



Parkland News

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President's Message:

Hello everyone, and welcome to the 20's. We look forward to a new year and a new decade and hope that this year finds you all well and able to take on the challenges of the unknown in the year ahead.

We urge everyone to keep up their annual dues to enable the club to continue to work in the community and to supply the membership with quality activities. Also, to take advantage of the great benefits available to members such as Johnsons Insurance, Good Life Fitness and the excellent travel opportunities offered by the Van-Frazer chapter.

Your executive is actively working to ensure all upcoming activities will be enjoyable for all, so we hope to see everyone make an effort to attend them.

Until then I wish you all the best in the New Year

Lloyd Rogowski
President Parkland Chapter

Upcoming Events

Bowling
2nd Tue of the month

March Lunch
Mar 26, 2020

Spring BBQ
June 11, 2020

Fall Banquet
TBD

Annual General Meeting
Oct 8, 2020



WE'RE ON-LINE:

Our website; www.heritageclub.ca has undergone a facelift. Log on and have a look

*I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner.
All it was doing was collecting dust*

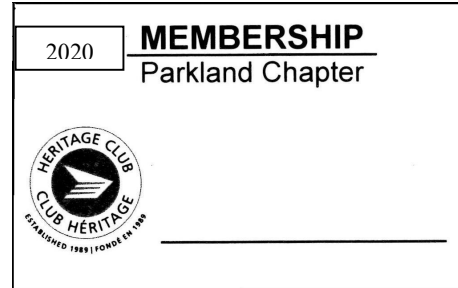


MEMBERSHIP:

The 2020 membership drive is now underway. Please complete the enclosed membership form and submit your 2020 membership dues by mailing the form, and your cheque to the address shown on the form, by February 15, 2020.

Please remember that our Heritage Club chapter receives only a portion of our funding through the national office, (from Canada Post Corporation, and other club sponsors), and that your membership dues represent a large portion of our chapter's annual income.

We are updating our membership database with email addresses for those that have them. **We encourage you to provide an email address, if you have one,** as it is a quick and cost-effective way of quickly informing members of news items and upcoming events between issues of the newsletter.



Members will receive a card like the one shown above as acknowledgement of payment

If at any time you are unsure of the status of your membership dues, or have any other questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact your membership representative, Judy Broomhall at (780)481-8627 or parklandheritageclub@gmail.com .

Reporting Volunteer Hours:

Each year our chapter President submits a report of all volunteer hours worked by members of the chapter. These hours include not only volunteer hours with the Heritage Club, but also time worked in community events such as; fundraising activities, work done with religious or seniors' organizations, or working with children groups, example coaching. Anything relating to volunteering counts in the report.

The Heritage Club National Community Service Award is awarded each year to a chapter demonstrating that they are actively meeting our club's motto of "people helping

people". Parkland Chapter has won this award in the past in large part because of the number of volunteer hours reported by our members.

Please help us demonstrate that we are one of the most active chapters. There is a Volunteer Hours reporting form on the bottom of the Membership Renewal form. This form should be used to report volunteer hours worked by members of Parkland Chapter for the betterment of the community. Please specify if the time worked is per week, month, or year,

Annual General Meeting:

The 2019 Annual General Meeting was held October 10, 2019 at the Buffet Royale restaurant on Fort Road in conjunction with the October quarterly luncheon.

At this meeting, the positions of President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer were up for election. Lloyd Rogowski was re-elected as President; Paul Otto was re-elected as 2nd Vice President and Bill Kubitowich was re-

elected as Treasurer.

Congratulations to the above members and thank you for allowing your name to stand. Our thanks also to the Nominating Committee.

A date was set for the 2020 Annual General Meeting. The 2020 AGM will be held on October 8, 2020 again in conjunction with the October quarterly luncheon.

*The four most beautiful words in the English language.
"I told you so"*

Quarterly Luncheons

In 2020, Parkland Chapter will once again be hosting quarterly luncheons and social get togethers.

Our first event for 2020 will be on:

Thursday March 26, 2020

11:30 AM

Buffet Royale (west end)
17202 95 Ave NW,
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.



Santa made a visit at the Christmas Luncheon held on December 12.

2019 Fall Banquet:

On Sunday September 20, Parkland chapter held their annual Fall Banquet. This year we tried something a bit different, with a Sunday afternoon banquet. Members were treated to a great meal followed by some entertainment from a local quartet that had members singing and dancing throughout the event.

Members also had the opportunity to visit and catch up with news from old and new friends.

A raffle of several donated items raised \$300 to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Parkland Chapter added some additional funds for a total donation of \$1,000.

If you have not attended a banquet, or have not attended for a while, we would encourage you to consider attending this event next fall. The executive works hard to make this the very best deal around for a terrific meal and an evening of entertainment.



The executive is currently reviewing the date and location for the 2020 Fall banquet. It has been agreed that if possible, it will be on the weekend of Sept 19/20. We will have more details in the Spring newsletter

Spring BBQ

Your club executive is already busy planning the 2020 Spring BBQ.



Mark your calendar. The 2020 BBQ will take place on Thursday June 11 at the Devon Lions Park.

We will be sending out another Newsletter later in the spring that will contain complete information about this popular event, as well as the usual registration form.

*Maybe a Rolling Stone gathers no moss
but they do get grey hair.*

Food Bank



In November we were re-packaging potatoes

Thank you to all those members that have come out to help at the Food Bank this past year. Because it has become a popular event, we have now committed to having a crew at the Food Bank the third Thursday of every month.

Everyone that has joined us has enjoyed the experience and are often surprised at the volume and variety of food that comes in for donations, and the variety of jobs that must be done.

We know everyone has other obligations so we would like to continue to build our core list of volunteers for this once a month adventure, so that we always have enough volunteers to meet our commitment.

If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers working the food bank, please contact:

Paul Otto

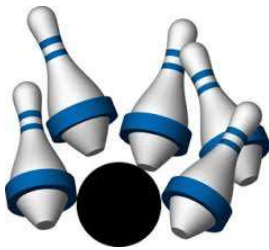
Heritage Club Food Bank Coordinator

780-484-8636

protto@sha.ca

If you know of anyone else that would be interested, please pass this on to them.

Bowling:



Several members have asked that we form a bowling group, so we are offering a bowling outing on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

1:00 PM at:
The Bronx Bowling Centre
12940 – 127 Street, Edmonton.

If you would like to join us, please let us know by calling Lloyd Rogowski at 780-458-8936 or by email at: l62strat@gmail.com

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:

Anne Serbin
Edward Sharun
Steve Cheung

Helen Karpo
Howard Faust
Marvin Fedorak

Ronald Badry
Olive Bourgeois

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

*Bifocals are God's way of saying
"Keep your chin up"*

New Members:

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

Gordon Cameron
Ray Bunner
Peter Balaban
Constance Kluczny

Edmonton
Sherwood Park
Edmonton
Winfield

Michele Courtemanche
Patricia Gregoire
Wayne Hazelden

Edmonton
Westlock
Sherwood Park

Santa Letter Writing Program 2019

Every year, kids from across the country write to Santa, and every year, Canada Post works hard to make sure those letters reach the North Pole – and that Santa’s replies reach their destination too.

The national program has been around for more than 35 years, and in that time answers to more than 26 million letters – in more than 30 languages, including Braille – have been mailed.

But even before that flurry of activity in December, the Northern Alberta Postal Elves are already busy.

Edmonton Festival of Trees – November 29 – December 2

The 2019 edition of the Santa Letter Writing Campaign got started on November 27 with the setup of the Canada Post booth at the 35th edition of the Festival of Trees, a fundraising event for the University of Alberta hospital. Our Heritage Club



volunteers then manned the booth over the next four days of the festival from Thursday to Sunday.

During that time many thousands of children and parents visited the booth, and over 3,200 children wrote a letter to Santa and posted it in the on-site mailbox with direct bag service to the North Pole daily.

Santa’s Workshop

Starting on Monday December 2, member volunteers started the all-important work of sorting, counting, bundling and dispatching children’s letters to the large number of volunteer elves that assist Santa with answering the thousands of letters he receives from children in the Parkland area. This year the Parkland workshop handled over 43,000 children’s letters in a 3-week period.

And then something Amazing Happens.

Over a 3-week period from December 2 to December 20, volunteer letter writers, both active employees and retirees, took precious time at a busy time of year to provide a personalized reply from Santa to all 43,000 children that wrote to him.

Our thanks to all our wonderful volunteers that helped make Christmas just a bit more special for thousands of children.



*The closest a person comes to perfection
Is when they fill in a job application.*

2020 TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES CANADA POST HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



March 15/20 – 48-day cruise, Repositioning from Fort Lauderdale to Vancouver, all around South America on the Koningsdam. Visit Barbados; French Guiana; 3 ports in Brazil; Uruguay; Buenos Aires, Argentina (overnight); 3 ports in Chile plus cruising the Chilean fjords; cruising through the Strait of Magellan; Peru; Costa Rica; Nicaragua; Guatemala; Puerto Vallarta; San Diego; Victoria and disembark in Vancouver! Inside cabins from \$5499.00 plus taxes. Call for a brochure and current promotional prices.

May 3/19 – 13-day Spring Bus tour visiting; Rapid City South Dakota for five days seeing all the parks in the area, including Mount Rushmore, Custer, Badlands, Deadwood and 2 days in Yellowstone National Park. Call for availability.

NEW!! Partnership with Collette Tours.

October 17, 2020 - SHADES OF Ireland, Highlights are Dublin, Irish Evening, Choices on Tour, Kilkenny, Waterford, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Jaunting Car Ride, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay.

February 17-28, 2020 - Sunny Portugal. Visit Portuguese Riviera, Lisbon, Sintra, Obidos, Fatima, Evora, Alentejo, Sagres, Lagos and more. \$4179.00 pp includes air, hotels and some meals.

April 14-20, 2020 - Reflections of Italy. Visit Rome, Assisi, Florence and Venice. \$5664.00 pp includes air, hotels and some meals. Call for information brochures.

June 22, 2020 10-day Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth. Vancouver Return. Visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Icy Straight, Victoria and both Hubbard and Glacier Bay. Inside cabins from \$2014.00 plus taxes. Call for current price as prices fluctuate regularly.

July 13, 2020 14-day cruise on the Maasdam. “A classroom at sea”. Visit Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway, Anchorage, Homer, Haines, Inian Islands, Valdez, Misty Fjords, Tracy Arm, Hubbard Glacier on this Vancouver Return Trip. A unique opportunity to explore the coast in depth with special lecturers, photography expert, local culinary experiences. Opportunities for fishing. Call the Heritage Club for detailed information sheets. Call for current price.

October 16-28, 2020 12- night Eastern Canada/ New England cruise on the Empress of the Seas. Cruising from Montreal to Miami, visiting Quebec City, Sydney, Halifax, Saint John, Bar Harbour, New York, Port Canaveral and Miami. Inside cabins from \$1097.00 CAD per person including taxes and Oceanview from \$1216.00 CAD pp including taxes. Air fare is extra. Plan to stay in Miami post cruise.



SAVE
\$100
per person* on any tour!

Plus, use offer code **HCSAVE** to learn about special seasonal savings of up to **\$500 per person!***

Call Collette at 866-446-5075 or contact your travel professional and ask for Collette.

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 2020 and paid your dues to be covered. Contact the Heritage Club office for info on MEDOC and for more information on any trips. Also, information for MEDOC coverage for your family and friends
Van- Fraser Heritage Club: 604 482-4311 or email: vanfrasernews@gmail.com

Heritage Club - Membership Benefits

There are many benefits to joining and maintaining an active status in the Canada Post Heritage Club. See our website for details on many of these offers.

1. Reduced prices on club activities, such as the Spring BBQ and Fall Banquet.
2. Access to MEDOC Travel Insurance through Johnson Insurance. A comprehensive group travel insurance plan that provides up to \$5 Million emergency medical coverage when travelling outside your province or outside of Canada, for an unlimited number of trips less than 40 days. Extended coverage is available for up to 182 days. This is one of the most affordable travel policies around. See our website for more detail.
3. Access to reduced rates on Home and Auto Insurance through Johnson Insurance. Discounts of up to 35%.
4. Access to reduced membership fees at Goodlife Fitness. Members of the Heritage Club get a 50% discount off the regular prices. This includes access to all GoodLife locations. World renowned Group Fitness classes, and professionally trained staff assist you in achieving your goals. You must be a paid member of the Heritage Club to get the discount and you will require your Heritage Club number to access the information regarding this program. To learn more about this offer, go to our website.
5. Access to a great corporate rate at all Choice hotel properties worldwide. Includes; Comfort Inns, Quality Inns, Econolodge and Rodeway Inns.
6. Telus Mobility - Heritage Club / Canada Post Purchase Plan. Discounts on cellular phones and cellular phone services. Available from an Ontario dealer, but they ship for free. Cell plans are very competitive – members should check prices locally as well.
7. Heritage Club Scholarship Program - 2020
The Heritage Club awards three (3) scholarships to children or grand-children of all dues paying members of the Heritage Club. The scholarships are valued at \$1,000 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.



HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 2020

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Dependent children, including adopted children and stepchildren, grandchildren, wards in legal guardianship of all active members (dues paying member for the last 2 years) of a Heritage Club Chapter. Applicants who have previously received a Heritage Club scholarship are not eligible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Submissions must be postmarked on or before June 28, 2020

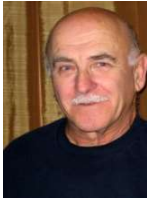
HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please contact Lloyd Rogowski, Parkland Chapter President at: parklandheritageclub@gmail.com

*A Fire Hydrant
Has H-2-O on the inside and K-9-P on the outside*

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2020 Executive



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Helen Chrapko

Doreen Rogowski

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

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.

2020 Pension Advisory Council (PAC) Election

For members that have retired after the year 2000, an election will be held in early 2020 to elect three members to represent the retired members of the Canada Post pension plan. The term of the existing elected members expires in May 2020 and an election will be held between January and April. The election results will be announced in May.

Eligible pension plan members will have the option to vote by mail, online or by telephone.

A letter mailed to eligible Plan members at the end of January will provide all the details. You can also visit the pension plan website cpcpension.com > Governance > Pension Advisory Council.

Travelers and snowbirds are reminded to use the Canada Post Mail Forwarding service to ensure they receive the nomination kit and personalized voting instructions.

Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud