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NEWS

Fall – 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

To all our friends of the Humber Heritage Club:

I hope you had and enjoyed the nice summer weather and were able to enjoy some rest and relaxation. Now that the geese and hummingbirds have started their long journey south, we wish them safe travels and will be looking forward to their return next Spring. Since our Summer Newsletter, we were overjoyed to see how many of our members have enjoyed each other's camaraderie at our events. You never know how a simple conversation, smile, laugh or compliment can make a difference in someone's day.

One of our continuing features is the promotion and advertisement of some of our members crafts such as art, sewing, writing and photography. I was amazed at the talent and skill of our members and wish to share some of their achievements with you.

"People helping People" is our Canada Post Motto. Our club and members give to the less fortunate by volunteering their time. We are enclosing our volunteer form to capture all time such as Santa Letter Writing, elderly care, knitting, home care, transportation, church related, etc., or any time you spent either volunteering or aiding in some community or charity activity. So if you volunteered your time, kindly complete this form by December 31st, 2024 and forward it to either Barnie or me. We will then forward our yearly report to Canada Post who will establish how much funding Humber Chapter is eligible for our future events. We continue to receive seed money from Johnson Insurance (Belair Direct) based on the number of quotes/policies sold.

I am also happy to announce that we now have a Heritage hearing program. You can find more details about the new Heritage program further on in our newsletter.

***A Special thank you to all our volunteers who arrive early to help with the setting up for our luncheon.**

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Diane Biggs

SANTA ELVES HO-HO-HO LETTER WRITING PROGRAM

We are always looking for volunteers to assist Santa in replying to children's letters. Nothing gets you in the spirit of Christmas like answering a heartfelt letter to Santa Claus from a child. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthy cause and spreading some Christmas cheer, please contact Debbie Neal at Deb.santas.elf@gmail.com. We are always looking for members who can reply to the children's letters we receive from overseas. Please advise Debbie of your interest in replying to these letters.

Please confirm with Debbie by email or phone and THANK YOU for continuing to spread the magic of Christmas. The letters will be sent directly to you with response samples and envelopes.

HEARING LIFE



NEW! Canada Post Heritage Club Members will get an extra 10% off hearing aid purchases.

Did you know about Hearing Life's Price Match Policy? If you find an equivalent hearing aid with the same features, options and services, bring in a written estimate from the last 30 days and they'll match the price. Book your free appointment today. Visit HearingLifeAdvantage.ca or call 1-888-461-3953.

HISTORY RECOGNIZES HUMBER CHAPTER, JOYCE FIRMAN

Joyce Firman was Ontario's first Woman Letter Carrier. She started as a helper at Christmas in 1966. In October, 1967, she became full-time at Canada Post at the age of 46. Also, she was President of the Port Credit Ladies Auxiliary from January 1967 to December 1968. The article was published in the Mississauga News by Kathleen Hicks titled V.I.P. and me. Great reading!

Read all about it here!

<https://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/library/biographies/Scans/Peel%20Biography%20Scans%20-%20F/Firman,%20Joyce%20MN%2019730516.pdf>

What has happened since our last Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING at PETER'S RESTAURANT, July 09th

Thank you to all of you who joined our General Meeting, which was held at Peter's Restaurant. Your input was very valuable and your suggestions to make improvements with regards to future trips, sports events and outings were recorded for future reference.

GATEWAY POSTAL FACILITY

We were invited to the Gateway Postal Facility by management on June 24, 2024 to introduce the Humber Heritage Club to the employees. Anna Huang from Simcoe Chapter and Robin O'Donohue from Trent Severn Chapter joined us for moral support.

BASEBALL Game, August 10th

We had a great turnout for the Blue Jays game. We had 50 (members and friends) attend the ball game between Blue Jays and the Oakland Athletics.

BOWLING AND THE MANDARIN, August 21st

Our first bowling event - it also included lunch at the Mandarin.

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATORY, September 25th

- See all of the pictures in the gallery on the [Humber Heritage Club website](#) or on our [Facebook page](#), featuring all of our extraordinary events.

FUTURE EVENTS

Halloween at the Mandarin Restaurant October 29, 2024, 12 to 3 pm

October 29, 2024 - Come join us at the Mandarin Restaurant located at 3105 Dundas Street West (Winston Churchill and Dundas) in Mississauga for this spooky fun filled event, if you dare. Watch out for the evil witch. Costumes are not mandatory. However, anyone in a costume will receive a Halloween grab bag. Prizes and Treats will be at this event. See our poster for more details. Looking forward to seeing you there.

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Banquet on December 04, 2024 at the Mandarin.

Please book early! Our CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will take place on December 04 at the Mandarin located at 3105 Dundas Street West in Mississauga, Ontario, from 12: pm to 3:00 pm. We will bring holiday cheer at our banquet based on the number of attendees. This function must be paid in advance for members or guests wishing to attend. Christmas poster will be sent out in November. We booked the larger Mandarin Restaurant in Mississauga to accommodate a larger group, with better seating and table options. Hope to see all our members at this event to wish them Happy Holidays.

PICKLEBALL, ongoing

Humber member David Barron volunteered to teach Pickleball to our members at the Save Max Centre in Brampton. Dave will be ready every Monday morning at 11.00. This is an ongoing event.

Member Hobbies or Interests:

We are looking for members who have a Hobby or Interest such as knitting, art or wood building, etc. We would like to mention your Hobby or Interest in our expanded February Newsletter. Please contact Diane Biggs.

ACTIVE Member Discounts

You will need your membership number and must be an active member to take advantage of Heritage Club discounts:

Reduced costs at our functions.

Medoc Health and Travel Insurance. Excellent savings & value for travelers.

And from Johnsons (now Belair) Home & Auto Insurance

Reduced cost for Good Life Fitness



IN MEMORIAM



With Heartfelt Thoughts and Deepest Sympathy for families and friends of:



<u>David Monk</u>	<u>Brampton</u>
<u>Allen Bygrave</u>	<u>Brampton</u>
<u>Keith Chow</u>	<u>Mississauga</u>
<u>Maria Colaiacono</u>	<u>Woodbridge</u>
<u>James (Jr) Cameron</u>	
<u>Lynn Marie Milbury</u>	
<u>Ralph Suppa</u>	<u>Woodbridge</u>
<u>Helen Teresa McNeil</u>	



HUMBER CHAPTER HERITAGE CLUB 2024 VOLUNTEER SURVEY

VOLUNTEER HOURS

'People Helping People' is the motto of the Heritage Club. It's that time of year again. We must prepare our annual report of our activities for the National office. Please complete the enclosed volunteer hours form to enable us to complete the report. Remember to report all volunteer activities. Every hour counts! If your activity is not on the list, enter it in the blank space.

ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED ANNUAL NO. OF HOURS
CHURCH	
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING	
HOBBIES(KNITTING)	
LITERACY PROGRAM/SCHOOL	
SANTA PROGRAM	
LIBRARY/MUSEUMS	
HOSPITAL	
SOUP KITCHEN/FOOD BANK/MEALS ON WHEELS/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM	
NATIONAL POSTAL CURLING	
HERITAGE CLUB	
SENIORS HOMES/SHUT IN PROGRAM	
INCOME TAX PREPERATION	
FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITIES	
CAREGIVER	
VOLUNTEER DRIVER	
OTHER	

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