

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- Welcome Spring 2026!



Despite the forecast, live like it's spring." — Lilly Pulitzer

Hello everyone!

The Heritage Club is currently in its 37th year of operation, from coast to coast in Canada. The Chapters continue to hold various functions, where members can get together socially and enjoy some time together. As well, one of our main purposes is to support local charitable organizations.

Our local chapter, the Bluenose Heritage Club, has 140 paid members to date for 2026. Our present executive consists of Sharon Simpson as 1st VP, Nancy Hopper as Treasurer, Geraldine Dowling as Secretary and myself, as President. There still exists a vacancy in the 2nd VP position. Terms for two of these positions are up for election this year. See Page 4 for further details. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to this wonderful Executive, who continue to keep our Chapter running very efficiently! However, it would be a great time to cross train other members to fulfill one of these roles.

The next National Annual General Meeting will be held on June 25/26 virtually, due to financial constraints. I will be attending this call. If you have any issues/items that you would like to raise on the National stage, please send us an email.

Other items in this edition include Minutes from our National Executive & CPC; Membership & Benefit Info; and our recent Luncheon Event. Have a wonderful spring & summer!

Louella AuCoin, President, Bluenose Chapter Heritage Club

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter Minutes – National Executive Meeting with CPC

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**Heritage Club
National
Head office Meeting – May 6, 2026
Via Zoom**

Present for Heritage Club:

J. P. Leguerrier, - President Canada Post Heritage Club
Bob Broomhall – Secretary, Treasurer, Canada Post Heritage Club

Present for Canada Post:

Claude-Anne Moore - General Manager, Talent Management, Strategy, and Integration
Ruth Honeygham - Senior Advisor, Culture, Employee Engagement Strategy, Mentoring, Recognition

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. EDT.

New Business

Claude-Anne opened the meeting by acknowledging the recent lack of communication with the Heritage Club. She reassured members that Canada Post remains committed to endorsing and supporting the Heritage Club, while noting that the corporation is currently facing significant fiscal and organizational challenges. Julie Philippe, Vice-President, People and Safety, is responsible for the Heritage Club on behalf of Canada Post and has designated Claude-Anne Moore and Ruth Honeygham as the primary points of contact.

Given the corporation's current financial situation, Claude-Anne advised that Canada Post is unlikely to be in a position to provide the Heritage Club with an annual grant at this time. JP noted that, over the years, the Club has built a modest financial reserve and is presently able to sustain operations without the grant. However, JP emphasized that reinstatement of the grant may eventually be necessary to ensure the Club's long-term sustainability.

JP further explained that the Club's more immediate concern is funding for its mailing contract. Last year, Canada Post provided a \$25,000 credit toward the newly established mailing contract, and the Heritage Club would like Canada Post to continue providing an annual mailing credit. Discussion followed regarding the fact that the contract did not become operational until November of last year, resulting in limited use of the credit before year-end. However, during the first quarter of this year, a significant number of

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chapters have begun using the contract. Claude-Anne and Ruth agreed to review the possibility of continuing the mailing credit.

There was also discussion regarding several outstanding items that have remained unresolved for more than a year, including redesigned brochures and certificates. Ruth offered to prepare a list of these items and provide a status update for each.

The Heritage Club had heard that the Canada Post Scholarship Program may have been discontinued and requested clarification. Claude-Anne and Ruth indicated they were unaware of any changes to the program but agreed to investigate further.

Discussion also took place regarding the possibility of extending employee perks to Heritage Club members. Claude-Anne advised that she was not currently aware of any active employee perk programs but stated that it is an area she would like to explore in the future. She also noted that some federal government employee perks may potentially apply to Canada Post employees, although she was uncertain of the details. A question was also raised regarding whether employee discounts on collector coins and stamps are still available and, if so, whether those discounts could be extended to Heritage Club members. Claude-Anne will investigate.

JP commented that the Heritage Club currently appears to offer more perks than Canada Post and offered to provide Claude-Anne and Ruth with information regarding the Club's existing member benefits.

Claude-Anne and Ruth also agreed to follow up regarding the Pension Benefits issue that arose in January 2025 when Canada Post Corporation contracted a new pension administrator, AON. At that time, members received a document entitled *Annual Statement as of December 31, 2024*, which caused confusion among recipients. Julie Philippe, Vice-President, People and Safety, later responded that a corrected letter clarifying the situation would be included in the following year's mailing. To date, however, neither a clarification letter nor a revised Annual Statement has been received.

Next Meeting

No date was set for the next meeting; however, it was suggested that a meeting be scheduled later in the spring with all Heritage Club executives in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. EDT.

R. Broomhall
Secretary, Treasurer

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter Executive Positions Election

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The National Heritage Club Bylaws indicate that the Executive positions are for a 2 year term (on a rotational basis). In 2026, the 1st VP and the Secretary positions are up for election June 30/2026. In addition, the 2nd VP position is vacant.

The VP position helps with the overall management of the Club and/or represents the President, if required. Duties include the maintenance of the clubs' database of members; Santa Letter Writing Program liaison with CPC; assist in organizing club events; and raffle ticket draws.

The Secretary position is responsible for taking minutes of the Executive meetings; being the main contact for Luncheon events with the site facilities; helps in organizing events; helps with raffle/donations; and assists where required.

Any person wishing to be considered for the 1st or 2nd VP position or the Secretary position – please contact us by email – bluenosehc@gmail.com. Please submit your interest by June 15/2026. We strongly encourage you to become involved in the Club.

FROM CANADA POST NEWS RELEASES:



Canada Post's Community
Foundation's new fundraising
stamp!

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Payment for 2026 & Member Benefits

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Membership Or Renewal

If you know of anyone who wants to join or rejoin our Club, please encourage them. They can reach out to us for details at

bluenosehc@gmail.com

A reminder of the benefits our Club members are entitled to:-:

- **Hearing Life** discount
- **Spec Savers** discount
- Special rates for **belair Travel Insurance**, including Covid-related cvg
- Discounts up to 35% for **home and auto insurance** from **belair direct**
- Membership-**Good Life Fitness** approx. 50% off the regular club access rates&Goodlife promotions
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- **Genumark** product discounts
- Special **scholarships** for your children and Grandchildren.
- A portion of your dues support local families/charities in need.
- Bluenose Newsletter four times annually

WELCOME NEW PAID MEMBERS:

Paid membership for 2026 to date stands at 140 members. 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 Ivan Rodenhiser. He served CPC for many years in the South Shore area. His obituary can be found online.

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter Member Benefits – Scholarships

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Canada Post Heritage Club** is proud to support the next generation by awarding three scholarships of \$2,000 each to children (including adopted children or stepchildren or wards in legal guardianship) or grandchildren of dues-paying members who are beginning their post secondary education. These scholarships are intended to recognize hard-working, well-rounded students who demonstrate determination, community involvement, leadership, and a strong potential for success — not solely academic achievement.

Application timeline:

- Applications open: March 15, 2026
- Applications close: June 15, 2026
- Scholarship recipients announced: week of August 3, 2026

Eligible students are encouraged to apply and share their story, including academics, employment, volunteer work, extracurricular activities, and any challenges they have overcome along the way. We look forward to reviewing applications and celebrating the achievements of our members' families. Questions? Please send any questions via email. Check the National website (www.heritageclub.ca) under 'Forms/Scholarship Programs'.

Belair Scholarship:

See below. Check the National website (www.heritageclub.ca) under 'Forms/Scholarship Programs' or visit belairdirect.com/scholarship



belairdirect.

Scholarship Program 2026

OPEN: April 30th, 2026

With a belairdirect scholarship behind you, you have everything in front of you.

This year, belairdirect will award 50 scholarships each valued at \$1,000, to eligible students completing high school in 2026

Open: April 30th, 2026
Deadline: June 30th, 2026

To learn more visit:
belairdirect.com/scholarship

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter 2026 Member Events

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SPRING LUNCHEON–BRIGHTWOOD GOLF MAY 26/2026

A lovely time was had by 22 members at the Spring Luncheon held in May!



Left to Right: Marg MacKinnon, Deanna Vautour, Paulette Goulden, Norm Vautour, Dianne Baker, Sharon Simpson, Nancy Hopper, Brian Baker, Geraldine Dowling, Keith Lampier, John Hopper, Lucille Bourque, Sheila Shaw, Ralph Meade, Louella AuCoin, Louise Danch, Liz MacKeigan, Gary Lewis.
Seated: Carole Reid, Joan Meade, Colleen Lewis
Missing from Photo: Carl AuCoin

WINNERS OF Giftcards &/or Lunch: Deanna Vautour, Paulette Goulden & Gary Lewis.

A **'Name That Tune'** contest was held, with classic songs like Mr.Postman, The Letter and Return to Sender (rather fitting for our industry). Marg MacKinnon was the inner, scoring an impressive 36 points out of 40! She was 'rockin' in her seat and knew her stuff! Marg received a giftcard for her win!

NEXT EVENT: Stay Tuned – Sometime in September 2026
We are always open to comments & suggestions – feel free to email us at
bluenosehc@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!