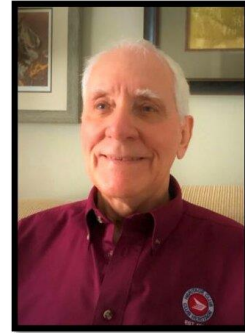




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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Normally we would be singing "Welcome Spring" but unfortunately we have a very dark cloud hanging over us all this year. To be sure COVID-19 has really knocked the world off its feet. It is certainly one thing that 99% of us would never have imagined happening.

The Heritage Club is meant to be a society of people socializing and spending quality time together. But all that is being put aside and our luncheons and even our banquet have been canceled. What we can do however, is to stay connected with our family, friends and other members via telephone or social media.

The other thing we can do is to offer help whenever and wherever we can. I have no doubt in my mind that many of our members are doing just that. Like Corinne Printz from Prince George who is sewing hospital caps from old post office shirts. Good for you Corinne and all the others who have found a way to use the extra time that we have on our hands.

I wish you and your families good health and look forward to getting together in safer and happier times. Take care and stay well.

Regards,

*Gary Fisher*

**COUNCIL NEWS:**

Unfortunately, due to the COVID- 19 Virus all planned Council luncheons have been canceled until further notice. Mike Bonnie, our South Okanagan Council President had some good words. "Keep in mind, the lyrics of a song of Vera Lynn's in the darkest hours of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century some 80 years ago. 'We'll meet again, I don't know where or when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day'."

**CHAPTER NEWS:**

Scholarships are once again being offered through the Heritage Club. Three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to students starting, for the first time, their first year of full-time studies. In order to be eligible, students must be dependent children, adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren, or wards in legal guardianship of an active member (dues paying member for at least 2 years) of a Heritage Club Chapter. All applications must be postmarked by June 2020. The program details are available on the Heritage Club website at [heritageclub.ca](http://heritageclub.ca) under LINKS. Eldred Holmes is the National Coordinator and all applications should be directed through him at [holmese@nl.rogers.com](mailto:holmese@nl.rogers.com)

We are all having a difficult time trying to have a positive outlook these days so we thought we would share a story about our newsletter editor Pam Dyrda. Pam had returned from Mexico where she winters and so had to self-isolate for the required 14 days. During that time, she had a birthday. She received the typical e-mailed birthday greetings, but of course could not celebrate in person with friends. Here is what she wrote "I have baked a chocolate cake, and have bread on the rise and a Jamaican Banana loaf in the oven. When the baking is done, I am having a spa treatment complete with bubble bath, wine and candles. I will ice my cake, make a nice Caesar salad (lots of garlic; my dog doesn't mind), blow out my candle and sing Happy Birthday. I'm pulling out all the stops!" Good for you Pam and thanks for helping us realize that we can still be happy.

On February 9, we attended a collectible show and sold four more of the Canada Post framed prints. These brought in \$175. We will be forwarding a cheque to the Canada Post Community Foundation in the amount of \$685, the total amount of the prints we have sold so far. Once we are over COVID-19 we will get back to selling or raffling more of these prints.

It is with regret that due to COVID-19 we are announcing the cancelation of our **general meeting and banquet** which was scheduled for **September 17 and 18** of this year. Normally the information and registration forms would be included with this April newsletter. However, at this point no one is able to predict what will be happening in the foreseeable future. Even if the situation has improved in a few months, people may still be leery of travelling and getting together. Also, we feel that there would not be enough time for everyone involved to prepare. So, with heavy hearts, we will cancel for this year and hope that by 2021 we will all be in a much better position.

We have enclosed a volunteer sheet in this newsletter. As usual, we would ask that you keep the list on your fridge, by your phone, with your calendar or in some other handy location in order that you can keep track of your volunteer hours. We will ask for these to be returned to Gary Fisher at the end of the year.

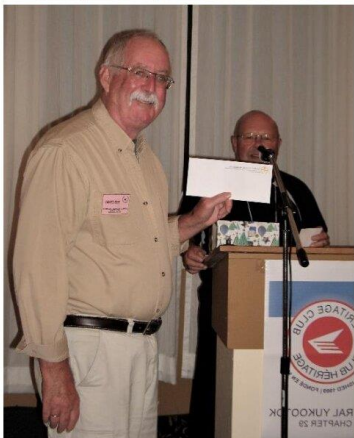


**BEREAVEMENTS:**

It is with great sadness that we pass on to you the news that **Bob Otway** passed away on March 22, at the age of 77 years. Bob was very admired in the Heritage Club. He was the President of the Kelowna Council from 1993-1994, the President of the South Okanagan Council from 1996-2000 and was a director of the Central Yukootok Chapter from 1997-1999 and an Award Winner in 1997. As well, he headed up and he and his wife Judy wrote letters for the Santa Letter Writing program for many years.

Bob was one of the most loved and admired superiors of Canada Post. During his 30 years with Canada Post he worked at Head Office in Vancouver, was Postmaster at Cache Creek, worked in Penticton and was Area Manager for the north, living in Prince George. He retired in Penticton. Bob treasured all his years with the Corporation and spoke with pride about his career and the opportunities his various positions gave him and his wife Judy.

Bob was also a dedicated volunteer with Ducks Unlimited and in early years, loved Steelhead fishing. He was well known for his off-the-cuff stories and jokes and his wild sense of humour. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.





Our condolences also go out to the family of **Noreen Williams** of Vernon. Previously from Summerland, Noreen had only resided in Vernon for a couple of years. Noreen had been the Postmaster of Kaleden. She passed away after falling and breaking her hip and subsequently contracting pneumonia. Noreen had some health issues but was always cheerful and joined into all our activities.



Kudos to Corinne Printz of Prince George who has been using her time wisely. She has repurposed her old Canada Post shirts into hospital nursing caps. Sans logo of course!

