

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter

Latest News and Updates

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President's Message

Happy 2023 to all of the Bluenose Chapter members! I hope our winter newsletter finds you well.

It was an extremely busy fall for the Bluenose Chapter.

Chapter members should be extremely proud of our community contributions in 2022. This holiday season saw us support 6 community families at an increased donation of \$300 per family. Our giving stretched from Cape Breton to the South Shore of Nova Scotia. We were careful to ensure that our giving covered numerous pockets of the province, which is representative of our Chapter membership.

In addition to our targeted family sponsorship, we also donated to the Red Cross, Fiona Campaign. This storm struck areas of the province particularly hard and we were able to stretch our donation by contributing during a period when Government matched amounts given. Our total matched donation to this important cause was \$500. We appreciate that there are many worthwhile causes and the need is great due to the current economic conditions. Our final two organizations donations were: Feed Nova Scotia and the Special Olympics of Nova Scotia. These provincial organizations each received a donation of \$250.

We also have some Bluenose Chapter winners. Our annual Holiday raffle draw was held on December 5. Were you a lucky winner? See page 3 to see who won the loot! Not to be ignored, our important Santa Claus Letter campaign was another success. Were you a Santa Elf this year? You may have won a prize. See page 3 for the winner.

The Bluenose Chapter Paid Dues membership to date is 111. Our paid dues members allow us to support community organizations and hold member events. The Chapter held a holiday luncheon on December 5. Lots of fun! Photos on page 4. Speaking of member events, in the Fall newsletter we asked members to provide input on events they'd like to see organized in 2023. Did you provide your input? Results are on page 4.

Finally, the Chapter does not run itself. The Executive team works diligently to support the Bluenose Chapter. I want to thank Louella Aucoin, Nancy Hopper, Sharon Simpson and Marg MacKinnon for their year-long efforts. To this end, we are looking for 1 – 2 additional executive members. Please give our team your consideration and let us know if you are interested in joining us.

As winter settles in across the province, be well and stay safe on the roads. Spring will arrive before we know it.

Art Dewan - President, Bluenose Chapter

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Heritage Club Website: Navigation & Features

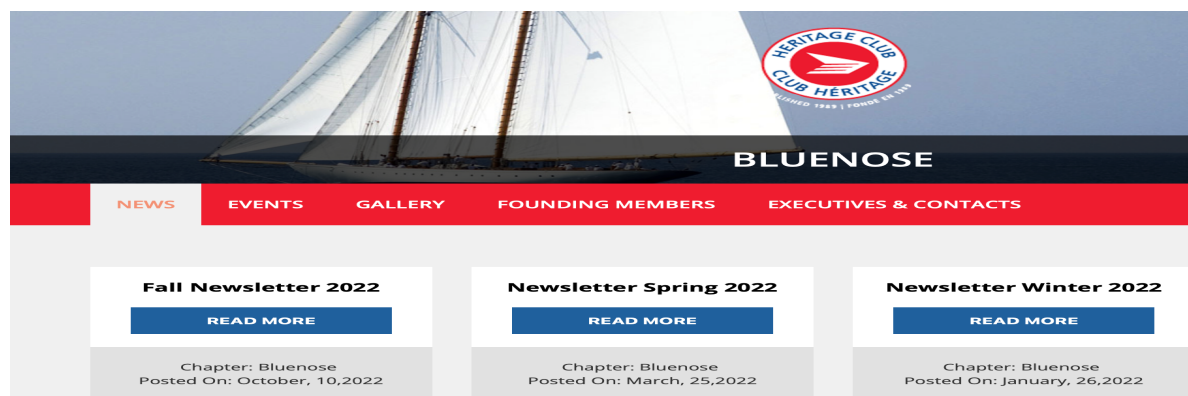
The Heritage Club website can be found at: www.heritageclub.ca

The national site has undergone a complete revamp.



The above link launches that national landing page which contains helpful links to programs and discount information, as well as useful links to sites such as Canada Life (formerly Great West Life), Sun Life, and the CPC pension plan. Why search for information when it's all conveniently located in one place!

To find out what's happening in your chapter, click on "Select a Chapter" from the home page



"Chapters" and select "Bluenose". Once there, you'll find newsletters and pictures from local events. Going forward, we'll also post notifications of upcoming events. Check regularly, as new information will be added monthly. If you have suggestions for content to be included, please contact us at: BluenoseHC@gmail.com

We respect our members' privacy. If you would prefer that a photograph not be posted to the site, please let us know.

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Member Information

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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
- Event subsidies
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- Opportunity to apply for a Heritage Club **scholarship** for your children and grandchildren, valued at \$2,000
- The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.

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)

Executive Member Recruitment!

The Executive team is looking to add to our ranks. The strength on our team is diversity and we want to ensure we continue to grow and evolve our Chapter.

We're looking for one or two members to join our Executive team in 2023. It's fun and rewarding.

Drop us a line at:

BluenoseHC@gmail.com

2022 Santa Claus Letter Writing Campaign

Winning Santa Elf!

Thanks to all of our "Santa Elf" volunteers! The collective efforts of Heritage Club membership resulted in 1350 letter responses, or approximately 200 volunteer hours. Thanks to all volunteers for supporting this worthy cause.

Our Santa Elf winner of a **\$25 Petro Canada gas card** is **Barb Arnold**, congratulations Barb!



Raffle results
being audited
by Marg
MacKinnon!

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!!!

\$50 Gas Gift Card (2)

Don Tanner (Dartmouth) & Vicki Josey (Mahone Bay)

\$50 Superstore Gift Card

Don Moriarty (Dartmouth)

\$50 Home Depot Gift Card

Wally Locke (Shelburne)

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Local News & Member Events

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Bluenose Chapter Fall Luncheon

On December 5, a number of Bluenose members enjoyed a late Fall luncheon at Steak and Stein in Halifax. A great day with friends!



Great
looking
group!



Lively
Chat!



What looks
good on
the menu?

Our Condolences:

Stephen (Frank) Wall, Sandra Burns, Darrell Chisholm, Ralph (Sonny) Matsell, Douglas McLean, Ann Marie MacHattie, Russell Saulnier, Philip Lane, Alan Chalupa, Rudolph (Rudy) Mullins, Garnita Peitzsche, Shirley Comeau, Nina Petropolis, Lillian Harriss, Janice Osborne.

Here we grow again!!!

Welcome New Paid Members:

Dennis L MacDonald, Marilla Knol, Edith Knowles, William MacDonald, Pauline LeBlanc, Gerald Pratt, Janice Sheppard, Carl Salter, Al Mortimer, Don Gentles

Welcome New New Associate Members:

Ann Brand, Phyllis Cameron, Juliette Dauphinee, Myrna MacEachern, Rob Sutherland, Norma Veinot

2023 Member Questionnaire Feedback

We asked and you responded. Thank you for your input regarding member activities for 2023.

The top three activity choices of Bluenose Chapter members were:

1. Spring Luncheon HRM
2. Fall Luncheon HRM
3. Halifax Harbour Cruise

Stay tuned for details on Chapter events throughout the year. Want to ensure you receive event information? Please provide your email address if you have not already done so. Contact us at:

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2023 Pension and Other Information

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Benefits Contact Numbers

C.P.C. Pension	1-877-480-9220	Access H.R.	1-877-807-9090
Superannuation	1-800-561-7930	Can Rev Agency	1-800-959-8281
C.P.P. / O.A.S.	1-800-277-9914	Passport	1-800-567-6868
Canada Life	1-866-716-1313	Employment Ins	1-800-206-7218

Benefits Survivor procedures:

In order to maintain survivor pension, health and medical benefits, several contacts must be made after a retiree's death. While not an exhaustive list, this information is helpful.

Access H.R. 1-877-807-9090 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retiree name ○ Employee I.D. number ○ Social insurance number ○ Copy of death certificate 	C.P.C. Pension 1-877-480-9220 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retiree name ○ Employee I.D. number ○ Postal code ○ Date of birth ○ Copy of death certificate ○ Copy of retiree's will
Canada Life 1-866-716-1313 Medical & Health Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retiree name ○ Employee number ○ Copy of death certificate ○ Plan numbers 	Important: Notify Canada Life as soon as possible in order to set up a new automatic withdrawal 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retiree name ○ Social insurance number ○ Copy of death certificate <p>Note: Besides the C.P.P. survivor Pension, there is a Death Benefit payable to the survivor</p>	Superannuation 1-800-561-7930 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retiree name ○ Social insurance number ○ Copy of death certificate ○ Copy of marriage certificate <p>Note: Sun Life benefit premiums for Superannuation survivor will be deducted directly from monthly survivor pension</p>
Canada Revenue Agency 1-800-959-8281 Contact Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) when a member or spouse passes to prepare T-1 and T-3 form completion	Suggestion: Print and store this information with your financial or estate paperwork.