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**Winter Newsletter–December 2021**

***President’s Message***

Dear Members,

Thank Goodness after 18 months of isolation, caution, living through a very scary pandemic, political upheavals and conflicts, racial and economical inequality in the world, Inflation and shortage of food and high housing prices-frustratingly unachievable for our young people and people around the world, we sure have a lot of problems. The good news is that the third booster shots have slowly been rolled out by age and the Pfizer shots for children ages 5 to 11and Pfizer or Moderna for youth 12-17 are available now in Canada.

Please continue to stay positive, keeping yourself mentally and physically active and healthy. It is great to see more than 75% (28.9 million of Canadian total population) are fully double vaccinated as of November 17, 2021. Those that had our second shot are enjoying some relaxation in terms of social activities and gatherings. We are cautiously optimistic that the light at end of the tunnel is close. It sure had been a tough period for all of us, most of us have never experienced anything like it and wish we never would again.

A staggering unfathomable 5.16 million of people worldwide have died from the COVID -19 viruses which still threaten the survival of mankind. The past 18 months has left an indelible mark on each of our lives, affecting us in ways that we could not even imagine. What this Pandemic has taught us, cherish every moment in life, never take anything for granted, spend time with our loved ones, look for pleasure in and appreciate small simple things, overcome, and move on, despite the additional challenges. We can hope to become closer to our follow human beings and be more tolerant and understanding to each other.

I want to thank everyone who renewed their club membership this year through thick and thin. We are grateful for your continued support and loyalty. For those of you who have never joined as paid members, I encourage you to join. The membership fee is only $10 per year. I am happy to report that Simcoe chapter gained 45 new members in 2021. Reminder to members, if you move, don’t forget to inform us of your change of address and telephone number as this ensures you continue to receive our newsletter four times a year, with access to news and great discounts, as a paid member, it gives you great discounts at our luncheons, bus trips, hotels, home, auto and travel insurance, fitness club, scholarship opportunities for your kids and grandkids, etc.

I hope the newsletter we put together provide you and your family with useful information on our future social events , the contact information for our benefits, keep a tie between you and other colleagues. We receive annual seed money from Canada Post and that funding is based on the number of our Paid members. *Your Club needs your support!*

We had been inactive from March 2020 and up to August 2021.As soon as it returned to the new normal, when we can safely socialize in larger group. We planned two social luncheons. Mandarin Buffet on Friday November 19th,2021 and Swiss Chalet on Wednesday December 8th, 2021.Government guidelines were adhered to for everyone’s safety. We hope you continue to exercise caution while socializing or interacting with others. Staying active mentally, socially in touch with other people is key to longevity and helps to fight off depression.

Please join me in thanking Ms. Blesilda Yap for her dedication and hard work to Simcoe Chapter as our Treasurer for January 2020 to December 2021. I want to welcome Mr. Frank Agresti as our new Treasurer starting January 2022.

**We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays**!

Anna Huang

President, Simcoe Chapter

**Social Events of 2021**

**September 11,2011 Trent Severn Chapter** had it’s Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday Sept 11/21 and there were participants from **Pineridge** and **Simcoe chapters**. Closest to Pin (Men) - Dave Henderson Closest to pin (Women) - nil , Longest Drive (Men) - Sheed Ali. Longest Drive ( Women) Susan Kinmond; First Place - Jim Miller, Don Richardson & Bryan Allemang. Putting Contest: Dave Henderson the weather was great Everyone had a great time and good food.

**November 19,2021,**we had our first luncheon **on Friday, November 19, 2021,** at Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East & Birchmount location . Fifty-one showed up. We had our draw for Mandarin luncheon for two, six $10 Tim Horton cards. It was great to see friends and colleagues. We collected $40 toward Toy Mountain and $58.50 toward the Food Banks on this day and hope to collect more on the December 8th, 2021, gathering.

**December 8,2021 ,**we have fifty-nine people signed up for our Christmas Luncheon scheduled at Swiss Chalet located at 1400 O’Connor Drive at Bermondsey Road.

**EVENTS planned for 2022 at this time**

We plan to have our coach trip in April or May 2022; if Pandemic situation continue to improve or remain the same and the current  Delta variant reman under control. We will make that announcement in our March **/** April newsletter.

**Message from Time of Your Life Bus Tours***:*

We heard from Time of Your Life Bus Tour in end of September ,2021.We did not take their Festival Niagara trip on November 27th or December 8 Trip.

**NEWS - National News**

We have been contacted by Mr. Dave Penner, Director at Head Office, who is currently working on the new stamp launches for 2021. Due to Covid 19, the events this year will all be virtual. He would like to count on the Heritage Club to be involved and get as many of us as possible involved in stamp launches. Please pay attention to our newsletters and go into website below to follow up and support upcoming launch of new stamps collections. [Collectible stamps and coins | Personal | Canada Post](https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/personal/stamps-collectibles.page)

<http://canadapost-postescanada.ca/shop/collectors/stamps-by-theme.jsf?execution=e1s1>

**Welcome to New Members/Retirees and or 25-year service employees**

I am very happy to report that we have gained 45 new members this year in 2021. I can tell you that I have worked very hard to get this result. Let’s welcome the 19 new members that joined since our September 9,2021 newsletter : Frank Agresti, Doug Bain, Ingrid Bain, Giuseppe Cuscuna, Betty DiNova, Dianne Duncan, Sheila Lacelle, Moti Lall, Peter Liu, Sue Lan Ma, Ronald Moores, Claudette Nadeau, Lynda Persad, MaryAnn Shilson, Donna Smith, Gregory Smith, Ida Tong, Margaret Wang, Janeth Williams and Wayne Williams.

**IN MEMORIUM (People we have sadly lost during the year)**

Sadly, we have learned about these members have passed away since our last edition of September 9,2021.Our condolences to their family. Harry Preston( June13,2019), Lawrence Dallimore( January 2,2021), Arthur Preece( January 3,2019; wife Yvonne Preece), Beverley Gertrude McDonald ( August 12,2021 ; sister of Carol Childs), Ron Gaudet, Gerard Culkeen ( June 18,2021), Wing Lau( February 9,2021 husband of Alice Lau)

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Harry Preston worked at the Post Office shortly after his return from WW2; from 1954 until his retirement in 1987. He worked in many of the postal stations across Toronto as a Letter carrier. He loved his job with the post office. Outside of the post office, he spent his time playing music - violin, tuba, harmonica and yes, even the bagpipes. He developed his own film, kept bees, made his own beer; always engaged and interested in new things. He passed away in the Sunnybrook Veteran’s Centre on June 13, 2019. He is loved and missed by his children, grandchild, and great grandchildren and all those that knew him.

**GoodLife Fitness Discount**

The GoodLife Fitness subscription year starts in September 2021 through to 2022. If you intend on applying under the Heritage Club discount, you must have paid your dues for 2021and every year by September for the following year.

**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)

**Don’t wait until the New Year to start your fitness journey!**

Join on your corporate partnership by December 31st, 2021, and you could WIN 1 of 5 Self Care Fitness Packages\* Winners will be announced on **January 7th, 2022**

 *\*Package includes: $100 gift card to WaySpa.com, gym bag, t-shirt, water bottle & resistance band.*

**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE EVERY OCTOBER FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR**

Club memberships are due in October every year and if you have not had the chance to send in your payment, please do so, **only $10 per year for you and $10 for your spouse.**

**Heritage Club Scholarships**

Heritage Club will be awarding three scholarships to students starting for the first time, their first year of full-time studies, provided it’s an accredited institution and the awards will be valued at $1,000 for university or college studies. To be eligible, students must be dependent children, including adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and wards in legal guardianship of an active dues paying member of 2 years of a Heritage Club Chapter. **All applications must be post-marked by June 30thof that year.**

 **Santa Letter Program for 2021**

We want to thank all our 26 Simcoe Chapter volunteers, who despite the ongoing Pandemic are working hard to answer children’s written letter to Santa . We will have the final numbers of children’s letters

In our next newsletter.

Your executive team wants to acknowledge and thank our past Santa coordinator Lea Maynard for all her contribution to the Santa Letter Program. Lea Maynard wished to step down from heading the Santa coordinator’s position this year. We will miss her leadership, dedication, organization, passion, and energy. We are confident that our new coordinator Mr. Brian Lithgow will do an excellent job leading as our team captain in 2021. During this difficult time of pandemic, children all over the world who receive their Santa letter replies must feel optimistic about their lives and continue to believe in the magic of Santa Claus. The Santa Program has always been an important activity for Canada Post Corporation and its employees and Heritage Members. Here are our own Santa’s Elves. Please join me to thank them for making kids Christmas brighter every year. Many these hard-working people are regular volunteers every year. Claire Andrews, Karen Atkinson, Roxane Bay, Cheryl Billingham, Ann boles, Patricia A Byrne, Carmen Cachia, Dominic Capalbo, Carol Anne Carpenter, Nancy Demers, Peter Demers, Lila Marcella Drover, Violet Duz, Sylvia Fercec, Jean Lamanna, BrianLithgow, Lily Lai Fong Ng, Jessica Lui, Bob Mark, Peggy Mark, Georgia Nayyar, Claudette Nadeau, Irene H. Patton, David Rafferty, Joan Skelton and Blesilda Yap.

**Who we are?**

Simcoe Chapter is one of 24 Chapters across the country; it covers an area of the Greater Toronto Area which is mainly east of Victoria Park Avenue (Eastern York County) encompassing Scarborough, and areas within historic Ontario, Durham, and Northumberland Counties. Have you checked our national web site? **heritageclub.ca** Select **Simcoe Chapter**

**What we do?**

The Simcoe Chapter organizes subsidized luncheons, bus travel, annual banquet, and golf tournament

with its partner Chapter for its’ members. Also, we collect and donate food for the food banks, as well as donations to various charities throughout the year. Many of our members generously donate their time to local charity organizations.

On November 25, 2021; we donated to the following Charity groups:

 $300 to Toronto Daily Food $200 to Veterans & Family /Royal Canadian Legion

 $200 to Toy Mountain /Salvation Army $300 to Canadian Cancer Society

**Do you have any suggestions for trips or special events you would like to participate in?**

**Please call President Anna Huang at (416)716-2898 or @** **ahuang0513@gmail.com**

**Why Join? – The Membership Advantages**

**Johnson Home and Car Insurance**: discounts of up to 35%

Discounts for you and who travels with you with **MEDOC Travel Insurance**

**GoodLife Fitness**: discounts up to 50% off the regular all club access rates.

**Choice Hotels: discounts of up to 20% in Canada, and worldwide**,  **these are the hotels in North America and Overseas: Ascend, Cambria, Comfort, sleep, Quality, Clarion, Main Stay Suites, Suburban, Wood Spring Suites, Econolodge, Rodeway inn. The member needs to identify themselves as a Canada Post Heritage Club member and quote membership no. 00088652.**

**Discounts to Simcoe Chapter events**, luncheons, and bus trips.

Current employee discounts with **Telus Mobility**.

**Special Scholarships** for your kids and grandkids of $2,000 per school year.(**Note: the member must**

**be a paid member for two consecutive years for their family member to qualify for consideration of application for scholarship award program.)**

**IMPORTANT:** To benefit from these discounts, you must mention your Heritage Club membership number, and you must have paid your membership dues to the Simcoe Chapter for the current year, otherwise coverage could be denied or terminated.

**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 welcome.

**Volunteering**

Do you do volunteer work: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per month: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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, such as fund raisers, work with health, religious or seniors ‘organizations, coaching children’s groups, etc., and the hours you spend at it per month. This is one of the criteria we are measured on by CPC, and it affects our yearly funding. You can report these hours on above form.

**Our yearly fund from the National Executive** is evaluated from the involvement of our members in Volunteer activities. I in turn, also do a year-end summary report of all the volunteer hours on behalf of Simcoe Chapter as recorded. I would ask that you keep a record of the hours that you spend this year doing volunteer work in your community and I thank you for helping me to collect your volunteer work hours. Please send this completed form / or information ***by December 15,2021*** to Simcoe CPC Heritage

Club, 72 Leuty Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4E 2R4. If you have any questions or concerns, please

contact Anna Huang at 416-716-2898 or Email: ahuang0513@gmail.com

**2021 MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………..**

**Address: ………………………………………………………………………………….**

**City: ……………………………Prov.: …………Postal Code: ………………………**

**Please use this form to track your volunteer hours for 2021. Do not forget your knitting hours and Christmas hours and all your volunteer activities as a Heritage Club member.**

***Every hour counts!***

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| **ACTIVITY** | **ESTIMATED ANNUAL HOURS** |
| **Church** |  |
| **Community** |  |
| **Knitting** |  |
| **Literacy Program/School** |  |
| **Santa Program** |  |
| **Library/Museums** |  |
| **Hospital** |  |
| **Soup Kitchen/Food Bank/Meals on Wheels** |  |
| **National Postal Curling** |  |
| **Heritage Club** |  |
| **Seniors Homes/Shut In Program** |  |
| **Income Tax Form Prep./Festivals** |  |
| **Fund Raising** |  |
| **Christmas Hamper Program** |  |
| **United Way** |  |
| **Others -** |  |
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**MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL SLIP *(Remember to let us know of any change)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse (if applying as a couple): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Renewal for Self: \_\_\_\_ Couple: \_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: $\_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ or a New Membership\_\_\_\_\_?

***\*\* send your yearly membership Dues of ten dollars 10 per person by cheque to Simcoe Heritage72 Leuty Avenue Toronto, Ontario M4E 2R4or through e-transfer to******Simcoe.heritage2018@gmail.com***

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**Heritage Club Scholarship Winners 2021**

As an organization we were gratified to see more applicants than ever for our 2021 scholarships. The program continues to grow, and we are honored to be able to assist these worthy young people with their education. The quality of the applicants is always excellent, and for 2021 the competition was particularly strong. The scores were so close that the Executive Committee decided to award not three, but four scholarships this year. Congratulations to all our winners, and we wish them success in all their future endeavours.

**Leah Born** – Leah Born is the grandchild of Kathryn J Born of Chinook Chapter. Leah is an excellent student, having graduated with honors with distinction and the EPSB Division Academic Excellence Award. She is also a dedicated dancer with proficiencies in a wide range of disciplines and has served as an assistant teacher for younger students. Through her work experience and her volunteer activities Leah has proven that she has the potential to achieve great things as she pursues her goal of becoming a social worker.

**Laetitia Pasqualini** – Laetitia Pasqualini is the grandchild of Michel Lassonde, a member of the Kebec Chapter. Laetitia maintained a high academic standard while participating in various sports, the school theatre program, and serving as vice-president of her class. During the pandemic she also worked at a Chartwell senior residence in a variety of roles, which, while certainly challenging, also contributed greatly to her personal growth. We wish her every success as she continues her education.

**Clarisse Pelletier** – Clarisse Pelletier is the grandchild of Jean Pierre Pichette of Laurentide Chapter. Clarisse has combined an impressive academic average with an interest in social issues and travel. She earned an award for her work in organizing a march against climate change, spent three months in British Columbia as an exchange student, and applied for and completed a year in Latvia with AFS Interculture Canada. Her enthusiasm and exposure to the world at large will serve her well as she pursues her studies in Environmental Science.

**Genvieve Tokarz** – Genvieve of Parkland Chapter member Gemma Tokarz. Genvieve has been an honor roll student throughout her education and translated a love of swimming into a part-time job while she attended high school, all while facing the challenges her home of Fort McMurray has endured in the past few years. Literally through fire, flood, and pandemic, Genvieve has kept a positive attitude as she loaded sandbags, cleaned up water damage, and produced beautiful art both by herself and through the children she teaches. We wish her every success in her nursing career.

**Elections**

The constitution of the Heritage Club, a volunteer organization, has a provision that the executive positions of a chapter are for a two-year term, after which they must be posted. Any current paid member of the Club, with over 25 years of service can submit their names for a position. In the beginning of 2020, Anna Huang took the position of **President** and Blesilda Yap as **Treasurer.** The position(s) are automatically renewed by the incumbent(s) if he/she is willing and if the position(s) are not contested. For any submissions, please inform anyone on the Executive, prior to end of November 2021. If the position is contested, we will hold an online election ballot for this year. Ms. Blesilda Yap has expressed her wishes to step down for increase demand of family obligations. **Mr. Frank Agresti** who is a Collection Delivery supervisor will step up to take over **in January 2022**.

**Survivor Benefits.**

As a Canada Post employee, many of your benefits will continue upon your death. To make certain the survivor of a retiree maintains the pension, health, and medical benefits several contacts must be made after the retiree’s death.

**Superannuation 1-800-561-7930 C.P.P. / O.A.S. – 1-800-277-9914**

Retiree name Retiree Name

Social insurance number Social Insurance Number

Copy of death certificate Copy of death certificate

***Note****: Besides the survivor pension there is also a death benefit payable to the survivor.*

**Access H.R. 1-877-807-9090 C.P.C. Pension – 1-877-480-9220**

Retiree name Retiree name

Employee I.D. number Employee I.D. number

Social insurance number Postal Code

Copy of death certificate Month & date of birth

 Copy of death Certificate

**Great West Life/ Canada Life 1-866-716-1313**

Retiree name

Employee number

Copy of death certificate

 Plan number

***Note:*** *Very important to notify Great West as soon as possible to set up a new automatic withdrawal in the survivor’s name to keep the policy active and maintain medical, dental, and vision benefits.*

**YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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