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Pineridge Chapter – Spring Edition Newsletter – May '25

President's Message

Hello fellow Posties,

As you know, Canada Post has been in challenging labour and financial situations for awhile, which have had ripple effect on the Heritage Club: our annual funding, as well as our mailing privileges, have been cancelled, for the foreseeable future, and we don't know if this will be a permanent situation. Hopefully, we can work with this, but that is why some of you received the February newsletter by email. Also, this current newsletter was delayed because of the possibility of a strike impeding the delivery, and you may also notice that our future newsletters will have to shrink down in content, smaller font size, spacing. etc., as we try to minimize our mailing costs.

Because of the financial uncertainty, it is now more important than ever if you want to preserve this association of friends, to pay your dues annually. It has been our mission for 36 years, to keep the camaraderie among past workers of the postal service, alive.

I would also at this time urge anyone of our paid members who has a child or grandchild to check out our annual Heritage Club scholarship bursary program. For 2025, the amount of the scholarships is a very nice \$2,000. The deadline is very soon, at the end of June. Belairdirect also have a scholarship available to any member of the Heritage Club. You don't even have to be insured with them. Their scholarship deadline is July 15th. Check out our web site for more info.

Also, anyone thinking of travelling again, should use our discounts towards Medoc, which will soon be rebranded to belairdirect travel insurance, and are associated with belairdirect home & auto 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 2025

Pineridge Chapter is having our next event on Thursday, June 26, at The Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Road, Pickering, at 12 noon.

The menu is varied and pleasing to everyone who has been there, and we are planning many prizes as usual at the event.

Please register early by calling or texting Pat, at 289-927-1521, and it is strongly recommended that you pay well before the event.

Our current pricing for this event:

\$20 for a Senior Paid Member of the Heritage Club
 \$25 for a Non-Senior Paid Member
 \$30 for a Non-Member wishing to attend with us

As most of you know, the current pricing for a Senior who gets a 20% discount at The Mandarin for lunch is over \$30.

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. Also, please do not arrive too early: we need the time to set things up for you!

For this event, the donation to the 50/50 draw will be for CNIB Guide Dogs & The Toronto Humane Society.

Special offer from Humber Chapter

Toronto Blue Jays vs Chicago White Sox

June 21, 2025 - 3:07 pm, Roger's Centre Toronto

Section 242 Row 6, 7 & 8 outfield (3rd Base) behind Blue Jays bullpen

Paid Heritage Club Members \$50.00

Unpaid & Non-members \$55.00

Payment required when tickets are ordered

If you're interested in going to the game, please contact

Barnie Joosten 416 333 4173

or at humberchapter2@hotmail.com

Helping Others

Although we continue to collect non-perishable food items for the food banks, we are putting a temporary hold on collecting soda can tabs for the Optimist Club, as well as collecting soaps, shampoos & toiletry for a women's shelter, as Canada Post has cancelled our mailing privileges. Thank you for all your generous donations and thoughts in the past.

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Obviously, we indulged in the GREEN at our St. Patrick's Week Mandarin luncheon. Thank you Paul GREENwood for the photos.



Our Condolences to the Family and Friends

Robin McMurter, Bowmanville Letter Carrier. John Dollekamp, West Hill Letter Carrier. Steven Schwarz.

Welcome to all new members and retirees!

Sandra Burgess, Shanta Singh

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.

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

When I write to my son who lives in Costa Rica, it always brings back recollections of how addresses use to be before postal codes, city codes, and civic addressing in Canada.

Here it is:

Se la entrada para Artola
50 metros norte oeste
Contiguo atrás del taller
Lubricentro Jara Sardinal

from the entrance by Artola
50 meters north west
adjacent behind the workshop
of the lube centre of Jara Sardinal

And then the city, province and country!

The “LIFE is GOOD” Section

Why I like Retirement: Question: How many days in a week? 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday.

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime? Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors? The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire? Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies? They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is a common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire? Nuts!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage? They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch? Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement? The never-ending Coffee Break.

Question: What is the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree? If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2025

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, 2025**.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

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

Our sponsors & affinity partners

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At belairdirect, we understand the challenges faced by students during their pursuit of higher education, and we are proud to offer scholarships to help them achieve their dreams.

The 2025 belairdirect Scholarship Program is open. I hope you can help us share this opportunity with your members.

To help you spread the news, please find attached the following:

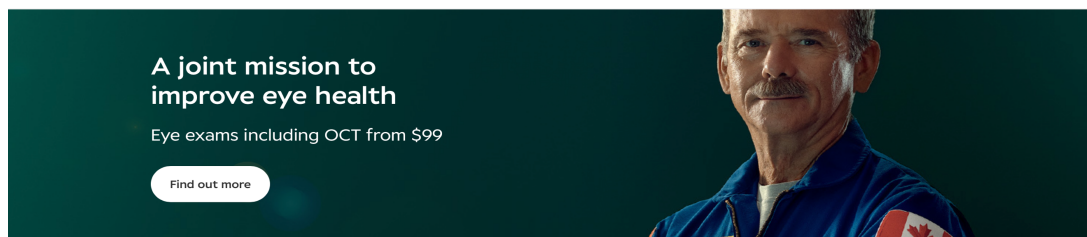
- Social Media post Image for Facebook & Twitter with Post copies
- Posters in English and French for your newsletters, website etc.

Please link enewsletter, website or social media posts to:

- <https://www.belairdirect.com/en/scholarship.html>
- <https://www.belairdirect.com/fr/bourses-detudes.html>


Did you know....Your members do not need to have a policy with us to be eligible to have their children/ grandchildren apply. As long as they are a member of your association, their children/grandchildren can apply. Thanks for being belairdirect Partner!


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This May, take advantage of our Hearing Awareness Month promotion and save up to \$2,100 on the latest hearing aids.* And if you have a loved one who could benefit from hearing aids, share this offer with them! Encouraging them to check their hearing too, can make all the difference in staying connected to what matters most.

Canada Post Heritage Club members & family save an EXTRA 10%!

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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 been a paid member to join, and for the following year, as that is how GLF recognizes you to give out the discount.

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).

Why Join? – The Membership Advantages

- **belairdirect (formerly Johnson) Home and Car Insurance:** discounts of up to 35%.
- **belairdirect travel insurance (formerly MEDOC)**
- **belairdirect scholarships** for your children.
- **GoodLife Fitness:** discounts up to 50% off the regular all club access rates.
- **HearingLife:** discounts up to 10% with price matching in effect.
- **Specsavers:** discounts on glasses.
- **Genumark:** access to Corporate branded apparel.
- **Pineridge Chapter** discounts to events and luncheons.
- **Heritage Club scholarships** for your kids and grandkids of \$2,000 per school year.
- And...The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.

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.

Your Committee Members

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Payment for dues and luncheons: Cheques for luncheons and membership dues should be made out to: **Pineridge Heritage Club**, and sent to our address: P. Stephenson, Treasurer, Pineridge Heritage Club, 295 Bluejay Cres., Oshawa ON L1G 6X4. You may also do an e-payment at: pinridgechapter14@gmail.com

IMPORTANT:

A mid-May announcement that Canada Post was insolvent and close to bankruptcy may have sparked some fears in our retirees.

This announcement is true, however after having a conference with Micheal Butera, Vice President at Canada Post for Pensions, he assured me that the Pension Fund is separate from the Corporation, and can survive on its' own, and is doing very well, financially.

It is his sole mission, him and his team of 60 employees, to navigate the Pension Fund to better returns, and are not tied to the fortunes of the Canada Post Corporation.