



Newsletter, Summer
August 2017

PINERIDGE Chapter

What's to come at a glance:

- Buffet luncheon
- Fall Bus Tours
- Christmas time Banquet
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President's Message

Dear Members,

We are already well into Summer and we are looking forward to your participation, as always, into our planned activities.

If you think of something you wish us to pursue, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us on the Executive: the health of this Chapter resides with YOU!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our luncheons and bus trips, and this year, by popular demand, we are going back to the Centennial College Culinary School for our Christmas time banquet. We hope to see you all there and please reserve your spot early.

Wishing you all an enjoyable late Summer as you continue to enjoy this 150th year of Confederation, and a very nice Fall season.

J.P.

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier
President
Pineridge Chapter**

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2017

Thursday, September 7, 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 luncheon 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 price is **\$14** for members, \$17 for non-members. Seniors, please bring your ID

Contact **Jack (416) 319-6643** to reserve and mail in your cheque to: Pineridge Heritage Club, 629 Markham Rd., PO Box 90593, Scarborough ON, M1H 3G7.

Saturday, September 9, 2017, 13:00: Trent Severn Golf Tournament

Trent Severn Chapter is having their annual charity golf tournament at the Deer Run Golf Course, 10 Brook Street, in Little Britain (8 km south of Hwy. 7 on Elm Tree Rd., south of the flashing light). The cost is \$70.00 each, and includes 12 holes with a cart, steak dinner, prizes, putting contest 3 balls for \$5.00, 50/50 draw. Contact Les Kimmerer at (705)-320-9480 or trentsevern22@hotmail.com. Please reply by September 1, 2017.

Saturday, October 7th, 2017: The Colours of Autumn in the Blue Mtns.

On this enjoyable autumn tour, travel north to the town of Singhampton, to enjoy a luncheon at the long-established **Mylar & Loreta's** (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) This popular restaurant has been serving delicious home-cooked style meals for almost 30 years. The luncheon will be a full course roast turkey served 'family style' (*salad to start, followed by platters of roast turkey, potatoes and vegetables, plus tea/coffee and 'Sticky Toffee' cake with caramel sauce for dessert.*) After lunch, onwards to Collingwood to have a look at the new **Blue Mountain Village** with its shops, restaurants and hotels before motoring on to Thornbury via scenic Hwy. 26. From Thornbury, drive into **Beaver Valley**, enjoying scenery and the colours of Fall. Return to Toronto by way of Rosemont, with a stop at the historic **Globe Restaurant** to enjoy an afternoon tea (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. approx.) before motoring home.

Just \$85.00 per person for a member, \$89.00 for non-members, which includes motor coach transportation, morning shopping stop at **Rock Garden Farms**, all taxes and meal tips.

Contact Time of Your Life Tours (416) 224-0684, and mention you are a Heritage Club member to get the \$4.00 discount.

Thursday, November 23rd, 2017: Festival of Northern Lights in Owen Sound

Imagine yourself here ... surrounded by the magic of 70,000 sparkling Christmas Lights that run 25 km from the harbour through the downtown into Harrison Park, illuminating the night skies over Owen Sound. Come join in and enjoy this festive spectacle along with a delicious Buffet Dinner at Owen Sound's **Inn on the Bay**. Your motor coach will take a 'circle tour' route to and from Owen Sound, travelling via Collingwood and the Blue Mountains to Owen Sound, and then return home directly via Shelburne and Orangeville. An included coffee and muffin stop is enjoyed on the way to Collingwood, where we follow Hwy. 26 west viewing the Blue Mountain ski hills and Nottawasaga Bay enroute to Owen Sound. Upon arrival, we'll make our way to the Inn on the Bay for a buffet dinner (4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) After dinner we pick up our Guide for a tour of **Owen Sounds 'Northern Lights' displays** (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) After this enjoyable spectacle, it's homeward bound.

Just \$90.00 per person for a member, \$93.00 for non-members, which includes motor coach transportation, guide services, all taxes and meal tip.

Contact Time of Your Life Tours (416) 224-0684, and mention you are a Heritage Club member to get the \$3.00 discount.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 12:00-15:00: Christmas Banquet

Join us for a festive Christmas Banquet at the award winning Centennial College Culinary School, located at 937 Progress Ave., Scarborough. A buffet turkey dinner with roast beef, all the trimmings, salads, varied desserts, and an available cash bar in an intimate, private dining room will be served at their brand new facility. There will be prizes and contest draws, and a chance to mingle with old colleagues and friends.

Please register early with Bernie (416-439-9505) and confirm your spot with your cheque deposit. The cost for members is \$25.00 per person, \$30.00 non-members.

Note: For those driving to this event, there is an adjacent but separately operated parking lot that usually charges \$10 for parking, but we have negotiated a \$5 flat fee for our event that day. Car pooling and public transit would also be great ideas on that day.

The Local News

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

Harvey Kingelin, retail clerk.

Margaret Kimmerer, mother and mother-in-law of Les and Phyllis.

Barb Franklin, postal clerk.

Maurice Ewell, letter carrier

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

Kris Sarran, Alexander Dobrijevic

Congrats to Bob Wludyka, of the Belleville Postal Retirees group, who was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2017, for the Quinte area.

Pineridge Chapter Charity Golf Tournament

The rescheduled Golf Tournament was held on July 14th to a much better weather picture than the deluge three weeks earlier. Here are the results:

Longest drive for Ladies: Sheryl Leith

Closest to the pin for Ladies: none

Longest drive for Men: Peter Demers

Closest to the pin for Men: Don Harris Sr.

Tie for First Place: Team Fisher (Sheryl Leith, Scott and Justin Fisher) and Team Rick Collins, Jim Hunter, Bruce Stephens, and Steve Stainlend.

Congratulations to all.

Did You Know?

Men who reached the age of 65 in 1920-22 could expect to live until age 78, while women could expect to live until 78.5.

By 2009-11, men who made it to 65 could expect to live until 83.8 and women could expect to make it to 86.7. (Statistics Canada)

In 1867, one hundred and fifty years ago, the newly created Dominion of Canada inaugurated the Post Office Department as a new federal government entity. Prior to that, Post Offices across the country were a provincial responsibility.

The "L I F E is G O O D" Section

How long before the kids take away your keys????????????????????.....

Grandma Still Drives -- Grandma is eighty-eight years old and still drives her own car. She writes:

Dear Granddaughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker.

I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting.

So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.

Boy, am I glad I did! What an uplifting experience followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found lots of people love Jesus!

While I was sitting there, the guy behind me started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, 'For the love of God!' 'Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!'

What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking!

I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love!

There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something.

Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and

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gave him the good luck sign right back.

My grandson burst out laughing. Why, even he was enjoying this religious experience!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!

Will write again soon.

Love, Grandma

The Pharmacist's Monday Morning

Upon arriving home, a husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife.

Tearfully she explained, "It's the druggist. He insulted me terribly this morning on the phone. I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone." Immediately, the husband drove downtown to confront the druggist and demand an apology.

Before he could say more than a word or two, the druggist told him, "Now, just a minute, listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up. I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, just to realize that I'd locked the house with both house and car keys inside and had to break a window to get my keys. Then, driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Later, when I was about three blocks from the store, I had a flat tire. When I finally got to the store a bunch of people were waiting for me to open up. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, all the time the darn phone was ringing off the hook. Then I had to break a roll of nickels against the cash register drawer to make change, and they spilled all over the floor. I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up the nickels and the phone was still ringing. When I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it. Half of them hit the floor and broke. Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got back to answer it, it was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer. And believe me mister, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her."

Thanks to Bob W. for this one.

The Canada 150th Anniversary CF-18 Demo Aircraft





Our Vice President, Debbie Greenwood, and her Dad, John, have “liberated” Holland once again. Debbie has very large shoes to fill!

Toronto APOC Supervisors at the time of dissolution of LCUC

Back Row: Gord Wetherill #2, Al Jackson, Jack Alfred, Eric Meikle, Bud Hopkins, Fred Gorthy, Red Bowes, Gerry Irving, Bernie Snyder, Tony Fenech, John Gifkins

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Front Row: Murray Pearson, Bob Stevens, Harold Hutt, Gord Weatherill #1, Martin Cachia, Reg Fugard, Dave Ross, George Vlencome, Pat Adario, Wes Johnston, Gord Twigg, Jack Howard



PORTRAIT of HEROES

Billy Bishop – Canada’s first Air Force Victoria Cross recipient

By Captain Steven Dieter

June 2 is commemorated as “Billy Bishop Day” in honour of the famous First World War ace.

One hundred years ago today, Captain Bishop carried out his daring raid on the Estourmel aerodrome, for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

On June 2, 1917, Captain William Avery “Billy” Bishop took off from Filescamp Farm, his home base with No. 60 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, near Arras in northern France, on a daring early morning mission.

It was a mission planned “after much thought”, according to his own words in *Winged Warfare*, first published in 1918.

“Dawn was the hour I considered advisable, as there would be very few machines in the air, and I would have a great chance of evading trouble on the way to the aerodrome.”

Captain Bishop was no rookie in terms of combat, although he had only joined No. 60 Squadron in March 1917, and won his first combat victory on March 25. Already credited with 22 aerial victories by the morning of his dawn attack, he was a keen marksman both in the air and on the ground. These skills would prove valuable during his solo adventure.

Flying over the enemy lines, Captain Bishop acknowledged that his original target turned out to be less than ideal. Finally finding a suitable target – the German aerodrome at Estourmel – he realized he had no clue where he was. Nevertheless, he continued with his mission.

He shot up one aircraft as it taxied its way towards take off. The second aircraft “crashed into some trees near the aerodrome” after Captain Bishop had shot at him. The third would be the victim of a dogfight.

Captain Bishop returned to his aerodrome with his aircraft, a Nieuport 17, which was now riddled with many bullet holes. He recounted the exploits of his mission to his fellow pilots and ground crew; the accolades soon followed.

“Within three or four hours I had received many congratulations upon this stunt, and what I had planned as merely a way of shooting down some more of the Huns I found the authorities considered a very successful expedition,” he said. Indeed, the authorities considered this expedition so successful that Captain Bishop would be considered for the British Empire’s highest decoration for Valour – The Victoria Cross.

The decision to award Captain Bishop the Victoria Cross was not an impulsive one. Senior officers fully investigated the incident, reviewing combat reports, squadron records, and other supporting documentation. Near two and a half months later, it was announced that Captain Bishop had been awarded the

Victoria Cross – the first Canadian airman to receive this honour. It would accompany the Distinguished Service Order and Military Cross that had been awarded but not yet presented.

King George V presented Captain Bishop his three decorations – the three highest decorations for valour – on August 30, 1917, at Buckingham Palace.

About Billy Bishop

Billy Bishop, who was born February 8, 1894, in Owen Sound, Ontario, attended Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, and joined the Army when the First World War broke out. After arriving in Britain, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps as an observer and was sent to France. The following year, he successfully applied for pilot training and, in 1917, he joined 60 Squadron. He retired from the Royal Air Force at the end of 1918, but was appointed honorary air marshal in 1938. He returned to active service in September 1939, when the Second World War broke out, with the substantive rank of air commodore. The Royal Canadian Air Force put him in charge of recruiting, a task at which he was extremely successful.

Although he resigned from his position in 1944 due to ill health – and began working in the oil business – he offered to return to his recruiting post upon the outbreak of the Korean War.

Billy Bishop died on September 11, 1956, at the age of 62, and is buried in Owen Sound. He was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1974 as one of the inaugural members.

His honours and decorations included the Victoria Cross (VC), Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB), Distinguished Service Order (DSO) and Bar, Military Cross (MC), Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC), Mentioned in Despatches (MID), *Croix de guerre* (CdG) (France) and the *Légion d'honneur* (Ld'H) (France).

With files from RCAF Public Affairs.



PENSION ISSUES UPDATE

Following is an excerpt from an article by Alan Freeman, entitled “The Changing Face of Retirement”, from the SAGE publication of Spring 2017. SAGE is published by the National Association of Federal Retirees. The article deals among other things, the looming threat of Target Benefit Pensions.

“In the fall, the government quietly introduced legislation – C-27 (An Act to amend the Pension Benefits Standards Act) – that would permit federally-regulated industries, like railways, telecom providers and federal Crown corporations, to introduce what are known as ‘target-benefit’ pension plans.

Under the new legislation, which has yet to be adopted, defined benefits will no longer be guaranteed by the plan sponsor.

Jean-Guy Soulière, president of the National Association of Federal Retirees, says C-27 landed without warning. “Before the election,” he says, “we got from each of the three parties a promise that (they) wouldn’t touch the current benefits.”

Target-benefit (TB) plans differ from defined-benefit plans in one significant aspect: if investment returns on a TB plan turn out to be insufficient, benefits can be reduced. The CLC’s Roberts says the real fear about the spread of target benefit plans is that employers will be allowed not only to convert plans for new employees on a going-forward basis, but to switch existing defined-benefit plans to the new formula.

Although the Trudeau government has given no indication it plans to extend the target-benefit model to the core public service – where Federal Retirees’ 180,000 members used to work – Soulière says the National Association of Federal Retirees has to remain on its guard. That’s why it joined the Canadian Coalition for Retirement Security, a grouping of 17 union, retiree and seniors organizations with 6 million members formed to protect the current defined-benefit system.

He compares C-27 to a cancer: “if you catch it early, you can stop it from spreading.” What Federal Retirees fear most is a repeat of the New Brunswick experience, where provincial public servants and current retirees saw their plans turned into target plans without adequate consultation. Soulière says that he remains adamant about the need to protect pensions owed to those who joined the public service when a DB plan was part of the package. “Don’t touch the acquired rights and benefits of employees and retired workers.”

While the core public service won't be affected by the legislation, the advent of target-benefit plans surely will be welcomed by management at Canada Post, where pension changes were a key employer demand in contract negotiations last summer. Canada Post, facing an \$8.1 billion pension solvency deficit, wanted to close the existing DB plan to new hires, who would in future participate only in a defined contribution plan. The union balked and, threatened with a long labour dispute, both sides agreed to a short-term, two-year deal with no pension changes.

Roberts says moving to a target-benefit plan and getting all those old pension liabilities off the books would be a far bigger boon to Canada Post and other employers than simply closing the old plan to new employees. And he fears that if Crown Corporations drop their DB plans, the core public service could be next on the firing line, "Really, what you're doing is putting a dagger in the heart of DB plans, and it will affect the public sector in the provinces and elsewhere as well."

For 2017, the National Association of Federal Retirees is focused on connecting with Members of Parliament to voice the concerns and gain their support in opposing Bill C-27. Visit their web site:

www.federalretirees.ca/BillC27

Who we are

Pineridge Chapter covers an area of the Greater Toronto Area which is mainly east of the Don Valley (eastern York County), encompassing Scarborough, and areas within Ontario, Durham and Northumberland Counties.

Have you checked our national web site?: heritageclub.ca
Select **Pineridge Chapter**.

What we do

The Pineridge Chapter organizes subsidized luncheons, bus travel, annual banquet and golf tournament for its' members. Also, we collect and donate food for the food banks, as well as donations to various charities throughout the year. At Christmas time, we participate in the Santa Letter writing campaign.

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.

Newsletter Distribution

This newsletter is produced quarterly and is distributed to every member and associate who has paid their annual dues to the Chapter. Also, a general distribution is made once a year to every person who have applied for general membership to the Heritage Club in our Chapter area. Articles of general interest for the newsletter are always welcomed.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE FORM

Name:

Old Address:

New Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

MEMBERSHIP

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.

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 Pineridge Chapter in order to continue receiving our communications.

Our membership year runs from **January to December** and costs only \$10 per member, or \$20 per couple. If you are no longer mobile, but still want to keep in touch by receiving only the newsletter, the cost is \$5.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL SLIP

NAME:

NAME OF SPOUSE:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

POSTAL CODE:

PHONE NUMBER:

RENEWAL FOR SELF: _____ COUPLE: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Is this a Renewal: _____ OR a New Membership: _____

Are you a Regular Member (Retired or still working at CPC): _____
OR

Are you an Auxiliary Member (never worked at CPC): _____

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email instead: _____
Email address: _____

We would like to find out about yourself (optional)

Do you do Volunteer Work: _____ Hours per month: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Send the completed above form 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.

WHY JOIN? – The Membership Advantages

Johnson Home and Car Insurance: discounts of up to 35%

MEDOC Travel Insurance

Goodlife Fitness: discounts up to 50% off the regular all club access rates.

Choice Hotels: discounts of up to 20% at 325 locations in Canada, and 6,300 worldwide

Telus Mobility Canada Post Employee Purchase Plan

IMPORTANT: In order to benefit from these discounts, you must mention your Heritage Club Membership Number, and you must have paid your membership dues to the Pineridge Chapter for the current year, otherwise coverage could be denied or terminated.