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Pineridge Chapter - Spring Edition Newsletter - April 2024

President's Message

Hello fellow Posties,

I hope you had a good winter: certainly can't complain about months of snow!

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Heritage Club, a club dedicated to fostering camaraderie among retired employees of Canada Post, and living up to our motto "people helping people". So I hope you will join our events and activities.

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. The deadline is very soon, at the end of June.

Also, anyone thinking of travelling again, should use our discounts towards Medoc Travel Insurance, now associated with Belairdirect Insurance, formerly called Johnson Insurance.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year at all our get togethers. It is always nice to meet up with friends.

So, stay safe, and we look forward to meeting once again.

J.P.

Jean Pierre Leguerrier
President

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

“Summer Time” Luncheon, Thursday, June 20th, 12:00

We have scheduled our next group luncheon to coincide with the first official day of Summer, at our favorite Mandarin location, 1725 Kingston Road, Pickering.

In these times of rising prices, we are proud to announce a PRICE DECREASE, thanks to Mandarin Management: \$18 for our members who are Seniors, and \$30 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. As usual, on top of the camaraderie, there will be prizes.

At our previous luncheon in March, we were visited by some friendly leprechauns.



We recommend you 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 June event, we will be donating our portion of the 50/50 draw to the following charities: **CNIB Guide Dogs and Toronto Humane Society**

Our sister Chapter in the Etobicoke/Mississauga area, Humber, is making some tickets available for a Blue Jays game, sections 241 and 243. If interested, contact them directly.

Let's Go Blue Jays...



**August 10 2024
Oakland "A's" - 3.07 start time**

**Members \$50.00
Non-members \$60.00**

**If you're interested in going to
the game, please contact
Diane Biggs at 905 487 4311
or
humberchapter2@hotmail.com**



THE LOCAL NEWS

WELCOME NEW RETIREES AND/OR 25 YRS OF SERVICE MEMBERS

Brenda McQuade, Gail Simpson, Charles Bray, Gerald Walton

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS

Long time Associate Member and participant, Diane Hickman.

CONGRATULATIONS

I'm pleased to announce the nomination of Cheryl Leith to the position of 3rd Vice-President, for our Pineridge Chapter.

Cheryl, a long time volunteer of the Chapter, has followed in the foot steps of her parents, Doug and Margaret Fisher: Doug was a long time member of our Chapter, and fulfilled the role of Secretary-Treasurer for many years. Margaret, devoted a major part of her life as a hospital volunteer at Scarborough General, and to our sports and other events.

Cheryl continues as a resolute volunteer to our events, as well as other lucky organizations who have the benefits of having her on their team, such as the City of Markham for their special events, and food deliveries for those unable to get out.

Congratulations Cheryl!

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY: DEBBIE GREENWOOD

HELPING OTHERS

On top of collecting NON-PERISHABLE 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. We also started collecting SOAPS, SHAMPOOS & TOILETRY ITEMS you get when you stay at hotels/motels and this goes to a women's shelter. Thank you for all your generous donations and thoughts.

VOLUNTEERING

Please continue to record and send us your volunteer hours. It is one of the criteria that Chapters are measured on for their annual funding from Canada Post.

TRENT SEVERN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual Trent Severn Golf Tournament at Deer Run Golf Course in Little Britain will be held on September 21/24. Shotgun starts at 11:00 amlunch at 2:pm. Prices to follow.

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

Southern Trial:

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'

And Finally,

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top.

A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said Steve, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took pliers from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her purse, took a measurement, announced, "21 feet," and walked away.

One shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

Both engineers have since quit their jobs and have been elected to Parliament.



The Last Laugh

The local news station was interviewing an 80 year old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

Wait for it...

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

PINERIDGE CHAPTER RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS

A long time ago, actually from 1854 to 1971, the Canada Post Office, as it was called before it became a Crown Corporation, came up with an innovative way to speed up mail delivery: mail that was being shipped between two destinations would be sorted in transit, inside railway mail cars and thus, the mail would arrive almost ready for delivery to its final destination. It was the express service of the time.

This activity was performed by a class of postal clerks that were called Railway Mail Clerks. They had to be fast sorters, they had to have phenomenal memory retention and geographical knowledge for the sortation to Canadian cities, they had to be resourceful in decision-making if, for any reason, the train deviated from the planned trajectory or schedule and they had to pass exceedingly stringent exams to retain their position.

On top of a salary, they were paid one and half cents per mile. But you wouldn't get rich on this because, out of your mileage money, you had to pay your own meals and accommodations, like if you ended on a dead end run. This was why most RMCs packed their own meals, many of them slept on mail bags, laid on top of a sortation table and some of them even carried around their own mattresses!

The railway mail cars often carried valuables, but unlike their counterparts in the USA, our RMCs never packed a firearm. Good ol' Canadian trust!

Last year, the Heritage Club approached Canada Post with a proposal to finally designate a stamp in honour of the proud and selfless service that the Canadian RMCs performed. Canada Post did not say no but it is sometimes a long process to obtain a stamp.

Perhaps we need any Railway Mail Clerks still out there to write to the President of CPC asking for the recognition their group never received?

I recently had the opportunity to chat with two of my Pineridge Chapter members who were RMCs in their younger days: Ken Loudon, who served mainly on the East runs and Danny Mulvihill, who served on the West. Both of these gentlemen have a wealth of knowledge about Post Office history and both had long and successful postal careers.

Ken Louden eventually became a Plant Manager in the Toronto area, and Daniel Mulvihill became National Director of Personnel in Ottawa.

Also, Daniel was instrumental in the creation of the Heritage Club under Bill Kennedy and Donald Lander.

Thank you gentlemen for an interesting walk down memory lane!



Daniel on the left and Ken on the right.



Commemorative envelope date stamped April 24, 1971, the Last Run of a Railway Post Office, Car #58, and the end of an era on rails. On the envelope, copies of all the postal indicia used on the Railway Post Office mail cars.



What are you getting benefits for your members

	JOHNSON	belairdirect.
Exclusive Affinity product	✓	✓
Preferred group rates and discounts	✓	✓
Omnichannel experience	✗	✓
Mobile app	✗	✓
Online self-service capabilities	✓	✓
Online quote	✓	✓
Online bind	✗	✓
UBI (user-based insurance)	✗	✓
Pay online & flexible payment dates	✗	✓
24-hour claims service	✓	✓
30-minute claims guarantee	✗	✓
Student discount	✗	✓

belairdirect Insurance offers 50 scholarships each year, valued at \$1,000.00 each, to eligible students completing high school in 2024 and starting post-secondary education in the fall of 2024. Applications open April 28, 2024 with a deadline date of July 28, 2024. To learn more, please visit scholarshipfund@johnson.ca.

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 (formerly Johnson) Home and Car Insurance: discounts of up to 35%.

belairdirect scholarships for your children.

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 volunteering?

With what organization?:

How many hours per month?:

Would you prefer getting our newsletters electronically rather than by hard copy? We may also send you reminders on upcoming events. Email address: _____

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.