

Simcoe Chapter CANADA POST HERITAGE CLUB
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Newsletter—written April 20, 2023



President's Message

Dear Members,

I want to thank Canada Post for providing grant money to every Heritage Chapter including ours every year. I am also grateful for my colleagues that are still working at the Post Office to allow my team and I to enter the South-Central Plant and print our newsletter and have a place to work at. This has gone on at the discretion and generosity of the Plant Directors. Namely **Mr. David Deeks** in the past and currently **Mr. Troy Seto**. Because of their kindness, Simcoe Chapter has been able to save some money and feel more comfortable to do our yearly donations to various charities.

I also want to thank everyone who renewed their club membership this year. We are grateful for your continued support. The Heritage Club is for anyone and everyone who worked for Canada Post from different jobs, ranks, unions and associations, background. We are all equal, want to have and enjoy social events and offer support for one another; also give back to society.

The motto of the Heritage Club is “People helping People.”

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 **49** new members in 2022. We lost **20** members due to RTS and lost **15** members due to death. **In 2023 we have gained twenty-one (21) new PAID members to now.** Reminder to PAID members, if you move, PLEASE do not forget to inform us of your new address and telephone number as this ensures you continue to receive our newsletter four times a year. **The seed money (grant) we receive annually from Canada Post is based on the number of Paid members. Your Club needs your support!**

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, 30 % off with Goodlife fitness club, scholarship opportunities from Canada Post and Johnson Insurance for your kids and grandkids,

I hope the newsletter we put together provides you and your family with useful information on future social events, the contact information for our benefits, keep you connected to other colleagues. Moving forward please keep a copy of the contact information section as this information may not be repeated in every future newsletter for environmental concerns.

Please ensure you keep this information readily available to you and your family .

Newsletter Production

We want to acknowledge the following members who have step up to help us with our newsletter production: **Christine Ludlow, Lily Ng, Cheryl Mustonen, Leely Chong and Jessica Lui.**

Announcement

Anyone who would like to run for the position of President of the Chapter please submit your name to the current committee. Anyone wants to nominate a member to the position of president ; please submit your nomination to the current committee. This announcement was made at our March 24,2023 luncheon. The term of each position is two years.

HELP WANTED

To run a volunteer organization like ours, we need more people to care, to get involved, to step up and to help. Anyone able to confirm attendees names for social events, assist with 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 & sealing 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 is always great to see you at our events and see reunion of old friends, meeting new members. Your support and participation are appreciated. The positive feedbacks from our members were encouraging.

Anna Huang 416-716-2898
President, Simcoe Chapter

Past Social Events of 2022

Friday, December 9th, 2022, 12:00: at Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario (major intersection Birchmount Road and Eglinton Avenue). **We implemented a price increase, which was announced in my August newsletter. Paid members \$20 and \$27 for family member or friend to attend.** This covers all-you-can-eat buffet, non-alcoholic drink, taxes, and tip. The actual cost for adult is \$25.99 plus a drink for \$2.49 plus 13% tax and 15% tips are \$37.01.

Fifty-five people in attendance (50 members and 5 guests). We had new members joined.

We raffled Tim Horton gift cards raffles ; the winners were **Niki Tsavalia , Brian Lithgow, Betty DiNova, and Jean Lamanna** whom won twice. 50/50 Raffle sell and draws. We had our 50/50 raffles. Ms. **Cheryl Mustonen** won half of the pot of \$ 245.(\$ 122.50) . We had a free raffle for the gift vouchers for free lunch for two from Mandarin Restaurant. **Ms. Sandra Dashuk** was the lucky winner.

Mr. Walter Leu was the successful bidder on our auction of 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.

The December 9th luncheon was a success thanks to many of you that stepped up to ensure the luncheon was enjoyable and went smoothly. Special thanks going out to **Marcella Drover** and **Lynn Plumley** to collect the luncheon money. **Ann Lamanna** and **Jessica Lui** for collection of membership fees. **Claire Andrews** did all the raffles sales and money counting. **Christine Ludlow** took photographs and **Wai Chan** for overseeing everything and helping where he was needed.

Friday, March 24th, 2023, 12:00: at Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario. This covers all-you-can-eat buffet, non-alcoholic drink, taxes, and tip. The actual cost for adult is \$25.99 plus a drink for \$2.49 plus 13% tax and 15% tips are \$37.01.

We had a good turnout a total of Sixty-nine **69** people in attendance (65 members and 4 guests and eleven members from Pineridge Chapter our sister chapter). **We had nine new members joined as PAID members of Simcoe Chapter at this event.**

We raffle 7 Tim Horton gift card raffles ; the winners were **JP Leguerrier** whom won two cards. **Niki Tsavalia won two cards , Nancy Fleming ,Ketty Liu (new member) and a seventh person that I did not catch his or her name or identity.** Mr. Robert **Borden** won the 50/50 Raffle; half of the pot of \$ 260.(\$ 130.00) . **Loraine Fleming**, sister of Nancy Fleming was the lucky winner of free raffle for the gift vouchers for free lunch for two from Mandarin Restaurant.

There was not sufficient interest in the auction item 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. So it will be held over to the next luncheon.

The March 24th luncheon was a success thanks to many of you that stepped up to ensure the luncheon was enjoyable and went smoothly. Special thanks going out to **Niki Tsavalia** and **Leely Chong** to collect the luncheon money. **Ann Lamanna** for collection of membership fees. **Claire Andrews** did all the raffles sales and money counting by herself. **Jim Georgopoulos** took photographs and **Wai Chan** for overseeing everything and helping where he was needed.

Upcoming Social Events of 2023

Tuesday, June 6 ,2023 11:30 luncheon at Watts Restaurant at 1 Eglinton Square Toronto, Ontario M1L 2K1 at Victoria Park & Eglinton Avenue East inside the mall.

All members attending will order off the menu pay their own bill including tax and tips. Simcoe Chapter will reimburse **each PAID member** with \$ 5 cash.

We will raffle Tim Horton gift cards, 50/50 Raffle and we will auction off a commemorate framed poster donated by Canada Post of the limited edition a full pane of twenty-five stamps Lunar **Year of the Ram** Stamp. (one of 700 production) Estimated value at \$100.

If you are coming for this lunch, please call early and sign up with Ann Lamanna 416-587-6258 ASAP no later than May 27,2023. If the phone is busy or no one can answer , please leave a message.

Time of your Life

Time of your life also have out of town concerts , they are not cheap. If you are curious or interested, please write to me and I will send you their detailed advertisement through e-mail or you can contact them directly at 500 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 203 Toronto, Ontario M2N 6H7.

416-224-0684 or email address timeofyourlifetourstoronto@gmail.com

Reminder anything you pay that including a ticket toward a show, train or boat ride are not refundable.



Niagara's Spring Blossoms

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

Springtime in Niagara brings with it a lovely show of Blossoms in the vineyards and fruit orchards of the Niagara region. Come enjoy this annual spring spectacle with us! Our day starts with a visit to Magnotta Winery in Beamsville where we'll sample their wines and have time to shop, too.

Leaving Beamsville we motor on to the Falls for a Luncheon of Choice

(Breaded Breast of Chicken, Grilled Salmon Fillet, or Vegetarian Eggplant Parmesan – ***please advise your choice at time of booking***) in the revolving Dining Room of the Skylon Tower, offering spectacular views as you enjoy your meal! After lunch we'll tour the Falls, viewing the flowering spring bulbs in Victoria Park (watch for the stunning magnolias in bloom at the Floral Showhouse entrance, too!) From the Falls our drive continues to Niagara-on-the-Lake following the lovely Niagara Parkway, abundant with blooms, blossoms and views of the Niagara River. There's time in charming Niagara-on-the-Lake (3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) to browse the shops and view the lovely floral displays before we motor home.

Just \$125.00 Per Person

*Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation, Winery Visit, Luncheon of Choice,
All Taxes, Meal Tip and Fuel Surcharge.*

MOTORCOACH PICKUPS

Cedar Heights Plaza (Markham/Lawrence)
York Mills/Yonge St.
Islington Subway
Mississauga Snrs. Centre (SE Parking Lot)

DEPARTS

8:30 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:15 a.m.

RETURNS

8:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

The Annual Lilac Festival in Warkworth

A Jaunt into Northumberland County with Guide Peter Brotherhood

Saturday, May 27th, 2023

Located near Rice Lake in Northumberland County, east of Toronto, the town of Warkworth is renowned for its spring Lilac displays, and honours the event with an annual festival. On this enjoyable day away we will be joined by local Guide Peter Brotherhood, who will take us to this popular event to enjoy the beautiful colours, scents and spectacle of the many varieties here. We'll start off with a visit to the Primrose Donkey Sanctuary in Roseneath, dedicated to the rescue, protection and rehabilitation of abused, neglected and unwanted donkeys and mules. After our visit here it's on to Warkworth to enjoy a Buffet Lunch at St. Paul's United Church before Peter takes us to the Lilac Festival. Here, you can stroll the Millennium Trail, enjoying the beautiful lilac displays (please note: there is walking involved here, however seating is available along the Trail.) Before leaving Warkworth, Peter will take us to Glover's Farm Market for some shopping time before we bid farewell to him and motor home. *Please be advised: this is 'Festival Day' in Warkworth, and it will be busy!*



Just \$130.00 Per Person

Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation, Services of Guides, Buffet Lunch, All Admissions and Donations, All Taxes, Meal Tip and Fuel Surcharge.

MOTORCOACH PICK UPS

Mississauga Snrs. Centre (SE Parking Lot)
Islington Subway
York Mills/Yonge St.
Cedar Heights Plaza (Markham/Lawrence)

DEPARTS

7:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

RETURNS

7:15 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
5:45 p.m.



Whistling Gardens

Featuring North America's largest public Peony collection

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023

Located in Wilsonville, south of Brantford, Whistling Gardens is a delightful place to visit offering 20 acres of colour, unique design, rare plants, beautiful trees and shrubs.

There are also ponds, babbling brooks, and computer-run Fountain Displays to add to your enjoyment. Our visit is timed for the height of the Peony season, and you will have the added bonus of viewing stunning displays of these showy colourful flowers! This year, a morning visit to the Gardens is planned (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), where a Guided Tour will show you all aspects of this lovely attraction and enhance your visit. Leaving the Gardens, it's just a short drive to Brantford where a Buffet Luncheon is enjoyed at Myra's Grill in the Best Western Hotel (1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.) After lunch, we'll drop in at the Little Brown Cow Market for some shopping before we start for home. Please join us – it's a lovely way to spend a June day!

Just \$120.00 Per Person

Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation, Admission and Tour at Whistling Gardens, Buffet Luncheon, All Taxes, Meal Tip and Fuel Surcharge.

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York Mills/Yonge St.
Islington Subway
Mississauga Snrs. Centre (SE Parking Lot)

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RETURNS

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6:15 p.m.
5:45 p.m.

Welcome New Members Retirees and or 25-year service employees.

I am very happy to report that we have gained 49 new members in 2022 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 **twentysix** new members that joined us since January 1, 2023 in sequence of date joined are: Bernard Burdt, Georgios Becris, Edward Debono, Frank Thai, Lucy Ing, Thomas Keane, Helen Capalad, Andrew Lonsbrough, Randy Sampson, Shirley Lemesurier, Delmureta Akande, Michael Musing, David Au, Ken Kwan, Ketty Liu, Rosa Tam, Fong Lin, David Ing, Oi Wan Wong, Ravinda Maan, Felice Yim, Joseph Leslie Gaudet, Deborah Matheson, Richard Gibson, Kenneth Thorne and Balbir Maan.

In Memory of

People, we have sadly lost over the year.....we only report when we are notified. Our deepest condolences to their family; they will be missed.

Since last newsletter of February 24, 2023, we learned Arthur Brown passed away in January 2021 on March 2, 2023. Al Skinner passed away on March 3, 2023. Bruce Gray passed away on March 15, 2023.

Bruce Gray

Bruce Gary lived in the Leslieville /Riverdale area of Toronto, where he enjoyed his many friends for card games, watching sports, movies, or television series. He was an avid fan of the Toronto Argos, Green Bay Packers, Toronto Blue Jays and Toronto Maple Leafs. Bruce retired from Post Office 12 years ago after 36 years of service, enjoying his retirement years along with his retired friends, who would meet him and his best friend Tom Garnier for coffee.

Al Skinner

I am saddened to announce that Mr. Skinner passed away on Friday March 3, 2023, at age of ninety-four.

Al Skinner started working for Post Office on November 15, 1948 and he retired on June 30, 1987 after 39 years of service as a letter carrier.

After such a lengthy career with Canada Post as a letter carrier in the city of Toronto.

Al went to work for private industry until 2013 retired when he was 84 years old.

Those of us that had the pleasure of working with and or gotten to know him. Al was a well-liked person, he was a kind, gentle, sociable, personable, and easy to talk to person.

Wherever he was; the conversation was lively, joyful and full of laughter.

Al was a loyal supporter of the Simcoe Chapter of Heritage Club. He came to our luncheons on regular basis with his beloved son David as his companion and driver all the way from Barrie, Ontario.

Al had one daughter Tammy and three sons Jim, Alan, and David. Al Skinner was predeceased by his son, Alan Skinner who passed away on May 17, 2002 at age 54.

There were no funeral services scheduled in March. A celebration of life has been scheduled on May 27, 2023 between 12:00 to 17:00 at the Loyal Order of Moose at 186 Barton Street East Hamilton, Ontario L8H 2Y6 Phone 905-549-8191 on June 28, 2022

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

2022 year the value of the individual awards has been increased from \$1000 to \$2000 each, and we are incredibly 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

In 2022 Johnson Insurance offered 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 27, 2023 with deadline date of July 27, 2023. To learn more for year 2023 Please visit johnson.ca/scholarship scholarshipfund@johnson.ca universities Canada 1-844-567-1237.

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 Lake Simcoe including Markham, Richmond Hill and New Market. 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.

Every year in November; we make our donations. Our past donations included 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.

Santa Letter Program

Santa's Workshop Program was started in 1982; it was the 40th anniversary of the program. This program would not exist without the support of our Heritage Club members across Canada.

Our 2022 Santa volunteers are :Butch Ackber, Janice Adams, Claire Andrews, Karen Atkinson, Dennis Bay, Roxane Bay, Cheryl Billingham, Steve Bryers, Patricia A Byrne, Carmen Cachia, Dominic Capalbo, Carol Anne Carpenter, Julia Chan , Leely Chong, Lily Chor, Ellen Chung ,Nancy Demers, Peter Demers, Lila Marcella Drover, Violet Duz, Sylvia Fercec, Jean Lamanna, Brian Lithgow, Lily Lai Fong Ng, Jessica Lui, Kwok Keung Lui, Bob Mark, Peggy Mark, Georgia Nayyar, Valerie Fortune Niddery, Wayne Niddery, Irene H. Patton, Douglas Porter,

Yvonne Preece, Judy Sau Quan, David Rafferty, Wayne Toomey, Lori Vance , Margaret PI Wang, and Blesilda Yap

2022 Christmas, Janice Adams and Patricia Byrne were our co-captains for Simcoe Chapter. We thank them for an excellent job. In 2022 Simcoe Chapter's forty 40 volunteers replied to over 10,000(new update) letters. Canada Post received more than 50,000 pieces of mail addressed to Santa Claus from Japan, China and Taiwan combined .National Heritage Club have a yearly draw for each chapter's Santa Volunteer; this year Simcoe Chapter's winner is Janice Adams who won \$50 .

if you would like to become a new Santa Letter volunteer for 2023, Please contact Anna Huang ahuang0513@gmail.com or call 416-716-2898 as soon as you can.

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 30% off the regular all club access rates.

You must sign up online and ask for corporate representative , then ask to join under corporate membership for Heritage Club rate as well as waive the \$99 annual membership fee.

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

These newsletters are written and produced by Anna Huang **quarterly** and distributed to every **paid** member and **paid** associate who has **paid** their annual dues to the Chapter. **A general distribution is mailed out once a year to every member who have applied for general membership to the Heritage Club in our Chapter area.** Articles of general interest for the newsletter are always welcomed.

2023 MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteering

Do you do volunteer work: _____ Hours per month: _____

Name of Organization: _____

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**.. Please send this completed form / or information **by December 15, of each year** 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

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 often 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**



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.

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Leely Chong, Niki Tsavalia, Jim Georgopoulos, Jessica Lui , Cheryl Mustonen
Past President, Lea Maynard**

Email Transfers of payment of membership dues: simcoe.heritage2018@gmail.com