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NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DEPUTY GOVERNORS...

Hello, fellow Kin...three and a half more months!

One of your most important events of the year is coming up – club elections. Please remember that “any warm body in the position” is NOT better than nothing. Take the time through March and April to think about who is going to fill each spot. Things to consider:

- Natural skills and talents of the individual members
- Opportunities for personal development that will benefit members
- Mentors who are available to support members unsure of taking this next step
- Succession planning for the club from one year to the next

Club elections must be done by May 15 (deadline set by national, as always), be sure to let us know new club contact information right away so we can pass it on to DG-elects.

This year’s Zone Conference minutes are available on the Zone F page of the District website. You can also find our contact information there:

<http://www.district1kin.ca/index.php/ZoneF/Index>

The District message this year is GO – Governors Joanne and Marty are leading the Go Team, and in that theme, we will be GOING to visit clubs and projects for the rest of the Kin year. If you have any questions, concerns, or need help with projects, please contact us. The club presidents are our primary contacts, but any member of any club in the zone can contact us at any time!

Enjoy the spring weather, and we’ll be seeing you soon!

Yours in Kin,

DGs Karen & Darryl



President Bea of the London Kinettes shows off her club membership resource package. Every club has received one of these with the club identity exercise and other activities to help motivate, rejuvenate, & strengthen your club. Contact us if you need more information, or replacement copies of anything. More information on these exercises can be found on the Membership page of the District website.

<http://www.district1kin.ca/index.php/DistrictTeam/MembershipD>

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

(Editor's Note: This was received by the DGs on March 2nd, and could not be included in the zone conference brochure.)

Welcome to your zone conference!

Your Deputy Governor has worked really hard this year to lead and mentor you and to provide you with education, fellowship and fun. They are the reason that your club, your zone and our District are able to grow and to continue "Serving your communities greatest need".



This year, the district executive's focus has been Membership and the continued growth of the District. Our District Membership Director has provided and executed a plan for all of the clubs in the District. Each Club has had a customized membership retention and recruitment workshop specific for each club's particular needs. Most importantly our District Membership Director has provided assistance to any club in trouble, any club in need of new ideas, any club who had questions and to any club or individual who had the ambition and an eye for the future of Kin to charter a new club. Within the next few months, District 1, Zone B, will welcome the "Wingham & District Kin Club". Thank you to Melissa Penner, Glenn Dobben and Deputy Governor Lisa Orth. Their endless efforts to make this charter a possibility is recognized and greatly appreciated

We encourage you to continue with your efforts to introduce and recruit new members to this great Association, but let us not forget about the people who currently are our members. Retention is just as important if not the most important factor we need to remember. We cannot grow, if we cannot keep what we already have. We need to remember to listen, and to respect others as we would want others to do for us.

District Convention is ahead of us. Zone G, our hosts, for the weekend in Sarnia have been busy making sure this is going to be a convention to remember. "Bridging the Gap" May 1-3, promises to be a fun filled weekend. Come out and support the member or members from your zone that has won their way with their inspiring speech or their attempt at a funny whether clean or very dirty. April 17th is the final day for early bird registration. Registration forms are available from your Deputy Governor or from the District 1 website. Our District Secretary, Sharon Champ, would like to remind you to get the Accredited Delegates form completed and sent **PRIOR TO APRIL 27th. Any submissions received on or after this date will not be accepted.**

Congratulations to all of the Zone Award participants and winners. District Awards Directors Terri and Wendy are looking forward to having award submissions to review for Spring Convention. The District 1 website is your go to place for all of the criteria and deadlines for all of the awards. Please do not miss the opportunity for your club or a fellow member to be recognized and honoured.

Deputy Governors, thank you for all that you have done for your zone this year. Your hard work and dedication to your zone is noticed and appreciated.

To the Deputy Governor-elect, congratulations on having the opportunity to be part of the "Back to the Future" District Council. This next year has the potential to be one of your best years in Kin. Enjoy it!

Thank you for your hospitality today. See you at Spring Convention.

Governors

Jo & Marty

SUBMITTED BY ANDY BECK, AYLNER KINSMEN

The Gold Ribbon Campaign was started by a young lad named Stephanie Simmons. Stephanie was diagnosed with Cancer at a young age. At this time Stephanie started her unofficial Gold Ribbon campaign which she hopes will bring attention to Canadians of how wide spread cancer is in our children. 10000 children suffer with this disease in Canada alone. One of Stephanie's goals was to have either Canada Post create a Gold Ribbon Stamp or the Canadian Mint to create a Gold Ribbon Quarter. Her goal is to honour the children that we have lost to this disease. Stephanie has forwarded 20,000 signatures but was turned down. She is not giving up.

As for myself. My daughter Emily was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 5. Unlucky to have a child that suffered with this disease; lucky that she was a survivor. The Aylmer Kinsmen have been a huge support team for me when fundraising for sick kids. My goal was to get all Kinsmen on board with this.

In Kinsmen year 2013/14 I sent a letter to as many Kin clubs that I could in Canada. I searched out emails, sent letters. The package I sent explained that all I was looking for was signatures in support of the Gold Ribbon campaign. Send those signatures directly to Stephanie.

Stephanie received approx. 400 signatures. She was ecstatic. I was very pleased with this myself, although, there are approx. 7000 Kin in Canada. I feel we were a little off the mark.

Just as Stephanie won't give up neither will I. I will start another Kin Campaign in the near future. I will push to make sure that Stephanie's gets every signature of Kin. And more.

Yours In Kin,

PP Andrew Beck

Aylmer Kinsmen Club of Aylmer

ZONE FINANCIAL REPORT

2014-2015 Actual - as of February 28, 2015

Income		Actual	2014-15 budget
	Zone Dues 2014/15	\$1,032.00	\$1,010.00
	awards levy	\$202.00	\$202.00
	DG conv levy	\$195.00	\$195.00
	District allotment	\$650.00	\$550.00
	outstanding dues	\$109.00	
	Total	\$2,188.00	\$1,957.00
Expenses			
	DG Expenses	\$95.41	\$1,000.00
	team mileage	\$448.40	\$300.00
	Education Nights	\$60.10	\$400.00
	Presidents Round Table	\$205.61	\$200.00
	Awards	\$10.00	\$202.00
	Admin	\$35.31	
	Zone Conference	\$0.00	\$200.00
	CF Donation		
	bank fees	\$15.60	
	Total	\$775.02	\$2,302.00
	Bank Balance	\$3,159.00	

Invoices for Zone dues will be going out in the next few weeks. They will be based on national roster numbers as of February 28th. As per Zone F's House Rules, dues are:

- \$5 per member to cover zone administration/travel/education night costs
- \$1 per member for awards
- A flat rate levy to cover the cost of the incoming DGs to attend Spring Convention (not to exceed \$200 per person)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 8, 14, 15, 16-20, 21, 22, 28, 29 Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival

March 13 Friday the 13th - Port Dover Kinsmen

March 14 Bonspiel – Aylmer Kinsmen

March 28 2nd Dance Dress Resale - St Thomas Kinette

March 28 Femmefest - Tillsonburg Kinsmen

April 4 Easter Egg hunt - St Thomas Kinsmen

May 1-3 District 1 Spring Convention, Sarnia

May Fireworks sales - St Thomas Kinsmen

May 30 My Princess and Me Ball – Tillsonburg Kinettes

July 1 Canada Day events: London, St. Thomas

July Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine - St. Thomas Kinettes

August 8 Amazing Adventure - St. Thomas Kinsmen

August Golf Tournament - Greater London Kinsmen

August 20-22 National Kin Canada Convention – Brandon, Manitoba

Sept 18- 20 London Anniversary Stevenson Camp

Sept 19 Raffle Peter Robson Print - Kinette Club of London

Oct Diamonds and Denim Dance - Kinette Club of St Thomas

Nov 6-8 Komic Kin Fall Leadership Conference in St Thomas

Nov 13 Friday the 13th - Port Dover Kinsmen

Nov Bazaars - Kinette Clubs of London, Delhi

Nov Samko Sales - Kinette Club of St. Thomas

Nov Bonspiel - St Thomas Kinsmen

Dec Annual Electronics Draw - St Thomas Kinsmen

WAIT FOR IT...

The St. Thomas Kinsmen Club is organizing Zone F Fun day – information coming soon!

YOUR DEPUTY GOVERNORS FOR 2015-16

MATT SHARPE



Club: St. Thomas Kinsmen

Current position: President (2 year term)

Past positions: Vice President, Secretary

Years of Kin service: 4

Best thing about being in Kin: Fellowship & meeting new people

Your favourite Kin highlight (so far): My first FLC had me hooked. Met people from all over Ontario

Why did you decide to become DG: 2 of the last 3 DGs were from our club, and they both enjoyed and recommended the experience. As I have no children, I figured now was the best time to try it myself!

A little about your life outside of Kin (family, work, hobbies): My fiancée, Brittany, and I are getting married this summer. I am a Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) who has been working as a commercial insurance broker with May-McConville Insurance for 12 years. I am an avid automotive enthusiast who plays darts & curls when I'm not working or with Kin.

TERRY BALDWIN



Club: Kinetite Club of Elgin - St. Thomas

Current position: Past President, Active Club Member

Past positions: President

Years of Kin service: 2 years

Best thing about being in Kin: Being part of a great Kin family, the service and support to help our community and making new friends and Kin sisters.

Your favourite Kin highlight (so far): There are a few but being awarded the Kinetite Rookie of the Year 2013-2014 at FLC, while being President!

Why did you decide to become DG: At first, I wasn't sure that I was ready to take on this position. After serious thought and observing the DGs and their great work, plus talking to a few experienced fellow Kin, I felt the positive feedback and encouragement to move forward in the Kin organization.

A little about your life outside of Kin (family, work, hobbies): I'm originally from London, ON and moved to Calgary, AB during one of the very early boom times. I met Russell while working at Panorama Resort, BC and eventually married. After living out west for 30+ years and looking towards retirement, we moved back to my home province 3½ years ago. I'm a Travel Advisor with my travel business for the last 17 years. Our family cat is Oliver, who enjoys camping with us. My favourite hobbies are golf, fishing, traveling, camping, music and I'm a big Walking Dead fan!

AWARDS ARE VERY REWARDING!

ZONE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2015

Kinette Bulletin - Melissa Bishop, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas

Kinsmen Bulletin - no submissions



Rookie of the Year

Kinette - Jennfer Barned-Svensson, Kinette Club of Elgin-St. Thomas

Kinsmen - Clint McGuffin, Kinsmen Club of St. Thomas

Kin of the Year

Kinette - Elise Stark and Bonita Stevens-Vere, Kinette Club of London

Kinsmen - Russ Howe, Kinsmen Club of Greater London



****We hope that clubs will make the decisions more difficult for next year's DGs by submitting for more zone awards!****

ERIC GLOVER MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The creation of this award was approved at Zone Conference. DGs Darryl & Karen will work with the incoming Deputy Governors to develop a point system similar to that used for the individual awards at District and National, and clarify other criteria, in order to have a non-biased method of selecting recipients.

Whereas: Founder Hal Rogers created Kin to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of young men, like him, who wanted to serve their community.

Whereas: the Objects of the Association for Kin Canada state that we will promote and direct service work through fellowship.

Whereas: Kin was created as a young businessman's club, with a long-standing age limit of 40.

Whereas: St. Thomas Kinsman Eric Glover was a young man who truly embodied the ideal of "fellowship through service" with his active participation in service projects, meetings, and socials at many levels of Kin.

Be it moved that Zone F award the **Eric Glover Memorial Fellowship Award** to the member under the age of 40 who most clearly exhibits the ideal of fellowship through service. This award will be presented annually at Zone Conferences starting in 2016, and ending in 2022 – the year that Eric would have turned 40. Clubs can nominate one of their members each year, and the Deputy Governor(s) of the day will be responsible for selecting the zone winner.

This year's award was presented to Eric, and accepted by his best friend Drew Else, and President Matt Sharpe, both members of the St. Thomas Kinsmen.



DISTRICT AWARDS

There are several district awards that are awarded at Spring Convention – but the deadline for submission is coming up fast...April 1st, in fact. Here's the list, an indication of whether the award is for a club or an individual member, and a snippet of information about each. Scoring criteria, award submission affidavits, and other details can be found on the district website in the District Awards Package:

<http://www.district1kin.ca/uploads/DistrictTeam/DistrictAwards2014-15.pdf>

- **Myrtle Wilson Memorial and George and Mildred Sinclair Service Awards (Club)**
 - Objective: To recognize the club that has contributed the most to the fundamental objective of the Association i.e. service work
- **Kinette and Bill Esson Memorial Quill (individual)**
 - Objective: The Quill Award is designed to help Kin foster the development of written communication and enhance overall communication skills by producing a story of general interest to Kin.
- **Kinette and Max Westlake Public Relations (club)**
- **Kevin Denbok Memorial Cystic Fibrosis Award (club)**
 - Purpose: To stimulate Public Cystic Fibrosis Awareness.
- **Michael McBeath Memorial CF Award for Individual Achievement**
 - Submissions must contain evidence of the active promotion of Cystic Fibrosis awareness during the candidate's membership in Kin.
- **Dave Russell Memorial Individual Service Award**
 - Purpose: To be presented to the individual with the most hours recorded between April 1st to March 31st of the following year.
- **District Website Award (club)**
 - Eligibility: All clubs in District One having a website identity shall submit interest in competing by forwarding a link to their website to the District Awards Chair no later than 30 days prior to District Convention.



If you have any questions, or need help with your submission, don't hesitate to ask! Our only request is that you not wait until the end of the month to start working on it – the District Awards Chairs will view your submission much more kindly if you get it in to them early.

INTRODUCING – VICE GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

Back to the Future, part deux .. the Adventure Continues!!!!

“Great Scott – we’re doing it again” ... Thank you for allowing us time to introduce you to your Vice Governor Candidates and Proposed Team for 2015 – 2016 at your Zone Conference. For those of you who may not have been in attendance, read on!

Some of you may recognize the words in the opening line, as they came right out of the mouth of Doc Brown in Back to the Future. Well, welcome to the “Back to the Future part deux, the adventure continues” team!!



Your candidates for Vice Governor are Bill Harris, an 18 year member of the Kinsmen Club of Cayuga and Monika McKean, a 35 year member of the Kinette Club of Collingwood. Yes folks, that’s a combined 53 years of Kin experience that is presenting itself to be your leaders. Between Bill and Monika, they have held every Club, Zone and District position and as well, both worked on and chaired National Committees. Their experiences and abilities are far ranging and have given them a

broad base of knowledge and mentors from whom to draw support and assistance when needed.

Bill and Monika have also had the opportunity to work closely with this years’ Back to the Future Team. They are excited to see the new ideas that will be implemented by this forward thinking group and because of that, would like to carry on in the same vein to ensure continuity in their implementation.

This Team’s philosophy is simple: to create an atmosphere that will inspire our members. In doing so, they hope to inspire members to participate in events outside of their clubs by making them meaningful and with purpose; to take advantage of learning opportunities at club level and beyond by supplying the needed information; to become creative in all aspects of Kin to make their Kin experiences more memorable not only for themselves but for future Kin. See the information in Kinship One to learn more about who is working with us - this is one team, with one dream; to make YOUR year in Kin the best year it can possibly be.

The Team plans to spend the Vice year shadowing, participating, and learning what YOU the District expect from your council, and they promise to live up to your expectations to the best of their ability. They look forward to meeting and chatting with the membership and please do seek us out at Spring Convention in Sarnia.

This team will be “Back to the Future part deux – the Adventure Continues” keeping continuity in the forefront so that you, the members of District One, can focus on building your clubs, building healthy club members and enjoying your time in Kin.

We look forward to the future ...

THE NATIONAL FRONTIER...

Don't forget that the questions for the **Diane Rogers Kin Pride Award** have been published! You can answer them on your own, or get together with a group and pool your efforts (Pro tip: this is a great club social night).


Submit your answers to National by April 15th. Everyone who participates is recognized at the District level...answering all of the questions is not required!

You can find this year's questions on Facebook in the Get On Board group (if you aren't a member of that group, let Karen know and she can add you), and on the National website in the Member Centre.

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Canadian Blood Services
it's in you to give

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 dating back to the 1960's. District 2 has had great success, with 192 units of blood donated this year alone. In the past 3 years, CBS has already had past and/or current relationships with 36 clubs across Canada.

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.

How can my club help?

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!

