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President's Message

Hello everyone. How are you all coping during this very strange year? We are now midway through the year and a lot of us have not ventured far from home, and with the uncertainty down south our snowbird friends will probably be staying home this winter as well.

Even though all essential functions such as grocery stores and drug stores stayed open with great safeguards, certain other facilities are just now opening such as schools, cafes, and many other businesses.

I wish to welcome our new members and assure them that we will keep everyone informed as our year progresses as to

which club activities may start up again.

Our volunteer coordinator Paul Otto has arranged to have a small group of our volunteers work our usual monthly commitment at the Edmonton Food Bank. More information from Paul can be found further in this newsletter as to what precautions are being taken.

So, I wish you all well. Stay safe and remember we are here to answer any questions you may have.

Lloyd Rogowski
President Parkland Chapter



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

Santa Letter Writing Program:

Well it has been a strange year with a lot of activities being postponed or cancelled, but Santa has told us that he is expecting it to be business as usual at the North Pole, and just like Canada Post he is going to deliver Rain, Sleet or Snow.

So, Parkland Chapter will once again be assisting Canada Post with the annual Santa Letter Writing Program. We are anticipating that our Santa Letter Writing Campaign will operate pretty much as usual, with the exception that there will be no Festival of Trees this year, as the festival has been cancelled.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the sorting and prepping of mail to be answered, with appropriate safety measures of course. And then there is the huge task of assisting Santa with replying to every one of the letters he receives, which is an activity that can safely be done from home.

It is quite a simple process.

- You let us know how many letters you would be willing to answer (multiples of 20).
- We will mail out to you the requested number of letters, along with a matching number of reply letters and envelopes.



The golf group that normally meets monthly during the golf season was postponed for this year. After the decision had been made to postpone this activity, golf courses reopened. A further decision was made to wait and



Much like golf, the bowling group suspended activities in March. Bowling alleys were reopened in late June, but it was decided to wait until the fall to



- The reply letters are already written for you – you just need to add a P.S. (and we will send you a list of appropriate postscripts).
- You address the return envelope and put them in the mail at your local Retail Postal Outlet, or even in your local Street Letter Box.
- If you would like to do a few each week let us know how many, and we will send some out each week.

If you would like to help with the Santa Letter Writing Campaign this year, please give Bob Broomhall a call at 780-481-8627, or send us an email at: parklandheritageclub@gmail.com.

assess the safety of this activity. Ultimately it was decided that even though golf resumed with no problems, that it was too late to resume that club activity for this year. We intend to resume the golf outings on schedule next spring. Call Bob Broomhall 780-481-8627 for more details.

restart this activity if there is enough interest shown. If you are interested in bowling once per month on a very non-competitive fun basis, please contact Lloyd Rogowski at 780-458-8936

Food Bank

Group volunteering is back at the Edmonton Food Bank but now we are limited to only six people. Gloves and masks are now mandatory. They have an abundance of hand sanitizer and soap to use. Some changes to ensure the 2-meter rule include wider hamper lines, doubling the width of the sortation tables and reducing the capacity of the volunteer lounge. Automatic faucets and soap dispensers and levered door handles have been installed to reduce touching.

If you feel comfortable with the new set up feel free to contact me and sign up to



volunteer. We have a shift on the third Thursday every month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Next one is October 15.

Paul Otto
Heritage Club Food Bank Coordinator
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New Members:

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

Wendolyn Moro-Brown Edmonton
Pamela Wotschell Provost
Iris Smith Camrose

Wendy Moores Fort Saskatchewan
Guido Iroume Legal
Lorraine Billson Fort McMurray

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

Irene Apostal
Greg Bannerman
Doris Chelak
Dennis Faust

Mark Gates
Anne Henson
Earl Kjelland
Lena Mereska

William Mykitiuk
Annie Polack
Dianne Thew
Ernie Wakariuk

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.

Travel Opportunities:

As you might expect, Heritage Club travel opportunities have been postponed for the foreseeable future. However, that does not stop us from doing a little dreaming, a little research, and some limited planning on where

we might want to venture once it is again safe to travel.

We hope to be back soon with this popular activity.

Coffee Get Togethers:

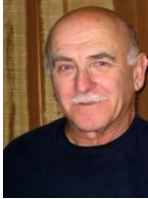
Are you an early bird? Several Edmonton and area members get together for coffee.

North side - 8:00 AM the first 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.)

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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

Postal History:

Following a very successful restoration project of what may be the last remaining Railway Mail Car left in Canada, the Vancouver Fraser Chapter of the Heritage Club has asked for our help in collecting any stories and experiences from former Railway Mail Clerks. The information collected on the Railway Mail Service has primarily come down to us from old Canada Post publications. As the last Railway Mail Service ended in 1971, CPC employees who worked in this branch of the service are now getting on in years, and now would be the time to collect those stories and photos for posterity.

The first Railway Mail Cars appeared on Canadian railways in 1854 and were the first to

be used in North America. Railway Mail Service revolutionized traditional mail transportation by increasing processing and delivery speeds and reaching remote and isolated communities.

If you know a former Railway Mail Clerk who would be kind enough to donate some anecdotes from their service or any photos, please have them contact any of our executive or email: vanfrasernews@gmail.com directly.

Any "Postie" or Rail enthusiasts visiting BC should plan to visit the West Coast Railway Park in Squamish, which houses this last remaining Railway Mail car, as well as other attractions like Canada's most beautiful steam locomotive, the Royal Hudson.