



Newsletter, Winter
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PINERIDGE Chapter

What's to come at a glance:

- Mandarin buffet luncheon
- Casino outing
- Great Bus Tours
- Annual Golf Tournament

President's Message

Dear Members,

I would first like to thank all the new members who have joined our Chapter recently, as well as all our returning members. Your continued support in our Club is very gratifying and an indication that we are doing something right.

I would also like to thank my team members: Vice President Debbie Greenwood, Treasurer Bernie Snyder, Secretary Jack Vitto, as well as our support staff. Without their help and commitment, it would be an impossible task to operate a Chapter successfully.

For the members who attended our Christmas Banquet, we thank you for your participation and friendship, and we look forward to any feedback, good or bad, as well as your suggestions for improving next year's event.

In this, the first newsletter of the New Year, I wish that 2017 be a good year for you and your family, and we look forward to seeing you at some of our activities.

J. P.

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier
President
Pineridge Chapter**

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2016

Thursday, March 16, 2017, noon: Luncheon Buffet at The Mandarin

Wear the green and plaid for a pre-St. Patrick's Day luncheon as we meet at noon at The Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Road, in Pickering, for our first luncheon of 2017 at this location. Register early by sending in your cheque, and don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Banks.

NOTE: The Mandarin raised their prices over a year ago and we unfortunately have to now keep up with rising costs: the new price is still a very low **\$14** for members, \$17 non-members. If you factor in a non-alcoholic beverage, taxes and tips, this is still a great value for a great buffet. Seniors, please bring your ID.

Contact **Bernie** at (416-439-9505) to reserve and mail in your cheque to:
Pineridge Heritage Club, 629 Markham Rd., PO Box 90593, Scarborough ON,
M1H 3G7.

Saturday, April 1st, 2017: Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Join Time Of Your Life Tours for one of the most adored musicals in Broadway history, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Explosive dance numbers, plenty of laughs, and unforgettable tunes make this a spectacular musical a perfect theatre experience. Prior to the show, enjoy a full course luncheon of choice at the Napa Grille and Wine Den in Cambridge.

The cost is \$110 per member person, which includes motorcoach transportation, reserved orchestra seats, all taxes and meal tip.

Contact **Time of Your Life Tours** at (416) 224-0684 to reserve.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 11:00 am: OLG Slots at Ajax Downs

Join us for a shot at riches! We meet at the Ajax Casino, located at 50 Alexander's Crossing (1-866-445-3939), in the lobby. If we can get 30 participants, we can offer each person coming a \$10 freeplay voucher, and a weekday lunch menu that has seven choices starting at only \$7.77.

Contact **Jack** at (416) 319-6643 to register for this event.

Week of June 11, 2017: Mystery Tour

Back by popular demand is the "Mystery" Tour. Last year, everyone who went on this tour raved about it. We don't have a lot of details presently, all we know is that it will be great food and entertainment, and crossing an international border is not involved. Our next newsletter will have more information.

Contact **Debbie** (905) 706-5285 for more information or to reserve.

Friday, June 23, 2017: Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Calling all golfers in the Pineridge, Humber, Simcoe and Trent-Severn Chapters: The annual golf tournament and dinner will be held at the same location as last year, Lakeridge Links/Whispering Ridge Golf Course, located at 1355 Brawley Road, Brooklin.

The cost has remained the same now for the last few years: \$70 per member with no cart, \$83 for a senior/member with a cart, and a non-senior \$88 with a cart. The tournament will be followed by a prime rib dinner and many prizes will be awarded. When registering, please advise us if you require a cart, as we need to reserve these as soon as possible.

Contact Les Kimmerer to register at (705) 320-9480. Cheques should be made out to Pineridge Heritage Club, 629 Markham Rd., PO Box 90593, Scarborough ON, M1H 3G7. Please indicate what you are paying for. All registration should be completed by May 31st.

The Local News

Our sympathies (some belated) to the friends and family:

William Murray, Attilio Ciano, Hans Dirnaichner (John Dirner), Robert Brown, Sophie Broderick, Beverly King, Anis Khan, Fausto Torchia



Sam Chuck, a founding member of the Pineridge Chapter, Heritage Club.

Mary Aiken, spouse of John Aiken, who was a past Vice President of Pineridge Chapter

Hugh Burgess (CPC HO)

Congratulations to New Members/Retirees and/or 25 year Veterans

Frank Del Vecchio, James R. Dempsey, Ernest W. Poirier

Did you Know?

The Canada Post Heritage Club motto is “People helping People”. With that in mind, your Pineridge Chapter donates generously on your behalf to worthwhile charities every year.

In 2016, we helped the Canada Post Community Foundation for Children, the Salvation Army, the Sick Kids and Children’s Wish Foundations, as well as a special donation to the Red Cross towards the Fort McMurray disaster.

On top of that, at every function, we collect hundreds of kilos of non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank.

Election Results

The election call for the positions on the Pineridge Executive Committee resulted in no new candidates coming forward, so the incumbents were automatically re-instated.

Awards

Congratulations to John Stotts, a founding member of the Pineridge Chapter, who has received from Governor General David Johnston the prestigious Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers, to complement his existing award of the Governor General’s Caring Canadian Award. In 1987, John also won the Volunteer Service Award from the Government of Ontario.

Santa Claus Letters

A big thank you to all our members who participated in the Santa Claus Letter Writing Program 2016. You were a big help to Santa and you are very much appreciated every year.

The “L I F E is G O O D” Section

“I miss being able to slam my phone down when I hang up on somebody. Violently pressing “end call” just doesn’t do it for me!”

“When I was your age, we had to walk to the TV to change the channel.”

“I hate it when I see an old person and then realize that we went to high school together.”

“If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed”. -- **Mark Twain**

“Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself”. -- **Mark Twain**

“I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle”. --**Winston Churchill**

“A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul”. -- **George Bernard Shaw**

“Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries”. -- **Douglas Case**

“Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else. -- **Frederic Bastiat**, French economist

“Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it”. --**Ronald Reagan**

“In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. --**Voltaire**

“No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session”. -- **Mark Twain**

“The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other”. -- **Ronald Reagan**

“The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin”. -- **Mark Twain**

“We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office”. -- **Aesop**

My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, “fried chicken.”

She said I wasn’t funny, but she couldn’t have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my Dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do too, especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the Principal’s office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the Principal’s office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don’t understand: my parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn’t like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most. I told her “Colonel Sanders.”

Guess where I ended up.....

P O R T R A I T o f H E R O E S

“Beam Me Up, Scotty” - James Doohan



James Doohan was born in Vancouver, British Columbia. Doohan was a successful character and voice actor best known for his role as Montgomery "Scotty" Scott in the television and film series Star Trek. Doohan's characterization of the Scottish Chief Engineer of the Starship Enterprise was one of the most recognizable elements in the Star Trek franchise.

At the beginning of the Second World War, Doohan joined the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the 13th Field Artillery Regiment of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division. Doohan went to the United Kingdom in 1940 for training. His first combat was the invasion of Normandy at Juno Beach on D-Day. He is known for shooting two snipers and leading his men to higher ground through a field of anti-tank mines, where they took defensive positions for the night.

Crossing between command posts that night, Doohan was hit by six rounds fired from a Bren gun by a nervous Canadian sentry. He was hit four times in his leg, one in the chest, and one through his right middle finger. The bullet to his chest was stopped by a silver cigarette case given to him by his brother. His right

middle finger had to be amputated, something he would conceal during his career as an actor, although it can be seen in various Star Trek scenes.

Doohan then trained as a pilot and flew the Taylorcraft Auster Mark V aircraft for RCAF 666 Squadron, as a Royal Canadian Artillery Officer in support of the 1st Army Group Royal Artillery. Although he was never actually a member of the RCAF, Doohan was once labeled the “craziest pilot in the Canadian Air Force”. In the late spring of 1945, on Salisbury Plain north of RAF Andover, he slalomed a plane between telegraph poles to prove it could be done, and earning himself a serious reprimand.

Doohan was considered by some to be one of the most giving and affable stars of the Star Trek franchise and a war hero. Doohan died in 2005 due to complications of pulmonary fibrosis, which was believed to be exposure to noxious substances during World War II. Some of his remains in ash form were flown into space after his death.

Pension Update: **Canada's unions call anti-pension bill C-27 a betrayal**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Canada's unions are organizing against Bill C-27 a new piece of federal legislation that enables Crown corporations and federal private-sector employers to back out of defined-benefit pension commitments.

"This bill was announced without consultation or advance notice, though it directly contradicts election promises to stabilize and improve retirement security," said Canadian Labour Congress President Hassan Yussuff, who wrote a [letter to Finance Minister Bill Morneau](#) outlining the CLC's opposition to the bill.

Currently, defined-benefit (DB) pensions provide stability and security to employees because employers are legally obliged to fund employees' earned benefits. Already earned benefits are legally protected. Bill C-27 removes employers' legal requirements to fund plan benefits, which means that benefits could be reduced going forward or even retroactively. Even people already retired could find their existing benefits affected, after paying in their entire working lives.

The bill would also invite employers to establish inferior, less-secure target-benefit (TB) plans, and persuade individual members to give up their DB benefits in exchange for the new plan.

"Bill C-27 invites employers and other plan sponsors to abandon their pension promises to employees and retirees, downloading virtually all plan risks brought on by market volatility from employers to workers and retirees," Yussuff wrote to Morneau. "This is an unconscionable betrayal of the legal rights and protections of plan members."

In 2014 Stephen Harper's Conservatives launched public consultations on a similar framework, but after overwhelmingly negative feedback from unions, retirees and other stakeholders, they scuttled the idea.

"This is very dangerous legislation that was even rejected by Harper's Conservatives, and I'm urging the current government to abandon it now," said Yussuff.

Yussuff noted the sole jurisdiction where employers are allowed to back out of promises to pay already-earned DB pensions is New Brunswick. Since 2012, when New Brunswick's Conservative government introduced their legislation, New Brunswick has seen class action lawsuits, constitutional challenges, and

plummeting defined-benefit planned membership.

“Instead of following the Conservatives’ example, we urge the federal government to strengthen and expand pension and retirement security. If they instead go ahead with C-27, we are prepared to work very hard to ensure Canadians’ opposition is heard loud and clear,” said Yussuff.

The Annual Christmas Banquet, 2016 - Well attended by 120 members



Newsletter Distribution

This newsletter is produced quarterly and is distributed to every member and associate who has paid the annual dues to the Pineridge Chapter. Also, a general distribution is made once a year to every person currently listed as retired, or has 25 years of service in our Chapter area. Articles of general interest for the newsletter are always welcomed from our members, as well as any feedback, suggestions, etc.

New Members

New members will receive our newsletter in the current year of retirement; after that, they need to signify their intent to join by paying dues to the Chapter in order to continue receiving our communications. Our membership year runs from **January to December** and costs only \$10 per member, \$10 per spouse. If you are no longer mobile, but still want to keep in touch by receiving only the newsletter, the cost is \$5.

Membership dues for the following year are due with the last newsletter of the year, in October. Remember: annual dues paid by our members are instrumental in keeping our chapter active.

Do you have any suggestions for trips or special events you would like to participate in? Are you looking to find like-minded travel partners? Give our V-P Debbie a call: dagreenwood4@gmail.com, 905-706-5285 or 905-683-5750. She will research the most economical trip for you and may know of individuals who are interested in the same event.

Volunteering

The motto of the Heritage Club is “**People helping People**”; we would like to know of any activity you are currently participating in that benefits people and/or the community, and how many hours you spend at it per month. This is one of the criteria we are measured on by CPC, and it affects our yearly funding.

Life Events

Have you had any life events you would like the Heritage Club to announce? Marriages, births, special anniversaries (i.e. 50th wedding anniversary), deaths, hospitalizations, etc. Let us know so we can pay tribute.

Membership Advantages

In order to benefit from all the advantages and discounts offered by JOHNSON Insurance, MEDOC travel insurance, and GOODLIFE Fitness, you must mention your Heritage Club Membership Number, and you must have paid your membership dues to a Heritage Club Chapter for the current year. Some Corporate discounts are also available at some hotel chains, check our web site.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE FORM

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MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL SLIP - January to December

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Renewal for Self?__ Couple?__

Email address (optional):

Reminder: have you enclosed your dues?

Amount Enclosed:

Send the completed above forms and/or information to: Pineridge Heritage Club, 629 Markham Rd., PO Box 90593, Scarborough ON, M1H 3G7. You may also phone our Treasurer, Bernie: (416) 439-9505. **Cheques for luncheons and membership dues** should be made out to **Pineridge Heritage Club**.

For bus trips, make cheques out to **Time of Your Life Tours**, and send to 500 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite 203, Toronto ON, M2N 6H7, (416) 224-0684.