



Pineridge Chapter - Winter Edition Newsletter - February 2022

President's Message

Dear Members,

As we enter our third year of living with Covid, we are eagerly awaiting the end of the pandemic so we can resume our lives back to normalcy. Hard to believe almost 6 million people have died to this dreadful disease worldwide.

We cautiously restarted our social activities with a couple of group luncheons late last year and these were most welcomed by our group. Going forward we will be having luncheons and some one day bus tours for you to consider, all the while respecting current health restrictions.

We also participated in our annual Santa Letter writing campaign, we thank all our Postal Elves for their service.

I would also urge anyone of our paid members who has a child or grandchild to check out our annual scholarship bursary program. For 2022, we have doubled the amount of the scholarships to \$2,000.

As more things open up, we will keep you posted of what activities you can join in. We need the social interaction with friends and relatives, as it is known to ensure longevity, and fights off depression. So, stay safe for now, but we look forward to meeting once again.

J.P.

Jean Pierre Leguerrier
President

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2022

Friday, March 25th is our “Welcome the First Week of Spring” at The Mandarin

On December 10th, we held our second group luncheon of last year, with 58 guests showing up for a buffet at The Mandarin. Everyone had a good meal and a good time.



With that in mind, we have scheduled our next group luncheon for Friday, March 25th, 2022, 12:00, at the same Mandarin, Pickering location.

The cost remains a low \$15 per members, \$21 for non-members. You **MUST** be a paid member of the Pineridge Chapter to benefit from the discounted price as it covers all-you-can-eat buffet, non-alcoholic drink, taxes and tip. Please carry your senior id to claim the “coveted” senior’s discount.

We recommend you register early with Bernie @ 416-439-9505, he will inform you of where you can do an easy e-payment of funds, or mail in your cheque. We also recommend you confirm that the event will occur, one week prior, as these are still uncertain times.

Looking forward to seeing all our old friends and colleagues. Please wear your masks, bring your proof of vaccination and senior’s id, and your appetite!

Time of Your Life Tours

As in the past, we have had a long association with TOYL bus tours, and they have continued to provide us with a list of some of their tours they are offering in the Spring. As before, if you identify yourself as a member of the Heritage Club, you can benefit from a 10% discount from us off the tour price. Check out their web site for the current offerings of their one day guided bus tours, timeofyourlifetoursonline.com.

THE LOCAL NEWS

Welcome to our new members, retirees and/or 25 yr service members this year

Teresa DeAngelis, Carrie Blackwood, Soni Lata, Randy Ryan, Brad Barger, Lal De Silva, Carole A Sleep, Joanne RL West, Laurie J Brooks

CONGRATULATIONS!

Belated VIP Birthdays from late last year that missed our October newsletter:
Danny Mulvihill, 91, Founding Member of the Heritage Club, at the National level.
Keith MacDonald, 90, Founding Member & Past President of Pineridge Chapter.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Michael Graziano, David Ngo, Allan Williamson, Bernice Willis, Linda Spadaro, Noreen Lettau, Denise Goodbridge, John Elwell, Olive Billie Pickard

Robert Goddard passed away in June 2020. He was with the Post Office for over 44 years as a letter carrier, first in Oakville, then the majority of his time he worked out of the Whitby Office. He particularly enjoyed helping with the Santa parades, collecting the letters and being a Santa's helper answering them too.

Larry Newton, Supt., Aurora Postal Station.

CHANGES TO OUR MAILING ADDRESS, BANK LOCATION, & TREASURER

Our mailing address has changed, effective January 1, 2022: Pineridge Heritage Club, 4081 Thickson Rd. N. P.O. Box 4023, Whitby ON L1R 2X0. You may experience some delays in cashed cheques and correspondence as we make changes to our services.

NEW POSTINGS

After nine years of service to the club as the Treasurer and twice that amount of time as a member of Pineridge Chapter, Bernie Snyder is stepping down from that position and taking on the new responsibility of 1st Vice President. In his new role, Bernie will be responsible for communications with the membership, reservations and attendance lists for events, such as the Santa Letter Program, club luncheons, etc.

Bernie, well known to just about every member in the Chapter, will continue to be your “go to” person, to answer all your questions and queries about our Chapter.

Gloria MacDonald is taking on the role of Treasurer, and will be responsible for the keeping of financial records and purchases, and depositing funds in the bank account.

Debbie, our 2nd Vice-President, has taken on an additional role of recruitment and member retention.

VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED AND IT'S REWARDING

As time goes by, we appreciate any help you could provide. We have all been doing this for a while now, and the influx of new blood on our Executive Committee would certainly bring new ideas and vigour. Please consider volunteering your time to help us out, it doesn't require a big commitment.

ELECTION RESULTS

The constitution of the Heritage Club has a provision that the executive positions of a chapter are for a 2 year term, after which they must be posted. Any current paid member of the Club, with over 25 years of service, can submit their names for a position. For 2021, the President's position was up for renewal. As the position was not contested, there was no need to hold an election ballot. The position was automatically renewed by the incumbent, the present president.

SANTA LETTERS PROGRAM 2021

Thanks to all our loyal volunteers for doing their share of the Santa Letter Writing campaign, Santa and the kids appreciate your devotion to the cause.

Our Elves this year, they donated their time and effort to help Santa out:

Brian & Vivian Angus, Raephail Aucoin, Elaine Bolder, Barbara Borthwick, Kaye Bradford, Lynn Duggan, Margaret Fisher, Blaise Gionet, Janet Graham, Debbie & Paul Greenwood, Eric Harris, Debra Gail Hawes, Laura Healey, Diane Hickman, Raj Kumar, Cheryl Leith, Gloria MacDonald, Anthony Mifsud, Ric Morgan, Wendy Mounce, Linda Neville, Debbie Serio, Bernie & Jos Snyder, Bonnie Tapley, Glenn West, Arlene Yam Fritz.

WHEN TRAVELLING AGAIN.....

Another great benefit for being a paid member of the Heritage Club is the discounts at the Choice brand Hotel chain across North America and Europe.



"All Heritage Club-Canada Post Corporation members have an up to 15% discount available worldwide when booking through the corporate ID **00088652** on these 3 platforms :

- On the Choicehotels.com website through your corporate ID : **00088652** (direct URL: <http://www.choicehotels.com/?clientid=00088652>)
- On the Choice Hotels mobile application through your corp ID : **00088652**
- By phone at 1+800-424-6423 giving the agent your corp ID : **00088652**

It is important that the employees/members book their stays on one of these 3 booking channels and **NOT** by calling the hotels directly. This is how we track the roomnights booked to keep the discount active year after year. "

THE "L I F E I S G O O D" SECTION

Puns are so punny

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
 She was only a moonshiner's daughter, but I miss her still.
 What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
 Just so everyone is clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
 A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
 I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
 How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
 I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
 My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
 I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
 Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't "c" in the dark.
 Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.
 When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
 I'm trying to organize a hide & seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
 What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? "There, their, they're."
 I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."
 What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision?
 Suture self.

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is life, fight for it."

Mother Teresa

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

THOMAS FULLER, ARCHITECT OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AND POST OFFICES

When Canada became a confederated nation in 1867, our first Prime Minister, John A. Macdonald, launched a national campaign to bring the country together. His goal was to create a federal presence that would be recognizable in both the small towns and big cities of Canada. In 1881, Macdonald appointed Thomas Fuller as Chief Architect for the Department of Public Works. He was tasked with designing and overseeing the construction of over 140 public buildings, including 74 post offices. Fuller's trademark designs were a combination of French Renaissance and High Gothic styles. Their presence across Canada established a national architectural image that evoked authority and stability, distinctly recognized as federal buildings.

The post offices Fuller constructed across the country, some of which still are standing today, were not Fuller's most famed constructions. Prior to his role as Chief Architect, in 1859 Fuller designed the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, including the Library of Parliament. He went on to design the New York State Capital in Albany, New York in 1867. Because of this history, Fuller's post offices reflect the architectural grandeur of the Parliament Buildings, although each individual building was somewhat tailored to the unique character of its city.

Thomas Fuller died in Ottawa in 1898, ending the period that has been defined as a "golden age of federal architecture in Canada." His work lives on in communities across the country. In 2016, Fuller was designated as a National Historic Person in Canada.

His son and grandson, Thomas William Fuller and Thomas George Fuller, continued in his legacy as important national architects as well.

Across Canada, there are still many of his post offices, armouries, and government buildings still standing, that have withstood the ravages of time and demolitions. One prime example is the old Galt Post Office, located in Cambridge, Ontario:



Former Galt Post Office, National Historic Site of Canada, built in 1884-87.

This building, begun in 1884 and finished in 1887, was erected to house the post office, customs, and other government services. It was designed under Dominion chief architect Thomas Fuller and built by contractor M. A. Piggott. The building was part of the national programme aimed at establishing a federal presence with the erection of striking edifices on prominent sites. Among this body of works, the Galt Post Office stands out for its excellent design and masterful stonework. The asymmetrical elevations and the richly textured surfaces produce a handsome and picturesque composition.



Reference material: Idea Exchange, Wikipedia

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

SPECIAL SCARBOROUGH ANNIVERSARY REPORT



Paying a visit to the first Scarborough Post Office at 21 Civic Rd., in 1955, are H. Lawrence, Postmaster of Toronto (left), and C.A. Dearle, Officer in Charge of Operations for Toronto Post Office.

THE OLDEST, THE YOUNGEST



John Lafountain, the youngest letter carrier at Scarborough Station "B" (right) was born in 1947, two years after Tom Thorley (left), the oldest letter carrier at Scarborough Post Office, began work at Station "J".

After 30 years as a letter carrier, Tom since he started in 1945 at Station "J".

Reprinted from MAPP-AAP, The newspaper for Toronto MAPP District, May 1975



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The many important changes and events in the Scarborough Post Office are all happening at a very appropriate time: This year it marks its 20th year of mail service.

The anniversary comes at a time when Scarborough is taking the lead in the implementation of mechanized mail processing in the Toronto MAPP District. The 20th anniversary comes about a month after the coding suites and mail sorting machines built by ITT were officially accepted in Ottawa by Canada Post Office. Now as the Scarborough Letter Processing Plant, the hub of activity in the area, it is equipped to handle large volumes of coded mail.

And in the 20-year period, the number of householders served by Scarborough has skyrocketed from 12,000 in 1955 to 215,000 in 1975. The number of letter carriers for the Scarborough area also increased from 25 in 1955 to a present complement of 353.

The Scarborough Post Office in 1955, was located at 21 Civic Rd. in an old GECCO wartime complex previously used for storing munitions. The staff comprised of 56 employees, delivering 25 letter carrier walks and one rural route.

Areas in this delivery system were previously known as Wexford, West Heights, Iondale Heights, Scarborough Junction, Scarborough Village, Beaverton and Birnhaven; each of which had small offices in their own right.

In 1955, Scarborough Post Office was in the charge of Postmaster Fred Muir, Assistant Postmaster Cecil J. L. and Letter Carrier Supervisor Ray M.



HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2022

The Heritage Club is planning to award three (3) scholarships to children or grand children of all dues paying members of the Heritage Club. The scholarships are now 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.

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.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

These scholarships are applicable to all Canadian educational institutions which have provincial degree-granting powers or their affiliates and at Canadian colleges or CEGEPs*.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

Applicants must have completed the requirements for admission into the first year of an undergraduate degree program or college diploma program at a recognized educational institution. Applicants must have obtained an average of 75% (or equivalent) on the best 5 academic courses (see list of academic courses below) in the final year of secondary school or CEGEP (pre-university education). If applicants interrupt their schooling, the maximum period permitted between the completion of secondary school or CEGEP (pre-university education) and the commencement of an undergraduate university degree program or college diploma program is 1 year. During this period, students may NOT have undertaken postsecondary courses.

ACADEMIC COURSES – GRADE 12/CEGEP

Language Arts, Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Studies, Geography, History, Literature, Accounting, Computer Graphics, Law. French, English or any one language.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The jury is comprised of the Heritage Club executive committee members. The evaluation will be based on scholastic ability, character and leadership qualities at school and in the community. Decisions of the jury are final and without appeal.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Submissions must be postmarked on or before **June 30, 2022**.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please visit the Heritage Club website at heritageclub.ca or contact Eldred Holmes at holmese@nl.rogers.com

WHO WE ARE

Pineridge Chapter is one of 24 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.

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? Give our 2nd V-P Debbie a call: 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 30% off the regular all club access rates.

Choice Hotels: discounts of up to 15% in Canada, and worldwide, which includes Comfort, Quality and Rodeway Inns, Econolodge, etc.

Collette Tours discounts.

Discounts to **Pineridge Chapter** events, luncheons, bus trips, group tours, sports activities.

Special **scholarships** for your kids and grandkids of \$2,000 per school year.

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 or more, otherwise coverage could be denied or terminated.

LIFE EVENTS

Have you had any life events you would like the us to announce? Marriages, births, special anniversaries, special awards, deaths, hospitalizations, etc. Let us know so we can pay tribute.

Payment for dues and luncheons: Cheques for luncheons and membership dues should be made out to our **new address: Pineridge Heritage Club**, 4081 Thicksn Rd. N., PO Box 4023, Whitby ON, L1R 2X0. You may also phone Bernie (416-439-9505) or Gloria (905-436-5390) for information on how to do an e-payment.

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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CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE FORM

Name:

Old Address:

New Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Effective Date:

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 want to keep in touch by receiving only the newsletter, the cost is \$5.

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: _____

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.

PAYING YOUR DUES

Send the **completed dues renewal form** to **our new address**: Pineridge Heritage Club, 4081 Thickson Rd. N., PO Box 40233, Whitby ON, L1R 2X0. You may also phone Bernie (416-439-9505) or Gloria (905-436-5390) for e-payments. **Cheques for luncheons and membership dues** should be made out to **Pineridge Heritage Club**.

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.