# VAN-FRASER HERITAGE CLUB

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### VAN FRASER HERITAGE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

DEC 4TH: CONTINENTAL SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

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#### March 27:

Spring Luncheon,
 Cascades Casino, Delta

#### June 11:

- Summer Luncheon (location TBA)

#### September 6 to 10:

- U-drive trip (your vehicle)

#### October 8:

Gala Banquet, Continental
 Seafood Restaurant

#### December 4:

- Christmas Luncheon with Santa and New Toy Drive

Stan Wong arranged a truly irresistible lunch, featuring seafood favorites along with chicken, pork, beef, & vegetable dishes — something delicious for every palate to enjoy.



Thanks to Susanna Hoy for managing the Toy Table, collecting the new toys and cash from generous members and setting up the impressive display table. Over 45 new toys and \$400.00 cash was donated to the Salvation Army Toy Drive.





# GREETING FRIENDS & COLLEAGUES





Fred greets Jorge and Binky, joining us on their lunch break



Dale and Nancy Peterson arriving for lunch greeted by Susie Hoy and Ken Cornish, Michael Nahirny in background



Linda Hinkleman and Janet Maxwell



Conan Hoy, Ritchie Wong and Alan Sung







# Lots of Door Prizes!





27 door prizes were crafted and donated by members, each placed in gift bags and Christmas stockings, producing lots of excitement during the meal as names were drawn.



Dennis Cole



Eddy Sung



Pat Medforth



Janet Maxwell



Mary Chizik Barker



Terry Feser





# EVEN MORE PRIZE WINNERS!



During the course of the evening, a number of door prizes were won by members and guests.

















Betty Cole and Florence Sung preparing the 50/50 draw.



\$200 50/50 Prize Winner: Williy Rances





# Photos with Santa Claus!





Helen Mah's group, had lots of fun, each wearing a festive tiara — posed with Santa



Santa (aka Peter Kozakevich) and his two elves (Liz Drescher and Mike Whillans) thanked Susanna Hoy for her contribution.







Over 45 new toys and \$400.00 cash were donated to the Salvation Army Toy Drive. Following the luncheon, Leslie delivered the toys and cash from members to the Salvation Army and as always Pastor Lt. Yau gratefully accepted them saying many children will be very happy as a result of our donations.





### 2026 VAN FRASER HERITAGE CLUB



### CRUISE TRAVEL UPDATES

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February 15: 14-nights Caribbean cruise on the Eurodam Fort Lauderdale return. Visit Nassau, Turkey and Caicos, Dominican Republic, Half Moon Cays, San Juan, St Thomas. Fares starting at \$1,785 CAD pp including taxes. Airfare extra.

March 22: 21-days Fort Lauderdale to Rotterdam on the Rotterdam. Fly to Fort Lauderdale, 9 Sea Days to relax and enjoy ship activities, visit Falmouth, Portland and Southampton, England; Brussels, Belgium; Skjolden, Stavanger, Kristiansand and Oslo Norway; scenic cruising Oslofjord and Sognefjord, and disembark in Rotterdam.

Inside cabins from \$3,090 CAD pp including taxes. Flights to Fort Lauderdale and return from Rotterdam are additional.

May 3: 14-night Alaska cruise, Vancouver return on the Nieuw Amsterdam, visit Juneau, Kodiak, Anchorage (overnight), Icy Straight, Wrangell, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, Prince Rupert. Inside cabins starting at \$2,245 CAD per person, including taxes.

May 30: 10-night Spring Cruise on the Volendam, Montreal return. All Canadian ports plus Pierre St Miquelon. Last Call!! Just a few cabins left starting at \$2,438 CAD per person, including taxes.

June 7: 7-nights Alaska on the Serenade of the Seas, Vancouver return, visit Sitka, Tracy Arm, Juneau and Prince Rupert, BC. Insides from \$972 CAD pp including taxes and Balconies from \$2,440. CAD pp including taxes.

Aug 7: and Aug 14: 14-nights on the Ovation of the Seas, Vancouver return, 2 cruises, back to back visiting Ketchikan, Sitka, Skagway, Hubbard Glacier, Seward, Icy Straight. From \$2,010 CAD pp (includes taxes but deposit is non-refundable) for 14 nights or \$2,233 CAD pp including taxes with deposit refundable until final payment. Enjoy the humongous ship with lots of bells and whistles for all ages!



Sept 16: 18-nights Cruise Great Bear Rainforest and Alaska on the Zaandam, Vancouver return. Inside cabins from \$4,117 CAD pp. This is a one-time itinerary visiting unique areas such as cruising Princess Royal Island, Grenville channel, Great Bear Rainforest, Sitka, Valdez, Kodiak, Homer, Anchorage overnight, Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay, Juneau, Wrangell, Ketchikan, scenic cruising Bella Bella and the Inside Passage. Balconies are waitlisted. Iimited insides and ocean view available.

**Note**: Be sure you have adequate out of country medical and trip cancellation insurance before confirming your trip. Call your Heritage Club office, for info on our Heritage Club group Belairdirect Travel insurance. **Cruise prices available at time of printing and may change at any time** 

Call Van Fraser Heritage Club: 604-482-4311 or email: <a href="mailto:vanfrasernews01@gmail.com">vanfrasernews01@gmail.com</a> for more info., detailed itineraries and pricing on other categories of cabins.





### Nov 23-26: Tulalip Bus Trip





Whether on a cruise or a bus trip, Heritage Club members always enjoy the 4pm Happy Hour to relax, share news and make dinner plans together.

Some members comments following the trip were:

Nice to be home as always.

Thank you for making 25

people happy and for

making them closer than

before.

The lights were amazing!

I loved the shower!



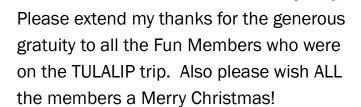




#### TULALIP BUS TRIP



From lan, our bus driver:



Their camaraderie and consideration for their fellow travelers makes all their trips fun and enjoyable!



Mary and friend, Julianna, arrive for Happy Hour





Ken Cornish checking in with Martha Bullion and Betty Tyson.



Fran, Sharon and Lori making dinner plans.

Our Tulalip Trip package included 4 meal vouchers at the hotel and some enjoyed the Olive Garden, just a short stroll through the walkway of all beautiful festive lights.





The evening light shows were stunning with over nine and a half million lights on display!





### HONOURING OUR OWN





Van Fraser Heritage Clubb set up a display in the main lobby of the Richmond PPC for employees to observe and reflect on the many Posties who served and lost their lives in the world wars. Many took time on their way to or from shifts to look at the display and review the names of the fallen in the Manuel which includes extensive research and discussions with families over the years by our member Jim Bain before he passed away.

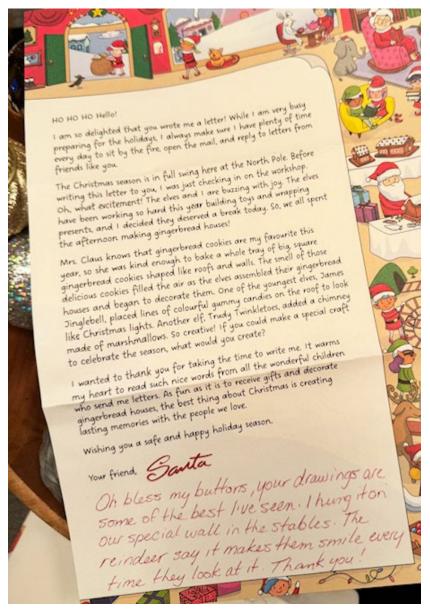
Employees also took advantage of the poppies for sale on behalf of the legion and we were happy to sellout two boxes returning the donations to the legion for the wonderful work they do.





### SANTA MAIL PROGRAM





It's a busy time with Santa letters for numerous employees and Heritage Club members replying to letters to Santa. With the rotating postal strikes, and an embargo on mail to Canada from foreign countries, parents and teachers had been reluctant to mail letters to Santa, but once a resolution was reached, letters to Santa have been pouring in giving our many volunteers lots of work!

It makes it all worthwhile and heartwarming for the volunteers when a parent sends in a letter such as this:

"A heartfelt Thank you to Canada Post and the Santa Mail Program. What a gift you've given our sweet little son who truly believes that Santa thinks his drawings are some of the best he's ever seen. What a magical Christmas gift this program is for children."

"Bless my buttons", we appreciate you!

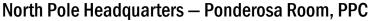
Merry Christmas!















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#### Delta Cascades Casino Buffet 6005 Highway 17A, Delta Just south of the tunnel.





Join your fellow members for a fun lunch "It's not just good food but all the chatting and catching up" \$28.00 per person includes all taxes and gratuities.

Lots of free parking, room to mingle, door prizes, variety of salads, fruit, entrees, desserts, coffee, tea and more.





If driving, offer to pick up others who live near you.

Check Transit for bus routes, and the bus stop within a short walk of the Casino.

Call your friends and colleagues to join you for lunch and conversation!



Van Fraser Heritage Club Spring Luncheon/Get-Together Friday, March 27, 2026, 11:30 am Cascades Casino Buffet, Delta Tickets: \$28.00 per person

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