

President's Message

With Spring, comes renewal and change. The same can be said of our Chapter Executive team. After two years as Chapter President, I have made the decision to step down from the position at the end of the term, which is June 30, 2023. I am a firm believer that in order for the Chapter to continue to grow and flourish, the Chapter must experience diverse ideas and refreshed leadership. During my four years on the Executive team, we experienced near Chapter closure. Today, we are a vibrant Chapter with a strong Executive team in place, underpinned by a solid Paid Dues Member base. The Bluenose Chapter has much to be proud of!

Our membership spans the entirety of the province. Due to our geography (580 km long, 130 kms wide), it is not practical to hold an AGM in a single place.

What's Next?

We have had an existing Chapter Executive team member step forward to indicate interest in assuming the President's position.

To ensure our paid dues members are considered for the Chapter President position, any person also wishing to be considered for the position should email me **by April 1, 2023** at: BluenoseHC@gmail.com. Please provide the reason for your interest and a one paragraph biography, indicating your key competencies for the President position.

Process for Selection

If we have more than one person interested in assuming the President position, we will determine the best method for our membership to vote for a new president. We are mindful that having members travel some distance to cast a single vote is not practical.

If no other person steps forward to indicate interest in the Chapter's President position, the existing Executive team member will be "acclaimed" and assume the President position on July 1, 2023.

I want to thank all of our members for their commitment to the Bluenose Chapter, for attending Chapter activities and making our community sponsorships possible. Your involvement makes all the difference.

Art Dewan - President, Bluenose Chapter

2023 Stamp Line Up

Many Heritage Club Members are also philatelists, who study and collect postage stamps. What can you expect from the 2023 Canada Post stamp line up?

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, Canada has a new monarch. His Majesty King Charles III was proclaimed as Canada's new head of state on September 10, 2022. Canada Post will honour King Charles III with a Canadian stamp in 2023.

Transportation will be highlighted through a stamp series featuring ferries that serve Canadian communities. Nova Scotia has many local ferries that bring commuters and residents together. Perhaps we will see a Nova Scotia ferry on a stamp? Stay tuned for the release!

Canada Post will also be honouring a number of trailblazers:

- A hockey pioneer who broke boundaries and gave back to his community and sport
- Quebec Activists
- A courageous Canadian making an impact during the Second World War

Also planned for release are several popular annual series:

- A new stamp to celebrate Black History Month
- The annual flower series
- Fundraising Stamp for the Canada Post Community Foundation
- Three stamps will honour Indigenous leaders in the second stamp issue of the series
- Stamp commemorating National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (also second stamp issue)
- New Eid, Diwali and Hanukkah stamps
- Annual Christmas and holiday stamps

Be sure to add to your stamp collection with these new arrivals!

Valuable Stamp!

For collectors, stamps can become rather valuable. A rare pre-confederation stamp sold at auction in January 2023 for \$292,500.

The 12-Penny Black stamp, featuring Queen Victoria, is believed to be one of only two of its kind. When originally sold, its value in today's prices would have been approximately \$16.40. With only 1,450 sold, its rarity and mint condition accounted for its auction price. The highest auction price achieved by a 12-Penny Black Stamp at auction was \$327,000 in 2017.

Check your collections!!

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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. Bluenose Chapter had a winner in 2022!
- The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.



Humour Corner

Remember when we were young and used to sneak out of the house to go to a party?
Now that we're older, we sneak out of the party to go home!

What do you call a grouchy apple? A crab apple!

Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!

Why is it when you buy a TV set, you only get one?

What sits at the bottom of the ocean and twitches? A nervous wreck.

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

Don't forget!
We "spring
forward" one
hour @ 2 am
on March 12th.



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Local News & Member Events

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2023 Chapter Member Activities

Thank you to the members who provided their input on preferred activities in 2023. For the upcoming year, we are looking to hold activities within HRM as well as other geographies within the province.

To hold a Chapter event, we must have a minimum of 12 Members and guests in attendance. We are currently contemplating a lunch in the South Shore area in Fall 2023 and a possible wine tour in Annapolis Valley. The Halifax Harbour cruise was well attended last year and ranked high by members completing the 2023 survey. This event may occur again in year.

As always, activities will be communicated by email. Make sure we can reach you!

Bluenose Chapter Spring Luncheon

Spring is coming! I know, hard to believe.

On the 2023 Activity Questionnaire, members indicated interested in having a spring luncheon in HRM. Since so many members travel south during late spring months, we will be targeting May or June for the luncheon.

For those of you who have attended previous HRM luncheons, you know our regular "haunt" is the Steak and Stein in Halifax. For those who haven't heard, the restaurant did not renew its lease and is now closed.

We are currently working on Spring activity details as well as a new luncheon location. Information will be shared with members via email, allowing you to sign up for the luncheon. Stay tuned for more information!

If you have not previously shared your email address with us, please contact us at:

BluenoseHC@gmail.com.

Chapter Member News

Our Condolences:

Roderick (Roddie) Morrison, Louis Comeau, Basil Giffin, Paul O'Sullivan, Karen Reid, David Kilroy, Gilbert (Harry) Miles, Loretta Sullivan, John Ellis, Leonard Wayne Mont, Douglas Stevens, Felix (Joe) Greene, Doris Butler, Gordon Roche

Here we grow again!!!

Welcome New Paid Members: Ivan Rodenhiser, Jim Peters, James Meagher, Gerald LeForte, Harold Dunstan, Greg Hennessey, Randall Davidson, Debi Crossley, Douglas Barnaby

Welcome New Associate Members: Phyllis Cameron, William (Bill) Duncan, Elizabeth MacGillivray, Deanna Vatour

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Information for You & Your Family

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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.