

November 30, 2010

Fellow Kin of District 8

FLC has come and gone and in our opinion attendance was much better than it has been for several years. Special thanks to Deputy Governor John Donley and the Kinsmen Club of Barrie for an excellent venue and conference.

Thanks to the Kin Club of Valley East for the top notch presentation on "GilliKIN's Island" District Convention in Sudbury – June 9-12, 2011.

We had the opportunity to host our National President Lee Burry and obtain his insight into the Association while he provided guidance throughout the conference. New Kin Jessica Payne will never forget her installation by NP Kin Lee Burry; as proud mom and sponsor Kin Pat Payne looked on. Look for Kin Lee's interviews on his blog.

Our own National Vice-President Dave Ronson thanked everyone for their support in his campaign for NVP plus presented National's programs and Vision 20/20. Congratulations Kin Dave; make District 8 proud.

Our keynote speaker Jim Ruta was very well received. I'm working on obtaining Jim's services again to do the follow up to "Leadership" at District Convention in Sudbury. Look for details in the coming months.

The seminars provided solid information on personal, professional and fun development. Topics were "attracting youth into Kin", "going digital", "awards", "risk management", "membership" and "mixology". There will be more of the same and some net new at District. Any and all topics are up for discussion, so please submit your ideas to me at your earliest convenience.

All of your Deputy Governors have committed a date for you Zone Spring Conferences and I look forward to attending each and every one.

Fellow Kin we are a strong and vibrant District and we are growing again, thanks to many individuals who believe that we do make a difference in our communities.

The District Executive has been very frugal so far this year. We incorporated DLS with Pre-Term and Mid-Term with FLC in order to reduce costs and provide additional training for the Deputy Governors. We have heard from several clubs that they believe their dues are far too high and we as your Executive agree.

In order to reduce your dues, increases in membership must also be at the forefront of what you do in your community. Utilize the tools being provided by your DMD and National Board, or create your program. This combined with fiscal responsibility will get dues down in District 8. Let's work together for a better future.

Finally, I want thank all the Kin members for your support in keeping the Kin spirit at the forefront in District 8. The projects I receive information on, the members' ideas, bulletins and the like make me proud to represent you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Len Ptak  
Governor  
District 8, 2010-11