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District 1



2016-2017

Hello District 1

Just rounded the corner on the second half of our term and looking to the home stretch of an amazing year.

Monika myself and the entire Back to the Future part Deux team hope that each and every one of you and your families had an amazing Christmas and Holiday season, and took the time to enjoy your time together and had a little rest from your busy schedules.

Thought I better bring everyone up to speed on what has been going on this year to date and why Governor Monika has been taking the lead on everything District. Found out mid October that I had some serious health issues happening and was quite ill and not able to fulfill my duties as Governor for some time. Happy to report that treatments both conventional and alternative have been doing wonders for me and am now feeling much better and able to resume my duties as Governor of District 1.

Far from out of the woods yet but right now everything is positive and appears to be moving in the right direction. And I am looking forward to getting back in the saddle and being involved again with the business of the District but more importantly sharing fellowship with my friends. I also want to take a moment to thank everyone who reached out and helped myself and family in so many ways, your caring and compassion helped to relieve so much of the stress related to this illness and allowed us to function as a family and concentrate on getting better. I also greatly appreciate your understanding and all of the help you gave to Monika as she bore the brunt of running the District alone on very short notice.

Well enough about me,

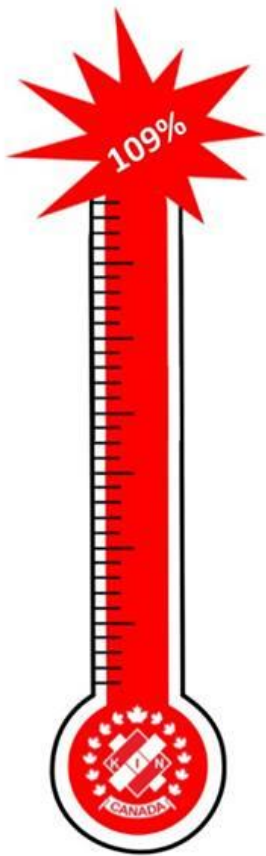
I am happy to report that the District council as always is still hard at work looking after the needs of its members. Plans and workshops are well under way for our Mid Term Council meeting in Stratford the last weekend of January, we will be making sure that any issues happening are being dealt with to the best of our ability and in a timely manor, as well as preparing our DG's for the upcoming Zone conferences and to be able to respond to any needs from the clubs and members. If you require anything for your Zone conferences please make sure you contact any member of the council for any of your needs or required information we are here for YOU.

Plans and ideas are also moving right along for Spring Convention in Brantford and I know the Flamborough Kin Club has an amazing weekend in store for us so be sure you're there. More details will be released as the plans are firmed up.

As mentioned we are just starting the second half of our year and we know there are a multitude of club functions, fundraisers and special occasions in the works. Please don't forget to keep us in the loop. Monika. Myself and the entire council are there for you, in almost any capacity you need. We just need to know where and when you want us.

District 1 let's keep doing what you do best, let's get busy, roll up our sleeves, get out in our communities and make a positive difference, have an amazing amount of fun doing it and make everyone wonder why they haven't yet joined the FAMILY OF KIN

See ya all soon
Governors Monika & Bill



Congratulations, Kin!

Goal: 565 Units Donated: 616 Units!

616 Units = 277 Litres that could help:

12 Car crash victims

77 Leukemia patients for a week

123 Heart surgery patients

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**Vice Governor candidates
Karen Coutts
and
Darryl Van Moorsel**

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

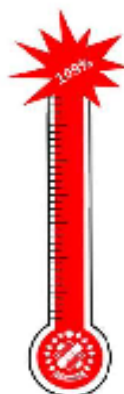


HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends, and that you were able to take some time to relax, reflect on 2016, and get rejuvenated for 2017. I have no doubt that in true Kin fashion, you will make amazing things happen in this new calendar year.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to every single member who rolled up their sleeve to [#GiveLife](#), or helped spread word about the importance of donating blood. We have truly made a big impact on many lives. Stay tuned for our new goal in February!

If you're thinking of donating as a club, don't forget to sign up with your Partner for Life Kin ID number. Instructions can be found on the website at <http://www.kincanada.ca/partnership-goals-with-cbs>.

District Update: Each month our "Service Team" highlights the happenings of an individual District. Here's a glimpse at District 4 from Service Director Caroline Gunn: "District 4 finished off the 2016 year right, with the true meaning of Christmas. I started my Kin giving season with the Vulcan Kinettes and their annual Christmas Market, these ladies know how to put on a great event and their community can't get enough of their homemade lunch special! From there I was able to watch D4 come together over the month of December and it was filled with wonderful examples of Kin Spirit from Toy Blitz's, Christmas Trees Sales, CF Wrapping for a Cure, Cookie Walk, Socks & Underwear Drop off, Breakfast with Santa, Cuts for Kids & Care Packages, Seniors Supper, Toy Drives, Hot Chocolate & Cookie Handout, Food Bank Donations, Boys and Girls Club Holiday Party, Blood Donations, Seniors Light Tour, just to mention a few. To top it off, over ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED Hampers were given out across District 4. Kinsmen, Kinettes and Kin, YOU do AMAZING work for your communities and I can't wait to see what you do in 2017!"



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12 Can cancer victims
77 Leukemia patients for a week
125 Heart surgery patients

Thank you for your commitment to [#GiveLife](#).



So far, 75 clubs are on board for the 5th annual National Day of KINDness! Now is the perfect time to [fill out the online form](#) to receive cards and stickers. Please fill this out even if your club does not require materials so that we can see how many clubs are joining in the celebration.

Now available in the [Member Centre](#): A template media release, sample sponsorship letter, Idea Bank and promotional tips.

Cystic Fibrosis Canada: A reminder to send in cheques for CFC to Alice's attention at their [National Office](#) ASAP as they want to accurately track donations from Kin. The CF Canada fiscal year is February 1st to January 31st.



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Project Database Our Kin Project Database is officially in Phase 1- gathering examples from clubs who are willing to share their success stories! Do you have a great project you think other clubs could replicate in their communities? Fill out the form [here](#).

Hal Rogers Endowment Fund (HREF) [Applications are open](#) for Trustees for the 2017-2020 term until February 1, 2017. Bursary application submissions are due to clubs by February 1st, and due to National via bursary@kincanada.ca by March 1st.

Davina Thuroo; National Service Director 2015-2017 - (403) 548-0188 - davina.thuroo@prdd.ab.ca



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Order your kit by Friday, February 3 to receive it in time for National Day of KINdness on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

To fill out form just [CLICK HERE!](#)

AVAILABLE ONLINE THIS YEAR IN THE MEMBER CENTRE

Posters

Poster files (8.5 x 11 & 11 x 17) – to print locally if you'd like more branding at your event location.

Media Release

Fill out with event details and send to your local media – it would be great to have events across the country covered as it helps bring positive publicity to Kin.

Sponsorship Letter

To use if your event would benefit from donations from local businesses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can visit our national website at kincanada.ca/national-day-of-kindness or contact Lindsay Irvine at lirvine@kincanada.ca

Please fill out the form even if you don't require materials.

From the desk of your District Treasurer.....

Do you believe that we are more than half way thru our Kin year? Time flies when you are having fun with your Kin family within your community raising monies for Cystic Fibrosis, our National project and the betterment of your community.

This time of year is very important to make sure that your club is in good standing with your financial requirements. First of all, thank you to all of the clubs that have submitted their District dues. We are almost at 100% of collected dues. Secondly, all clubs were responsible to complete a financial statement of all of the Club's accounts for the preceding year ending June 30th and have the statement reviewed. Also, all clubs were responsible to complete budgets for the current year and have them approved by the club. Both the reviewed financial statements and approved budgets were to be forwarded to myself as the District Treasurer and your Zone Deputy Governor. If you have not forwarded this information, please send as soon as possible as they were due by October 31st.

Each club is responsible to complete a mini-financial review on their accounts as of December 31st, and forward to myself and your Zone Deputy Governor by January 31st. The mini-financial review is an opportunity for your club to review the club's financial position and make any corrections or adjustments that might be required prior to the end of the Kin year. This really makes preparation of your year-end statement easier.

If your club did not attend the Club Leadership Seminar or the Treasurer's presentation at CLS, please take a few minutes to review the information posted on the District website under CLS (<http://www.district1kin.ca/index.php/Calendar/ListAllEvents>). There is valuable information outlined in this article that would benefit your club's financial planning. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact me.

It is easier to be up-to-date on your financial reporting, then always trying to get caught up, and you will be a more successful club.

Yours in Kin,


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From the Desk of National Vice President Terri MacCannell

Hey Kin Canada...The National Board of Directors is seeking applications to fill 4 vacancies set to occur at National Kinventions 2017.

The Board is seeking to be comprised of a team of experienced leaders with a combined competency in legal, finance, strategic planning, human resources, policy development, communications, technology, and marketing, all with a visionary approach.

Come be a part of Kin Canada's future! Applications open January 15th!

www.kincanada.ca/member-centre



Kin Canada National Board of Directors Recruitment Posting

The National Board of Directors is seeking applications to fill vacancies set to occur in August 2017. Four National Directors are reaching the end of their terms and an application process will be initiated to prepare a slate of candidates to be voted on at National Convention 2017. Since members with good leadership skills can be found across the Association, applicants from all of Kin Canada will be welcomed.

The Board is seeking to be comprised of a team of experienced leaders with a combined competency in legal, finance, strategic planning, human resources, policy development, communications, technology, and marketing, all with a visionary approach.

Applications will be assessed according to skills, knowledge, and attitude using the qualifications and core competencies outlined in the position description.

Applications will be accepted starting January 15, 2017 until February 15, 2017.

You can find the National Board of Directors (NBOD) Application form on the Kin Canada website posted on the main page of the Member Centre. [Click here](#)

Application Timeline

January 15 – February 15	Applications accepted. Sent to the HR Committee chair
February 15 – March 1	Applicants measured against Competency Matrix
March 1 – 7	Inform Applicants of application status
March 7 – 21	Telephone Interviews with qualified Applicants
March 21 – 28	Inform all Applicants of successful slate of Candidates
April 1	Announce slate of Candidates
August	Election of National Directors at National Convention

The National Board of Directors
Kin Canada

If you have any questions, please contact:

National President James - kincanadapresident@gmail.com

National Vice President Terri – terri.maccannell@cenovus.com



AWARDS

Award season will soon be upon us and I hope that all Clubs have been working gathering pictures and putting words to submissions. Individual members should be, if they haven't already, getting their speeches ready and putting pen to paper for the Quill Award.

By now, most of the requirements for the Boake Efficiency Award should have taken place, but you can't receive it if you don't submit your Affidavit. I know a few Clubs missed out last year because the paperwork wasn't submitted even though they had met all the criteria. Remember to follow the guidelines.

As mentioned to you from the Deputy Governors, and the individual mailings, please take a moment and review the changes made to the Hal & Elspeth Rogers National Service Award and the Founding Members Speaking Award. Information can also be found on the District Website.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable Zone Conference and I look forward to seeing you at the Podium.

Lisa W Burechails

District 1 Awards

Greetings Fellow Kin

With Christmas behind us and as we are quickly approaching Zone Conference season your Vice Governor's team has been busy laying the foundation for our year. Part of that was reviewing the District House Rules. After having done the review we have written 4 resolutions to help clarify some areas we think would benefit from improvement.

Please review the attached the Resolutions. They will be presented at each Zone Conference where we look forward to your input and discussion. However if you have questions before that please feel free to contact me at debbieruffley@live.ca , I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Kin, Vice Governor Debbie

RESOLUTION #1

Article 9 – ELECTION AND DUTIES OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR - Section 2 – Nominations - Sub Section 1

CURRENTLY READS:

Article 9 – Election and Duties of Deputy Governor

Section 2 – Nominations

1. At least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Zone Conference the current District Secretary shall write to each Club in the District enclosing a nomination blank and asking for nominations for the office of Deputy Governor for the Zone for the Kin year following the Conference.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the above noted Section requires the District Secretary to track the dates of the various Zone Conference, and

Whereas, the nomination of a Deputy Governor is Zone business, and

Whereas, the completed form is returned to the current Deputy Governor,

Therefore be it resolved that: Article 9, Section 2 – Sub Section 1 be amended to read:

Article 9 – Election and Duties of Deputy Governor

Section 2 – Nominations

1. At least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Zone Conference the current Deputy Governor (or in the event of no Deputy Governor, the District appointed representative) shall write to each Club in their Zone enclosing a nomination blank and asking for nominations for the office of Deputy Governor for the Zone for the Kin year following the Conference.

Intent: To move the business operations of the Zones back to the responsibility of the Deputy Governor.

Status: Ruled In Order



RESOLUTION #2

Article 13 – ZONE CONFERENCES - Section 6 – Voting CURRENTLY READS:

Article 13 – Zone Conference

Section 6 – Voting

Each District One Club having paid its annual dues will be entitled to votes as per the current Kin Canada General Operating By-Laws and National Policies and Procedures

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the recently changed voting procedures requires the use of Accredited Delegate Forms at Zone Conference, and

Whereas, there is currently no direction in place for the distribution of Accredited Delegate Forms for Zone Conference, and

Whereas, the Accredited Delegate Forms for Zone Conference are part of the business operations of the zone, and

Whereas, the completed form is returned to the current Deputy Governor,

Therefore be it resolved that: Article 13, Section 6 –be amended to include a sub section which will read:

Article 13 – Zone Conferences

Section 6 – Voting

Each District One Club having paid its annual dues will be entitled to votes as per the current Kin Canada General Operating By-Laws and National Policies and Procedures

1. At least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Zone Conference the current Deputy Governor shall write to each Club in their Zone enclosing an Accredited Delegate Form.

Intent: To develop a process for the distribution of Accredited Delegate Forms for Zone Conference.

Status: Ruled In Order



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RESOLUTION #3

Article 14 – FINANCE - Section 6 – CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF) Service - Sub-Section #2 CURRENTLY READS:

Article 14 – FINANCE

Section 6 – CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF) SERVICE

1. The District Governor(s) shall appoint an audit committee from the current council to include the District Treasurer and two/three additional Council members to review the CF/Service finances by March 15th following the closing of the books, for the previous Kin year, for circulation, printing and presentation at the Annual District Convention.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, this article has not been enforced in several years, and instead an independent Kin member has reviewed the books, and

Whereas, the District financial statements are currently being reviewed by an independent Kin member,

Therefore be it resolved that: Article 14, Section 6 – Sub Section 2 be amended to read:



Article 14 – Finances

Section 6 – Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Service

2. The outgoing District CF/Service Director(s) shall provide a copy of financial statements, reviewed by an independent Kin member, to the current District Executive, in order that it may be distributed to all Clubs or printed in Kinship One, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual District Convention.

Intent: To bring the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Service Financial reporting in line with the process currently in use for the District Financial reporting.

Status: Ruled in Order

			
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RESOLUTION # 4

Article 14 – FINANCE - Section 6 – CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF) Service - Sub-Section #7
CURRENTLY READS:

Article 14 – FINANCE

Section 6 – CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF) SERVICE

7. The outgoing District CF/Service Director(s) shall present a financial statement reviewed by the audit committee, of the CF/Service account at the Annual District Convention immediately following their term of office.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, this article has not been enforced in several years as recently the financial statements have been reviewed by an independent Kin member, and

Whereas, Article 14 – Section 6 – Sub Section 2 now identifies an independent Kin member as the party responsible for reviewing the CF/Service Financials,

Therefore be it resolved that: Article 14, Section 6 – Sub Section 7 be amended to read:

Article 14 – Finances

Section 6 – Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Service

7. The outgoing District CF/Service Director(s) shall present a financial statement reviewed by an independent Kin member, of the CF/Service account at the Annual District Convention immediately following their term of office.

Intent: To bring consistency in the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Service Financial reporting terminology.

Status: Ruled in Order



REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT ONE HOUSE RULES 2017

This information is being circulated as information only, as we are permitted by our house rules to make any changes that are considered “housekeeping” without the need for resolutions and voting

Because of the changes announced at National Convention 2016 in Edmonton all references to elections etc., for the position of National Director will be removed and subsequent wording adjustments also done. This is housekeeping as per Part One of our District House Rules.

Removed in its entirety

1. Article 6 – ELECTIONS
Section 3 – National Director
Sections 4 and 5 word / tense adjustments to reflect change.
2. District One Policy #1 – NATIONAL DIRECTOR CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

Changes / adjustments to the incorporation listings:

Merging of Cambridge-Preston Kinsmen and Preston Kinettes to a Kin Club – Maintaining Kinsmen INC #
Folding of Beaver Valley Kinsmen
Folding of Paisley & District Kinsmen
Charter pull of Mitchell & District Kinsmen
Folding of Oakville Kinettes
Spelling of Stevensville Kinettes

Insert missing Incorporation numbers when available – have asked HQ 10-01-16

In Article 3 – boundaries, Section 2 – Zones – Adjust Cambridge-Preston to Preston only,



Greetings... District One and Family of Kin

My name is Jean-Marcel (JM) LeMoeligou and I'm seeking your support in my campaign to be your next National Vice President.

I would like to take a moment to write about why I'm the right candidate for the role of Vice President.

A person with experience, someone you can depend on, that will represent all of Kin, that will put in 110%, is the type of person you need in serving as your Vice President. I believe that I am that person and I am ready to fill that role.

I have held executive positions at the club, zone and district levels. I'm currently on my third year as a director on the National Board. Along with my fellow board members, I have been able to participate in getting this association back to the forefront.

My vision for our association is one where strong clubs, strong members and strong leaders will allow our association to grow to new heights. New tools have been put in place to help Kin grow. There will be more to come.

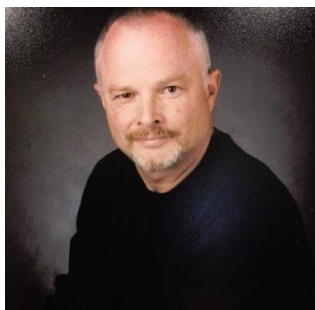
I won't go into this by making promises, but rather focus on issues I believe need to be addressed. One of them is membership retention. If we are to grow to new heights, we must first have strong clubs. And to achieve that, we must invest in the development of our leaders. A strong leader will be the catalyst for a strong club. Education is a key element in providing the knowledge and skills needed by our leaders to accomplish what is necessary to make retention a positive success.

I believe in this association and what it represents. I want for every member of this association the opportunity to grow and reach new heights on a personal and professional level.

Fellow Kin, I want to hear from you. jlemoe@hotmail.com or visit my Facebook page [JM LeMoeligou - NVP Candidate 2017-18](#) and leave a comment.

Yours in Kin,

JM



Zone **A** Kinsmen

As we come upon the second half of the Kin year, it is time to start thinking about resolutions for Zone Conference.

It looks like there will already be a flurry of resolutions coming in forth in Zone A as we reform from a dual to most likely a single leadership role and join all the clubs in Zone A into one collective group.

However, it is time to start thinking about what we need to change going forward, both at Zone and at a District level.

I know from some of my visitations that there are a lot of ideas about what to change about how we operate and what the future of Kin should look like.

I encourage everyone to consider the future of the association and what needs to change for the association to move forward.

We also need to continue focusing on the health of our clubs. While some clubs are focusing on recruitment and others are focused on rejuvenation, there needs to be a focus on club culture and what experience the members are getting?

Is it a good experience or is it boring? What are the members getting out of belonging to this association?

If your experience isn't everything you think it should be, why not be the one to start initiating change to make things better? Chances are, you are not alone in this thinking and others will most likely want to change with you.

Fellow Kin, take the plunge and be the change.

Yours in Kin,

Marty Makins

Deputy Governor Zone A

Zone **B** News

Well here we are already into January, this I guess marks the halfway point. I can't wait to dig in and get going.

So far this year has been a great learning experience, I have discovered that my home club is not original in some of the issues we experience. There are many other clubs that have similar issues and by seeing how they deal with the issues it helps me understand my home club. I have also been able to take this new knowledge with me to my work environment.

Zone B presidents round table was held in November and even tho we did not have many attend for those who were able to attend we applaud you. It was a great afternoon and some great ideas were discussed. It came out that Zone B needs an area where ideas can be shared and information passed on without having to search the different web sites and facebook pages. It was decided that a Drop box account would be made up for Zone B and all the clubs added to it.

Our cubs in Zone B have been busy little beavers with some great events and new ventures. I love to see clubs stepping outside their box and trying new ideas.

Our Belgrave Kinsmen held an ATV raffle that helped them raise 10,000 which they donated back into their community project "Building Bridges". This year for Halloween they added a kids "mummy race" which entailed a child wrapping an adult up like a mummy. I hear it went over very well with the children.

The Drayton Kinettes are currently raising money for a splash pad to be build in their town so all their efforts at this time are going to that. They have also been busy on the side with a Christmas parade, a toy drive to collect toys for needy families and a food bank project called "Bless this house".

This year the Harriston Kinsmen helped host the International ploughing match, on the Wednesday night they held the dinner for the ploughing association and it was a very successful event. The Kinsmen also treated their wives and girlfriends to the town Christmas party. From the stories I heard it was enjoyed by all, some a little more then others.

Fergus Kinsmen were busy over Christmas time selling Christmas trees and then the festivities are done they do a tree pick up for a food bank donation. It proves to be a successful event every year.

Jenn and I are looking forward to the New Year and the new adventures it will bring. We wish nothing but a prosperous year ahead for all out clubs in Zone B.

YIK
Jenn Searson and Lori Schnarr

What is a Zone Conference?

A Zone Conference is essentially the annual business meeting of your zone. Holding a Zone Conference gives clubs an opportunity to discuss matters that pertain to the operation of the zone, such as conducting zone service projects, holding Zone sporting events, changing Zone policy and reviewing and passing Zone budgets.

The Zone Conference allows members who are unable to attend a district or national convention the chance to voice their concerns to representatives who will have the opportunity to attend these conferences.

It also offers a forum for the zone speakers' competition and provides the opportunity to distribute various zone awards. It is also the venue for the election of the new Deputy Governor. Most zones hold a joint meeting that both Kinsmen and Kinettes attend but can also include time on the agenda for both groups to meet separately. Each separate meeting would be chaired by the respective Deputy Governor.

Kin Rules of Order should be in effect, and members should be encouraged to stand and be recognized by the chair before speaking on matters.

If you are Club President you will be asked by the Deputy Governor to submit prior to the Zone Conference a President's Report that would be published in the Zone Conference Brochure. If one is not complied you should be prepared to give a verbal report from your Club at the Zone Conference.

Be aware of the theme of the Zone Conference and be prepared as a club to participate in the fun that this creates.

Awards will be subject to your Zone Bylaws, District and National Awards program. Ensure you are aware of them and promote participation.

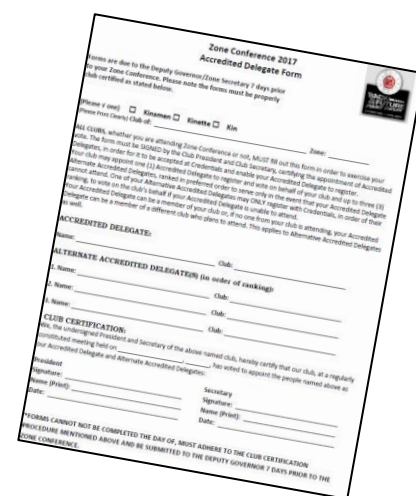
Remember that you **MUST** fill out the Zone Conference Accredited Delegate Form prior to the Zone Conference and file with the Deputy Governor 7 days before the Conference. All voting procedures follow our National Policies and Procedures.

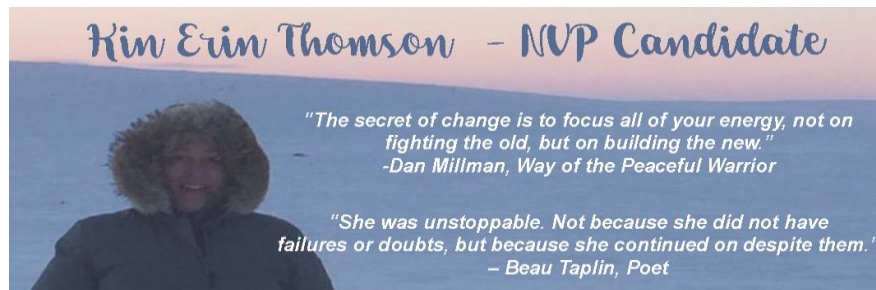
Do you know when yours is?

Are you planning on attending?

Do you know the theme?

Are you preparing a Joke or Speech?

A sample of the Zone Conference 2017 Accredited Delegate Form. The form includes sections for Club Information, Accredited Delegate, Alternate Accredited Delegation, and Club Certification. It also has a section for the Deputy Governor's signature and date. The form is titled "Zone Conference 2017 Accredited Delegate Form" and includes instructions for completion.



These two quotes are posted, now ratty and tea stained, up above my computer desk. They are like quiet, encouraging friends. I look at them every day; sometimes pondering, often just gazing past them as I work on the 'stuff' that clutters my desk and mind. They have, however, shaped many thoughts and dreams. In truth, they have helped to shape the lens through which I look to my future in Kin.

I had the pleasure of meeting many of you as I visited and introduced myself to your district earlier in the fall. At that time, I was privileged to have your ear for a short time so that we were able to share some thoughts on my vision for this Association and how that vision could be realized.

My vision is simple: Be Unstoppable!

Passion In Action. Be unstoppable in the way we care about our communities. We are certainly a passionate bunch - what sets us apart, is our ability to act. We take our passion, passion for service, for the disadvantaged, for the needy, for our CF partners; and with a fiery determination, put it to work. Be Unstoppable in your actions and be the change we want to see in our communities.

Choose Positivity. While encouraging a friend, I was once asked how I could be so happy, so positive, all of the time. I responded simply, "Because I choose to be." Kin has a tremendous opportunity to positively affect each life we touch. We do have failures, we do have doubts, we sometimes have culture issues within our clubs that cause disillusionment. By choosing positivity, and steadfastly acting upon it, we create a culture that fosters contentment, encourages fortitude, and attracts growth.

Leaders Building Leaders. Be unstoppable in the way we build each other up. Accept nothing less. It is impossible to have growth without fertilizing and nurturing. Our inheritance from our Founder and the many Kin who have gone before us is Excellence. We have the tools to encourage each other, to nurture personal growth, to inspire learning, to model excellence; the future of Kin Canada is in your midst - be unstoppable in your quest to prepare them.

Possibility Thinking. What if? What if by putting our passion into action, by choosing positivity, and by building each other up we let the spark that is Kin ignite? What if we put all of our focus on building the New, on the Possibilities? What if we can reframe our thoughts, our planning, and our actions through the lens of possibility? Could we then truly Be Unstoppable?

I continue to enthusiastically declare that I want the entire Country to know what makes each of your clubs so special. I wholeheartedly want to champion the values, goals, causes, and triumphs that Kin Canada, and each of us, so proudly share.

I want Kin to Be Unstoppable!

I'd like to encourage you to follow me on social media, reach out by email to ask questions, and continue to get to know me by joining the conversation.

I don't want to simply ask for your votes; I want to show you why I deserve them.



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Zone C

On December 10, 2016 the Flesherton & District Kinettes held their annual Frosty's Market. This is an annual event with crafters, artisans, and home business operators from all over the area. This year we had 45 tables, a sell out. You could purchase anything from homemade BBQ sauce to artwork to essential oils to knitting and crocheting. This year we also had two spiritualists attend and give readings and sell items to purify your home. The show goes from 9am to 2pm but we are thinking of extending the hours next year. It was well attended and we even had some past Kinettes come out and help our small club.

We also hold our grocery draw on this day, right at the end of the shopping day. This years winner was Sandra Lawler, taking home a \$100.00 gift certificate. She said she was thrilled to win such a prize just before Christmas, and planned on donating part of it to the local food bank. This year we raised over \$700.00 in the grocery draw, our highest yet.

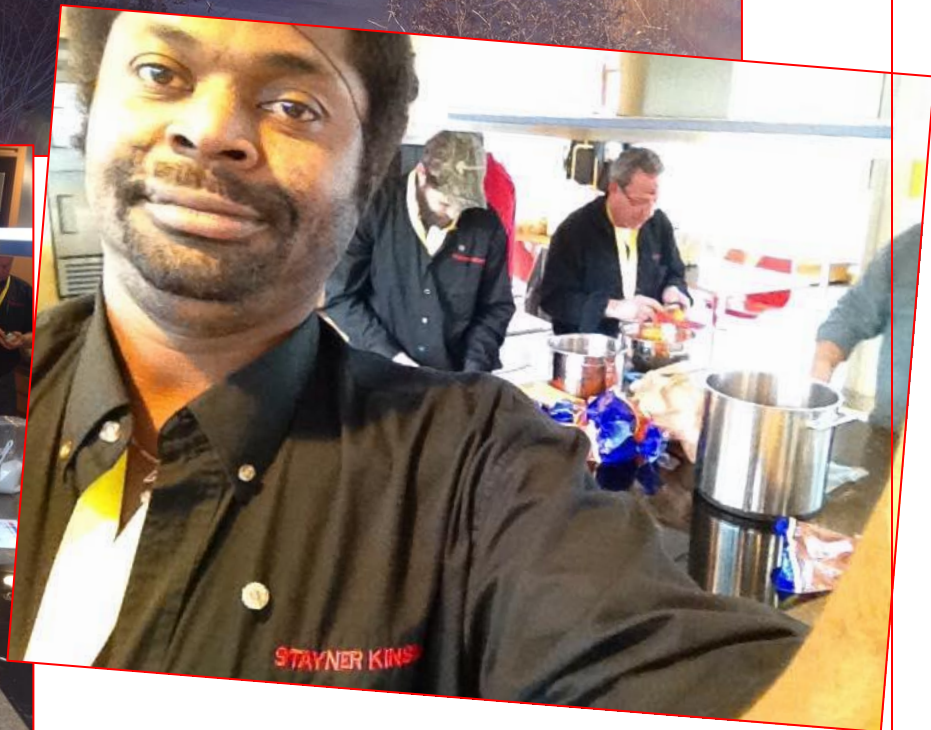
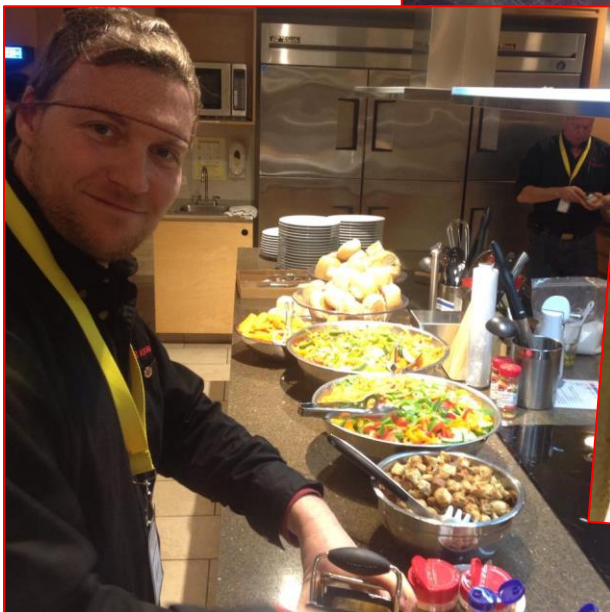
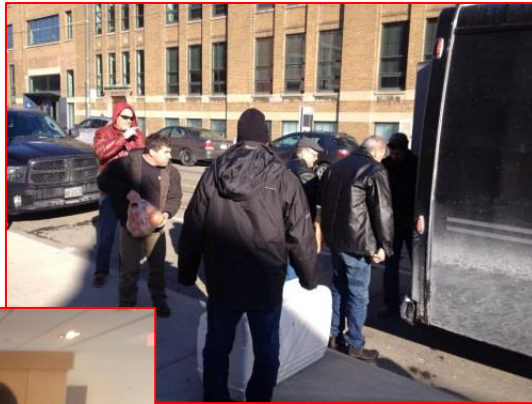
We had lots of fun at these events and got to see many community members who were thrilled with their purchases. We can't wait to start planning next year's event.

Odette Houle

Committee Chair



Zone **C**



Zone D

Attached are some pictures of this year's Christmas Basket food and toy drive for Cayuga and area.

We do this the first 2 Saturdays in December every year and this year we collect enough for the 60 + families that registered.

We were able to provide a great Christmas for those families and again for Easter as well. And have been doing this for well over 20 years.

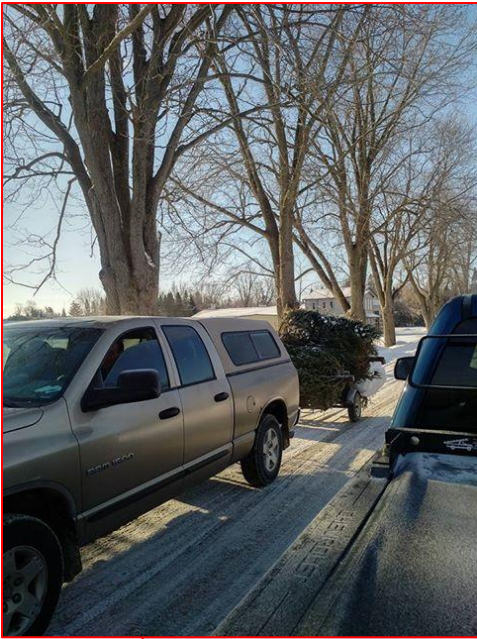
All of the services in Cayuga participate in the collection and distribution. Kinsmen Legion, Masonic Lodge, Nights of Columbus, United Church and the Fire Dept.

Everyone joining together to serve our communities greatest need.

Cayuga Kinsmen Club



Zone **B**
Drayton Kinsmen



Zone F



“Spotlight on the 2015-2016 Hal & Elspeth Rogers National Service Award winner”

If you are reading this... it's **SAPPENING!**

That's right, the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Greater London, are scrubbing, cleaning, tapping, ploughing - all to get ready for the big event!

The Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival

Proudly presented by the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Greater London

Since 1972, our clubs have been flipping pancakes for the community, but the last couple years the Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush has turned into a month-long celebration of spring: The Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival.

We run each weekend in March and all of March Break, with 6-8 days added for school tours.

Does this project fill Community need? Yes: Educational, Historical and Family Fun.

Does this project involve Community? Yes: Students and Event based volunteers, other community groups like Cystic Fibrosis London, Scouts, Girl Guides, and Craigwood Youth Services.

Does this project provide comradery? Yes: We meet new members, reconnect with old members and are able to bring the whole family to volunteer, together.



Matt Crowley, his sister Theresa and daughter Monica

Does this project make money? Yes and No. We make money at the gate, selling syrup products, foodservice, but if we were to use the formula of volunteer hours to money made - No. This project involves far too many service hours that a normal project would take. We used to make almost the equivalent as what we make at the Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival, as we did at the former London Airshow that was only 1 weekend (and warm)!



Why do we do it?

We had a video made for our event a couple years ago. We had a plan in mind to show what we did at the Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush, but the videographer saw something that we forgot about. He saw our passion. He saw our Kin Passion. The Video Maple Miracles ended up being more about KIN than our project. It actually emulates what all Kin does and why we do what we do.

If being part of a project that can bring back memories to a 90-year-old, or a smile to a 5-year-old; if being part of a project that translates into 8 different languages to be more inclusive; if being part of a project that will offer to drive disabled or invalid people around in a car or wagon to allow, them to see the displays; or finally if being part of a project that promotes Canadian Heritage to new Canadians or young school children, then we are in. We are Kin and that's why we do it.



Family Day 2016

What started out as an open-air pancake pavilion serving a few hundred has grown to a living festival with entertainers, artisans and pancake dinners for over 10,000! All this, while still putting the Kin Canada name out to all our visitors.

We invite you and your club members and their families to visit or volunteer alongside with us. You won't regret it! Governor Bill is still one of our best pancake flippers (next to Past Governor Darrell, of course!)

Our lead-up to the big event is on Family Day, February 20th 11am-3pm and then each weekend of March 9 am - 4 pm and all of March Break. We are located at 21201-c Lakeside Drive Thorndale, Ontario.

For more information please go to www.kinsmenfanshawesugarbush.com or call us a 519-461-1073.

Life Member Carol Cooper
Promotion Director for the Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival



Save the Date:

District 1 Spring Convention

May 5, 6, 7th 2017

From Cybernews:

A More Kinneted Kin

"Our strength is people" has become a sort of motto around here, and we want to make sure that everyone has a place to go where their questions and concerns can be answered. That's why we're rolling out the "More Kinneted Kin" initiative with a new [FAQ hub](#) and [social media page](#).

A Link to HQ

We're a busy bunch at Kin, and we want to make sure we all stay as connected as we can. That's why we've created a new HQ coorespondance Facebook Page - [The Link](#).

Make sure to check in with us here for important deadline information, exciting new initiatives, and, with your help, lots of laughs and good conversation. We encourage everyone to join the conversation.

[Get Linked!](#)

Your Questions, Answered

Do you have questions about [dues billing](#) or [what it means to be in good standing](#)? Do you wonder who the right person is to ask? We've started an interactive [FAQ page in the Member Centre](#) of our website where you can submit your questions directly. Simply click on the button, write down your question and hit submit! This page will continue to grow with your submissions.



Zone K

The Kinsmen Club of Goderich will be hosting our

70th Club Anniversary

Dinner and Dance at the Goderich Legion on
Saturday, May 13th.

Tickets are \$40, advance purchase only, available
until April 15th.

Please contact Dave VanBeers at
dvbeers@hurontel.on.ca or 519-524-7185.

More information available at www.goderichkinsmen.ca.



Attached are 2 pictures from our donation
night.

The first one is a group picture donating
almost \$12,000 to 8 local youth
organizations.

The 2nd one is a \$50,000 donation to the
Goderich Lions Club for Camp
Klahanie. We have sponsored the
building of another bunkie.

Goderich Kinette Club





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ANNOUNCEMENT

Kin Canada's Next National Service Director

A few months ago Kin Canada set out to find our next National Service Director. We knew that this person would be very instrumental in preparing Kin Canada for a second century of "Serving the Community's Greatest Need". We were fortunate to have a number of applications for this role verifying that leadership at the National level is both rewarding, exciting and filled with opportunity.

Kin Canada's Motto remains the cornerstone of our identity and Association-wide engagement will be needed to ensure we remain Canada's first choice service organization. Continuing from where previous National Service Directors left off and bridging the future for many more to come will require a transformational leader. *"This leader must be fueled by passion, armed with a vision and able to inspire and take this Association above and beyond our Mission".*

I am pleased to announce that **Penny Lees-Smith** has been appointed to the role of National Service Director for Kin Canada and will be transitioning into the role this coming summer. This appointment is for two years.



Born and raised in Alberta, Penny joined Kin Canada in 1993. She has been a member of the Edson Kinettes, Fort McMurray Kinettes and is currently with the Kin Club of Drayton Valley. Penny's experience in the Association is extensive including several terms as Deputy Governor, Governor, National Director and National President. She has served on the National Awards Committee including a term as Chair and most recently she has been the Kin Canada/Canadian Blood Services Chair.

Penny has been awarded the Maple Leaf and Outstanding Maple Leaf Award as well as the District and National Outstanding Deputy Governor Award. She got off to a great start in the association by earning the Rookie of the Year Award and continued to live up to this by earning the Outstanding Kinette Award.

Penny is married to Kin husband Brian Smith and is Mother to sons Tyler, Brian and William. She is also a proud Grandma to Kayl, Madison, Ryder and Hailey. Professionally Penny is a Commercial Insurance Agent for Drayton Valley Insurance Agency and in has served as a Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 269.

Thank you to all who participated in the selection process and Penny for accepting this role.

Yours in Kin,

Grant Forrester

Executive Director

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