

### President's Message - Happy New Year 2025!



#### **That's a wrap on 2024!**

Our members should be very proud of our charitable contributions in 2024. From a financial perspective, we donated a total of \$4000 (support for six families spread throughout Nova Scotia, as well as contributions to Feed Nova Scotia, Special Olympics, Shelter Nova Scotia and Canada Post Community Foundation). This was an increase of \$1100 over last year. In addition, our members volunteered approximately 4030 hours in various organizations and capacities in our communities.

We increased our Membership to 167 paid members for 2024.

Three luncheons were held - two at Brightwood and one at the beautiful Pete Luckett Vineyard in Wolfville. Member discounts and/or prize gift cards were distributed at each of these events.

Highlights from the Executive were provided at each Luncheon.

Special events included honouring Marg MacKinnon, our Club Secretary at the Wolfville Luncheon, for her dedicated 10 years of service and to round out the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Heritage Club, a celebratory cake was provided at our Christmas Luncheon.

As well, I had the opportunity to participate in last year's AGM (Annual General Meeting), held in Ottawa 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 five meetings, (four in person at Regional Office) and one offsite in 2024. I personally extend my thanks to Nancy & Sharon – their efforts are invaluable. We continue to appeal to members to become a member on the Executive. Two vacancies (2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Secretary) are available. This is our/your club and in order to continue into the future, it is important to recruit new Executive members. It would be greatly appreciated if a member or two would volunteer for one of these positions. Email us at [bluenoseHC@gmail.com](mailto:bluenoseHC@gmail.com).

***Louella AuCoin. President. Bluenose Chapter Heritage Club***

**January 13, 2025**

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Price of a domestic stamp increases by 25 cents

*New postage rates better align stamp prices with rising cost of providing letter mail service*

OTTAWA – As was announced in September, Canada Post is increasing postage rates effective today. For stamps purchased in a booklet, coil or pane, which represent most stamp sales, the rate increases by 25 cents, to \$1.24 per stamp. The price of a single domestic stamp increases to \$1.44, up from \$1.15.

For the last decade, Canada Post has kept regulated letter mail rate increases to a minimum. Today's rate change represents a one-time increase of roughly 25 per cent, which is required to better align stamp prices with the rising cost of providing letter mail service to all Canadians. Every year, there are fewer letters to deliver to more addresses, which adds significant cost pressures to the Corporation on top of continued inflationary pressures.

**January 16, 2025**

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Former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and historic Canadian places of Pride among topics recognized in Canada's 2025 stamps

*Canada Post continues to share the stories of people and places that are meaningful to Canadians*

OTTAWA – Canada Post announced today its 2025 stamp lineup, which includes influential figures and key milestones that have shaped Canadian history and culture. Here are some highlights of the 2025 program:

- As part of a longstanding tradition of commemorating former Canadian prime ministers, Canada Post will pay tribute to the late Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, who served as the 18<sup>th</sup> prime minister of Canada from 1984 to 1993.
- Commemorating places and events that set the stage for the evolution of 2SLGBTQIA+ rights, ahead of Pride Season in Canada.
- The Black History Month stamp remembers Marie Joseph Angélique, an enslaved Black woman charged with arson in Montréal in 1734.
- The second issue in a series showcasing Canadian graphic novelists and the fourth issue celebrating Indigenous leaders.
- Shining a light on the dark history of civilian internment in Canada.
- New stamps explore the importance of biodiversity with fascinating fungi.

**For full article – go to [canadapost.ca](http://canadapost.ca) website (under Our Company).**

# Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter Payment for 2025 & Member Benefits

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## Payments: Membership Renewal

### Payment Due NOW!

1. Membership renewal: **\$10.00 per member.**  
1a. Spouses Associate membership, **also \$10.00.**

### Payment of dues by E-Transfer

ETransfer: [bluenoseHC@gmail.com](mailto:bluenoseHC@gmail.com)

### Prefer to Pay by cheque?

Mail your payment to:

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

## Benefits:

- **Hearing Life** Discount (See Page 7)
- **Genumark**
- Special rates for **Johnson's Medoc Travel Insurance** are available to Chapter members in good standing and includes Covid-related cvg.
- Discounts up to 35% for **home and auto insurance** from **belair direct** (formerly **Johnson**)
- Membership at **Good Life Fitness** at approx. 50% off the regular club access rates and Goodlife promotions
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- Special **scholarships** for your children and Grandchildren.
- A portion of your dues support local families/charities in need.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2025

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.

Please visit the Heritage Club website at [heritageclub.ca](http://heritageclub.ca) or contact Eldred Holmes at [holmese@nl.rogers.com](mailto:holmese@nl.rogers.com)

### belairdirect

is proud to announce that the following children of Canada Post Heritage Club's members have been awarded a \$1,000 belairdirect scholarship to assist with their post-secondary education.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

- Ian Wong the child of Sam Wong from Vancouver, BC
- Luke Brosinski the child of Debrah Cranfield from Chilliwack, BC

For more information about the 2025 belairdirect Scholarship Program, please visit [belairdirect Scholarship Program](#) in the spring or call 1.844.567.1237.

## WELCOME NEW PAID MEMBERS:

Paid membership for 2025 to date stands at 151 members. We ended 2024 at 167 members and are hoping to meet or exceed that number. Please 'spread the word' and encourage people to join or rejoin. Our Executive team works hard to support the ongoing growth and development of the Bluenose Chapter.

## 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.

**Canada Post Heritage Club  
BLUENOSE CHAPTER**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL MEMBERSHIP CARD**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The local membership cards will not be sent out automatically this year. However, should you wish to receive one by mail, please send an email to :- [bluenoseHC@gmail.com](mailto:bluenoseHC@gmail.com)

OR if you have misplaced your membership number and require it, please email us with the request.

Every paid member has been provided with their Bluenose Heritage Club Member number in the past and we keep a database of paid members on an annual basis. With our limited number of people on the Executive, this exercise is becoming onerous and in many cases, redundant.

Please feel free to email us at any time with comments, questions, feedback, etc. [bluenoseHC@gmail.com](mailto:bluenoseHC@gmail.com)

# Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter 2025 Member Events

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – BRIGHTWOOD GOLF – DEC 10/2024



Left to Right Back Row: Darryl Dauphinee, John Hopper, Ralph Meade, Gary Lewis, Darryl Clark, Cliff Muise, Brian Baker, Sharon Simpson, Louise Danch, Julie Bodis, Len Bodis, Ron Miller, Deanna Vautour, Norm Vautour

Middle Row: Bill Lane, Nancy Hopper, Joan Meade, Louella AuCoin, Keith Lampier, Marg MacKinnon, Dianne Baker, Alanna Miller

Seated: Lucille Bourque Lampier, Colleen Lewis, Anna O'Halloran, Carole Reid, Aubrey Dauphinee

**WINNERS OF SOBEYS' GIFTCARDS:** Cliff Muise, Lucille Bourque Lampier, Marg MacKinnon

A lovely time was had by all at the Christmas Luncheon! We celebrated the Heritage Club's 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with a cake. More pics will be posted on our website!

## 2024 Santa Claus Letter Writing Campaign – Excerpt from Tara (local liaison with CPC):-



We have had an update from Head Office regarding the Santa Program. Sadly, they are making the decision to suspend the program for this year. It's unfortunate but makes sense. We can't ensure that children will receive their responses on time, even locally. All Santa mail that has been collected will be sent off to Head Office after Christmas.

Not the best news, I know. Please thank the membership for being champions of this program! 2025 will be a much better year!

# Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter 2025 Annual Raffle & Member Questionnaire

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## **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. This year, the raffle generated \$660. The draw was conducted on January 6/25. The lucky winners are as follows:-

**\$50 Gas Gift Card – Aubrey Dauphinee**

**\$50 Gas Gift Card – Heather Kyte**

**\$50 Home Depot Gift Card – Wendy Duncan**

**\$50 Grocery Gift Card – Harold Dunstan**

**\$50 Prepaid Visa Card – Clark Acker**

Congrats to all! Thanks to all who participated.

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## **CHARITABLE DONATIONS REVENUE**

The total revenue generated for Charitable donations from our members was \$270. Thank you for your contributions.

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## **2025 MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you to those members who responded to our questionnaire about activities for 2025.

The top choices are as follows:-

1. Luncheon HRM
2. Luncheon (Outside HRM)
3. Trivia Event & Halifax Harbour Cruise tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> spot

These activities are dependent upon the level of interest by our members. Stay tuned throughout the year for information on these events. We send 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](mailto:bluenoseHC@gmail.com)

**NEXT EVENT:-** #1 Luncheon will be held at Brightwood Golf Course in the Spring. Stay tuned to your email for the date, time, etc.

# **THANK YOU!**

# Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter Member Benefits - HearingLife

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## Save up to \$1700 on your hearing aid purchase

It's never too late to show your ears some love! That's why we're offering you up to \$1700 off the latest hearing aids. Plus, as a Canada Post Heritage Club member, you and your family enjoy exclusive benefits at HearingLife & Network Partner clinics, including an extra 10% off the final purchase price.

Book your FREE appointment today! Visit [www.hearinglifeadvantage.ca](http://www.hearinglifeadvantage.ca) or call 1-888-335-7537.