

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter

Latest News and Updates

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President's Message

I hope the Fall newsletter finds you and your families safe after Hurricane Fiona. It was a devastating weather event, yet, Nova Scotian's once again rose to the challenge. It's in our DNA...strength, resilience and determination. For those of you who may still be suffering the effects of Fiona, you are in our thoughts.

The Executive Team has made a contribution to the Red Cross, Fiona Appeal on behalf of Bluenose Chapter members. Our donation will be matched by the Government of Canada, ensuring a doubling of funds for families requiring financial aid. This donation was made possible by the Chapter's dues paying members (see Bluenose Charitable Donations and Community Support, page 4). We currently receive dues from roughly 25% of our eligible Heritage Club members. Please consider joining as a paid member. Your small dues payment of \$10 can make a difference in someone's life.

With this in mind, it's the Chapter's **2023 Membership Dues renewal** time. Existing Paid Dues members, are asked to submit their annual membership no later than December 1, 2022. This is also an ideal time for new members to join. In addition to supporting families and charities in our communities, your paid dues membership entitles you to great Heritage Club benefits and Chapter event subsidies. See page 3 for paid dues member benefits.

An annual favourite is back! The **Santa Claus Letter Campaign** begins in November. If you have not participated in this event before, I encourage you to do so. The positive impact we can make on a child is immeasurable and the personal satisfaction you will enjoy is immense. See details on page 4.

This is also the time of year when the Executive team organizes our **annual raffle**. These funds support families in Cape Breton, HRM, Central and Western Nova Scotia during the holiday season. The Executive team works directly with third party organizations (schools and churches) to identify needy families. Our recipients remain anonymous. I encourage you to support the raffle by purchasing tickets for great prizes. Good luck in the draw! See page 6 for details.

Raffle winners will be drawn at our annual **Fall luncheon** in Halifax. The luncheon is a great opportunity to connect with friends and pass along holiday wishes in person. Stay tuned for details on this event, which will be sent by separate email.

Want to have input on our 2023 Chapter events? Our events should be representative of your interests. Have a say in what events are held in 2023. Complete the **2023 Member Questionnaire** found on page 7.

This year has seen us grow the Bluenose Chapter's membership to new levels. Thank you! Our Executive team works hard to support the ongoing growth and development of the Bluenose Chapter. On a personal note, I want to thank Sharon Simpson, Louella Aucoin, Nancy Hopper and Marg MacKinnon for their ongoing "volunteer" efforts. Thanks ladies – your efforts are greatly appreciated!

From our families to yours....Have a safe Fall and enjoyable holiday season. Our next newsletter will be in January 2023. Until then.

Art Dewan, President, Bluenose Chapter Heritage Club

Membertou Community welcomes Canada Post Hub – a first in Nova Scotia

For the second time in the Canada Post's history, a community hub has opened in the Membertou community on Cape Breton Island.

Membertou at a Glance

Membertou is an urban, progressive Mi'kmaq community located in the tribal district of Unama'ki.

Membertou has formed successful strategic partnerships with Cape Breton University, Ulnooweg Development Group Inc., Memski Projects Inc., Unama'ki Economic Benefits Office and Hampton by Hilton. In January 2002, Membertou officially achieved ISO status, making them the first aboriginal government in the world to become ISO 9001:2000 certified. Forming a partnership with Canada Post is a natural evolution in Membertou's continued entrepreneurial growth plan.

What is a community hub?

On May 6, Canada Post President & CEO Doug Ettinger joined Membertou Chief Terry Paul to open a new pilot Community Hub. At the time of the Membertou opening, the only other community hub was in High Prairie, Alberta.

A community hub supports expanded services in remote northern and rural communities as well as First Nations. Aside from the usual Canada Post offerings, the Membertou community hub provides a range of postal and small business services including:

- parcel lockers and self-serve postal services;
- rentable meeting rooms, parcel package areas, secure printing and shredding;
- public wireless internet service, computers and video conferencing capabilities.
- Financial services, such as Canada Post loans through a bank partnership, foreign currency and cheque cashing services, and an ATM machine.

The Hub also features services chosen by the community, including a charging station for electric vehicles, water bottle refilling station, accessible parking and signage provided in Mi'kmaq, French and English. Local artwork is also featured in the space.

CPC Executive & Community Support

Chief Terry Paul said the hub offers all the things the community needs and will make use of the offerings. Employees from the Membertou community work in the hub, with the support of CUPW.

Doug Ettinger, spoke at the grand opening. He commented on the increase in shipping experienced by Canada Post during the pandemic. Many post offices are now dealing with Christmas level volumes year-round.

Mr. Ettinger said that with increased competition from private shipping companies, it's important for Canada Post to remain competitive and test new concepts to support Canadian's evolving needs.



A beaded post office tag made for Chief Terry Paul

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2023 Membership Renewal!

Due by: December 1, 2022

Dues are **\$10.00 per member**. Spouses are eligible for Associate membership, **also \$10.00**.

Payment of dues by Interac

Interac email: BluenoseHC@gmail.com

2023 Bluenose Chapter membership, raffle funds and/or donations can be paid by Interac payment. In the "comment" box with your payment, **please include full disposition for monies being sent.**

Example: First and last name, \$10.00 dues, \$10.00 raffle, \$5.00 charitable donation. If paying for a couple, please include both names.

Please note: The Bluenose Chapter is not be responsible should a fee be charged for an Interac payment.

Prefer to Pay by cheque?

Mail your payment to:

Heritage Club - Bluenose Chapter

P O Box 8145, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 5L2

On the face of the cheque, record the disposition of funds paid. Refer to the example above under "Payment of dues by Interac".

Note: Dues **not received by December 1** may impact your eligibility for discounts and benefits i.e., Insurance, Good Life membership, etc.

We want your input!

2023 Member Questionnaire

Regardless of how you choose to pay your dues, **please complete and forward your 2023 questionnaire**, which includes information on your preferences for 2023 activities and charities you support through volunteerism. See page 7

Paid Dues Member Benefits

Paid membership in the Heritage Club is voluntary. **As a paid member** you are entitled to the following benefits:

- Special rates for **Johnson's Medoc Travel Insurance** are available to Chapter members in good standing (Dues are paid for the current year) and includes Covid-related coverage.
- Discounts up to 35% for **home and auto insurance** from Johnson Insurance
- Membership at **Good Life Fitness** at approximately 50% off the regular club access rates
- Preferred rates with **Choice Hotels**. Up to 15% in Canada, and worldwide, which includes Comfort, Quality and Rodeway Inns, Econolodge, etc.
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- Special **scholarships** for your children and grandchildren of \$2,000
- The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.



Choice Hotels acquires the **Radisson Hotel Group Americas**. This will expand Heritage member options for travelling through the Choice network. The acquisition was completed on August 11, 2022.

2022 Santa Claus Letter Writing Campaign

The Letter writing campaign is an annual favourite event. Established by Canada Post Corporation in 1982, Santa and his volunteer postal elves reply to 1.5 million letters in 38 languages every year. The 2022 Letter Campaign begins in November. Look for an email in November outlining the Campaign details as well as how to participate in this fun event. You'll feel like a kid again!

Chance to Win for Volunteering!

Our "Santa Elves" volunteers will be eligible to win a \$25 gas card. Good luck in the draw!

Bluenose Chapter Community Support

Thanks to the generous support of our dues paying members – you made it happen!

In 2022, the Bluenose Chapter provided financial support to **six** Christmas families in: HRM, Annapolis Valley, South Shore, Cape Breton and Northern Nova Scotia. Due to the increased cost of living, our gift size was also increased.

Our Chapter's contributions make a direct impact in our communities. Support the annual raffle on page 6 to make a difference. And you can win great prizes too!

A South Shore school writes: *"Your willingness to help a family in our community makes all the difference for them to feel supported. Thanks to you (Bluenose Heritage Club), we continue to provide a way for students and families to feel cared for."*

An Annapolis Valley church writes: *"Your gift made a huge difference to a young mother and her son in our community. The mom shared that she was so moved and deeply grateful for such generosity. This timely and much needed resource helped her make ends meet, and allowed her to do some things for Christmas that they otherwise simply would not have been able to do"*

Bluenose Charitable Donations

Donations have been made to the following organizations on behalf of our Bluenose Chapter members:

Feed Nova Scotia; Special Olympics (Nova Scotia); and Red Cross - Fiona Appeal

Bluenose Chapter Executive Team:

- Art Dewan, President (Kentville)
- Sharon Simpson, 1st Vice President (HRM)
- Louella Aucoin, 2nd Vice President (HRM)
- Nancy Hopper, Treasurer (HRM)
- Marg MacKinnon, Secretary (HRM)

Reach us by email @ BluenoseHC@gmail.com



Bluenose Executive Members (L – R): Marg MacKinnon, Sharon Simpson, Louella Aucoin, Art Dewan. Missing: Nancy Hopper

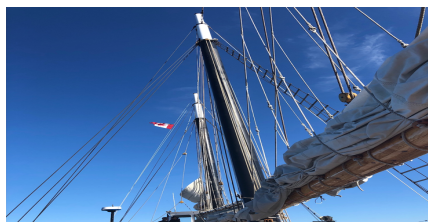
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Local News & Member Events con't

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Bluenose Chapter Harbour Cruise

On Sept 19, a number of Bluenose members enjoyed sailing on the Silva. A beautiful day with great friends!



A beautiful day for a sail!

Is that you behind those Foster Grants?



Barb & Eldred Holmes (second from left, back row), Terra Nova Chapter President and 1st Vice President (National Heritage Club) joined us!

Settling in for the tour!



Want to have a say in the Bluenose Chapter Member events for the upcoming year? Complete and send us your 2023 Membership Questionnaire located on page 7.

Our Condolences:

Irma Sampson, Susan Lewis, Caroll Earl Crouse, John Boutilier, Robert Spriggs, Norma Sweet, Irvin James Walsh, James Cuff, Kenneth Blair, Oswald Landry, Carla Blades, Frank (Gus) McGrath, Gordon (Gordie) MacKeigan, Mary Theresa Schnare, Richard (Rick) Arthur, Joseph (Alan) Coolen, Mary Agnes Burton, John Emmett, David Condy, George Smith, Donald (Pat) Blackburn, William (Bill) Coffin

Welcome New Paid Members:

Susan Chatham, Michael (Mike) Paul and Joe Lahey

New Associate Members:

Joan Meade, Coleen Lewis



How do you become a Heritage Club **Associate** member?

Associate membership is granted to the spouse of any active or deceased Heritage Club Member upon payment of Heritage Club Annual Dues.

We have a **SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!!!**

Marissa Cox of Sydney Forks, N.S., is the granddaughter of Kevin Currie, Bluenose Chapter member. Marissa is one of the three national recipients of a \$2,000 scholarship. Congratulations Marissa!

We will share details on all three winners when they become available.

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter Annual Raffle

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The Chapter's annual raffle allows us to raise funds to support charitable organizations, Christmas family sponsorship, as well as Chapter events. Our fundraising activities are an integral component of our Chapter's mission. We appreciate your support and good luck in the draw!

Tickets for this year's raffle are: **\$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00**

Completed ticket stubs and payment should be mailed prior to the deadline of **December 1**. Draw date is December 5.

Mail to: Heritage Club - Bluenose Chapter, P O Box 8145, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 5L2

The raffle prizes available are:

- \$50 Gas Gift Card (2 gift cards are available)
- \$50 Home Depot Gift Card
- \$50 Grocery store Gift Card

Please photocopy this page if you are purchasing more than 3 tickets.

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Please **complete and return this questionnaire** by December 1, 2022, along with your annual dues payment.

- If paying your dues by interac, please mail a copy of your questionnaire separately
- If paying your dues by cheque, make cheques payable to **Heritage Club – Bluenose Chapter** **AND** include your questionnaire along with payment. Mailing address is on page 3

Your Name:

City/Town Location:

Do you volunteer time to a local charity?

This information is one of the criteria we are measured on by CPC, and it affects the Chapter's annual funding. Examples of volunteering include: church, health care, literacy and schools, library/museums, senior homes, food banks, meals on wheels, fund raisers, coaching children or sports groups, Christmas hamper programs, Community Clubs, etc.

Organization Name & Address:

hours volunteered/month? _____

What Chapter activities would you attend and financially support? It is not the intention to offer all activities, rather those which are most preferred by Bluenose Chapter members.

Circle three (3) choices only					
1	Fall lunch (Hfx)	6	Spring lunch (Hfx)	11	Halifax harbour cruise
2	Fall lunch (Valley)	7	Spring lunch (Valley)	12	Wine tour (begins/ends in Wolfville)
3	Fall lunch (Truro)	8	Spring lunch (Truro)	13	CPC Plant Tour (HRM)
4	Fall lunch (CBRM)	9	Spring lunch (CBRM)	14	9-hole golf & lunch
5	Fall lunch((South Shore)	10	Spring lunch (South Shore)	15	Bowling and lunch (HRM)
13	Other	provide details:			

Did you experience a change of address or email in 2022?

Old Address: _____

New Address: _____

Email: _____
By providing an email address you are consenting to receive Bluenose Chapter communication by email

Do you no longer want to receive correspondence from the Bluenose Chapter?

Name: (Print & Sign) _____ / _____

Address: _____

Email: _____