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President's Message

Hello Parkland Members,

It looks like spring has finally arrived, and we can say we've successfully made it through another winter. Now it's time to start thinking about summer plans—trips to take, gardens to tend, family gatherings to enjoy, or simply relaxing on the patio or balcony during a warm summer evening. We hope your plans will also include joining us for a couple of summer events detailed later in this newsletter.

As you plan for the months ahead, we'd like to remind you of the valuable discounts and services available to you as a Heritage Club member. These include reduced pricing at events such as the Spring BBQ and Fall Banquet, excellent deals on travel insurance, as well as home and auto coverage, along with discounts on fitness programs and hearing and optical services.

If you have children or grandchildren, be sure to explore our Heritage Club Scholarship Program—an excellent

opportunity for your family. Full details are available on our website at heritageclub.ca, and the application deadline is June 30, 2026. In addition, one of our partners, [belairdirect](http://belairdirect.com), offers a similar scholarship program that may be of interest.

If you use Facebook, we encourage you to check out our Facebook page, Heritage Club – Parkland Chapter and join the group. It's a great way to stay informed between newsletters, see event photos, and keep up with club news.

We would also like to thank everyone who has opted to receive their newsletter by email. With rising postage costs, your support helps us continue offering low annual membership fees.

Enjoy the (all-too-short) summer ahead—we hope to see many of you at our BBQ in June!

Bob Broomhall
President, Parkland Chapter



Change of
Address

Have you moved recently???

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.

NEW!! - There is now a Change of Address form available on the Heritage Club website.

<https://heritageclub.ca/member-information-change/>



Spring BBQ

We're thrilled to welcome you back to our Annual Spring BBQ, a favorite tradition we look forward to each year. Once again, the event will be at the Lions Park in Devon, Alberta, a beautiful location nestled along the river valley beside the Devon Golf Course. With its scenic views and relaxed atmosphere, it's the perfect setting to enjoy a day outdoors with great company. Be sure to check the map on the registration form for easy directions.

This event is all about relaxing, reconnecting, and having fun. Enjoy a classic BBQ steak lunch while catching up with familiar faces and meeting new ones. Whether you're coming for the food, the conversation, a friendly game of bocce ball, or simply to soak up some sunshine, there's something for everyone.



excellent facilities and fewer restrictions in this private space. If transportation is a concern, feel free to reach out to one of our club executives—we'll gladly help arrange a ride.

Bringing children or grandchildren? We're happy to provide complimentary hot dogs and chips for kids—just let us know in advance.

We suggest you bring a plate and cutlery, and your preferred beverage. We will have disposables, but sturdier options are definitely better for steak! Coffee, tea, and water will be available. And finally, a lawn chair if you'd like to sit back and enjoy the sunshine.

The cost is

- \$15 for members and their spouses,
- \$20 for non-members.

Payment can be made online, by eTransfer, or via cash or cheque.

To attend, please complete the BBQ registration form included with the newsletter and submit it by mail or email, with your payment to the Heritage Club office.

The date for the BBQ is:

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM to 3:00 (lunch at 12:30 PM)

Location: Devon Lions Park Gazebo
Devon AB

We will also be accepting donations to the Food bank.

The event will go ahead rain or shine. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll gather comfortably under the gazebo. Thankfully, June has usually treated us well, so we're optimistic for another beautiful day.

Although Devon may be a bit of a drive for some, we've chosen this location for its

Fall Banquet:

Plans are underway to host our popular Fall banquet. Dates and locations are not yet finalized as we are considering the arrangements for this event. Stay tuned and watch for a further announcement in our summer newsletter.

I'm not saying I'm old.

I'm just saying my dinner time and my bedtime are getting dangerously close to each other

Luncheons

By the time you read this newsletter we will have just completed our spring luncheon which was on April 23 where we had a great presentation by a pair of St Albert pharmacists.

Join us for our next luncheon which will be in August. We are finalizing getting another great speaker that unfortunately we're unable to announce just yet,

If you're able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to our luncheon events to support our local food banks.

For more information feel free to call, Paul Otto at 780-484-8636 or Bob Broomhall at 780-481-8627



Next Luncheon

Thursday August 13, 2026

11:30 AM

Buffet Royale
17202 95 Ave NW, Edmonton
Just \$20

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank

Membership Renewal

Our 2026 membership campaign is in full swing!

If you've already renewed, your 2026 membership, we thank you and your 2026 membership card is included with this newsletter, or if you receive your newsletter by email, you will receive an email copy of your receipt.

If instead you've received a membership renewal form, it means we haven't yet received your payment. We kindly ask that you take a moment to complete and return the enclosed form.

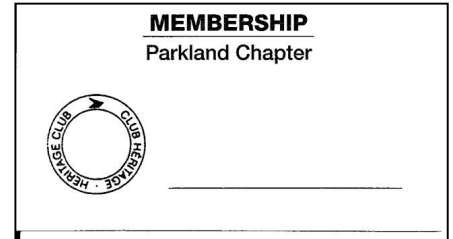
Please keep in mind that our Parkland Chapter receives only limited funding from the national office. Your membership dues play a vital role in supporting the activities we offer and in keeping everyone connected through newsletters and

updates.

Annual dues for 2026 remain among the most affordable in the country at: \$10.00 per member and \$10.00 for a spouse.

If you have any questions about your membership status — or if you know of a fellow member who isn't receiving our newsletter, please reach out to our membership coordinator, Judy Broomhall at 780-481-8627 to confirm their information.

We appreciate your continued support.



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:

Richard Toma
Brett Donaldson
Elizabeth Kraft
Len Kettner

Lawrence Jones
Allan Thomas
Grant Campbell
Hilda Stasiuk

Gerald Chisholm
Denis Godbout
Bob Stevenson

If you are aware of a member or a spouse passing, can you please contact one of the executive, 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:

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

Sylvia Robinson-Cooke
Peter Smith

Viking
Edmonton

Lana Naylor Camrose

Procrastination is totally a good thing.

You always have something to do tomorrow, plus, you have nothing to do today.



Help Out at the Edmonton Food Bank

Parkland Chapter proudly supports the Edmonton Food Bank by volunteering one afternoon each month. We're there on the third Thursday of every month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, helping with tasks like sorting donations and assembling food hampers.

We're always looking to grow our volunteer team — and there's plenty of room for more helping hands! If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to have you join us.

It's a wonderful way to give back and connect with others in the community!

For more information or to sign up, please contact: Paul Otto at 780-484-8636 (voice message only — no cell or text) or email parklandheritageclub@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are two Scholarship Programs available to children and grandchildren of Heritage Club Members to assist them in their academic careers.

HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026

The Heritage Club is planning to once again award three (3) scholarships to children or grandchildren of Heritage Club members who have paid dues for the past two years. The scholarships are valued at \$2,000 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.

Eligible recipients include dependent children, including adopted, stepchildren, grandchildren, and wards in legal guardianship of active members.

These scholarships are applicable to all Canadian educational institutions which have provincial degree granting powers or their affiliates and at Canadian Colleges or CEGEPs,

To obtain an application package contact Parkland President Bob Broomhall at 780-481-8627 or by email at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com

To be considered all applications must be received before June 30, 2026.

The National Office of the Heritage Club is looking for members to review scholarship applications. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Bob Broomhall, Parkland President at parklandheritageclub@gmail.com

belair Insurance. - Scholarship Program 2026

The belairdirect Insurance company (formerly Johnson Insurance) scholarship program is also open for applications.

Belairdirect scholarships are available to the children and grandchildren of Heritage Club members. You do not need to have a policy with belairdirect or Johnson Insurance, you just need to be a dues paying member of the Heritage Club.

More information can be found on the belairdirect scholarship webpage <https://www.belairdirect.com/en/scholarship.html>.



*I finally have everything that I wanted as a teenager, - only 60 years later.
I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car and I don't have acne.
Life is great.*

Parkland Classic Golf Tournament.

Calling all golfers!

We are in the planning stage for another Parkland Classic Golf Tournament, in early September. We expect the event will be similar to last year, which was a 9-hole - best ball - fun event at one of the Par 3 golf courses, followed by lunch and prizes. Watch for more details in the August newsletter, and on our Parkland Heritage Club Facebook page.



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES CANADA POST HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



May 30/26: 10-night Spring Cruise - Montreal return on the Volendam. [All Canadian ports plus St Pierre Miquelon.](#) Last Call!! Just a few cabins left starting at \$2,836 CAD pp, all taxes included. Flights extra.

June 7/26: 7-night Alaska cruise - Vancouver return on the Serenade of the Seas. Visit Sitka, Tracy Arm, Juneau and Prince Rupert, BC. Oceanview from \$1,172 CAD pp. including taxes.

Aug 7 and Aug 14/26: 14-nights Alaska cruise - Vancouver return on the Ovation of the Seas. 2 cruises, back-to-back visiting Ketchikan, Sitka, Skagway, Hubbard Glacier, Seward, Icy Straight. From \$2,200 pp for 14 nights. Enjoy this humongous ship with lots of bells and whistles for all ages!

September 16/26: 18-nights Great Bear Rainforest and Alaska Explorer cruise, Vancouver return on the Zaandam. This is a one-time itinerary visiting unique areas such as cruising Princess Royal Island, Grenville channel, Great Bear Rainforest, Sitka, Valdez, Kodiak, Homer, Anchorage (overnight), Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay, Juneau, Wrangell, Ketchikan, scenic cruising Bella Bella, and the Inside Passage. Inside cabins from \$3,647 CAD pp. Balconies are wait-listed, limited insides and ocean views available.

October 3/26: 17-nights Hawaii Circle Cruise, on the Koningsdam. Departs from Vancouver ends in San Diego. Visit Hilo, Maui, Honolulu, Kauai, Kona and Avalon, California. Insides from \$2,016 CAD pp including taxes. Flight home from San Diego is extra.

February 1/2027: 22-days South America and Antarctica on the Oosterdam. Call the Heritage Club for details and pricing. Note: in 2028, this trip will be on the Nieuw Amsterdam.

October 7/2027: 41-nights Vancouver to Buenos Aries, on the Nieuw Amsterdam. Cruise from Vancouver down the west coast of North America and South America around Cape Horn and up the east coast to Buenos Aries! Insides starting at \$7,700 CAD pp including taxes. Return flight from Buenos Aries extra. (Note: This trip does not go into Antarctica but covers a lot of amazing territory). Call for itinerary.

Call or email the Heritage Club at 604-482-4311 or vanfrasernews01@gmail.com for info on all trips.

Note: Be sure you have adequate out-of-country medical and trip cancellation insurance before confirming your trip.

Did you know?

Canada Post honored the forgotten all-Black community of Amber Valley, located north of Edmonton, just east of Athabasca, with a stamp in 2021. It was settled by African Americans escaping racism in the US in the 1900s.



The older we get, the fewer the things that seem to be worth waiting in line for.



St Albert Perron Street looking south circa 1953

Alberta Postal History

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of interviewing 105-year-old Mrs. Stephania Myckan, who worked at the Horen post office for 32 years, eventually becoming Postmistress. Stephania came to Canada from Poland at age 11, and her family homesteaded in the area. She has an extraordinary memory and a wealth of stories about life in Horen over the years.

Horen was a small hamlet named after the Horyn river in the Ukraine. It is about five miles south of Seba Beach, Alberta, roughly midway between Seba Beach and Tomahawk. It was established in the 1920s, when many Ukrainian and Polish families settled there. At its peak, the hamlet had two stores, one with a BA gas station, a church, and a community hall. Today, only the Russian Orthodox church, cemetery, and hall remain.

Horen was one of many small hamlets in Alberta with its own post office. The Horen post office was established in 1938, when Stephania's father-in-law, Wasyl Myckan, built a small store to serve the area and successfully applied for a postal outlet. The post office served approximately 50 to 60 families within a four-mile radius. Wasyl was the official postmaster from 1938 until 1953, but in practice, Stephania managed the day-to-day operations. When Wasyl became ill around 1953 and could no longer continue, Stephania formally took over as postmistress, serving until the post office closed in 1970. Its closure coincided with a broader consolidation during the 1970 postal strike, when Canada Post shut down many small, low-revenue rural offices.

Mail for Horen arrived by train from Edmonton to Seba Beach, then was delivered onward by a

driver who served both Horen and Tomahawk. Stephania recalled his name was Percy Ayre, and locals often joked that they had "air mail" long before anyone else. She also noted that a significant portion of business in rural post offices involved handling Eaton's and Sears catalogue orders, many of them sent COD. Every eight days, she was required to balance her accounts—tracking sales, inventory, and supplies, and remitting payments.

In addition to her postal duties, Stephania often helped customers place catalogue orders, as many residents could not read or write English. The store and post office served as the community hub, especially on winter Sunday afternoons, when neighbors gathered to socialize, exchange news, and share stories. For many years, the store also housed the only telephone in the area, leading to late-night knocks on the door from families needing to call a doctor.

Over the years, Stephania witnessed tremendous change—from the early homesteading era to the Drayton Valley oil boom and the construction of the Sundance Power Plant on Lake Wabamun. Yet, she noted, little changed within the post office itself, aside from the price of stamps, which she recalls were just three or four cents when she first began.



On January 20, 1936, King George V died. His eldest son Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry his mistress, divorcee Wallis Simpson. Edward's younger brother Albert reluctantly became the next monarch, assuming the title of King George VI.

Canada Post Office issued the first George VI definitive series in April 1937. The George VI stamp design was based on a photograph of the King in a business suit (non-uniform, mufti) taken by Bertram Park.

George VI Mufti Issue (1937)

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Did You Know??



We're now on Facebook. Check out our new Facebook page at Heritage Club – Parkland Chapter and become a member of this Facebook group. You'll find up-to-date event pictures and club information.

Newsletter Distribution

Recent increases in postage rates have prompted the club executive to review the cost of distributing our quarterly newsletter.

If you are currently receiving your newsletter by mail and would be willing to switch to email delivery, please send a short message to parklandheritageclub@gmail.com indicating the email address you would like us to use.

We are still happy to provide mailed copies for members who prefer to continue receiving their newsletter by post.

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, we would also appreciate a brief note to parklandheritageclub@gmail.com to let us know.

Paying by Cheque? - We need your Help!!

Our bank has recently become very strict about how membership and event payment cheques are made out. All cheques must be payable to **"Heritage Club – Parkland."** Any variation is being rejected, which means we must return those cheques and ask for corrections or to be reissued.

To help us avoid delays and extra work for everyone, please ensure that any cheque sent to the Heritage Club is made payable exactly as: **"Heritage Club – Parkland."**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

A large group of people is called a "NO THANKS"

Our Sponsors and Partners

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The Heritage Club has partnered with the following companies to offer additional savings and exclusive benefits to our members. We encourage you to take full advantage of these opportunities. Be sure to mention that you are a member of the Heritage Club.

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