



Newsletter, Spring
April 2017

PINERIDGE Chapter

What's to come at a glance:

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

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Winter is about to leave town and the beautiful weather is just around the corner. I hope you will take a moment and check out our upcoming events, and then join us for some fun activities.

Thank you to all those members who have renewed their membership for 2017 and welcome to the new members. Your yearly participation in the club is so important, as it allows us to put out a newsletter four times per year, and to organize subsidized lunches, bus trips, golf tournament, annual banquet, as well as many gifts and awards at these events.

The Heritage Club is your club, and it is what you make of it. It is always a great opportunity to maintain those work related friendships you've developed over the years, as you adopt a more leisurely type of lifestyle.

Do come out soon to meet your friends and old colleagues. We will be happy to greet you.

J.P.

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier
President
Pineridge Chapter**

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2017

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 11:00 am: Luncheon at the Ajax Downs Casino

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 around 11:00 AM, and then look for one of the Heritage Club Executive. If we can get a fair number of participants, we can offer each person coming a \$10 freeplay voucher, and help yourself to their weekday lunch menu that has seven choices starting at only \$7.77. Contact **Jack** at (416) 319-6643 to register for this event.

Thursday, June 8, 2017, noon: Luncheon Buffet at The Mandarin

Join us for lunch as we meet at noon at The Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Road, in Pickering, for our second luncheon this year at this location. Register early by sending in your cheque, and don't forget, we are still collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Banks. Our new price is still a very low **\$14** for members, \$17 non-members. 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.

Tuesday June 13 – Friday June 16, 2017: Mystery Tour

Back by popular demand is the 14th Annual "Mystery" Tour. Last year, everyone who went on this tour raved about it. We never have a lot of details (obviously!), all we know is that it will be great food and entertainment, and crossing an international border is not involved. It's a circle tour, so you will be staying in 3 different hotels, there are 8 included meals plus great live entertainment. As always, we have a great driver and escort team to look after you, plus you will be picked up at your home by limo and return you there after the tour. Cost: \$895.00 per person, double occupancy. A deposit is required, followed by completed payment by May 13th.

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:

Peter Bourne, Letter Carrier

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

Wendy Ali, Eugene H. Nolk, Richard Zuber

Going the extra mile

The Irish postal system has long been known for its ability to successfully deliver letters despite incomplete addresses, but the letter delivered to a young woman in Dingle, County Kerry, might top them all.

Andy Langlois was trying to make contact with Anne Long, an acquaintance of his in Dingle, but was unsure of the address and name.

But he had heard about Ireland's stellar reputation in this area from his own time living in Kerry and decided to take a shot.

The only address he wrote is the following:

"To: That leggy blond girl Anne who lives kinda down the road from that jeweler's shop on the right across from the water, up that road and bear right. She has that fancy new shed. Nice girl too, glad she's back in town. Dingle. County Kerry. Ireland".

Imagine the sheer delight when Anne received the letter and wrote back informing him. The United States Postal Service boasts that "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed round." In Ireland, they might add or "half written address or no address at all except a physical description of the woman and the area she lived in."

The “L I F E is G O O D” Section

Zen Teachings

Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of payments.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably well worth it.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Some days you are the dog, some days you are the tree.

Good judgment comes from bad experience ... and most of that comes from bad judgment.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

We are born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on our ass ... then things just keep getting worse.

Some days you eat salads and go to the gym, some days you eat cupcakes and refuse to put on pants. It's called balance.

Some things are better left unsaid, which we generally realize right after we have said them.

POSTAL RECOLLECTIONS

We are always grateful to get feedback from our readers, and in this case, we have a great memory from the Toronto Forward Mail Section, circa 1950's.

Our contributor is Daniel Mulvihill, who had a long and storied career in Canada Post, both in Toronto and Ottawa, from his humble beginnings as a Toronto mail clerk, and up to senior executive positions at Head Office.

Here is his special recollection:

Hi J.P.

You have asked a couple of times about contributions to your Heritage news. I was wondering if you might consider some stories about events that members have experienced during their postal careers. It could be memorable events, people who had an influence on them, humorous stories etc. I would like to offer a story about an individual who had a profound effect on me. His name was John Cunnane and he was my first supervisor in Canada Post.

First, a little explanation of the circumstances and atmosphere at the Post Office when I first joined in December 1949.

In those days the evening forward mail shift was from 5:30 P.M. until 12:50 A.M. Junior people worked every Saturday night, had every Sunday night off as well as a night off through the week every second week. My particular weeknight off was every second Tuesday. Not great news for a 19 year old guy, particularly in the Toronto of the 1950s when most things were closed on a Sunday and that was the only night you had to howl, except for that every second Tuesday (oh joy!).

Many of the clerks were returning war veterans and the management tended to be very authoritative and rigid, "do as your told types". For example, if you called in sick, particularly on the night shift, you would often get a visit from a Post Office supervisor to make sure you were truly sick. They did not stop with an assurance by someone in the household that you were home, they would insist on coming in and seeing you personally. I recall one instance when a supervisor came to the house where I was boarding and insisted that he be let up to my bedroom so that he could verify that I was there.

Now the story about John.

I came from a little village outside Orillia and had not made many friends in Toronto. One particular Friday night some of my friends were down from Orillia

and were having a party which I dearly wanted to attend. I thought I would be clever as I knew booking the whole night off on sickness would probably elicit a visit. I went to work as usual but suddenly became very ill around 9 P.M. I went to John and explained that I was very sick and could I go home. John gave the okay and of course away I went to the party. Again being very smart (I thought) and cautious and knowing the shift ended at 12:50 a.m., I decided to stay at the party until after 2 a.m. to make sure I didn't run into anyone from the Post Office on their way home.

I took the St. Clair Street car a little after 2 a.m. thinking I was in the clear. When the car stopped at Yonge St., who gets on the car and sits right in the seat in front of me but John Cunnane. They had worked hours overtime that night.

Well I thought there goes my Post Office job as I was yet to get my permanent appointment. John never said a word, although he looked directly at me when he got on the car. Two weeks went by and John never said a word as I sweated every night wondering when the ax was going to fall.

Finally on a subsequent Friday night John approached me and I thought, here it comes. He said he had been talking to my cousin, Father Claude Mulvihill, and he had told Father Claude what a sickly young man I had become and would Father say some prayers for me. With that John walked away and I never heard another word.

I never forgot that lesson and often used John's example when dealing with disciplinary situations. After I retired, I was asked to help Bernie Lockman organize the Heritage Club. I made a point of making sure that John was a founding member of the Humber Chapter in Toronto. No one deserved it more.

The attached picture is of the Forward Division ball champions in 1951. John is seated in the first row, 3rd from the right. There are 4 Heritage Club founding members in that photo. John, Wally Castrucci, 2nd from the left in rear row, yours truly next to Wally, and Ernie Kimber, 5th from the left.

Let me know if there might be any interest in this type of input. I'm sure there might be some doozies out there.

Regards

Dan Mulvihill

Editor's Note: Thank you, Daniel, for a great memory. I hope there are more "doozies" out there. If you have any, please send them in.

The Forward Division Ball Champions
The Matinee Champs 1951



Front Row: Frank Lappin (2nd from right), John Cunnane (3rd from right), Charlie Boyd, Evening Forward Supt. and later Operations Supt. for T.O. P.O. (4th from right), Frank Shrimpton (2nd from left)

Back Row: Wally Castrucci (2nd from left), Danny Mulvihill (3rd from left), Dave Sheppard (4th from left), Ernie Kimber (5th from left), Lenny Sople (1st from right)

PORTRAIT of HEROES**Piper James Cleland Richardson, VC**

By Emily Monks-Leeson

This is the story of Piper James Cleland Richardson, awarded the Victoria Cross (VC) for gallantry during the Battle of the Ancre Heights on October 8, 1916 at Regina Trench, Somme, France.

Born in Bellshill, Scotland, on November 25, 1895, Richardson immigrated to British Columbia where he served as a piper in the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. In September 1914, he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) and went overseas as part of a large Seaforth contingent of the 16th Battalion (Canadian Scottish).

On October 8, 1916, Richardson's company was held up by uncut barbed wire and intense fire as they attacked German positions at Regina Trench.

Richardson's commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Cyrus Peck, later wrote of Richardson's extraordinary courage. As the unit lay trapped in the shell holes of "no man's land," Richardson, a teenager who had played the company "over the top," sought the commander's permission to play his pipes again. In full view of the Germans, he marched up and down the wire entanglements playing his pipes where his fellow soldiers lay. His citation for the Victoria Cross states, "The effect was instantaneous. Inspired by his splendid example, the company rushed the wire with such fury and determination that the obstacle was overcome and the position captured" (London Gazette, no. 30967, October 22, 1918).

Amazingly, Richardson survived the attack and was detailed to take a wounded comrade and several prisoners of war to the rear. Realizing that he had left his bagpipes behind, he returned to recover them. Richardson was never again seen alive.

The remains of James Cleland Richardson were located in 1920 and he is now buried in Adanac Military Cemetery near Albert, France. His bagpipes, long believed lost to the Somme mud, were identified in 2002 as being in the possession of Ardvreck Preparatory School in Scotland, part of a 1917 donation by British Army Chaplain Major Edward Yeld Bate. They are now on display at the British Columbia Legislature.



How to Find the Hero in your Family Canadian Military Records, WW1 and WW2

If you have a relative who served in the Wars, you may be able to get information about them. The records are available at The Library & Archives Canada and some are searchable online.

First World War (1914-1918) Service Files are currently being digitized on the website: www.bac-lac.gc.ca. For records that are not yet digitized, there are instructions on how to order copies from the database. The same goes for Service Files of the Second World War – War Dead, 1939-1947. This database can be searched on the same website, and copies ordered as well.

To obtain Military Records for WW2 (not killed in action), you need to submit an application form. This information is available free of charge from The Library & Archives Canada. There are some restrictions when accessing personal information for an individual who is still living. Consent must be provided. For those recently deceased, proof of death and relationship must be provided.

Newsletter Distribution

This newsletter is produced quarterly and is distributed to every member and associate who has paid the annual dues to the 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.

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 your community, such as fund raisers, work with health, religious or seniors organizations, coaching children groups, etc., and the 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. You can report these hours on your dues renewal form.

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), special awards, 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.

YOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP

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FORMS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE FORM

Name:

Old Address:

New Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL SLIP - January to December

Member Name:

Name of Spouse:

Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Renewal for Self?__ Couple?__

Email address (optional):

Amount Enclosed:

Do you do Volunteer Work?

Name of Organization:

Hrs. per Month:

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.