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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS,

Thank you to all our HUMBER HERITAGE CLUB members for your continued support throughout the years.

At the 'May 2025 Annual General Meeting', we were made aware of changes throughout Canada Post and their involvement with several factors including the Heritage Club Chapters. One of the issues involves our mailing of newsletters to our members, postage free through Canada Post. We email our newsletters to over 1100 members. We also have a large number who prefer to receive their newsletter by mail. Some of these members do not have computers and others prefer the use of the mail service.

Unfortunately, Canada Post is no longer providing us with free service to mail out our posters or newsletters. Therefore, in the future, we will only be sending posters or newsletters only to paid members. Our Canada-Wide Heritage Executives are still continuing their talks with Canada Post to reach an amicable resolution to our mailing process. We will keep you informed with updates. Another issue concerns the Santa Claus letter writing program, which has brought joy to children around the world. This past Christmas, we were told the program was on hold and the children's letters they received were ultimately shredded. I am hoping that this year, the Grinch will see what a great goodwill program this is by Canada Post and continue to bring magic to children around the world everywhere. Hopefully we will have more information to share with you in our next newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Diane Biggs

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PENSIONERS:

Mr. Micheal Butera, Vice President at Canada Post for PENSIONS, spoke at the Annual General meeting. He advised us that the Pension fund is separate from the Corporation and is doing very well financially, and can survive on its own. He and his team of 60 employees are not tied to the fortunes of Canada Post Corporation.

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR 2025

The Heritage Club will be awarding (3) scholarships to children or grandchildren of dues paying members of the Heritage Club. Member dues have to be in force for two or more years for eligibility. Applicants who previously received a Heritage Club Scholarship are not eligible. Submissions must be postmarked prior to or on JUNE 30, 2025. Please contact Eldred Holmes at [holmese@nl.rogers.com](mailto:holmese@nl.rogers.com)

Belairdirect also has a scholarship program for Heritage Club members. Their scholarship program deadline is July 15, 2025. Members do not need to have a policy with Belairdirect to be eligible. Contact <https://belairdirect.com/en/scholarship.html>

### PAST EVENTS

Heritage Club kicked off an exciting start to the year in 2025, with our Valentines Day Celebration, and followed with the Spring Easter luncheon at the Mandarin.

Followed by our Cheese Tour on June 5th, which stopped at eight various locations. The second last was a Dutch Bakery featuring delectable pastries. Next, onto lunch at the Windmill Country Market if you had room for any more food. Members and guests who attended expressed that this was one of the best functions of the year so far and will be looking forward to it for next year.

Comments: "What a great day and so much fun".

"Great day, thank you and your team for organizing this event".

### WHAT'S NEXT YOU ASK? "LETS GO BLUE JAYS"!

We have quite a large group of members and their families who will be attending the Blue Jay vs Chicago White Sox game on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Rogers Centre.

### COME OUT TO CELEBRATE CANADA DAY ON JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025

We are hoping you will join us in this auspicious event to celebrate Canada Day known as Dominion Day, the National Day of Canada. It is the anniversary of the Canadian Confederation of July 01, 1867.

More than ever, it is the perfect opportunity to show the world that we are Canadians who are TRUE NORTH STRONG & FREE. Meet us at the Mandarin Restaurant, 87 Matheson Blvd. on July 03, 2025, at 12:00 pm. Poster to follow with all the details.

### CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

September 19, 2025, we will be taking a three-hour cruise down the Grand River. It includes a four-course gourmet lunch, tea coffee or soft drink and dessert with complementary refreshments at the dockside café upon arrival.

Interested? Contact Barnie at [humberheritage2@hotmail.com](mailto:humberheritage2@hotmail.com).

Check your email or Facebook for further information regarding this fun and exciting out

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

### THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

**David Barron**, who taught several sessions of "Introduction To Pickleball" to our members.

**Douglas Reid**, for his abstract art pieces and beautiful bird houses he donated to prizes.

**Tanya Keeton**, for her stunning jewelry and gifts she graciously donates for prizes.

**Barry Gilbert**, who has been our very own Santa Claus and treats our members with candy canes, of course only if they are good.

### MEMBERSHIP AND MAILINGS

*\*FYI Please be advised that the four newsletters of 2025 will only be sent out to members who have paid their yearly dues. This is necessary in order to keep our costs down, since our mailing privileges with Canada have been stopped.*

### WHY JOIN THE HUMBER HERITAGE CLUB?

We have not increased our membership fees. The cost is as follows: \$10.00 per year OR \$25.00 for three years. Payable either by cheque, to the order of 'Humber Heritage Club' and mailed to: **Barnie Joosten, Box 461, in Port Rowan, N0E 1M0** or by E-Transfer to [humberchapter2@hotmail.com](mailto:humberchapter2@hotmail.com).

*Paid membership Features Some Of The Following:*

**BELAIR INSURANCE**, one of the top Insurance Companies, offer up to 35% discount for home and auto insurance.

**\*Effective July 01, Johnson will be REBRANDED as BELAIRDIRECT TRAVEL INSURANCE.** Their travel Dept. will be closed from June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to July 02<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 am. This is necessary for their system upgrades. offer up to a 35% discount for home and automobile insurance coverage. For claim assistance call Global Excel Management at 1-800-790-3420 or 819-566-1002.

**GOODLIFE FITNESS**, you need to be a valid paid member to attend Goodlife Fitness to receive approximately up to 50 % off regular club rates.

**HEARING LIFE**, discounts up to 10% featuring price matching as well. As a Canada Post Heritage Club member call 1-877-735-1149 or visit [HearingLifeAdvantage.ca](http://HearingLifeAdvantage.ca) to book your free appointment.

**SPEC SAVERS**, discounts on eyeglasses

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### "IN MEMORIAM"



WITH HEAVY HEARTS AND GREAT SADNESS, WE SHARE THE PASSING OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND PRESIDENT OF THE THAMES HERITAGE CHAPTER, MR. HENRY MASEK.