet the needs of Canadians at a reasonable price in a financially self-sustainable manner. One of the significant items in that review was the solvency issue of the Canada Post Pension Plan.

On September 12, 2016, the review task force published their discussion paper titled "Canada Post in the Digital Age - Discussion Paper, 2016". It was subsequently delivered to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates which was to examine the results of the task force and to consult Canadians on the future of Canada Post. The Committee completed their work and then presented their observations and recommendations to parliament on December 13, 2016.

On January 24, 2018, the government announced a new vision for Canada Post. It dealt with only a few of the many issues studied by the task force and the Parliamentary Standing Committee. There was no mention of the pension issues as part of the January 2018 announcement.

Copies of both reports and the government press release on the new vision for Canada Post have been posted on our website [www.heritageclub.ca/parkland/articles](http://www.heritageclub.ca/parkland/articles).

On June 23, 2017, regulatory changes came into force designed to ease the burden of solvency deficit payments for federally regulated defined benefit pension plans. This change has allowed for a further delay in Canada Post having to make any special payments in 2018.

Based on estimates as of December 31, 2017, the defined benefit component of the Plan was funded at 114.1% on a going-concern basis and 81.1% funded on a solvency basis.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.