



Van Isle Heritage Club Newsletter # 37 October 2018



Our Thanks to everyone that has attended and helped over the past year at our Heritage Club functions. We have had lots of fun and laughter while still working to give back to our communities.

We look forward to 2019, and will be working with members and looking at suggestions for new activities. Either charities you think we could be interested in supporting or social outings others might enjoy. It is your club, we want to do the things you want to do. Many of us have made good and lasting friendships through our trips and social activities. As well others have reconnected with former coworkers. Our warmest wishes to you all for a very special holiday season ...*Jim and Karen*

Mark your calendars

Christmas Luncheons—details inside

Parksville Mid Island December 14 Friday

Victoria December 17 Monday

BW Inner Harbour has a \$118 rate for upislanders that would like to stay over.

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- HC Scholarship updates
- Alzheimer's Information
- Santa needs helpers
- MSP Reimbursement form
- Contact Information for all retirees

Pictures:

- Summer wine tour Bus trip
- Meet and Greet for our next Big Trip Feb/ March 2019
 - 14 or 28 days in Portugal
 - 11 day NCL cruise
 - Barcelona to Canary Islands

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Welcome New and Returning and Transferring and Travel Members

Carole Anne Aube—Parksville

Donald Young—Victoria

Renee Henderson—Comox

Roberta Bremner— Parksville

Deborah Ward—Victoria



August 2018 Bus Trip to the Comox Valley we visited 40 Knots Winery, enjoyed samples of their wines and had lunch. Then we took the short trip to Shelter Point Distillery. Greeted by the very knowledgeable Scotsman who gave a tour of the distillery One of the Single Malt whiskies we sampled has just received a Prestigious award at the Annual World Whiskey Masters. Next stop was Coastal Black Estate Winery. This is on 600 acres in Black Creek family owned and operated fruit winery. LOTS of tasting here and many in our group bought bottles to take home. We ended the day at the Salmon Point Inn and enjoyed a fabulas buffet dinner. Our thank you to Mother Nature for the nice day





For all of our Heritage Club trips, we have had a Meet and Greet. It gives everyone joining us an opportunity to meet others travelling with us and just to hear about the ideas others have. Lots of questions and thoughts they can share. Vi McLennan and also Ron Pitcher the owner of Expedia CruiseshipCenters are always there so it gives everyone a chance to meet them and chat.

As well for lots of us a chance to see others that travelled with us on previous trips and catch up.

We have 56 people travelling with us, our largest group to date.

Not everyone is on the entire trip which was great, we were able to give everyone choices.

We planned our get together on a Saturday this time so those still working were able to come. Our group grew too large for the first place but we were all very happy with Qualicum Beach Golf Course THALASSA Restaurant

ALMOST everyone that will be joining us were able to attend

This trip we have pre and post cruise stays in Barcelona , 11 night NCL cruise leaving Barcelona, travelling to Canary Islands with stops at Casablanca and Maderia, Malaga (with excursions to Gilbralter) Then many of us will travel to Portugal some for 14 days some for 28 days



Enclosed in this newsletter we have included a copy of the MSP application for reimbursement Our MSP premium did go down but we are still entitled to 50% of whatever you paid for 2018 , Remember you must have receipts and it must be recd in Ottawa by June 2019

Do you have an old collection of PINS that you wonder what you should do with it. ?

There is a Heritage Club member in Quebec that still collects . Gilles has a collection of over 2000 pins and takes his collection to shows . He has 68 different postal administration pins from around the world. So if you would like to donate your pins send them to us and we will forward them along to Gilles.

VanIsle Heritage Club Committee

President

Jim Sharpe

Vice President and Treasurer

David Gilbert

Victoria council

Brian Superle 2nd vice president

Jerry Witty 3rd vice president

Administration assistant

Angela Warnock

Our valuable helpers: Val Chabot, Bill Thomas, Patricia Treadwell (Santa's elf) and John Wooten

As well as our "shooter girls" that make our Spring golf tournament a success every year

The four stages of Life :

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus
- 3) You dress up as Santa Claus
- 4) You look like Santa Claus



Don't stress about
your eyesight failing
as you get older. It's
nature's way of
protecting you
from shock
as you walk
past the
mirror.



ELECTIONS:

Are you interested in taking over any of these positions ?
Please let us know, elections can take place once each year.

We can send you information on what is involved in each position

If you have pictures or stories of an event that you have been involved in Please send it to us.
Other Heritage Club members enjoy seeing stories and pictures.
If you have an upcoming event we can send out information

- you may get helpers.

Mid Island SOS and Tigh Na Mara Christmas Toy Drive Breakfast

Parksville 1155 Resort Drive

Nov 28 2018 6:30—10am

David and Joan Gilbert (Van Isle Heritage Club's Vice President and Treasurer)

will be dropping off our donation of Toys and Gift Cards and would invite you to join them , bring a toy or gift card and enjoy Tigh na Mara's incredible complimentary buffet breakfast. Volunteers from Tigh Na Mara and the community, work to present this fundraising and Toy Drive event that gives children a magical Christmas.

If you have been there in previous years you will know it is pretty difficult to get a table together but if you would like to let David and Joan know you will be there around 9am email: heritagevanisle@shaw.ca

(don't forget the older kids)

From the Desk of Santa Claus



Van Isle

Heritage Club members

Santa needs your help

The Santa Letter writing program is an employee initiated and employee driven campaign which started over 30 years ago. All volunteers both current and retired employees have proudly and carefully helped Santa respond to children's letters. As you can imagine it takes a lot of time to open all Santa's mail, read every letter and thoughtfully craft a reply. You can help out by becoming a special Postal Elf. Contact your local post office, let them know you are a Heritage Club member and would like to help out. Please take a few minutes after Christmas to let us know how many letters you answered.

OR

Join us at a Santa workshop on December 12 Wednesday 10am—2pm.

Lunch included 878 Fairways Drive Qualicum Beach

Please fill out the RSVP that is included

Email: heritagevanisle@shaw.ca

May you never be too grown up
to watch the skies on Christmas Eve