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Pineridge Chapter - Summer Edition Newsletter - August 2023

President's Message

Dear Members,

I want to thank everyone who renewed their club membership this year. We are grateful for your continued support. The Heritage Club is for everyone who worked for Canada Post from different jobs, ranks, unions and associations. We all want to have and enjoy social events, and offer support for one another. Our motto: people helping people.

I hope the newsletter we put together provides you and your family with information on our future social events and thus maintains a tie between you and other colleagues.

By buying a membership, you amplify our voice through sheer numbers. If you want to help further, you could recommend a membership to your friends and former coworkers. The larger we are as an organization, the more forceful our message to Canada Post can be for our benefits. The seed money we receive annually from Canada Post is based on the number of our **paid members**: *Your Club needs your support!*

To run a volunteer organization like ours, we also need more people to care, to get involved, to step up and to help. Anyone who could help and is interested in any positions on the Committee, please contact the President.

As we take a couple of months off for summer vacation, we hope to see you all back in September.

J.P.

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier
Chapter President**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023

Some Bus Tours to offer you:

Mention you are a paid Heritage Club member for any available discounts.



Enjoy the start of Autumn at the **Auberge de la Montagne Coupée** **In Saint-Jean-de-Matha, Quebec**

4 DAYS: Tuesday, Sept. 26th to Friday, Sept. 29th, 2023

Come join us for a delightful start-of-autumn holiday in the region of Lanaudiere (*"Lanno-d'yare"*), located north of Montreal close to the Laurentians. We've arranged a 3 night stay for you here at the Auberge de la Montagne Coupée ("The Hotel on Cut Mountain"), an Inn perched at the top of Montagne Coupée overlooking a breathtaking landscape of hills, lakes, and forests. All Meals at the Auberge are prepared for you fresh daily, and there's a complimentary glass of Wine or Beer served to you with Dinner each evening. Finish off each enjoyable day with late evening Snacks and Beverage! Along with fine dining there are also Fun Activities, Sightseeing Tours, and Entertainment organized for you by the entertainment team of 'Luc and Linda', who will keep you happy, active, and entertained each day. This lovely holiday is yours to enjoy for just ...

Just \$1,195.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy

\$1,355.00 for Single Occupancy. \$1,180.00 Per Person for Triple Occupancy
and \$1,149.00 Per Person for Quad Occupancy.

Wine Me and Dine Me **In Prince Edward County**

Wednesday, October 4th, 2023



This enjoyable day away takes you east to lovely Prince Edward County with its island-like location in Lake Ontario, south of Trenton and Belleville. The tour offers Wine Tastings at two wineries, a Full Course Luncheon at the charming Waring House Restaurant and Inn in Picton, and some shopping time in the village of Bloomfield.

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Enjoy coffee on your own at The Big Apple in Colborne before motoring on to Wellington in Prince Edward County, where we'll visit the Casa Dea Winery.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Enjoy sampling the wines at this long-established Winery.

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Your Luncheon today (*Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast with a Chardonnay Dill Sauce, Potatoes, Vegetables, plus Dessert and Coffee/Tea*) is enjoyed at The Waring House Inn.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. After lunch it's on to the nearby village of Bloomfield, where there is time to shop and browse.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Our last stop today will be at the Sandbanks Estate Winery, where you can sample a flight of their fine wines before we start for home.



Just \$159.00 Per Person

*Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation, Winery Tastings, Full Course Luncheon,
All Taxes, Meal Tip and Fuel Surcharge.*

MOTORCOACH PICKUPS	DEPARTS	RETURNS
Islington Subway	7:30 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
York Mills/Yonge St.	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Cedar Heights Plaza (Markham/Lawrence)	8:45 a.m.	7:00 p.m.

A Golfing Event at a neighbouring Chapter:

**TRENT SEVERN HERITAGE CHAPTER
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

11:00 A.M. – Shotgun Start

**DEER RUN GOLF COURSE
10 BROOK STREET
LITTLE BRITIAN, ON
K0M 2C0**

TEL: 705 328-3781

**8 KM SOUTH OF HWY #7 ON ELM TREE ROAD
SOUTH OF THE FLASHING LIGHT**

INCLUDES:

12 HOLES WITH CART

**DINNER–2:00 P.M.
Grilled Hamburger
Pasta Salad
Garden salad with Poppyseed Dressing
Dessert, Coffee, Tea**

PRIZES

Cost: \$75.00 EACH

PUTTING CONTEST 3 BALLS FOR \$5.00

50% TO WINNERS / 50% TO CHARITY

**CONTACT: PHYLLIS KIMMERER
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PLEASE REPLY BY AUGUST 1st, 2023

The Ever Popular Mandarin Luncheons

Our Fall Get Together Lunch: Thursday, September 7, 2023

We have scheduled our next Mandarin group luncheon for Thursday Sept.7th, at the same previous 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 a 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.

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 mailed 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 register your attendance, it makes our lives so much easier!

Mark this on your calendars: Come Celebrate Christmas with your friends

The Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Road, Pickering, Thursday, December 14

Some Recent Past Events:

Milos Greek Restaurant, May 4th, 2023

At the suggestion of one of our members, we tried a new lunch experience at The Milos Greek Restaurant, in Pickering. Twenty seven members attended.

Two anniversaries were celebrated: Ernest Arthur for his birthday, and Debbie & Paul Greenwood for their 43rd wedding anniversary. As well, Jos Snyder was awarded a \$50 cheque for her participation in the Santa Letter Writing Workshop. The food was delicious but the wait time with only 1 server waiting on so many people was not good.

The Mandarin Luncheon: June 8, 2023

Forty six members attended one of our most successful and well attended events. Attendance prizes and fifty/fifty prizes were given out. Thank you volunteers for managing this event while I could not.

Bowling Event: June 22, 2023

We had our second event on at the NEB's FUN WORLD in Oshawa. The turn out continued to be poor, so we will not be pursuing any future bowling events.

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

Annual funding: This year, our chapter received the annual seed money grant of \$2,000 from Canada Post's Recognition Programs and \$500 from the National Heritage Club.

HELPING OTHERS

On top of donating to worthwhile charities, and collecting food items for the food banks, we also collect soda can tabs for the Optimist Club. These can benefit programs for the purchase of assistive devices. We also collect plastic bread ties, not the paper types, for other Chapters. Please note, the collection of empty pill bottles has been discontinued.

Thank you all for your recent donations!

NEW RETIREES AND/OR 25 YRS OF SERVICE MEMBERS

Ronald Lee Him, Ann Marie Goodwin, Walter MacEwen, Ronald Stricker, Cindy Kerr, Antonio Amaral, Frank Ram, Shek-Kin To, Ann Morgan

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Please let us know so we can share in your grief.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to VP Bernie Snyder, on his 86th birthday.

GOODLIFE FITNESS DISCOUNT

The GoodLife Fitness subscription year usually starts the month you pay it. If you intend to apply under the Heritage Club discount, you must have paid your dues for that month, and renew by that month for the following year.

GoodLife Corporate Membership Benefits:

Waived enrollment fee exclusive to corporate partners (regular fee \$99+tax). Add a family member on your corporate rate. State-of-the-art cardio equipment. Free weights and weight machines. Showers available. World-renowned Group Fitness classes (select memberships). Professionally trained staff to assist you in achieving your goals. 24-hour locations (select Clubs)

PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

As I mentioned previously, I have been President of the chapter for 10 years now, and would like to give the opportunity to someone else to bring in new ideas, as new people always do. Once elected, you are in the position for only a two year term.

This is not a big task: you work with a committee of good volunteers to decide what activities that your friends & former work mates might enjoy. I will be around to guide, and continue writing the newsletter. Please consider this opportunity to enjoy working and socializing with friends and feel good about it.

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

Eleanor Roosevelt was the longest serving first lady of the United States. She was also a diplomat, pacifist and activist. Some of her memorable Quotes to Live By are:

1. *"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."*
2. *"Do one thing every day that scares you."*
3. *"Do what you feel in your heart to be right – for you'll be criticized anyway."*
4. *"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*
5. *"Never allow a person to tell you no who doesn't have the power to say yes."*
6. *"It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan."*
7. *"I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday."*
8. *"Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says, 'It can't be done.'"*
9. *"With the new day comes new strength."*
10. *"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness."*
11. *"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."*
12. *"You can often change your circumstances by changing your attitude."*
13. *"You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give."*
14. *"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."*
15. *"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."*

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

One of the perks of being a Chapter President is that, every year, you get to go to a conference with your spouse, and there is a different location chosen every year, which alternates, one year in the West, the next year in the East: a great way to visit this fantastic country with friends. This year, the convention was a cruise to Alaska.



Chapter Presidents touring in Ketchikan, Alaska.



This year's annual conference started in the Port of Vancouver, and went to Juneau, Capitol of Alaska, then Skagway, and Ketchikan. A seven day vacation/convention.





Combining business with whale watching in Alaska.



Terence Corcoran: Money-losing Canada Post looks to ESG for salvation

After \$1.7 billion in losses, what's next for the Crown corporation?

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Since its last year of profit in 2018, Canada Post's core business has lost more than \$1.7 billion.

In this new world of high-tech revolutions, artificial intelligence and fly-to-the-moon communication technologies, the last thing on the minds of Canadian political and economic leaders is boots-on-the-ground businesses such as delivering the mail. As a result, nobody is paying much attention to Canada Post, the Crown corporation charged with maintaining a national postal service in a dynamic environment that doesn't really need an old-fashioned low-tech postal service.

On Wednesday, during an annual public meeting held online, Canada Post executives outlined their strategic "transformation plan" to lift the corporation out of its money-losing direction. It's a big lift, especially since much of the transformation strategy appears to be based on positioning Canada Post as the ESG corporate capital of Canada.

Over the past fiscal year, Canada Post [reported](#) that its core business — a network of 5,200 post offices and 68,000 employees that delivered 6.6 billion pieces of mail and parcels — recorded a pre-tax loss of \$548 million on \$7.1 billion in revenues. Another \$107-million [loss](#) hit during the first quarter of 2023. Since its last year of profit in 2018, Canada Post's core business has lost more than \$1.7 billion.

The mail/parcel losses have dragged down the whole operation, which also includes the profitable Purolator courier business. On total consolidated 2022 revenue of \$10.1 billion, Canada Post lost \$292 million — bringing consolidated losses since 2017 to more than \$1.3 billion.

Despite the losses, Canada Post executives delivered upbeat promises that there would be no cutbacks in service. "There are no plans at all for any cuts in service," CEO Doug Ettinger said at the annual meeting, thereby putting to rest the idea that mail delivery frequency should be reduced to three days a week. There are also "no plans at this time" for layoffs. There are also no plans apparently to increase postal rates to cover costs.

Is this a business strategy, or a political strategy aimed at consumers of mail services — i.e. voters — but also for the benefit for the Canadian Union of Postal Employees, whose executives have been warning the corporation not to reduce losses by targeting union members. "It can't be the workers who pay the price," [said](#) CUPW.

And they will not. Keeping customers and workers — and its political masters — in a good mood seems to be a core objective of Canada Post's transformation strategy.

Without doing a timed breakdown of the online annual meeting, a rough estimate would be that about 50 per cent of the discussion focused on Canada Post's [strategic plan](#) to adopt the latest environmental, social and governance (ESG) mantras —including commitments to net zero carbon emissions. Television viewers would be familiar with Canada Post commercials claiming to be operating a "carbon-neutral shipping" system, a trick [accomplished](#) by continuing to run fossil-fuel vehicles but offsetting the emissions through purchases of carbon offsets.

Ettinger's emphasis on ESG, Indigenous topics and other feel-good social issues may help generate political and popular support, but the real challenge is competition. "We're in the parcel business, that's where we've placed our bets for the next five, 10 years," Ettinger said.

The CEO was aggressively expansionary in his descriptions of Canada Post's plans. "Part of our plan is to delight our customers to a level they have never seen before." Plant expansions, including 14 new facilities, new services, new processes, even robotics, will be deployed as Canada Post seeks to compete for the ever-growing e-commerce market for parcel delivery.

Not only would the corporation stick with five-day mail delivery, it might expand its mid-week parcel delivery service into the weekend to meet competitive pressures. Weekend delivery is "becoming the norm," said Ettinger, who added that weekend services could account for 25 per cent of service in a few years. "It's a big issue."

Canada Post's confident message is that it has identified the e-commerce challenges it now faces. But can it meet those challenges while simultaneously holding on to its money-losing boots-on-the-ground door-to-door mail service? One must admire the optimism.

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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

Belairdirect (formely 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: *pinridgechapter14@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):

Dues 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, jnglor@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. Cheques for luncheons and membership dues should be made out to **Pineridge Heritage Club**.

You may also pay by e-payment: pineridgechapter14@gmail.com.

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.