

January 31, 2011

Fellow Kin of District 8

The holiday season has come and gone and I hope each and every one of you, your friends and family had a great holiday and fantastic new year. Special thanks to all Kin for their local support of charities during this hectic and demanding time of year.

So what's coming up? Spring Zone Conferences

Here is a list of projected dates and locations for Spring Zone Conferences.

Zone A – Hosted by Kinsmen Club of Timmins, in Timmins, locale to be determined – Saturday April 2, 2011

Zone B (Algoma Rainbow) – Hosted by the Kin Club of Valley East, in Valley East Community Center – Saturday March 19, 2011

Zone C – Hosted by the Bobcaygeon Kinsmen Club, locale to be determined – Saturday 16, 2011

Zone D – (Halton Peel) – Hosted by the Lakeshore Kin Club, Streetsville Hall – Saturday March 12, 2011

Zone H – (Mid Ontario) – Hosted by the North Bay Kinsmen Club, locale to be determined, date to be determined

Zone I – (Durham) – Hosted by the Ajax Kinsmen Club, in the Ajax Heritage Centre – March 26, 2011

These are great opportunities for new and mature Kin alike to have some fun and fellowship whilst learning what is going on at District and National. Please take every opportunity to join your fellow members at these great events.

Next, the event of the year will be District Convention. If you enjoyed Fall Leadership in Barrie, come and join us at "GilliKIN's Island District Convention in Sudbury – June 10-12, 2011.

Last but definitely not least, we have National Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan – August 24-27, 2011. Ridin' Back to Regina will be the opportunity to see our very own National Vice President Kin Dave Ronson elected and installed as National President.

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. We will be reviewing the District finances and hopefully proposing a DUES REBATE for 2010-11. Stay tuned.

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 a large, stylized initial 'L' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Len Ptak
Governor
District 8, 2010-11