



Summer Edition

KINSHIP 1



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District 1





2014-2015

Amazing is what this year was!

A big **Thank you** to you the members, for making this year the year that it was.

We had the opportunity this year to get to know some members for the first time, and other members a little better. You never disappointed. The time spent with you was fun, entertaining and memorable. Never a dull moment.

Thank you to the "Go Team" executive. You brought to the team passion, fun, knowledge, dedication and determination. You are to be applauded for what you have brought to KIN.

To the "Go Team" Deputy Governors, thank you for the support you have shown us and for the job that you have done throughout the year. We hope that your experience this year was one of positive growth, fellowship and fun.

The year consisted of visitations, Charters, Life nights, Club anniversaries and club events. Planning for Fall Leadership Conference and the big one at the end, Spring Convention. There were no favorites. They all made a new memory, a fun time, and an opportunity to meet fellow kin throughout District.

As our year comes to an end, a new one begins. Your continued support and belief in this Association will move this District to number 1. Let's "Serve our community's greatest need "and look forward to the upcoming year.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Governors Jo & Marty

2014-2015

Greetings District 1,

It's hard to believe the Kin year is almost over. When looking back over the last 11 months we have a lot to be proud of as a District. We Chartered the Fonthill & District Kinettes in November, and most recently, we welcomed the Kin Club of Wingham & District. Four of the nine Zones in District 1 currently have positive membership growth. We are also quite excited that a few members are in the process of getting another charter under way. Thank you District 1 for being so amazing!

The Go Team had 3 membership goals for the year:

1. Club Identity

2. Retention

3. Growth

Over 50% of the Clubs in District 1 Got on Board at Rejuvenation Station and/or attended a Club Identity Seminar. We were able to visit Clubs in every Zone, and would like to thank the Clubs for their warm hospitality. We would also like to thank the Deputy Governors who hosted a Zone Membership Night, or allowed us time to present at their Zone Conferences.

Membership Retention continues to be the #1 issue across the Association, not just in District 1. The Go Team travelled across the District helping clubs implement proven membership retention strategies. We released a quarterly newsletter, Membership Matters, which touches on the various stages of membership retention. The content focuses on what the retention issues are and easy solutions to solve them. We stress the importance of Club Identity, and offer up a few simple suggestions on recruitment. The Go Team will be watching the District closely throughout the 2015-16 Kin year to see how well our message was received and what was implemented. We know District 1 can do it!

The District cannot grow if the Clubs are not retaining the members they have. The District is currently on track to match previous year's new member totals; however we have already lost more members in the last 11 months than we did for all of last year. Retention is the difference maker if we want to finish +11 or -50. We still firmly believe that we can finish next year at +100 members. All we need to do differently is work together and keep the members we have. Copies of the Membership Matters Newsletter and other membership resources can be found on the Membership Resource Library on the District 1 website:

www.district1kin.ca/index.php/ResourceLibrary/Membership

For clubs that are struggling and need help, remember the **District 1 Membership Fund** is available to you. By filing an application to the District Executive your club could receive up to \$500.00 to invest in your membership. Details on the District 1 Membership Fund can be found in the 2015 Spring Edition of Kinship One, and will be shared again in the June edition of the Membership Matters Newsletter.

The deadline for the **John Hughes Peckitt Memorial Award** is fast approaching on June 15th. The award is presented to the club with the highest net increase of members since July 1st. The winner will be announced at FLC in St. Thomas. The current leaders in the running are: The Sarnia Kinsmen +7, The Kinsmen Club of Brantford +5, The Fonthill & District Kinsmen +5, and The Belgrave Kinsmen +4. There are also a few clubs at +3. Should be a great finish; good luck the rest of the way!

What a fantastic opportunity it was to serve the membership as DMD of District 1. I am very grateful for all that I have learned and experienced in this role, and I would especially like to thank Governors Joanne and Marty for having me on the Go Team. It was a real

pleasure to work with you both again. I am thankful for the new friends I made and clubs I connected with. It was also wonderful to Kinnect with some friends of old too. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing the clubs who will be attending Kin Camp in August.



Thank you District 1!!!

DMD Shane

Treasurer's Report

Thank you Clubs of Zone G for hosting "Bridging the Gap" spring convention 2015. We experienced a weekend filled with awards, education and kinship. Congratulations to the award winners and good luck to those moving on to the National level of your competition. Congratulations to incoming Governors, Katie McKean and Curtis Thoms. Along with incoming Vice-governors: Monika McKean and Bill Harris. With the incoming budget passed – club dues for our next kin year are now due, please.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the clubs for submitting their dues in a timely manner. And to those members who contacted me for clarification to solve an issue. I trust these have come to a positive resolution.

It is with excitement that we welcome a club from Wingham into District 1 this month.

This has been a learning year for me. Thank you to my Quick books coach and fellow members of District 1 Go Team council. Enjoy the summer. Keep doing what Kin does best. Until we meet again,

Cheryl District 1 Treasurer 2014 2015.



BACK TO THE FUTURE UPDATE

Thank you District One for all of your support at Spring Convention in Sarnia. We enjoyed chatting with many of you and hearing what you would like to see over the next few years in Kin.

The Back to the Future Team is very excited for our upcoming DLS on June 12th – 14th at Kin Headquarters. We have no doubt that the Deputy Governor Elects will leave filled with knowledge and new ideas for the upcoming year. You can keep an "eye" on us following photos on Facebook throughout the weekend #BTTF.

We would like to share an update on the executive with all of you. Stewart Ruffley will be joining the BTTF Team assisting with Cystic Fibrosis and Service. Stewart will definitely bring passion, enthusiasm and support to the District alongside Wendy Rolfe. The BTTF Team would like to wish Brad all the best in the future and thank him for everything he has done for us.

In the next few weeks please stay tuned for...

- Membership Initiatives
- Membership / Service Day at Wonderland
- Cystic Fibrosis Annual Vacation South
- Further Information on the BTTF Successful Kin Seminar on September 12th

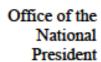
Follow updates on www.district1km as which will be cross posted into the District 1 Kin Group on Facebook.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have questions, concerns, feedback or ideas. Together we can head back to the future!

Yours in Kin,

Katie, Curtis, Monika, Melissa, Debbie, Wendy, Stewart, Terri, Russ, Bill, Joanne & Marty







Bureau du Président National

To: Kin Canada Members and Staff

From: Ron Hanishewsky, National President

Date: May 1, 2015

Re: Appointment of Executive Director, Kin Canada

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Grant Ferron as Executive Director of Kin Canada. He joins us on Monday, June 1, 2015.

Grant Ferron comes to Kin Canada after a respected 26 year career with Scouts Canada in British Columbia and Ontario. During this period the list of job titles is long, but his role has always been to support volunteers and to help the Movement continue on its long tradition of providing great experiences to youth. Those who work close to him describe him as a Mission driven person who is creative, innovative and enthusiastic.

Grant began his professional life working in municipal recreation as well as being a youth corrections worker. From these experiences he quickly recognize the value great programs can play in helping to better prepare youth for tomorrow. It didn't take long for Scouts Canada to draw him into a professional role.

26 years later...Of late, Grant has helped lead Scouting's growth in Southwestern Ontario. He was the Canadian Contingent Coordinator to Scouting's 100th Anniversary World Jamboree in the UK and helped plan two Canadian Jamborees. Through his career Grant has taken part and led many elements of strategic planning, organizational change, training and facility management, but he is best known as a guy who gets things done. He has been frequently called upon to lead sessions on leadership and management and has worked with a great number of teams throughout the years.

Grant is married to Marie and they have 21 year old twin daughters who are both currently in college.

With a strong affinity for the values and principles of Kin Canada, this is a natural move from one great organization to another and he is excited for the opportunity to find his place in the life of Kin Canada.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Grant.

Yours in Kin.

Ron Hanishewsky National President

THANK YOU DISTRICT ONE ...

The **Back to the Future part deux** team would like to thank each and every one of you who showed your faith in our abilities to become your Vice Governor team for 2015 – 2016. We are here to work for you, so please, feel free to contact us with any suggestions, questions or concerns you may have.

We would also like to take a moment to thank two very special ladies ...

First, thank you and CONGRATULATIONS to National Director Candidate Brenda Dineen. Brenda was successful in her campaign to become the District One National Director candidate and because of that, can no longer sit on a District team. We want to thank Brenda for saying "yes" initially when approached for the Membership Director position. Brenda had some strong ideas and a wonderful Kin history behind her to make the membership portfolio "sing". We know that these same qualities will make her an amazing National Director.



Our next thank you is to the wonderful and talented Karen Coutts!

When Brenda told us that she was going to seek the National Director nomination, we became aware that should she be successful, we would need a replacement. Our first thought was to contact Karen Coutts!

Karen enthusiastically said yes! And we are thrilled to have her on board. Her enthusiasm, Kin credentials and personality will go a long way in aiding membership needs in District One. Welcome aboard Karen!



Here's a bit of Kinfo on Karen:

Karen joined the Walkerton Kinettes in May of 2006. In 2013, she transferred from the Walkerton Kinette club to the brand new St. Thomas Kinettes. She has been Kinette Deputy Governor three times - twice in Zone J, and once in Zone F - and was honoured to receive the Outstanding Zone Award each time. She has been District Secretary twice, and is also a member of the National Kin Education Committee. (en – the voting guru)

At home, she lives in St. Thomas with her boyfriend Russ, her three great kids, aged 15, 11 and 8, and their dog, Bernie. She works part-time for the QUILL Learning Network as a bookkeeper, and is a Clear Writing Trainer & Consultant, recognized by the Learning Networks of Ontario.

Once again, on behalf of the BTTF pd team, thank you for your support! We look forward to working for you!

Yours in Kin .. Bill Harris & Monika McKean A reminder that proof of incorporation filing for 2014 is due November 15th and that since clubs are closing off their year that this would be a great time to send it in instead of waiting.

From the desk of:

Melanie Neison Risk Management Coordinator at Kin Headquarters



A tradition was started years ago in District One that a bottle of champagne would be passed on each year to the incoming District Cystic Fibrosis Directors until a cure is found. The year we find a cure, the champagne will be opened and shared.

In the photo, Outgoing District One Cystic Fibrosis Director Dan Strugar presents Incoming Cystic Fibrosis Director Stewart Ruffley with this bottle of champagne. Here's hoping it will be opened in the very near future... **Together in the fight!**







Kin Canada Foundation Hal Rogers Fellow The 49th Parallel North Fund

The Hal Rogers Fellow is the highest award given by the Kin Canada Foundation. This award was established to recognize Canadians who, by their leadership, accomplishments, and community endeavours, have demonstrated the high ideals to which Kin Canada Founder, Hal Rogers was committed. This award may also be given posthumously where circumstances warrant.

Objectives of the Fund

- To honour and show respect to our fallen Canadian First Responders. Military, Police, Firefighters and EMS by raising the necessary funds to award a Hal Rogers Fellow to their families.
- The Fund is designated to cover costs for the award and the required regalia associated with presenting the HRF award.
- A university or training fund for families of the fallen to access, through an
 application process, designed to assist the children to cover necessary postsecondary education or training expenses. ie. tuition-books-lodging-travel
- * The awards to be presented will follow the current HRF application guidelines.
- * Monetary Assistance will be through a Foundation Committee selection process.

History

- The catalyst for this fund was Cpl. Nathan Cirillo of Hamilton, a member of Founder Hal's Regiment. Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent will be the first to receive this tribute from the Kin Canada Foundation with presentations on Monday, February 23rd, 2015 in respective locations.
- Kin Canada Founder, Harold (Hal) A. Rogers was a member of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Brigade.
- The Brigade originated in 1903 as the 91st "Highlanders." Ironically, the name was re-designated in 1920 as 'The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada.'
- Hamilton, Ontario was the birthplace of Kin. February 20th, 1920.
- Kin has a long standing record of supporting our Nations Military.
- Our structure in Kin is based on Military protocol.
- February 20th, 2015, Kin will Celebrate 95 years of 'SERVING.'
- Kin Canada supported our troops serving in Afghanistan with the Dave Sopha mural 'Portraits of Honour' National Tour. An astounding aggregate of 20% of the Troops serving in Afghanistan are/were Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
- Kin Canada was a Presenting Sponsor of the National Portraits of Honour Tour.

With the support of Kin Canada clubs and the Canadian public in this initiative, we can recognize Canadian Fallen First Responders and their families. Help us raise the necessary funds to provide the support, pride and solidarity that will honour Our Fallen.......

We will never forget.



James Doerr



Kin Canada Foundation Hal Rogers Fellow

The 49th Parallel North Fund

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Hello from your Canadian Blood Services National Committee!

Canadian Blood Services (CBS) has joined forces with Kin Canada. The new committee is now in full swing with monthly conference calls and we have a lot of exciting things to share.

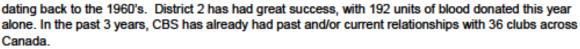
Canadian Blood Services is the national, not-for-profit, healthcare organization that manages Canada's blood supply in all provinces and territories outside of Québec. They also administer the OneMatch Stem Cell program and Marrow Network & the National Public Cord Blood Bank.

Partnering with CBS helps to fulfill a huge national need while providing Kin Canada an avenue to raise our service profile through large reaching, non-monetary service projects. The best part of a KIN-

CBS partnership is that it is a great compliment to the Kin-Cystic Fibrosis Canada partnership, as well as our Organ Donation Awareness Campaign due to Canadian Blood Service's role in providing national leadership and awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation.

Did You Know? 52% of Canadians say they or a family member have needed blood. More than 80,000 first-time blood donors are needed this year to meet hospital demand. Imagine how Kin can help decrease that number!

The staff at Kin Headquarters have come across old pictures of Kin giving blood



Blood donation and working together is a cause that runs deep in our veins. We hope to help inspire more Canadians to join this vital cause.



If you are interested in participating as a club, whether to give blood or help with a local clinic, contact Elaine Couch, your District 1 Champion, at recouch@rogers.com. If you plan to give blood, it is very important to use your District Partner ID number (KINC110223) to track your donations with the rest of your district. You must register this number online at www.blood.ca/joinpartnersforlife.

On behalf of the Canadian Blood Services Committee, I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Elaine Couch, District 1Champion



Spreading KINdness

I have been a Kinette for a year and a half now and I just love every moment of it. I find myself getting more involved every week. I'd like to share a story of success from my club the Kinette Club of Grimsby. One meeting our club was discussing National KINdness day. I really wanted to get myself involved this year so I offered an idea for the project. The result of this project and the amazing efforts of my fellow Kinette's have given us the opportunity to build an incredible relationship that has helped us serve many. It all started with Kindness day.

Personally, I have a soft spot for senior citizens, and suggested we do something on our National KINdness Day for them. I suggested this year we could deliver flowers to residents of a local long-term care home. I believed they are people who would really appreciate our love and kindness. My fellow Kinettes agreed and the project was born. Upon making arrangements with the staff to visit on National KINdness day, it fast

approached and we surprised the residents at Deer Park Villa delivering flowers to each and every lady, and chocolates to all of the men. (With a fortunate Kinette connection to a local floral company) A tag attached read, "This gift is from our hearts to yours. We are a service club that loves and cares about people in our community and that especially includes you. Have a wonderful day – The Kinette Club of Grimsby". One of our Kinettes daughters had crafted homemade cards for all the residents with messages of love. We



delivered the chocolates and flowers with help from a resident volunteer to each room. Chocolates were also left for all the employees. Although it was our day to give back, we all feel we received so much more that day. All of us were overwhelmed with emotion and were crying at some point in the day on seeing the joy it gave to residents with this simple act of KINdness.

At our next meeting we discussed the project with so much love and excitement. We had received so much support and love on this visit we wanted to do more for these residents. This is a small publicly funded home in our community, and as one resident said, 'We are so small and sometimes forgotten about. This is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for us '. My fellow Kinettes had such great ideas to give back more to these incredible people we had met on KINdness day. In our next meeting discussions regarding our visit to the home, we had noticed there was a fundraising campaign posted on their bulletin board. The residents were trying to raise money to build an outdoor walkway at their home as major renovations had recently been completed. As a Club our members

wanted to return and show our support, so we voted to donate to this endeavour, receiving an overwhelming amount of love and appreciation from the staff and residents when we presented a \$100 cheque towards their walkway.

It was evident by now that our club had made a wonderful connection in our community. Our next meeting we all wanted to do more, so we began to brainstorm. My amazing fellow Kinettes once again proposed a great service idea. We all voted unanimously that on Good



Friday our Club Easter Bunny who normally visits the children during the Kinsmen Easter Egg Hunt in town, would first visit Deer Park Villa and deliver Easter egg chocolates to all the residents. Again, we were also able to deliver some beautiful Spring bouquets for the lobby tables with the donation from our Kinette connection. Once again our next meeting all of us discussed how amazing this partnership has grown into and how much love and support we have received on each and every one of our visits.

Now our project is expanding. What began with flowers is spreading to even more homes. We have now partnered with a group of crafters looking to do some service work and who have volunteered to create greeting cards for our Kinette Club. These cards will have messages of hope, love and happiness. We will deliver these cards to different senior's homes in our community, where they can be given out to residents on special occasions or for no other reason but love. "Serving the Community's Greatest Need" and with senior citizens often this need is love. Knowing someone else cares.

I can't believe how amazing this Kin organization is, and what we have been able to build. I am so happy to share this story. I hope it inspires others especially new Kin that any small project can lead to something greater. I hope this story inspires others to reach out to people in your community who could use a little extra love. I can't wait for the future.

I can't wait to see what is next.



I love Kin and what we do.

Kin Breanne Klassen, Grimsby Kinettes.

Strategic Planning Update

Kin Canada's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan affirms our focus on developing strong clubs, strong leaders, and a strong Association to support healthy, engaged, and enriched communities.

Over the last few months, Kin Canada Board and Staff have been working together on the next piece of the strategic plan: Implementing our Strategic Initiatives. The plan has 4 focus areas: Programs, Stakeholders, Organizational Capacity and Financial. Each focus area has a strategic priority, supporting goals, initiatives, and action items. The breakdown of the top 3 planning tiers can be found in the chart below. The recent member survey was an action item of 'Member Feedback' Initiative.

	PROGRAMS	STAKEHOLDERS	ORGANIZATIONAL	FINANCIAL
Strategic Priority:	Enhance programs + services by assessing and meeting common needs of clubs	To be the first choice service organization in Canada	Ensure we have the skills + infrastructure to meet common needs of clubs	Increase operating budget to \$1.5 million by 2018 through diversified revenue
Supporting Goals	Assess and analyze club needs regularly Meet needs Members see value in dues/time	Members find HQ capable, accessible, supportive Communities recognize Kin Positive work place for Employees Board serve with Pride Mutually beneficial relationships with Charity Partners Explore Corporate Partner possibilities	Adequate staffing (numbers + skill sets) Adequate physical space + equipment Effective organizational structure	New funding sources Appropriate dues level + structure
Initiatives	Needs assessment Partner engagement	Member Feedback GAP Analysis	District structure review Operations review Develop standards and Compliance	Investigate alternative funding Review dues model

Zone K Kinettes

Another year is winding down for the Zone K Kinettes. Every club has been exceptionally busy this year.

Many of the clubs started of the year running or participating in Terry Fox Runs across the Zone. Between helping at Blood Donor Clinics, Catering, Seniors Homes and Dinners, Welcome Wagon, Meals on Wheels and many other events, the clubs have worked tirelessly to support other organizations and people in their communities.

St Marys

This club is always one of the busiest and largest clubs in the Zone. These ladies are always willing to help other organizations in the St Marys area with Welcome Wagon, Seniors dinners, Blood donor clinics, Christmas Home tours and Meals on Wheels. They sell poinsettias, and spring plants for Cystic Fibrosis. Each fall they have a Ladies Night and in Spring the major fundraiser is their annual auction. The St Marys Santa Claus Parade and Easter Egg Hunt are supported by their club as well. Along with donations to local causes they help the Kinsmen with some of their projects.

The St Marys Club also has a lot of social interaction with members participating in group activities like socials, Wine tours, making Seasonal outdoor arrangements, progressive dinners etc. These activities keep fun and friendship aspect of the club alive.

Mitchell

The Mitchell Ladies work hard in their community. They participate in Welcome Wagon, Seniors Dinners and Blood Donor clinics. They sell poinsettias and support other community organizations. Each year they hold a social, auction or comedy evening in the fall and support Christmas projects. Family day in February has the Kinettes providing children's entertainment, games and fun for families from the Mitchell area. In May the Ladies hold their annual Rubber Duck Race which brings out huge crowds to cheer on their favourite Duck. The Victoria Day long weekend has the Kinettes selling fireworks for the festivities.

This is a smaller club but the Ladies work very hard and make a huge impact in their community.

Hensall

The Hensall club is also a smaller club but growing every year. They support the community by working food and beverage booths for organizations including the Kinsmen. They have over the last few years helped to raise funds for the new Community Splash Pad by selling Beer for a Year tickets, and helping with other projects in the community. The ladies participate in Terry Fox , and Alzheimer Walks. This year they held their annual Ball Hockey Tournament, and a very successful Ladies night.

This is a very social club who enjoy working and spending social time together.

Goderich

The Goderich Club provides support to the Kinsmen and the community. This year the ladies helped the Kinsmen with the TV Auction and are planting and maintaining the Flower beds at Giant Tiger in conjunction with Goderich's participation in The Communities in Bloom national competition.

This is quite a small club but with the return of a former member a some very keen new prospective members the ladies are looking forward to creating some new events and rejuvenating some former projects next year. Everything looks good for a great year ahead.

Clinton

The Clinton Kinettes are one of the larger clubs in the Zone. They have a great imaginative group who are always willing to do take on a project that is new and different. Every year the club hosts the Terry Fox Run in September. They have sold pizzas, popcorn and Poinsettias, and held a Christmas Décor garage sale. Providing Catering services to the Kinsmen, K-Ettes, Fair Board, and Church groups helps to raise funds. Along with participating in Alzheimer and Cystic Walks the club donates to several local groups and charities, provides Awards for the 2 Secondary Schools and several Elementary Schools and Fair Ambassador competition.

In conjunction with the Clinton Kinsmen the club organizes the Annual Santa Claus Parade, Easter Egg hunt, Kinsmen TV Auction and the Major project for the year being Pluckinfest held the 1st weekend in July.

The Clinton ladies started the year with a social team building event at the Edge of Walton Challenge Course where they had to work together to complete several physically, mentally and emotionally challenging tasks. This was a great group bonding event followed by a Mystery Tour, dinner and scavenger hunt that had everyone in great spirits. The club enjoys dinner and social time at every meeting which promotes the fun and family aspect of Kin.

The Clubs in this Zone are very committed.

Time and time again they go above and beyond to support and improve their communities.

Deputy Governor Betty Kelly Zone K Kinettes







Rejuvenation Station

If you look at retirement like it's a championship golf course, the most successful golfers start by getting the best caddy.



You're the player, which means you're in charge of your game and the one making the shots. Your caddy should be putting you in the best possible position by giving you expert knowledge about the course and selecting the best clubs to use at each hole.

There are many kinds of caddies. But, when it comes to your retirement, wouldn't you want the kind of caddy who helps you achieve the same result without having to make all the risky shots?



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SPRING CONVENTION 2015 AWARD WINNERS:

Jim Sterling Memorial Costume Award -Kinette Club of Grimsby

Kinette Joke-Off Award – Danni Gresko, Kinette Club of Grimsby



Bruce Moulton, Kinsmen Club of Sarnia



Phil & Vicki Scalisi Membership Award - Shane Walsh, Kinsmen Club of Burlington





Kinette Sr. Bulletin Award – Kinette Club of St. Marys, Wendy Lamond – Editor

John Brooker Sr. Bulletin Award – Kinsmen Club of Kitchener Waterloo, Ron Couch – Editor



Kinette Quill Award – Monika McKean, Kinette Club of Collingwood

Bill Esson Memorial Quill Award – Bob Hughes, Kinsmen Club of Chatham

Kinette Public Relations Award – Kinette Club of Collingwood



Max Westlake Public Relations Award – Kinsmen Club of Grimsby





Ferne Carter Speak Off Award – Lori Schnarr, Kinette Club of Palmerston

Gord Harbinson Public Speaking Award – Mat Lobb, Kinsmen Club of Clinton



Outstanding Zone Award

Karen Coutts, Zone F, Darryl Van Moorsel, Zone F, Dustyn Pumfrey, Zone G







Pelham Cares Inc

Our thanks go the Kinsmen Club of Fonthill and District for their generosity and support of Pelham Cares!

A cheque for \$2,900 has been presented to representatives of Pelham Cares by the Kinsmen, gate proceeds of the recent Pelham Home Show.

The Kinsmen have welcomed and supported Pelham Cares at their Home Show for the past 14 years!

Their financial support over that time now tops \$40,000!

We are very grateful for this on-going support...which enables us in continuing to provide for families in need within our community.

(Taken form the Pelham Cares facebook page)



Kinette Rookie Award Kinette of the Year Award Kinsmen Rookie of the Year Award Kinsmen of the Year Award Kinsmen Perc Dawson Golf Tournament Trophy District Photography Award

Membership

Kinsmen John Hughes Peckitt Memorial Trophy Kinsmen Jay Dunn Memorial Shield & Jay Dunn Improvement Award

Cystic Fibrosis

Challenge for a Cure Award Sixty Five Roses Award

http://www.district1kin.ca/index.php/DistrictTeam/Awards

District Awards Chairs Wendy Rolfe & Terri Iredale

Socials are important!!

The Mystery Tour Social we did on April 14 with the St Thomas Kinettes and a few friends from the London Kinettes visiting Kin Canada National Headquarters in Cambridge, where we had a tour of the offices, a private viewing of the Portraits of Honour with the artist Life Member Dave Sopha, and visits from members of the Preston Kinettes and KW Kinettes.

Everyone had a great time, it was a special moment for us who had never seen the Portraits of Honour.



Membership



Left to right: President Jodi, Yvette Locke, Carol Van Rooy, Marg Back, Tammy Bugg and DG Karen Coutts

Elgin – St Thomas Kinettes welcome 4 new members into their young club in April 2015

Submitted by President Jodi McLaughlin

Hamilton Kinsmen CARSTAR Great Strides Walk

On Sunday May 31st, the Hamilton Kinsmen hosted our 5th annual Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis. Going into this event, the Club had accumulated over \$407,000 for CF in the event's previous 4 years, with \$160,800 collected at our Walk in 2014.

This year's event had over 50 teams registered giving us the possibility that we would be setting another attendance record. CARSTAR was going to be on hand to recognize the event. But, all of the planning and preparation that went into this year's event went out the window when Mother Nature had a tantrum. Before we could even get set up with rain and wind wreaked havoc overnight forcing us to change our set up and hope for the best. By Sunday evening over 50 mm or 2 inches of rain would fall in the Hamilton area.

We cancelled our six events for the children, rigged up makeshift registration tables under canopies on a grassy area by the parking lot, and handed out the goodie bags and Walk t-shirts out of the back of out rental truck. We thought that the attendance would be miniscule since not even the ducks in the park wanted to be in the cold rain.

But we were wrong. We did have our expected record turnout. Families came, registered, handed in their pledge sheets, posed for pictures, visited with the firemen, and some even decided to walk the course. One team consisted of over 125 people. Lisa Mercanti-Ladd from CARSTAR visited us. CARSTAR even presented Norma Beauchamp, CEO of CF Canada with a cheque for \$100,000 which was from their Facebook campaign for "A World Without CF".

The most gratifying moment for me was when the Mother of a child with CF



came up to me while I was standing in the rain, soaked to the bones, and

thanked me and my Fellow Kinsmen for what we had put together. Even though we had to cancel events for the children and set up less than desirable presentation t.he to public, she was impressed by the spirit of the event. To her, the fact that families still turned out in droves for the

cause gave her hope that one day, maybe soon, we will find a cure for CF, for her child.

On Sunday, May 31st, we not only set another attendance record, but we also set another fundraising record. As of the writing of this article, we have collected over \$180,000, representing an 11.9% increase over last year, with funds still coming in from late pledges.

As a postscript, at our first Club meeting after the event, even though the event had been physically demanding on all of us, none of our Members wanted to change our involvement. If fact, just 2 days after the event, we already had ideas as to how we can make next year's event even better.

Chuck Russello
Past President
Kinsmen Club of Hamilton





\$3 million raised ...and counting!





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(taken May 29 at their meetings at Kin Headquarters)







Good Kin Fun from Zone to Zone



The PAST meets PRESENT
On Wednesday May 6, the Kinsmen Club of Sarnia held a past presidents night, well from the current president
Randy Samms (Far left at Rear) to meeting some of the outstanding Presidents ... shall we say as far back as 1954, all of these gentleman have created the community we reside, and the ladies and gentleman of the present are trying to keep their legacy strong.



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I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Office of National Vice President for Kin Canada.

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This future ensures that Kin Canada remain a viable, recognized and respected service organization that continues to touch Canadian communities from coast to coast to coast. Achieving this requires each and every one of us to be engaged at all levels of this phenomenal association.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see many of you at National Convention in Brandon Manitoba in August 2015.

Yours in Kin, James Doerr

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A Kin Legacy Celebrates - Over 30,000 Smiles!

Celebrating 75 years of Sunshine and Smiles

The Kinette Club of London organized in November 1939 to help the war effort. Kinsmen wives all over the country were organizing as auxiliary clubs to help raise over \$3,000,000 towards the "Milk for Britain" Campaign.



The Kinette Club of London formed to run canteens, packed parcels for the Red Cross prisoners of war, hold rummage sales, held society teas, made charity Christmas hampers.

A Christmas Fair and an Annual Antique Fair was started to continue raising money for charities. Bridge parties were held also as fund raisers. Donations were made to the War Memorial Children's Hospital, IODE, YWCA, Community Chest, Princess Alice Foundation, Observation Home, National Cancer Institute and Preventorium. The Kinettes furnished a room in the War Memorial Children's Hospital for use of polio patients.

1948 saw the start of the Kinsmen Hugh A. Stevenson Playground (later camp) for Underprivileged Children, 250 acres site on Commissioner's road east, located near Southdale and Pondmill Roads of today. The Kinettes helped put the play area in shape and complete a dining room, sleeping quarters and craft house.

Since 1950, Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of London supported the Hugh A. Stevenson Playground for Under Privileged Children.

This was the beginning of a lifetime partnership between the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Greater London and the Stevenson Children's Camp, now located in Dorchester.

This year both groups celebrate milestones: the Kinette Club of London turns 75 and the Stevenson Children's Camp turns 65! Both groups are celebrating by having a reunion/open house for former Kinsmen and Kinettes in the area and former Stevenson Children's Camp Campers and Staff.

"Celebrating 75 years of Sunshine and Smiles!" that's the legacy of Kin Canada in London, Dorchester and surrounding area, says Life Member Carol Cooper. Over 30,000 children have enjoyed some sunshine and happiness in their lives by attending Stevenson Children's Camp.

We will be hosting an Open House and Stevenson Children's Camp Wish fundraiser on Saturday September 19th, 2015, to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. The event is open to the public from 11 am to 4 pm and then there is the Stevenson Children's Camp Wish fundraiser dinner at 5 pm at the camp.

Locally, the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Greater London support Stevenson Children's Camp, Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Community Living London, SARI and many more area charities. The biggest fundraisers are the Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival and the Kinette Christmas Bazaar.

Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin Clubs across the country work to better their communities, enhance the well-being of Canadians and improve the environment. The Association boasts a proud 95 year history dedicated to fostering the lifelong friendships while "Serving the Community's Greatest Needs".

For more information about this event please call 519-461-1073 or londonkinettes@gmail.com. Donations can be made to www.stevensonchildrenscamp.ca

Submitted by Life Member Carol Cooper Kinette Club of London





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Thank you for all your efforts in assisting me with content for this year's Go Team Kinship 1.

Our district publication is only as good as the information provided by you ~ the members.

I huge shout out to all our supporters this year in advertising. As you have seen we had full page, 1/3 page and business card ads. Your support in this year's Kinship 1 does not go unnoticed nor unappreciated and we **THANK YOU**.

Wishing everyone a great summer and do not forget to take pictures of everything your club does and send along to me for Kinship 1.



Communication is the key!

Yours in Kin, Communications Director Terri Iredale ☺

