

# By-Town Newsletter

## Hello!

Earlier this summer, a quorum of members elected a new By-Town Chapter Executive Committee. Having spent the majority of their careers at Canada Post, the faces (see attached Bios on pages 3 and 4) on the new Committee will no doubt already be familiar to many of you.

We hope you'll agree that this Committee reflects the evolving demographic of the Chapter's membership, which now spans at least two generations. In fact, while most Committee representatives are retired, one is an active employee who can handily represent—and help us reach and respond to—our growing, long-service employee demographic. Together, your Committee has a wealth of relevant experience and is committed to help take the Chapter to the next level and meet the needs of a thriving organization. We're eager to work with all of you in organizing interesting and appealing new activities, and are determined to find noteworthy and enjoyable activities for everyone!

Bob Hughes, President  
Ed Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Lise Jette, Treasurer  
Raj Mediratta, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Trish Edwards, Secretary  
Claude Bruneau, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP

## Happenings

### ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament (best ball)

1 p.m. shot-gun start, Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Rideau Glen Golf Club, Kempville

Come on out to the Chapter's fourth annual golf tournament and enjoy an afternoon of fun and camaraderie. Members and non-members welcome. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Canada Post Foundation for Mental Health. Register fast – limit of 60 people for dinner!

Dinner only: \$25.00; Golf & cart: \$55.00; Dinner, golf & cart: \$80.00

To give people a bit more time to decide, we've extended the **registration deadline to August 19<sup>th</sup>** (contact Lise Jetté at [treasurer@bytownchapter.com](mailto:treasurer@bytownchapter.com) for a registration form or for more information)

- ❖ **'Embrace the Fall' Lunch:** mark October 6 on your calendar for a special get-together with employees and former employees of Canada Post's Engineering Group, who come from far and near for these events, at Travelodge Hotel on Carling Avenue. Mingle with Heritage Club members, friends and former colleagues before lunch (bar opens at 11:15). Buffet will be available at 11:45 (\$15.95 per person). For more information, contact Raj Mediratta at [second-vp@bytownchapter.com](mailto:second-vp@bytownchapter.com), or check [www.bytownchapter.com](http://www.bytownchapter.com) for updates.

**RSVP to Raj by September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

- ❖ **Scholarship program (\$500):** The deadline for applications **has been extended to August 15<sup>th</sup>**. This scholarship is awarded annually to a child or grandchild of a dues-paying member of the Chapter toward college or university tuition. For more information, please contact Lise Jette at treasurer@bytownchapter.com or at 819-684-2547.
- ❖ **Syracuse Weekend Shopping** - November 4th to 6th  
Hotel: Holiday Inn, Auburn, NY – 2 nights  
Transportation to Waterloo Outlets, Carousel Mall (Syracuse), and to Finger Lakes for a wine tour  
Price: \$250.00 per person (based on double occupancy), cost includes transportation, accommodation, \$20 breakfast voucher per day per room, and dinner on Saturday evening at the hotel. (NOTE: Dinner has been organized as there are few restaurants nearby.) For more information, contact Claude at third-vp@bytownchapter.com, or check www.bytownchapter.com for updates.  
**RSVP and payment due no later than September 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ Finally, as always, our Chapter will be assisting Canada Post with its United Way and Santa Letter-writing Programs this year. Watch for more information to come on www.bytownchapter.com.

## Lunch break!

Robbie's Spaghetti House on Walkley Road remains popular with many of our members for luncheon gatherings. **These get-togethers will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month, resuming on September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Join us to catch up with long-time friends and colleagues, and to be eligible for door prizes, raffles, and more. Look for updates on www.bytownchapter.com.

## In memoriam

Remembering our recently deceased colleagues, we send our most sincere condolences to their families and friends. Rest in peace.

**Joy Ifill      Carl Morris**

## Name that newsletter...

Have your say in helping us find a fresh, modern name for our Chapter newsletter. The name of each person who makes a suggestion will be entered into a **draw for a \$25 gas card**. Send your submissions to Trish by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** at the address below.

## Find us here:

Our Chapter Executive is committed to getting the word out to active members via quarterly newsletters, our website www.bytownchapter.com, and regular email notices. **Employees** will also get regular updates on upcoming events on @Head Office, on Canada Post's internal website.

## Don't be shy!

If you have ideas for outings or activities that might be of interest to members, or if you have a skill or an interest that you're prepared to share—please, don't hesitate to contact any member of your Executive Committee. Organizations like the By-Town Heritage Club can thrive only with the willing and able help of volunteers. Check our website for our 'wish-list' of volunteer activities, coming soon.

## Get instant updates by email

Allowing your Chapter to contact you by e-mail helps us to save money and meet your information needs in a timely and efficient manner. If you have an e-mail address, please pass it along! And if you have received a print copy of this newsletter, but have already given us your e-mail address, it means we may have lost it! Please take a few minutes to provide us with your address once again by sending an email to Trish at the address below.

## Membership dues

Please help support your chapter so that we may continue to offer you opportunities to enjoy fun events and reconnect with long-time friends and former colleagues. Active members (i.e. current year's dues are paid) will receive email notices of all events; those without computers will continue to receive print copies of four newsletters each year. Active members will also receive regular updates about opportunities from WorkPerks, Johnson Home and Auto Insurance, and Goodlife Fitness.

**If you have already paid your 2011 dues, thank you very much! If you have not, please mail a cheque for \$15, made out to 'By-Town Chapter,' to Lise Jette at 5 Imp du Chardonnay, Gatineau QC J9H 7P2. (Note that the option to pay by email transfer is being explored for the future.)**

## Cause of Choice

Each year, By-Town Chapter chooses a worthy cause to raise funds for. In the past, we have donated to the Hospice at May Court, Ottawa's Seven Women's Shelters, Rogers House, and most recently, the Canada Post Foundation for Mental Health. Funds were raised at chapter events like the annual golf tournament and with the kind donation of numerous items for our auction (see our website for a list of last year's contributors and for pictures of this event). Members also contribute generously at monthly luncheons and other events. If you have ideas or suggestions for our next cause of choice, please let us know.

## Moving?

To update your address or to relay other information, please contact Trish Edwards by email or by phone at 613-627-5872.

## By-Town Chapter Executive, June 2011

### Bob Hughes President

Bob joined Canada Post in 1973, retiring in 2009. During this time, he worked in Labour Relations, Operations and Human Resources, at Head Office and in New Brunswick and PEI, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Northern Ontario. Prior to his retirement, Bob was the Corporate liaison with the Heritage Club for a number of years. In this role, he worked with a number of Heritage Club Chapters across the country and learned that an active membership is the main key to a successful Chapter.



### Lise Jette Treasurer

Lise began working at Canada Post in 1969, when the Corporation was known as the Post Office Department, and retired in 2006 with 37 years of service. During her career, she held several positions in Human Resources. She considers herself fortunate to have been involved as a volunteer, since 1990, with the Heritage Club, which had been created the previous year. Her last 14 years at Canada Post were spent working on such programs as the Postmark Awards, Scholarship, Years of Service, and of course the Heritage Club.



## **Trish Edwards**

### **Secretary**

Trish joined Canada Post in 1987 as a writer in the Corporate Correspondence Unit. Later, in Employee Communications, she was managing editor of *Heritage Magazine* and *Interaction Newsletter*, and a section editor of *Performance Magazine*, for more than a decade. Trish completed her career in Stamp Services as managing editor of collector publications *Details* and *Collections*, and she also helped to create a new collectors' space on Canada Post's website as well as to launch the stamp sections of its new online stores. Trish retired in 2010.



## **Ed Miller**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Ed's career at Canada Post started in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, as a Mail handler and Clerk. Later, he worked as an Admin Trainee in Personnel, followed by positions in Staffing, Human Resourcing and Labour Relations. In the 1980s, he was promoted to Manager, Labour Relations, in Edmonton, and then Personnel Director, in London. In 1991, he was appointed Director, Retail Operations, Huron Division. His final move was to Ottawa in 1993 as Director, Operations Northern Services. Ed retired in 2003, and his retirement interests include family, friends, gardening and travel.



## **Raj Mediratta**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Raj joined Canada Post in 1974 as the Manager of Industrial Engineering at the Saskatchewan Postal District in Saskatoon. During his 30-year career with the Post Office, he held various positions such as Director of International Business, Director of MMS, Director of Address Management, Director of Quality Assurance, Director of Projects Planning and Control and Director of TOPS in Mid-west Division. He is a Professional Engineer and was awarded the "Postal Innovator of the year award" in 1997 by NAMMU. Raj retired from Canada Post in June 2004.



## **Claude Bruneau**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

Claude started working at Canada Post in 1984, and is still having fun after 27 years. Most of his career has been spent in Communications and Human Resources. In Communications, he held various positions with Administration, Association Liaison and Public Relations; in HR, he has worked with teams such as Employee Recognition, Employee Policies and Program, OP&D, and, currently, Employee Engagement. As the youngest member on the By-Town Chapter Executive, Claude looks forward to representing all active Head Office employees.

