



WELCOME TO:



Hosted By: Kinsmen Club of St. Thomas
May 10-12, 2024
Ramada by Wyndham London



Kin Canada
Kinsmen • Kinettes • Kin
District 1

O Canada

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.

Kin Song

Here we are, together once again
One and all a happy bunch of Kin
Leave your cares and troubles for a while
Let your face break forth in smile
Look around, grab someone by the hand
They're your friends, the finest in the land
Now all set, let's shout to beat the band
Kinsmen, Kinettes and Kin!

Kin Expression of Gratitude

Happy to meet, Sorry to part
Happy to meet again
May we always be true Kin
In our thoughts and deeds,
And be truly grateful
For all good things received.

Choo Choo!!

ATTENTION MEMBERS Kin on Track is on time and on schedule Next Stop Spring Convention in London hosted by the St. Thomas Kinsmen Club. Please remember to remain seated until the train reaches the terminal.

What an amazing year it has been!!

The train has been chugging along all year full of steam and connecting with clubs and members.

Our team has definitely been on the right track we have an almost unprecedented increase in membership this year, I guess we still have the V.I.B.E for growth.

Communicating with the district Martina has been busy filling our events calendar and sending out a boxcar of information to clubs and members.

Frank and Mike are working very hard rolling out the CF Gala, the scrunchies, the Tie one on Beer, a district wide Bottle Drive. Brandon has several awards to present this year unfortunately there is no award for Outstanding Awards Director or he would have another plaque on his wall. As for risk management we are “Pump”ed as Paul and Lori have certainly carried their “weight” as is evident that we have ZERO clubs with outstanding risk management issues, and every club is currently in good standing.

Matt has definitely been pulling his “tender” (see what I did there money-tender.) writing cheques and making sure every thing balances.

Lisa has been keeping track of all we did so you can always look back in our minutes if you missed anything.

Colleen.....has carried so much for us this year connecting the stations, making sure the switch tracks are set, and mostly for putting up with all of our shenanigans, we honestly couldn't have done it without you!!

We anxiously look forward to National Convention in PEI and encourage you to familiarize yourself with all that National is putting on track and hope to see some of you there.

As always if you have questions or concerns, or would like some help at events, projects, or would like a visit to your club, please reach out to us at goverors@district1kin.ca

Thank you all for all you do and your support this year.

Governors Shawn and Carol



DID YOU BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING? PRIZE ALERT!!!!

April 14 to 20 was National Volunteer Week.

Playing a vital role in the inclusivity, strength and well-being of our communities, thru the contributions of time, skills, empathy and creativity significantly enhances the quality of life we all strive for.

To recognize and celebrate the impact of more hands make lighter work, if you “brought a friend” to a March or April meeting, service project or social for your club; remember to send us the name of your invited guest or guests to governors@district1kin.ca.

If your guest is confirmed as a newly registered member by the deadline of October 31, 2024 - your name will go into a draw to receive a prize at FLC 2024 from the Kin on Track Team.

Good luck. **Let's keep District 1 on the right track and continue to grow!!!!**

SAVE THE DATE

The sun is out, and you should be too...
so we're having a party and the District
Is inviting you.

Everyone's coming, you should be there,
Bring your family and a potluck dish to share.

Please save the date & come socialize at the
first annual **DISTRICT WIDE KIN CANADA
SUMMER PICNIC** hosted by the Kin on Track Team.

This is a **FREE** event being held in the Railway
City of St.Thomas.

Date: June 2, 2024
Place: Pinafore Park, St.Thomas
(Street Railway Shelter)
Time: 2-8pm

Contact: governors@district1kin.ca

**Please wear your Kin shirt and/or
Red & White.**

The graphic is decorated with summer-themed illustrations: a sun, sunglasses, a watermelon slice, a popsicle, flip-flops, a beach ball, a swim cap, and a drink with a straw.

Greetings from the National President Amanda Naughton-Gale



Hello fellow Kin!

I can't believe we are already at that time in the Kin year when we are enjoying District Conventions. I'm sure your District Governors and their teams can't believe what a whirlwind of a year this has been. Thank you for your dedication over this past year. Our Districts work hard to help support clubs, keep them informed, share education, and support the service that clubs provide to their communities. Please take time to reflect on the hard work and the incredible impact that you've had and seen throughout your District.

District Conventions are really where the business gets done. I know many of us do not enjoy that business portion, but some of us (OK me) truly do! I've experienced and participated in, many a passionate debate on the floor of a District Convention. What I've learned from over the years is that debate is needed to continue to drive the Association forward. We can't all agree on everything, nor should we. There should be opposing views, and discussion and debate should happen. We are governed by the rule of democracy, and the will of the majority does decide in the end. Let's just ensure that as passionate as we can be about our opinions on the future of the Association at all its levels, we do so respectfully.

This debate is going to be critical in the upcoming years for Kin Canada. The National Board of Directors tasked the Operations Model Working Group (OMG) to have a look at our current situation, search out feedback from members and external sources, and make recommendations on changes that will ensure that Kin Canada will continue to Serve the Community's Greatest Needs for well beyond our 104 years of existence. From some of the preliminary reports that we have seen, there will be major discussions surrounding the governing and operational structure of the Association. Some of these recommendations will challenge how we do business and may result in substantial changes. As active members of Kin Canada, we all need to be prepared to actively participate by providing our feedback, joining in the discussion and debates, listening to all views, and supporting our leadership at all levels in guiding us through the upcoming changes.

We are at an exciting crossroads for the Association. As we look towards these changes, the National Board will also look to update the strategic plan, in consultation with the Operations Team and Members. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the Association to continue to support clubs in Serving the Community's Greatest Need. Now more than ever, we need to look at how we can be Innovative, where we can best Invest back in the Association, and how we can INTENSIFY the Impact that Kin Canada has across the country.

Yours in Kin

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Naughton-Gale'.

Amanda Naughton-Gale
National President
2023-2024

Happy Spring Convention District 1 Kin!

I hope that you all had safe travels *on track* to London and are now enjoying great hospitality from the Kinsmen Club of St. Thomas while you celebrate all the amazing things you have done in District 1 under the leadership of Governors Carol and Shawn. I hope that you are *full steam ahead* for a weekend of education, hearty and respectful debate, celebrating the past year and *choo-choosing* your next set of D1 leaders.

I fully admire the lengths that Governor Carol and Shawn have gone to this year with the help of their team to really *conduct* and build an online connection through their “Train of Thought” and #KinEducation posts on the District 1 Kin Facebook page. I am always reading along and *keeping track of* everyone’s answers and appreciate all the kin members who answer those same Facebook posts to also help build the connection with one another.

District Convention is a time to reflect on the past year. I hope that you are all able to reflect on the ways that you have served your communities, the impact that you have made, how you have inspired others and ways you have innovated projects, fundraisers, and community opportunities.

District Convention is also a time to look ahead to the future. While you are together sharing fellowship consider how you will **elevate** your community, your club, your fellow kin and most importantly, yourself, in the upcoming kin year.

Currently, I am looking forward to next year as I have slowly started to plan out my travel stops to visit with as many Kin from coast to coast to coast during my National President year. I am excited to work with Vice Governors Lori and Paul and their incoming team to see how I can best connect with District 1 Kin whether that will be attending your Fall Leadership Conference or your District Convention. I am also open to invitations from any club as I hope I get to meet Kin that I have never met before, travel to kin clubs that have never had a National President’s visit before and inspire new leaders within Kin Canada. If your club thinks that a visit from the National President is something that interests them, if you have a must-see project, or perhaps you have a milestone club anniversary, I would be beyond happy to receive an invite and try my best to attend.

I look forward to seeing you at National Convention in Charlottetown, for “Exploring New Shores in 2024”!

Yours in Kin,



Marley Hanishewsky
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT | KIN CANADA
Elevate 2024/2025
 Mhanishewsky@kincanada.ca

Greetings District 1,

As Executive Director of Kin Canada, and on behalf of all operations staff, I would like to wish you all a fun and enjoyable experience at District Convention. I'm sure there will be a great turnout in London filled with passionate members of Kin, and who are looking forward to the upcoming Kin year!

As I have been in this incredible role for the past 6 months, what truly stands out for me is witnessing the community impacts being made across the country – from all the amazing service projects to the fundraising drives undertaken by our clubs for such worthy causes. It gives me great honour and pride to be a part of this association, and to see all the work being done by our members to improve their respective communities.

When I first came to HQ, I made it my mission to talk to leaders within our organization to learn the finer details of Kin Canada, as with a rich history comes along layers of complexities and further understanding. With that, it was evident that there are some significant challenges that exist, but also opportunities that we can benefit from and capitalize on. I hope to have conversations with more leaders and other members of the association over the coming months, as there is still much to learn about Kin Canada.

With continuous learning, there needs to be action in unison. I, along with our amazing team at HQ have hit the ground running, as we are working on ways to better support our clubs, while looking to stabilize and potentially grow our membership base. Outside of refining internal processes and systems, some of our key initiatives at HQ have been operationalizing our strategic plan for better execution of strategic priorities, implementing several OMG recommendations, and compiling data and tracking key performance indicators to better understand trends and overall membership composition. Planning of National Convention is coming along well, while we will continue to provide services and guidance to the membership while managing administration for our association.

I have seen great work come out of District 1, and anticipating more of this as we continue to find ways to build and improve our association. Working with Governors Carol and Shawn has been a pleasure, and I look forward to working with incoming Governors Lori & Paul and the District Leadership Team. I'm also looking forward to meeting many of you at our National Convention in Charlottetown in August, as there will be a stable of business, learning, and overall fun taking place. Here's to ending the current Kin year on a strong note and expecting great successes in the upcoming Kin year!

Yours in Kin,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Sidhu'.

Randy Sidhu
Executive Director
Kin Canada

Good Day Governor Carol van Rooy & Governor Shawn Holroyd

Members of District 1 - I want to be your next National Vice President

I am writing to introduce myself as a candidate for the position of your next National Vice President of Kin Canada. I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and leadership to support the association's goals of innovate, invest, and impact on a national level.

My slogan going forward is **Empowering Change: Transforming Lives**. It reflects Kin Canada's commitment to making a positive difference in our communities across the country. It signifies that our association is dedicated to empowering members and individuals in our communities to create meaningful change. And that our association is focused on transforming the lives of community members we serve.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a proven track record of success in my 35 years of military experience and 41 years total serving the citizens of our great country. My experience the past 10 years in Kin as Club President, District Governor, Governor, District 7 Service Director, and the past two years representing Kin Members on the National Board, two years on the Strategic Planning committee and this year as National Secretary, has equipped me with a deep understanding of relevant issues and challenges that we currently face in Kin and the ability to continue the work towards developing and implementing effective strategies to address them.

As a strategic thinker and a results-driven leader, I am confident in my ability to drive the Association's mission, "Volunteer members impacting Canadian communities through service, leadership, fellowship and personal development", forward as your National Vice President. I possess strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills, which will enable me to effectively collaborate with stakeholders, manage teams, and implement impactful initiatives.

I am highly motivated, adaptable, and thrive in fast-paced environments. I am adept at building and maintaining relationships with diverse groups of individuals, and I believe in the power of teamwork and collaboration to achieve common goals. I am committed to fostering a culture of inclusivity, innovation, investment, impact, and excellence within the association.

I am inspired by the exceptional work that Kin Canada does in all our communities across our great country from Newfoundland to British Columbia and in between. I am confident that my passion, expertise, and proven ability to drive results make me a strong candidate for the National Vice President position.

As you consider the important work that lies ahead, remember that Canadians have placed their trust in you. It is now our sacred responsibility to help build that better community. It will prove that better is not only possible – it is the inevitable result when Kin Members work together. The effect you have on others is the most valuable currency there is.

Fellow Kin the next couple of years are critical to our Association. All levels of the Association must work in partnership and cooperate with each other to ensure that our Association is thriving and continues to expand in our communities and across our country. I truly believe every member of the Kin Community has the individual strengths to make the larger organization more successful.

Thank you for taking the time to read about me and my goals and if elected to continue the great work we are doing across our association and in our communities. I truly believe every member of Kin Canada has the individual strengths that make the larger organization more effective.

Yours in Kin

Patrick R Bowers



EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Welcome to District Convention 2024! We come together this weekend to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, share project ideas and renew our many Kin friendships.

We have so much to be proud of this year. Wonderful projects have happened from coast to coast and whether large or small, each project has had an impact on our communities. Be it steak nights and fish fries. Bottle drives or flower sales, Ladies Night Out or Comedy Nights. Motorcycle draws or home lottos. Chase the Ace or paint nights. Walks in support of CF Canada, the Terry Fox Foundation, or the Coldest Night of Year and of course Kin KINdness Day, every project and donation helps to make our communities better places to live thanks to the work of Kin Canada.

Our creativity, enthusiasm and passion for service fuels us to ***“Intensify”*** the impact of our Association on the lives of Canadians.

Thank you for your dedication to “Serving the Community's Greatest Need”.

Yours in Service,

Sheila Laverty
National Service Director
Kin Canada

**** BECAUSE THIS IS A WORKING AGENDA, IT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****

Spring District Convention 2024 Agenda
May 10-12, 2024 – London, Ontario



FRIDAY May 10th – REGISTRATION, OPENING CEREMONIES, HOSPITALITY

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN - starting at 4pm
OPENING CEREMONIES - 7pm in the lobby of the hotel
HOSPITALITY ROOM OPENS - After opening ceremonies

SATURDAY May 11th – SPRING DISTRICT CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING & BANQUET

7:00-8:45AM BREAKFAST

7:45-8:45AM CREDENTIALS DESK OPEN

9:00AM CALL TO ORDER **NOTE CREDENTIALS DESK CLOSING AT 8:45AM**

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KIN SONG

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MOMENT OF SILENCE

KIN CLUB OF HEAVEN

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
2. ADDRESS TO THE CHAIR
3. HOST COMMITTEE REMARKS
4. APPOINTMENTS AND CREDENTIALS REPORT
5. FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – HOST CLUB OF DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025 & PERC DAWSON 2025
6. PRESENTATIONS
 - Minutes of FLC 2023
 - Presentation of FLC 2023 Financial Statement
 - Presentation of District One Service Financials 2022-2023
 - Presentation of District One Financials 2023-2024, budgeted vs year to date
 - Presentation of District One BUDGETED Financials 2024-2025
 - Presentation of District One BUDGETED Service Financials 2024-2025 (and CF trip presentation)
 - Engagement Committee Presentation
 - Tabled Resolution
7. SECOND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – HOST CLUB OF DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025 & PERC DAWSON 2025
8. PRESENTATIONS
 - Education Director Presentation – Randy Sidnu
 - Operating Model Review Working Group Presentation
 - Kin Canada Foundation Presentation
 - Joke-off and Speak-off Competition
 - National Board and Budget Presentation
 - National Convention Presentation
 - National Service Director Presentation
9. THIRD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – HOST CLUB OF DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025 & PERC DAWSON 2025
10. BALLOT IF REQUIRED FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025 & PERC DAWSON 2025
11. ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025 & PERC DAWSON 2025
12. GOOD OF KIN
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HOST COMMITTEE

TBD – FIRST TIMERS WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

6:00 SOCIAL, 6:30 DINNER & AWARDS BANQUET

SUNDAY MAY 12

BREAKFAST IS FROM 7:00AM-11:00AM – SAFE TRIP HOME!

*** NOTE: CASH BAR OPEN DURING LUNCH ***

Rules of Order Report

Chair: Past Governor Past Governor Darryl Van Moorsel

District One House Rules and the National General Operating By-Laws will govern all business of Annual District Convention 2024

Credentials Report

Chair: DG's Patti Lamb and Linda van der Linde

The General Operating By-Law, National Policies and Procedures, and District One House Rules will govern all voting procedures of the Spring Convention 2024. If a ballot vote is needed, voting strength of delegates will be determined by the Credentials report as presented.

Scrutineer Report

Chair: DG's Patti Lamb and Linda van der Linde

Should there be an occasion to be voting by ballot, or any other means requiring a detailed count at the District Spring Convention, the members of the scrutineers committee shall be Patti Lamb, Credentials Co-Chair; Linda van der Linde, Credentials Chair; four Deputy Governors to assist; and a representative from each party involved in the vote.

TABLED RESOLUTION FROM SPRING 2023

RESOLUTION #2 - District Fall Leadership Conference

Whereas : The NET Membership in District 1 over the past ten years has declined by 35% totaling 1004 KIN as of Jan. 30 / 23 resulting in a current membership decline of 511 KIN and

Whereas: During this same 10 year period 1301 New Members had joined District 1 and 312 Members were reinstated showing an actual gross loss of 2124 members leaving our District Membership and

Whereas: The costs of travel, accommodation and meals has significantly increased

Whereas: Attendance at our two Conventions in 2022 totaled just 4.5% of our District Membership and continues to decline and

Whereas: Active participation and full communication is imperative to the success and Future of KIN

Be it resolved that the following AMENDMENT to our District House Rules apply:

Article 12

Section 2 – Time, Location, Notice and Duration (Amended)

(Addition) Subsection 5. That the duration of Fall Leadership Conference be limited to a one day event.

Objective: To reduce the expense of Friday to Sunday travel for Fall Leadership Conference for both general members and District Council while focusing on the business of District 1 Prior to fellowship.

Further to build strength through greater participation of more active members engaged at our Fall Leadership Conferences.

Respectfully Submitted by the Membership of:

The Fonthill & District Kinsmen Club

Ruled in order 2023/04/21 by:

Life Member Melissa Whetham

Rules of Order Chair, D1 Spring Convention 2023

District 1 Kin

Budget vs. Actuals: Kin On Track 2023-2024 budget - FY24 P&L Classes

January 2023 - August 2024

	KIN ON TRACK 2023-2024			TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income						
20200 Vice Governor transfer in		5,000.00	-5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$ -5,000.00
20300 Member Dues	49,717.80	49,717.80	0.00	\$49,717.80	\$49,717.80	\$0.00
20400 House Rules Assessment		385.00	-385.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$ -385.00
20500 Convention Assessments		7,700.00	-7,700.00	\$0.00	\$7,700.00	\$ -7,700.00
20600 Kinship One & Website Ad Sales		350.00	-350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$ -350.00
20700 Interest	55.58	400.00	-344.42	\$55.58	\$400.00	\$ -344.42
20800 Fine Pots				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20810 Spring Fines		150.00	-150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$ -150.00
20820 FLC Fines		150.00	-150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$ -150.00
Total 20800 Fine Pots		300.00	-300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ -300.00
21000 Club Leadership Seminar fees		400.00	-400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$ -400.00
21400 From Surplus		10,000.00	-10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$ -10,000.00
Total Income	\$49,773.38	\$74,252.80	\$ -24,479.42	\$49,773.38	\$74,252.80	\$ -24,479.42
GROSS PROFIT	\$49,773.38	\$74,252.80	\$ -24,479.42	\$49,773.38	\$74,252.80	\$ -24,479.42
Expenses						
30000 Council Meetings				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30100 District Leadership Seminar	1,912.67	2,726.00	-813.33	\$1,912.67	\$2,726.00	\$ -813.33
30300 September Council		2,650.00	-2,650.00	\$0.00	\$2,650.00	\$ -2,650.00
30400 Midterm	2,089.25	2,899.00	-809.75	\$2,089.25	\$2,899.00	\$ -809.75
Total 30000 Council Meetings	4,001.92	8,275.00	-4,273.08	\$4,001.92	\$8,275.00	\$ -4,273.08
31000 House Rules		200.00	-200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$ -200.00
32000 District Planner	63.61	200.00	-136.39	\$63.61	\$200.00	\$ -136.39
33000 Club Leadership Seminar		750.00	-750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$ -750.00
34000 Zone Conference Expense		200.00	-200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$ -200.00
35000 Membership Programs		500.00	-500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$ -500.00
40000 Convention Assessment	2,650.00	7,700.00	-5,050.00	\$2,650.00	\$7,700.00	\$ -5,050.00
41100 Vice Governor's Team	96.80	3,000.00	-2,903.20	\$96.80	\$3,000.00	\$ -2,903.20
41200 Deputy Governor Allotments	1,575.00	3,150.00	-1,575.00	\$1,575.00	\$3,150.00	\$ -1,575.00
41300 Governor's Honorarium	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
42000 Mileage				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
42100 Mileage - Executive	1,728.96	4,406.40	-2,677.44	\$1,728.96	\$4,406.40	\$ -2,677.44
42200 Mileage - Deputy Governors	3,974.70	5,317.20	-1,342.50	\$3,974.70	\$5,317.20	\$ -1,342.50
42300 Club Support Director Travel	340.80	2,000.00	-1,659.20	\$340.80	\$2,000.00	\$ -1,659.20
42400 Mileage - Governor Travel	2,198.74	2,000.00	198.74	\$2,198.74	\$2,000.00	\$198.74
Total 42000 Mileage	8,243.20	13,723.60	-5,480.40	\$8,243.20	\$13,723.60	\$ -5,480.40
43000 Conventions				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
43100 Fall Leadership Conference	11,882.50	8,400.00	3,482.50	\$11,882.50	\$8,400.00	\$3,482.50
43200 Spring Convention		8,816.00	-8,816.00	\$0.00	\$8,816.00	\$ -8,816.00
43300 National Convention	2,120.12	6,000.00	-3,879.88	\$2,120.12	\$6,000.00	\$ -3,879.88
Total 43000 Conventions	14,002.62	23,216.00	-9,213.38	\$14,002.62	\$23,216.00	\$ -9,213.38
45000 Website Hosting		400.00	-400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$ -400.00
50000 General Administration				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50100 Stationary/Secretary	232.60	250.00	-17.40	\$232.60	\$250.00	\$ -17.40
50200 Technology/Software		240.00	-240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$ -240.00
50300 Postage		100.00	-100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$ -100.00
50400 Kin Sales / Tributes	375.83	1,500.00	-1,124.17	\$375.83	\$1,500.00	\$ -1,124.17
50500 Council shirts/badges	1,301.78	1,600.00	-298.22	\$1,301.78	\$1,600.00	\$ -298.22
50600 Awards	20.34	1,840.00	-1,819.66	\$20.34	\$1,840.00	\$ -1,819.66
50800 Advance to VG team		5,000.00	-5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$ -5,000.00
50900 Fine Pot Donation		150.00	-150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$ -150.00
50950 Fines to NVP fund		150.00	-150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$ -150.00

District 1 Kin

Budget vs. Actuals: Kin On Track 2023-2024 budget - FY24 P&L Classes

January 2023 - August 2024

	KIN ON TRACK 2023-2024			TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
52000 Miscellany		100.00	-100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$ -100.00
53000 Bank Service Charges	40.00		40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Total 50000 General Administration	1,970.55	10,930.00	-8,959.45	\$1,970.55	\$10,930.00	\$ -8,959.45
Total Expenses	\$34,803.70	\$74,244.80	\$ -39,440.90	\$34,803.70	\$74,244.80	\$ -39,440.90
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$15,169.68	\$8.20	\$15,161.48	\$15,169.68	\$8.20	\$15,161.48
NET INCOME	\$15,169.68	\$8.20	\$15,161.48	\$15,169.68	\$8.20	\$15,161.48

PROPOSED 2024-2025 DISTRICT BUDGET

		Karen/Dutch Budget 18-19	TKC Budget 2021-22	VIBE Budget 22/23	ON TRACK Budget 23/24	Pump Up Kin Budget 24/25	DUES AMOU CLUBS:	\$ 48.60 76
REVENUE:								MEMBERSHIP 1,078
1	Advance from surplus to Vice for	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
2	Vice Governor transfer in							
3	Member Dues	\$ 53,453.10	\$ 22,380.00	\$ 40,663.80	\$ 49,717.80	\$ 51,759.00		
4	House Rules	\$ 470.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 375.00	\$5 per club as per house rui	
5	Convention assessment	\$ 9,400.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$100 per club as per house	
6	Kinship 1 and Web Ads	\$ 275.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00		
7	Interest (investment & bank)	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		
8	Fines: Spr	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		
9	FLC	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		
10	Club Leadership Seminar	\$ 900.00		\$ 420.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -		
11	District Leadership Seminar - HQ	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ -		
12	DLS Facilitator reimbursement fr	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -		
13	Miscellaneous			\$ -		\$ -		
14	From surplus	\$ 6,148.96	\$ 22,324.05	\$ 20,844.38	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,251.98		
Total Revenue		\$ 76,897.06	\$ 52,604.05	\$ 78,828.18	\$ 74,147.80	\$ 75,935.98		

DISBURSEMENTS:

District 1 Operations

1	DLS / Preterm Meeting			\$ -				
1	Council meetings							
	DOLP	\$ 5,695.60		\$ 3,476.70	\$ 2,726.00	\$ 4,356.29		
	Preterm	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 328.90	\$ -	\$ -		
	Leadership S. Seminar			\$ -		\$ -		
	September Council	\$ 4,615.48		\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ -		
	January Midterm Meeting	\$ 5,093.39	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,146.25	\$ 2,899.00	\$ 6,251.09		
	Executive Expenses			\$ -				
2	House Rules	\$ 470.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		
3	District Planner	\$ 350.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		
4	Club Leadership Seminar	\$ 947.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -		
5	Zone Conference entry fees	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		
6	Membership Programmes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		
Sub-Total		\$ 18,871.97	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 14,701.85	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 11,707.38		

Allotments / Assessment

1	Convention Assessments	\$ 9,400.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,500.00		
2	Vice Governor Team Allotment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
3	Deputy Governor Allotment	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00		
4	Governors Honorarium	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		
Sub-Total		\$ 18,550.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 17,150.00	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 15,650.00		

Mileage

1	Mileage Executive	\$ 4,138.45	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,818.72	\$ 4,406.40	\$ 3,829.60		
2	Mileage Deputy Governors	\$ 4,943.85	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,084.72	\$ 5,317.20	\$ 4,948.00		
3	Mileage DMD for Membership Or	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		
4	Mileage Governors / Exec Travels	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		
5	National President Tour	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Sub-Total		\$ 12,582.30	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 15,103.44	\$ 13,723.60	\$ 12,777.60		

Conventions - Operations

1	FLC	\$ 7,615.59	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,948.50	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,825.00		
2	Spring Convention	\$ 9,027.20	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,524.40	\$ 8,816.00	\$ 9,486.00		
3	National Conventions - Outgoing	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		
Sub-Total		\$ 18,142.79	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 21,472.90	\$ 23,216.00	\$ 24,311.00		

Kinship One / Communic

1	Publications	\$ -		\$ -				
2	Postage (moved to overall postag	\$ -		\$ -				
2	Website Host	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		
Sub-Total		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		

General Administration

1	Stationary/Secretary	\$ 450.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		
2	Technology/Software	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 350.00	Quickbooks + Zoom	
3	Postage	\$ 900.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		
5	Telephone	\$ 50.00		\$ -				
4	Kin Sales/Tributes/Pins	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		

5	Dist. Council Shirts/Badges	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
6	Awards	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 1,840.00
7	Professional financial fee		\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	Return of Advance to Surplus	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
9	Fines: other	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
10	Fines: NVP Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
11	Charter Fund	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
12	Misc. Expenses	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
13	Service / Bank charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
	Sub-Total	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,930.00	\$ 11,090.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 76,897.06	\$ 52,400.00	\$ 78,828.19	74144.6	\$ 75,935.98
	TOTAL PROFIT / LOSS (Profit to C	\$ -	\$ 204.05	\$ (0.01)	\$ 3.20	\$ -

Hello District One

Here I am again, presenting you a deficit budget. This year the ask is \$15,251.98 to prevent more dues increases. We have trimmed from our budget, continued the trend of an online DLS/Preterm meeting, so our council will only meet 4 times face to face, with 2 of those being FLC & Spring conference. Our biggest hit has been cost of accommodations, which for years we were able to do at around \$100-\$120 a night. Now adays, the places we have been are around \$150-\$200 a night, and they are no different than what was \$100 pre covid. You will see Kin on Track is overbudget on these expenses, as we can choose a price we think we can get, but we really have no choice but to pay what the market is charging, especially when 2 of our 4 gatherings are planned by host clubs. With that in mind, I've increased the budgeted hotel expenses to a more reasonable \$150 per night for the 2 District meetings, and \$160 for next years FLC and spring conference. Hopefully we can find cheaper, like here today (Thank you St. Thomas Kinsmen & Life Member Russ) but this is what we are seeing, and we have to budget for the reality. Thanks to the growth in membership (+55, way to go D1) our income is up, helping with these additional expenses. From what I am seeing, the surplus is still healthy and Kin on Track, even with being overbudget in hotels, they are still far from using the full \$10,000 approved from surplus. Please note, with Interest rates as high as they are, Kin on Track bought a 6 months GIC with \$40,000 of the surplus, earning 3.5%, and Pump-up Kin will do the same, likely locking it in for a full year. Thank you for your time, and if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 519-495-2818.

YIK,
Matt Sharpe
District 1 Treasurer
St. Thomas Kinsmen Club



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DISTRICT ONE CYSTIC FIBROSIS SERVICE

2024-2025 BUDGET

Income

CF Allotment	\$ 7500.00
District Advance (pin purchase)	\$ 1000.00
Pin Sales	\$ 2500.00
District Initiatives	\$ 500.00
Auctions	\$ 1000.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 12500.00</u>

Expenses

CF Allotment (incoming team)	\$ 7500.00
District Advance return	\$ 1000.00
Pins	\$ 850.00
Mileage	\$ 2900.00
Administration (postage, ink etc)	\$ 250.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$12500.00</u>

Respectively submitted by Brenda Dineen and Francine Burt

OMG UPDATE

The following is a summary report on the findings to date of the Operational Model Review Working Group (OMG), the areas of ongoing work, and an overview of the changes in the Canadian volunteer landscape.



What work has been completed?

- Internal consultation - surveys, sessions at conventions, focus groups
- External surveys distributed across Canada
- Research through organizations (CCVO, Charity Village, Statistics Canada, Volunteer Canada, etc)

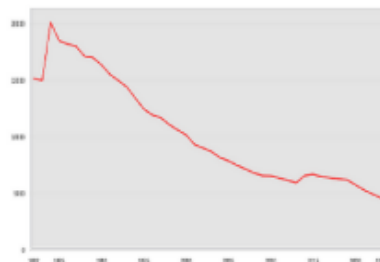


One in five Canadians is born outside of Canada. Newcomers volunteer at a rate of 38%. They volunteer an average of 162 hours per year and tend to contribute more hours (152 hrs) than volunteers born in Canada.



Areas of concern expressed by the membership

- Member recruitment & retention
- Conflict resolution and club culture issues
- Building a more inclusive association
- Ability to adapt as needed
- The high cost of membership (time & money)
- Having efficient & equitable access to resources
- Challenges with maintaining compliance
- Difficulty connecting with members across the Districts



Kin Membership Data



Changes in the volunteer landscape

- Individuals want to make an impact for their time
- Less/no meetings & more activity
- Opportunity for work experience and professional recognition
- Need to feel represented before they join
- Flexibility in levels of membership and commitment
- Make a local & impactful difference in their community



For more than a decade, Canadian youth have volunteered more than any other age group. 53% of Canadians aged 15–24 are involved in volunteering.

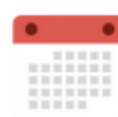


Ongoing Focus Group Work

- Staff
- Traditions
- Fee Structure
- Leadership
- Organizational structure
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility



Lack of time
65%



Long-term
commitment
61%



Prefer to donate
instead
56%

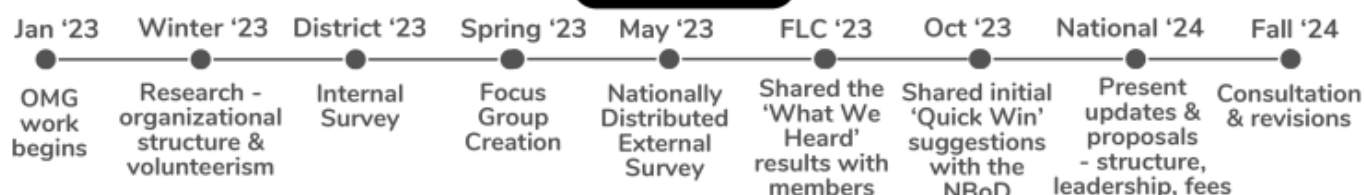


No one asked
51%



Why don't Canadians volunteer?

OMG Timeline



MINUTES: Fall Leadership Conference Saturday, November 4, 2023: Kin on Track Team

Windsor Double Tree by Hilton

9:00am Call to Order by Governors Carol and Shawn

O Canada – Led by Zone A DG Patti Lamb

Kin Song – Led by Zone A DG Dean Kitchen

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement – Coordinator LM Colleen Wake

Moment of Silence

Governor Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introductions

Our Current Kin on Track Executive are:

District Secretary Lisa Wells

District Communications Director Martina Post

District Coordinator Life Member and Past Governor Colleen Wake

District Webmaster and Life Member Russ Jackman

District Treasurer Matt Sharpe

District Awards Brandon Ward

District Membership and Education Director, Past Governor and Past National President Terri Iredale

District Service Directors Frank Mailloux and Mike Austin

Vice Governors and Risk Managers Lori and Paul Schnarr

The following are our Kin On Track Deputy Governors:

Zone A: Dean Kitchen and Nancy Marshall

Zone B: LeeAnn Summers and Kim-Marie Lesperance

Zone C: Glen Card and Past Governor Francine Burt (who couldn't join us this weekend)

Zone D: Marcus Antaya

Zone F: Linda Van der Linde and Brent Stefan (who couldn't join us this weekend)

Zone G/H: Chris Beausoleil and Gerry Rivait

Zone J: Tyler Williams

Zone K: Patti Lamb and Donald Cockwell

Special Guests:

President of the Windsor Kin Club – Life Member Andy Mantha

FLC Chairperson Lorrie Racine

All Past Governors and District Coordinators

Rules of Order Chair: Past Governor Karen Coutts

All Past National Presidents

All Current and Past National Officers

All Past Zone and District Officers

All Life Members

All New Members & First Timers

Address to the Chair: Governors Carol and Shawn; Guests and Fellow Kin – Valhalla!!!!!!

Host Committee remarks

Appointments:

Appointment of Sergeant at Arms: Christine Watt, Windsor Kin Club

Appointment of Fine Master: LM Dutch Van Moorsell

Credentials Report: Credentials Chair: Vice Governors Lori and Paul

Total accredited delegates	39
50% majority for straw vote	20
2/3 majority for straw vote	23

Poll or ballot vote

Total voting strength	647
50% majority for ballot vote	324
2/3 majority for ballot vote	427

Motion to accept the credentials report as presented.

Moved by: Kelly Codling

Club: St Thomas Kinettes

Seconded by: Ryan Robinson

Club: Chatham Kinsmen

Carried

Scrutineers Report Submitted by Scrutineers Chairs: VG Lori & Paul Schnarr

Should there be an occasion for voting by ballot or any other means requiring a detailed count at the Fall Leadership Conference, the members of the scrutineers committee shall be Paul and myself as chair, four appointed Deputy Governors to assist, and a representative from each party involved in the vote if needed.

Appointment of Scrutineers:

Zone F DG Linda Van der Linde

Zone B DG Kim Marie Lesperance

Zone G/H DG Chris Beausoleil

Zone A DG Nancy Marshall

Appointment of Rules of Order: Karen Coutts

Motion to accept the Rules of Order report as printed in the FLC brochure.

Moved by: Don Cockwell

Club: St Mary's Kinsmen

Seconded by: Dan Nicholson

Club: Goderich Kinsmen

Carried

Motion to open the Fine Session:

Moved by: Casi McCrea

Club: Grimsby Kinettes

Seconded by: Shawna Salzman

Club: Palmerston & District Kinettes

Carried

Motion to open the nominations for Fall Leadership Conference 2024?

Moved by: Ally Austin

Club: Hensell Kinettes

Seconded by: Kelly Lorentz

Club: Mitchell Kin

Carried

At this time, Secretary Lisa has not received any nomination papers for the host club of Fall Leadership Conference 2024.

First call for Nominations Host club of FLC 2024: NONE

We would also like announce that we have not received nomination papers for the position of Vice Governors at the moment but want to remind members that papers can be submitted at any time to Governors Carol and Shawn.

Motion to accept the District 1 Financials for the 2022-2023 Kin year as presented by Frank Mailloux

Moved by: Glen Card

Club: Shelbourne Kinettes

Seconded by: Terry McGregor

Club: Sarnia Kinsmen

Carried

Motion to accept the District 1 “Woodstock” Spring Convention 2023 Financials as presented by Past Governors Karen and LM Dutch.

Moved by: Lori Dawn Antaya

Club: Niagara on the Lake Kinsmen

Seconded by: Mike Austin

Club: Hensell Kinsmen

Carried

We’d like to call forward the VIBE teams secretary Lisa Wells to present the minutes of the District 1 “Woodstock” Spring Convention 2023 Minutes.

Motion to accept the District 1 “Woodstock” Spring Convention 2023 Minutes as presented by Lisa Wells.

Moved by: Christy Alcock

Club: Goderich Kinettes

Seconded by: Terri Iredale

Club: St Mary’s Kinettes

Carried

Second Call for Nominations for Host Club FLC 2024: NONE

Service Director Presentation – Frank Mailloux and Mike Ausin

Many Service Fundraisers this year:

- Jell Bracelets are back \$3 each or 2 for \$5

- Cases of beer \$70 each with a \$10 donation to CF

- Tie one On Scrunchies, Headbands and Bow Ties

- May 4th, 2023– lets all do a District Wide bottle drive

- Feb 10th, 2024 Valentine’s Day Dance in Stratford \$50/person or \$75/person for a VIP seat

- QR Code on D1 FB: scan it and share it. It is a letter right to our MP’s to make Trikafta available to everyone who needs it.

- Hensall Kinettes are doing a CF Candle fundraiser for another few days. \$25 and \$40

- 57 ppl going on the CF trip to Panama

Membership Presentation – Terri Iredale District Membership and Education Director, Past Governor and Past National President Terri Iredale

Break

HREF Presentation – LM Colleen Wake and Brenda Dineen

Risk Management Presentation – Lori & Paul Schnarr

Awards Presentation – Brandon Ward

Third AND FINAL call for Nominations for Host Club FLC 2024: Flamborough Kin

Moved by: Brenda Dineen

Club: Drayton Kinettes

Seconded by: Lee Ann Summers

Club: Lucknow and District Kinettes

Motion to close nominations for Host Club FLC 2023?

Moved by: Kim Marie Lesperance

Club: Lucknow and District Kinsmen

Seconded by: Frank Mailloux

Club: Merlin Kinsmen

Carried

Secretary Lisa cast one ballot in the name of Flamborough Kin

Motion to destroy the ballot

Moved by: Deanna Harvie

Club: Chesley Kinettes

Seconded by: Melissa Penner

Club: Brantford Kinsmen

Carried

***Mike and Frank – accept donations from clubs ***

Donations:

HREF: \$14000 (this is equal to 9 bursaries!)

Cystic Fibrosis: \$34650

Kin Expression of Gratitude led by DG Gerry Rivait

Lunch – Blood Services Presentation occurring during lunch hour***

Breakout Session 1

1. Awards – what to strive for and the route to achieve them.

2. Presidents Round Table – networking and collaboration with Q&A.

3. Club Succession Planning – What does that mean? (Health, retention, growth and fun).

Breakout Session 2

1. The Do's and Don'ts of Shenanigans.

2. Social Media & leveraging club presence in your community.

3. Project Think Tank & Events Management – Updating stale projects and taking them to the next level.

Motion to close the fine session

Moved by: Kelly Codling

Club: St Thomas Kinettes

Seconded by: Marcus Antaya

Club: Fort Erie Kinsmen

Carried

Sergeant at Arms Report: \$230.16

Motion to direct the fines pot?

Local Poppy Fund

Moved by: Brandon Ward

Club: Wasaga Beach Kinettes

Seconded by: LeeAnn Summers

Club: Lucknow Kinettes

Carried

Announcements for the Good of Kin?

Wasaga Beach Kinettes Cheer 4 A Year

Clearview Kin Stear 4 A Year

Clinton Kinsmen Ladies Night

Goderich Kinsmen Social Gaming Night

Goderich Kinsmen Catch The Ace

St Thomas Kinsmen Electronics Draw

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Patti Lamb

Club: Clinton Kinettes

Seconded by: Josh Pumfrey

Club: Dresden Kinsmen

Carried

DISTRICT 1 SERVICE DIRECTORS 2022/2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME		
PINS	\$2,500	\$3,110
BEER KOOZIES	\$2,500	\$1,760
AUCTIONS	\$1,500	\$11,102
C.F GALA	\$0	\$9,700
DIRECT CLUB DONATIONS	\$0	\$12,000
IN/OUT ALLOTMENT	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTAL	\$14,000	\$45,172
EXPENSES		
PINS	\$1,150	\$2,109.63
BEER KOOZIES	\$850	\$963.22
MILEAGE	\$2,500	\$1,585
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$100	\$121
C.F TRIP SHIRTS	\$0	\$396
ZONE ENGAGEMENT BBQ	\$350	\$175
C.F GALA	\$0	\$5,175.82
AUCTION ITEMS	\$450	\$30
BANK FEES	\$100	\$0
INCOMING DIRECTORS TRAVEL	\$1,000	\$0
IN/OUT ALLOTMENT	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTAL	\$14,000	\$18,055.87

SURPLUS END OF YEAR \$27,116.13

DONATION FROM SERVICE ACCOUNT TO H.R.E.F	\$12,000.00
DONATION FROM SERVICE ACCOUNT TO CYSTIC FIBROSIS CANADA	\$15,000.00

BALANCE LEFT IN BANK ACCOUNT AS OF JANUARY 31ST IS \$116.13 ✓

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY ANDREA PUMFREY & BRANDON WARD
REVIEWED BY TERRI IREDALE

*I have reviewed the 2022/2023 Financial report
and all bank statements for the 2022/2023 year.*

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KIN CLUB OF WINDSOR
FLC 2023 - Welcome to Valhalla
Income Statement

Revenues:

Full Registrations (72 @ \$190.00)	\$13,680.00
Late Registrations (5 @ \$205.00)	1,025.00
Partial Registrations (10 @ \$95.00)	950.00
Fine Pot Revenue	230.10
Silent Auction Proceeds	1,785.00
District Allotment (52 clubs @ \$50.00)	2,600.00
Total Revenues =	<u>\$20,270.10</u>

Expenses:

Meals and Rooms (DoubleTree)	\$14,276.36
Decorations and Printing	694.97
Disc Jockey	650.00
Registration Refund (1 @ \$95.00)	95.00
Legion Poppy Fund (Fine Pot)	230.10
Cheque to District (Silent Auction)	2,500.00
Returned Allotments (19 @ \$50.00)	950.00
Total Expenses =	<u>\$19,396.43</u>

Net Income/(Loss) = \$873.67

- Notes:**
1. District is withholding \$1,000 pending receipt of our audit
 2. There are 77 Kin Clubs listed on District Website, so District owes allotment for 25 more clubs (25 @ \$50) or \$1,250
 3. Total Income from this event, once District pays up = \$2,123.67

**All Revenue and Expenses for this event were reviewed by former
Kinsmen Member David Bodi - District Treasurer 1999-2000**


David Bodi

NOV. 23RD / 2023
Date

Kin On Track Team Reports

Zone A

Hello The Guelph Kinettes put on Zone A Conference with help from Flamborough.

Flamborough have turkeys drums stick they will be selling in Acton at mid evil Festival on May 24-26 also they be doing peach festival August 2-4 and are looking for help.

Stony Creek has Peach Festival August 2-4 there are also looking for help.

Brandford Kinsmen have there annuall Rib Festival on August 9-11 looking for help

KW Kinettes and Kinsmen had a great TV auction

Kin Club of Cambridge (Preston) - They have there Kin Carnival coming up set up is on May 26 to 29 looking for help Carnival is From May 30 - Jun 2

Thanks to all clubs for making this past year successful!

YIK

DG Nancy & Dean

News from the Zone B DG desk

Well Zone B has been a busy bunch, Listowel Kinsmen and Kinettes just wrapped up another successful Paddy fest with events such as their Casino night for CF, they had a sold out Bingo night as well as a sold out concert. Way to Go crew.

Drayton Kinettes have been a busy bunch they just wrapped up a paint night now they are selling coffee for a cause, and getting ready for their Denim and Diamonds ladies night April 26th which is going to be a great night.

The Drayton Kinsmen have their 40th annual Farm Show coming up on April 10th and 11th. The boys are selling tickets for a sweet ATV.

Also, the boys have been growing in numbers as well.

Good job fellas!!

The Harriston Kinsmen have a full calendar of events occurring (listed below) to keep them out of trouble for a while, doing what they do best and serving their community

Calendar of Events: March 29th – Kin Bonspiel

April 19th – Trivia Night

April 27th – Town Cleanup

May 5th- Road Toll for CF

June 18th – Kin Golf

July 5-7th – Greys Deryl Hoover memorial Ball tournament

Sept 28th – Corn hole tournament

The Belgrave Kinsmen just finished wrapping up their Easter Bingo and holding their monthly Pub Nights. The boys had an amazing Family Day breakfast.

And have been busy rebuilding their ball diamonds and helping raise money for Building improvements for the Belgrave Community Center which is the heart of the town.

They will be hosting the Saturday night Dance at the Wingham reunion this summer which is being put together by service groups of the area, and is sure to be a great time.

Lucknow Kinsmen and Kinettes are getting ready for there crazy busy season hosting 2 big events 1 as you all know is Music in the Fields

And the Dungannon Tractor Pull featuring the Combine Derby you don't want to miss out on either events! both events, camp sites are available for you to make a weekend out of it.

Palmerston Kinettes held the first spaghetti supper family day weekend; despite the snow it went over ok.

The ladies hosted our Zone conference which was a great night of learning and hearing what each other have been up to,

We are looking forward to heading out to Spring Convention and bringing along some convention virgins lol and look forward to cheering on Lori and Paul as they get installed as our next Governor's.

DG words of wisdom:

- It has been my greatest joy serving the zone as DG I have learned so much and feel I have made some great new friends and look forward to serving another term as Kim-Marie's partner in crime again next year, and if there is anyone thinking of wanting to give it a go but are on the fence I say go for it! It has been so rewarding.

DG LeeAnn Summers

.Wow, with only a few months left in our Kin year, I have been reflecting and planning.

I have been shadowing DG Lee Ann, learning from her (and mostly driving her nuts).

What I would like Zone B to look like in 2024/25 is more of what we witnessed at Zone Conference last month

Having all (I am hopeful) clubs coming together, sharing thoughts, ideas, and fellowship.

Assisting one another, advocating for our organization – what it means to us – and how to make that first ring in the water.

I am in awe at how much passion the members of zone B are filled with.

Excellence, pride, integrity, inclusiveness, compassion

Let's knock the last quarter out of the park

Your incoming DG *Kim Marie Lesperance*

Well, that's all we got for now but keep your eyes to the District 1 FB page as well as the website for what we have going on in our neighborhood.

YIK

DG'S LeeAnn Summers and Kim-Marie Lesperance

Zone C Report for 2023-24

All clubs were successfully installed and were visited at least once so far, we have several upcoming visits scheduled as well as events in our calendar to participate in. Our zone conference went very well, and we were very proud of our newest clubs job at hosting - so detailed and well thought out!

Below are reports from our clubs:

Beaver Valley: Well, what a year we have had here in our quaint tiny town of Thornbury. One of our past Kinette's son got married and asked us to help serve his meal to his wedding guests. This evening ran well with 3 Kinette's serving meals and filling water glasses. They gave us \$300 for an evening of love and laughter.

The Georgian Bay AppleKings (Senior AA Hockey) started the team back up this year. They asked if we could help them out with Bar, Raffles and 50/50. We were able to help them with all their home games. What a great crowd they had show up to each of their games. The crowd showed their support to us as well with Raffles and 50/50 tickets on a weekly basis. Kathy was the chair of this event and had 2 girls with her each week that they played at home. Not sure what our grand total of profits will be by end of season, but it has been fantastic. Beaver Valley will be doing a cheque presentation this Saturday to The Georgian Bay AppleKings Youth Hockey fund for \$500. We are hoping that we can continue our partnership with them in some way again next year.

We were also asked to help with the bar at the CLOWE Hockey Tournament to support children's programs in our area. Stacey did a wonderful job as always even with a sore hand. We had 8 girls (plus 1 husband) do shifts throughout the day. We made \$500.

Next, we took part in KIN Kindness Day. Lisa Lauren and Jen set out to share kindness at our local Tim Horton's by giving the first 50 people through the drive thru at 845am a toonie towards their coffee's that morning. We had stickers, tattoos, and colouring pages for the kids in the cars too. Lots of smiles from everyone as we tried to brighten their day. Next year we will bring dog treats too as we saw more dogs than we did kids in the drive thru. Our Beaver Valley Kinettes are always happy to help if asked and always looking for ways to give back to our community. We are looking forward to another great Kin Kamp in August where we will make walking tacos again, tie dye for all and maybe popsicles for the kids this year. Thank you for hosting Zone Conference!!

Collingwood: 11 members strong, very busy year serving the needs of our fine community. Raised \$26,000 in bottle drive initiative, ran an indoor golf tournament and raised \$3300 for local food bank, took part in the Chuck a

puck at hockey arena, raised \$750. We are trying to be inclusive and are looking to welcome all walks of life to our club – helps with thinking outside the box!

Clearview: Busy bees! Selling Steer for a Year tickets, been running a very successful Indoor Corn hole tournament – through that we raised over \$6000, gave \$2300 to My Friend's House. Hosting a concert on May 25th called Drag me to Stayner, keep an eye for ads! Did a Toll Road, have a road clean up coming up soon.

Feversham: Our major activities are as follows:

September 2023 - Fall Fair Dance

December 2023 - Poker Tournament, Ladies Night, Breakfast with Santa, Santa Claus Parade, Winter wonderland Parade

April 22nd, 2024 - Heritage Dinner for seniors

May 25th-27th - RAM Rodeo beer gardens, breakfast and dance

June 2024 - Discussing possible steak and lobster dinner, strawberry supper,

July 2024 - Ball tournament

September 2024 - Fall Fair Dance

November 2024 - Working on a 3 v 3 Youth hockey tournament

December 2024 - Poker Tournament, Ladies Night, Breakfast with Santa, Santa Claus Parade, Winter wonderland Parade

We have some Buck and Does happening and a few other small events, but these are the major ones.

Please give everyone our best from the Feversham Club

Meaford Kinettes: Been running bingo with the Kinsmen ever couple weeks, have raised over \$10000 through that. Our club did a breakfast day, bottle drive and have been acting to a senior's home on the holidays. We took part in the Santa Parade, 150th birthday party party is coming up in June.

Shelburne Kinettes: Project wise, we've had a quiet year so far, we partnered with the Kinsmen on a cystic fibrosis toll booth, donated to the Shelburne Christmas Hampers and we have our annual Mother's Day flower basket sale coming up to which the proceeds will go to the Foodbank (keep an eye on Zone C Facebook for the ad). Membership has been constant, and we can brag of one new member, who is here today for her first conference! There are a couple of ladies interested in checking us out so wish us luck! We have had a busy social fall winter with a Mystery Weekend in Niagara-on-the-lake and a 7-day trip to Orlando. We are planning a project for the Christmas season involving assistance to women experiencing crisis, and a music festival that will fundraise for mental health assistance in our county. We are also currently seeking interesting new ways to fundraise that do not involve long weekends and summer.

Shelburne Kinsmen: We ran the Corn hole tournament at Kin Kamp last August. In September we assisted in the Plowing Match Parade, did a tollgate on Thanksgiving weekend, sold out of Christmas trees and helped with the Christmas hamper. We just had a Kin Kindness event, we gave out free drinks and hot dogs.

Stayner Kinsmen: Selling tickets for our annual duck race on May 4th, ran a toll road and raised \$12000, and we had an ATVraffle.

Wasaga Beach: Currently we have 11 active members which including 1 Life Member, plus 2two non-active Life Members. We also have 1 honorary member. We have had five guests out to some meetings lately that we hope will become members soon.

We are very excited to be Celebrating our 50th Anniversary this coming May and proud to have been actively serving our community's greatest need all these years. We are fortunate to still have Charter Members amongst our ranks who provide a lot of great stories and knowledge to our newer members.

Our club's largest project each year is our Toys for Kids project. The Campaign started with putting out decorated

donation boxes in businesses just after Remembrance Day. Letters of requests were emailed, mailed, and handed out to our local businesses, service clubs and town hall to ask for toys, gift cards or monetary donations. Names of families with children in need were tallied with the help of our local Food Bank. Scheduling, shopping, handing out bags of toys and lots of volunteer hours were put into helping 241 families with 510 kids including 150 teens have a few gifts to open on Christmas morning. We had members from Stayner & Collingwood Kinsmen and other community volunteers assisting us to provide this very important service to families in need in our community. June 7th and 8th our club will be hosting our annual Cystic Fibrosis yard sale and to-date we have raised over \$28,000. We receive donations from the community and offer them for a donation to CF. We also have a local realtor that donates a percentage of his commission to our club each year for Cystic Fibrosis.

Yard Sale - Revenue and Expenses with net raised over the years.

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>
22-23	5,253.16	789.45	4,463.71
21-22	4,119.75	182.79	3,936.96
20-21	2,519.18	33.89	2,485.29
19-20	-	-	-
18-19	4,679.00	169.50	4,509.50
17-18	2,589.40	283.02	2,306.38
16-17	2,843.75	177.97	2,665.78
15-16	3,013.10	54.24	2,958.86
14-15	2,824.60	-	2,824.60
13-14	2,447.93	-	2,447.93
TOTAL	30,289.87	1,690.86	28,599.01

Our Club pledged \$5,000. to the Twin Pad Arena/Library Project in May 2021 and will have our name on a change room within the building. We have raised \$3,990 through our Box Lunch project and will be hosting our next one April 24th - and delivering the lunches on the 25th.

Other events/service projects we have held over this Kin year or will be holding are:

- Volunteering at the mobile Blood Donor Clinic snack table in Wasaga Beach
- Catered for a Celebration of Life, lunches for S8K summer skating camp & a Senior's theatre bus trip in the summer
- Supported Walk a Mile in Her Shoes - My Friend's House
- Clothing dDrive for Kidney Clothes twice each year
- Ran the bar and helped with the luncheon for the Wasaga Beach Remembrance Day Service
- Ran the bar for the Wasaga Holiday market with the assistance of Collingwood Kinsmen & Clearview Kin Clubs,
- Sponsored a Family Swim at the YMCA on Feb 24th and handed out cookies, in Celebration of KINdness Day,
- Adopt-A-Road Road clean-up twice each year
- "Cheer for a Year" raffle
- 50/50 draw for lift and harness for the Skating Club
- Supported the Village of Hope with a couple of donations to be handed out to the homeless people within our community
- Running bar for a wedding this coming June,
- Two additional raffles this Kin year, one being an online 50/50 draw and our 2nd second Annual Spring Raffle featuring a BBQ for 1st prize and a Yeti Cooler for the 2nd prize.

Greetings from Zone D!

We have had a hell of a year. Many wonderful events, including the amazing Show and Shine Car Show in Niagara On The Lake Kinsmen, Trivia Nights with Fort Erie Kinettes, the very fun Mini Putt Bar Crawl by the Grimsby Kinettes (ask them about it, it would make a wonderful travelling event), Wednesday Night Open Mic sponsored by the Cayuga Kin, Senior Dinners by the Stevensville Kin Groups, among many other events, and I've been privileged to be at most of them.

Zone D has experienced substantial growth, with the resurgence of not one, but two Kin Groups, rising from the ashes to once again be proud Phoenix soaring to the skies. We welcome the return of Cayuga Kin and the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kin groups. I am proud to be included in this wonderful Association, and look forward to seeing where this Zone and District will go in the future.

Speaking of the future, we had a fantastic Zone Conference this year, hosted by the Fort Erie Kinettes. We had a banner year for attendance, as we had all 9 clubs send a representative for the first time in almost a decade. A great pasta dinner, anchovy-free Caesar Salad (ask if you need the recipe), and hand made tiramisu for dessert. We pounded through many resolutions to update the House Rules, and have created the Rick Shular Memorial Award for Outstanding Kinsmen in the Zone. It was a fantastic evening, great fellowship, and a lot of work was accomplished.

I would also like to introduce the Deputy Governor Elect, Good Kin Elena D'Amico. She is a Grimsby Kinettes, and is well known to most of the District, or at least to those who attend Conventions. I have utmost confidence in her skills and leadership ability, and look forward to stepping back somewhat and following her lead in the next year or more.

Thank you to everyone in my Zone D. You have made these last few years fly by, and helped me usher in a new era of cooperation and kinship. It has been an honour serving, and although I am stepping back, I'm not leaving entirely. I will still be around to assist where needed, as always.

In conclusion, I'm happy to say that Zone D is Back On Track, hurtling towards the future.

Choo, Choo!!!

Deputy Governor Marcus

Zone F

I hope everyone had a great Easter. I would like to thank everyone for making our Zone 2024 Conference a success. Thank you to our special guests District CF/Service Director Mike Austin, Vice Governors Lori & Paul Schnarr and Governors Carol & Shawn. Congratulations to all our award winners. It was great to see all of your hard work recognized. A hearty congratulations to Andy Beck, our incoming DG. Welcome to the team!

Our Clubs have experienced a lot of growth with 24 new members and growing. Way to go!

Our clubs have been very busy over the last couple of months with projects & events, raising funds for their community. The clubs have been able to support their local food banks, community kitchens, shelters, senior homes, hospitals, children services and outreach programs. Delhi KIN are funding a new dog park. Port Dover Kinsmen & Simcoe Kinsmen are funding a new splash pad. There are so many ways our clubs are giving back to their community. Our clubs provided free skate days, Easter egg hunts and much more.

There has been great fellowship along the way with Galas, poker & trivia nights. It has been very exciting for me to be a part of it.

I am looking forward to participating in any and all events still happening in the Zone and looking forward to visiting your club for updates and fellowship.

YIK DG Linda

Zone G/H

Tillbury

Golf Tournament for Cystic Fibrosis on May 25th

Groceries and Gas for a year

Chatham

Fair is May 31-June 4

Leamington

Hogs for Hospice in August

Sarnia

Ribfest in June (Fathers Day Weekend)

Dover

Tractor Pull in June (21st)

Harrow

Golf Tournament May 25th

DG Gerry Rivait

Zone J

Kinette Club of Chesley

Easter Egg Hunt, Yard Sale, Bottle drives, Recruitment Social Night, 4 new members, 30th anniversary and Life Member presentation to Jane Godin, Bonspiel, Breakfast with Santa, Park Project ongoing, Mother's Day draw-proceeds going to CF

Kinsmen Club of Chesley

Santa Parade, Roadside cleanup, assist with Community Classic foot race, host Fight Night (Kickboxing Tournament), cater local minor hockey banquet, Julyfest baseball tournament, Car Show and Canada Day fireworks.

Planning a new skateboard park and bicycle pump track for kids.

Kinsmen Club of Teeswater

27 members, men's steak night Mar 15, fishing derby, elimination dance, fall fair bars, spook house, Donate to new medical clinic, sports clubs, Sunshine committee \$200 gas cards to individuals in need

Kinette Club of Walkerton

13 members Fairytale feast, pop up BBQs, Ag Society help with fall fair, Santa Claus parade help, santa and Mrs. Clause, Dress Sale, Dinner on Durham, Elmira Chicken, Municipality Forum, Jan 1st 2025 75 Years/Kinsmen 90 years

Kinsmen Club of Walkerton

Road clean up, Catch the Ace with Legion and Optimist Club, Owen Sound Attack Game host, Dirt Pigs BBQ, Foodland BBQ, Annual Golf Tournament, Santa Claus Parade, Nevada Box, Donate to Broomball team, Citizen of the Year Night

DG Tyler

Zone K

It has been an honor and privilege for us to represent Zone K and be a part of the District 1 team. What remarkable clubs and members we have in Zone K. The commitment of every club to their community, supporting others through events and fundraisers, and generously giving back is truly awe inspiring. WE...as in every member, should be very proud of what we've been able to achieve this year.

Zone K recently held their first Kinsmen/Kin/Kinette Joint Conference. Previously, the Kinsmen and Kinette Conferences were held separately. The conference theme was "Family Feud...Kin Style" and was hosted by the St. Marys Kinette Club and the Stratford Kinsmen Club. There were approximately 70 members in attendance and the Zone was represented well with nine of ten clubs in attendance and ten of ten represented. All in all, it was a wonderful time with great conversations, great food, and good fun. Below you will find the President's reports that were included in the Zone K Brochure.

Yours in Kin,

DG's Patti Lamb and Donald Cockwell

Clinton & District Kinette Club

The Clinton and District Kinettes have had a fun and busy Kinette year so far. We hosted our second annual Christmas Market Place the first weekend in November. It was well attended, and we had some returning, and some new vendors take part in it. Proceeds went to Cystic Fibrosis and community betterment. We also sold Huron Ridge poinsettias in November with proceeds going towards our CF donation. President Dawn and Life Member Chris proudly took part in the Clinton Remembrance Day ceremony and laid a wreath. The Kinettes and Kinsmen held the annual Santa Claus Parade in December. It was one of the longest and best attended parades around. We made a lot of improvements to the Santa Claus float this year and it was noticed by the community. In December we gave several donations to area organizations that were in need, especially at Christmas. These included The Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre, Salvation Army, Huron County Christmas Bureau, Friends of the Community Food Bank, Clinton Raceway for the Central Huron Community Christmas Dinner, and The Huron Hospice. We sponsored the cost of two public swims at the Vanastra Swimming Pool during March Break as our contributions for Kin Kindness Day. We were very busy collecting donations and taking part in the Clinton and Goderich Kinsmen and Kinette tv auction. We enjoy working with the other clubs and it always is successful. We are looking forward to attending zone conference in March. It is

always a lot of fun to get together with the other clubs for this social gathering. The Kinettes will be doing a bake sale at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 10am at the Clinton Skate Park. We will soon be planning with the Clinton Kinsmen for the annual Pluckinfest and Kin Pace. The street dance is always well attended and lots of fun!

Yours in Kin,

Dawn Powell-Parker

President of the Clinton and District Kinettes

Clinton & District Kinsmen Club

It's been yet another great year so far for the Clinton and District Kinsmen Club. We started out strong in October, serving over 300 people breakfast with proceeds going to the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation. It was a doubleheader for the hospital as our next event, on November 10th, was a Tacos and Trivia night. Being our first time hosting this event, there were some lessons to be learned, but all in all, it was another great event with the community. Up next was the Santa Claus Parade in December, held in conjunction with the Clinton Kinettes. We had an excellent turnout of floats and attendance this year! Moving into the New Year, as some of you already know, the Clinton Kinsmen were working hard to prepare for Ladies Night. It was a special year for us as it marked the 25th time hosting the event. We were extremely fortunate that past members of the club were able and willing to come back and help put on a show. It was fantastic for the newer members to meet and socialize with past members of the club. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped us; we truly can't do it without you. While I can't say for certain, there are rumors that it was one of the best Ladies Nights to date. There was no time for rest after Ladies Night as we quickly shifted into preparing for the annual TV auction with the Goderich Kinsmen, Goderich Kinettes, and the Clinton Kinettes. It was great to interact and connect with other Kin outside our club. A shout out to the Goderich Clubs for all their heavy lifting with the organization of this event. Coming up, we have a couple of events partnered up with the Clinton Kinettes: an Easter egg hunt on March 30th and then Pluc'KINFest the first weekend in July. So far this year, we have made several donations to help the community. Just to name a few of the causes we have supported: Kids on Board (registration for 2 kids to attend wakeboarding camp), CHSS Project Belonging and RedWalk, Central Huron Christmas Dinner, Grocery gift cards to families in need around the holidays, and of course, CF. In other club news, we are growing! We now have 5 new members since this time last year and have a couple of prospective members attending meetings as well. Here's hoping we can keep growing.

Yours in Kin

Brandon Coleman

President, Clinton and District Kinsmen

Goderich Kinette Club

The Goderich Kinette Club has had a very exciting year with so much to celebrate. Not only was it the 75th Anniversary of the Kinette Club in Goderich, we also had a remarkable year with the growth of new members. We currently have 18 Goderich Kinettes who are dedicated to "supporting our community's greatest need". For our 75th Anniversary the Kinettes sponsored a public ice skate and swim on the holiday Monday of Thanksgiving. We had such a fun day with lots of families who came out to the event. 2023 was another successful year to support Young Canada Week, the Blood Donor Program, The Walk to End Cystic Fibrosis and of course the Kinsmen's Auction, Summerfest and the Christmas Parade. We also had many smaller fundraisers along the way that allowed us to give back to the community, because of your generous support. Some of the local recipients of

funds were the Huron Women's Shelter, Huron County Christmas Bureau, our Local Food Bank, and Youth Sport Teams to name a few. As we turned the calendar to 2024, we have so many exciting plans to share with you. We have just wrapped up another successful Kinsmen Auction and we are now focusing on our next big event, the "Prom Through the Decades". This event will be held at the Old Arena on Saturday, May 11, 2024, so mark it on your calendar. Other exciting news is that the Goderich Kinettes are bringing back the Festival of Arts and Crafts. The dates will be July 5, 6, and 7, 2024. We are excited to welcome back old vendors, along with the new. More details to follow, so stay tuned!

There is a lot of hard work that comes with being a Kinette but with that is the building of lifelong friendships and knowing that you are making a difference. We meet every 3rd Thursday (except for July and August) for a small social and then we dive into our meeting. We also have a Social Convener who plans other socials and outings for us bi-monthly whether it be paddle board yoga, the local meat draw or dinner out. We certainly enjoy each other's company.

Christy Alcock, President
Goderich Kinette Club

Kinsmen Club of Goderich

Greetings fellow Kin!

2023-24 has been a great year for our club. We've increased our membership by 4 and these new members bring with them a lot of great ideas and enthusiasm!

We've run a few Catch the Ace rounds since last year and no sooner are we finished with one, than we are besieged with requests to start a new round! The public loves the excitement and they love that it increases our ability to give back to the community. Certainly it has opened up new opportunities for our club to get the Kinsmen name out there with new larger contributions.

We have continued to run our usual crowd favourite fund raising events such as the TV Auction, which just wrapped up another successful run. The local businesses really step up with donations, and it's just a fun event to be a part of.

We're looking forward to Zone Conference this year and anticipating a fun event with our newest club from Mitchell! Until then, be safe in your travels and have fun!

Yours in Kin

Dan Nicholson

President, Kinsmen Club of Goderich

Hensall Kinette Club

The little club that could.

Hensall and District Kinette Club has seen a drastic change in membership this year. We currently are 6 members strong!

Recently through the efforts of our successful candle and cheer for a year campaign's we have been able to make a significant donation to our local elementary school literacy program as well as the Huron Hospice.

We have purchased and filled an upright freezer for donation to the community Cupboard Program in Hensall where community members can freely take what they need and leave if they can!

We will also be making a check presentation to CF at the Zone conference in Stratford.

After an extremely well planned Christmas in the village we are going to be offering a family movie night over Easter! And with the purchase of an amazing huge blow up screen we plan to offer out door movie night once the evenings warm up!

We are a small but mighty crew of like minded women who want to bring our Club back to serving our community as best as we can we see a need.

Yours in Kin,

Julie Clarke

President of HENSALL AND DISTRICT KINETTES

Hensall Kinsmen Club

Our numbers have been down, so we have not tried a lot in the last year but are looking at new ideas and events for the coming year.

Darrin Durrand

Vice President

Hensall Kinsmen Club

Mitchell Kin Club

The Mitchell Kin Club held a bottle drive in January.

The following are upcoming events:

Saturday April 20th-Thames River Clean up 9Am-1pm meet at the Lions Park in Mitchell

Citizen of the Year-April 27th

Saturday May 4th-Rubber Duck Race! 11am

Canada Day Celebration- 4pm at the Mitchell Lions Park

Quarter Auction November 28th Doors open at 6, Auction starts at 7pm

Kelley Lorentz

President

Kin Club of Mitchell

St Marys Kinetite Club

Hello Fellow Kin

The St Marys Kinettes are currently in our busiest time of our year.

At the time of writing this we are gearing up for our Annual Fill Your Fridge Lottery with draw date on Sunday March 3rd. We are hosting our 1st St Patrick's Day Pub Night on Saturday March 2nd with the St Marys Legion. In March we sponsor a free skate at the Pyramid Centre during March Break and have a weekend shift serving a Pancake Breakfast at McCully's Farm.

And of course we are co-hosting Zone Conference " Family Feud " this year with the Stratford Kinsmen Club.

On March 1st 1969 our club hosted their Charter Night. We are 55 years strong this year!

In February we celebrated Kin Week, with the town's proclamation and our Kin Flag was raised on Tuesday the 20th, and flew for the week at our Town Hall. A few of us raised a glass at a local establishment to commemorate Founders Day. Kin KINDness day had us handing out kids activity sheets with candies at local grocery stores. We also participated in Coldnest Night of the Year on Kin KINDness day. Every January we deliver Meals on Wheels at lunchtime Monday to Fridays within our Community. October, November and December was our annual Poinsettia sales, Giving Tuesday and the Community Dinner that we sponsor and prepare, participating in the Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade and volunteering with a Salvation Army Kettle. Spring will bring us our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Flower Sales. Every month we help out with the Blood Donor Clinic in St Marys.

Our club remains strong as we strive on short General meetings whenever possible and socials. We continue year after year to prepare a Bulletin and put as much information into that monthly Bulletin as possible, to help keep our meetings shorter. This year socially we have enjoyed a few outings including a Reiki evening, beverages at our local craft brewery and a Curling and Potluck evening ... We also have a walking group in Snapchat.

We have installed 1 new member this year taking us to 18 with 1 active Charter/Life member and we continue to have ladies come out to our meetings to see what we are all about.

That is us ! St Marys Kinette Club 😊

Yours in Kin,

Terri Iredale
President – 2023/2024

St. Marys Kinsmen Club

St Marys Kinsmen Club Report 2024

The Kinsmen Club of St Marys is having a very good year, we've added three more Members for a total roster of 24, including 2 life Members. Also, there are 3 more prospective Members that will likely meet the requirements of the Club and will be added before the end of the year.

A very large project for our Club late last summer was the completion of our portion of improvements to the Trestle Trail in St Marys. It involved digging trenches and installing 750 metres of conduit as well as putting in light standard bases for 23 lights. Once that was done, the trail itself was paved for nearly that length with the help of a few of the Members. The lights themselves have recently arrived at the Town Yard and will be installed by a local Electrical Contractor soon. It was a donation of labour for our Club, so no monetary output. Kudos to all the Members that were able to help out!

The Santa Claus Parade was the largest one in recent memory with 78 entries this year. A very large parade for a small town for sure.

The Fruit Sale did very well again this year with profits of over \$3000. Sales are going up every year with 100 orders this time. Left over fruit was donated to the local Nourish Market which helps those in need.

Christmas tree pickup – Every year there are fewer trees to pick up, but still a great social event for the Club. No money is made but a good time was had by all with a get together afterward complete with some home-made chili.

Electronics Drive – Coming up near the end of April, we usually pick up an incredible amount of waste electronics, enough to nearly fill a transport truck. Lots of work that day but a decent revenue source generally and we get most of the Guys turning out to pitch in.

And of course, Summerfest is coming up! It's the 50th year of Kinsmen Beer Tent and it's by far our biggest fundraiser (and the most work). A bit of a struggle getting a Carnival Company to provide a Midway, but we managed to get one this year, likely to be larger than the ones we've had recently. Ever since Covid, most of the smaller companies that can serve our needs have closed, including the one that we had contracted for many years. So, we'll be advertising heavily and coming up with new events to try to make this a great success. New this year is a \$5000 donation to the local Youth Centre in concert with a few other Service Clubs in the area to provide some new, much needed furniture. This is a great initiative to help the youth in St Marys.

Thank You,
Cliff Sterritt, President, St Marys Kinsmen

Stratford Kinsmen

Generally speaking the club is in good shape and growing.

So far this Kin year we did the Stratford Kinsmen Car Show on Labour Day weekend. This event continues to gain popularity and grow.

This year for the first year we provided security for a car club. They in turn donated money to our club where we in turn donated it to Stratford Connects homeless shelter program.

As well we did the Family Day event at the Stratford Museum where we had a booth set up and provided Parking security.

Ongoing we run the Kinsmen Concession booth at the Allman Arena every Friday night and any other games and tournaments that take place.

At Christmas we stood the Sal Army Kettles.

For the second year we hosted and assisted the Cystic Fibrosis Valentine's Gala fundraiser. This event is growing and we will continue to run this event in the future.

Currently we are looking at assisting the SDSS Robotics program for travel competitions. The amount of funding hasn't been decided.

Also we have decided to help fund an Outdoor Gym in Stratford in association with a local developer and the Stratford YMCA.

In this new year we are happy to announce we grown by 5 new members.

Tom Parent
Stratford Kinsmen

Hello from your District Service Team!

First off, we'd like to thank you for all your efforts so far in helping raise money for Cystic Fibrosis and HREF! We would also like to say thanks to the blood donations we've gathered so far, last count showed us to be at 96 of our 150 goal, with 15 new members donating to our goal!! Great Job!!

We still want to help with all your events coming up so please reach out to check availability. Also if your event needs beer please reach out to let us know and we will make sure it's available! Just \$70 for 24 tall boy cans.

We have been promoting our extra efforts to raise funds in celebration of 60 years in partnership with CF Canada! From hair scrunchies and bowties, to bottle drives, to beer sales. We are encouraging your clubs to participate in an event and invite us to join you!!

More information to come at convention about upcoming events and new ideas for raising money!!

Yours in Kin
Service Directors
Mike Austin and Frank Mailloux
