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Pineridge Chapter - Winter Edition Newsletter - February 2024

President's Message

Hello fellow Posties,

I hope everyone had good Christmas time holidays.

As we continue to live now with some form of covid, respiratory viruses, pneumonia and flu, we resume our lives as best and as cautiously as we can, so take care.

A big thank you to our members who participated in our annual Santa Letter writing campaign, we thank all our Postal Elves for their service. We also thank our members who have donated their time to do Community Foundation Grant Evaluations and Scholarship Appraisals: THANK YOU!

I would urge anyone of our paid members who has a child or grandchild to check out our annual Heritage Club scholarship bursary program. For 2024, the amount of the scholarships is a very nice \$2,000. Also, anyone thinking of travelling again, should use our discounts towards Medoc Travel Insurance, now associated with Belair Direct Insurance.

We will keep you posted of what activities you can join in. If you have suggestions, by all means, please let us know. We need the social interaction with friends and relatives, as it is known to ensure longevity, and fights off depression. So, stay safe, and we look forward to meeting once again.

J.P.

Jean Pierre Leguerrier
President

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

“May the Luck of the Irish be with you” Luncheon: Thursday, March 14th, 12:00

On Dec. 14th, we held our festive Xmas time Banquet. We had good attendance of 63 members, who enjoyed the good food, good company, and many prizes were awarded. We were honoured to have past and present presidents of other chapters in attendance.

We have scheduled our next group luncheon to coincide with St. Patrick’s Day, at the same Mandarin location, 1725 Kingston Road, Pickering.

The price remains at \$20 for our Members who are Seniors, and \$30 (new price) for guests who are Non-Members, as well as those under 65. 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 over \$30.

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. For all our events, we recommend you call to confirm the event is occurring.

At this March event, we will be donating our portion of the 50/50 draw to a local charity which will be: **The Sick Kids Hospital Foundation.**

HELPING OTHERS

On top of collecting 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. We also started collecting soaps & shampoos you get when you stay at hotels/motels & this goes to a women’s shelter. Thank you for all your generous donations and thoughts.



THE LOCAL NEWS

RETIREES AND/OR 25 YRS OF SERVICE MEMBERS

Roger Day, John Cairns

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Charles Douglin, Jules Rosenberg, Eva Mascard, Edith Middleton, Mun Lee, Michael Monahan, Paul Lew, Andrew Theodore Czerewaty, Harvey Barton, Wayne Chow

Friends I recently heard about who have passed from my favorite Canada Post assignment, Bowmanville Post Office: Howard (Howie) Edmondson and Evelyn Kane

ELECTIONS

At the end of last year, the position for President was posted, no one presented themselves, so I stayed on for the 12th year. Hoping for a change with new ideas soon.

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:

Toronto group: Brian & Vivian Angus, Elaine Bolder, Barbara Borthwick, Kaye Bradford, Margaret Fisher, Janet Graham, Cheryl Leith, Anthony Mifsud, Linda Neville, Indra Rambritch, Bernie & Jos Snyder, Bonnie Tapley, Arlene Yam Fritz

Durham group: Raephail Aucoin, Ann and Todd Boles, Lynn Duggan, Blaise Gionet, Debbie & Paul Greenwood, Debra Gail Hawes, Laura Healey, Ric and Tina Morgan, Debbie Serio, Pat Stephenson, Glenn West

THE 2024 CHRISTMAS BANQUET AT THE MANDARIN





Thank you all members, and current & past presidents for attending, and to my great volunteers, couldn't do it without you! We also collected a ton (it felt like that!) of non-perishable items for the FOOD BANKS.



HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2024

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, 2024**.

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

The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her marriage relationship with her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then ... surprise she actually received a reply from Tech Support that was pretty sound advice and was sure to solve her problems.

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly with the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House Cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed: Desperate

A response from Tech Support came a few days later.

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System.

Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the Tears application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download Snoring Loudly Beta version.

Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck, Tech Support

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

A long time ago, it seems, there was a time when we would write letters, cards and postcards to our friends. This was over time replaced by emails, text messages, and social media, which are quicker, to the point, and avoid long time spent on writing, and getting involved in a long phone call conversation.

The disappearance of these methods of communications marks a cultural shift in our society as a whole. The “keep in contact but be quick about it”, mentality.

At times, however, I’ve noticed that receiving a hand written note or a letter, thanking you for a good deed perhaps, a note of friendship or support, it feels good to think that that person has gone out of their way to write something down, put a stamp on it, and send it to you. It just seems like they made an extra special effort to recognize you as a friend.

Take for example, this hand written letter, sent to my Father during the war years, wishing him well during his hospital stay, and after the terrible war years. Would an email or a text message have had the same impact? I don’t think so. The personal approach, especially with this letter, meant a lot to my Dad.

By the way, Dad was in the Veterans’ Hospital after his return from Britain during World War II, nothing to serious, but the writer of the letter was none other than ATHLONE, uncle of King George VI, and Canada’s Governor General at that time, and he sent it on behalf of himself and Princess Alice, the last surviving grandchild of Queen Victoria.

Luckily, he did not use his full name, which would have taken most of the note page and which was: Sir Alexander Augustus Frederick William Alfred George Cambridge, Major General The Earl of Athlone!

You may never know what a small act of kindness has meant to a person.

The note reads:

“Princess Alice and I send you a message at this season for the sixth occasion since we have made our home in Canada. Our thoughts with you are therefore particularly in our minds.

We send you all our cordial good wishes for Christmas. May the New Year after these long and terrible years of war bring you hope and reassurance for many years to come.”

Athlone Christmas 1945



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

Mrs. Armand J. Leguerie,
53 Overton Street,
Eastview, Ont.

It was my honour to be photographed with Dom Capalbo, at the Simcoe Annual Christmas Banquet.

Dom, a long time President of Simcoe Chapter, of the Heritage Club, has also served as a President and long time contributor to The Royal Canadian Legion, as well as the area representative for the FSNA for superannuates, and known to all at South Central Mail Processing Plant for his employee committee work and superintendent of electronic mailing.



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. At times, we offer a discount only for some selected tours. Mention you are a Pineridge Chapter Heritage Club member for any applicable discount at that 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.