



CENTRAL YUKOTOOK HERITAGE CLUB

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Greetings:

We are now settling into the winter months and hopefully we have put the worst of COVID behind us as well as the anxiety of the summer fires.

With restrictions lessening, we are now looking forward to some social gathering. So far, Fred Jarvis in Kelowna has booked a luncheon for November 9th at the Old Spaghetti Factory, and a Christmas dinner at the Legion on December 14. Here in Vernon, we have scheduled our Christmas Dinner at Asian Avenue on December 16. I am hopeful that most people will now be feeling more confident about getting together. We will be holding an Executive meeting this month and will be discussing several items including the possibility of a Banquet next year.

We will all certainly be happy to leave 2021 behind us and enter 2022 hoping for a much happier year. In the meantime. I wish you a happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

Regards,

Gary Fisher





Vernon Council: --submitted Wanda Fisher



We are pleased and excited to announce that we will hold a Christmas get together at Asian Avenue on Thursday December 16th. We will be allowed to socialize!!!. Happy Hour will be from 5:00p.m. to 6p.m. John will put on his amazing platter dinner for us as usual. The cost is \$23.00 per person including tax and tip. Beverages are extra. They have a large room for social distancing.

Left -Gary Fisher and Fred Stoll laying a wreath at the Vernon Cenotaph in honor of Remembrance Day.

Kelowna Council- submitted Fred Jarvis

The Kelowna Heritage Club is attempting to get back together with members and socialize using current Covid Government guidelines. We had a luncheon on November 9th with 12 members present, 7 from Kelowna, 4 from North Okanagan and 1 from South Okanagan. We had an enjoyable lunch and get together for a couple of hours. Pictures of the event on the right.

The charity for Kelowna is a donation to: 'Freedom's Door Kelowna', a non-profit addiction recovery program for men, dedicated to helping men find hope, healing and wholeness in a safe and secure environment. Our program is provided within our housing facilities where men are provided help and support to transition back to the community and everyday life Freedom's Door Kelowna, 1279 Centennial Cres., Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 6K3

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on December 14, at 12:30 P.M at the Royal Canadian Legion, 1380 Bertram St. Kelowna. The cost is \$24.00 per person. An open bar available with beer, wine and other drinks if you so choose. You must show proof of double vaccination. Currently we can host up to 40 people. Tables set up in groups of 10. We invite people from the North and South Okanagan to join us. You can also invite friends to come along and join us. I will email tickets as I receive payment at fredjarvis@telus.net for each person attending with you. Eg. yourself, spouse/partner or friend. If using e transfer it is, fred_jarvis@telus.net.

Any questions/concerns, please contact me via email or phone: 250-878-5222.

We have to confirm the number of people attending and we will be charged for that number, therefor the reason for requesting payment upfront. Your name will be placed in order of receipt. In the event that we have to cancel due to changes in Government regulations, a full refund will be sent to you. We look forward to you joining us, however we fully understand if you do not feel comfortable in attending.

South Okanagan Council- submitted by Wanda Fisher

We were sorry to receive the news that Mike Bonnie will be stepping down as President of the South Okanagan Council as well as Chapter 1st Vice President due to health issues. Mike has agreed to stay until the end of 2021 and will try his best to source out replacement for these positions. We wish him all the best and thank him for all his time with the Chapter.

Prince George Council- submitted by Gwen Murphy

It has been a long time since we in the Prince George area have been able to meet, and it feels very bad to be so far out of touch. Many folks have retired, and sadly some have passed away. We hope to reach out again through this winter, and hopefully meet again in the spring. Would it be possible to have a few 'coffee times' in each area of the city? With the



restrictions we all have experience with Covid, the need to socialize has never been greater. Winter months can be long, and time spent with old friends and colleges lifts our spirits, and wellbeing. We will be reaching out those employees who have retired over the last couple of months or those retired to make their home in our area. Please feel free to contact us for any information you would like, we will be happy to answer any questions you have. – Gwen Murphy 250-964-7287 or Corrine Printz 250-964-7479 or our Chapter 29 President Gary Fisher at 250-545-6375.

We recently, sadly found out that Dolores Arcand-Palley has passed away last spring. Delores had a long and dedicated career with the Post Office from the late 1960's until 1989, serving both in Prince George and Prince Rupert. We were happy to learn from Wayne of the beautiful family atmosphere that they had built within their neighbourhood and the ongoing support he receives there.

In mid-November Corrinne, Pat Rogers, & Gwen did get together for a chat, to discuss how we can move forward with the Heritage Club in Prince George and Area. Corinne is resigning as President; however, we are extremely grateful that she will remain involved with Heritage Club. Pat has had conversations with Gary regarding our council here, and for time being we are not calling an election to fill the position, and will continue to meet with coffee or luncheon's, keeping our members updated with the happenings of the Heritage Club and Chapter 29.

An executive meeting of Central Yukotook Heritage Club Chapter 29 held in Kelowna on November 9th. Pat and Gwen joined this meeting on messenger.

At this meeting a framed print of the 'Princess of Wales Own Regiment' would be donated to the Prince George Legion Branch #43. Gwen will contact the Legion and arrange for the presentation, Also, in continuing in the yearly donation of funds to various charities throughout our Chapter, a donation of \$500.00 is being made to the Kordyban Lodge here in Prince George. Pat has contacted the Kordyban Lodge. This Lodge is a beautiful place for folks to stay, from throughout north and western B.C., while undergoing cancer treatment in our city....These donations are very much appreciated.

CHAPTER NEWS:



The Canada Post Heritage Club Scholarship program was so successful this year that it was decided to award four applications rather than the usual three. They were awarded to:



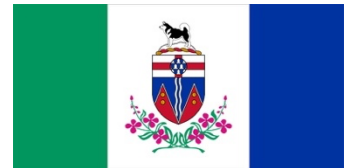
Leah Born, the granddaughter of Kathryn J. Born of the Chinook Chapter.

Letitia Pasqualini, granddaughter of Michel Lassonde, member of the Kebec Chapter.

Clarisse Pelletier, the granddaughter of Jean Pierre Pichette of the Laurentide Chapter.

Genevieve Tokarz, granddaughter of Gemma Tokarz, member of Parkland Chapter.

Congratulations, to them all and we wish them the very best in their pursuits.



SANTA'S URGENT SPECIAL REQUEST; Once again Santa faces Christmas with some COVID restrictions still in place. HOWEVER, that will not stop children all over the world from writing letters to Santa with their Christmas wishes and greetings. We are looking forward to our long time Elves returning and greeting new ones to step forward to help Santa. Assisting Santa in handling his letters is a generous and rewarding experience. This is an opportunity to help boost the Spirit of Christmas, especially as we work through the restrictions of COVID. Please contact us by phone or email and let Gary know if you wish to answer Santa's urgent special request.





We recently donated 171/2 lbs of aluminum and pull tabs to the Royal Purple to assist them in raising money for their charity, the Speech and Hearing Clinic. We are still accepting donations and recently received a whopping 22 lbs. of pull tabs from Doreen Johnston in Vernon and a box of aluminum from Connie Rye in Fraser Lake. So, we are off to a good start for our next donation.

We are happy to report some good news Marion Nelson from Clinton, who suffered a horrific fall down some stairs a few months ago, is recovering very well. She spent some time in hospital but is now home and even doing some light duties at her volunteer job with the Legion.

We as well are pleased to say that Lois and Jim Thompson and their friends from Clinton survived a collision with a moose which left the mother moose dead and their vehicle totalled. Miracles do happen.

In August the Heritage Club donated two prints to be used as fund raisers. One to the Clinton Post Office and also a trio of birds to the Clinton Museum. We are pleased to announce that the Post Office raised \$230 which they are donating to the Canada Post Community Foundation. The Museum will hold their fundraiser at a later date, with the proceeds going to assist them with their operating budget.



Picture to the left- Gary Fisher
Janice Maurice, Curator Clinton
Museum: Sandy Fletcher Heritage
Club member

Picture upper right-
Jennifer Blain, Postmistress Clinton
and Gary Fisher

Bottom right- Sandy Fletcher
Heritage Club member Clinton and
Gary Fisher



Also on November 5, we donated three Hockey Legend framed prints to the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association.. These will be donated to the three teams to use as fundraisers. We will let you know how well they were received at a later date.

As well two framed prints of the 'Princess of Wales Own Regiment' have been donated to the Royal Canadian Legion, one to the Vernon Branch #25 and one to the Prince George Branch # 43.

We will be sending a cheque in the amount of \$700 to the Canada Post Community Foundation for all seven prints.

We are thrilled to tell you that the Kelowna Clubhouse Child Care Centre has received their Sunshine Coach from Variety. We are so proud to have been able to donate \$1250 last year towards this coach and our name is proudly displayed on the side of the bus along with the other donors.



Now is the time to return your VOLUNTEER SHEETS to Gary Fisher. Although COVID restrictions made volunteering difficult, we know that many of you were still able to give your time to some worthy organizations and causes. It makes no difference how few hours you gave, we still need to have this valuable information. Canada Post wants to know what the Heritage Club members are doing in their communities.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Jim Blain for his amazing work on the project called 'Honouring Our Own', a compilation of names of Postal Employees who were killed in World War 1 and 11. Since it's Remembrance Day this month, we would like to extract the names of the Postal Employees from the Central Yukootok Chapter from Jim's list and take time to remember them here:

Arthur Gibson, 150 Mile House; Marshall Wilder Pineo, Fort Fraser; Archie Blackwood Russell, Prince Rupert; James Elliot Stephen, Prince Rupert; Robert Haig Clapperton, Kamloops; Richard Godfrey East, Keremeos.

Of interest- Former Prince George Postmaster E.H. "Ernie" Burden from 1935-1953.

Ernie was born in Fredericton N.B. in 1888, arriving in Prince George on March 16, 1910, as part of a Survey party via the 'B.C. Express' crossing the river in Quesnel, traveling the Blackwater Road to Fort George. Enlisted with the '2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles' in Victoria in 1914, shipped out to France in September 1915, before moving to the front in Belgium. Wounded, survived, sent back to England where he spent 18 months recovering before returning to active duty in fighting the 'Battle of Vimy Ridge', in April 1917. Ernie returned home to Prince George in 1920, worked as a land surveyor until joining the post office in 1935.

An executive meeting of Chapter 29 was held in Kelowna on November 9. Present were Gary Fisher, Chapter President; Wanda Fisher, Secretary; Ed Ewanchuk, Treasurer; Fred Stoll, President of the Vernon Council; Fred Jarvis, President of the Kelowna Council; and Mike Bonnie, President of the South Okanagan Council. At this meeting, Mike Bonnie announced his resignation as the 1st Vice President of the South Okanagan Chapter the end of 2021, citing health issues. The possibility of a Banquet in 2022 was discussed with a date sometime in September or October.



CONDOLENCES:

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Kamloops member Jim Pedrotti who would have turned 90 in December. He was a loyal Heritage club member since the clubs beginning in 1989. As a very young man, he worked on the construction building gang of the Kettle Valley Railway bridges. He began his career with Canada Post in Penticton. Many Kamloops members remember the fantastic Heritage Club picnics held at his and his wife Petsy's acreage at Monte Lake. Tragically, Jim lost his home and every worldly possession in the massive White Rock Lake fire. It would seem like the heartbreak was simply too much and Jim passed away on October 17 holding the hand of his daughter.

Our deepest condolences go to Willard and Diana Turner of Winfield for the sudden passing of their son Kurt.

When the last newsletter went to print a grave error was reported under condolences. However does one make wrong reporting right? Roger Stepski, (Cheryl's former husband) was incorrectly named as the deceased. For this I am truly sorry, it should never have happened, and no words can express to Cheryl Hora, her family, and the Stepski families, how sorry I am.

A SMILE: A couple went into a restaurant for the senior's special of two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99. That sounded good, but the wife didn't want the eggs. The waitress said there could be no changes to the special, as that would be an a la carte order and she would have to charge \$3.49. The lady was shocked that she would have to pay for not taking the eggs and decided then to take the special as it was. When the waitress asked how she wanted her eggs, she said, "raw and in the shell" and she took them home and baked a cake.



Thank You

Canada Post Heritage Club Chapter 29

Together we did it! Your generosity helped launch our Variety Sunshine Coach #614 which will provide kids at The Clubhouse Child Care Center with access to life-enriching activities and unforgettable experiences that has been made possible with your help

Cally Wesson

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CEO Variety - the Children's Charity



Kenton Boston

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Board Chair Variety - the Children's Charity

- Face Masks don't always work, well neither do parachutes, but if I ever jump out of a plane I want one.

MESSAGE FROM MEDOC

The following message is from Shawn McCord, Assurance Medoc Insurance to the President of Canada Post Heritage Club.

"I want to advise that our MEDOC lines are ringing off the hook. What is driving further challenges is that travellers are cautious, and in turn, our average talk time is 4X the normal. So we are experiencing a perfect storm of volume right now.

We are doing everything in our power to borrow staff from other departments who have licensed travel staff, another division of RSA's travel business has licensed agents, etc. The wait times are quite long and likely won't subside for another week or so.

With border news happening, it has changed this year to a situation where 90% of the market wants to secure their travel insurance within a 2-3 week window. I hate blaming things on COVID but yet another example of how its tentacles are far reaching.

I ask you and your members for their patience, and as an alternative they can visit www.johnson.ca/travel-insurance to learn more or purchase their travel insurance."

