



CENTRAL YUKOOTOK HERITAGE CLUB

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Greetings,

I would like to begin the New Year by extending my thanks to those who help keep the Central Yukootok Chapter on its rails. Thanks so much to Mike Bonnie, our past 1st Vice President; Gil Summerell, our 2nd Vice President; Ed Ewanchuk, our Treasurer and my wife Wanda, our secretary. Also, thanks to our Council Presidents; Corinne Printz, Prince George (past); Fred Stoll, Vernon; Fred Jarvis, Kelowna; and Mike Bonnie, South Okanagan (past). As well, my thanks to Pat Rogers, our editor and Janet Stoll, who prepares our mailing labels.

In addition to these great volunteers, I would sincerely like to thank all the members who have faithfully paid their membership dues right through the pandemic.

All the above people are who make our Chapter a success. It would not work without you.

2021 was a challenging year for everyone and the situations that made it difficult for our club to provide social contact with our members still persists now in 2022. We can only hope that everything will improve so that in our spring newsletter we will have some good news.

Regards

Gary Fisher

Kelowna Council; -submitted by Fred Jarvis

Our Christmas Luncheon was held this year at the Legion in Kelowna. We had 17 members from Kelowna and Vernon who enjoyed a turkey dinner and good fellowship. It was nice to get together and see some smiling faces. We raised \$71.00 on our Christmas gift raffle, which was donated to the Salvation army.

We all agreed that we will have another luncheon in April or May of 2022 if allowed amid the new Covid restrictions. We hope to see more of you in the coming year. Stay safe.

At right is the group picture of Christmas 2021 in Kelowna.

**Vernon Council;** - submitted by Wanda Fisher

We successfully held our Christmas dinner at Asian Avenue on December 19.



Thirteen people enjoyed John's delicious platters of food. We collected items for Teen Junction, and with only thirteen people we managed an impressive number of items including 34 cans and packages of non-perishable foods, 2 toques, 3 pairs of socks, 8 pairs of gloves, 32 packages of handwarmers and \$100 worth of fast-food gift cards. Well done everyone. As well, Gary Fisher donated a pile of winter gear. Gary and Wanda dropped all the items off to the elated staff at Teen Junction.

Prince George Council; - submitted by Gwen Murphy

A little update from Prince George. We are extremely happy and relieved to once again be in touch with Noreen Stubley, after quite a search. Turns out she had been in hospital and rehab for 6 weeks or so, with a fractured hip. But with her feisty attitude, she insisted she be released before Christmas! So, we hope she is recovering slowly, and able to care for herself with some help.

Another high point, --of which we can't get too many these days, --was that Corinne Printz, and her sister were able to finally take their 101 ¾ year-old mother away to Hawaii, for a belated celebration! Though a lot of work, a wonderful time was had, with lots of laughs over their innovative mobility antics-- such as both girls carrying her walker above the sand, with mom still using it for support, to get her to the water. Then she walked into the water like that, until she could lift her legs and float! Kudos to you girls!!! Then GREAT JOY to finally be IN warm water once again, and for the first time in 3 years after hip surgery and COVID closures, Corinne's mother was swimming again! Would have been a treasure to witness!! And a most precious memory...Laughing on the way home as to whether they should plan another for spring- 2022- No..not just yet.. Blessings on you all.



Editor's note: Corinne says that her mother when asked her age, is very specific that she is 101 3/4 years, (I would add young!). The council has been working on a couple of exciting projects, with the dedicated work by Gwen, hoping that before long Covid restrictions will enable them to resume with some planned events.



The Heritage Club exists to promote volunteerism within the community and ambassadors of the Corporation and promote the camaraderie and fellowship of long service and retired employees. The motto of the group is 'People Helping People'

Again, this year, we would like to thank all the elves from Canada Post and the Heritage Club who helped Santa writing his letters to children everywhere. Santa would not be able to get that monumental task done without all your help.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Heritage Club Scholarship program is open to dependent children and grandchildren of all active (dues paid for at least 2 years) members. This year the club is offering three scholarships of \$2000 each. The full application package is available on the web site and the closing date for applications for the 2022 program will be June 30, 2022.

Heritage Club members are also eligible to apply for scholarships from Johnson Insurance. Information is available on our web site. For all information, go to the home page of the Heritage Club web site and scroll down to links.

VOLUNTEERS



We are currently seeking volunteers to fill a few positions on our Chapter roster. We would like the position of President for the Prince George Council to be filled, as Corinne Printz has stepped down. We are also seeking a 1st Vice President for our Chapter and a President for the South Okanagan Council. Both of these positions were held by Mike Bonnie who has also stepped down due to health issues.

None of these jobs are the least bit onerous. The tasks consist mainly of organizing luncheons/dinners and any other activities. In the case of 1st Vice President, this person is required to attend one or two executive meetings per year and assist with the planning of the bi-annual banquet. If you feel that you can help us out with any of these positions, please get in touch with Gary Fisher who will be only too grateful to accept your help.

The Heritage Club Annual Presidents Meetings have currently been rescheduled for the second time for May 31—June 3. The location is Quebec City. So far, there is no way of knowing if the plans will go ahead. All the Chapters are keeping their fingers crossed.

Our Central Yukootok Chapter banquet is still on the calendar for September, providing that by then the COVID/OMICRON viruses have been conquered and there are no restrictions in place. Should it take place, the location will be in Vernon in the first or second full week of September. This time the event will be shortened to one evening and a general meeting and banquet luncheon on the second day. We are in the planning process for the event so that we will be prepared if we able to go ahead.

This month, we will be donating 23 pounds of aluminum and pull tabs to the Royal Purple to assist them in their fund raising for the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

On the right is a presentation being made by Kelowna council President Fred Jarvis this past month. I received the picture along with the following quote from Fred:

‘On behalf of the Heritage Club Central Yukootok, it was my privilege to present to Freedom’s Door Operations manager Ken Helboe, a cheque for \$500.’

Their mission Statement:

‘Our mission at Freedom’s Door is to provide a Christ-centered nurturing, supportive living environment in which men recovering from addiction are offered the tools to transform their lives pursuing personal academic and professional goals for the purpose of improving their quality of life and becoming productive members of society.’



Due to Covid restrictions in the B.C. Northern interior Health, the cheque received by the Prince George Council from the Chapter, in the amount of \$500 had to be mailed to Kordyban Lodge. Kordyban Lodge is located here in Prince George, non-profit, providing a home away from home for patients and their caregivers traveling to Prince George for cancer treatments, and is important to the community and all of northern B.C..

CONDOLENCES:

Condolences go out to the family of Len Matovich, of Vernon who passed away in July 2021. As well, we wish to extend our sincere belated condolences to the family of Albert Goward and Joseph Kelly both of Kelowna.

Our profound sympathy goes out to Ray Nagai of Prince George, with the passing of his cherished wife Marian.

RAFFLE



Our Canada Post Grizzly bear has come out of hibernation early this year and is anxious to take up residence at a lucky Heritage Club member’s home, measuring 23-1/2 inches x 22 inches.

We will be holding a draw for this handsome guy. The winner will be drawn from all members who pay their dues for 2022. Tickets are \$5.00 each. You may send the money in with your dues and membership form or send by e-transfer. The draw will be made on April 15. The money raised from the ticket will go to the Canada Post Community Foundation.

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Raffle \$5.00

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