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2016-2017

GREETINGS DISTRICT ONE KIN

Here we are already sending out our second edition of Kinship One for the Back to the Future Part Deux year .. time is certainly flying!!

We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to each and every member of the District that attended Fall Leadership Conference in Windsor early November. What a terrific weekend we had! Positivity, a thirst for knowledge, and an obvious desire for fun and fellowship, were just a few of the observations from the weekend. We hope that you were as pleased with the calibre and topics of workshops and presentations offered as we were; the satisfaction of knowing that what you worked hard to put forward was gratefully received is a very good feeling. As well, the Windsor Kin Family is to be congratulated for an excellent conference once again!



*Governors Bill & Monika and creator Dave
Sophia at the Portraits of Honour open house*

As we move in the “winter” of our Kin year, many clubs are busy with festive projects including Breakfast with Santa, oodles of Parades, and many Craft and Vendor shows. We wish you huge success with all of your endeavours.

Please ensure that you all take the time to enjoy the festive season. Hold your friends tight, and your family tighter; tis the season to share your love and support for one another.

As we head toward 2017 and enjoy even more occasions to Grow, Learn, Make Friends and Have Fun, please remember this:



Don't think of the opportunities that you have missed in the last year. The New Year is an unwritten book, so choose your actions and words wisely and fill it up with pages that are worth reading by the end of the year.

Peace & joy be with you all ...

Merry Christmas & All the Best in 2017!!
Governors Bill Harris & Monika McKean

Happy Holidays Fellow Kin!

As the holiday season approaches and another year winds down, it give us all an opportunity to look back at 2016 and reflect on what we've accomplished and think about what our resolutions are for the new year.

Personally, as I reflect on the past year I think about things I've accomplished at work and in my personal life, time spent with family and friends, vacations, etc. In my Kin life I think about the amazing club I belong to where newer and seasoned members worked together with fun and respect for each other, the great members I got to meet in my Kin travels and the friendships I've made.

As I look forward I think about what my resolutions are for the upcoming year. They include:

- Be a mentor – not only for the younger members in my club but for anyone looking to step outside their club and be active at the zone and district levels – it's purely selfish – because I get just as much, if not more, out of it as they do.
- Continue to promote the awards program to my club members – I truly believe that awards help develop us all as leaders and make us successful members and clubs.
- Learn something new – I've been in Kin many years but I still learn something new at every convention, or in every conversation I have with another member.
- Have fun – there is no better place than Kin to have fun while developing personally and doing something great for the community.

Take some time this holiday season to enjoy your family and friends. I encourage you to take a few moments – and look back on your successes in 2016. Then think about what you want to accomplish in the new year, and put a plan in place to get going on your goals.

From my family to yours, I wish you nothing but joy and happiness over the holidays and throughout the next year!

Yours in Kin,

Wendy Rolfe
District Secretary



Fellow Kin

From my home to yours wishing you a fabulous holiday season! May you enjoy the holidays with family and friends and engulf yourself in the love of the season.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2017.

Communications Terri Iredale

Vice Governor Kinship One report

Well Halloween and Remembrance Day are behind us and with Christmas on the horizon many clubs are just beginning to hit their stride as they plan for, what is often their busiest time of the year. When we look at the varying schedules of clubs and zones across the district November and December is virtually exploding with events. Add that to the own hustle and bustle that the Christmas season brings to us in our own personal life and before we know it we find ourselves in January usually with ourselves and often our bank accounts feeling a little over taxed.

Yet for many this busy holiday season is the highlight of their Kin year. One can't help but feel rejuvenated as we watch the Christmas hampers being delivered or help serve dinner at the senior's community dinner. There is nothing quite like taking part in your local Santa Claus Parade and as you pass by, watching the little ones lining the streets, eagerly awaiting Santa's arrival.

I've often said I wish we could bottle the sense of fulfillment we Kin get during our hectic holiday projects. I know during the quiet subdued winter months some of that bottled excitement of the holiday season would lift many spirits. So this holiday season as you venture out to do all that you do in your varying projects, take some time to enjoy what comes along with that. The smiles, the childlike enthusiasm and the warm feeling it leaves you with. Enjoy the time spent with your fellow Kin as you complete each and every task, and above all I hope your holiday season is filled with joy and happiness for you and your family. Oh and here's hoping Santa finds his way to your house as well. After all we know you've been good this year.

From my home to yours, Merry Christmas.

Yours in Kin

Vice Governor Debbie



Season's Greetings!

As the holiday season is fast approaching, take some time for yourself and your family, reflect on your year, be thankful for everything that you have and be proud for all that you have given. Wishing you and your family health and happiness! Happy Holidays!

Barb McArthur



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FROM THE DESK OF GRANT FERRON...

Jenn Martin - Communications Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Kin Canada has hired Jenn Martin as our Communications Coordinator effective November 1, 2016. Jenn is a communications professional with a passion for digital storytelling, music and youth/education.

After completing her undergraduate degree in English she spent a year teaching English abroad before returning to school to earn a post-graduate certification in Publishing. She spent several years running editorial for the digital commerce division of the *Toronto Star* before managing content at a marketing agency in Vancouver, BC and consulting on communications strategies for a variety of local start-ups.



Jenn has been an enthusiastic participant in Big Brothers Big Sisters Kitchener-Waterloo, has partnered with First Nations youth on development initiatives in BC and been an active member of the music community in her home of Kitchener-Waterloo. She's excited to be working with Kin Canada and doing her part to help enrich Canadian communities.

Lindsay King - Club Support Coordinator



I am equally pleased to announce that we have hired Lindsay King as our Club Support Coordinator effective November 1st, 2016. Lindsay is a recent graduate of the University of Waterloo and has spent the last few years managing various events and recreation programs while working towards her degree in Recreation and Sport Business.

She has taken on a number of roles in the last couple years to expand her organizational, leadership and communication skills while gaining valuable experience. These experiences included working with the Waterloo Athletics Department where she coordinated with varsity teams, coaches, students and departments across campus to ensure student success standards were met and the 600 athletes were well organized.

Lindsay also got the opportunity to work with the City of Waterloo to plan the first Sport's Day in Waterloo and manage full event logistics. Rounding out her experience, Lindsay has been a volunteer executive member of the Recreation and Leisure Wellness Team where she supported and coordinated volunteers, partnerships, communication and helped to bring "Spin for Mental Health" to be known as a signature event for the University. Lindsay is very thrilled to be able to take on this opportunity and serve the Kin communities across Canada.

Please join me in congratulating Jenn and Lindsay in their new roles and their contact information will be forthcoming in the next short while.

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Fall Installations in Zone C

Meaford Kinettes



Beaver Valley Kinettes



Flesherton & District Kinettes



Shelburne Kinette New Member Installation

Service Club Concerns: Queens Park, Oct. 31, 2016

A question and answer type forum was held on Oct. 31 at Queens Park. Legislation will be presented to the government to change many of the rules that affect the operation of Service Clubs in Ontario. Present were members of Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis and Kinsmen.

Here is a synopsis of the concerns and potential changes.

- The government wants to recognize service clubs and their members for the huge contribution they make to their communities therefore membership dues should be tax deductible.
- On major events the Province could match funds raised in the form of a grant.
- Recognizing the importance of growth and promoting younger members the government is interested in helping all clubs promote junior clubs at colleges and universities. Note: Kin already does this with Campus Clubs.
- Streamline the amount of paper work for reporting and obtaining permits.
- Not for Profit Corporations Act - 6 years on the books but not yet implemented. Needs to be implemented.
- Clubs to report dollars / service amounts on a per member basis
- Allow clubs to obtain Liquor Licenses to avoid the burden and cost of SOP's, ie: 75.00 per event plus 16% liquor levy. With a catering endorsement we could serve at many functions and raise funds. It was noted that service clubs generally are better at these functions than the general public.
- Allow clubs to hold more than 1 lottery license at any given time. ie: Nevada tickets, no other lottery type projects allowed .
- Allow clubs to sell lottery tickets out of province. Registered charities have this ability.
- Change the rules affecting "not for profit" vs. registered charities for receipts etc. We cannot sell tickets on line, registered charities can.
- Allowing such events as Texas Hold'em. Euchre tournaments and several others are illegal under the Criminal Code of Canada. Texas Hold'em is legal in Canada but not Ontario. In spite of criminal code you can get a license from the province for a euchre tourney.
- In conjunction with municipalities remove property tax on land and buildings owned by service groups. Many service groups have been forced to transfer buildings, parks etc. to the municipality. They lose control, their investment and often have to rent the facility back.

This committee consists of members from all 3 parties. They all agreed there is a recognized need for change. Their plan is to look at these concerns as presented by the service clubs and propose legislation to the government. No guarantee but it's a start.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Roskar President, Stayner Kinsmen.

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER



Lest We Forget! There is much to be thankful for **Kin Canada!** The story of "Milk for Britain" is a remarkable tale of how a small group of Canadian service club members (Kin) rallied millions of men, women, and children across Canada to help thwart Hitler's plan to starve Britain into submission. This documentary focuses on the story of Kin Canada's contributions during WWII and the leadership and organizational skills of Hal Rogers. It tells the story of how the men, women, and children came together in a campaign to provide milk for the children of Britain. The [Milk for Britain Documentary](#) and its accompanying [Teacher's Guide](#) are a great resource to share during this time of year with our Remembrance Day ceremonies being conducted across our compassionate country.

Canadian Blood Services (CBS) We are currently at 81% of our goal with **ONLY** 2 months to go until our Dec 31st deadline. Find your nearest clinic and book an appointment to donate by visiting www.blood.ca.



To find your Kin ID Number or to connect with your District Champion, visit www.kincanada.ca/partnership-goals-with-cbs

Hal Rogers Endowment Fund (HREF) – The committee is looking for new HREF trustees, could it possibly be YOU? Find the applications in the next couple of weeks at www.kincanada.ca/join-a-team. Bursary application submissions are due to your club by February 1st, and due to National via bursary@kincanada.ca by March 1st.

National Day of Kindness (NDK) – This is our 5th Anniversary! [The NDK Form is now available](#). Please fill out the form to confirm your participation **even if no materials are needed**.

Hal and Elspeth Rogers National Service Award Winner – It's a tie! Congratulations to the Kin Club of Valley East (District 8) for their "All Inclusive Playground," and the Kinsmen Club of Greater London (District 1) for the Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival. Look for a special mention in November's KIN Magazine.

District Update: Each month our "Service Team" highlights the happenings of an individual District. Here's a glimpse at **District 1** from Service Director **Dustyn Pumpfrey** (lumberjackpet@bellnet.ca): Our November kicks off with FLC hosted by the Winsor Kin Club on November 4th-6th. This year's theme is Gangsters & Flappers in a rum runner themed party. Of course, Windsor was the capital of Prohibition alcohol production for the Midwestern United States, so the theme is oh so fitting. I have Shannon Ketelaars coming from Cystic Fibrosis Canada's SW ON office to help with our breakout session on Saturday afternoon. The month of November is typically a time where many of our clubs gear up for upcoming Santa Parades and Christmas celebrations. I travelled to Goderich for the Kinsmen's annual CF night on Oct 17th - the guest speakers were parents of a young man who received a double lung transplant 1 ½ years ago where they shared their family's successes and struggles over the last several years. I wasn't able to attend the Lena's Vest Fundraiser Oct 21st in Chesley, but it was a great night that was hosted by Zone J as a Zone Function. There was representation from several of the local clubs in the zone that either participated by working the door, bar and organizing the silent auction. Lena who is just 2 years old was dancing the night away well after midnight. To date, I have logged over 3100 kms and have been lucky to have been able to participate in the events I have so far and look forward to the many to come.

National Service Director 2017-2019 Position – has now been posted. The application is due to National Headquarters by December 16, 2016. Find the application at www.kincanada.ca/join-a-team.

Online Reporting: We want your data in order to share your impact, but want to make it as easy as possible, so we are reintroducing the year-end report and removing the event report from our reporting requirements. To assist in this, a tool is available in the Member Centre to help track your hours and service dollars monthly. This will help keep your year-end reporting as accurate as possible, and is a great way to keep track of stats for potential donors and sponsors.

Project Database - This year we are gathering club project examples to prepare a Projects Database for a Fall 2017 launch. A form will be available by the end of November. Do you have an amazing project that other clubs could replicate in their communities? Please consider sharing your success with Clubs across Canada!

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Our remembrance ceremony at northland mall we have wreath for our fallen kin and Hall .

It was my honor to introduce our service organization to this special crowd

Deputy Governor Dave Crowley



Niagara-on-the-Lake Kinsmen donate to Public Library Renovation

The Kinsmen Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL) donated \$5,000 to the Library Renovation Fund. Picture - Treasurer Brian Litke, Librarian Cathy Simpson, President Ken Slingerland, Director Rick Pozzebon. The local (NOTL) Kinsmen have been huge supporters in the Town of NOTL in recent years with donations of \$30,000 to the arena funds, \$10,000 to the Community Centre and \$5,000 to the Public Library Fund. Last year the NOTL Kinsmen Club hosted the NOTL Girl Sparks, Guides and Pathfinders in the Kinsmen Scout Hall. In 2016, the NOTL Kinsmen also won the service organization of the year in NOTL for service projects which included being the official bartenders for the Town of NOTL - Priceless!

President Ken Slingerland,
Kinsmen Club of NOTL



The Veteran's Day lunch hosted by The Wasaga Beach Kinettes



inside the boardroom

November Face to Face meeting Highlights

- Projects Coordinator Lindsay reviewed the National Kinvention Survey results. The Board will assess the feedback around the Town Hall Forum and Business Meetings. Elections for National Directors and National Vice President at National Kinvention 2017 will impact the current structure of business portion of the meetings
- Review of current financials
- Guest Speaker Peter Sundborg, Executive Director of the Barrie Food Bank provided the NBOD a glimpse of the transformation the Barrie Food Bank has experienced over the last 5 years under the influence of inspirational, innovative and entrepreneurial leadership
- We had the opportunity to meet our new staff members Lindsay King (Club Support Coordinator) and Jenn Martin (Communication Coordinator). We learned more about each of them, their first impressions of Kin Canada and their goals over the next three months.
- The Education Committee delivered a presentation on how to develop a Strategic Plan. It will be available on Kin U
- The Succession committee facilitated discussions around identifying potential future leaders. Also identified what policies and procedures we have in place or need to develop to support our skilled based board in the future.
- Board members filled out a self-assessment identifying their current skills. This information will be shared with the Board Education Committee for board member development.
- Reviewed feedback from National Board FLC Presentation.
- First review of Global Ends and the Ends Policies.
- Discussion on future presentation and attendance of a National Director at FLC and District Conferences.
- At National Kinvention, the Board committed to reviewing the current voting procedures. The Board Committee presented recommendations and will now engage with members that have requested to be part of the review. Our goal is to have education and updates to the members for Spring Zones.
- NBOD attended the Preston Kin Club "Better Late than Never, Halloween Bash"



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A Word from the Awards Podium....

A huge Congratulations to our recent Award Winners announced at FLC. It was my honour to announce the following:

National Award Winners 2015-2016 Kin Year

The Bill Skelly Award recognizes outstanding Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin clubs across Canada for their efforts in raising funds and public awareness in the fight against Cystic Fibrosis. The winner is the **Kinsmen Club of Tilbury**

The National Hal & Elspeth Rogers Service Award recognizes a club that has contributed the most to the fundamental objective of the Association - service work. The winner is the **Kinsmen Club of Greater London** for their Fanshaw Sugar Bush project.

The Boake Efficiency Award was presented to the **Chesley Kinette Club**. **The Boake and Outstanding Boake Efficiency Awards** were presented to the **Ancaster Kin Club, London Kinette Club, Dresden Kinsmen Club and St. Marys Kinette Club**.

The Outstanding Club Award was presented to the **Ancaster Kin Club and the London Kinette Club**.

The Ken Pierce Membership Growth Award for Clubs with 14 or fewer members was presented to **Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kin Club, Stevensville Kinsmen Club, and Goderich Kinette Club**. Each of these clubs welcomed at least 3 new members.

For Clubs with 15 or more members,

Kitchener-Waterloo Kinette Club, Aylmer Kinsmen Club, Tillsonburg Kinsmen Club, Chesley Kinsmen Club, Teeswater & District Kinsmen Club, Walkerton Kinette Club, Walkerton Kinsmen Club, Clinton & District Kinsmen Club, Hensall & District Kinette Club, Stratford Kinsmen Club

The National Outstanding Zone Award challenges Deputy Governors to achieve outstanding administration in his/her zone. The winners are:

Zone A Deputy Governor Elaine Couch
Zone F Deputy Governor Terry Baldwin
Zone F Deputy Governor Matt Sharpe
Zone J Deputy Governor Elaine Johnston

District Awards 2015-2016 Kin Year

District Photography Award was awarded to **Melissa Penner** for her photo capturing "the part of Kin that not too many get to see; Organ donation and how it helps."

The 65 Roses Award is presented to the Club in the District that raises the most money per club member for our fight against Cystic Fibrosis. The winner is the **Kinsmen Club of Harriston**.

The **John Hughes Peckitt Memorial Award** is presented to the Club with the best net increase in membership. The winner is **Hensall and District Kinette Club**

The winner of the **Kinette Rookie of the Year** is **Jannet Vermeer** from the Kinette Club of Grimsby

The winner of the **Kinette of the Year** is from the Kinette Club of Grimsby, **Danni Gresko**

The winner of the **Kinsmen of the Year** is from the Kinsmen Club of Grimsby, **Matthew Spencer**

Also Congratulations to **Denny Pyatt** from the Grimsby Kinsmen Club for receiving his **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Kudos again to all of our winners!

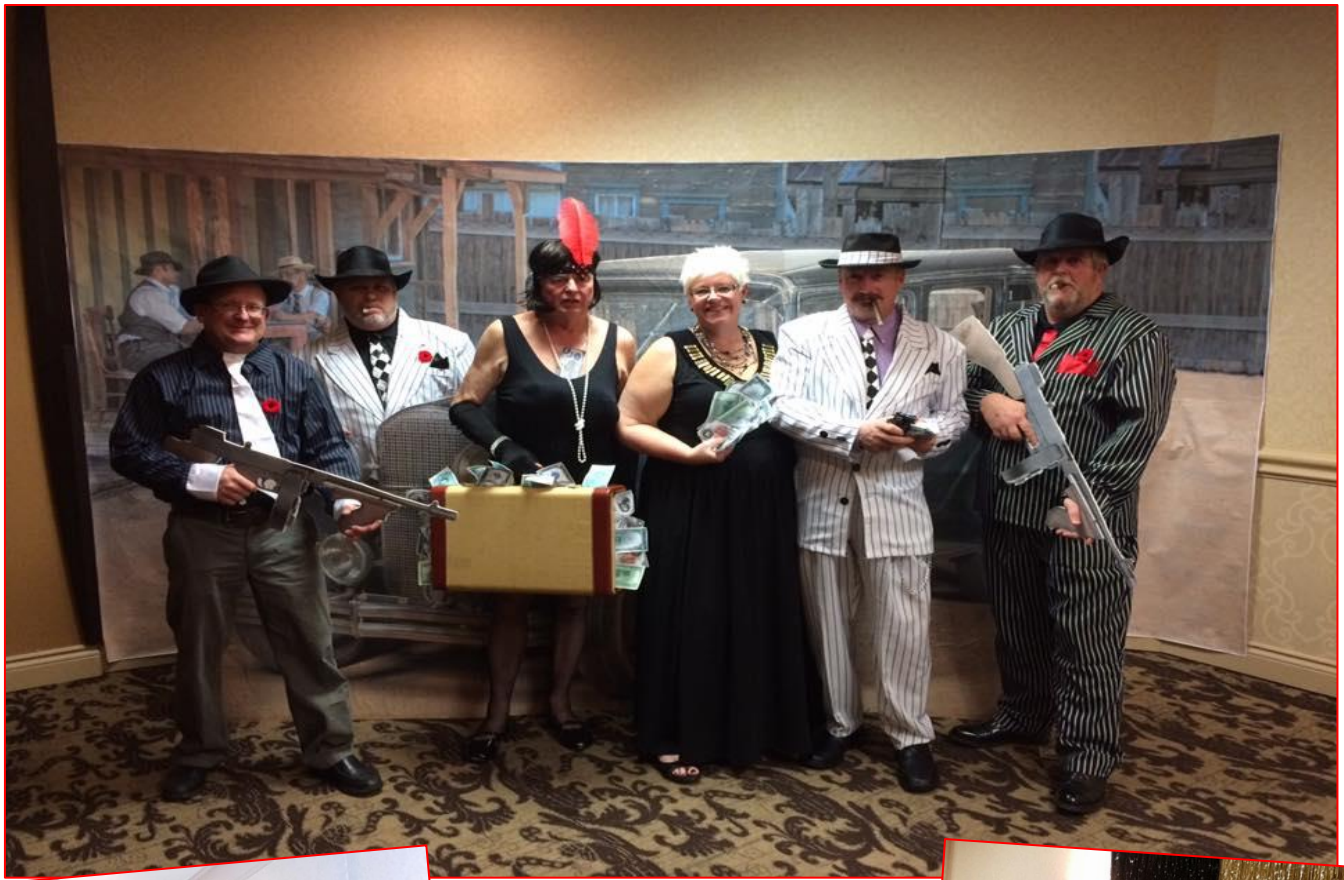
A final word(s)...

As you read this current edition of Kinship 1, the Christmas season will be approaching. Many Clubs host bazaars, Christmas parades, and visits with Santa. What a great opportunity to parlay your projects into a submission for an Award! Check out the guidelines for the Myrtle Wilson/G & M Sinclair Service Award or the District One Photography Award and I'll see you at the podium!

From my family to yours, a safe and healthy Christmas to all.

District 1 Awards Chair Lisa W. Burechails





Zone A Kinsmen/Kin

It's a busy time of year for Zone A Kinsmen and Kin Clubs. It is starting to be a festive time of year and clubs are busy with Santa Claus Parades, Christmas Hampers and socials to celebrate the season.

Now I don't want to go all risk management on everyone, but we all tend to imbibe a little at Christmas parties and no one wants to get pulled over with alcohol on their breath. It might be your Christmas present to the rest of your club to be a designated driver for your club members during the holidays. Ensuring that the entire club is still a full contingent in the New Year might be the best gift you can give. And if you happen to help other people with being a designated driver, imagine the one on one time you would have to extoll the virtues of becoming a member of Kin.

No matter where you are or what you are doing this holiday season, stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Yours in Kin,

Marty Makins

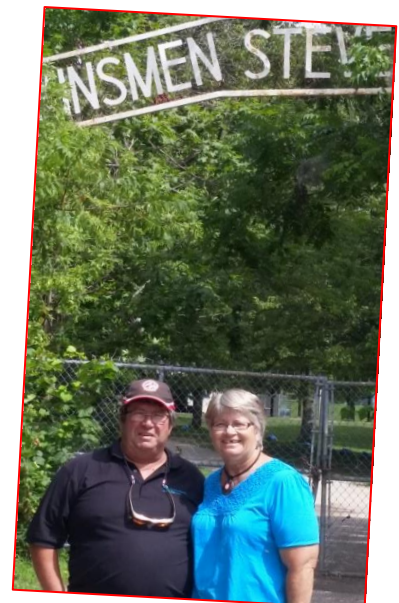
Zone A Deputy Governor



Wishing all our Kin friends and family
a glorious and safe Merry Christmas.

A great group, we thank you for all your love and support.

The Crowleys



Hello District 1!

Wow time is sure flying by. I guess that's what happens when you are busy visiting clubs and doing installations. We have had a fantastic time so far in Zone B. Installations are complete and now we are starting on the social aspect of our duty. The clubs in our zone have jumped right in and had some fabulous events already.

Huge shout out to the Lucknow Kinsmen for their donation of \$31000.00 to Cystic Fibrosis. They donated 28000.00 to district one totals and they also donated \$3000.00 to a local girl suffering from cystic fibrosis. WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB!

We would also like to give a CONGRATULATIONS shout out to The Harriston Kinsmen on winning the District 1 65 Roses Award. Way to go gentleman.

It is sooo great to go to FLC and Spring convention and hear award winners being announced from your zone. I am so proud to be one of the Zone B deputy Govenors.

As Christmas time is fast approaching both Jenn and I would like to wish each club and every member in our zone a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. No matter how or what you celebrate at this time of year whether it is Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter solstice, Bodhi day or Id al-Adha, we hope you celebrate surrounded by your family and friends. Please stay safe and if you drink, please do so responsibly. We can't wait to see what the New Year brings and look forward to seeing each and everyone of you.

Yours in Kin
Zone B Deputy Governors
Jenn Searson & Lori Schnarr





The Kinette Club of Collingwood hosted 55 women at their annual craft auction this year, and were thrilled to have special guest Alison Fitzgerald, Executive Director of My Friends House as our guest speaker for the evening.

Allison shared the history of My Friends House, and many statistics about the need for this facility in our area.

The Collingwood Kinettes were pleased to be able to help, by donating supplies for the women who are in need of the shelter.

Shown in the photo from left to right are:
 Co-Membership Director Kim Dadswell
 Secretary Cathie Brillinger
 Treasurer Barb McArthur
 Kinette Autumn Levenick
 Allison Fitzgerald, My Friends House
 President Monika McKean
 Co-Membership Director Carole Kneeshaw



Jean-Marcel (JM) LeMoeligou
National Director, Kin Canada
Kinsmen Club of Cornwall, D6-ZB



Growing to New Heights Together / Ensemble vers de nouveaux sommets

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 this opportunity to share with you why I'm the right candidate for this role.

A person with experience, someone you can depend on, someone who will act only in the best interest of the Association and its bright future, that will represent all of Kin, and that will put in 110%, is the type of person you need in serving as your Vice President. I believe I am capable of meeting that challenge and I look forward to the work ahead.

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

Some of my leadership roles within the Association include: Club President (3 times), Zone Deputy Governor, Service Director (2002-2005) and District Governor.

My vision for our association is one where strong clubs, strong members and strong leaders will enable our association to grow to new heights. And to achieve that, we must invest in the development of our members and our leaders. A strong leader will be the catalyst for a strong club. New tools have been put in place to help Kin grow. There will be more to come.

In my former professional life, I was a professor at the post-secondary level. My area of expertise was Information Technology, teaching in both official languages. In my retirement life, I co-host a French community TV show discussing local matters, chair the local Air Cadet training camp facilities and actively participate as a member of the Kinsmen Club of Cornwall.

On a personal note, I'm married to Mélodie (LeSmith) LeMoeligou and have two daughters, Dominic and Marie France and 2 grandchildren, Titus and Aryana.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself to you. I look forward to your comments. Let me know what you think.

Jean-Marcel LeMoeligou

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The Wasaga Beach Kinettes donated "Buddy Bench" to the local elementary schools - the Buddy Bench is a communal bench that a kid can alight to when feeling lonely, hopefully inspiring another lonely soul to join them.



Around the District





National Director Application and Election Process

- Any member in good standing will be eligible to apply for vacancies on the National Board beginning with the term starting August 2017
- All terms are for 3 years
- The Board will advertise for the required number of positions following the process outlined in the election policy and procedures and based on the core competencies required to fulfill the board's need
- There will be 4 National Directors replaced in 2017 (currently those from D 2,4,6 and 8) and in 2018 4 National Directors (currently those from D 1,3,5,and 7) In 2019 there would be no Director term of office being completed.
- The new Directors will be chosen from the qualified applicants and it is possible that district representation may not be equal across the Association.
- If there are more qualified applicants than positions available, the slate will be presented to the membership for election at the National Convention
- If there are less than the required qualified applicants for the vacancies, the remaining vacancies will be filled as outlined in the elections policy and procedure
- The time line, application process, and the terms for campaigning will be posted and available on the National website.

Brenda Dineen

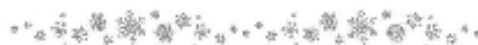
National Director



NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER



Happy Holidays, Kin! We hope you'll have some time to relax and enjoy your family and friends amongst the Santa Claus Parades, toy drives, hamper programs, and all the other amazing things Kin members do around the holidays. Thank you for all you do!



Canadian Blood Services

With just one month to go, we're getting close to reaching our goal of 565 units of blood donated to Canadian Blood Services! This holiday season, give a gift that can't be bought. Be one of the donations that help give a car crash victim or cancer patient their holidays back. Visit www.blood.ca/donate.



New resources! Blog: ["What to Expect when you Donate Blood"](#) and a [Step-By-Step Guide](#) for using your Kin ID#.

National Service Director 2017-2019 Position The National Service Director manages the functions of the National Service Committee and is the driving force in sustaining committee momentum and Kin Canada's tradition of "serving the community's greatest need." The application is due to National Headquarters by December 16, 2016. Find the application at www.kinCanada.ca/join-a-team.

District Update: Each month our "Service Team" highlights the happenings of an individual District. Here's a glimpse at District 5 from Service Director Todd Watson: "District 5 held their FLC on the October 14-16 weekend and all present were informed of the updated reporting procedures for National. I held a raffle for a trip voucher to raise monies for incoming Service Director trip to Toronto next year for the CFC AGM/Gala raising around \$1600.00. Canadian Blood Services is ongoing with clubs attending clinics when they can. A majority of clubs participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies in their communities. As December is upon us, most clubs enter into a break until the New Year but do remain active in their annual events throughout the month."



National Day of Kindness We're so excited for our 5th Annual National Day of Kindness! Don't forget to [fill out the online form](#) over the holidays, even if your club does not require materials.

Look for resources available over the next few weeks: A template media release, sample sponsorship letter, posters to print, and more.

NEW

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Hal Rogers Endowment Fund (HREF) [Applications are now open](#) for Trustees for the 2017-2020 term.

Find everything you need in the [Member Centre](#) to promote bursaries in your community. Consider dropping some applications off at local high schools, or submitting an article to your community paper. Bursary application submissions are due to your club by February 1st, and due to National via bursary@kinCanada.ca by March 1st.



Cystic Fibrosis Canada: A reminder to send in cheques for CFC to Alice's attention at their [National Office](#) ASAP as CFC fiscal year-end is coming up, and they want to accurately track donations from Kin.

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Merry Christmas
Everybody!



Save the Dates:


Our 5th Annual National Day of KINDness is
Saturday, February 25th, 2017!



District 1 Spring Convention
May 5, 6, 7 th 2017



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