



CENTRAL YUKOOTOK HERITAGE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The end of the year is fast approaching, and we hope that you all have had a great summer and early fall. As we are all aware the labour dispute at Canada Post has not yet been resolved, and unfortunately, neither has our problem with funding been addressed.

In June of this year, the Chapter Presidents from across the country sent a letter to the President of the Corporation as well as our main contact at Head Office, the HR GM. In that letter we expressed our great disappointment at the loss of funding, and our mailing privileges, we also advised them that we were withdrawing our official participation in the Santa Letter Program and scholarship program among others. There was no response from the Presidential desk and this very short reply from the GM: Thank you for your note and for the attached. We will review this further and will get back to you. July 2 nd, 2025. To date there has been no further communication in this regard, although they are ramping up plans for the Santa Letter season again. Given the Corporation's continued financial problems, a resolution to our issues seems to be very unlikely in the near future.

As you are aware at our General Meeting in June of this year, we voted to increase our dues to \$20.00 per year for each member, spouse, and /or associate, starting for the 2026 calendar year. Our preferred method of payment is by e-transfer to me at centralyukootokheritageclub29@gmail.com . 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. For those of you who do not use on line banking, you can send checks to me at ; Central Yukootok Heritage Club Chapter 29 47 Ladyslipper Rd Lumby BC V0E 2G5

Some of our councils will be holding luncheons and Christmas events as we move through the next few weeks. I hope that you can participate in these gatherings. On Behalf of the executive, I want to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season, and a Merry Christmas to those who celebrate it. Also wishing you all a Happy New Year.

John

Prince George Council:

" PG Local unfortunately had to postpone then drop our barbecue at Gary's due to a couple of our leads being unable to participate & host. Apologies 😞 everyone!

Now we are hastily pulling together a Dinner for November 26th. Before the 19th, info can be obtained from Gwen, givm111@telus.net OR by text to 250-613-0527

Apart from that, we had been badly stalled on our Railway project; thinking we had no option other than to withdraw. We finally were able to assemble a meeting with the new executive director at the museum; which turned tables around in a surprisingly pleasant twist; so we are definitely changing direction, but with a new thought altogether. We will begin working on a new path later in the spring, after their Christmas events and year end are completed. (Turns out the renewed interest comes from the new ED having been a Letter Carrier in France!) Who'da thunk it??

We have been blessed by a superb, extended fall; so now almost ready for winter to visit. Take care all of you, to protect yourself as best you can to stay healthy. Things can change quickly with our health, we continue to learn... Life is precious and much more pleasant with each other!

Wishing you all a meaningful & blessed Christmas season and New Year! Already done the first quarter of the 21st Century!! " Submitted by Gwen Murphy, PG

Vernon Council:

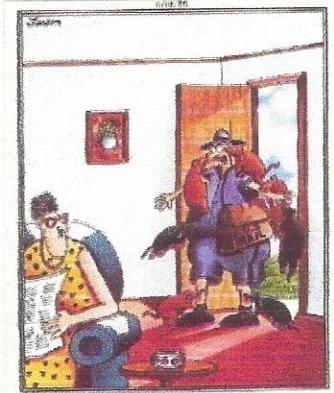
We held our annual BBQ on September 24 in the Army Navy's beautiful garden with a small group. We all enjoyed the lovely summer-like evening as well as a birthday cake supplied by Wanda and Gary for Wanda's Mom's 98 birthday.

We held a lunch get together on Monday November 10 at the Hot Spot on 6 with 25 members in attendance. It was a great social time enjoyed by everybody. The in-house draw of \$57.50 was won by Pam. We have chosen Friday December 12 for our Christmas lunch. It will be held at Asian Avenue at 12:00 noon.



Kelowna Council:

WE HAD 22 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS MEET FOR LUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 9.25 AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY IN KELOWNA. A GOOD TURN OUR AND THE GROUP OPTED TO HAVE OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT THE ARMY/NAVY/AIRFORCE CLUB IN RUTLAND



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AS FOLLOWS:

CPC HERITAGE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1:00 PM.

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00, LUNCH SERVED AT 1:00 COST IS \$30.00 PER PERSON, INCLUDES TAXES AND GRATUITY. WE ARE HOPING TO GET 30 MEMBERS OUT FOR THE LUNCHEON. ARMY/NAVY/AIRFORCE CLUB. 135 GRAY RD, KELOWNA, BC Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 if you want to play the gift exchange game.

YOU MUST PAY IN ADVANCE BY ETRANSFER TO fred_jarvis@telus.net PLEASE COMMIT TO COME AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 28TH. YOU CAN BRING ANY FRIENDS YOU LIKE, THE MORE THE MERRIER. EVERYONE WELCOME THROUGHOUT THE OKANAGAN OR IF YOUR VISITING KELOWNA

Any questions, please email me or message me at 250-878-5522. Tks and hope to see you there.
Fred Jarvis Kelowna Heritage Club Co-ordinator.

Bereavements:

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ed Ewanchuk, always a smile and friendly banter. We were so grateful to have had him support our club and served as Treasurer for many years. You are greatly missed.

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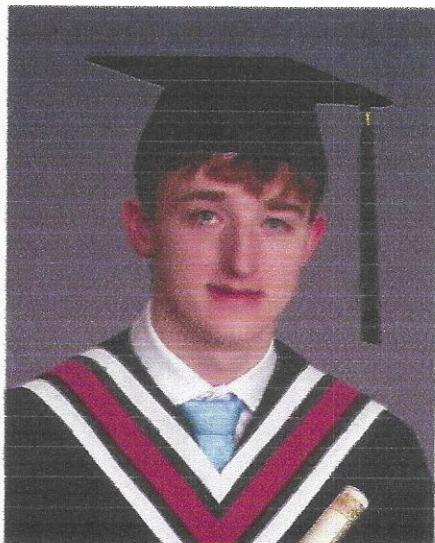
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2025 Heritage Club Scholarship Winners

We are thrilled to announce the results of our 2025 Scholarship Program. Once again the judges have been pleased with the interest in our program and more than impressed with the quality of the candidates. All of our applicants have notable resumes, and as always the choice has come down to the smallest of details. We offer our congratulations to all of our candidates, and particularly to these three individuals as they pursue their studies and move forward in their chosen career paths. Wherever they go, they will be a true asset to their communities. At this time we would like to also acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our judging committee, who each year sacrifice a portion of their summer to make this program a possibility. Thank you to all who have participated over the past eight years.



Liam Cull

Liam Cull is the grandson of Terra Nova member Freeman Cull, and hails from Roddickton, NL. Those who believe that opportunities are limited for residents in smaller communities haven't reckoned with Liam Cull. With an academic average of 99% - impressive enough on its own - Liam is an integral part of everything happening in his community. His achievements include Student of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Male Athlete of the Year, as well as scholarship, academic and merit awards, all while working part-time and tutoring younger students. He plays and coaches multiple sports. His reference letters from school

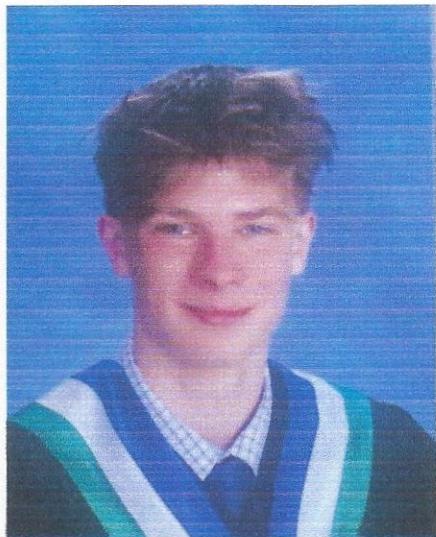
and municipal representatives speak highly of the huge contribution that he has made to his community through his volunteer efforts. Liam has chosen nursing as his career, and as he enters Memorial University to pursue those studies, we are confident that his patients, his community, and his province will all be better because of his participation. Good luck, Liam, and congratulations on everything you have achieved so far.

Sidney Metcalf

Sidney Metcalf is the granddaughter of Stewart Metcalf, longtime member of Thames Chapter. Sidney is an exemplary candidate who has combined high academic achievement with volunteer activities her school and community, playing and coaching basketball, and carrying a part-time job through her final year of high school. All of these experiences have defined her can-do attitude, which she recognizes has added immensely to her personal growth. She is also grounded enough to realize that self care is also invaluable to a healthy lifestyle, and is careful to address that with activities to enhance her personal wellbeing. Sidney will be entering King's University College to study Social Science, and we believe that she has every chance of being a very successful student. Congratulations, and good luck, Sidney!



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Henri Roy

Henri Roy is the grandson of Russell Hart, member of Brunswick/Abegweit Chapter. Henri has maintained an average of mid-90's throughout high school, with a particular interest and aptitude for mathematics. He has won numerous math competitions. Henri also has 12 years of classical violin studies. He is invested in community sports activities, having played and coached soccer and started a basketball club for the francophone students in his area. His efforts in this area have expanded to now include a senior basketball club. His volunteer efforts in the

community also include innovative ideas to raise funds for Ukrainian relief funds. Henri will be entering Queen's University to pursue a career in engineering. We trust that this scholarship will assist him in the pursuit of those goals. You've made a great start, Henri. Congratulations, and good luck!