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President's Message

Hello to all Parkland members and your families. I hope you are all enjoying this warm summer weather and can get out an about more than in the last two years. It looks like we are heading into fall at a rapid pace, and we do have some upcoming functions which I hope you will be able to participate in and enjoy. The Annual Banquet and the annual AGM luncheon are both coming up and are mentioned further in this newsletter.

I wish to thank one of our long-standing executive members, our First Vice President, Rene Plouffe, for his time and service to the Parkland Chapter. Rene has told us it is time to hang up the spurs and let someone else take part in the operation of the Parkland Chapter. So, with this vacancy we will have an opening on our

executive for a new face.

In the past Rene has been responsible for hospitality. In other words, working on setting up all our major functions for which he has done an outstanding job. Thank you, Rene, for a job well done.

I also wish to extend a welcome to all the new members who have come on board in recent months. I hope you all take part in as many club activities as you can.

And as always, our condolences go out to family and friends of members and spouses who have passed away. Our prayers are with you.

Lloyd Rogowski
President Parkland Chapter



WE'RE ON-LINE: Check out our website; www.heritageclub.ca You will find additional event pictures and club information. Log on and have a look.



Fall Banquet:



Parkland Chapter is pleased that we are once again able to host our Annual Fall Banquet. The banquet will take place on Sunday October 2, 2022, and we will be going back to the Norwood legion where we have previously held some highly successful banquets.

As mentioned, the banquet will be held on a Sunday and will be held earlier in the day so that those that prefer not to drive at night will have an opportunity to be home before dark.

A registration form containing all the information regarding this always popular event is attached as a separate sheet.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a very reasonably priced evening of great food, and

Details:

Sunday October 2, 2022.
Cocktails at 4:00 PM
Dinner at 5:00 PM

Norwood Legion
11150 82 St NW
Edmonton, Alberta,

entertainment with old friends and a chance to make some new ones.

If you would like to attend, but require a ride, please contact any of the executive (see back page), and we will ensure arrangements are made to get you there and back home.

October Luncheon & Annual General Meeting

Parkland Chapter has once again started hosting bi-monthly luncheon events. Our August luncheon was held on Thursday August 11, and was very well attended. Our next luncheon will be a combined Luncheon and Annual General Meeting. The event will take place on:

Thursday October 13, 2022

11:30 AM

Buffet Royale, West End

17202 - 95 Ave NW

Edmonton AB

Come and enjoy a great lunch at a great price and share some good times with old and new friends.

The Annual General Meeting will take place immediately after the luncheon.

We promise to keep the AGM portion of this event short and sweet. And don't worry about getting roped into something. We do open the floor for the nomination of executive positions, but a nominating committee always has one or more confirmed candidates in



advance of the meeting, so there is never pressure for nominated members to let their name stand. If you or anyone you know may be interested in being nominated for a position on the club executive, please let us know. Send an email to parklandheritageclub@gmail.com.

This is a great opportunity to find out what the club has done throughout the year, to hear plans for the upcoming year, and to have a say in how your club operates.

*Being a Senior is eating the crust, not because you like it,
but because you paid for it.*

Coffee Get Togethers:

Are you an early bird? Several Edmonton and area members get together for coffee.

North side - 8:00 AM the first every Tuesday of the month - Londonderry mall- just outside A&W

West end - 8:00 AM - every Wednesday - Mayfield A&W (Stony Plain Rd & 170 St.)

Spring BBQ:

Parkland Chapter's 2022 Spring BBQ was held on June 23 at the Devon Lions Park, with an excellent turnout. We were once again blessed with a beautiful warm Alberta blue-sky day.

After several years of having to be cancelled due to the pandemic, it was great to get out and catch up with so many friends new and old.

A huge shout out to Rene Plouffe for all his hard work in organizing this event.

We continue to use this out-of-town location as the Devon Lions Park, is a great location, and has excellent facilities for hosting this type of event, but the executive is aware that some members may be reluctant to drive this far out of town. We would like to remind the membership that if you are unable to attend any of our events because of transportation issues, please contact one of the executives and if we have enough advance notice, we will make arrangements to get a ride for you to and from the event.



Golf:

The golf group meets monthly during the golf season. We organize one golf outing per month for interested members. We attempt to go to a

different course each month. Call Bob Broomhall 780-481-8627 for more details.

Food Bank:



The Food Bank group attends the Edmonton Food Bank on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 4 PM.

Contact Paul Otto at 780-484-8636 for more information. ***Paul is still looking to add additional volunteers to his roster.***

*So many people these days are too judgemental
I can tell just by looking at them*

Santa Letter Writing Program:

Santa is still enjoying some much deserved down time, but before too long he is going to have to start planning for his upcoming busy season, and he will once again be looking for some assistance from his postal elves to help with the mountains of mail he gets every year from children writing to Santa. We still have a lot of summer to enjoy but just a heads-up that starting in September our Parkland Santa team will be actively looking for volunteers to help with the Santa Letter Writing Program for 2022.

At this time, we don't know the status of the Festival of Trees that has been cancelled for the last 3 years, but if it is a go, we will be looking for volunteers to staff our Canada Post booth where children come to write a letter to Santa. It is a lot of fun and a fantastic way to see the Festival of Trees for free.

And then for first three weeks of December we will be looking for volunteers to help with



the sorting and preparation of incoming mail, and of course in answering children's letters to Santa Claus.

If you would like to help with any of these events, please give Bob Broomhall a call at 780-481-8627.

New Members:

The Parkland Chapter of the Canada Post Heritage Club is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Parkland Chapter:

Karen Ahlskog
Roger Mellor
Robert Venance
Kimberley Jakobid
Irene Kosinski
Oscar Macropain

Wildwood
Edmonton
Sherwood Park
Gunn
Warburg
Edmonton

Karen McGuire
Robert LeBlanc
Michelle Brousseau
Sandra PA Semco
Murray Borowsky

St. Albert
Sherwood Park
Veteran
Rossland
Edmonton

Obituaries:

It is always with a heavy heart that we hear of the passing of one of our members. We have been made aware that the following members have recently passed away.

Gordon Hooper
William Hughson
Alfred (Roy) Evans

Florence Parenteau
Mary Laschuk
Louis Burkette

Dennis Cockwill
Dwayne Levitt

If you are aware of a member's passing, can you please contact one of the executives, and let us know the name, date, and any information that you may be aware of, as to their career with Canada Post.

*Stay away from negative people
They have a problem for every solution - Albert Einstein*

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES 2022

HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



September 11, 2022, 14-day Alaska cruise on the Nieuw Amsterdam. Visit Anchorage, Kodiak, Valdez, Glacier Bay, Sitka, Skagway, Ketchikan, and Prince Rupert. This is a special sailing with no repeat ports and many less visited ports. Book now, limited availability. Inside cabins from \$1699.00 plus \$481.00 taxes Cad per person!

September 30, 2022, 9-night repositioning cruise on the Ovation of the Seas (one of the largest cruise ships with lots of activities) from Vancouver to Honolulu with a day in Seattle.

October 9, 2022, 20-day repositioning cruise on the Ovation of the Seas from Honolulu to Sydney, Australia. Visit the islands of Tahiti-Bora Bora, Papeete, and Moorea, then Napier, Wellington and Picton, New Zealand before arriving in Sydney. There are just a few cabins left on these sailings Call for current prices. We have a large group of members booked on the first segment and half of the group will disembarking Hawaii and while the rest will stay in the ship to Australia!

October 8, 2022, 16-night Hawaii cruise on the Koningsdam, Vancouver return. Visit Lahaina, Hilo, Honolulu (overnight) and Kauai with lots of sea days on route for rest and relaxation. Inside cabins starting at \$1780.00 CAD per person plus taxes \$244.00 pp.

January 11, 2023, 22-Day Antarctica cruise on the Oosterdam, departing Santiago, Chile around South America to Buenos Aries, Argentina. On route visit Antarctica for 4 days. Inside cabins from \$4059.00 CAD pp plus taxes.

February 2, 2023, 22-Day Antarctica cruise on the Oosterdam, 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 starting at \$3409.00 plus taxes (non refundable). Join other members who have already booked this trip.

February 18, 2023, 35-day South Pacific Cruise. San Diego return. Visit several ports in Hawaii, Fanning Island, Raiatea (overnight), several ports in French Polynesian. Insides from \$5749.00 plus \$350.00 taxes and balconies from \$9000.00 plus tax per person.

June 8, 2023, 12-night Alaska cruise on the Queen Elizabeth visiting Tracy Arm, Sitka, Haines, Icy Straight Point, Glacier Bay, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Victoria-Vancouver return, from \$2397.00 plus taxes \$362.00 CAD per person.



Parkland Members Dave and Sony Leonard recently joined several other Heritage Club members on an Alaska Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth II.

REMINDER: Be sure you have out of country travel insurance for any trip you book and that it is active before any cancellation penalty fees are in effect for your trip. For those with MEDOC, ensure you have renewed your Heritage Club Membership for 2022 and paid your dues to be covered. Contact the Heritage Club office for info on MEDOC and for more information on any trips. Call the Van Fraser Heritage Club office at 604-482-4311 or email: fwdanells@hotmail.com to reserve or for more information.

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 latest offers. Also, new options will be sent to the travel club list as available

Another Travel Opportunity:

The Heritage Club has partnered with Collette Tours to offer Heritage Club members discounted prices on more than 160 different tour opportunities. Heritage Club Members save \$100 per person on any Collette tour plus, special

seasonal offers that could save you up to an additional \$500 per person. (Savings determined by tour and date). Use offer code HCSAVE. Call Collette Tours at 1-866-446-5075 to learn more.

Choice Hotels Signs Agreement to Purchase Radisson Hotel Group

Choice Hotels provides Heritage Club members with discounted room rates at all their hotel brands. With the merger of Choice Hotels and Radisson Hotels, it will add nine new hotel brands and 624 additional hotels to the Choice Hotels network

As with any announcement of this nature, it will take time to implement all the final details. And

until the transaction closes, which is expected to occur in the second half of 2022, it will be business as usual, and Radisson will remain a separate company from Choice.

We are anticipating that in the near future Heritage Club members will be able to access the same level of discount at Radisson chain hotels as are available at Choice Hotel chain.

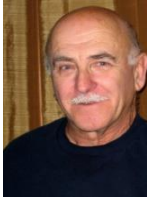
Postal History

- **1876**, Beginning August 1, 1876, a 1400-km (900-mile) stage route is established between Winnipeg and Fort Edmonton. The trip takes 21 days one way.
- **1882**, A regular post office is proposed for the western extremity of the track of the Canadian Pacific Railway; the office will move as the track extends westward. This railway post office becomes known variously as "Western Terminus," "End of Steel," or "End of Track." With the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the driving of the last spike at Craigellachie, British Columbia, the "End of Track" railway post office shuts down on 7 November 1885.
- **1884**, The Eaton Company, established at Toronto in 1869, issues its first mail-order catalogue.
- **1889**, The Railway Mail Clerks' Association meets for the first time. Around 1916, the Association becomes the Dominion Railway Mail Clerks' Federation, and, later, about 1951, the union is renamed the Canadian Railway Mail Clerks' Federation.
- **1891**, on September 15, 1891, letter carriers form the Federated Association of Letter Carriers (FALC), which, in 1966, becomes the Letter Carriers' Union of Canada (LCUC).

*You don't realize how old you are until
you kneel on the floor and then try to get back up*

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2022 Executive



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Canada Post Pension Update:

In April 2022, the Government of Canada introduced the Canada Post Corporation Pension Plan Funding Regulations. These approved regulations will provide Canada Post with temporary relief from its solvency funding obligations until December 31, 2024. Without this relief, Canada Post expected that they would have had to make estimated special payments of \$796 million for 2022, because the solvency relief of 15% available under the Pension Benefits Standards Act, (1985), would be fully utilized during the year. Funding relief will not reduce or eliminate Canada Post's obligation to fully fund the Plan.

We are pleased to inform Plan members that in 2021, the surplus in the defined benefit (DB) component of the Canada Post Registered Pension Plan grew from \$3.8 billion to \$4.8 billion on a going-concern basis.

A going-concern valuation has a long-term focus. It assumes that the Plan will continue to operate. By this measure, the DB component has more than enough assets to meet all its obligations to Plan members. In 2021, the rate of return for the DB component was 11.3%. Assets in the DB component grew from \$29.6 billion to \$32.3 billion. The Plan's solvency deficit to be funded decreased from \$6.4 billion to \$4.9 billion, changing the funded ratio from 82.6% to 85.9%.

We are grateful that the Government of Canada approved regulations, to provide Canada Post relief from special solvency payments until the end of 2024. Canada Post acknowledges that it needs to find long-term solutions for the Plan to be sustainable and affordable for Plan members and the Corporation.

Canada Post Pension Plan Report to Members 2021

To me - old is always ten years older than I am.

Bernard Baruch