

TRENT SEVERN

Summer 2020

What's to come at a glance?

New Treasurer

Johnson Insurance

Railway Mail Car

Bob Wludyka's monthly lunches are cancelled until further notice.

Trent Severn Annual Charity Golf Tournament Cancelled

Lunch in Peterborough Cancelled

Santa Claus Letters



President's Message

Members:

This is certainly a very different summer for all of us. Covid 19 has changed our lives considerably. We have had to adjust our lifestyles and thinking processes.

We cancelled our yearly Spring lunch at the Mandarin in Barrie and our Summer lunch at Boston Pizza in Lindsay. We've also cancelled our September Golf Tournament and our Fall Luncheon in Peterborough.

We have missed connecting with our members and friends at these events and hope that next year we will be able to enjoy these events again.

Some good news:

I want to welcome Steve Smith as the Chapter's new Treasurer. Steve has volunteered his time to take on this position.

I thank Steve for volunteering and look forward to having him onboard.

In the meantime stay safe and healthy.

Wash your hands frequently, maintain social distance and wear a mask when necessary.

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**Phyllis Kimmerer
President, Trent Severn Chapter**

Points of Interest

JOHNSON INSURANCE

Every auto customer is getting a rebate.

Being by your side has never meant more than the situation we find ourselves in today. It's times like this where we lean on our 140-year legacy of being a good friend to customers through the tough times in their lives.

To further assist you in this time of need we are happy to share the next part of our customer care program.

Through the AUTOMatic Rebate all car insurance customers with an active policy on May 22nd will automatically receive a 10% reduction in their car insurance premium for the months of April, May and June.

No action is needed by customers and you do not need to contact us. Our system will automatically apply the reduction to your premium, and the majority of rebates will be reflected in automatic deductions starting June. (Note: This benefit is not available to customers in Quebec, separate relief plans are in place).

Should you have any questions or require more information on our Customer Care Program, please visit johnson.ca/coronavirus.

This page contains helpful information, including a chat feature for quick questions and an extensive home, car and travel FAQ section.

A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

As with many other tourist attractions, the Corona Virus Pandemic has closed the West Coast Railway Park in Squamish, B.C.

This closer has provided an opportunity to refurbish the exterior of the Railway Mail Car with a more permanent coat of paint.

Since Van Fraser Heritage members assumed the responsibility for maintaining the Railway Mail Car in 1989 they have worked on the car twice a year. This often included climbing onto the roof of the car, at some risk, to sand and paint. The winter weather would beat away the paint and the process would need to be repeated each spring.

This year's closure allowed the car to be moved to the CNR workshop across from the park where it could be worked on inside.

Railway Mail Car 3704 will now be on display in the Interior Hall alongside the fabled Royal Hudson. West Coast Railway Park is scheduled to open to the public on July 1/20.

Following a very successful restoration project of what may be the only Railway Mail Car left in Canada, the Vancouver Fraser Chapter of the Heritage Club has asked for our help in collecting any stories and experiences from former Railway Mail Clerks.

The information collected on the Railway Mail Service has primarily come down to us from old Canada Post publications. As the last Railway Mail Service ended in 1971, CPC employees who worked in this branch of the service are now getting on in years, and now would be the time to collect those stories and photos for posterity.

The first Railway Mail Cars appeared on Canadian railways in 1854 and were the first to be used in North America. Railway Mail Service revolutionized traditional mail transportation by increasing processing and delivery speeds and reaching remote and isolated communities.

Van-Fraser would appreciate if you could put the word out, if you know a former Railway Mail Clerk who would be kind enough to donate some anecdotes of their service or photos.

For more information email: vanfrasernews@gmail.com

Any "Postie" or Rail fan visiting BC should not miss the West Coast Railway Park in Squamish, which houses this last remaining Railway Mail car, as well as other attractions like Canada's most beautiful steam locomotive, the Royal Hudson.

New Treasurer

Steve Smith has volunteered to take on the treasurer's position for the Trent Severn Heritage Chapter.

Going forth all membership and /or event cheques are to be sent to:

Steve Smith
Trent Severn Heritage Chapter
18 Sinclair St.
Lindsay, On
K9V 5C9

Email: ssmithcanpost@gmail.com

Ph: 416-523-7398 *** after 6:00 P.M. during the week and anytime on the weekend.

Cheques should be made out to Trent Severn Heritage Club

August Luncheon at Boston Pizza - Cancelled

We normally have our summer lunch at Boston Pizza in Lindsay.
During this luncheon, we celebrate Bruce Baker's birthday.
Since we are not able to wish Bruce "Happy Birthday" at lunch we will do so here.

Happy Birthday, Bruce



October Lunch in Peterborough - Cancelled

TRENT SEVERN HERITAGE CHAPTER CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT - Cancelled

Santa Claus Letters

Not sure what is happening with the Santa Letter writing program yet.

When I know more I will be in touch with last year's volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, contact me, Phyllis Kimmerer at 705-320-9480 or email at trentsevern22@hotmail.com

Who we are:

Trent Severn Chapter is one of 24 chapters across Canada. We cover an area from Kingston and dependent offices in the east to Huntsville and Parry Sound in the north-west of central Ontario.

What we do:

Trent Severn organizes subsidized luncheons and an Annual Golf Tournament for our members. We also collect and donate food to the food Bank and also make donations to various charities throughout the year.

Do you have any suggestions for trips or special events that you would like to participate in? Let me know at trentsevern22@hotmail.com or 705-320-9480.

Newsletter Distribution

This newsletter is produced four times a year and is distributed to every member and associate who has paid the annual dues to the Chapter for that year. Also, a general distribution is made once a year to every person currently listed as retired, or has 25 years of service in our Chapter area. Articles of general interest for the newsletter are always welcomed from our members.

Membership Advantages

Johnson Auto Insurance – exclusive savings up to 35%
Discounts for you and who travels with you through Medoc Travel Insurance
Goodlife Fitness: discounts up to 50% off the regular all club access rates.
www.goodlifefitness.com You will require your Heritage Club number to access information regarding this program
Choice Hotels: discounts of up to 20% in Canada and worldwide.
Canada Post Employee TELUS Mobility discounts.
Collette Tours discounts.
Access to special scholarships for your kids and grandkids.

Important: In order to benefit from these discounts, you must mention your Heritage Club membership number and you must have paid your membership dues to the Trent Severn Chapter for the current year, otherwise coverage could be denied or terminated.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues for the following year are due after the Fall newsletter in October. Remember, annual dues paid by our members are instrumental in keeping our chapter active.

New Members

New members will receive our Trent Severn Chapter newsletter in the current year of becoming a Heritage member, after that, they need to signify their intent to join by paying dues to the Chapter yearly in order to continue to receive our newsletters.

REMINDER

To those members who have not paid their 2020 dues as of yet, we would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Welcome to New Members/Retirees and /or 25 years service veterans

Sue Morgan – Barrie

Condolences:

Betty Nosworthy- Orillia – Feb19/20

Grace Pitt- wife of Edward Pitt – Newmarket- March 1/20

Roger Westlake

Lawrence Holmes – Cobourg

Alvin Lattimore – Kingston- Alvin passed away a few years ago and I only just found out.

Your Benefit Contact Numbers

Canada Post Pension Site: 1-800-480-9220

Gov't of Canada Superannuation: 1-800-561-7930

Canada Pension Plan/Old age Security: 1-800-277-9914

Canada Post Extended Health Plan(Canada Life) 1-866-249-5723

Public Service Health Care (Sun life): 1-888-757-7427

CPC Human Resources: 1-877-807-9090

BELLEVILLE COUNCIL

Bob Wludyka heads the council chapter in Belleville. Along with his executive and volunteers he organizes and participates in a great many functions. Some of which are as follows:

Monthly lunches are all cancelled until further notice.

Bus Trips

50/50 draws

Beer cans and liquor bottles drives – For charity

As well as other charity drives

He has also been responsible for establishing the Belleville Postal Museum.

Bob is enthusiastic about sharing ideas and events in the Belleville area.

Any of our dues paying members, who would like to join in any of Bob's functions, can contact him by phone or e-mail. bdwludyk@gmail.com or 613-986-3874

Some of Bob's upcoming trips:

Famous People Players Theatre in Toronto

Cost\$110.00 Bus... Show ...Meal

Date: Sat. Sept 26th 2020

This is an afternoon show

At the present time, this Bus trip is still going. The theater emailed Bob and said that they will be opening at the end of August. At the present time this is all Bob knows.

Give Bob a call for further detail or email him at bdwludyka@gmail.com

Volunteers

The motto of the Heritage Club is "People Helping People": we would like to know of any activity you are currently volunteering in that benefits people and/or the community and how many hours you spend per month. This is one of the criteria we are measured on by Canada Post and it affects our funding.

YOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Chapter President: Phyllis Kimmerer, Writer-Editor Newsletter

Email: trentsevern22@hotmail.com

1st Vice President: – Vacant

Treasurer: Steve Smith

Email: ssmithcanadapost@gmail.com

Secretary: Vacant

BELLEVILLE COUNCIL

BOB WLUDYKA – (613) 395-5225 E-MAIL: bdwludyka@gmail.com

FORMS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

Name:

Old Address:

New Address:

Postal code:

Phone number:

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Name:

Address:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Renewal for Self? \$10.00 Couple? \$20.00

Reminder: have you enclosed dues?

Amount Enclosed

Volunteer work:

How many hours:

Send completed forms and/or information to: Steve Smith, Treasurer, Trent Severn Heritage Chapter.

18 Sinclair St., Lindsay, On K9V 5C9

Phone (416) 523- 7398 (after 6:P.M. weekdays and all day weekends)

Cheques for luncheons and/or membership dues should be made out to “Trent Severn Heritage Chapter”