



CENTRAL YUKOOTOK HERITAGE CLUB

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President's Message March 2025

I trust you all had an enjoyable holiday season and that you got to spend some time with family and friends. I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable winter season this year, and that you are all looking forward to the spring.

We are in the 36th year of the Heritage Club, and there are likely changes coming soon. We will be using e-mail to communicate on an increasing basis, going forward so we need to update our database and make sure we have accurate email addresses for everyone. The most effective way to do this is to ask each of you to send an email to me at centrallyukootokheritageclub29@gmail.com. Make sure the email includes your name, address and phone number. Reminder that dues for 2025 are past due. You can now send money to the chapter via e-transfer to me at the above email address. By the way, when you send an e-transfer, please make sure that the comments identify who the transfer is from. I have received a couple that identify the sender by first name only, which I finally managed to track down, however, I got one from "us" which I am unable to determine who that is.

As you are aware, we did not have an AGM for the chapter last year, and so did not hold elections, nor did we vote on and make charitable donations on behalf of the chapter. We are planning an AGM to be held in Vernon on June 5th of this year. The format will be a one-day event with a business meeting in the Morning and then a late Luncheon which will allow people to travel home the same day if they do not wish to stay overnight in Vernon. All of the executive positions will be open for election for a two-year term. We will also be deciding on charitable donations, and sharing the results of the National AGM which will be held in Calgary in early May. More details for our meeting, elsewhere in the bulletin.

One of the major topics to be discussed at the National AGM is the future of the Heritage Club in light of the funding difficulties Canada Post finds itself in. One of the things in jeopardy is that the Post Office has cut off our mailing privileges which may force us to use email to share the newsletters. Our mailing lists are not very up to date with respect to email addresses. In order to assist us in getting those lists correct, I am asking you to send me an email to the above email address, and include your names, addresses and phone numbers in the message.

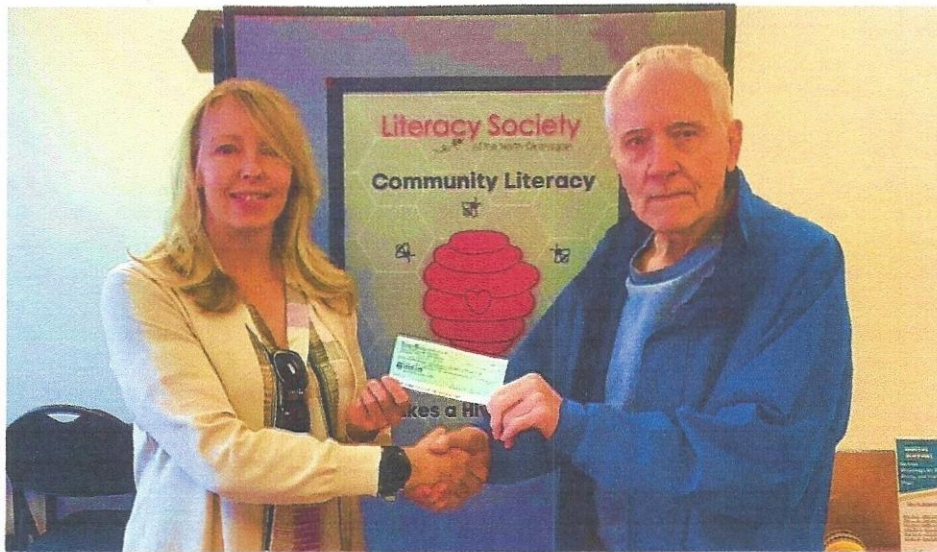
Thank you in advance.

John

Vernon Council News:

We held our Christmas get together on December 19 at Asian Avenue with almost two dozen members. We all enjoyed a lovely social time and John's great food. Wanda and Gary reported that the Vernon Council had donated \$250 to the Literacy Society.

We held another gathering on February 14 at Hot Spot on 6. We were pleased to be joined by Howard Dimmer who seemed to be in great shape following a double lung transplant. Wanda reported that we have \$275 in our Vernon account. We will continue to grow this amount until later in the year when we will vote on a recipient for a donation. John Barrowclough announced that a newsletter will be coming out in March. Also, we will hold a general meeting in June. He also reported that Canada Post has decided it will no longer pay for our mailings. National Office is currently negotiating with Canada Post on this situation. The in-house draw was won by Fred Stoll and Brenda won the door prize. We all enjoyed Kent's great service.



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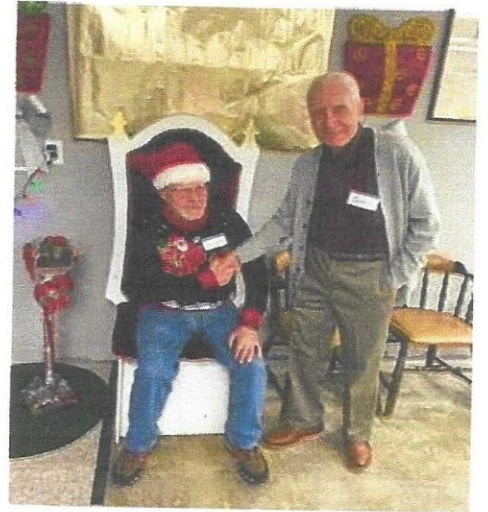
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Kelowna Council:

The Kelowna Council Christmas luncheon was held at the Army, Navy, Air Force club in Kelowna on Dec 10th. A great meal with great people. 25 members in attendance.



Prince George Council:

The Prince George council met at the home of Gary Schmidt on March 18th. Attendees were Gwen Murphy, Les Redding, Sheryl Hannam, Gary Schmidt and Pat Rogers.

Gary reported that he had met the new Executive Director for the B.C. Forestry and Railway Museum, (newly appointed to the position), Baptiste Marcere. They agreed at that time a meeting would take place concerning the postal artifacts that are held at their facility.

After some discussion it was agreed that a meeting be set up ASAP, and if a satisfactory agreement could not be reached, alternative sources would be explored. Gary volunteered to revisit the Museum, Wednesday the 19th so we could proceed. This time meeting with Alisha Rubadeau, Marketing & Program Manager for the Museum, who was familiar with our file and suggested a meeting in May, when the museum had summer staffing in place.

Discussion followed regarding a spring social. Pat Kinsley has looked at various locations in the city that meets our needs, separate meeting room, accessible, and ease of parking. Fortune Palace is being booked for May 29th. Mark your calendar, and expect a call from Pat in mid-May.

While on the subject of socials, plans are being made for our annual summer barbecue, hosted again by Gary Schmidt on August 23rd, so again mark your calendar and expect a call prior to that date.

Submitted by Pat Rogers.

Condolences:

Our condolences and deepest sympathies go out to those who lost love ones in the past year.

Paul Dureski from Cranbrook passed away Nov 19, 2024. He was one of the founding members of this chapter of the Heritage Club

Also Annie Nickerson from Prince George and Ann Jubenville from Vernon

Central Yukootok Heritage Club Chapter 29
General Meeting & Elections 2025



Our General Meeting will be held in Vernon BC on **Thursday June 5, 2025 at the Army, Navy, and Airforce Club** 2500-46 th Ave Vernon BC V1T 8S2. We will hold the business portion of the meeting, including the elections from 10:30 am until noon and then follow that with a luncheon Buffet starting at 1:00 pm.

Items of business to be discussed will include the future of the Heritage Club, given the changes that appear to be coming in the sponsorship from Canada Post.

We will also review the National Annual General Meeting results, from the May 2025 meeting.

In addition to, we will be voting on making charitable donations by the chapter.

Costs for the luncheon, along with the subsidy for paid members and associates will be determined shortly and communicated by email.

Please advise us by e-mail of your intent to attend, including your name and the name of who will be attending with you.

Please send the amount for the luncheon by interact to John at centralyukootokheritageclub29@gmail.com . Please make sure we know who the transfer is from and for what.

For those who don't use email and/or interact, you can mail the information and a cheque to

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We hope to see all of you at this important meeting.

