

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter

Latest News and Updates

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President's Message Happy New Year 2024!

The Heritage Club will celebrate its 35th Anniversary in 2024! We are over 18,000 members strong and have 24 Chapters across the country!

2023 Highlights:-

Our Bluenose members should be very proud of our charitable contributions in 2023. From a financial perspective, we donated a total of \$2900 (support for six families spread throughout Nova Scotia, as well as contributions to The Red Cross, Feed Nova Scotia & Special Olympics). In addition, our members volunteered approximately 5520 hours in various organizations and capacities in our communities. Our wonderful member Santa Elves responded to 1800 letters for the Santa Letter Writing Program.

We increased our Bluenose Membership to 150 paid members for 2023. We held three luncheons - two at Brightwood and one at the unique Church Pub in Wolfville. Member discounts and/or prize gift cards were distributed at each of these events. Great conversation and camaraderie was apparent!

I had the opportunity to be a judge for the National Heritage Club Scholarship review process. It was impressive to see these aspiring young people (children or grandchildren of our members) applying for funding for their future endeavours.

As well, I had the opportunity to participate in last year's AGM (Annual General Meeting), held on an Alaskan Cruise, with Presidents of the other Chapters. The minutes from that meeting are posted on the National Website. It was a great exchange of information and wonderful to see that the Heritage Clubs throughout the country continue with the Club's mandate.

The Bluenose Executive held eleven meetings (either Zoom or more recently, in person at Regional Office) in 2023. Their ongoing efforts are invaluable and I personally extend my gratitude. We still have a position opened on the Executive, that of 2nd VP. If any of our members are interested, it would be greatly appreciated if you would contact us at BluenoseHC@gmail.com



BLUENOSE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE: Left to Right
Nancy Hopper (Treas); Marg MacKinnon (Secr); Sharon Simpson (1st VP); Louella AuCoin (Pres)

***Enjoy the Winter Season! The next Newsletter will be distributed in March 2024. Til then...
Louella AuCoin. President. Bluenose Chapter Heritage Club***

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CPC Highlights & History – Recent TV Ads

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An excerpt from a Canada Post News Release in 2023 re: Carbon Neutral Shipping

Canada Post introduces carbon-neutral shipping -*All domestic ground parcel services now shipped as carbon-neutral*

Canadians are now using carbon-neutral shipping when they send parcels by Canada Post's ground services within Canada.

As Canada Post works toward net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, it's taking steps today to help Canadians and Canadian businesses make sustainable shipping choices. All Domestic Regular Parcel™ and Expedited Parcel™ ground shipments, as well as Canada Post's flat rate boxes, are now shipped as carbon-neutral.

For every tonne of greenhouse gas emissions generated by these domestic ground delivery services, Canada Post makes them carbon-neutral by removing one tonne from the atmosphere through the purchase of high-quality, accredited carbon offsets.

The road to net zero:-Canada Post continues to focus on absolute emission reductions. As the Corporation greens its operations on the path to net-zero, the need for offsets for carbon-neutral shipping will diminish over time. The company's commitments and climate initiatives include:

- Climate targets approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), which include cutting operational emissions by 50 per cent by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions across the Corporation's value chain by 2050.
- Electrification of the Corporation's fleet of 14,000 vehicles by 2040 (50 per cent electric by 2030).
- Greening of Canada Post's real estate portfolio, with new net-zero facilities, retrofits and energy-efficiency upgrades.
- Purchasing renewable energy in Canada's highest-emitting provinces and working with energy suppliers to bring new renewable energy projects online.
- Reducing emissions throughout Canada Post's value chain and working with suppliers and subsidiaries to establish science-based emission targets by 2025.

For the full news release, as well as the link to an advertisement video, please copy & paste in your browser.....

<https://prd11.wsl.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/our-company/news-and-media/corporate-news/news-release/2023-04-27-canada-post-introduces-carbon-neutral-shipping>



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Payments for 2024 & 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** are available to Chapter members in good standing and includes Covid-related coverage.
- Discounts up to 35% for **home and auto insurance** from **Belair direct** (formerly **Johnson**) Home and Car Insurance.
- Membership at **Good Life Fitness** at approximately 50% off the regular club access rates
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.
- Special **scholarships** for your children and grandchildren of \$2,000

It's never too late to join up for the year! Tell your fellow CPC Employees!

Scholarships

The Heritage Club is planning to award three (3) scholarships to children or grand children of all dues paying members of the Heritage Club. The scholarships are valued at \$2,000 each for university or college studies. The scholarships will be awarded to students starting, for the first time, their first year of full time studies.

For further information, please visit the National Heritage Club website at heritageclub.ca (under Forms) or contact Eldred Holmes at

holmese@nl.rogers.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Submissions must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2024.



Johnson(BelAir) Insurance also offer annual scholarships. Additional info will be posted when available.

WELCOME NEW PAID MEMBERS:

To date for 2024, we have 133 paid members! Our Executive team works hard to support the ongoing growth and development of the Bluenose Chapter.

Welcome to our new members & welcome back to our resubscribed members:-

John Bellefontaine, Carole Bernier, Doug Corkum, Seward Farrell, Angela Green, Kelly Lee Kennedy, Keith Lewis, Les Mayo, Cherryl Oake, Christopher Tanner and Diane Johnstone. Our new associate members include Kim Heisler, Suzanne Hogan, Anne King, Laura Muise, Brian Burke, Eva Murray and Geri Malcolm.

CONDOLENCES:

On behalf of the membership, we would like to express our sincere condolences to families and friends of any of our members who have passed.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – BRIGHTWOOD GOLF COURSE – NOV 20/23



These members shared in a lovely luncheon, celebrating the Holiday Season!

In Attendance :Left to Right –

Front Row Seated: Ralph Meade, Joan Meade, Carol Reid, Laura Muise, Clifford Muise, Marg MacKinnon
Back Row: Pat Skeir, Bill Lane, Rose Lane, Gary Lewis, Sharon Simpson, Ken Gerhardt, Val Dann, Nancy Hopper, Marie Hartnett, Colleen Lewis, Louella AuCoin, Louise Danch, Sheila Shaw.

Winners of \$25 Gift Cards – Hint – It's the people with the festive head decorations 🤪

- Ralph Meade
- Pat Skeir
- Bill Lane
- Marie Hartnett

Congrats!

SANTA LETTER WRITING WORKSHOP – DEC 6/23



A small group of Santa's elves (Ken Gerhardt, Sheila Shaw, Val Dann, Sharon Simpson, Louella AuCoin and Barb Arnold) responded to a large number of Santa letters during the workshop. Tara Ursulan (Coordinator) was on hand to describe the process. Barb Arnold & Louella AuCoin were the winners of gift cards drawn at the event.

In addition, Clark Acker, Anne Brand, Louise Danch, Val Dann, Nancy Hopper, Ken Gerhardt, Colleen Lewis, Don Moriarty, Paul Richardson and Sharon Simpson were our at home member elves. Barb Arnold was the winner of a \$25 gas gift card. Bluenose Heritage Members answered approximately 15,000 letters. A JOB WELL DONE!

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CORRECTION TO NAME – FALL LUNCHEON AT THE CHURCH PUB IN WOLFVILLE
Apologies to Ralph Meade (his first name was inadvertently listed as Jack), as one of the members in attendance.

ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAW WINNERS

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 income. The draw was conducted on January 9/23 at Regional Office. The lucky winners are as follows:-

\$50 Gas Gift Card - Edith Knowles
\$50 Gas Gift Card – R. James MacDonald
\$50 Home Depot Gift Card – Pauline Joudrey
\$50 Grocery Gift Card – Patrick Webb
\$50 Prepaid Visa Card – Mike Paul

Congrats to all! Total revenue generated from the Raffle Draw was \$905. Thanks to all who participated.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS REVENUE

The total revenue generated for Charitable donations from our members was \$355. Thank you for your contributions.

2024 MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to those members who responded to our questionnaire about activities for 2024.

The top choices are as follows:-

1. Luncheon HRM
2. Luncheon (Outside HRM)
3. Wine Tour in Wolfville

These activities are dependent upon the level of interest by our members. Stay tuned throughout the year for information on these events. Our secretary Marg MacKinnon sends out (by email) information on any activity that we are proposing. If you haven't submitted your email address, you can do so by dropping us a line at BluenoseHC@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:- #1 Luncheon will be held at Brightwood Golf Course on Monday, May 27th at noon!

THANK YOU!

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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.

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.