

Summer 2012- Kinship One



Kinship One



Mobster Mayhem - Gangster's Paradise

"I had a blast!" "That was the best convention I've ever been to!" "Everything was so uplifting and everyone was so pumped and positive!" "I'm definitely coming back!"

Those are music to any Convention host and District team's ears. Mobster Mayhem (aka District 1 Convention 2012) went down in the books as an amazing weekend, full of pizzazz, positivity and surprises! From the awesome Mobster mural (courtesy Dave Sopha) to the spectacular sight of Past Governor Norm dropping by for a visit to the phenomenal speakers, award winners, members dressed to theme and general atmosphere, District 1 really was "da family".

Congratulations to the Fergus & District Kinsmen on their winning bid to host District 1 Convention 2013 with their "Seussical" theme. It'll be great, Sam I am!

As you peruse the photos, think of members you know, maybe even yourself, that didn't attend, and start planning to attend FLC 2012 and Convention 2013. Fun, fellowship and friendships await all those who take on an offer they can't refuse!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DISTRICT 1

As we saw during the District Membership Presentation, District 1 has a LOT of new members!

Welcome to Kin Canada, members, and especially to District 1.

We hope to meet you at various events throughout the year, such as Kin Camp, Fall Leadership Conference, Zone Conference, District Convention and various club events.

Remember that as Kin, we are here for you; to answer questions, provide mentorship, fellowship, and friendship. We're here to help you develop personally & professionally, and of course, we're going to help you help your community (and have a lot of fun along the way).

Welcome, new members, to the greatest Association in the world!

Governors' Message

As we take the last lap together it is time for us to provide you with an in depth year-end report. Although there are still a few short weeks left in our term, the final results are in and it is official. You as part of the D-1 racing team have won the race and in commanding, decisive, start-to-finish fashion!

Be proud; be so very, very proud of what you have accomplished this year! Now, the conclusion of a race is time to review and strategize for a good, long-term vision on the areas of focus that lead you to this winning race.

R.E.V. (Respect, Education, Vision) were the three key factors identified, collectively by every member of District Council, as strategic areas of focus. They identified the need to change the culture and growing negative attitude across the Zones, which as noted by your Deputy Governors were infecting the positive growth of our clubs. It was felt that the culture change needed to also encompass a more positive respect being given to our leaders at every level of Kin and with each other, member-to-member.

To assist in making that change happen, we have been completely open and transparent, engaged in positive conversation, and ensured that the information you are hearing is not only coming "straight from the horse's mouth" but also that you were given reasons as to "why".

The Education part of this program needed to ensure individuals were getting proper and current information, training in a timely manner and that our new/younger members were being welcomed with open arms, encouraged and supported every step of the way.

As part of that education focus, we stayed with holding the Club Leadership Seminar in June, adding a few new twists into it to make it more "live and interactive", and its promotion as being open to all members. Approximately 50 people attended and had a truly great day of fun, fellowship, and learning. The positive energy and feedback from that day was truly incredible and was a true indicator that we were on the right track.

Members of District One also ran five New Member Seminars. These seminars had an average attendance of over 20 people per seminar. That is approximately 100 members who made a conscious effort to improve themselves and their Kin knowledge, which impacts each of their respective clubs as well. Congratulations to each of you!



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When it comes to rebuilding, having a long-term, forward vision is imperative to any successful team. We are no different. Past Governors Norm & Elaine were a definite influence in getting that started, and we owe them a big thank you for that. We took what we had learned from them, listened to the membership and your Deputy Governors and unveiled the REV program. District 1 members have taken it to heart and made it more successful than we could have possibly imagined. As we are winding down those last few laps, we must continue to build on this truly incredible year we have had together, and from here continue to take that momentum "UP" with our incoming Governors, Marty and Terri, along with their Kin-Do Crew.

REV and your implementation of it have been noticed by other Districts and their members. From the amount of feedback we have received, we commend each and every one of you for the incredibly positive changes that have happened, and to which you're to be credited. You are once again starting to lead by example. As was told to us by a proud member, who also happens to be from District One, "You have not only silenced the knuckle draggers and naysayers but have got them to realize it is them who need to change for the better, and they have taken it personally and done so." So once again, to all of District 1 we say congratulations on making a positive difference in this District.

Fall Leadership Conference came and with it so did you. You came to learn, to become more educated, to see old friends and make new ones, and perhaps you came because you liked the idea of seeing us in our most beautiful "Duct tape" outfits. You were provided with excellent educational opportunities. Of the nine seminars, one-third of them were centered around membership, specifically recruitment & retention, which as you should know by now is the single biggest factor that faces us currently.

First timers? You bet your bottom dollar we had them show up! We had over almost twenty first timers at FLC. We also had National President Dave Ronson in attendance. who also rolled up his sleeves and facilitated a seminar. National Vice President Candidates Melodie & James also joined the D-1 Racing team that weekend. The other thing each of you "felt" that weekend was the spirit of Past Governor Norm. For those of you who were there you know what we mean!

Awards? We sure had them. We welcomed back and celebrated those individuals and clubs that went forward from District competition to participate at the National level, as well as celebrating the completion of the 2010-11 awards program in grand style!

We left FLC full of positive energy, went home and celebrated anniversaries, Life nights, Cystic Fibrosis nights and more. The Deputy Governors were out in full force all year providing you with assistance, promoting the REV program, attending District Council meetings to ensure you stayed "in the race" and they also deserve a huge thank you for all the time and effort they devoted.

There was great fellowship throughout the year. There were Sno-Golf tournaments, Ice-Fishing Derbies, Zone Inter-club nights, Founders Night Celebrations, TV Auctions, Kite flying days, BBQs and more. District 1 members took the time to not only share these great nights but to invite others from throughout the District via use of the District One Facebook page. It was, in fact, created as another form of communication for all members, but also as a way to market ourselves and ensure our new generation members become engaged with everything the Kin family does.

Zone Conferences were all well attended and we were thrilled to see the respect given to those that had been entrusted to lead and represent each zone.

We once again saw new Zone leaders come forward, full of enthusiasm and positive energy. We were able to attend all but one Zone Conference, but did have D1 Racing representation at all of them. We brought you information on possible resolutions, celebrations, successes & struggles, kept you informed as to what we were doing as part of the National Management Team and listened to what you had to say.

This year we had another charter. We welcomed the Kinette Club of Delhi into the District One family of Kin. What a great group of enthusiastic ladies, some of whom have already attended their first FLC, (prior to even being chartered) and who were also at their first District Convention.

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Speaking of Convention, we came as mobsters to Mobster Mayhem 2012, and what a Convention it was. We won't try to tell you how incredible it was, but rather will note some of the things that made it so, so memorable.

We kicked off with opening ceremonies. To see so many people dressed in theme spoke to the spirit of the energy all members brought forth the entire weekend. We all paid tribute to those now in the Kin Club of Heaven, listened intently during our public speaking competition, and explored matters of business. The positive energy grew from there, in the form of welcoming eighteen first timers to Convention. We involved each of them throughout the weekend by asking them to do O Canada, Kin Song, Kin Grace etc.

Then, just prior to lunch, we unveiled "the big surprise" and in true District One spirit we all got to "Raise a little hell" as those in attendance absolutely blew the roof off when they heard the music and saw Past Governor Norm & Theresa appear in the room. The outpouring of love was clearly evident as there as not a dry eye in the room. Thank you Past Governor Norm and Theresa and each and every one of you for your support of Norm & Theresa through this truly difficult time!

Keeping things rolling, that evening we celebrated the successes District 1 made in both Service and Cystic Fibrosis with a beautiful gala dinner and awards night.

It was a night in which we actually learned what a truly incredible year our clubs and this District had in Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising. We eclipsed last year's total by more than \$60,000, the highest total out of District One in probably close to 10 years! Once again thanks to you. \$257,000 and growing still!

We welcomed new leadership, future leaders, and hopeful leaders as we heard their thoughts and opinions as we wound down convention. We concluded the weekend with an incredible gala dinner again and celebrated with a great awards evening.

District One, from day one of the D-1 Race you have amazed us, welcomed us, spoken freely and in turn we have listened. Together as one, we have turned this District around. We are now in a positive mindset, a sense of family has been returned to this District because of our willingness to accept change, including changing ourselves in some cases.

To our Executive and our members of Council, our most sincere, heartfelt thanks for all of your efforts and input. To each and every one of you in District One who made the conscious decision to better yourself, your club and this District, words cannot express our thanks. It was District One members who allowed all of us the opportunity to facilitate this change. As D1 Racing, we are proud to have been given the trust and responsibility, but it is all of you who made it truly come together.

Remember the past for it is what has made us.

Learn from it, respect it, build on it

In doing so, do not be afraid of criticism

By doing nothing and saying nothing you accomplish

and become nothing

Never underestimate the power of passion,

it can move mountains

Yours in Kin,

Colleen & Dan

Colleen Wake & Dan Strugar
District One Governors 2011-12



Across The Zones - Zone F

Zone F's spring is all about FUN and Fellowship! Check out the photos from events such as the Zone F Interclub "Fun Day", events, projects and more.





Across The Zones – Zone A: Hamilton Hammers Last Year's Totals for Great Strides

The Kinsmen Club of Hamilton made a grand leap of faith last year when they decided to host their first ever Great Strides Walk. They raised over \$11,000 and were amazed at how many people – and how much money – came through the gate at Bayfront Park.

Fast forward a year of educating themselves on Cystic Fibrosis, developing a great relationship with the local Cystic Fibrosis Chapter, and a new determination grew to make this year even better.

Imagine the thrill they got when they were told the day of the Walk that they could very well reach over \$100,000 – nearly ten times the total from last year.



Hamilton Kinsmen pose with the local CF Chapter at the Great Strides Walk



The Great Strides event saw Kin visitors, as well as walkers, such as Adrian Helm, Joanne Bint and Tanya Bettridge.

Across The Zones - Zone H

There is nothing like a Spring Convention to get one REV'ed up on Kin. Brantford was a blast and Zone H proved once again that though we are quiet - we do carry a big stick.

I'm proud to say that we were third in CF Contributions from all the Zones. (Oh - and I guess I owe a dime for writing CF instead of Cystic Fibrosis).

I would like to thank all the members in Zone H for supporting me at our last Zone Conference. I was pleased to see all clubs were in attendance and both Governor Colleen and Vice-Governor Terri were very complimentary on how well our Zone conducts its business and "gets er' done". Since no one wanted to take over the wheel from me and since I really only ran the Zone for about 2 months, I have decided to once again represent Zone H at the District level as your incoming Deputy Governor.

Thank you to the Leamington Kinsmen for offering to host our 2013 Zone Conference. (I believe they are still hoping the whole Mayan calendar thing gets them out of having to come through on this but I do thank them anyways).

Congratulations are in order for the following Presidents-Elect in Zone H: Jeff Nichols (Leamington Kinsmen), Chuck Stoffle (LaSalle Kin Club), Lori Racine (Windsor Kin Club). I'm still awaiting to hear the results from the remaining clubs. I look forward to working with you all in the coming Kin year.

Our commitment to Cystic Fibrosis continues this coming June 23rd as we host Zone H's Annual Jim Reid Memorial Golf Tournament in Leamington. This tournament raised over \$11,000 towards our Cystic Fibrosis total last year and should once again put us out front for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to attend - please contact me for additional information.

I've already asked all our Clubs to keep June 24th open for their members who wish to attend the Camp Stevenson Leadership Skills Seminar. The information was circulated to your Club Presidents. The Seminars are an integral part of your Kin Growth. I can assure you that Governors-Elect Terri and Marty will make attending this event well worth your while.

My final thanks go out to everyone who supported the Zone this past year. Let's make last year a great starting point for our year to come.

Andy Mantha, Zone H Deputy Governor

What Happens When "CLS" Becomes "LSS"

The District 1 Pre-term weekend has traditionally held its Club Leadership Seminar (CLS) on the Sunday. This year, incoming Governors Marty & Terri decided to change things up a bit. Instead of club executive position-specific breakout sessions, they would bring in Mr. Education himself, Dave Tidbury, HRF to facilitate a leadership seminar that all attendees could learn from and enjoy.



The result? A grand success. The feedback was incredibly positive, everyone learned something new and great discussions took place at every opportunity. It was a great example of an out-of-the-box idea that was implemented with great hopes, and executed successfully.



So next year, ensure you attend again, and bring your fellow members with you!

District Membership Director

I realize that another Kin year is rapidly coming to a close and each of us is looking forward to new challenges and new opportunities.

Just because we are at the end of this Kin year, doesn't mean that your responsibilities are over. It may be the most critical time of this Kin year.

Now is the time to do a crossover meeting with your replacement. Inform them of your membership plans for this year and help them formulate a plan for their year. Include your Zone Membership Director and theirs in the planning.

Remember that there is plenty of time for a big membership push for new members. Keep these new people engaged with your projects over the summer and include them in social time over the summer, whether it's at a BBQ at your place, or on a golf course.

We have had some membership success, but we aren't finished yet. We are currently around 20 new members shy of achieving positive growth in this district for the first time in my tenure with this association.

If each Zone gets 2 new members before the end of the year, we are almost there.

So go out and give one more big push to the members of District One to bring in one more person. Like our Cystic Fibrosis/Service Directors have been stressing this year, with one dime at a time, one more member WILL make a difference. I think of some of the people in District 1 that I have met who have been difference makers. One person who believes in this association and what it has to offer, who after learning about the association became recruiting machines can alter not only a club, but a whole zone.

Now is the opportunity to submit your District 1 Racing Pit Pass for your chance to win a registration to Fall Leadership Conference in Kitchener-Waterloo. The draw will be taking place on July 1st, so make sure to get your pit passes in to me by the deadline, or to a member of District Council, or your Deputy Governor. If you never received one, but would like to submit, there is an *.PDF on distict1kin.ca for you to download and fill out.

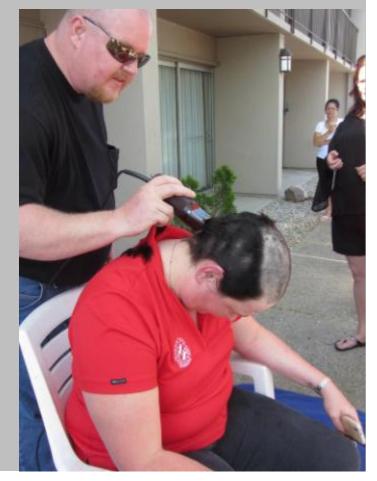
I would like to finish this report with one thought though. Take the time to listen to people, talk to them and do something completely out of character for someone without looking for glory or a pat on the back. A little time spent helping someone pays huge dividends. This association should be a brotherhood and a sisterhood from coast to coast. Help your fellow Kin, be a friend, not just in the easy times, but especially in the dark times when it counts the most.

Thank you all my friends.

Yours in Kin,
Marty Makins
District 1 Membership Director 2011-12



Membership









D1 RACING - RESPECT EDUCATION VISION

DAN STRUGAR & COLLEEN WAKE

District One Governors 2011-2012



Dear District 1 Members,

Due to technical difficulties with the hardware hosting the audio file from Convention, the official minutes for District 1 Convention have been delayed. Efforts are being made to restore the file so that the official minutes can be retrieved. We ask for your patience at this time. Should the minutes become available or circumstances change, you will continue to be kept informed.

In the meantime, and in an effort to keep District 1 members up to date, we are providing a minutes "summary". This is not meant to replace the official minutes; however, it should serve to educate members on the results of the business sessions of District 1 Convention 2012, until the official minutes become available.

MINUTES -

the minutes from Fall Leadership Conference 2011 were approved as presented

FINANCIAL -

- The financial statement from Fall Leadership Conference 2011 were approved as presented
- The 2012-2013 District 1 Cystic Fibrosis-Service Budget was approved as presented
- The 2012-2013 District 1 Budget was approved as presented

RESOLUTIONS -

- All three Vice Governors' resolutions, as presented and circulated, were approved
- Motion was made regarding implications of the proposed National Budget (Summary), which would see one (incoming) Governor and one (outgoing) Governor be out-of-pocket for their planned attendance at National Convention in Peterborough. The motion was for the non-reimbursed Convention Assessments (which totalled \$2950 for District 1 Convention 2012) to be used to offset the previously noted out-of-pocket expenses (registration, accommodations and travel), in the event that the National Budget passes as proposed. This motion was carried.

ELECTIONS -

- Chris Kekes (Cambridge-North Dumfries Kinsmen) and Melissa Suggitt (Waterloo-Grand River Kinettes) were acclaimed as Vice Governors for the 2012-2013 year.
- Bids to host District Convention 2013 were put in by the Palmerston & District Kinette Club and the Fergus & District Kinsmen Club. The Fergus & District Kinsmen Club were elected as the 2013 hosts of District 1 Convention with their theme, "Seussical" (Dr. Seuss).
- No bids to host Perc Dawson 2012-2013 were received; however after nominations, the Cambridge-North Dumfries Kinsmen Club's offer to host was gratefully accepted.

- Governors Dan Strugar and Colleen Wake presented the chains of office to Governors-elect Marty Makins (Hamilton Kinsmen) and Terri Iredale (St. Marys Kinettes)
- Governors-elect Marty Makins and Terri Iredale presented Vice Governors' pins to Chris Kekes and Melissa Suggitt

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS -

- Convention Co-coordinators Terri Iredale and Tanya Bettridge (Hartung) thanked everyone for attending, for participating in the theme and invited all attendees to return next year with more fellow members. "TnT" also acknowledged the hard work of their Committee – Monika McKean, Nancy Loughlean and Odette Houle
- Past Governor Norm McColl visited delegates Saturday morning and was officially installed into the "Past Governors' Club"
- National Presentations National Risk Management Committee, National Membership Committee, Hal Rogers Endowment Fund, National Board of Directors, National Awards Committee and Proposed National Budget (Summary), National Convention
- National Vice President Candidates and District 1 Vice Governor Candidates participated in Candidates'
 Forums
- Fall Leadership Conference 2012 promotional presentation by Kitchener-Waterloo family of Kin
- Portraits of Honour presentation by Dave Sopha and Bruce Lloyd

GALAS -

- Saturday evening was the "Service in Sicily Gala", which featured a guest speaker, presentation of awards and funds raised totals
- Sunday evening was the "Godfather Governors' Ball" gala, which featured special thank-you presentations, awards and Vice Governors-Governors-Past Governors pin exchanges and presentations

Full listing of Cystic Fibrosis funds raised/totals and both Service and Kin awards' winners will be posted/circulated soon.

Again, thank you fellow Kin for your patience and understanding as we work through technical obstacles in extracting the minutes from the audio file. We hope to have the official minutes to you as soon as possible.

Yours in Kin,

Dan & Colleen

Dan Strugar & Colleen Wake
District 1 Governors 2011-2012

Thanks, Zone G... You're Grrrrrreat!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs in Zone G for supporting me through my two years as Deputy Governor. I have always been well received at all of the clubs treated with a great amount of respect. Kinsmen and Kinettes are some of the most passionate caring people I have ever met. They give up time away from their families to help others and to help the community. Money is nice to give and receive but I believe that time is far more important, so I would like to congratulate all of the clubs and Zone G for having a successful year and for continuing to provide the community's greatest need.

I would also like to thank all of the help I have had this past year, especially I would like to thank Dave Boomer Johnson, Scott Syrie and Larry Cadotte for helping me with the zone duties. I would also like to thank the presidents' further support and for keeping me in the loop of what is going on in their clubs. I would also like to congratulate and thank incoming Deputy Governor

Bob Hughes for stepping up to the plate once again in zone G.

Zone G will be busy again this summer with a couple Ribfests, carnivals, beer tents, Lobster Fest and golf tournaments. Once again Zone G Kinsmen and Kinettes are giving up their time this summer to help raise funds for the community.

Lastly, I would like to thank the other Deputy Governors as well as the District Team led by Gov. Dan and Gov. Colleen, what an extremely passionate team and it was a pleasure serving with you, we will always have a bond and be able to reminisce when we see each other.

Yours in Kin,

Bruce Moulton

Deputy Governor Zone G reaaaaaat!

Zone J Grows

At their May meeting, the Walkerton Kinettes installed two more new members, bringing the total for this Kin year up to five! Their roster currently stands at nineteen members, and meeting attendance is consistently at 15 or 16. This is a club that started September 2009 with just three members. Their secret?

- ASK PEOPLE!!!
- Have social events (like their Travelling Wine Glass, which is a spontaneous visit to a club member...who is not expecting company).
- ASK PEOPLE!!!
- Take care of business at executive meetings, so that general meetings are shorter, and have time for guest speakers and social time.
- ASK PEOPLE!!!
- Make sure that all meetings are inclusive, and that Kin education is happening so that newer members are supported when they're willing to take on project or club leadership roles.
- ASK PFOPLF!!!



Back row L-R: Sponsoring member Candice Hetsler, President Rochelle Dupuis, sponsoring member Kristina Parsons

Front row L-R: New Kinette Julie Michalak (sponsor

Welcome to Meaford's



WELCOME FELLOW KIN,

to our 52nd ANNIVERSARY OF KIN KAMP!! We know that this year's special Kamp will be a Kin-fun-filled weekend, and we are looking forward to seeing you all here for all the fun & fellowship that define Kin Kamp. We would like to acknowledge that, without the co-operation, participation and contributions from ALL clubs past, present and future, the Meaford Kin Kamp would not be the success that it is today!

Pre-bookings at the Kamp have started already, so please REGISTER EARLY! **EVENTS / BOODLE BAGS:**

Every year we are challenged to come up with new and interesting events. It is our hope that EVERY club will participate, and sponsor an event, game or challenge at some point during the weekend. If your club has a new idea, or a revival of an old one, we would be happy to fit you into our schedule. Please see Club Registration Form #1 to sign up your event with your registration package.

If your club cannot run an event, but would like to contribute an item to the Boodle Bag, please send 250 of your item to me at least one week before the Kamp. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

KIN KAMP BULLETIN:

If you would like your event scheduled in our Bulletin Timetable of Events, please let me know the particulars and a contact person/phone number so that we can confirm the details and timing of the event. If you want to include a FULL PAGE AD in the Bulletin, please be creative, design an ad, and forward 250 copies on 8-1/2 x 11" paper, to myself at least one week prior to Kin Kamp.

PARKING LIMITATIONS:

PLEASE HELP us keep the roadways passable and our Kamp safe, by limiting the on-site vehicles to an absolute minimum. As in the past, a parking lot will be setup, in the field beside the sewage treatment plant, outside the park entrance. Due to fire and safety regulations, we can allow only a minimum number of vehicles at each Kamp site: ALL OTHER vehicles must use the parking lot outside the park. Please help us make more room for KAMPERS, not PARKING. As well, there are to be NO ATV's or off-road vehicles at Kin Kamp. * Kin Kampers are also asked NOT TO PARK in the public day-use parking spots immediately below the hill.

RESERVING SITES EARLY:

Reservations for before or after Kin Kamp can be made by phoning the Memorial Park Campground at 519-538-2530 (1-800-399-6323). I hope to have a copy of the Kin Kamp map layout to the park office by July 1, so that you can reserve the same sites for before or after Kin Kamp. The parks board management has asked the Kinsmen Club of Meaford to remind all Kin Kampers not to disturb other campers in the park before the actual Kin Kamp starts. The Kinsmen Club of Meaford does not have the sole use of the Kin Kamp field until 5:00 p.m. Friday August 3, 2012. Anybody having complaints filed against them by park management will be asked to leave the park with no refund of registration by either the Meaford Parks Board or the Meaford Kinsmen club.

Please fill out and return forms #1 & #2 with Club Cheque for total registration by June 1, 2012.

Make Cheques payable to: MEAFORD KINSMEN CLUB / KIN KAMP 2012

If you have any questions, please call me at 519-538-4138 (or work #519-371-5171 ext. 400), or e-mail me at tweldrick@sympatico.ca.

Yours in Kin. Tony Weldrick 2012 Kin Kamp Registration Chairman

MEAFORD KIN KAMP 2012

CLUB Registration Form #1

(Must be completed and returned with Form #2)



Please send registration form along with ONE CLUB CHEQUE or MONEY ORDER for the total cost of all registrations for each club.

Make cheque payable to: MEAFORD KINSMEN CLUB / KIN KAMP 2012

Send Registrations to: Kin TONY WELDRICK

30 Edwin Street East, Meaford, Ontario

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For further information contact myself at home 519-538-4138 (or work #519-371-5171 ext. 400), or e-mail me at tweldrick@sympatico.ca.

NOTE: Registrations will be ONLY be accepted when accompanied with full payment. All registration fees must be paid in full by JUNE 1, 2012.

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NOTE: There is a \$5.00 DAY PASS Charge to any Non-Registered Guests. Please see me for a Wrist Band.

Important: We are once again administering WRIST BANDS. Adults (aged 19 and up) will be one colour, and Youths (18 and under) will be another colour. So please have EACH family fill in their own copy of FORM # 2 with the names and ages of all Kampers, so we can purchase the correct number of each colour of arm bands. Registration, Arm Bands, and Boodle Bags will be handed out at the Bud Eagles Memorial Pavilion, Friday night, August 3, 2012, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

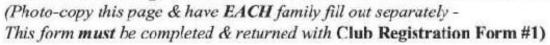
All clubs must be registered, and ALL individuals MUST wear their Arm Bands the entire weekend.

FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Thank You, Meaford Kinsmen

MEAFORD KIN KAMP 2012

FAMILY Registration / Wrist Band / Release Form #2





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Kinship One Editor – My Last Issue

It's the end of my year, and as I look back I smile with the many memories that have been created for me.

From learning the role of District Secretary, to working with outstanding Deputy Governors and an amazing District Executive, to seeing all the wonderful things Clubs across this District achieve in a single year, it's really quite overwhelming.

Although I have been Kinship One Editor before, this year I decided to change it up a bit. New look, new content and a fresh, positive vibe. Thank you to all who provided positive feedback, ideas and suggestions. It's those of you, who contribute in those ways that are responsible for each successful issue of our publication.

Some of my favourite items have been the quill entries, the new member profiles, and of course, all the awesome photos that I completely stole (fair and square) from Facebook. There are so many to choose from, I only wish I was Facebook friends with every member in the District so that I could use photos showcasing each and every Club.

With that in mind, I'll ask something of you, District 1 members. When you decide to post photos of your Club's events, why not choose a handful of the best ones, and post them in the District 1 Kin Facebook Group? It allows the rest of the District to see what your Club is up to, will perhaps get some cool ideas from the photos, and maybe those photos will show up in things like Kin Canada's Kin Magazine.

It's all part of Kin-necting with each other. Although Clubs visiting each

other isn't something that happens as often as in the past, there's no reason why we can't connect with each other online. Whether it's sharing photos, stories or information, we have opportunities to be involved in the Kin culture.

Kinship One is a fantastic way to do that, and I hope that District 1 will continue to utilize Kinship One as the true communication and connection tool it was meant to be.

We are most definitely all Kin. I think over the years the real meaning of that has faded a little, but I still hold immense hope that we'll regain that connection with each other.

I hope you've enjoyed Kinship One this year. I wish the Kin-Do Crew all the best in their year as they strive to take District 1 "Up".

Yours in Kin,

Tanya

Tanya Bettridge
District Secretary &
Kinship One Editor



SPECIAL THANKS TO...

As Co-Hosts of District 1 "Mobster Mayhem" Convention 2012, we'd like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the following that made such a successful event possible:

Our Convention Committee; LM Monika McKean, Odette Houle and Nancy Loughlean. You ladies are simply amazing!

Mark Stansbury, who looked after our A/V needs all weekend. Mark, thank you for volunteering your time and effort!

Dwayne Loughlean – thank you for being our Governors' Gala "DJ in da house" – you're the best!

Chris Kekes – thank you for generously supplying the A/V equipment for the weekend, it's most appreciated.

Preston & Shelburne Kin Families — thank you for stepping up to host the Hospitality Suite — everyone had a fantastic time!

District 1 Kin – thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who attended and made this one of the best, most positive and pumped UP Conventions ever!

Finally, thank you to our closest Kin friends, who listened to us rant and rave when things got tough – we thank you deeply for being there for us. ©

Yours in Kin,

Terri Iredale & Tanya Bettridge

Convention Coordinators,
District 1 Convention 2012

Zone A Finishes Strong

Zone A prepares for a busy summer schedule of events

As the Kin year winds down our clubs finished strong with a lot of great projects.

- TV Auction for the KW Kinsmen was a great success raising about \$25000 for the service account and the club now does a few school fun fairs in order to give back to the community.
- Great Strides was a big success, with Hamilton coming in at more than \$100,000.
- Waterloo Grand River helped out at their Great Strides and over \$200 000 was raised.
- Preston Kinsmen had a successful Carnival generating some much need funds for their Service account.

All in all we have had a fairly successful year in Zone A and with the new team in place we are looking at a great year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Zone Secretary/Treasurer Don Ciuciura and Cystic Fibrosis/Service/Membership Director Adrian Helm for their service this past year. Many of our Zone A clubs are not taking the summer off.

Please take note of the great things ahead for this summer and attend if you can.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris

Chris Kekes Zone A Deputy Governor Cambridge North Dumfries Kinsmen July 1st Canada Day, Riverside Park Cambridge- Food Booth 10AM-11PM

Sunday August 5th- BBQ Kin Kampbenefiting Past Governor Norm and Theresa McColl

Stoney Creek Kinsmen

August 24th- 26th- Winona Peach Festival, Winona Park- Food booth, Snow Cones, Cotton Candy

Oakville Kin Club

July 1st Canada Day, Bronte Park-Food Booth and Beer Tent 10AM-10PM

July 20th Midnight Madness, Downtown Oakville- Food Booth 6:30PM- Midnight

KW Kinsmen

August 26th Freedom Ride To End MS, BBQ 10AM-4PM

Hamilton Kinsmen

July 6th Dragon Boat Races, Bay Front Park BBQ 10AM-7PM

Brantford Kinsmen

August 10-12 Annual Ribfest, Cockshutt Park

Woolwich Kin Club

July 20-22 Family Fun Weekend, West Montrose Family Camp Featuring "The Amazing Race" on Saturday the 21st

Woolwich's Family Fun Weekend – It's "Amazing"!

On July 20-22, Kin families, campers and visitors will flock to the West Monstrose Family Camp to participate in Woolwich Kin Club's "Family Fun Weekend". The highlight of the weekend: The Amazing Race.

The event has grown by leaps and bounds. Last year, there were so many Kin families in attendance and camping all weekend, it was dubbed the "Kin Camp Warm-up" weekend.



But the big event is the Amazing Race. Teams register, collect pledges and set off on the challenging course that weekend. Last year saw Governors Dan & Colleen swimming, walking and taking on each "Pit Stop" challenge. This year, Governors Marty and Terri will attempt the race.

The event is also all about the kids. Activities, games, movie nights and of course, camping, are what really make this weekend a fun, family affair.

Interested? Check out www.woolwichkin.com for more details.



Zone D Report

Fellow Kin, what a year it has been, I have learned so much and met so many new Kin!! It has been my honour to represent both our Kinsmen and Kinettes this year. Many of the clubs in the zone have had positive growth this year, Garden City is about to install a new member and the Grimsby Kinettes just did. Other clubs have prospective members coming out as well, so Kudos to all of you.

We had a fantastic time at Mobster Mayhem, the team of Terri and Tanya along with some helpers pulled off a Convention to remember!! For the first time since I have been a Kinette we had a Kinette speaker from the Fort Erie Kinettes who did such a great job, Congrats Sharlene you made us all proud!! And special Congrats to Kin LM Doug Freeland from Fonthill for winning the Gord Harbison Speak off!! He will represent our District well at National Convention. Congrats to all of our award winners this year, in Zone and District.

This has be the best year I have ever had in Kin, Thanks to Governors Dan and Colleen for all of the support and help that they have given me, I appreciate the opportunity that you gave me to be Deputy Governor for both Kinsmen and Kinettes more than you will ever know, I learned more this year than I ever could have hoped for, and thank you for the Zone award for Kinsmen Deputy Governor! Also to the District Team and all of the Deputy Governors, it was so awesome working with you.

My Team, Denny, Shane and Kathy, you all know how much you mean to me, and I can't wait for Shane and Kathy to begin their year as Deputy Governors I know they will do the Zone and District proud, I couldn't be leaving the Zone to two more capable people.

Our Clubs are still hard at work raising those service dollars, with some also having upcoming Fireworks sales for Canada Day, Road Tolls , and Movie Nights.

We are having a joint installations on June 24th , at the Fonthill Kinsmen clubrooms.

Thanks again to all, and have a great summer!! Zone D Kin are the best!!

Yours in Kin,

LM Tracy Deputy Governor

Cheryl Huston, Life Member



Cheryl was completely shocked and surprised when she showed up to a wonderfully planned Zone D Joint Installation Night only to discover, as her entire family came walking into the room on cue, that it was actually a night to celebrate her Life Membership.



Cheryl is surprised by her family and best Kin buddy, Dale Rutherford.

The night was full of amazing stories, laughs and wonderful tributes to a woman that has worked tirelessly and passionately for her Community, her Club and this Association.



Congratulations
Life Member Cheryl!

Vice Governors' Report

With District convention behind us now and the close of another Kin year fast approaching; we would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our ENTIRE Kin-Do crew to say thank you for a very supportive Vice Governor year. We have had a blast this year getting out for socials, club projects, meetings, fundraisers, Zone Conferences and we thank you for including us in your plans with invites.

We are very excited for the beginning of our term. We have Deputy Governors in place for all zones and we have an awesome Crew ready to step "UP" for the next KIN year. Our Preterm weekend was a grand success — we were so happy to see so many first-timers to our Leadership Skills Seminar (LSS). The feedback on the new format was very positive, plus it was a great opportunity to spend some social time with Kin from across the District.

We look forward to seeing you over the summer months; please keep in mind that we welcome invites to your club projects and if you need an extra set of hands; please let us know.

Enjoy your Summer Fellow KIN

Yours in KIN Marty and Terrí

Governors Elect

Zone C

I cannot believe that we are looking at the end of the Kin year already. Does everyone feel as if the year has just flown by or is it just me?

All the ladies in Zone C have been exceptionally busy this past year, and I'd like to send a huge congratulations out to each and every one of you for all that you have done to not only make your communities better, but to grow your friendships within your club too.

Kingrats to the Beaver Valley Kinettes and your wonderful Cards for Seniors project that allowed you to go home with the Myrtle Wilson Memorial Service Award! This is a heart-warming project that I'd encourage all clubs to consider. To the Kinette Club of Collingwood, the Kevin Denbok Award, the Public Relations Award and the Junior Bulletin Award (Katie McKean, editor), are all well deserved and reflective of all of your hard work. And special thanks goes out to our representative in the Public Speaking competition, April Maclean. April, you did us proud! Thank you for once again taking on the challenge!

I want to extend an extra special thank you to my Zone team of Barb McArthur, Lisa Burechails (that's burr as in cold, chails as in nails), and Katie McKean. You ladies have been such a wonderful support team all year, I could

not imagine having done this without you. Barb and Lisa, this is the end of a two-year commitment for both of you; thank you for agreeing to stay and play with me. And Lisa, I know that Zone C is in VERY good hands next year with you at the helm. You are an incredible lady.

Looking forward to seeing y'all at Kin Kamp this summer. Til then, play safe and play nice ..

LM Monika McKean, Zone C Deputy Governor



D1 Treasurer & Risk Manager's Report

Hard to believe we are almost at the finish line of another KIN year.

We are 100% on track for clubs paying their District Dues and almost that same amount for filing of appropriate paperwork. Although I would have liked to see 100 % earlier - it is "almost perfect".

I wish to take this opportunity again to thank all the Deputy Governors for their hard work this year. Their assistance reminding clubs that slipped past due dates for paperwork and dues payments has paid off as we approach the end of the KIN year and they worked efficiently to get these clubs back on track. Thank you!

As well; your Executive has been working very hard this year to ensure district monies have been spent wisely and "below budget" wherever and whenever possible.

As we approach the summer months keep in mind your summer projects and the safety that needs to surround all our projects. Ensure you always have Incident Reporting Forms on hand for quick responses to issues/incidents that may arise and quick fact gathering is most important. Visit www.kincanada.ca for all your forms.

I wish to congratulate all our newly elected Club Treasurer's and Risk Managers. Sitting on a club executive is fun and rewarding. Congratulations and thank you to all outgoing Club Treasurers and Risk Managers for a job well done this year.

Please let me take this opportunity to thank YOU for your continued support. It has been a great year serving as your District Treasurer and Risk Manager.

I look forward to seeing you over the summer. Play safe through the summer months and enjoy!

Terri Iredale District Treasurer & Risk Manager

Across the District - Zone J

The Teeswater Kinsmen held their 24th annual Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 5th. This popular event always draws a crowd, whether the kids are catching fish or just drowning worms. Prizes are awarded for the biggest three fish caught in three different age categories. These Kinsmen have also been able to recruit new members with this event, right, Scot?





District 1 Quill Award – Kinsmen Winning Entry

Hello Fellow Kin of District One!

Usually around this time of the year, you would expect to hear something more in tune of "Happy Holidays, Joyeaux Noel or Merry Christmas" and while I would like to echo those sentiments to every member of District 1, I have something else I'd like to say to everyone.

When I first came into the Association of Kin, I was told about our origins. How a young man named Hal Rogers had come back from fighting in the war and missed the camaraderie that he had experienced in the trenches. This had me believing that being a member of Kin was based in fellowship and in friendship. Service work gave us form and function, but it was the relationships that you cultivated while doing service work that really made the ties that bind Kin all that much stronger.

I guess this is what drew me to Kin, a place where everyone belongs and is part of a larger family. Someplace I would know that my brothers and sisters would have my back when everything is falling down around me. It is this that has me troubled with Kin at this time. With the economic climate and people having to shift their priorities to survive in these times, how many times do we do something for our own members?

I remember hearing about socials that clubs did for members of their own clubs, kidnap breakfasts and redoing a porch for someone while they were away on vacation. These stories are rare in this day and age and maybe it's something that we should put more focus on. Everybody loves doing something that produces a tangible result. A Cystic Fibrosis speaker seems to always produce a feeling of accomplishment and motivation to go right back out and do more.

So why don't we do this for the people that work right beside us at projects?

I was fortunate enough to be a part of something like this over the summer. A member of District 1 decided to do something for another member of another club, one of her friends, and proceeded to make a backyard makeover a District project for this person. It will always be one of my treasured memories of being in Kin. Not only for the reaction of the individual who received this gift, but for being included in something like this that I can impart onto future generations of Kin.

It's the bonds of friendship that this association has given me, and I start to think during this holiday season, what can I give back to my fellow members and friends?

I guess that is the question that I put to the members of the district, what can you do to help your fellow club members during this time of year? Shovel their snow for them? Bring over some Hot Chocolate and visit with them? Why are our club members becoming strangers instead of best of friends?

Fellow members, please take this opportunity to spread some cheer during the holiday season. Make it something personal for one of your club members. Make a lasting impression on someone who is going to be your brother or sister through good times and bad.

The impression you would make on these individuals will even make a Grinch's heart grow 3 times its' size. What better immediate, long lasting impact could you make, than being a secret Santa to one of your own club members?

Happy Holidays Fellow Kin, and remember the ties that bind us together will only get stronger with your assistance.

Respectfully submitted and yours in Kin,

Marty Makins Kinsmen Club of Hamilton 603 Words

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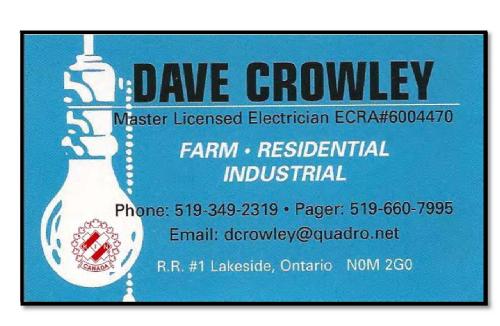
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District 1 Quill Award – Kinette Winning Entry

My Journey

I'm new to Kin. I've known about Kin for years as my best friend is a Kinette, but I finally joined. Actually, what happened was that I finally ran out of excuses.

When it comes to Kin, my best friend is not one to push. She asked, I answered, "No". A few years went by and, whenever I visited her, Kin would come up in conversation. She would get a phone call and she would say "Oh that was so and so from Kin".

She met her future husband and he became a Kinsman. Again, every time we visited, something was said about Kin or Kin would call. Looking back, it always seemed to be there in the background. She never pushed it, she found subtle ways.

She got engaged and asked us to participate in the wedding. We weren't surprised they'd be getting married at a Kin convention. After the ceremony, we were invited back for cake and a party. We met lots of interesting people that and had some good laughs. Shortly after, they came to Listowel for a visit. We were socializing when my (now husband) mentions that he is thinking about joining the Kinsmen but wasn't sure how. I also mention that I'm thinking about it.

Well, it was like a fish going for the bait! She grabbed on and wouldn't let go. I told her to cool her jets; I was just thinking about it. I didn't know if I wanted to join the local club because I didn't think I would fit in; I speak my mind which tends to get me in trouble. She said she felt that I might fit in better with the Palmerston Kinettes and would get in touch with one that she knew in the club, when I was ready to join.

My husband joined the Listowel Kinsmen and loved it. We attended a dinner that the Kinsmen were hosting for Paddyfest, where I discovered that my best friend had talked to one of the Palmerston Kinettes. Tanya Hartung introduced herself and proceeded all through dinner to harass me about joining. I said I couldn't join because of my work schedule - I worked when the club held its meetings. I will say this about Tanya; she is very, very, persistent. From that point on at every function she would kindly ask me if I was ready to join.

Meanwhile, I had gotten engaged. We didn't have a lot of money for the wedding, which we were paying for ourselves. My best friend/maid of honor stepped up to the plate and pulled in a lot of favors from her fellow Kinsmen and Kinettes, who helped us cut a lot of costs.

She decided that she was going to run for Vice Governor and won. I was so proud of her. She said that the next year she would be Governor and that I had to be there when she received, as she called it, her "Hardware". My best friend is none other than (current) Governor Colleen Wake.

My work shifts changed, which meant that I would be able to attend Palmerston Kinettes' meetings. I had not yet told anyone of my decision when tragedy struck. Two firefighters were killed in the line of duty in Listowel. One of them, Ray Walter, was Vice President of the Listowel Kinsmen. Over the next week, it seemed that every Kinsmen or Kinette in the province wanted to attend the funeral of a fallen Kinsman. I was deeply touched by the outpouring of love and respect that was shown. It convinced me that I was making the right decision to join.

I told Tanya of my decision and she invited me out. I met some wonderful women that welcomed me to my first meeting. They discussed several projects that they had on the go that night and talked about the upcoming Convention.

I got to attend the Convention to see Colleen "get her Hardware" and I was so proud of her. I met a lot of people, got to spend time with the ladies that in the club I was joining and it helped me get to know them a little better. On the Sunday morning, I chose to attend the Cystic Fibrosis brunch. It made me realize that Kin raises a lot of money for CF and that the foundation uses that money for many things, not only research but in making many lives much easier.

(QUILL - Cont'd from previous page)

My Club suffered a tragedy when Lisa, who suffered from Cystic Fibrosis, succumbed to the disease. Since she had been sick for a number of months and hospitalized, I did not get to know her, but wish I could have. I understand that she was a wonderful human being with a great capacity for love. I have come to know her mother, also a member, and I think I understand where her daughter got the wonderful traits she had.

I became an official Palmerston Kinette in September, was fully installed and then made the Cystic Fibrosis Director. I love the job and it didn't matter that I had no clue what I was doing. Every member of the club has offered help in one fashion or another. We have a tremendous amount of fun at our meetings. I am learning more and more every meeting I go to. There are many more moments of outstanding things that I have witnessed Kin.

I now wonder why the heck it took me so long to join. It has been a wonderful experience so far and I know that I can only grow as a human being and volunteer. There are so many people that are willing to embrace you, and help guide you in your learning experience in the Kin community, that it truly does seem like an extension of my family. I would recommend this group of people to anyone that I meet. You should recommend it, too.

Lori Schnarr
Palmerston & District Kinette Club
993 words



Walkerton Kinettes – Go Fly A Kite!

The Walkerton Kinettes hold a barbeque for Kin/Cystic Fibrosis day each year. This year they decided to add kites to the mix. Kids were able to decorate, assemble and then fly their own kites, and take them home when they were done. Approximately \$250 was raised to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Next year will be bigger and better!





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