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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JUNE 2026

Summer has arrived, time sure goes by quickly. Hope you have all had a good Spring and that you are looking forward to a great Summer.

Brenda and I recently returned from a cruise in Eastern Canada Montreal to St Pierre and Miquelon. We joined a group of Heritage Club Members mostly from Van Fraser and a few from Van Isle as well as one couple from Trent-Severn. We had a wonderful time and got together with the group for happy hour and dinner most evenings. The trip was arranged by the Van Fraser chapter. If any of you might be interested in joining them for future trips, you can read their newsletter on the National Website, www.heritageclub.ca to see what they have planned, or let me know that you are interested.

Our National Executive has had a zoom meeting with the Corporation. They acknowledged there had been a lack of communication from the Corporation. Julie Phillippe, vice-president of People and Safety is now responsible for the Heritage Club on behalf of Canada Post and she has designated Claude-Ann Moore and Ruth Honeygham as the primary points of contact.

Discussion was held around the loss of our funding, and the mailing privileges we had. JP stated that our prime concern now is trying to get continued credit to help with our postage. Claude- Ann and Ruth agreed to review this matter. Discussion was also had concerning unresolved issues including redesigned brochures and certificates. The Corporation will follow up on these issues. JP stated that we had heard the Canada Post Scholarship Program may have been discontinued. Claude-Ann and Ruth were not aware of any changes and agreed to investigate further.

The Annual General Meeting with the National Presidents, was held via Zoom on the 25 th of June. Reminder that last year due to the loss of funding from Canada {Post we decided to hold every second AGM virtually.

As this year progresses, I will continue to revise our membership lists, removing those who have not been paying dues. I would like to remind you that to get the preferred rates with our partners such as Belair Direct Ins., Hearing Life Canada, Good Life Fitness etc. you are required to be members in good standing, which means that your dues must be paid.

I would also like to point out that I do continue sending material via e-mail to anyone paid or not if I have an email address, however no physical mail is sent to those who have not paid the dues.

On behalf of our chapter's executive, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer. Please try to get out to any luncheon or other activity that your local council puts together

John

KELOWNA COUNCIL:

Membership continues to increase, which is great news. Also, a retirement party was held on June 13 for Lance Bjork, who retired after 40 years at the Kelowna Mail Processing Plant.

Unfortunately, we were away and unable to attend the party, but we certainly wish him the best in his retirement.

There was a local luncheon held on March 17th with 19 members in attendance at the Old Spaghetti Factory. An enjoyable time and catch up with everyone.

We will hold another luncheon in August and a date will be announced soon.

Best regards, Fred Jarvis





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KAMLOOPS COUNCIL:

Kamloops heritage club luncheon

March 11, 2026 we held the h-Heritage Club luncheon with 17 members at the On the Rocks Pub and Grill in Kamloops.

Attending also, was John Barrowclough & Brenda from the Vernon Council and President of Central Yukootok Club. John was introduced and he gave information about the heritage club and membership.

Brian Parish

PRINCE GEORGE COUNCIL;

We were able to hold a Christmas Dinner at D'Lanos at 4 PM on Wednesday Nov.26. We had a good turnout, 22 attended. Doug & Sandra Tedford, Sean & Maria Pennock, Shannon Doucette, Les Redding, Sheryl Hannam, Gary Schmidt, Jeanelle Desgagne, Robin Warrington, Pat Kinsley, Pat Rogers, Pat & Nick Chapman, Patti Nicolas & partner, Pat Suter, Heather Johnson, Gord Uamp; Karen Nyberg, Cheryl Hora, Gwen Murphy. Norma had planned to come but was unable. We also very much missed the Kamstra's, who had planned to come, as well as Ken & Joanne Sales and others. Pat Kinsley won the In-House draw of \$ 51.00 and Sheryl Hannam won the Door Prize.

After a good period of moving around & visiting, a lovely dinner of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots & warm buns were served about 4:45, followed by a chocolate brownie with ice cream. We each paid \$30.00 at the door to cover food and tip; then were each responsible to look after our individual beverages.

This very good meal with excellent service was followed by more great conversation until we started to disperse after 6:00. Norma had expected to attend, so her dinner was delivered to her. A great end to our year of 2025.

This report missed the winter newsletter. Now we are hoping to be successful with a barbeque at Gary's again in August,2026, after last year's having to be cancelled. Hold Aug 8 open & hope that works! Look for advertising in July! Happy Summer!! Gwen



VERNON COUNCIL:

The Vernon Council held a luncheon on June 23rd at the Army, Navy and Airforce club in Vernon. There were 16 members present. While the event was impacted by some unforeseen events, all those in attendance enjoyed the gathering. Wanda advised us that there is \$287.24 in the 50/50 account and that it was time to decide where to donate the money and then close this particular account. After some discussion, the group voted to make the Donation to the Vernon Food Bank. We are looking forward to the next luncheon, perhaps in September.



Virtual National AGM : JUNE 25, 2026

The National Executive held its 2026 Annual General Meeting via ZOOM today. There were 23 members participating in the call

The National Officers updated us on the progress made with the Corporation towards rebuilding our relationship with them. We have finally ironed out the issues we had with setting up our own mailing permit, paid for by us as opposed to CPC in the past. The process is much more cumbersome for the smaller areas since mailings must be a minimum of 100 pieces and they must be inducted through a RVU. In BC the only RVU is in Vancouver. There are some workarounds to the RVU issue for the smaller areas, however the minimum mailing is an issue.

The charges made using the permit will be paid by our National, who will then bill the respective chapters. It remains highly unlikely that Central Yukootok will use the mailing permit going forward. After renewed meetings with the Corporation, the National is advising all chapters to renew conversations with Canada Post about the Santa letter writing program.

The treasurer went through the financial reports and showed that we remain in good shape despite the lack of corporate funding. We achieved this by cost-cutting, including using e mail to send most of our communications and by holding this meeting virtually, which we agreed to do every second year. Our contribution from Belair Direct was considerably higher than anticipated this year.

We had a presentation from Lynn Masserella from Belair who shared with us how the partnership was doing, including how many of our members had purchased new policies from them. Most of the activity was in Ontario and Quebec. She also reminded us that when we purchase travel insurance for trips of less than 40 days, no stability clause applies for health conditions we might have.

There was also a presentation from Hearing Life that reinforced the benefits our paid members have, which includes a discount on final prices including those involving promotions and price matching.

Elections were held for President and 2nd Vice President. The current incumbents, JP Leguerrier and Lloyd Rogowski were re-elected by acclamation. Congratulations to both.

Next year's AGM will be in person and likely will be held in Central Canada.