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Deputy Governors Cheryl and Art at Fall Leadership Conference in KW

We want your Photos! Send to coopercaroll@gmail.com

Happy Holidays and New Year to Zone F!

District 1 News

Arrrr me mates. Have you got your land legs back? FLC was well attended with over 132 Kin members at business. I was pleased to see Zone F represented by 7 of our clubsway to go! A summary of the weekend is contained in this newsletter. Coming up on the calendar are your Christmas events, family and work gatherings and on the drawing board for January will be the Zone Mid-term meeting. I would like to take a moment to wish you and your families a time of peace to be with each other over this festive season. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in KIN

Governors Rob and Odette Houle



Save the Date:
Feb. 20/09
Founder's night with
Diane RogersOakville
May '09 Port Dover
3 day Rib Fest
District Convention
Pt. Pelee
June 5th - 7th, 2009

Kinsmen Club of Aylmer

Kinsmen Club of Delhi

Kinsmen Club of Dorchester

Kinsmen Club of Greater London

Kinette Club of London

Kinsmen Club of Port Dover

Kinette Club of Simcoe

Kinsmen Club of Simcoe

<u>Kinsmen Club of St.</u> Thomas

Kinette Club of Tillsonburg

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Zone News

CF Director Dave Hart

Hi my name is Dave Hart and I am a life member of the Kinsmen Club of Greater London. I am going to be your zone CF/Service Director for the coming year. Cystic Fibrosis is my passion and because of that I am a member of the London Cystic Fibrosis Chapter. I am currently secretary and have in the past served four years as president. I am very proud of the relationship that KIN and Cystic Fibrosis have had over the years. Because of this, and many other partnerships that Cystic Fibrosis has forged, we are that much closer to a cure. We have seen the median age for survival reach 37. We should be justifiably proud of this, but we have much more to do. Since we are for the most part not doctors or researchers the best way we can help is to raise money. The best way to understand why that is so important is through education. You need to know what the disease is all about to ignite the passion within each of us. To that end a good deal of my efforts this year will be to make everyone understand why this is

Fast Facts:



One in every 3,600 children born in Canada has Cystic Fibrosis . Approx 3,500 Canadian Children, adolescents and adults have Cystic Fibrosis. 1 in 25 carry a defective version of the gene responsible for Cystic Fibrosis.

so important and I will use all of the resources at my disposal including the chapter. In conclusion I will soon be in touch with the clubs of zone F to set up dates for me to visit the clubs. See you soon.

Dave Hart

Zone CF/Service Director

What do other organizations say about us?

<u>Kin Canada</u> is a national community service organization. Kinsmen and Kinettes raise funds to support CF research as well as many other projects. The clubs offer their members opportunities to grow, learn, make friends and have fun.

National Convention 2009 Niagara Falls

www.kinvention.ca/tours.html



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We, the members of Zone D District 1, are honoured to host you, the members of the family of Kin Canada, for the most prestigious yearly event in our Association.

Niagara Falls is a world-class destination and we, the executive organizing committee along with each of the members of Zone D in District One is committed to providing you a world class experience; one we hope you will choose to share with your entire family by having them in attendance for what will truly be a memorable week long event.

Niagara Falls truly is a panoramic city and one that embraces people from all over the world. Please join us in experiencing all that Niagara Falls has to offer as East Meets West August 26 - 29, 2009 Right Here Right Now.

From around our zone:

The Kinette Club of Tillsonburg has their Breakfast with Santa (CF fund raiser) book for December 6th and the CF Hockey tournament in February. They have had a good turn out of seniors at their craft nights at the nursing homes.

The Kinette Club of London ran a successful draw at FLC, \$250 dollars was awarded to Dave Hart of the Kinsmen Club of Greater London. Other projects: Ham sales; Adopt 3 Seniors; Canadian essay contest; Caterers for a dinner/auction for a high school trip projects.

The Kinette Club of Simcoe is hosting their annual Christmas Tea for seniors touring the Christmas Light display.

The Kinsmen Club of Delhi is hosting Zone Conference next spring. Details should be available for the mid-term meeting in January 2009.

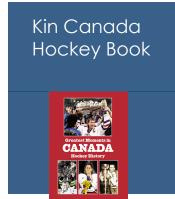
The Kinsmen Club of Greater London has been meeting organize the sugar bush and work parties. Main lines have been strung, kitchen ceiling adjusted and brush pulled away from the driveway. They are selling maple candy floss at the Western Fair farmers' market on Saturdays and running bingos. They welcomed a new member at their October meeting. Congratulations!

The Kinsmen Club of Port Dover have Friday the 13th in the months of Feb. and March which may see a low turn out, because of this they have arranged a 3 day Rib

Fest for May 2009. District CF Brad is building a bike for 10 to raise CF funds across the District.

The Kinsmen Club of Simcoe hosted a wine and cheese party for Vice Governors Darrell and Judy at FLC. They are selling the new Hockey Book and taking seniors on the Holiday Light tour.

The Kinsmen Club of St. Thomas is celebrating their rookie member's Bill Skelly award submission for their Ice Fishing Derby.



Kin Canada Bursaries - A Program of the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund

Application Form Now Available

The bursary application deadline is Feb. 1, 2009. Submit your completed application form to the local Kinsmen, Kinette or Kin club nearest to your permanent residence. The selection process is as follows: Each club will review all application forms received and will select ONE to be endorsed and forwarded to the Board of Trustees. The Board will be reviewing and selecting 41 applicants to receive a bursary of \$1,000 each. The successful recipients and their sponsoring clubs will be notified by June 30, 2009.

New this year: The application is a fillable form. Fill out electronically and then print the form to submit.

In memory of the Association's founder, Hal Rogers, who passed away in September 1994 at the age of 95, Kin Canada has established the Kin Canada Bursaries, a program of the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund. Its purpose is to promote, encourage and sponsor educational programs and activities.

Throughout his life, Hal Rogers believed in the value of education. In his own words, "providing and promoting the finest and most effective education possible for our young people" was a noble endeavour.

Interesting Statistic

616 Bursaries worth \$616,000 have been awarded since 1994



About the Bursary

\$1000 bursaries are awarded annually based on financial need, community/volunteer involvement and knowledge of Kin Canada.

Eligibility

Applicants to Kin Canada Bursaries must:

- Be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
- Be a full-time student at a post-secondary institution for the next academic school year
- Demonstrate high ideals and qualities of citizenship

Interesting Fact



The *Lamp of Learning* symbol is used in the Endowment Fund's logo because Kin Founder, Hal Rogers, was the first recipient of the annual 'Lamp of Learning Award' presented in 1950 by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. The award recognizes a non-teacher who has contributed to the furtherance of education in the Province of Ontario and Hal's devotion to education was evident in his many years as a trustee on the Forest Hill Board of Education.

February is Founders Month What is your club planning? Founder Hal Rogers (1899-1994)

The founder of our Association is H.A. (Hal) Rogers. Founder Hal was born in London, ON, on Jan. 3, 1899. For a time he worked in the bank before moving to Hamilton to take up employment in his father's plumbing sales business. The business did not prevent 17- year-old Hal from enlisting in the army in 1916. Hal Rogers had a distinguished military career. His regiment, the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, suffered many dead and wounded. Hal was

gassed at Paschendaele and later wounded by shrapnel near Armiens.

Hal returned to Canada in 1919 along with thousands of his fellow soldiers. After re-entering the plumbing business, Hal applied for membership to the Rotary Club, but, as his father was a member, the club already had a plumbing salesperson representing that vocation. Therefore, Hal's application was rejected. What was Rotary's loss was our gain. Hal decided to start his own service club. As Hal saw it, young men should preserve in peace the ideal of service to Canada. Encouraged by his father, Hal invited 11 young men to the Namking Café in Hamilton, ON, to start the first Kinsmen club.

The first Kinsmen meeting was held on Feb. 20, 1920 and from there the Association grew. Hal served as president from 1920-1923. He kept his interest in the Association in spite of moving to Toronto and starting his own career as owner of a publishing house.

During the Second World War, Hal chaired the Kinsmen "Assistance for Britain" committee and was instrumental in the "Milk-for-Britain" campaign. After the war, he received a great honour on behalf of the Association. In 1948 he was made an "Officer of the British Empire."

More honours were bestowed on Hal. In 1959, he was made a Life member of the Association. This was presented to Hal in Prince Albert, SK, by a prominent past Kinsman, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. In 1980, Hal was made a member of the "Order of Canada" in Ottawa.

The life of the Canadian nation has been enriched by the good idea of "Kinsmanship" spread and served by Founder Hal Rogers O.C., O.B.E.

<u>Thoughts from Home</u>

Write to Canadians serving abroad through the Write to the Troops program



Club President's Critical Path

December

Ensure new members are becoming involved

in awards program

When is Zone Conference? Plan for it now.

Does your club have a candidate for Zone.

District or National? Anyone interested should

be encouraged to seek information on these

positions

Resolutions start at Zone level.

Consider any

resolutions you have for the good of

Kin and

present them.

Organize public speaking night for

your club

Check with treasurer re: membership

dues

payment status

Inter-club visits

Review membership recruitment plan

at every Meeting

January

New members' seminar?

Review club goals – Are members

needs

being met?

Continue to review membership

recruitment

and retention plans at every meeting Don't forget Zone Mid-Term meetings.

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important to attend.

All committees functioning

Membership status report forms sent

Mini audit of club books due to DG

and District

Treasurer by January 30th

Ensure schools have HREF bursary

applications

Fall Leadership Conference

~Deputy Governor Cheryl

"Pieces of Eight 2008" hosted by Kitchener-Waterloo Kinsmen & Kinettes is now in the history books. We were welcomed aboard the ship at the docks of the Holiday Inn and the skeleton remains of past deck hands. The host club must have known that the salt water was hard on eyes and supplied us with eye-patches and shot glasses. Fortunately we were not asked to hoist the main sail in the dinning room all though the rigging was waiting. Business ran smoothly and was finished by 3:20pm. The 12 seminars saw 12 to 25 members attending each.

National President Doug encouraged us to review our projects to check that they are what our communities need. (Needs do change over time). He also would like to know if the association is serving its' members. But this, he referred to the personal training we supply. He is eager to hear from each of us on the **kin2kin** site. On that site you will notice that there are 2 or more surveys. Please take some time to view this and share your opinions. This tool will be used to direct the growth of our association.

Michelle from headquarters gave a presentation on the "We Are All Kin" program. There are items with this logo on it that is available for sell along with the write-up you have already received. Please contact her with your questions.

National Awards

Kaye Turner Kinette Jr. Bulletin-Hamilton-Stoney Creek; National Kinette Quill-Palmerston; Kinette Public Relations Award-Collingwood; Bill Skelly Award- St. Thomas.

Master Club Awards: Guelph Kinettes, Sarnia Kinsmen, and Oakville Kinettes

District Awards:

John Hughes Peckitt Memorial Trophy: Port Dover Kinsmen

District Website Award: Fonthill Kinsmen Kinette of the Year: Angela Cullen

Clinton & District Kinettes

Kinsman of the Year: Gord, Sarnia Kinsmen

Service Awards:

The Dave Russell Memorial Individual Kin Service Award: Dave Cowan, Port Dover



65 Roses Award: Cayuga Kinsmen Challenge for a Cure Award: Zone B CF auction items and club donations from FLC'08 total **\$24,046**

Spring Convention will be hosted by the Windsor club in Learnington on June 5th - 7th, 2009. So far they have planned: Thursday June 4th – Piece Dawson Golf Tournament. A scavenger hunt is planned for participants during your drive to Pt. Pelee. Friday: speak-off, wine tour, boat cruise and district council meeting. Saturday: business, wine tour, Point Pelee National Park and Governors' ball. Sunday: CF brunch with awards. Registration is budgeted at \$145 with room cost \$99/nite. Watch for the fliers at Zone conferences for final details.

The Mount Forest Club will host FLC 2009.

Vice Governors Darrell and Judy, have selected their theme for next year: Back to the Future. They have a survey to discuss with each club.

Membership Director Brent has reported that District 1 has had an increase of 15 since June 2008.

CF/Service Directors, Nancy and Brad, are working on the arrangements of a tour of Sick Children's Hospital- CF ward.
Finally, please review the District and National sites for the changes in award criteria.