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Pineridge Chapter - Winter Edition Newsletter - February 2023

President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a good New Years and peaceful Holidays.

As we continue to live with some form of this pandemic, we resume our lives as best we can, and as cautiously as we can.

We restarted our social activities with a couple of group luncheons 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 2023, the amount of the scholarships is a very nice \$2,000. Also, anyone thinking of travelling again, should use our discount towards Medoc Travel Insurance.

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 2023

“Spring time is sprung!” Luncheon: Friday, March 31st, 2023, 12:00

On Dec. 9th, we held our Christmas time luncheon. We had good attendance of 60 members, who enjoyed the good food, good company, and many prizes were awarded.

With that in mind, we have scheduled our next group luncheon for March 31st, at the same Mandarin location, 1725 Kingston Road, Pickering.

The price remains at \$20 per senior paid member or your spouse, and \$27 for a guest who is not a member or senior. You must be a paid member of the Pineridge Chapter to benefit from the discounted price and 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.

The current price for a Senior to dine for lunch at the Mandarin is the following: Senior’s Lunch \$20.79, add a Drink \$2.49, taxes \$3.03, tip \$3.95, total: \$30.26.

Please register early by calling or texting Pat, at 289-927-1521, and it is strongly recommended that you pay well before the event; send in your e-payments to: pineridgechapter14@gmail.com, or your cheques made out to **Pineridge Heritage Club**, and sent to: Pat Stephenson, Pineridge Heritage Club, 295 Bluejay Cres., Oshawa ON L1G 6X4. If you end up cancelling for any reason, we will refund your payment. Please note, for all our events, we recommend you call to confirm that the events will occur, as these are still uncertain times.

BOWLING EVENT

We had a date set in January, but had to cancel due to a storm. We will have our first event of 5 pin bowling at the Ajax Bowling Centre, 172 Harwood Ave., Ajax, on February 23rd at 12:00. We have already a dozen people signed up. We have rented some lanes for that day so the only cost to you would be the \$2 shoe rental. There will also be special draws for prizes. Call/text me if this interests you: 905-391-5390.

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

HELPING OTHERS

On top of collecting food items for the food banks, we are still collecting soda can tabs for the Optimist Club. These can benefit programs for the purchase of assistive devices.

Please note, the collection of empty pill bottles for charities has been terminated.

CHOICE HOTELS

Unfortunately, our discounts with the Choice Hotels organization have been cancelled. We were no longer meeting the annual number of trip criteria required to stay on.

RETIREES AND/OR 25 YRS OF SERVICE MEMBERS

Charles Towers, Joan Skelton.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Raymond Whittle, Jaleel Gaffoor, Monica Flynn, Walter Dixon, Linda Gray, Alice Saulkalns, Ella (Boyd) Smith, Henry Devine

John A. Stotts, former Plant Manager of Oshawa P.O., and Founding Father of the Pineridge Chapter of the Heritage Club. John held many prominent positions in life, but he believed his true calling from God was providing care to cancer patients at Lakeridge Health Oshawa for twenty years. Some of his honours in life: Paul Harris Fellow Sovereign's Medal, Governor General Caring Canadian Award, Provincial Life Member Hospital Auxiliary.

ELECTIONS

At the end of last year, the positions for President, 2nd VP, and Treasurer, were posted and no new members applied for those positions.

Patricia Stephenson was elected Treasurer, Debbie Greenwood, re-elected as Vice President, and myself as President.

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. We're looking to add one or two members to join our committee in 2023. It's fun and rewarding.

SANTA'S HELPERS

Thanks to all our members who volunteered their time to answer Santa's Mail. The kids appreciate it! Our Elves this year, they donated their time and effort to help Santa out:

Brian & Vivian Angus, Raephail Aucoin, Bedi Gurdip, Elaine Bolder, Ann and Todd Boles, Barbara Borthwick, Kaye Bradford, Lynn Duggan, Margaret Fisher, Blaise Gionet, Janet Graham, Debbie & Paul Greenwood, Eric Harris, Debra Gail Hawes, Laura Healey, Cheryl Leith, Gloria MacDonald, Anthony Mifsud, Ric Morgan, Linda Neville, Debbie Serio, Bernie & Jos Snyder, Patricia Stephenson, Bonnie Tapley, Glenn West, Arlene Yam Fritz.

A SPECIAL APPEAL

I have been President of your Pineridge Chapter for 10 years now. It has been my privilege and pleasure to participate in many events and activities with the membership, and to get to know you all better. However, as some of you know, I am also the National President for the other 24 chapters of the Heritage Club across this country, so at times, it has been a bit of a juggling act to manage everything.

Therefore, I have decided to step down as President of Pineridge, at the end of this year. This will give the opportunity for someone else to bring new ideas and vigour to the chapter.

I wouldn't let the title of "President" scare you: it is just a fancy title for a committee member of volunteers, who along with the other members, decides on what events and activities they can plan for their members. It is very rewarding to volunteer your time to look after the social activities of senior retirees, as you would discover. Pineridge has had much success with many luncheons, the Christmas time banquets, bus tours, and sports events.

There is no computer work involved, just the occasional email and/or phone calls. You get to convene with the committee members a few times a year over coffee, to discuss the next planned events, such as luncheons, sports events, bus tours, etc.

Also, Canada Post continues to provide a lot of support for their volunteer organizations: they have funded the activities for the Heritage Club chapters for the past 34 years, and once a year, the Presidents of every chapter, get an all expenses paid trip, for you and your spouse, to a new city in Canada, to participate in a meeting with the other Presidents, to discuss common strategies and policies. In 2022, the location of the convention was Quebec City.

As I step down, I will continue to be editor of the newsletter, and remain as a senior advisor to provide assistance to the chapter.

Please consider becoming a committee member for your Chapter.

THE 2022 CHRISTMAS BANQUET AT THE MANDARIN – A GOOD TIME!



HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2023

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 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, 2023**.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

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

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

1. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
10. A backward poet writes inverse.
11. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
12. Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects.

In a society that has you counting money, kilos, calories, and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings instead.

Don't worry about "getting old." Worry about "thinking old."

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

It was a scary time, October 31st last year when 4 Presidents of Toronto Chapters got together for a ghoulish time. Extreme left to right, Anna Huang, President of Simcoe. Diane Biggs, Humber Chapter. Myself, with Pineridge, and Gloria Mac Donald, Golden Horseshoe Chapter.



This is what it felt like, delivering my mail route at Christmas, in Ottawa, during the 1970's, in the days before we had Health and Safety regulations!



WHO WE ARE

Pineridge Chapter is one of 25 Chapters across the country; it covers an area of the Greater Toronto Area which is mainly east of Victoria Park Avenue (eastern part of York County), encompassing Scarborough, and areas within historical Ontario and Durham Counties.

WHAT WE DO

The Pineridge Chapter organizes subsidized luncheons, bus tours, annual banquet and sporting events for its' members. Also, we collect and donate food for the food banks, as well as make 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. We are proud of our members and their contributions to our communities.

Do you have any suggestions for trips or special events you would like? Give our V-P Debbie a call, text, or message: dagreenwood4@gmail.com, (905)-706-5285.

WHY JOIN? – THE MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

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

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.

Collette Tours discounts.

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

Heritage Club **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: **Pineridge Heritage Club**, and sent to our new address: Patricia Stephenson, Pineridge Heritage Club, 295 Bluejay Cres., Oshawa ON L1G 6X4. You may also do an e-payment at: pineridgechapter14@gmail.com.

Payment for Time of Your Life 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: _____

Do you do any volunteer work?

With what organization?:

How many hours per month?:

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.

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

This is one of the criteria we are measured on by CPC, and it affects our yearly funding. You can report these hours and the type of volunteer work you do in your dues renewal slip, or to me personally, jnlgor@rogers.com, or by text/phone 905-391-5390.

PAYING YOUR DUES

Send the **completed dues renewal form** to **our new address**: Pat Stephenson, Pineridge Heritage Club, 295 Bluejay Cres., Oshawa ON L1G 6X4. You may also pay by e-payment: pineridgechapter14@gmail.com. **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.

2023 Pineridge Member Survey

1. We have held our lunches on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at The Mandarin. This may not be the best days for everyone. On what day would you prefer our lunches to be held? (Currently, due to Covid, the buffet lunch is only offered Friday to Sunday).
2. And, speaking of the lunches, how do you feel about the frequency of them? Is four times a year (sometimes with a pause in July and August) best? Or would less often be better?
3. Chapters usually hold a banquet once a year. Are you still interested in a banquet event in 2023? If yes, what timing would be best? Would you like music? Do you like The Mandarin for this occasion? How about The Legion? Another location?
4. Some Heritage Clubs across Canada are struggling to gain and keep members. We should always be looking to welcome new friends. Do you have ideas on how we could encourage more long-service employees or retirees to join the club?
5. The Heritage Club's motto is "People helping People" ... Would you be interested in a volunteer activity once or twice a year? For instance, a morning helping at Toy Mountain, a meal shift at a shelter, a shift at a local food bank or another activity important to a member and organized by a member.
6. Are you interested in making walking tours a formal part of the chapter's activities, even walks with a tour guide? For example, a foraging walk where you learn about edible local plants, a historical walk through downtown Oshawa/Toronto or a nearby village or town, a bird-watching walk, etc...

We typically send out 4 newsletters a year. Please share your thoughts on:

7. The newsletter.
8. What other activities would you suggest we look at and/or organize?

A postage paid envelope is enclosed for your reply, or respond back to jnglor@rogers.com.
Thank you.