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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MARCH / APRIL 2021  NORTHERN FOGHORN** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MONTHLY LUNCHEONS?**  **Due to current provincial Covid-19 restrictions, our monthly luncheons are suspended until further notice.** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A Message from Your Northern Branch President**  A year has come and gone and our lives are still somewhat upside down.  Restricted travel, family gatherings discouraged, seniors in lock down, and our normal contacts with family and friends greatly reduced.  Now even more so; it is imperative that we reach out and stay in contact with the one’s we love and that are important to us.  I find that phone calls seem much more rewarding than text messages or emails. What I miss most is the handshakes and hugs. Everyone needs a hug.   I look forward to once again holding our monthly luncheons, seeing familiar faces and visiting.  It will be a blessing to again see the smiling faces now hidden behind masks.  A big shout out to Rudy Zellman, our Foghorn Editor, for putting together our news letter which helps to keep us informed and in touch.  Thanks Rudy.  If anyone has any additional ideas on how to stay in contact with one another during these times please contact me.  Every idea counts.  As we move into March and try to put winter behind us let’s look forward to better times.  Stay positive, be kind to each other, we will survive.  Al Beeson | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **COVID-10 Immunization Plan**  If you are 80 years of age or over, you should be receiving a telephone call, postcard or an email in the next couple of weeks. Immunizations will start in early March.  If you are under 80 years old, your turn will come near the end of March and beyond. You will need to register.  For further details, click on this link: [COVID-19 Immunization Plan - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/vaccines) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Esther and Keith Monroe**  Congratulations to Esther Monroe. She is the provincial winner for submitting her volunteer hours for 2020.  Elly Tower (Provincial Power Pioneers Executive Assistant and Membership Chair) stated "Thank you for volunteering in your community, and for submitting your volunteer hours through our Volunteer Hour Survey for 2020. Congratulations, Esther, on being our provincial draw winner for a $1000 donation to the charity of your choice."  Keith reports "We have split the donations.   $500 to BC Childrens Hospital and $500 to Canadian Cancer Society - to be directed to the Kordyban Lodge in Prince George. Interesting to note that during February the donation to Childrens Hospital will be matched by Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Cancer donation will be tripled by corporate donors.   We chose the Childrens hospital because in past years we did have relatives treated at that facility.    As well, I have a bit of a connection to the Kordyban lodge in Prince George as a group of us have played music for the residents there - not in this past year of course because of Covid restrictions.  The Kordyban lodge is a facility in Prince George that accommodates out of town cancer patients."  Elly Tower states that provincially "We had 327 respondents to the survey, resulting in $6,540 that will be distributed to your Branches, to be used for donations to local charities in need in your community. The amount that each Branch will receive is based on the number of your Branch members that submitted hours for the survey."  Donna Zellman (Northern Branch Volunteer hour Coordinator) wishes to thank everyone who submitted their volunteer hours to the survey. Northern branch has approximately 90 members of which 23 submitted their volunteer hours for a total of 3761 hours. Way to go! We will receive $460 which we will be donating to the Prince George Hospice Society. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **March 14. Remember to move your clocks ahead 1 hour.** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **UPCOMING EVENTS**  March 14 - Daylight Savings Time begins (move clocks ahead 1 hour)  March 17 - St Patrick's Day  April 1 - April Fools Day  April 2 - Good Friday  April 4 - Easter Sunday | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **POWER PIONEERS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**  Do you have a grandchild graduating from high school this year? Or possibly a child or grandchild of a friend or neighbour? Each Power Pioneers Branch offers a $500 award to the successful applicant of the community service award criteria. The deadline to receive the applications is March 31st. So, get the information as soon as possible.  Click on the link below:  [Community Service Award – Power Pioneers](https://www.powerpioneers.com/making-a-difference/bc-hydro-power-pioneers-community-service-award/)  or contact: Tim Thompson [tmthompson@telus.net](http://tmthompson@telus.net/)  Phone: 250 962-9508 | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SmugMug**  SmugMug is a collection of photos on the Power Pioneers website. Have a look at the photos we have in there. If you have some photos, please forward them to Rudy Zellman [rzellman@telus.net](mailto:rzellman@telus.net)   Click on this link to SmugMug.  <https://powerpioneers.smugmug.com/PGbranch> | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **March / April Birthdays**  March     8          Neil Henderson                                    March      9          John McClelland         March     9          Muriel Dillabough                                 March     11          Pat Hauck March    12         Dave Read                                           March     14          Max Munro March    16         Terrance Chappell                                March     16          Tim Thompson March    22         Andre Martin                                         March     25          Polly St Germain March    30         Roxanne Receveur April        9          Colleen Krys                                         April          9          Sylvia Gilgan April        9          Marilyn Tuson                                       April          9          Shirley Gratton April       10         Diane McGillis                                      April         21          Reg Durrell April       24         Bob Bishop                                           April         24          Elaine Hauck    **March / April Anniversaries**  March      3          Hubert & Iona Kelly - 1962 March      9          Lew & Mary Rutledge - 1960 March      9          Don & Janet Ferrey - 1979 April         1          Dave & Melissa Read - 1967 April       30          Andre & Nora Martin - 2016 | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Membership Information**  To renew your annual membership: $10 per person  You can pay Maggie at our monthly luncheon meeting, or You can renew your membership and pay by credit card online at [www.powerpioneers.com](http://www.powerpioneers.com/)  If you prefer to pay by cheque, these can be mailed to our Membership Chair: Maggie Stoner  | 28670 Red Rock Rd West, Prince George V2N 6A1 | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | If you require more information or would like to comment, please do so to [rzellman@telus.net](mailto:rzellman@telus.net) | | | |