



Simcoe Chapter CANADA POST HERITAGE CLUB
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Winter Newsletter—written October 31, 2022

President's Message

Dear Members,

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with and meet the nice people along the way, in my long thirty-five years career with Canada Post. I had opportunities to grow within the corporation. I made many lifelong friends and over the years lost a few of them due to illness. I learned from my own and other's experiences, successes, and failures. I made my share of mistakes and learned from them.

I want to thank everyone who renewed their club membership this year through thick and thin of Pandemic and inflation. 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 merely \$10 per year. I am happy to report that Simcoe chapter gained 53 new members in 2021 and **34** new members in 2022 as of October 27th, 2022. We lost **16** members due to RTS and lost **18** members due to death. Reminder to members, if you move, PLEASE don't forget to inform us of your new 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 discounts at our luncheons, bus trips, hotels, home, auto Insurance from Johnson and travel insurance from Medoc Travel, Goodlife fitness club, scholarship opportunities from Canada Post and Johnson Insurance for your kids and grand kids, etc.

I hope the newsletter we put together provides 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. The seed money we receive annually from Canada Post is based on the number of our Paid members. *Your Club needs your support!*

New Treasurer I am grateful that **Mrs. Ann Lamanna** has taken over as our new Treasurer since August 1, 2022. It had been a demanding learning curve and catching up from beginning of the year. Many of you just received your receipt for year 2022 with a brief letter of apology from me. I am grateful for Ann's support.

Special Thanks to: We are grateful that our past Treasurer for January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021, **Mrs. Blesilda Yap** continues to help us, to ensure the chapter is in good standing, whenever we need her assistance. This is much appreciated considering her very busy and demanding lifestyle.

2022 AGM Meeting

After two years of virtual meetings, Heritage Club Chapter presidents across Canada and our National Executives finally had our 2022 AGM meeting on September 13 to 15, 2022 in Quebec City, Quebec.

The drive and dedication of the local chapter presidents and National executive committee were very impressive, moving and fostered a positive supportive network to encourage us to persevere on the preservation of the Heritage Club. **A special shout out to Me. Conway Crozier-Smith who served as the president of Golden Sheaf Chapter in Regina, Saskatchewan for 25 years. He has decided to step down at age 82 this year and the chapter will be folded as no one will step up to take over the running of the chapter, so very sad .**

HELP WANTED

To run a volunteer organization like ours, we need more people to care, to get involve, to step up and to help. Anyone able to confirm attendees names for social events, assist selling raffle tickets, taking photographs, collection of money at events, and help with the newsletter production which involves (stamping the envelopes with return address stamp, applying address labels, printing, stapling, folding, stuffing envelopes, sealing the envelopes, stacking sealed envelopes of mail inside trays). Anyone who could help with these tasks and is interested in any of the other positions on the Committee please contact president, Anna Huang.

It was great to see you come out and join us at our events and meeting new members. Your support and participation are appreciated. The positive feedbacks from our members were encouraging.

Anna Huang
President, Simcoe Chapter

Past Social Events of 2022

June 28, 2022

We had our second luncheon of the year at Dragon Pearl Buffet at 865 York Mills Road, Unit # 2 (major intersection Don Mills and York Mills Road).

We raffled 6 Tim Horton gift card tickets, did a 50/50 Draw ticket sell. From our 50/50 Draw we collected a total of \$216.00. The winner of the Draw was Flora Young (wife of Perry Young) she had a win of \$108.00.

We collected \$35.50 towards Toy Mountain and \$21.50 towards the Food Bank on June 28, 2022.

It was great to see friends and colleagues, we hope to collect more money on our future gatherings for these charitable organizations. We also auctioned off a framed lithograph Mud Bowl donated to Heritage Club by Canada Post; to our generous supporter **Mr. Albert Skinner** for \$100.00 Thank you Albert!

Friday September 9, 2022

Simcoe Chapter of Heritage Club had our third Luncheon on September 9th at 11:30, at Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario.

Forty-eight attendees (41 members and 7 guests). We had three new members joined today.

We had our 50/50 raffles. **Jean Lamanna** won half of the pot of \$ 212. (\$ 106.00) We had a free raffle for the gift vouchers for free lunch for two from Mandarin Restaurant. Mr. David Barron now a member of Humber Chapter. (His guest won the lunch for two). We auctioned off a commemorate framed poster donated by Canada Post of the legendary Bobby Orr as Boston Bruins. Estimated value at \$400; sold for \$100 to **Ms. Mary Hawkes**, daughter, and guest of **Mrs. Mary Perrott**. Mrs. Perrott is a long-time supporter of Simcoe Chapter and donates regularly to Toy Mountain and Food Bank.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

We collected \$5.00 towards Toy Mountain and \$60.00 towards the Food Bank on September 9, 2022.

We make yearly donation to various charities. In November **2021**, we donated a total of \$1,000.00: \$200 to Toy Mountain, \$300 to Food Bank, \$300 to Canadian Cancer Society and \$ 200 to the Royal Canadian Legion on Simcoe Chapter's behalf.

Sister Chapter Events

Trent Severn Chapter held their Golf Tournament at Deer Run Golf Course in Little Britain with 32 golfers coming out from Simcoe, Pineridge and Trent Severn Chapters.

Upcoming Social Events of 2022

Friday, December 9th, 2022, 12:00: Christmas Time Banquet at The Mandarin

Friday, December 9th, 2022, 11:30: at Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario (major intersection Birchmount Road and Eglinton Avenue). **We are implementing a price change at this time, which was announced in my August newsletter.** We have held the same subsidized pricing for more than three years now, despite inflation, increased taxes, and Covid, but it has taken its toll. So, effective for the December 9th Mandarin event, we will be raising our price by \$5, **to \$20 for a paid member and \$27 for family member or friend to attend.** This still favours our paid members, as you would have to pay the following, if you came on your own: Senior's Lunch \$20.79, add a Drink \$2.49, taxes \$3.03, tip \$3.95, total: \$30.26. The actual cost for adult is \$25.99 plus a drink for \$2.49 plus 13% tax and 15% tips are \$37.01. This covers all-you-can-eat buffet, non-alcoholic drink, taxes, and tip. **Please carry your senior ID to claim the coveted senior's discount.**

We will raffle Tim Horton gift card tickets. 50/50 Raffle sell and draws, and we will be auctioning off a commemorate framed poster donated by Canada Post of the limited edition a full pane of 25 stamps Lunar Year of the Monkey Stamp. (one of 700 production) Estimated value at \$100.

Please sign up with Mts. Marcella Drover 647-858-8510 as soon as possible

EVENTS for 2023 at this time

We encourage our members to stay tuned to Anna Huang's Facebook notice and newsletter. Please take advantage of the coach trip offered by Time of your Life and contact them directly as to which trip you are interested.

Events for 2024

Humber Chapter is organizing a Western and / or Eastern Caribbean cruise with Royal Caribbean Cruise line. Please go to cruise line web page for details. For inquiries contact Richard Schumann Vice president of Humber Chapter at proudcanuck52@gmail.com and advise which months in 2024 you would be interested in going. If possible, please give him your 2 best months. All families & friends & siblings are of course also welcomed.

All cruises are 7 days out of Miami. There are 2 different types. One is Western Caribbean & the second is Eastern Caribbean. If you can't decide or like them both you may think about doing back-to-back cruises. All fees are in US\$, airfare is extra. Don't worry, RCL has a special department called "Air to Sea" which guarantees the lowest airfare rate.

[Icon of the Seas Cruise Deals and Deck Plans | CruisesOnly](#)

Welcome New Members Retirees and or 25-year service employees

I am very happy to report that we have gained 34 new members in 2022 thus far and 53 new members in 2021. It is very hard to achieve this result as there is always natural attrition. So if you know any retired colleagues or newly retirees; please invite them to join the Simcoe Chapter.

I want to welcome thirteen new members that joined us since our last newsletter on August 4, 2022 in sequence of date joined are:
Butch Ackber, Scarlet Hu, Vijay Nayyar, Pepe Luciano, Tania Eaglesham, Kwok Keung Lui, Sandra Danshuk, John Kocur, May Cheng, Peter Bernier, Douglas Porter, Chris Porter and Randy Critch.

IN Memoriam People we have sadly lost during and over the year....when we are notified. Our deepest condolences to their family; they will be missed.

Since last newsletter of August 4th, 2022 Sue Lan Marsha Ma (August 22, 2022), John Hajdasz (August 2, 2022) Mr. Ernest Minnig (October 26, 2022).

Mr. Ernest Minnig passed away on October 26, 2022, after a lengthy illness. He worked for Canada Post for 32 years, retiring in 1998. Ernest was born in Switzerland in 1938 and immigrated to Canada with his mother in 1949. He pursued various interests throughout his life and travelled to Europe frequently. His time at Canada Post found him delivering mail out of Station P to various locations across downtown Toronto. Ernest is predeceased by his wife Roza, who passed away in 2018. He is survived by his only son, Hansruedi.

GoodLife Fitness Discount

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE EVERY OCTOBER FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Club memberships fees should be renewed 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. If you wish to send in multiple years at one time it is welcomed and appreciated. Send your yearly membership Dues of ten dollars \$10 per person by cheque to Simcoe Heritage 72 Leuty Avenue Toronto, Ontario M4E 2R4 or through e-transfer to Simcoe.heritage2018@gmail.com**

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 has increased to \$2,000 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 30th of that year.** Please google for the application form online. Submit your application to Mr. Eldred Holmes holmese@nl.rogers.com

This year the value of the individual awards has been increased from \$1000 to \$2000 each, and we are very pleased with the response received. The quality of the applicants is always exceptional, making the choice a difficult one, that often comes down to the finest details.

2022 Scholarship winners are Erica Choice, of Van Fraser Chapter, Kaleigh Hall, of Van Isle Chapter and Marissa Cox of Bluenose Chapter.

Johnson Insurance Scholarships

Johnson Insurance is offering 50 scholarships, valued at \$1,000.00 each, to eligible students completing high school in 2022 and starting post-secondary education in the fall of 2022. Application open April 28,2022 with deadline date of July 28,2022. To learn more visit [johnson.ca/scholarship scholarshipfund@johnson.ca](mailto:scholarshipfund@johnson.ca) universities Canada 1-844-567-1237.

Courtney Hirota, Manager of Community Foundations and Santa Workshop Community Foundation is an arm's length charitable foundation that is operated by Canada Post, but it is a standalone charity. It was founded in 2012 and the vision at the foundation is to ensure that every child in Canada is happy, healthy, and surrounded by a community that supports and cares for them. Then the mission is to make a positive impact in the lives of children and youth in the communities that Canada Post serves. She stated that over the last 10 years, the foundation has raised \$12.3 million and that they have granted back to 1100 community organizations and charities.

The request was for about \$24 million, and we had 1.3 million to give last year. She explained that every application needs to be reviewed multiple times and this is where Heritage Club members and current employees can be of huge value by participating in the review process. The volunteers review a small batch of applications and give their honest opinion on the strength of the application, whether it meets the criteria that the foundation has set for our grants. Each application is reviewed at least three times to make sure that we have a well-rounded view and opinion. The highest scoring applications are then sent to our independent board of trustees who ultimately decide which applications will receive grants.

Santa Letter Program

Santa's Workshop Program it is the 40th anniversary of the program. This program would not exist without the support of our Heritage Club members.

Ms. Courtney Hirota Manager of Community Foundation and Santa Workshop stated that our support before, during and after Christmas is invaluable and thanked everyone for all the work that you do. Last year there were about 1.5 million letters, which was a big jump from 2020. They are anticipating even more this year. There has been an increase in overseas letters with **60,000 from Japan alone** last year and as a result there is a special postcard that we have prepared for the Japanese market. Courtney thanked everyone in advance for all your help this year and if you want to be involved in the program, please speak to your regional Heritage club coordinator.

Fred Danells stated that normally we have 27 different languages that we use every year. There are a great number of teachers who teach English in international communities' and countries, and they use the Santa letter writing program as an English learning exercise. This is part of the reason why we have significant volume. **Taiwan** is our biggest international country and gives us the most volume normally. Fred stated there is a need for volunteers that are fluent in another language to be able to add a personal letter, a personal comment on those letters. If you have any members in your chapter that you can recruit who are willing to do that, then we would direct those letters to those volunteers. That would be a tremendous help.

Santa Letter Program will launch this year and his plan is for December 1, 2022. In 2021 Simcoe Chapter had 27 volunteers, who despite the ongoing Pandemic worked diligently to answer children's written letter to Santa. Together our volunteers used 262 hours and answered 2,818 children's letters.

Our past year's Santa Letter coordinator Mr. Brian Lithgow has agreed to continue with champion and coordinating our team of volunteers in this 2022 Christmas. During last two years challenging time of pandemic, children all over the world who receive their Santa letter replies felt a ray of sunshine, optimism and hope about their lives and continue to believe in the magic of Santa Claus and Christmas. Our selfless and diligent Santa helpers are regular volunteers that does this every year for years. In 2021 we had 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, Brian Lithgow, Lily Lai Fong Ng, Jessica Lui, Bob Mark, Peggy Mark, Georgia Nayyar, Claudette Nadeau, Irene H. Patton, David Rafferty, Joan Skelton and Blesilda Yap. We want to congratulate Mrs. Patricia Byrne as winner of the draw of \$50 from the National Draw for all Santa's Letter volunteers for the year 2021 Christmas.

This year we have more volunteers. I personally canvassed new members that put their names in to volunteer. I also reached out to a few Chinese Canadian colleagues as there is a growing demand for Santa volunteers that can read and write Simplified or Traditional Chinese. **Last year Canada Post received more than 50,000 pieces mail addressed to Santa Claus from Japan, China and Taiwan combined .**

If you would like to become a new Santa Letter volunteer for 2022, Please contact Anna Huang ahuang0513@gmail.com or call Brian Lithgow 647-880-2125 write curzon888@gmail.com as soon as you can.

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 from Scarborough, West to Etobicoke South from Lake Ontario North to Richmond Hill. Have you checked our national web site? <http://heritage-club.forcefivedev.ca/simcoe>

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 donations for the Food bank and Toy Mountains 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

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.

Choice Hotels to purchase Radisson Hotel

Choice Hotels provides Heritage Club members with discounted room rates at all their hotel brands. With the merger of Choice and Radisson Hotels, it will add nine new hotels brands and 624 additional locations to the Choice Hotels network.

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 we are 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, 2022** 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

2022 MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS

Name:

Address:

City:Prov.:Postal Code:

Please use this form to track your volunteer hours for 2022. Do not forget your knitting hours and Christmas hours and all your volunteer activities as a Heritage Club member. *Every hour counts!*

| 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 - | |
| | |

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 Heritage 72 Leuty Avenue Toronto, Ontario M4E 2R4 or through e-transfer to Simcoe.heritage2018@gmail.com**

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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

Month & date of birth

Copy of death certificate

Copy of death Certificate & Postal Code

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

Retiree name

Employee number

Copy of death certificate Plan number

Note: Very important to notify Canada Life 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.

Members at Large: Claire Andrews, Marcella Drover, Blesilda Yap (Editor)

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Anna Huang, Chapter President, Newsletter Writer, Member's List, Recruitment

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Due to family emergency , Anna will be out of country for awhile, please direct your calls to Ann Lamanna

Ann Lamanna, Treasurer/Secretary as of August 4 ,2022

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