



Kin Canada
Association of Kinsmen and Kinettes

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Welcome to another Kin year. I hope you've all had an enjoyable summer and was able to take some time to relax.

We've taken a bit of a break from Kin these past couple of months and now it's time to get back to work!!

Communication

The minutes from district convention have been compiled and should be circulated shortly. They will also be posted on the district website. Please read through them and forward any questions or comments you may have.

National Convention has just wrapped up in Regina. I'm certain the minutes from national will be circulated over the next few weeks. For those in attendance, I understand you had a great time, it was full of fellowship and very productive at the same time.

Please take a moment to check out the district website. To update your club's contact information, please contact your Deputy Governor or Gary Gornik, the district webmaster. We are currently working on this year's version of the Guide for Traveling Kin, so please ensure your Deputy Governor has the contact information for your club's incoming executive.

If your club has it's own website, please let us know so we can add a link to this district website.

Your District website is a great opportunity to get some free advertising for your club's upcoming projects.

Marketing

As a reminder, the district has a kiosk available for any club to use during club projects. Please let me know when you may need it and we can make arrangements to get the kiosk to you.

There is also promotional material available from national at no cost to you for membership recruitment. Contact Melina at National to order your supplies. You can see what's available to order via the national website.

FLC

The date and place for FLC has finally been set. It will be held over the weekend of October 28th to 30th at the YMCA Geneva Park in Orillia. The Kinsmen Clubs of Stouffville and Uxbridge are co-hosting the event. Please watch for more information to be circulated shortly. Details have been posted on the District website.

Paperwork due dates

The following is a list of due dates for paperwork.

- ❖ **September 30th** -- census deadline for National dues
- ❖ **November 15th** – insurance paperwork due to National
- ❖ **November 15th** – dues payable to National

Service Information

The District Service Directors for this year are Erin Thomson from the Timmins Kinettes and Andy Hughes from the Minden Kin Club. Their contact information is attached to this newsletter.

Please check out the National website for the upcoming dates for the Portraits of Honour Tour. It was in District 8 in May and June and will be returning in late September and October. Check the schedule on the POH website. If you haven't had a chance to see it, I would strongly recommend you make the effort to attend an event and view the mural. If your club has any interest in hosting an event to help raise funds for the Portrait of Honour, please visit the Portrait of Honour website for the contact information for those organizing the tour.

Vice Governor's Remarks

The current Vice Governor is Ron Lafreniere from the Kinsmen Club of Timmins. He will be making arrangements to meet with his team over the next few weeks to begin formulating their plan for the year. VG Ron will be attending Vice Governor's training at National Headquarters over the weekend of Sept 23rd and I'm certain will gain some excellent knowledge to start his term off on the right foot. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

**To Submit Info for the Newsletter:
Contact Governor Kathy Alexander
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Membership Information

The District membership director for this year is Tony Foggetti from the Uxbridge Kin club. He has some excellent ideas to help boost membership this year. Our main goal is to have a 75% retention rate for current members.

Tony is looking for Zone Membership Directors to help co-ordinate information sharing with District Council and clubs. If you or know someone who might be interested in taking on this role, please contact either Tony or your zone DG.

Tony is also hoping that each club establishes a Club Membership director so there is a strong co ordination of efforts. Please get in touch with him if this is something you are interested in.

Past Governor's Remarks

PG Len Ptak is taking a well deserved rest from a very hectic year as Governor. He doesn't have a report at this time but will be a valuable member of the current team. PG Len's most predominant role is the District Award Chairman. I'm certain you will be getting more information about the award program in the next little while.

