



NEWS

Chinook Chapter Heritage Club

Presidents Message

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Hello All,

Again, I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and in good health.

I am sure that all are happy to see the end of 2020 and are hopeful that 2021 will bring “some light at the end of the tunnel.”

If nothing else, the past year has made us appreciate family and friends more than ever before simply because we have not been able to share the closeness we took for granted before the pandemic. It has been a year of reflection and at times chaotic. With the arrival of the Covid vaccine we may be able to get back to a semblance of our former routines and some sense of normal.

Covid restrictions have made holding simple events like our monthly luncheons impossible and it quite frankly makes it challenging to convey Heritage News as we have very few club activities going on at present. If any of our members have anything they are doing right now or would like to let us know how your past year fared with Covid restrictions and would like to share with your fellow members please let us know and we will publish it in future newsletters.

Until we are able to again socialize as we did before the pandemic I wish all of our members good health. Stay Positive! Stay Safe! and hopefully 2021 will be the year that we will be able to get together again and also, to engage in our communities as we did before.

Laurie Reid
President,
Chinook Chapter, Calgary



*Happy days are here at last,
The days of 9 to 5 are past.
I've worked all my life and
paid my dues,
Now I'll do just what I choose!*



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**Welcome to Members who recently registered with the
Heritage Club - National Office**

Carson Jarvis - Red Deer

Welcome to New Members of the Chinook Chapter

Rosalie Reay - High River



**It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of
some of our members and co-workers:**

**Peter Dutton - Airdrie
Willard Farnell - Calgary
Carl Zelisko - Calgary**

**The Chinook Chapter sends our deepest condolences to
these members families, loved ones and friends at their
loss.**

Heartfelt **THANKS** **TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Thank you to all of our volunteers. It was been an extremely difficult year, compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic, and although we had to cancel several of our planned events our members still managed to volunteer in their communities. 68 of our members reported a total of 8,693 volunteer hours. This is really great to hear and just shows that our members still manage to help out when and where needed and understand the Heritage Club motto of “People helping People.” Great job everyone!

If any member has any pictures or stories they would like us to publish, please send them to us and we will include them in our next newsletter.

SANTA LETTER WRITING PROGRAM

**At the time we published our Year-End Newsletter we had not fully tabulated our Santa Letter writing numbers. We are happy to report that the 56 members of the Chinook Chapter who volunteered last year, despite the Covid - 19 Pandemic, answered
9,360 Letters putting in a total of 468 Hours.**

The executive of the Chinook Chapter wants to thank you all for this incredible feat. Despite the fear of the pandemic we still managed to answer almost three times the volume of letters answered in the previous year (2019). The total letters answered for Calgary and Southern Alberta for all participating volunteers came in at 29,000, so our members responded to just under a third of the total volume answered.

Thanks again everyone and hopefully we will be able to accomplish this again later this year with even more volunteers!



We have included the latest information from our Friends in Van-Fraser Chapter's November/December newsletter below. **Please be advised, however, that we can not guarantee the availability of any trips listed.** Please ensure you contact the Van-Fraser Chapter immediately if you see something of interest to you as their occupancy for these trips is limited and is offered to their members first.

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2021 /22 Travel Opportunities Van Fraser Heritage Club Members, Family and Friends

April 24, 2021 7 Day Repositioning cruise from San Diego to Vancouver on the Koningsdam. Visit San Diego; Avalon, California; Santa Barbara, California; San Francisco (overnight) and Victoria before arriving in Vancouver. Inside cabins from \$779.00 plus taxes and refundable deposit. (A lower price of \$649.00 plus taxes pp is available with a non refundable deposit and no amenities). Taxes are \$240.00 pp.

May 1, 2021 7 days Alaska on the Koningsdam, Vancouver return. Visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Glacier Bay. Inside cabins from \$1290.00 plus taxes CAD pp and includes the drink package, pre paid gratuities and SpecialDty dining. (A lower rate starting at \$864.00 plus taxes CAD pp is available with a non refundable deposit and no amenity packages). Taxes are \$273.00 pp. **NOTE:** These two cruises can be combined for a 14 day cruise.

May 2022. 13 day Spring Bus visiting Rapid City ,South Dakota for five days seeing all the parks in the area, including amount Rushmore, Custer, Badlands, Deadwood and 2 days in Yellowstone National Park. ****Watch for news about this popular trip in 2022. ****

June 20/21 and June 27/21 14 day cruise on the Nieuw Amsterdam to Alaska, Vancouver return. This is two 7 day cruises combined for a 14 day return trip. Call now for detailed itinerary and pricing with the special promo including drinks and prepaid gratuities. Mark you calendar to get back to Alaska for the awesome scenery and perhaps some fishing.

September 12-17, 2021 U-Drive trip to Yakima or Penticton. Drive your own vehicle or carpool for this fun trip, with golf, sightseeing and lots of pool/BBQ times.

November 21-24, 2021 Tulalip bus trip is **confirmed for 2021!!** □Registration form will be in next newsletter.

January 4, 2022 22 Day Antarctica cruise on the Westerdam, departing Santiago, Chile around South America to Buenos Aries, Argentina. On route visit Antarctica for 4 days.

January 27, 2022 22 Day Antarctica cruise on the Westerdam, departing Buenos Aries, Argentina to Santiago, Chile with 4 days in Antarctica.

NOTE: these two cruises can be combined for a 44 day experience and double the time in Antarctica. Call for current prices and promotions.

June 14/22 CUNARD RETURNS TO VANCOUVER 10 days Alaska cruise on Cunard's Queen Elizabeth which is returning to Vancouver for a limited number of Alaska cruises. The Heritage Club has a group booked for this sailing and already a number members have booked this trip knowing it will sell out.

Note: Be sure you have adequate out of country medical and trip cancellation insurance before confirming your trip. Call The Heritage Club office, 604-482-4311 for info on Medoc insurance.

📱📧📞 With the current Pandemic, cruise schedules and prices frequently change as sailings are cancelled And new itineraries and promos are introduced. Call or email the Heritage Club your preferences for travel and we will keep you advised of new offers. Also, new options will be sent to the travel club list as available.





HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2021

The Heritage Club is planning to award three (3) scholarships to children or grand children of all dues paying members of the Heritage Club. The scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each for university or college studies. The scholarships will be awarded to students starting, for the first time, their first year of full time studies.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Dependent children, including adopted children and stepchildren, grandchildren, wards in legal guardianship of all active members (dues paying member for the last 2 years) of a Heritage Club Chapter. Applicants who have previously received a Heritage Club scholarship are not eligible.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

These scholarships are applicable to all Canadian educational institutions which have provincial degree-granting powers or their affiliates and at Canadian colleges or CEGEPs*.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

Applicants must have completed the requirements for admission into the first year of an undergraduate degree program or college diploma program at a recognized educational institution. Applicants must have obtained an average of 75% (or equivalent) on the best 5 academic courses (see list of academic courses below) in the final year of secondary school or CEGEP (pre-university education). If applicants interrupt their schooling, the maximum period permitted between the completion of secondary school or CEGEP (pre-university education) and the commencement of an undergraduate university degree program or college diploma program is 1 year. During this period, students may NOT have undertaken postsecondary courses.

ACADEMIC COURSES – GRADE 12/CEGEP

Language Arts, Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Studies, Geography, History, Literature, Accounting, Computer Graphics, Law. French, English or any one language.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The jury is comprised of the Heritage Club executive committee members. The evaluation will be based on scholastic ability, character and leadership qualities at school and in the community. Decisions of the jury are final and without appeal.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Submissions must be postmarked on or before **June 30, 2021**.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please visit the Heritage Club website at heritageclub.ca or contact Eldred Holmes at holmese@nl.rogers.com

Canada Post Stamp Launch



Dave Penner, a Director at Head Office is currently working on the new stamp launches for 2021. Due to Covid, all the scheduled events this year will be virtual. He would like to get as many people as possible involved in the stamp launches and wondered if and how the Heritage Clubs across the Nation could be involved.

Some Chapter Presidents are aware of who in their membership are interested in philately (stamp collecting) and /or postal events and could provide information to those members for upcoming events.

Some of these stamp launches are also of particular interest to certain towns or areas. For example, a few years ago the “Princess Patricia Light Infantry” stamp launch was of special significance to many folks in Calgary, Edmonton and Shilo.

Our Heritage Club National President, J.P. Leguerrier, wonders if these stamp launches might be an excellent event for the Heritage Clubs across the country to be a part of. He writes “I encourage all of our Chapter Presidents and your members to get involved.”

Given enough notice we will publish this information in our quarterly newsletters or email you directly if time is of a factor.

If you would like to receive more information or get involved with these worthy events, please email our Chapter at:

heritagechinook@shaw.ca

Update
your
Information



The Chinook Chapter wants to make sure we have updated information on file for all members. If any member has an update to their address, phone or email, please contact the Chapter and send your updates to our email address:

heritagechinook@shaw.ca



There are many benefits to joining and maintaining active status with the Heritage Club:

- ◇ **Access to MEDOC Travel Insurance through Johnson Insurance. A comprehensive group travel insurance plan that provides up to \$5 Million emergency medical coverage when travelling outside your province or outside of Canada, for an unlimited number of trips less than 40 days. Extended coverage is available for up to 182 days. This is one of the most affordable travel policies around.**
- ◇ **Access to reduced rates on Home and Auto Insurance through Johnson Insurance. Discounts of up to 35%**
- ◇ **Access to reduced membership fees at Goodlife Fitness. Members of the Heritage Club receive a 50% discount off of the regular price. This includes access to all Goodlife locations. World renowned Group Fitness classes and professional trained staff to assist you. You must be a paid member of the Heritage Club (through the Chinook Chapter) to get the discount and you will require your Heritage Club Membership number to access the program.**
- ◇ **Access to a great Corporate rate at all Choice Hotel properties worldwide. This includes Comfort Inns, Quality Inns, Econo Lodge and Rodeway Inns.**
- ◇ **Telus Mobility - Heritage Club/Canada Post Purchase Plan. Discounts on cellular phones and cellular phone service. Available from an Ontario dealer, however, they ship for free. Cell plans are very competitive - members should check prices locally as well.**
- ◇ **Heritage Club Scholarship Programs. The Heritage Club awards three (3) Scholarships to children and grandchildren of all dues paying members of the Heritage Club.**

Please check our website at : heritageclub.ca for further information on all benefits associated with Membership.

Emailed notifications: If we have your correct email address on file, we will communicate with you by that means. One exception is our Fall Newsletter which is mailed to everyone.

If you prefer to receive our Spring/Summer/Year-end Newsletters via Canada Post please indicate (hardcopy) on the registration form beside the email address line.

However, it is beneficial for you to provide your email address, because we will have the means to quickly distribute information that is pertinent to the pensions or an event that may be of interest to you. Provide us with the email address but write (hardcopy) beside it so we know you are an exception for quarterly newsletters. Also, if you are on Facebook, keep an eye on our Chinook Chapter Heritage Club page for posts.

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Check out our Heritage Club National Website:
<http://heritageclub.ca>

This is your Newsletter

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for activities, projects or even charitable contributions for our Club.

What's happening in your Town or City? Do you have an article you would like us to publish? Do you need help organizing a Luncheon or event in your area? Let us know. We can help.

This is your club, help us to give you what you want!



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