**THAMES CHAPTER HERITAGE CLUB NEWS SPRING 2019**

Hello,

Spring is just around the corner as we can’t wait to say goodbye to shovels and snow blowers. In this issue we look back at initiatives we took part in last season and look forward to upcoming activities.

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*2019 Pension Indexing*

Canada Post Pension………… 2.21 %

C.P.P. ……………………… 2.20 %

Superannuation …………… 2.20 %

O.A.S. ….adjusted every Jan , Apr , Jul , Oct

*Your Benefits*

*Contact Numbers*

C.P.C. Pension 1-877-480-9220

Superannuation 1-800-561-7930

C.P.P. / O.A.S. 1-800-277-9914

Great West Life 1-866-249-5723

Access H.R. 1-877-807-9090

Employment Ins 1-800-206-7218

Passport 1-800-567-6868

*Your Benefits*

*Survivor procedures:* To ensure the survivor of a retiree maintains

pension , health and medical benefits , a number of contacts must be made after the

retiree’s death.

Access H.R. (1-877-807-990)

..retiree name

..employee I.D. number

..social insurance number

..copy of death certificate

C.P.C. Pension (1-877-480-9220)

..retiree name

..employee I.D. number

..postal code

..month and date of birth

..copy of death certificate

Great West Life (1-866-249-5723)

..retiree name

..employee number

..copy of death certificate

..plan numbers ..51057 & 51391

NOTE: Very important to notify Great West

 as soon as possible in order to set up

 a new automatic withdrawl in the

 survivor’s name in order to keep

 policy in force and maintain medical

 dental and vision benefits.

C.P.P. / O.A.S. (1-800-277-9914)

..retiree name

..social insurance number

..copy of death certificate

NOTE: Besides the survivor pension

 there is also a death benefit

 payable to the survivor.

SUPERANNUATION (1-800-561-7930)

..retiree name

..social insurance number

..copy of death certificate

***Letters-To-Santa Campaign – 2018***

In 2018 your Heritage Club decided to expand the Santa Letter Program to cover local initiatives related to children. Letters-To-Santa stations were set up at the London Regional Children’s Museum , the Boys and Girls Club , Ronald McDonald House and the Children’s Hospital of Southern Ontario.

Total Letters-To-Santa Answered

Boys & Girls Club

16

Children’s Museum

258

Ronald McDonald House

23

Children’s Hospital

63

Mail Stream

1412

Cards and letters of appreciation

Numerous letters of appreciation and thank you cards were received from the expanded

iniatives involving the above locations.

Particularly heart warming were the thank you cards from the doctors and nurses at the Children’s Hospital with all their signatures and personal notes on them.

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***Member Benefit Partner***

**Just in time for Spring Sale Shopping**

Your Heritage Club has arranged another Heritage Club Invitation for members to shop at the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store in London. Club I.D. card carrying Thames Heritage Club Members can shop and enjoy a discount of between 40% - 60% off brands such as Columbia , Sorel , Mountain Hard Wear and Prana. This is an invitation-only event which occurs four times per year. Club members are to have their Thames Heritage Club I.D., photo I.D. and the invitation and present them at the employee store from **Mar 29 – Apr 21 , 2019** and shop.

Each member can spread the joy and bring along **up to four (4) family and/or friends**.

Full details on attached Columbia Invite.

*Annual Reunion Banquet*

The 2018 edition of the Annual Reunion Banquet was held on October 27 , 2018 at the Hellenic Community Centre in London. Approx fifty five people attended. A great night was had by all. Live musical entertainment was supplied by Celebrity Productions. For the 2019 version of the Banquet , we have already booked the larger room which we have had in the past. This room provides more area to allow the stage for our entertainment musicians and as well

makes it easier for banquet staff to supply and retrieve dishes and condiments.

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*Volunteer Programs*

Boys and Girls Club

people needed one afternoon per month to serve meals to kids

Salvation Army Kettles

(Nov 25th – Masonville Mall)

Salvation Army Hamper Program

Donations of knitted items to annual hamper

program for the needy each December

Santa Letter Campaign

Three to four Mondays in November through early December

(Nov 20 , 27 , Dec 04 , 11)

\*\* was expanded to include Children’s Museum , Boys & Girls Club , Ronald McDonald House and Children’s Hospital

Children`s Health Foundation Telethon

Staff the phone bank at the Telethon collecting private and business donations

*Membership Since Last Newsletter*

*Welcome:*

Josette Boismier

Marilyn Boland

Susan Browning

William Duncan

Marci Kosac

Klaus Madinger

Irene Shea

Don Wright

*Departed*

Jack Arnold

Nicole Bigham

Leslie Rose

Marilyn Shoebottom

Larry Spettigue

Gerry Tapley

*Luncheons*

In 2018 we held a luncheon in Bayfield for our northern area members who may not be able to attend some of the London area social events.

There was a get together held at The Mandarin Restaurant in the fall.

 

We intend to repeat this subsidized event in 2019.

*Chapter Executive*

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Heritage Club members receive up to 50% off

- online registration with paid-up Thames

 Heritage membership

To learn more about this offer visit

*https://corporate.goodlifefitness.com*

(you will require your Thames Heritage Club number to access information regarding this offer)

**REMINDER:**

**Any GoodLife renewals will be denied if 2019 dues are not paid.**

\*\* total number of Heritage Club members

 enrolled in GoodLife discounted program

 as of this Newsletter is 178.

*Scams*

There are a number of scams going on out there by phone and via e-mail.

C.R.A.

I have even seen this one in my inbox.

A e-mail arrives in your inbox showing it as coming from the Canada Revenue Agency. It claims that you have a refund coming and all you have to do to receive it is send a credit card account information and it will be deposited to your account.

DELETE THE E-MAIL

*Thames Heritage Club Card Renewal Time*

For those of you who haven’t already done so , it is time to renew the Thames Heritage Club Activity Card for 2019 through payment of the $12.00 annual dues.

Make cheque payable to

**Thames Heritage Club** and send to:

 Thames Heritage Club

 955 Highbury Ave

 London , On N5Y 1A3

Some of the member benefits are …

* discounted fees at GoodLife Fitness
* 40% to 60% discount at Columbia Sportswear Employee Store Events
* Gateway Casinos $10 free slot play events
* very attractive travel insurance rates with Medoc (Johnson Insurance)
* discount on the cost of the Annual Banquet of Thames Heritage Club
* Annual Golf Tournament
* Periodic luncheons at the Mandarin

Members who are not sure if they have paid their 2019 dues may contact the club at the numbers shown on the contact listing or by e-mail to the Thames Heritage Club e-mail address also shown in this newsletter.

*Annual General Meeting*

The Thames Heritage Club Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday , April 14th at Angel`s Restaurant in London at 4 P.M.

There is a notice with full particulars included with this Newsletter. Come out and vote for members of the club executive. Have a say in the future direction of your Heritage Club.

*Travel*



**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Contemplating travelling south this spring ?

You should consider Medoc Travel

Insurance for your coverage.

Heritage Club members receive a substantially reduced rate on their travel

Insurance.

One main interest to members is the

coverage for pre-existing medical

conditions. A member doesn`t have to

be in perfect health to take advantage of

these preferential rates.

Visit: johnson.ca/medoc

Call: 1-866-606-3362

*2019 Annual Golf Tournament*

We are presently looking at various locations for the upcoming tournament held each year in August. We welcome any suggestions from members for possible tournament sites.

*Housecleaning*

Death of member

In an effort to keep our information

up to date , we need to know when

any of our members is deceased.

Address change

To keep our mailing list current it

is necessary to have the latest proper

address of each member.

Send any changes to the above either

by mail to:

Thames Heritage Club

955 Highbury Ave

London , On N5Y 1A3

 OR

by e-mail to:

thamesheritageclub@gmail.com