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In the effort to try to keep cost to a minimum, some of photocopies have been double-sided when printing. Please make sure to read carefully through the entire package to make sure you don't miss a vital piece of information.

Included in this mailing is important information for your club. Please forward to the appropriate chair person(s).

Article in mailing:	Direct mailing to:	Action or Deadline
Governor's Message	Bulletin Editor/All members	None
CF Report	Bulletin Editor/ All members	None
Membership Report	Bulletin Editor/ All members	None
Charter Investigation Kit	President/All members	Contact Marty for any assistance
2012 Spring Convention Bid Form	All members	File with District Secretary
2011 Spring Convention Proxy Form	President/Secretary	Return to District Secretary
2011 National Covention Proxy Form	President/Secretary	Return to Baz Zak at National HQ
FLC Survey	Any members that attended FLC this year	Return to Governor's Norm & Elaine
Kinship 1	All members	2 copies per club

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Greetings Fellow Kin of District One

Governor Elaine and I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy Holiday season. The holidays are a time to be spent with family and just like the Family of Kin we need to try and re-connect with one and other. As well, on behalf of your 2010-2011 District Council we'd like to extend our wishes for a glorious and Happy New Year 2011.

In this District mailing you'll find various reports from your District Executive. Take the time to read and share them with your club so that the information gets passed around. Oftentimes communication can very easily breakdown by simply not passing things along.

For those of you who attended Graceland North Fall Leadership Conference 2010, we thank you but we'd also like your feedback from the weekend in regards to the seminars/workshops and overall impressions of the weekend. This will help the incoming team for next year's FLC as hosted by the Mount Forest Kin Club in 2011.

We'd like you all to be aware of is the Insurance and Incorporation Papers that need to be filed with provincial government as well as our insurance carrier. In addition to this paperwork, it is also required that the clubs file the T-2 Income tax short form. Before we start hearing the collective moaning and groaning, this paperwork is necessary to keep you, and our clubs, legally able to run projects and raise funds within our communities. That is why we are calling on our Deputy-Governors and all Club Presidents to make sure these forms are submitted as soon as possible. You also need to submit to National Headquarters copies or proof of submission as well.

The insurance form can be downloaded from our National website; any questions please contact Melanie Nieson, National Risk Management Coordinator for assistance. For the insurance forms unless you have changes such as, new projects, then it is just a

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matter of quickly answering the questions, signing the form and sending it in to our insurer.

Incorporation Papers can be submitted online through a company called, oncorp.com. We can't recommend this strongly enough unless you have access to legal help within your club. For \$55.00, that's right \$55.00, they will assist and file your incorporation papers with the Ontario Government online. It's just that simple. Check it out and see if that is something your club may find useful. Without up to date Incorporation Forms, your club will be put into Not in Good Standing by National and if something should happen, the club and our Association could very well be in a whole lot of legal trouble.

For the T-2 Income Tax short form, unless you're a club that owns significant assets, then that is the form to complete. If you require assistance, please contact our District Treasurer Paul Dahmer and he will help you. His contact information is printed in the President's Planner or you can contact either Elaine or myself and we will pass along your requests to Paul.

District Risk Manager and Past Governor Darrell will be following up with you in regards to Insurance and Incorporation papers but we are asking that you complete these as soon as possible. For the clubs that have already done so, we say thank-you very much, it's much appreciated.

One again, read through the mailing and pass the information along so that all of us are singing from the same song sheet. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to you all and we hope to come see you very soon.

Forever Yours In Kin,

Governors Elaine and Norm

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Fellow Kin we have a Christmas Wish List for all of District 1! Our plea is simple. We need your help to get District 1 back to its rightful spot at the top of the donations list at the CCFF. We slipped to third overall last year and we need your help to correct this. The easiest way for you to help us is to simply host a Cystic Fibrosis event in your community. Many of you already have events on your calendar and we truly appreciate you for all of those. There are a number of clubs, however, who have lost the CF focus, and it is these clubs we want to encourage to take up our challenge. We are not asking for everyone to plan huge gala events, even a simple project will have an affect. 100% participation from each and every club in District 1 this year is the key to making our goal obtainable. As all of us know we are Kin to 'Serve Our Communities' Greatest Need'. What greater need is there than to save the life of someone with Cystic Fibrosis. If your club needs some help to get focused again please let us know, we are here to help you. If you need speakers, materials, or support for your event just ask! If your club would like to 'adopt' a CF family to make that focus personal, we can help make that happen, call us! Please help us to help those families we are fighting for and return to being focused on finding the cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Fellow Kin we are counting on you to complete our Christmas Wish List!

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DISTRICT ONE – CHARTING THE FUTURE

As this year comes to a close and a new one begins to dawn it becomes apparent that we must ask ourselves the question “What can I give?”

I’m not speaking in terms of presents, but what can each of us give to our communities? The best answer is the gift of Kin.

How much of an impact has Kin made in your community, and in your life? The friendships? The personal development? The opportunity to make your community a better place to live? Surely there is some aspect of Kin that has affected you. Now in this season of giving, it is time to give the gift that everyone can enjoy, the gift of Kin.

As you attend Christmas or New Year’s Parties and you’re forced into conversations with strangers, why not steer the conversation towards Kin and what you get out of it, or what they might get out of it. Asking people to attend a meeting never hurts and if they come to your club for an evening, usually become a member. As a wise man once told me, you can never have too many club members or friends.

Asking is the most important piece of recruitment, and just like selling tickets, or any other items that you do to raise funds in the community, it’s the same basic strategy in recruiting. Using any sales tactics that you know of to help push a potential member over that line will help them and will help your club.

The other item I want to bring to your attention is chartering. How long has it been since your club has done a charter investigation? It’s probably been awhile, so why not take advantage of this time of year when clubs aren’t doing a whole lot and do a charter investigation? In this mailing will be part one of the charter investigation kit.

I implore each club in District One to fill out this document and send it back to the Governors, Melina Heyward at Kin HQ or to me, the District Membership Director. While not every club will return a document with the possibility of a charter, there are more out there than we normally think of, so do some due diligence on this as the benefits of this are far more pronounced than any potential problems. Come to think of it, there are really no potential problems with doing a charter investigation as any problems that arise can easily be worked out and I would be proud to assist you in this process. Really a worst case scenario would be nothing happens or that you may find 3 or 4 new members for your club.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Marty Makins

District Membership Director