



Newsletter, Summer  
July-August 2019

# PINERIDGE Chapter

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

- \* Group Luncheons at The Mandarin
- \* Live theatre
- \* Fall Bus Tours
- \* Xmas Time Banquet

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[heritageclub.ca](http://heritageclub.ca), then  
select Pineridge Chapter

## ***President's Message***

**Dear Members,**

**Hope you're having a great summer, the warmth has finally arrived!**

**We still have a lot of fun activities for you to join in, group luncheons and bus tours, and the ever popular Christmas time Banquet. This year, we are trying a new location and caterer and we have heard great things about this place, so don't miss out on a chance to mingle with your friends for this end of year festive occasion. As always, your friends and family are welcome.**

**This year we celebrate 30 years of the Heritage Club, CPC's most successful and enduring employee recognition program. Close to 30 Chapters across Canada, Heritage Club Chapters are managed by a team of volunteers with no distinction of past ranks, from letter carriers and sorters, to supervisors and managers. Always a great opportunity to stay in contact with your friends after retirement. So please, check out our list of activities, I'm sure you will find something that appeals to you: see you soon!**

*J.P.*

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier  
President  
Pineridge Chapter**

## UPCOMING EVENTS for 2019

**August 27, 2019: Million Dollar Quartet, Capitol Theatre** Port Hope  
**This venue is SOLD OUT: thank you!**

**Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019: Across the Pond, Lighthouse Festival Theatre** Port Dover  
**This venue is SOLD OUT: thank you!**

**Thursday, Sept. 12th, 2019, noon: Luncheon Buffet at The Mandarin**

We meet at noon at The Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Road, in Pickering, for our very popular group luncheon. Register early, and don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Banks. Seniors, please bring your ID.

The cost remains a low \$14 for members, \$20.00 non-member. As always, your parents and friends are welcome to attend. Anyone needing a ride to go to the restaurant, let us know.

Give **Bernie** a call (416-439-9505) to confirm your attendance or to set up an e-payment. Payments by cheques: **Pineridge Heritage Club**, 629 Markham Rd., PO Box 90593, Scarborough, M1H 3G7.

**Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019: Lady Muskoka Autumn Lunch Cruise & Orchestra**

Start off with a delicious **Full Course Lunch** (*Smoked Chicken Breast with BBQ Sauce or Grilled Rainbow Trout with Tomato and Citrus Salsa – **please advise your choice at time of booking***) prepared with local ingredients by award-winning chef David Friesen. This meal will be served in the on-board Dining Room of the Lady Muskoka Cruise Boat as she sails out of Bracebridge past unmatched autumn vistas and spectacular cottage views (12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.) Following the Lunch Cruise we take our seats in the nearby **Bracebridge R.C.L** for a performance by the popular **Muskoka Swing Orchestra** (3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.) The band's versatility delights audiences with its diverse mix of music including Swing, Big Band, Jazz, Marches and Broadway tunes. After the show we're homeward bound.

Motorcoach pickup: Departs from the Cedar Heights Plaza at Markham and Lawrence at 08:00, and returns at 19:30.

Contact **Time of Your Life Tours** directly (416-224-0684), the cost is \$129.00 per person, and includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and show, all taxes & meal tip. Identify yourself as a Heritage Club member to get a \$10.00 discount off the price.

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Toronto at the Festive Season**

Enjoy some of Toronto's most popular attractions at the Christmas Season! We'll start off with a **Luncheon and the Christmas show 'Jingle all the Way' at the Famous People Players Theatre** (11:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) **Enjoy a Full Course Chicken Luncheon** here, and then let the talented 'Black Light' Players take you on a festive journey, where you will '*Jingle all the Way*' with laughter!

After Dessert and Coffee here, we'll take you downtown to the historic **St. Lawrence Market** where you can shop and browse for everything from Fresh Meats and Seafood to Cheeses, Baked Goods, Fruits and Veggies (3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) Our last stop of the day will be the '**Toronto Christmas Market**' at the historic **Distillery District, beautifully decorated for the holidays**. Enjoy a visit here (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) before we motor home.

Motorcoach pickup: Departs from the Cedar Heights Plaza at Markham and Lawrence at 10:00, and returns at 18:45.

Contact **Time of Your Life Tours** directly (416-224-0684), the cost is \$117.00 per person, and includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and show, all taxes & meal tip. Identify yourself as a Heritage Club member to get a \$10.00 discount off the price.

**Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019: Christmas Time Banquet, 11:30-14:30**

The annual Pineridge/Simcoe Chapters Banquet is a chance to mingle once again with your friends and colleagues at the most festive of occasions. A brand new location, the Ossid Banquet Halls, located at 3474 Kingston Road in Scarborough (N/W corner, Kingston Road at Markham), with an available cash bar, many prizes and contest draws like last year, an exciting menu with delicious treats, good company: what is not to like?

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 is \$35.00 per person, \$40.00 non-members, and the payment is non-refundable. Parking is free and this new location has no mobility issue for access.

**All registrations must be complete by October 31, 2019.**

The festive menu starts off with: Traditional Caesar and Garden Salads with three choices of dressings. The Main Course: Roasted Stuffed Turkey with traditional gravy, Baked Atlantic Salmon filet with three choices of side dishes, and an assortment of desserts.

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## **THE LOCAL NEWS**

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

Frank Mattin, Marica A Cain, Doris G Sciberras

### **Condolences:**

Michael Warren, First President and CEO of the Canada Post Corporation;  
Tracey Tung, Killian Baptista.

### **Annual Pineridge Chapter Golf Tournament:**

The Annual Golf Tournament was held on the first day of summer, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Thirty four members participated, had a great time golfing, followed by a meal and prizes. Following are the lucky winners:

50/50 Draw: Peter Demers, \$90

Free golf for two at Whispering Ridge: Rick Collins

Winning score of 9 under par: Team of Rick Collins, Gilles Parent, & Frank Corno

Putting Contest, 1" from the hole: Scott Fisher, \$65

Hole #8, longest drive for women: Cheryl Leith

Hole #9, closest to the pin for men: Al Ormerod

Hole #11, longest drive for men: Don Richardson

Hole #16, closest to the pin for women: Cheryl Leith

### **Your Benefits Contact Numbers:**

Canada Post Pension Site: 1-877-480-9220

Govt. of Canada Superannuation: 1-800-561-7930

Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security: 1-800-277-9914

Great West Life Assurance: 1-866-249-5723

Sun Life Insurance: 1-800-361-6212

CPC Human Resources: 1-877-9090



Treasurer Bernie Snyder & Events Coordinator Cheryl Leith hand out prizes at the golf tourney.



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

#### What causes Arthritis?

A man smelling of booze and cigarettes sat down on a subway next to a priest. His tie was stained, there was red lipstick on his collar and face and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Tell me Father, do you happen to know what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My son, it's caused by loose living, consorting with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned", then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The man answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope suffers from it."

*MORAL: Make sure you understand the question before offering the answer.*

#### Why we love children

It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon.

All the children were invited to come forward.

One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the pastor leaned over and said,

"That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?"

The little girl replied, directly into the pastor's clip-on microphone, "Yes, and my Mom says it's a bitch to iron."

A little boy was doing his math homework. He said to himself, "Two plus five, that son of a bitch is seven. Three plus six, that son of a bitch is nine..."

His mother heard what he was saying and gasped, "What are you doing?" The little boy answered, "I'm doing my math homework, Mom."

"And this is how your teacher taught you to do it?" the mother asked. "Yes," he answered.

Infuriated, the mother asked the teacher, "What are you teaching my son in math?" The teacher replied, "Right now, we are learning addition."

The mother asked, "And are you teaching them to say two plus two, that son of a bitch is four?" After the teacher stopped laughing, she answered, "What I taught them was, two plus two, THE SUM OF WHICH, is four."

The minister started his Children's Sermon with a question, "Who knows what a Resurrection is?"

Without missing a beat a young boy says, "If you have one lasting more than 4 hours call your physician."

The pastor is still laughing.

## **PENSION ISSUE – Whatever happened to Bill C-27?**

Bill C-27, the politically charged pension legislation that federal workers feared would create a dangerous precedent in the pension landscape, seems to have died as quietly as it appeared more than two years ago. Finance Minister Bill Morneau found himself accused of conflict of interest over the proposed legislation, which the opposition alleged would benefit his family business, Morneau Shepell. The bill would have allowed federally regulated employers and Crown Corporations to set up target-benefit pension plans, where benefits would no longer be guaranteed and, therefore, shift risk, instead of defined benefit plans.

The bill sparked a furor among federal unions and retirees who feared if Crown Corporations converted to target-benefit plans, the government would set its sights on the pensions of Canada's public servants, military, and RCMP.

Morneau was cleared of the conflict allegations but the bill stalled and never moved past first reading. Unions suspect the government simply let it die because of the political grief caused and heavy lobbying by labour and retirees, who still want the bill withdrawn.

“Our members have worked together to stop moves like Bill C-27 and policy that would put retirement security at risk for many Canadians, and this is the result of our collective strength,” says National Association of Federal Retirees President Jean-Guy Soulière. “But we know that retirement security is at risk in our current environment, so we'll be working to make sure our next government, whatever its political stripe, makes retirement security a priority for current and next generations of retirees.”

Debi Daviau, President of the Professional Institute of the Public Service, says public service pensions will continue to be a future target. Governments grappling with deficits, low interest rates, and an aging workforce will invariably look for ways to reduce pension costs. “We are always worried about attacks on our pensions. They are always a prime target, like when the Liberals scooped the plan's surplus years ago,” says Daviau. “there is no reason to modernize existing pension plans, just create plans for those who don't have them.”

Ed.: This article reprinted from the Summer 2019 edition of SAGE, the official publication of the National Association of Federal Retirees.



A recent outing to the Famous People Players in Etobicoke for the play "Made in Canada".



# THE POST HORN



*A POSTAL SERVICE STORY*

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## **“There’s gold in them thar’ Post Offices!”**

When I started my career in the Post Office as a mail handler in the late 1960’s, there was a curious tale at the long gone Besserer Post Office in Ottawa about a sack of ol’ bricks that had been used as a door stop for many years, only to be discovered to be gold bricks. Apparently years went by and thousands of people passed these by without realizing what they were.

No one I questioned had ever actually seen the gold bricks, but everyone seemed to know about the tale. I shrugged it off as an interesting story.

Then, much later, still working at Canada Post, but having moved to Toronto, I heard three similar tales about 21 Front Street.

One of the stories was that one day, a freight elevator broke down, and when the elevator repair guys investigated, they found a bag of bricks atop the roof the elevator car: you guessed it! Gold bricks! How they got there and why, no one knew, but also, no one knew anyone who had actually seen the bricks.

Another story floating around 21 Front Street was similar to the Besserer Street version: a bag of innocuous bricks holding a door open, and when scrapped, discovered to be gold bricks.

The third story was even more hard to believe: an old brick on a desk being used as a paperweight, and when scrapped.....eureka!

I often wondered: does every major Post Office in Canada have a similar story?

Was the Post Office so awash with gold bricks that they could be commonly used as doorstops?

Was this all urban legend that just kept circulated around and around?

At one time, the movement of gold and precious items was entrusted to the Post Office to move across the country, in the good care of the P.O.'s Railway Mail Service. This secure system of movement of valuables lasted over a hundred years, and only ended in the early 1970's.

Perhaps our resident Railway Mail Clerks, Ken Loudon and Danny Mulvihill, could fill us in on these disappearing gold brick stories. Maybe if they invite me over to their house, I could check what they use as doorstops.....;)

**The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Annual General Conference for the Heritage Club was held in Regina, in June. Pictured below are all the Chapter Presidents in front of the world famous Mac The Moose, in Moose Jaw, SK.**



### **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 Victoria Park Avenue (eastern York County), encompassing Scarborough, and areas within historic 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. Many of our members generously donate their time to local, charity organizations. 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](mailto: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, luncheons and bus trips.

Also, Canada Post employee **Telus Mobility** discounts.

Access to special **scholarships** for your kids and grandkids.

**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. 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary), special awards, deaths, hospitalizations, etc. Let us know so we can pay tribute.

**Payment for bus tours ONLY:** cheques should be made out directly to **Time of Your Life Tours**, and sent 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.

**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 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.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **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.

#### **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.