





Parkland News

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President's Message:

Hello Parkland.

We have had a great run, but a couple of your executive have decided to resign from their positions and let new blood take the helm. A while back some of you will know that Rene Plouffe decided to resign as 1st Vice President and now our Treasurer, Bill Kobitowich has decided to do the same. We will miss Bill in the Treasurer position as he has been handling our finances for close to 20 years. I wish to thank Bill for all the years he has devoted to the position.

At this time, I would also like to advise you that because I have been appointed to the position of 2nd Vice President of the National Executive I will also be stepping down as President of Parkland Chapter, but you will be left in good hands. Bob Broomhall will be the interim President, Ron McPhail will take over as Treasurer and Paul Otto will move from 2nd Vice President to 1st Vice President. This still leaves a couple of vacancies. The 2nd Vice President

and Secretary positions still need to be filled so if anyone is interested in these positions, I urge you to come forward, as they can be filled on an interim basis until the next AGM.

Aside from all of the moves within the executive of the chapter, I would like at this time to thank Parkland for your great participation in our activities and for keeping up with your active membership status and volunteering. You are by far one of the best groups of people I have had the opportunity to be affiliated with and I will do all I can to help the new executive in my position as Past President

Let us not forget all who have passed before us and who have contributed to this Chapter. May they rest in peace.

Lloyd Rogowski
Past President Parkland Chapter



**Change of
Address**

Have you Moved or planning to move?

If you have recently moved or are planning a move, please let us know so that we can update our mailing list. Please let us know.

by email at: parklandheritageclub@gmail.com,

or by mail at: The Heritage Club, 12135 – 149 St. Edmonton AB. T5L5H2.

You can also contact our membership coordinator Judy Broomhall at 780-481-8627, or by contacting any of the executive – contact information on the back page.

Chapter Executive Changes:

Well, this will certainly be a year of change. The executive of Parkland Chapter has stayed very constant for a lot of years but is undergoing a significant change this year.

President Lloyd Rogowski has taken on the role of Second Vice President of the Heritage Club nationally and has decided that he will step down as chapter president. Bob Broomhall will act as the interim President until the next Annual General Meeting in October. Lloyd has served in the role of President for 17 years, having been first elected in 2005. Before that Lloyd was Second Vice President of the chapter for several years. Lloyd will continue to be a part of the Chapter executive as Chapter Past President.

Bill Kobitowich is also stepping down. Bill has held the position of Treasurer for 20 years, having been elected to that position in 2003. Ron McPhail recently elected as First

Vice President will assume the role of Treasurer until the next AGM.

Rene Plouffe is also stepping down. Rene was First Vice President of the chapter for 18 years, having been elected to that position in 2004. Rene's position was filled at the October AGM by Ron McPhail. Rene has also served as the Social Committee Chair for 27 years. Rene has been the go-to guy for all our BBQ's and banquets for that entire time.

Finally, Paul Otto, our Second Vice President will move to the First Vice President's position again until the next AGM. The Second Vice President position will temporarily remain vacant.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lloyd, Bill and Rene for your many years of time, energy, ideas and invaluable service to Parkland Chapter, and its members. Thank you is hardly enough.

Annual General Meeting

The 2022 Annual General Meeting was held October 13, 2022, at the Buffet Royale Carvery in conjunction with the October quarterly luncheon.

At this meeting, the positions of 1ST. Vice President and Secretary were up for election. Ron McPhail was elected as 1ST. Vice President and Bob Broomhall was re-elected as Secretary.

Congratulations to the above members and thank you for allowing your name to stand. Our thanks also to the Nominating Committee.

A date was set for the 2023 Annual General Meeting. The 2023 AGM will be held on October 12, 2023, again in conjunction with the October quarterly luncheon.

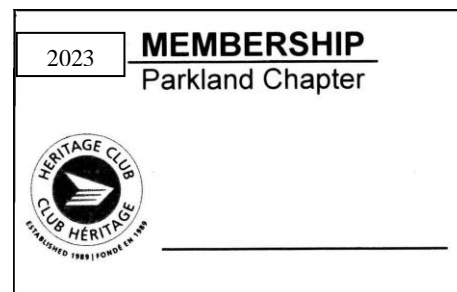


MEMBERSHIP:

The 2023 membership drive is now underway. Please complete the enclosed membership form and submit your 2023 membership dues by mailing the form, and your cheque to the address shown on the form, by February 28, 2023.

Please remember that our Heritage Club chapter receives only a portion of our funding through the national office, (from Canada Post Corporation, and other club sponsors), and that your membership dues represent a large portion of our chapter's annual income.

We are updating our membership database with email addresses for those that have them. **We encourage you to provide an email address, if you have one,** as it is a quick and cost-effective way of quickly informing members of news items and upcoming events between issues of the newsletter.



Members will receive a card like the one shown above as acknowledgement of payment

If at any time you are unsure of the status of your membership dues, or have any other questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact your membership representative, Judy Broomhall at (780)481-8627 or parklandheritageclub@gmail.com.

*Remember the days when people used to write in diaries and got mad when someone read them?
Now they put everything on Facebook and get mad when people DON'T read them.*

Reporting Volunteer Hours:

Each year our chapter President submits a report of all volunteer hours worked by members of the chapter. These hours include not only volunteer hours with the Heritage Club, but also time worked in community events such as fundraising activities, work done with religious or seniors' organizations, or working with children's groups, example coaching. Anything relating to volunteering counts in the report.

The Heritage Club National Community Service Award is awarded each year to a chapter demonstrating that they are actively meeting our club's motto of "people helping

people." Parkland Chapter has won this award in the past in large part because of the number of volunteer hours reported by our members.

Please help us demonstrate that we are one of the most active chapters. There is a Volunteer Hours reporting form on the bottom of the Membership Renewal form. This form should be used to report volunteer hours worked by members of Parkland Chapter for the betterment of the community. Please specify if the time worked is per week, month, or year

Heritage Club - Membership Benefits

There are many benefits to joining and maintaining an active status in the Canada Post Heritage Club. See our website for details on many of these offers.

1. Reduced prices on club activities, such as the Spring BBQ and Fall Banquet.
2. Access to the Heritage Club Scholarship Program – 2023. The Heritage Club awards three (3) scholarships to children or grandchildren of all dues paying members of the Heritage Club. The scholarships are valued at \$2,000 each for any post-secondary university or college studies.
3. 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. See our website for more detail.
4. Access to reduced rates on Home and Auto Insurance through Johnson Insurance. Discounts of up to 35%.
5. Access to the Johnson Insurance Scholarship Program (50 scholarships at \$1,000 each) for those that hold a Johnson Insurance policy. Go to www.johnson.ca/scholarship for more information.
6. Access to reduced membership fees at Goodlife Fitness. Members of the Heritage Club get a 30% discount off the regular prices, and no sign-up fees. This includes access to all GoodLife locations. World renowned Group Fitness classes, and professionally trained staff assist you in achieving your goals. You must be a paid member of the Heritage Club to get the discount and you will require your Heritage Club number to access the information regarding this program. To learn more about this offer, go to our website.
7. Access to a great corporate rate at all Choice hotel properties worldwide. Includes Comfort Inns, Quality Inns, Econo Lodge and Rodeway Inns.
8. Access to reduced rates at Collette Travel. Collette offers travelers 100 years of guided touring experience, more than 160 tours to all seven continents, and full-time industry leading tour managers. 24/7 support guides you every step of the way to your next adventure. Heritage Club members save \$100 per person on any Collette tour. Plus, special seasonal offers that could save members up to an additional \$500 per person.



Donations:

Parkland Chapter normally makes one or two charitable donations each year following various social events where we fundraise for a charity. The club then matches or exceeds the total raised by members. In 2022 Parkland Chapter executive authorized cash donations to the Camrose Hospital Foundation and the Grande Prairie Hospital Foundation as well as The Learning Centre Literacy Association, and The Canada Post Charitable Foundation. Letters of appreciations were received from each of these organizations.

In recent years we have made donations to a few different Women's shelters, Ronald McDonald House, The

Edmonton Food Bank, E4C School lunch program, The Mustard Seed, the Boyle Street Coop, and The Salvation Army

For 2023, the executive has authorized donations to The Saint Vincent de Paul Foundation, as they have suffered some recent significant losses, Edmonton Sports Central, The Learning Centre Literacy Association and one additional charity to be named at a later date.

The executive would welcome suggestions from the membership on other worthy charities that they would like to see the club support.

*The biggest lie I tell myself is:
"I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."*

Food Bank

Thank you to all those members that have come out to help at the Food Bank this past year. We have committed to having an 8-person crew at the Food Bank the third Thursday of every month. We were able to maintain this commitment even through the COVID outbreak. We do need to add a few more people to the Food Bank roster to ensure that we can meet our commitment. You will see from the picture that the food bank continues to maintain rigorous COVID protocols to keep everyone safe.

If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers working the food bank, please contact:

Paul Otto
Heritage Club Food Bank Coordinator
780-484-8636
protto@shaw.ca



If you know of anyone else that might be interested, please pass this on to them.

Obituaries:

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

Harvey Taschuk
Norman Hrywkiw
James St-John
Louise Lefebvre

Lucy Ackerman
Mary Hemmingway
John Shupenia
Rosanne Lehr

Doug Pengelly
Doreen Klimochko

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.

New Members:

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

Charles Hollman
Shannon O'Connell
Brenda Measures
Clayton Kolstad
Terry Trohimchuk

Fort Saskatchewan
Grande Prairie
Beaumont
Edmonton
Edmonton

Bill Garden
Cathie Dunbar
Gerald Jagiello
Nancy James
Charlotte Davidson

Sherwood Park
Parkland County
Edmonton
Fairview
Sherwood Park

Do You Know Where These People Are?

We have had mail returned for the following people. We suspect many of them may have moved, but we do not know their forwarding address. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people, can you please contact Judy Broomhall at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com, or 780-481-8627, or any of the executive (contact info on last page).

Mahlon Carver
Yolande Charrois
Gerald Chisholm

Red Deer
Bonnyville
Edmonton

Bonnita Jevne
Gail M. Scott
Shirley Yamkowsky

Gunn
Lacombe
Peace River

*The other day I was in a Wal-Mart parking lot and watching a lady who couldn't remember where she parked.
Every time she held her remote in the air, I honked my horn...*

Santa Letter Writing Program 2022

We are just wrapping up some final numbers and reports on the 2022 Santa Letter Writing campaign. This year was similar to 2021. Both individual letters and school letters were about the same as last year. For some reason we were down a bit in French letters and French school letters, but were up in other international letters, and letters in languages other than French and English.

In a very tight 3-week period, our Heritage Club chapter had 75 very dedicated volunteers that took on the task of replying to over 15 thousand individual letters and providing a class poster to nearly 800 school classes representing another 15 thousand school letters. Because of the fantastic work by our volunteers, we only had a little more than 400 letters that missed the December 22 cut-off, and all of them received an after-Christmas reply from Santa.

On a sad note, in December we were informed of the passing of Roseanne Lehr, a long time Santa's Elf. Roseanne was one of our very dedicated elves who particularly loved answering letters from school classes. December always saw Roseanne's kitchen table transformed into her own writing



workshop where she took on so many schools that we often were concerned that she was working day and night to keep up.

What a terrific job by an incredible group of volunteers.

Christmas Lunch

On December 8, 2022, a number of Parkland members got together at the Buffet Royale Carvery restaurant in west end Edmonton, for our annual Christmas Luncheon. There was lots of visiting and catching up with friend's activities, past and future. Santa made an appearance and had a small gift for all those in attendance.

In addition, Karen Hutzcal created a number of very nice coffee mug gift sets that she gave away in a series of ticket draws. Thank you, Karen, that was terrific gesture, and very much appreciated.



Our next luncheon is scheduled for.

Thursday March 23, 11:30
Buffet Royale Carvery
17202 - 95 Ave NW, Edmonton.

We invite all members to come out and meet with old and new friends.

*Why do we never hear about "Olive" the 10th Reindeer?
You know,
"Olive the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names."*

HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2023

This year, the Heritage Club is planning to award three (3) scholarships to children or grandchildren of dues paying members of the Heritage Club. The executive is pleased to announce that the value of each scholarship has been increased to \$2,000 each. The scholarships are for any 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Submissions must be postmarked on or before June 28, 2023.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please contact Bob Broomhall, Parkland Chapter President at: parklandheritageclub@gmail.com

Heritage Club - Parkland Chapter 28 2023 Executive



Interim President & Secretary

Bob Broomhall
(780) 481-8627



Treasurer

Ron McPhail
587-596-5864



First Vice President

Paul Otto
780-484-8636

Second Vice President

Vacant



Past President

Lloyd Rogowski
780-458-8936

The executive will do their best to serve the members of the Parkland Chapter in every way possible. Please do not hesitate to call any one of us to answer any of your questions.

You can also contact us via our email address. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to let us know by sending us an email at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com

2023 - HERITAGE CLUB TRAVEL

HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Due to some unavoidable logistical issues, we can only offer a few travel options in this edition. We hope to have a more extensive list of travel options in the spring edition.



February 2, 2023, 22-Day Antarctica cruise on the Oosterdam, departing Buenos Aires, Argentina to Santiago, Chile with 4 days in Antarctica. Inside cabins from \$3500.00 CAD pp plus taxes. Join other members who have already booked this trip.

February 18, 2023, 35-day South Pacific cruise from San Diego return. Visit a number of Ports in Hawaii; Fanning Island, Raiatea (overnight); a number of ports in French Polynesian. Insides from \$4419.00 plus \$350.00 taxes. 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.

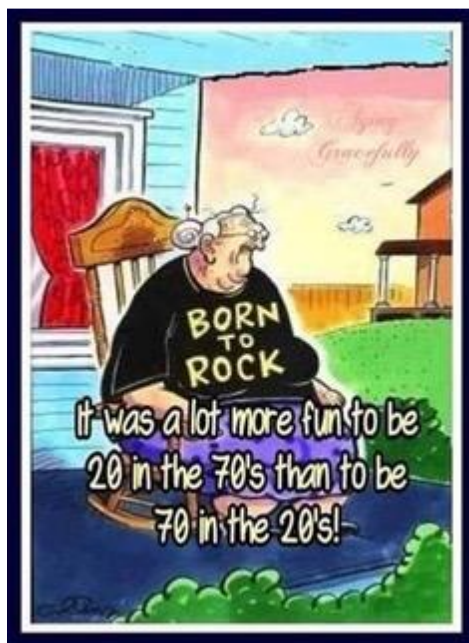
July 2, 2023, 24-night cruise on the Nieuw Statendam. Copenhagen return. Visiting Sweden, Latvia, Germany, Finland, numerous ports through Norway, including cruising North Cape and Sognefjord, the longest fjord in Norway. Call for a detailed itinerary. Prices begin at \$3632.00 plus taxes and airfare.

September 17, 2023, 14-night Alaska cruise on the Noordam. Round trip, Vancouver to Vancouver. Visit Kodiak, Anchorage, Valdez, Glacier Bay, Sitka, Skagway, and Prince Rupert.

Note: *Be sure you have adequate out of country medical and trip cancellation insurance before confirming your trip. With the current pandemic, cruise schedules and prices frequently change as sailings are cancelled and new itineraries and promos are introduced. Call The Heritage Club office, for more information.*

Also, call or email the Heritage Club and let them know your preferences for travel and they will keep you advised of latest offers. New information and travel options will be sent to the travel club list, as available.

Heritage Club office, 604-482-4311 email: fwdanells@hotmail.com



Music is like
candy, you
throw the
rappers away