

# Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter

## Latest News and Updates

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### Presidents' Message

#### Message from Outgoing President

After two years as Bluenose Chapter President and four years on Executive membership, I am stepping down on June 30, 2023. 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. I want to congratulate the Executive team on their efforts and activities over the past years. The Chapter successfully navigated Covid, introduced new member activities, solidified our quarterly newsletter distribution, introduced a donation governance and supported a number of province-wide community sponsorships.

I want to personally thank Marg, Sharon, Nancy and Louella for their energy and vision. Louella, congratulations on assuming the President position for the Bluenose Chapter! I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming member events.

**Art Dewan**

#### Message from New President – Effective July 1/2023

Hello! My name is Louella AuCoin and I am pleased to take on the role as President of this great club, whose motto is 'People Helping People'. I worked with Canada Post in the Finance Department for approximately 27 years. During the term of my career, I was fortunate to meet many CPC employees in various departments and positions. I have been a member of the Heritage Club Executive for the past two years. As a result of the change in leadership, we have one opening on the Executive – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Please consider putting your name forward - I can attest to the fact that this is a wonderful Executive to work with – everyone is here to 'get the job done'! If interested, please send an email to [bluenosehc@gmail.com](mailto:bluenosehc@gmail.com)

A huge thank you to Art Dewan & his wife, Liz for their great leadership over the past number of years. On behalf of all members, we wish them the very best in their future endeavours & hope to see them at future events.

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#### **Wildfires**

It has been a devastating time for our beautiful province & people, due to the many wildfires that erupted in late May/early June. Our heartfelt thoughts and support go out to all families affected and we thank all first responders in their tremendous efforts.

To that end, the Bluenose Heritage Club has made a donation to the Red Cross (which will be matched by government). Thankfully, at this point in time, the fires are under control and/or extinguished. See the following page for information on how Canada Post responds to these emergencies.

***Louella AuCoin – Incoming President, Bluenose Heritage Club***

### Wildfires in Nova Scotia & Canada (*An excerpt from The Globe & Mail June 6/23*)

“Canada could exceed the largest total amount of burned area recorded in this country in a single year, as climate change increases the frequency and intensity of wildfires and puts Indigenous communities at higher risk, according to new federal numbers.”

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### Canada Post’s Response & Communication For Service Delays:



As we reflect on recent provincial, national and international events, it’s important to understand how Canada Post responds to and communicates service delays and disruptions when situations warrant.

Let’s start with international service alerts. Canada Post Corporation communicates any delays or suspensions via Canada Post’s national site>news and media> service alerts. A red alert denotes suspended delivery; current examples include Sudan and Russia. Yellow denotes that the Corporation is doing its best to make deliveries, but delays may occur; a current example includes Ukraine. Delays or suspensions occur when safety is compromised and employees may be in harms way.

Provincial/local alerts are communicated at the same Corporate site location. Canada Post will issue an alert when conditions warrant. Examples include: weather-related events, fires, hurricanes, floods, etc. An alert may be community based or province-wide.

A red alert means delivery is suspended and/or delivery agents are being recalled until the event or condition improves. A recent example of a community-based red alert is Tantallon, N.S., resulting from the wildfire event.

A yellow alert means the Corporation is experiencing a challenging local or provincial event and, while full efforts are being made to make timely deliveries, a delay may occur. A recent example of a provincial-based yellow alert is Alberta, resulting from poor air quality due to wildfires.

Alert information assists Canadians in understanding and navigating mail delays or suspensions. It’s also a great example of the Corporation’s commitment to employee safety.

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## Local News & Member Events

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### Bluenose Chapter Events

A lovely Spring Luncheon was held at Brightwood Golf Club on May 29/23. The Executive members were introduced and some updates provided. Thank you to all members who attended (new & regular). There was lots of lively conversation and a chance for people to 'catch up'! We are planning our next activities (Fall & Christmas). Stay tuned for emails on proposed events! Please ensure your email is up to date so that we can easily reach you!

### Bluenose Chapter Executive Team:

- Art Dewan, President (Kentville) Term ends June 30/2023
- Louella Aucoin, President (HRM) July 1/2023
- Sharon Simpson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (HRM)
- Nancy Hopper, Treasurer (HRM)
- Marg MacKinnon, Secretary (HRM)
- VACANT – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position

You can reach us by email @  
[BluenoseHC@gmail.com](mailto:BluenoseHC@gmail.com)

Interested in joining the Executive Committee in the future? Drop us a line!

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### Our Condolences:

Ella MacKay, Cyril Levangie, Gerald (Mikey) Bowser, Mary Josephine Good, Perry Boyd, Patricia (Pat) Balcom, Annie Calder, Angela Jacquard, John Raymond MacIntyre, Paul Emile Patton, Cecil Clements, Michael McFetridge

#### Welcome New Paid Members:

Mary Hobbs, Norma Veinot, Kelly Clark, Annie Peters, Don Lancaster, William Peters, Roseann MacIntosh, Sheila Shaw, Louise Danch

#### New Associate Members:

George Hobbs

### Fun Fact:

- Larry Reid was a founding member of the Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter. Although Larry passed some years ago, his wife Carol continues to fully participate in the club and never misses a get together! Carol is a testament to the pleasure of being a member and seeing familiar faces.
- If you have any interesting tidbits related to the Heritage Club, please feel free to send them along to us.....



**HAPPY CANADA DAY!!**

# Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter Member Benefits

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## Paid Dues Member Benefits!

As a paid member you are entitled to the following benefits:

- Special rates for **Johnson's Medoc Travel Insurance**, including Covid-related coverage, are available to Chapter members in good standing (Dues are paid for the current year).
- 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
- Special **scholarships** for your children and grandchildren of \$3,000 – **See Page 5!**
- The knowledge that a portion of your dues goes to **local families and charities** in need.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to benefit from these discounts, you must provide your Heritage club membership number and your dues to the Bluenose Chapter for the current year must be paid. Otherwise, your coverage could be denied or terminated.



## OBJECTIVES:

**The aims of The Heritage Club are consistent with the objectives of Canada Post Corporation. The Corporation, in 1989, established The Heritage Club as a means of recognizing the contributions to Canada's postal services made by the employees through a formal program to commemorate long service and retirement. Since 1999, the Club has grown to some 20,000 members. The Heritage Club, through its social and community activities, perpetuates the tradition of community service entrusted to its members by thousands of former, individual postal employees. The Corporation seeks to enhance that heritage and through The Heritage Club, offers an opportunity to build on that.**

[We encourage you to check out the Heritage Club website for lots of local and national information! Heritageclub.ca](https://Heritageclub.ca)



## 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

### 1. HERITAGE CLUB



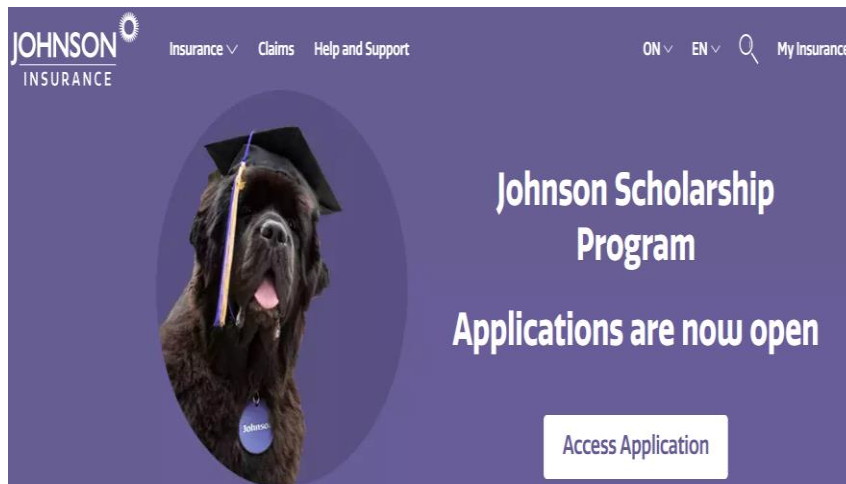
The 2023 Heritage Club Scholarship application package is available on the website [heritageclub.ca](https://heritageclub.ca).

You can find it under Forms, or under the link direct to the scholarship program. Value: \$2000

**Deadline: June 30, 2023**

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### 2. JOHNSON INSURANCE



To learn more about this exciting opportunity, visit [Johnson.ca/scholarship](https://Johnson.ca/scholarship). Value: \$1000

**Deadline: July 27, 2023**

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## Information for You

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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.

<b>Access H.R.</b> 1-877-807-9090 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retiree name</li> <li>○ Employee I.D. number</li> <li>○ Social insurance number</li> <li>○ Copy of death certificate</li> </ul>	<b>C.P.C. Pension</b> 1-877-480-9220 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retiree name</li> <li>○ Employee I.D. number</li> <li>○ Postal code</li> <li>○ Date of birth</li> <li>○ Copy of death certificate</li> <li>○ Copy of retiree's will</li> </ul>
<b>Canada Life</b> 1-866-716-1313 Medical & Health Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retiree name</li> <li>○ Employee number</li> <li>○ Copy of death certificate</li> <li>○ Plan numbers</li> </ul>	Important: Notify <b>Canada Life</b> 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.
<b>C.P.P. / O.A.S.</b> 1-800-277-9914 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retiree name</li> <li>○ Social insurance number</li> <li>○ Copy of death certificate</li> </ul> <p>Note: Besides the C.P.P. survivor Pension, there is a Death Benefit payable to the survivor</p>	<b>Superannuation</b> 1-800-561-7930 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retiree name</li> <li>○ Social insurance number</li> <li>○ Copy of death certificate</li> <li>○ Copy of marriage certificate</li> </ul> <p>Note: Sun Life benefit premiums for Superannuation survivor will be deducted directly from monthly survivor pension</p>
<b>Canada Revenue Agency</b> 1-800-959-8281  Contact Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) when a member or spouse passes to prepare T-1 and T-3 form completion	<b>Suggestion:</b>  Print and store this information with your financial or estate paperwork.