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**Newsletter, Summer**

**July - August 2020**

PINERIDGE Chapter

***What’s to come at a glance:***

\* STAY SAFE, WASH HANDS

\* SOCIAL DISTANCING

\* MAINTAIN CONTACT

WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

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heritageclub.ca, then

select Pineridge Chapter

**Dear Members,**

**March to June went by like a surreal dream: who would have thought in their wildest dreams that we would be in a situation like this, and across the world?**

**We missed out on our yearly golf tournament that we have always held, and for the first time in it’s thirty year inception, there was no annual national meeting for the Heritage Club chapters.**

**We really miss the luncheons with our friends and work mates and hope to get back to life as it was soon.**

**Our Fall program is “questionable” at the moment (best to call and check in), but we are hoping that perhaps a Christmas time event may be possible: we will see. With proper distancing, sanitizing, and in a big enough venue, it may be possible to hold such an event at the end of the year. We will let you know in our next October newsletter.**

**So I hope you are all doing well, stay patient, we will get out of this and we will get to meet again.**

***J.P.***

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier**

**President, Pineridge Chapter**

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**Pineridge Chapter**

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# ***President’s Message***

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**UPCOMING EVENTS for 2020**

**Thursday, Sept. 10th, 2020: Natural Wonders of Prince Edward County**

*A Day of Fun and Learning with Guide Peter Brotherhood*

Experience the remarkable beauty of the County with local Guide Peter Brotherhood! We’ll start our day with a delicious **Buffet Luncheon at Restaurant on the Knoll at the Isaiah Tubbs Resort**. Following lunch we’ll see the largest fresh water sand dunes in the world at the **Sandbanks Provincial Park** ... marvel at the panoramic scenes of Lake Ontario from the 18 metre high limestone cliffs at **Little Bluff Conservation Area** ... and admire the panoramic view of the Adolphus Reach and the Glenora Ferry from the mystical **Lake on the Mountain Provincial Park.** We will also stop at the **Black River Cheese Factory** for some sampling and shopping. Bring your camera, binoculars and comfortable walking shoes, and enjoy another great day with Peter Brotherhood!

Just $99.00 per person*Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation, Services of Guide, Buffet Luncheon, Admissions, All Taxes & Meal Tip.*

Book by calling: **Time of Your Life Tours**, 416-224-0684.

**Thursday Sept. 17thth, 2020, noon: Luncheon Buffet at The Mandarin**

This event is currently cancelled due to Health imposed restrictions.

**Wednesday, November 25th, 2020:** **Toronto at the Festive Season**

*Featuring: The Famous People Players Christmas Show and Lunch, The St. Lawrence Market, and the Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery District*

Enjoy some of Toronto’s most popular attractions at the Christmas Season! We’ll start off with a **Luncheon and the Christmas Show *‘Jingle Around the Clock’* at the Famous People Players** Theatre (11:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) **Enjoy a Full Course Chicken Luncheon** here, and then let the talented ‘Black Light’ Players take you on a festive journey, where you will *‘Jingle Around the Clock’* with laughter!

After Dessert and Coffee we’ll take you downtown to the historic **St. Lawrence Market** where you can shop and browse for everything from Fresh Meats and Seafood to Cheeses, Baked Goods, Fruits and Veggies (3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) Our last stop of the day will be the **‘Toronto Christmas Market’** at the historic **Distillery District, beautifully decorated for the holidays.** Enjoy a visit here (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) before we motor home.

Just $121.00 per person.*Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch & Show, All Taxes & Meal Tip.*

N.B. Identify yourself as a Heritage Club member, to get a $10 discount off the price.

Book by calling: **Time of Your Life Tours**, 416-224-0684.

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**T H E L O C A L N E W S**

**In Memoriam:**

Michael Amenta, spouse of member Barbara Borthwick

**Birthdays this month (that we know of): Congrats!**

Happy birthday Bernie Snyder, Gloria Mac Donald, Max Scotti

**Events this year**

Most events have had to be cancelled. Some of our upcoming events in the Fall are “iffy”, you need to phone and find out if they will be held, and can be done so safely.

We are still hoping that by Christmas time, we might be able to hold a Xmas time get together, if proper distancing can be maintained in a venue large enough to hold it. However, health comes first, so we will evaluate as time goes by, and let you know in the next newsletter in October.

**WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION IF YOU ARE**

**THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A RETIRED EMPLOYEE:**

For people who retired before year 2000, and who are on the Government of Canada Pension Plan:

Superannuation: 1-800-561-7930

Public Service Health Care (Sun Life): 1-888-757-7427

For people who retired after year 2000, and who are on the Canada Post Pension Plan:

Canada Post Pension Service: 1-800-480-9220

Canada Post Extended Health Plan (Canada Life): 1-866-249-5723

Old Age Pension & Canada Pension Plan: 1-800-277-9914

Medoc: 1-866-606-3362

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And just like that, your Chapter Executive is holding our meetings this way now, with lots of sanitizer, and with social distancing in mind. Stay Safe!

**A person sitting at a table holding a glass of wine

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Last year’s Mystery Tour starring our two resident wine experts: Can we do this again this year?

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**The “L I F E is G O O D” Section**

Most people don’t think I’m as old as I am until they hear me stand up.

I’m so old that I have dialed a rotary phone, that didn’t have an answering machine, recorded a song that I love off a transistor radio onto a tape recorder, watched a black and white tv with less than 10 channels, that had foil on the rabbit ears antennas, taken a long walk without counting the steps, and eaten food that I didn’t take pictures of.

I really don’t mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

So it turns out that being an adult is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

Getting older is just one body part after another saying, “ha ha, you think that’s bad? Watch this.”

I miss the 90s when bread was still good for you, and no one knew what kale was.

If you see me talking to myself, I’m having a staff meeting.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look at yourself in the mirror and think…that can’t be accurate.

I wanna be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I’m sure of…it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

I don’t always go the extra mile, but when I do it’s because I missed my exit.

Everything for summer has been cancelled…let’s just put up our Christmas tree and call it a year!

Growing your own tomatoes is the best way to devote 3 months of your life to saving $2.17

Remember wishing the weekend would last forever? Happy now!?!

And just like that, having a mask, rubber gloves, duct tape, plastic sheeting and rope in your trunk is okay.

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**T H E P O S T H O R N**

*A POSTAL SERVICE STORY*

Following a very successful restoration project of what may be the only Railway Mail car left in Canada, the Vancouver Fraser Chapter of the Heritage Club has asked for our help in collecting any stories and experiences from former Railway Mail Clerks.

The information collected on the Railway Mail Service has primarily come down to us from old Canada Post publications. As the last Railway Mail Service ended in 1971, CPC employees who worked in this branch of the service are now getting on in years, and now would be the time to collect those stories and photos for posterity.

The first Railway Mail cars appeared on Canadian railways in 1854 and were the first to be used in North America. Railway Mail Service revolutionized traditional mail transportation by increasing processing and delivery speeds and reaching remote and isolated communities.

Van-Fraser would appreciate if you could put the word out, if you know a former Railway Mail Clerk who would be kind enough to donate some anecdotes of their service or photos.

Contact the editor for more information.

Any “Postie” or Rail fan visiting BC should not miss the West Coast Railway Park in Squamish, which houses this last remaining Railway Mail car, as well as other attractions like Canada’s most beautiful steam locomotive, the Royal Hudson.

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**Who we are**

Pineridge Chapter is one of 26 Chapters across the country; it covers an area of the Greater Toronto Area which is mainly east of Victoria Park Avenue (eastern York County), encompassing Scarborough, and areas within Ontario, Durham and Northumberland Counties.

Have you checked our national web site?: **heritageclub.ca**

Select **Pineridge Chapter.**

**What we do**

The Pineridge Chapter organizes subsidized luncheons, bus travel, annual banquet and golf tournament for its’ members. Also, we collect and donate food for the food banks, as well as donations to various charities throughout the year. Many of our members generously donate their time to local, charity organizations. In December, we hold a Holiday banquet for our members and we participate in the Santa Letter writing campaign.

**Do you have any suggestions for trips or special events you would like to participate in? Give our V-P Debbie a call:** [*dagreenwood4@gmail.com*](mailto:dagreenwood4@gmail.com)*, (905)-706-5285 or (905)-683-5750*

**Why Join? – The Membership Advantages**

**Johnson Home and Car Insurance**: discounts of up to 35%

Discounts for you and who travels with you with **MEDOC Travel Insurance**

**GoodLife Fitness**: discounts up to 50% off the regular all club access rates.

**Choice Hotels**: discounts of up to 20% in Canada, and worldwide.

Discounts to **Pineridge Chapter** events, luncheons and bus trips. Canada Post employee **Telus Mobility** discounts. **Collette Tours** discount.

Access to special **scholarships** for your kids and grandkids.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to benefit from these discounts, you must mention your Heritage Club membership number, and you must have paid your membership dues to the Pineridge Chapter for the current year, otherwise coverage could be denied or terminated.

**Life Events**

Have you had any life events you would like the Heritage Club to announce? Marriages, births, special anniversaries (i.e. 50th wedding anniversary), special awards, deaths, hospitalizations, etc. Let us know so we can pay tribute.

**Payment for bus tours ONLY**: cheques should be made out directly to **Time of Your Life Tours**, and sent to 500 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite 203, Toronto ON, M2N 6H7, (416) 224-0684. Mention you are a Pineridge Chapter Heritage Club member for any applicable discount at the time.

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**YOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE FORM**

Name:

Old Address:

New Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership dues for the following year are due with the last newsletter of the year, in **October**. Remember: annual dues paid by our members are instrumental in keeping our chapter active.

New members applying to the Heritage Club will receive our Chapter’s newsletters in the current year of their retirement and/or having achieved 25 years of service; after that, they need to signify their intent to join our Chapter by paying dues to the Pineridge Chapter, in order to continue receiving our communications.

Our membership year runs from **January to December** and costs only $10 per member, or $20 per couple. If you are no longer mobile, but still wan**t** to keep in touch by receiving only the newsletter, the cost is $5.

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL SLIP**

Name:

Name of spouse (if applying as a couple):

Address:

City: Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Email address: (optional):

Renewal for Self:\_\_\_\_ Couple: \_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed:$\_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Renewal:\_\_\_\_\_ or a New Membership:\_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteering** (see below)

Do you do volunteer work:\_\_\_\_\_ Hours per month:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization:

Send the completed above form and information to: Pineridge Heritage Club, 629 Markham Rd., PO Box 90593, Scarborough ON, M1H 3G7. You may also phone our Treasurer, Bernie: (416) 439-9505. **Cheques for luncheons and membership dues** should be made out to **PINERIDGE HERITAGE CLUB.**

**Volunteering**

The motto of the Heritage Club is “**People helping People**”; we would like to know of any activity you are currently participating in that benefits people and/or your community, such as fund raisers, work with health, religious or seniors’ organizations, coaching children groups, etc., and the hours you spend at it per month. This is one of the criteria we are measured on by CPC, and it affects our yearly funding. You can report these hours on your dues renewal form.

There are many examples of volunteering, ways you can help your community and fellow man, and feel good about yourself: church, organizations, knitting groups, literacy and schools, Santa Letters, Heritage Club, library and museums, hospital and seniors’ homes, soup kitchens, food banks, meal on wheels, shut in programs, income tax prep, fund raisers, Christmas hamper programs, etc.

**Newsletter Distribution**

This newsletter is produced quarterly and is distributed to every member and associate who has paid their annual dues to the Chapter. Also, a general distribution is made once a year to every person who have applied for general membership to the Heritage Club in our Chapter area. Articles of general interest for the newsletter are always welcomed.