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State your preference: beef or chicken.** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A Message from Your Northern Branch President**  July 1, 2021  A big hello to all our Northern Branch Members.  Summer is finally here and as I am writing this we are all seeking relief from the extreme heat.  I am sure the weather will return to more moderate temperatures that we can enjoy.   I am happy to announce that there will be a free BBQ hosted by the Northern Branch on August 26th, 2021 and will be held at Tim and Gail Thompson’s home:   * 2662 Ingala Place, Prince George, BC * Start time: 2:00 PM * Food served at 4:00 PM   The BBQ will consist of beef and chicken burgers, salads, ice cream and desserts, water, coffee and tea. If you are looking for something a little stronger please BYOB but plan on a safe drive home with a designated driver.   **Please confirm your attendance by August 20th as well as your preference of beef or chicken**.  Also advise if you have any other dietary needs.   * RSVP – Al Beeson * Email:  [**akbeeson@telus.net**](mailto:akbeeson@telus.net)   or call 250-962-6640 and leave a message.   The BBQ is a social event only. The monthly luncheon meetings will commence in September if the Northern Health Guidelines allow.  We will keep you posted on this as the date approaches.   Look forward to seeing many of you at the, yes, free BBQ … (not a typo).   Enjoy your summer   Al Beeson | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **2021 NORTHERN BRANCH - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** Recipient is **Sophia Mahmoud, a** grade 12 graduate from Duchess Park Secondary School in Prince George.  Shown here receiving a  framed certificate, a $500 cheque and a Power Pioneers book, entitled "Voices from Two Rivers", from **Al Beeson**(Northern Branch President), on left, and **Tim Thompson** (Northern Community Service Award Chairman), on right.  (photo taken by Gail Thompson)  **The Northern Branch Community Service Award Chairman, Tim Thompson, reports the following:**  The Northern Branch has picked a winner of the Community Service Award.  We had five applications from candidates within the Northern Area that volunteered personal hours to the community that they live in.  It is nice to see these students demonstrate their leadership and take the time to help many people from young to the elderly and also assist in various community activities.  The committee felt each application was exceptional and deserving of our award.    The Power Pioneer Northern Branch chose **Sophia Mahmoud** for the Provincial Community Service award.  **Sophia** is a grade twelve student at Duchess Park Secondary. We found this student deserving of the Community Youth Award.  This student excelled in her academics in which she made the Principal's list and honor roll during her four years in high school.  **Sophia** spent countless hours volunteering in various activities around Prince George.  She helped feed the less fortunate at St Vincent De Paul's soup kitchen; she spent time organizing and volunteering in the Climb for Cancer fundraiser.  Sophia volunteered within her school in bringing awareness to the Red Dress campaign about missing Indigenous women, anti-bullying and Teen Mental Awareness day.   This student also has a passion in Track and Field in which she volunteered her time and according to the Head Coach, demonstrated her leadership skills with children to help them meet their goals within Track and Field.  She also spent time coaching Track and Field to seniors as well.   During the review process of the applications we also found another exceptional candidate for the Community service Award.  **Kurstann Mast** is a grade twelve student from Fort St John who volunteered in many activities within her community from helping in the Public Library, community clean-ups, food drives and visiting seniors at the local seniors home.  She also helped and Volunteered with the Youth Advisory Council in which she helped address a safety risk by having a crosswalk built for a local middle school.  **Kurstann** volunteered as a photographer at the 2020 BC Winter Games; she assisted professional photographers at the games in which she photographed and interviewed the athletes.   **Kurstann** uploaded and shared her photos with the athletes for them to remember their time at the Winter Games and her community.   In **Kurstann's** essay, she acknowledged the Covid Pandemic drew challenges for her to volunteer in events within her community.  During last year's summer vacation she wrote 30 letters to seniors that were confined and isolated in their extended care home.  She reminded the seniors that they are part of her community, even when outside influences do not allow as much interaction.   We felt this student, **Kurstann Mast,** should also receive a Recognition award.  The Northern Branch executive unanimously voted to give her a $500 award for her volunteerism within her community. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **JEANS UP CAMPAIGN 2021**  **Pat Dool**, Northern Branch Jeans Up Coordinator, sends the following message:  A huge thank you for your generous donations to the BC Children's Hospital Jeans Up Campaign this year!  I appreciate your support in raising funds for this worthwhile cause. We are at $47,000 and counting...    Have an awesome summer and maybe we will be meeting in the Fall.   Pat | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **UPCOMING EVENTS**  July  1 - Canada Day  August 2 - BC Day  August 26 - Power  Pioneers BBQ | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Father's Day - PG Cruzin' Classics Car Show Parade**  Top Left: 1964 Chevy II Nova, 283 cu. in., 4 speed - Wayne Clarke Top Right: 1969 Mustang Mach 1, 428 cu. in., R code, Ram Air - Al Beeson Bottom Left: 1969 Camaro Z28 - Chad Beeson (Al's son) Bottom Right: Jeep CJ 8 - Shaun (Al's neighbour)  Donations from the PG Cruzin' Classics were presented to the PG Hospice House and The Alzheimer's Society. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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> | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **July / August Birthdays**  July       16          Marilyn Podd                            July        21          Pam Blacklock        July       21          Bryan Tuson                             July        21          Shirley Chappell July       23          Keith Monroe                            July        28          Linda Fabian July       29          Ed Elliott August  13          Terry Receveur                          August  18          Connie Richter August  18          Debra Henderson                      August  21          Melissa Read August  24          Lew Rutledge                            August  25          Lenore Harwood August  26          Esther Monroe    **July / August Anniversaries**  July         4          Pat & Elaine Hauck - 1964 July        11         Terrance & Shirley Chappell - 1968 August     2         Tim & Gail Thompson - 1968 August     4          Ron & Jesse Gowe - 1985 August     7         Terry & Roxanne Receveur August   24          Bryan & Marilyn Tuson   Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If you would like yours included, please send your information to Maggie Stoner [maggie.stoner@gmail.com](http://maggie.stoner@gmail.com/) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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) | | | | |  | |