



Kin Canada
Association of Kinsmen and Kinettes

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First of all, the District team would like to take this opportunity to offer (belated) congratulations to Kin Jason Chasson from the Peterborough Kinsmen Club for winning the National Public speaking competition. Well done Kin Jason, we are very proud of you.

With the new Kin year well underway, the District team has been busy preparing for a fantastic Fall Leadership Conference (FLC). It will be held over the weekend of October 28-30 at the YMCA Camp Geneva in Orillia.

The theme for the conference is “A Green Experience” and in keeping with that, we are encouraging members to bring their laptops and memory sticks so that you will be able to download information – including the conference brochure rather than having it all printed.

It is promising to be a highly informative conference, please plan on attending.

Communication

We have posted the minutes from each of the District Council conference call on the website. Please feel free to read through them and share any comments or concerns you may have.

As the Deputy Governors are wrapping up their club installations, they will be preparing for their official visitations to the clubs. I would like to attend as many club meetings as possible to keep in touch with the membership and give you an opportunity to voice your opinions.

This year’s version of the Guide for Traveling Kin is almost complete, just waiting on some last minute details. If you haven’t already sent your club’s contact information to your DG, please do it as soon as possible.

I hope all the clubs are making optimal use of the district website to post upcoming events and projects for maximum exposure.

Marketing

There are new members of the National headquarters staff that are available to clubs to help specifically with marketing. If you would like more information, please contact kinhq@kincanada.ca or call 1-800-PICK-KIN.

FLC

In addition to reports from various levels and areas of the Association, we have scheduled 3 breakout sessions with the choice of attending one or another in each session.

The sessions include:

Hands-on website training – District Treasurer Gary Gornik will be giving members an opportunity and directions to log into the district website and update their clubs information.

Hands on Paperwork completion – we have DG Heather Peckham-Hughes and Past National President Doug Robinson available to assist you with insurance paperwork, Schedule 546, Form T2 Short, etc.

There will be a Charter and Expansion committee workshop presented by Life Member Jeanine Bolger who is the chair of that committee.

District Membership Director Tony Foggetti will be leading a session on retention of members. This is an important and timely issue with the increasing decline of membership across the Association.

Life Member Bob Bolger and Past Governor Len Ptak will be hosting a session on awards, giving members an opportunity to see the criteria and start their club and/or individual members with specific awards.

And finally, National President Dave Ronson will lead a mentoring workshop, something new and innovative for our District.

The conference is hosted by the Kinsmen Clubs of Stouffville and Uxbridge who are working on an exciting evening of fun and entertainment.

Service Information

The Service Team have plans to meet just prior to the Fall Leadership conference to share information and prepare for their year. The District Service Directors, Erin and Andy have been preparing for the weekend which promises to be an excellent information sharing session. Once the weekend is complete, the Zone Service Reps will start to schedule their visitations to the clubs to outline the Service Plan for this year.

Please welcome your 2011-12 Team:

Zone A: Lucie Boissonneault lucieboissonneault@hotmail.com

Zone B: Les Mayer plmayer@persona.ca

Zone C: Jim Brough jim.brough@bell.net

Zone D: Brian Maclan BrianM@etinet.ca

Currently, the positions of Zone Service Rep in Zone H (Mid-Ontario) and Zone I (Durham) are vacant. If you would like to be involved at the zone or district level and have a passion for service, please consider working with our team.

Please watch for more information to be circulated over the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, you may contact Erin at chirokid@ntl.sympatico.ca and Andy at andhughes@sympatico.ca.

Vice Governor's Remarks

The Vice team have scheduled a meeting over the weekend of FLC to begin their preliminary plans for their year. The team consists of:

Ron Lafreniere – Vice Governor

Andy Hughes – Vice Secretary

Heather Peckham-Hughes – Vice Treasurer

Kathy Alexander – Vice Membership Director

Sue Lafreniere – Vice Service Director

Debbie Corpe – Vice Service Director

If you have any questions or comments for VG Ron, he can be reached at ronandsuelaf@eastlink.ca.

Zone Spring Conferences

Although they are still months away, some zone spring conference dates have already been set.

Zone Durham will be April 14th in Ajax

Zone Mid Ontario will be April 21st in Orangeville

If other zones know of any dates, please let me know so that they can be posted and hopefully help to boost attendance.

Membership Information

The September stats have been released by National and our District is down by 55 members. This is not entirely surprising but means that we have some work to do! In discussions with several clubs, there are a number of prospective members interested in joining. Please help spread the word about what an excellent association Kin is let's turn these numbers around. On a positive note, there has been a group of women in Kirkland Lake who have been hosting preliminary meetings, including an Open House to recharter a Kinette club in town. They certainly have the full support of the District team and in particular VG Ron, DG Gil and the Timmins Kinettes who will be their sponsor.

To the new members who have recently joined our Association and returning members to our district, I want to wish you a warm welcome and hope that you will enjoy the new adventure that is ahead of you in Kin. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you and personally welcome you.

DMD Tony can be reached at kintony@hotmail.com if you have any questions or comments.

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