



Newsletter, Winter  
October 2017

# PINERIDGE Chapter

***What's to come at a glance:***

- Autumn Bus Trip
- Festival of Northern Lights
- Christmas Time Banquet
- Our Web Site:  
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## ***President's Message***

**Dear Members,**

**The Fall colors are upon us after a hectic summer and we are now looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas time banquet coming up very soon in early December: not too late to register!**

**Also, with this, our last newsletter of the year, it is time to remind you to send in your dues to the Club: \$10.00 per member, \$20.00 per couple for next year.**

**Those members looking to get their MEDOC Insurance for travelling and/or a GoodLife Fitness membership, you will want to be members in good standing with your dues paid to the Chapter in order to benefit from these and other discounts.**

**Very soon Santa will be looking for volunteers for his big event of the year: the letters to Santa writing workshops. Please contact us if you wish to volunteer and respond to kids' wishes.**

**Have a safe one,**

*J.P.*

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier  
President, Pineridge Chapter**

## UPCOMING EVENTS for 2017

### Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017: The Colours of Autumn in the Blue Mtns.

**THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

### Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

## JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TIME BANQUET

**WHEN: Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 12:00-15:00**

**WHERE: Centennial College Culinary School, 937 Progress Ave., Scarborough**

Mingle with your friends and colleagues in an intimate, private dining room with an available cash bar at this new facility. There will be prizes and contest draws, and an exciting menu with delicious treats.

The festive menu starts off with: *Market Garden Salad, Ginger Sesame Coleslaw with Cashews, Centennial Caesar Salad.*

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The Main Course: *Herb Roasted Turkey with Sage Gravy and Traditional Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Baked Salmon with Chive Apple Butter Sauce, Grilled Vegetable and Barley Risotto with Spinach (vegetarian entrée), Mashed Potatoes, and a Medley of Seasonal Vegetables.*

*The Chef's choice of festive desserts and pastries, coffee and tea will add the final touches.*

Please register early with Bernie (416-439-9505) and confirm your spot with your cheque or money deposit. We will NOT be accepting "walk-ins" at the door.

YOU MUST PREPAY IN ORDER TO ATTEND.

The cost for members is \$25.00 per person, \$30.00 non-members.

All registrations must be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

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

**DUES ARE DUE TIME!** Still only \$10 per year per member, \$10 for your spouse, for 2018: 1960's prices!, as Honest Ed Mirvish would say!

### **We Need YOU!**

We are always looking for some good people to help out and keep things organized: if you are interested in joining our Executive Committee, talk to the President.



**Johnson Home & Auto Insurance** have recently made changes to their **MEDOC Travel Insurance** by coming up with a special rate for family members and friends of Heritage Club members who travel with them and who sign up as Associate Members of the Heritage Club.

This has been made easier with a recent change to our constitution which now allows family members and friends to join as Associate Paid Members to the Club. Canada Post employees with less than twenty-five years can also sign up as Associate Members until they have the requirements for regular membership.

**SANTA needs volunteers!**

Anyone interested in volunteering for the upcoming Santa Letter Writing campaign, please let us know. Each year, children from around the world send their wishes to Santa, and by a long tradition, Canada Post employees and retirees have been bringing joy and happiness to the children by responding to their letters. Each volunteer receives a package containing suitable responses to choose from, and the adds a postscript to the letters provided.

Bernie, Chapter Program Coordinator, 416-439-9505  
Jack, Scarborough Area Rep., 416-694-6643  
J.P., Durham Area Rep., 905-436-5390



**Elections**

The constitution of the Heritage Club, a volunteer organization, has a provision that the executive positions of a chapter are for a two year term, after which they must be posted. Any current paid member of the Club, with over 25 years of service can submit their names for a position. For 2018, the following position is up for renewal: President. The position(s) are automatically renewed by the incumbent(s), if he/she is willing and if the position(s) are not contested.

For any submissions, please inform the Vice-President or Treasurer prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. If a position is contested, we will hold an election ballot at the Christmas Banquet, which serves as our general annual meeting for the Club.

**GoodLife Fitness**

Members of the Heritage Club get a 50% discount off the regular prices. This includes access to all GoodLife locations and Energie Cardio locations in Quebec. World renowned Group Fitness classes, and professionally trained staff assist you in achieving your goals.

To learn more about this offer, or to register, visit:

<https://corporate.goodlifefitness.com>

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. Enrollment is now only by web access.

**Results of the Trent-Severn Golf Tournament**

Longest drive – women: Marlene Hinds

Longest drive – men: Dave Scott

Closest to the pin – women: Marlene Hinds

Closest to the pin – men: no winner, money put back with donations to charities

1<sup>st</sup> place winners: George Maynard, Richard Daugherty, Peter & Nancy Demers

Members of Trent-Severn, Simcoe and Pineridge Chapter participate every year.

**New Scholarship Program for Members**

Check our website, heritageclub.ca, under “links”, for information on the new scholarships available for members’ kids, grandkids, for the upcoming 2018 school year.

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

Bill Leahy, Larry Carrick

**People we sadly Lost this Year:**

Albin “Al” Albright, Peter Bourne, Sophie Broderick, Robert Brown, Hugh Burgess, Slavko “Sam” Chuck, Attilio Ciancio, Hans “John Dirner” Dirnaichner, Maurice Ewell, Barb Franklin, Anis Khan, Beverly King, Harry Kingelin, William Murray, Fausto Torchia.

This list of colleagues and friends who have passed reflects only those that we were made aware of. We regret any oversight to the list.

## The “L I F E is G O O D” Section

### **Blood Donor**

An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to have some of his blood type stored in case the need arose.

As the gentleman had an extremely rare type of blood that couldn't be found locally, the call went out around the world. Finally a Scotsman was located who had the same rare blood type. After some coaxing, the Scot donated his blood for the Arab.

After the surgery the Arab sent the Scotsman a new BMW, a diamond necklace for his wife, and \$100,000 US dollars in appreciation for the blood donation.

A few months later, the Arab had to undergo a corrective surgery procedure.

Once again, his doctor telephoned the Scotsman who this time was more than happy to donate his blood.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street chocolates.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated.

He then phoned the Arab and asked him: "I thought you would be more generous than that -last time you sent me a BMW, diamonds and money, but this time you only sent me a lousy thank-you card and crappy box of chocolates?"

To this the Arab replied:

"Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in me veins"

### **Odds and Sods**

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

“As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind – every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder...” - John Glenn

## PENSION ISSUES UPDATE

Retired members of the CPC Pension Plan recently received a letter from Canada Post, dated August 28, 2017, entitled **Keeping you informed about the Canada Post Pension Plan**. The questions I received the most following this letter from our membership were: what does it mean, and should I be worried?

To make a long and complex story short, here is my take on it:

In 2014, the Harper Government gave Canada Post a three year hiatus from making special contribution payments to the Pension Plan until the end of 2017. This was to relieve CPC of the financial difficulties it was facing. But for the pensioners, it was creating a shortfall in our Pension Plan, which is currently around eight billion dollars underfunded.

Then the change to the Trudeau Government two years ago, who appointed a Postal Task Force to look at this problem, and as Michael Warren, first President of Canada Post Corporation predicted in his newsletter, the Liberal Government “kicked the postal can down the road”, rather than make a decision. So basically, this letter informs us that there will be no special payments made for 2018.

Should you worry? I think so. The Pension Plan is not sustainable over the long term. The Government is now expected to make a decision about the future of postal service by the end of 2017. Based on other track records, such as the replacement for the CF-18's defence contract, I would not put money on it.

If you consult the **cpcpension.com** web site, under frequently asked questions, in answer to the question “Are my pension benefits secure?”, you get the following response:

*“The security of your pension benefits is directly linked to the financial health and sustainability of the plan sponsor, Canada Post.....Pension relief adds a degree of potential risk for the Plan because Canada Post is not reducing the Plan's deficit during the relief period. In the unlikely event that the Plan was terminated while it is in a deficit position, the pension benefits could be lower than if additional funding was put into the Plan.”*

Many of the public service unions are worried that the Government has been toying around with the idea of introducing target benefit pensions, Bill C-27, instead of defined benefit like we have, even though in their elections posturing, they said they would not go there. The unions have taken a stand that to try and rejigger the pension of someone who is already retired, would be immoral.

What can you do? Make your MP aware of your concern.

## PORTRAIT of HEROES

### **A Visit with our Military Posties**

This summer I had the privilege and honor of an invitation to visit with the Canadian Forces Postal Service and attend a demonstration at CFB Trenton of their new SEV's (Special Equipment Vehicles), which are basically customized containers for multi-purposes, used by the Canadian Military. The one I visited was a newly-developed Postal SEV, but other uses for these are Field Hospitals, Field Offices, Field Kitchens, etc. They can be deployed quickly on a transport truck or on a military cargo plane, and dropped into a field for a quick set up and operation, and later evacuation.

The SEVs have a built-in generator which produces heat, air conditioning, and lights. The Postal SEV I visited, at first glance just a big metal box, but once it was fully deployed, it was quite roomy inside, and is operated by a crew of four who sleep, eat, and work in it.

The Canadian Forces Postal Unit at Trenton, call name "ASTRA", prepares all the mailings going to and from the families and our military personnel overseas and to all the bases and stations in Canada.

An extract from the Canada Postal Guide states:

*The Canadian Forces Postal Service (CFPS) is considered an extension of Canada Post and operates Canada Post Offices in support of the Canadian Forces deployments and ships located worldwide. CFPS personnel have, for all intent and purposes the same responsibilities as Canada Post employees to enforce Canada Post standards and regulations while providing postal services and support to the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces.*

Historically, it is believed that senior Quebec City Post Office Officials were recruited to initially create a Canadian Postal Corps as a unit of the Canadian Militia in May 1911, just as the war in Europe loomed ahead.

Providing a Postal service is an essential service in civilian life and equally if not more important for the military. Providing mail from loved ones to our soldiers in the trenches is an important morale booster for the troops and their families back home.







### **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](http://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](mailto:dagreenwood4@gmail.com), (905)-706-5285 or (905)-683-5750.** She will research the most economical trip for you and may know of like-minded 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. 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

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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/Associate Member (never worked at CPC): \_\_\_\_\_

**To receive your newsletter by email instead of the paper edition:**

**Email address:**

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**We would like to find out about yourself (optional)**

**Do you do Volunteer Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hours per month:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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%**

**Discounts for you and who travels with you with 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.