



Since 1989

Pineridge Chapter – Summer Edition Newsletter – August '26

President's Message

Hello fellow Posties,

I hope you've all had a nice summer, now that it's winding down.

As Canada Post motors on with their cost saving measures in order to be more profitable, we continue to provide you with events that keep the friendship going with your former work mates, regardless of rank or work titles. If you think of an event you would like us to investigate, we will do so. Because of the current situation with lack of funding from CPC, it is now more important than ever if you want to preserve this association of friends you made at work, to pay your dues annually, which will be coming due in the Fall, and attend some functions. It has been our mission for 37 years now, to keep the camaraderie among all past workers of the postal service, alive.

Also, anyone thinking of travelling this Fall and Winter, should use our discounts with belairdirect travel insurance, formerly called Medoc, which is now associated with belairdirect home & auto 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

Our Next Event

Pineridge Chapter is having our next Fall Event on Thursday, September 17th, at the ever-popular Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Road, Pickering, at 12 noon.

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

Following a pricing increase, starting in July, and with our negotiated arrangement with the management at Pickering Mandarin, our new pricing:

\$20 for a Senior Paid Member of the Heritage Club
 \$25 for Senior Non-Member
 \$30 for an Adult Member Non-Senior

Current price for a Senior Person who is a non-member of our Club, & thus doesn't get our subsidy: Monday to Friday Lunch Prices for a Senior: \$22.39 (20% off the regular adult price). Now add 13% tax, \$2.91, and add 15% tip on the pre-tax amount, \$3.36. Total: \$28.66 + drinks.

Prices for an Adult now: \$27.99. Add 13% tax: \$3.64, & 15% tip: \$4.20. Total: \$35.83 + drinks.

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. Please indicate "**payment for lunch**" on payment details.

Also, if making an e-payment, please be careful as there are similar names of other organizations using "pine ridge or Pineridge" as a business name on the web.

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, part of the donations to the 50/50 draw will be going back to our club, to bolster our finances, and some to a local charitable organization: for this event, the Canadian Cancer Foundation. At our last event, we donated to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



Bernie & Jos

Cheryl, Debbie & Phyllis Kimmerer

JP & Gloria

Would you like more events offered? If you have suggestions for new events, please reach out to our VP, Debbie Greenwood, via email (dagreenwood4@gmail.com).

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.

Helping Others: We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the **Food Banks** at every event, and we thank everyone for their generous donations. In these tough times, they need it!

Soda Can Tabs: donated to a local church in Scarborough. These eventually provide assisted devices for the handicapped. This has been a very popular collecting pastime with our group.

Thank you for all your generous donations and thoughts in the past. 🍷

Our Condolences to the Family and Friends: Jane Chih-Yen Fung

Welcome to all new members & retirees: F. Parsioon, N. Trivunovic, W. Davila

**A Great Big Happy Birthday Wish to Margaret Fisher
Happy Wedding Anniversary, Cheryl & Ron
Happy Wedding Anniversary to my wife, Gloria**

The "L I F E is G O O D" Section

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them).

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- 10 In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered, a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You are never too old to learn something stupid.

THE POST HORN



A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

"Owney", the most famous dog in America of the 19th century!

*"Few . . . are so widely traveled as Owney,
the pet and mascot of the railway mail service."*

Los Angeles Times, March 15, 1896

OWNEY

Mascot of the Railway Mail Service

In his day, Owney (about 1888-1897) was the most famous dog in America, celebrated for traveling the length and breadth of the country on mail trains. His career began when he followed some mailbags onto a train in Albany, New York, and after that, he never stopped moving. Clerks working on Railway Mail Service cars loved having Owney on board and adopted him as their mascot. Reporters began to write about Owney, and by the early 1890s he appeared in headlines from the *San Francisco Call* to the *New York Times*.

At that time, most of the nation's mail was sorted and moved on trains. Railway accidents were common and the clerks' jobs dangerous. Clerks considered Owney a good luck charm because they believed that he had never been in a train wreck. To mark Owney's trips on their trains, the clerks began adding medals and tags to his collar.

National Postal Museum Library
Smithsonian Institution Libraries



Owney's Tags

"Owney . . . now wears a big bunch [of tags]. When he jogs along, they jingle like the bells on a junk wagon."

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, April 4, 1894

As Owney traveled the country, mail clerks and others added medals and tags to his collar. These trinkets showed the many different places and people Owney visited. Some tags were made just for him.

Over the years, Owney received hundreds of tags. From time to time, postal employees would remove his new tags and set them aside to make room for more. After Owney's death, many of the tags were sent to the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C. They are now kept in the National Postal Museum.



A big 👍 to Ken Loudon & Daniel Mulvihill, our two Railway Mail Clerks, now in their 90's: keep on tracking you guys!



Golfing Event at Trent Severn Chapter

2026 TRENT SEVERN HERITAGE CHAPTER CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
10:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START

CRESTWOOD GOLF COURSE

27 Little Britian Road, Kawartha Lakes, K0M 2J0

INCLUDES: 9 HOLES & CART & LUNCH

Hamburger OR Hotdog, Caesar Salad,

Dessert & Coffee/Tea

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PRIZES FOR ALL GOLFERS

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August 8, 2026

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All our locations provide a great range of offers, glasses, and contact lenses, as well as online booking and direct billing.

Plus, as a valued Heritage Club member, you can also get **60% off lens upgrades*** to help you make the perfect glasses.

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Book an eye exam today at specsavers.ca

*Discount only available for Heritage Club members with proof of valid Heritage Club membership. Cannot be used for friends or family purchases. Offer details are subject to change. Other conditions and exclusions apply, for more details visit www.heritageclub.ca/membership/
**Costs of eye exams provided by independent optometrists are covered by provincial health care for eligible seniors.

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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 30% 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/or luncheons.
- **Heritage Club scholarships** for your kids, grandkids or wards of \$2,000 per school year.
- **Quarterly newsletters** about events, new retirees, passing of friends.

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.

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