



Newsletter, Fall
October 2018

PINERIDGE Chapter

What's to come at a glance:

- * "Come from Away" event
SOLD OUT
- * Xmas time Banquet
- * Group Luncheons coming
this winter

Check out our Web Site:
heritageclub.ca, then
select Pineridge Chapter

President's Message

Dear Members,

Fall has arrived and it is now time to renew your membership with the Heritage Club. Thanks to your support, we continue to give generously back to the communities we live in. That is why every time we meet, we ask that you bring non-perishable food items, to help out the less fortunate. And every year, we donate some of the funds we collected, back to worthy charitable organizations.

But you may ask, what's in it for me? By paying your membership, a nominal \$10 per year, it entitles you to receive four newsletters per year, instead of only one, if you have not. It also entitles you to discounts at all our Chapter events, Corporate discounts with GoodLife Fitness, Choice Hotels, Johnson Home & Car Insurance, Medoc Travel, and Telus Mobility, as well as opportunities for scholarship grants for your kids and grandkids. So I hope you will join us and enjoy the friendship we offer.

As we look ahead, we look forward to seeing many of you at our ever popular Christmas time luncheon, which is coming fast. Don't hesitate, register soon.

J.P.

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier
President
Pineridge Chapter**

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2018

Wednesday, December 12th, 2018: Christmas Time Banquet, 11:00-14:30

Back by Popular Demand: A chance to mingle once again with your friends and colleagues in an intimate, private dining room with an available cash bar at the festive occasion. There will be prizes and contest draws like last year, and an exciting menu with delicious treats.

You are requested to register early with Bernie (416-439-9505) and confirm your spot with your cheque or deposit. WE will not be accepting last minute “walk ins” at the door. You Must prepay to attend. The cost will be the same as last year, \$25.00 per person, \$30.00 non-members.

All registrations must be complete by November 30th, 2018. If you require a parking voucher, you must request and pay for it at the same time as your luncheon.

Parking: Same as last year, there is an adjacent but privately operated parking lot that usually charges \$10 for parking. We have negotiated a \$5 flat fee for our event that day. Car pooling and public transit are encouraged.

The festive menu starts off with: *Market Garden Salad, Centennial Caesar Salad, Classic Greek Style Village Salad.* The Main Course: *Herb Roasted Turkey with Sage Gravy and Traditional Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Baked Salmon with Chive Apple Butter Sauce, Vegetarian Penne Pasta, Mashed Potatoes, and a Medley of Seasonal Vegetables.*

Apple Crumble desert, coffee, tea, and hot apple cider will add the final touches.

Entertainment: Maritime Singer & Song Writer Jimmy O'Donnell will regale us with some festive and traditional music.



THE LOCAL NEWS

Welcome to New Members/Retirees and/or 25-year service veterans

Fay Wiseman, Catherine Cyrus, Janice Greer, Mo Shum

Congratulations/ Best Wishes

To those we have heard about recently that were sick or requiring hospital attention since our last newsletter, best wishes are given to: Danny Mulvihill

People we sadly Lost this Year

Rakies Khan, Martin Futerman, Donal Jensen, Arthur O'Connor, Milka Brijeski, Cathy Payne, Jim Doherty, Brian Duhig, Betty Florence Greenwood, Marian Welch

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.

GoodLife Fitness Discount

The GoodLife Fitness subscription year started on September 15, 2018, through to Sept., 2019. If you intend on applying under the Heritage Club discount, you must have paid your dues to us for 2019.

DUES ARE DUE TIME!

It's October and it's time: still only \$10 per year per member, \$10 for your spouse. Also, if you engage in any volunteerism, please fill out the bottom on your renewal slip with the information.

Santa's Helpers Wanted

The Christmas season is once again around the corner, and we are getting ready for all the mail that will soon arrive for Santa Claus. Each year children from around the world send their Christmas wishes to Santa. Over the years Canada Post employees, both current and retired, have been bringing joy and happiness to these children, by responding to their letters. We are looking for Heritage Club Members who are willing to spend an hour or two replying to these letters either at home, or at Canada Post.

Each volunteer will receive a package containing suitable responses to choose from, which you can add as a postscript to the letters provided.

If you would like to help spread a little joy and happiness, please contact Gloria at (905) 436-5390, or by e-mail at jnqlor@rogers.com, or complete the form below and return to us.

Name:Address:
City:Postal Code: Phone:
I can answer letters in: English.... French.... Other.....

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 2019, the following position is up for renewal: **Vice 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 President or Treasurer prior to November 12, 2018. If the position is contested, we will hold an election ballot at the Christmas Banquet, which serves as our general annual meeting for the Club.

Canada Post Community Foundation

Its' vision is to ensure every child in Canada is happy, healthy and surrounded by a caring community. The Foundation (a registered not-for-profit foundation, operated at arms' length from Canada Post with an independent board of trustees) is dedicated to improving the lives of children by building the capacity of local registered charities, initiatives and school programs that support them. Whether it's through increasing access to healthy food, libraries and play areas, enhancing support for special needs and education, or aiding the recovery from abuse, neglect or conflict, the Foundation believes that a strong community connection helps develop happy, healthy and resilient children.

How can you help? – Donate online by visiting canadapost.ca/community and select "Donate Now". Donate by mail sending a cheque payable to Canada Post Community Foundation to their address: PO Box 90007, Ottawa ON K1V 1J8. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$20.

2018 Heritage Club Scholarship Winners

The inaugural year of our new Scholarship Program was very successful. We saw three scholarships of \$1,000 each awarded to three remarkable young women, and we wish them every success in their university years and beyond. What was most impressive about all three recipients was their ability to achieve high academic standards while still enthusiastically participating in their chosen sports activities, volunteering in their communities, and taking on responsible positions for the benefit of others.

All three of these young ladies are a credit to their families and their communities. It is our very great pleasure as a Club to be able to give them a small boost on their chosen paths. Congratulations to:

Kathleen (Katie) Myatt, of Hanover, Ontario

Elizabeth Lang, of Edmonton, Alberta

Hannah Ronsky, of Calgary, Alberta

For next year, we are hoping that more people will check out our web site and look into the possibility of applying for a scholarship for their kids and grandkids.

Federal Election Issue

If you are a retiree of the Canada Post Pension Plan, and with a looming federal election only one year away, now is the time to start pressuring your Member of Parliament or Opposition Party member to try and find out who will finally make a decision on the financial problems at Canada Post which have resulted in no contribution payments on the part of the Corporation into our pension plan for the last four years, and thus created a deficit insolvency issue of approximately 5-6 billion dollars for that plan.

The “L I F E is G O O D” Section

Does this make sense?

.....drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

.....people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.

.....banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters..

.....we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

.....we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

.....we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

And finally:

“What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet?” I asked my 16 brothers and sisters and they didn’t know either...

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

***Anne of Green Gables* author, Lucy Maud Montgomery:
Assistant Postmaster, Cavendish Post Office**

Lucy Maud Montgomery's career in the Post Office is not widely known outside of the Maritimes, said Bianca Gendreau, Manager of the Research Division at the Canadian Museum of History, but it ultimately helped spark her illustrious career as an important Canadian author.

"She used a lot of letterheads, official documents that you use in a Post Office, she used those to write her stories and novels," said Gendreau.

"It was while working that she could send her manuscripts over to different editors without the village knowing about it. It was so important to her to retain her privacy...until she was accepted as a published author, she did not want to let all the village know this was her goal, her dream." Montgomery's writing was a secret she guarded very closely – something the author discussed in her diaries, said Gendreau.

"In those days, Cavendish was a small town and the Post Office was a place to meet, exchange news, share information and where you received information about government services," said Gendreau, adding that Montgomery started working at the Post Office in 1898.

Gendreau said the Post Office was located in a house where Montgomery lived with her grandparents. The house had been destroyed, so a similar, old house, white with green trim, was discovered and moved from elsewhere in Cavendish to the present site. Al Green, District Director in N.B. and P.E.I. at the time, was instrumental in setting it up as a working Post Office in the 1970's.

Another famous Post Office is the one at Peggy's Cove: Mick Ryan, District Director in Nova Scotia, was involved in having a Post Office incorporated in the old light house during that same time period.

Editor: Information for this article furnished by Danny Mulvihill, and from an article of The Star Halifax newspaper.

Twice a year, the National Executive of the Heritage Club meets with our Canada Post sponsor group, Recognition and Corporate Talent Acquisition Programs, to discuss various issues on administering the Canada Post Heritage Club, a program now going into it's 30th year.



From left to right: Gary Fisher, Jannet Nguyen, Eldred Holmes, J.P. Leguerrier, Claude Bruneau, Christine Blain, Nick Ronsky.

Who we are

Pineridge Chapter is one of 24 Chapters across the country; it 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. In December, we hold a Holiday banquet for our members and we participate in the Santa Letter writing campaign.

Do you have any suggestions for trips or special events you would like to participate in? Give our V-P Debbie a call: dagreenwood4@gmail.com, (905)-706-5285 or (905)-683-5750

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% in Canada, and worldwide.

Discounts to **Pineridge** Chapter events and access to special scholarships.

Telus Mobility discounts.

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.

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 applying to the Heritage Club will receive our Chapter's newsletters in the current year of their retirement and/or having achieved 25 years of service; after that, they need to signify their intent to join our Chapter by paying dues to the 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.

NEW PAYMENT OPTION: New with this October newsletter, there is a new option of paying your dues by email money transfer: jobernsnyder@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL SLIP

Name:

Name of spouse (if applying as a couple):

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Email (optional):

Renewal for Self: _____ Couple: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Is this a Renewal: _____ or

a New Membership: _____

Volunteering (see below)

Do you do Volunteer Work: _____

Hours per month: _____

Name of Organization: _____

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.

There are many examples of volunteering, ways you can help your community and fellow man, and feel good about yourself: church, organizations, knitting groups, literacy and schools, Santa Letters, Heritage Club, library and museums, hospital and seniors’ homes, soup kitchens, food banks, meal on wheels, shut in programs, income tax prep, fund raisers, Christmas hamper programs, etc.

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. Mention you are a Pineridge Chapter Heritage Club member for any applicable discount.