**THAMES HERITAGE CLUB NEWS**

**WINTER 2019/2020**

Hello,

Winter is here with us again. The leaves we forgot to rake up and bag are now evident as we uncover them when we clean the driveway. Since our last newsletter we have had our Annual Banquet and Columbia Employee Store Invite. Thames Heritage Club Volunteers staffed the Salvation Army Kettle at Masonville Mall. In November we launched the Letters-To-Santa campaign. There is a section later in this newsletter on this campaign and how your Heritage Club supported this endeavour during the 2019 Christmas season.

*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. (1-877-807-9090)

..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 – 2019*

This year your Heritage Club continued the expansion of 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. In total , your Thames Heritage Club created replies to 3,278 Letters-To-Santa (2811 English & 42 French)

Boys & Girls Club



Ronald McDonald House



Children’s Museum







Children’s Hospital





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*2020*

*Pension Indexing*

Canada Post Pension………… 1.93%

C.P.P. ……………………… 2.00%

Superannuation …………… 2.00 %

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

*Annual Reunion Banquet*

The 2019 edition of the Annual Reunion Banquet was held on October 26 , 2019 at the Hellenic Community Centre

133 Southdale Rd West in London. Approx forty seven people attended. A great night was had by all. Live musical entertainment was supplied by Celebrity Productions. Everyone

left with a prize ranging from a sightseeing flight for two , to a Columbia men’s winter coat to shopping centre and various gift cards. The food prepared on-site by staff was of high quality. Changes have been made in the menu to ensure the variety of selection and quantity we had become familiar with.

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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)

Santa Letter Campaign

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(Nov 18th thru Dec 16th)

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***Member Benefit Partner***

**Just in time for Winter Sale Shopping**

Your Heritage Club has arranged another Heritage Club Invitation for members to shop at the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store in London. Card carrying Thames Heritage Club Members for year 2020 can shop and enjoy a discount of between 40% - 50% 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 current club I.D., photo I.D. and the invitation and present it at the employee store from **Jan 3 – Jan 26 , 2020** 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.

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*Luncheons*

In September 2019 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.

In October 2019 a luncheon was held at the Mandarin in London



*Membership Changes In 2019*

*Welcomed*

Susan Browning

Tracie Cavanagh

Tim Costello

Walter Dowden

William Duncan

Rhonda Gibson

Catherine Haggith

Terri-Lynn Jenner

Marci Kosac

Tony Larusso

Ken Lloyd

Klaus Madinger

Donna McCreary

Jeff Moyes

Carolyn Moyne

Janja Pasic

Irene Shea

Manmohan Singhla

Rick Sutherland

Don Wright

Sue Zrini

*Bid Farewell (In Memoriam)*

Jack Arnold

Nicole Bigham

Catherine Capitano

Robert Elkerton

William George

Daniel O`Brien

Neil O`Neil

Rita Rose

Kenneth Sheppard

Marilyn Shoebottom

Gerry tapley

Joseph Vowles

 *Chapter Executive*

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Secretary: Dianna Snell

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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 (paid-up) Thames Heritage Club number to access information regarding this offer]

**REMINDER:**

**Any GoodLife renewals will be denied if 2020 dues are not paid.**

*Thames Heritage Club Card Renewal Time*

For those of you who haven’t already done so , it soon will be time to renew the Thames Heritage Club Activity Card for 2020 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 …

* Discount of approx 50% at GoodLife Fitness
* 40% to 50% discount at Columbia Sportswear Employee Store 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 and other eating establishments
* Up to 20% discount at Choice , Clarion , Comfort and Quality Hotels

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*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.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Contemplating travelling south this winter ?

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

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*Housecleaning*

Aaddress 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