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President's Message

Dear Members,

Hope everyone is enjoying warmer Spring and Summer weather. Wishing everyone happiness, health, joy, peace, and peace of mind.

I represented Simcoe Chapter and attended 2024 National Heritage Club AGM meeting of all 24 chapters' presidents in Ottawa from May 7th to May 9th, 2024.

I am happy to share the news that the executive team of Simcoe Chapter have been recognized by the National Heritage executives for our hard work. Through our Treasurer Ann Lamanna and my effort to increase membership and members activities. We won an Award in **Camaraderie Category**, along with \$ 500 award money to the Simcoe Chapter. The score card measurements are Team Spirit ,Followship, Cultural Collaboration, volunteerism, generosity, commitment to chapter or organization, leadership and commandership.

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 for allowing my team and I to enter 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 Production Control and Reporting Manager **Lia Mougoussidis** and Plant Directors; namely **Mr. David Deeks** in the past and currently **Mr. Troy Seto** . Because of their kindness and support, Simcoe Chapter has been able to save money and feel more comfortable to donate generously on our yearly donations toward various charities. Our thanks to everyone who make this possible, especially our number one supporter superintendent of RVU at South Central Plant, **Mr. Jason Langford** who has being so kind and extremely helpful to set us up for success.

This year 2024 marks the 35th anniversary of the Heritage Club, a club dedicated to fostering camaraderie among retired employees of Canada Post, and living up to our motto "people helping people." and give back to society. I 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 or associations and background. We are all equal, want to provide enjoyable social events, offer support to one another and people in need.**

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 gained 66 new members in 2023 As of December 2023; we have 287 PAID ACTIVE MEMBERS (out of 810 active members) and 60 PAID ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.(out of 80 associate members). **In 2024 thus far we gained 14 new members.** The seed money we receive annually from Canada Post is based on the **number of our Paid members.** *Your Club needs your*

support! If you have colleagues that have retired or is retiring , please share with them of the advantages and positive experience you have with Canada Post Heritage Club.

Reminder to members, if you move, PLEASE remember 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 discounts. As **paid member**, it gives you discounts at our luncheons, bus trips, home, auto Insurance from **Belair Direct** and travel insurance from Medoc Travel(part of Belair Direct), Goodlife fitness club, scholarship opportunities of \$2,000 per recipient from Canada Post (deadline of application end of June every year)and **Belair Direct** Insurance(formerly known as Johnson Insurance) for your kids and grandkids.

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 the tie between you and other colleagues.

Summary of our 2023 donation

In December 2023 We made our yearly donation to various charities. On December 21,2023, we donated a total of \$1,750.00: \$250 to Toy Mountain, \$1,000 to Food Bank, \$300 to Canadian Cancer Society and \$ 200 to the Royal Canadian Legion on Simcoe Chapter's behalf. (Increased from a one-thousand-dollar donation in total for all four charities in 2022). We were able to increase our donation to Food Bank to \$1,000. Because at our Christmas luncheon we collected \$266.25 for Food Bank, generated a further \$329.00 for the Food Bank from selling tickets for draw of donated gifts from **Score Promotions; through our Treasurer Ann Lamanna's son's company**.

Santa Letters

Our 2023 Santa Letter volunteer winner of \$50 prize is Mr. Bob Mark. He was presented with his cheque on Tuesday May 28,2024.(from National Heritage Club).In 2023 Christmas, Anna Huang, Janice Adams and Patricia Byrne were our co-captains for Simcoe Chapter. I like to thank Janice & Patricia for an excellent job. During last four years of challenging times of the 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 yearly for years. In 2023 Simcoe Chapter's 39 volunteers replied over 2,212 letters and spent 309 hours. Our 2023 Santa volunteers are : Janice Adams, Claire Andrews, Karen Atkinson, Dennis Bay, Cheryl Billingham, Steve Bryers, Patricia A Byrne, Carmen Cachia, Dominic Capalbo, Carol Anne Carpenter, Julia Chan , Leely Chong, Dianne Civello, Susie DeFranco, Nancy Demers, Peter Demers, Lila Marcella Drover, Violet Duz, Sylvia Fercec, Jean Lamanna, Brian Lithgow, Lily Lai Fong Ng, Rita Mandarino, Bob Mark, Peggy Mark, Susan McNeil, Claudette Nadeau, Georgia Nayyar, Valerie Fortune Niddery, Wayne Niddery, Marion Parisien, Irene H. Patton, Lorraine Pomroy, Douglas Porter, Yvonne Preece, David Rafferty, Wayne Toomey, Lori Vance and Margaret PI Wang.

Since 2021 , each year Canada Post received more than 50,000 pieces of mail addressed to Santa Claus from Japan, China and Taiwan combined .

If you would like to become a new Santa Letter volunteer for 2024, Please contact Anna Huang ahuang0513@gmail.com or call 416-716-2898 as soon as you can; before October2024.

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 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, photocopying, 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. The position of president and Treasure are both available for anyone willing to step up. We will be happy to show you how to do the job to ensure your success and Simcoe Chapter's success.**

If you know any friends or family member that could help The Heritage Club with any prizes or donations for our auction to raise money for charity , like the Food Bank, Toy Mountain, Cancer Society and Veterans; please contact us!

It is always great to see you come out and join us at our events and meeting new and old members. Your participation and support are appreciated. The positive feedback from our members is always encouraging.

Anna Huang
President, Simcoe Chapter

Past Social Events of 2024

Friday, April 5, 2024 11:30 luncheon at The Mandarin

Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario (major intersection Birchmount Road and Eglinton Avenue). We had fifty-seven attendees.(four non-members guest). Paid members who are seniors \$20. Paid members who are not seniors \$30. and \$35 for family member or friend to attend.

We raffled 6 Tim Horton gift cards collected \$70(we paid \$60, the gift cards were \$10 each) the winners were Mary Perrott, David Ing, Allan Brow, Wai Chan, Al Wilson, and Shirley LeMesurier.

We raffled 50/50 tickets, collected \$202. Winner of \$101 prize was Elsie Crews Chafe from Pineridge Chapter. The total collection for Food Bank and Toy Mountains was \$ 100.25 which was split between the two organizations.

Tuesday May 28, 2024 at 12:00 Astoria Shish Kebob House

at 390 Danforth Avenue Toronto M4K 1P3 few steps from Chester Subway station.

Seating was limited to forty, first come first served. We had 39 (some had to cancel on the last minute). We raffled 50/50 tickets and collected \$175 , Chapter got \$88, the winner of the pot was Donna Sherlock Falkowski of \$87. We collected \$146 donation for Food Bank and Toy Mountains.(the money was split between the two organizations at \$73 each)

Upcoming Social Events of 2024

1. Thursday July 18, 2024 @12:00 at Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario (major intersection Birchmount Road and Eglinton Avenue). **Paid members who are seniors \$20, Non-senior Paid members \$30 and \$35 for family member or friend to attend.** The current price for a Senior to dine for lunch on weekday Monday -Friday at the Mandarins over \$30.

(\$ 20.79 plus a soft drink \$2.50=\$23.30 Tax= \$23.30 X 13%tax =\$3.03 \$23.3+ \$ 3.03=\$26.33
Tips=\$26.33X 15% tips=\$3.95 Total \$26.33+\$3.95=\$30.28

Paid member of the Heritage Club will enjoy the discounted price and it covers all-you-can eat buffet, non-alcoholic drink, 13% taxes, and 15 % tip. The actual cost for adult is **\$25.99** plus a drink of \$2.50 plus 13% tax and 15% tips are \$37.04. **Please carry your senior ID so the Chapter can pay the coveted senior's discount rate.**

Non-members will get their own bill from Mandarin Buffet.

We will raffle Tim Horton gift card tickets, sell 50/50 Raffle tickets and a free draw for free luncheon for two as well as collect cash donation for Food Bank and Toy Mountains. If you are coming for lunch, please sign up with Anna Huang 416-716-2898 ASAP or **before Monday July 8,2024.**

2. Thursday August 15,2024 @11:30 at Occasions Restaurant at 30 Eastwood Road Toronto, Ontario M4L 3B6 (Northeast corner of Coxwell and Gerrard Street East)

We have 40 seats available , at first come first served basis. So interested member please contact Anna Huang 416-716-2898 **before Friday August 2,2024** and book your seating. We ask our members to bring cash to pay their bill. Restaurant can not deal with issuing and collecting for 40 individual bills in a short period of time. Simcoe Chapter will reimburse each paid member with five dollars in cash.

3. Friday September 13,2024 @12:00 at Mandarin Buffet at 2206 Eglinton Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario (major intersection Birchmount Road and Eglinton Avenue). **Paid members who are seniors \$20, Non-senior Paid members \$30 and \$35 for family member or friend to attend.** The current price is \$25.99 for adult at lunch on weekday Monday to Friday at the Mandarins. Seniors with 20% discount is \$ 20.79 plus a non-alcoholic drink \$2.50=\$23.29 \$23.29 X13% tax =\$3.03 \$23.29 + \$3.03 =\$26.32 plus 15% tips(the restaurant applies)= \$26.32+\$ 3.95= \$30.27

4. Simcoe Chapter will be holding our **Christmas luncheon on Friday December 13,2024 at 11:30 at Centennial College Event Centre on the eighth floor of school of Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts at Centennial College, Progress Campus. at 937 Progress Avenue, Toronto, ON M1G 3T8** Buffet styled lunch Menu, which will consist of five courses meal with soup , salad, two main and vegetables, pasta, and dessert .**Final details will be announced closer in October in our newsletter.**

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 416-716-2898 or email ahuang0513@gmail.com 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 **Just be reminded anything you pay including a ticket toward a show, train or boat ride are non-refundable.**

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

I am very happy to report that we have gained **66 new members in 2023**,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 us at the Simcoe Chapter.

I want to welcome seven new members that joined us since our last newsletter on March 5, 2024 in sequence of date joined are: Wendy Kast, Karen Sottile, Antonio E. Sottile, May(Yuet Yee) Chan, John Bychok, Jacqueline Vespasiani and Tony Lanzillotto.

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

Since last newsletter of March 5,2024 ,we learned the passing of six Canada Post retirees from follow member James Ting Chow on March 7,2024 , they were: Jack Eng Tom(Aug 2016), May Tom(Nov 2018), Bing Chan(Dec 2021), Betty Chong (June 2022), Bill Nicholas(Nov 29,2022) , Bo Sui Chow (Feb 28,2024) and we heard from member's relatives about the following: Ermando Vespasian (June 2,2022), William Hung (April 16,2024), John Hindmarsh (2013) and Ken Graham(2014).

GoodLife Fitness Discount

The GoodLife Fitness subscription year starts in **September through to August** the following year. If you intend to apply under the Heritage Club discount, you must have paid your dues for 2024 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 **renewable in October** every year and if you have not had the chance to send in your payment. **Please do send in your payment by end of October. National Heritage Club use the number of paid members as end of December as determination on the amount of seed money we receive. It is only \$10 per year for you and \$10 for your spouse. If you wish to send in multiple years, limit to three years at** one time it is welcomed and appreciated.

Send your yearly membership Dues of ten dollars \$10 per person by cheque to Simcoe Chapter Heritage Club

9 Dolly Varden Blvd , Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2K2 or through e-transfer to Simcoe.heritage2018@gmail.com

Heritage Club Scholarships

Heritage Club award three scholarships to students starting for the first time, their first year of full-time studies, provided it is an accredited institution, and the award is \$2,000. To be eligible, students must be dependent children, including adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and wards in legal guardianship of an active, dues paying member for two consecutive 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.

[Heritage Club Scholarship Program](#) Submit your application and required documents to Mr. Eldred Holmes holmese@nl.rogers.com

The value of the individual awards is \$2,000 each . We are 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.

Belair Direct Insurance Scholarships

Belair Direct Insurance offer fifty scholarships each year, valued at \$1,000.00 each, to eligible students completing high school in 2024 and starting post-secondary education in the fall of 2024. Application open April 28,2024 with deadline date of July 28,2024.To learn more for year 2024 Please visit scholarshipfund@johnson.ca 1-844-567-1237.

Who we are?

Simcoe Chapter is one of 24 Chapters across the country; it covers an area of City of Toronto Proper and York Region , which is East from Scarborough, West to Etobicoke South from Lake Ontario North to Richmond Hill. Have you checked our national web site?

<http://heritage-club.forcefive.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 December ; we donate to the following Charity groups. \$300 **or more** 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 started in 1982 it was the 41st 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.

In 2021 there were about 1.5 million letters, which was a big jump from 2020. They are anticipating even more in 2024. There has been an increase in overseas letters with **50,000 from Japan alone** since 2021 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.

Why Join? – The Membership Advantages

Belair Direct 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. You must join the Heritage Club and be a Paid member before signing 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.

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

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.

Belair Direct Insurance offer fifty scholarships each year, valued at \$1,000.00 each, to eligible students completing high school in 2024 and starting post-secondary education in the fall of 2024.

Newsletter Distribution

This newsletter is produced **quarterly** and is distributed to every **paid** active member and **paid** associate who has **paid** their annual dues to the Chapter. **A general distribution is made 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.

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 9 Dolly Varden Blvd , Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2K2 or through preferred method of e-transfer to Simcoe.heritage2018@gmail.com**

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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.

We receive a 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 15th**

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

2024 MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please track your volunteer hours for 2024. Do not forget your knitting hours and Christmas hours and all your volunteer activities as a Heritage Club member. Every hour counts! I will attach the form next newsletter.

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

Employee I.D. number

Social insurance number

Copy of death certificate

Retiree name

Employee I.D. number

Month & date of birth

Copy of death Certificate & Postal Code

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

Retiree name

Employee I.D. 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.

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