

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Fellow Kin of District 8,

Spring is in the air and almost all of the Zone Spring Conferences have been held, this coming Saturday I will be in Zone C attending the last Spring Zone Conference for District 8.

So far at all spring conferences we have had experienced Kin step forward for the position of Deputy Governor in their respective Zones and I am very pleased. We have also had speakers in almost all of the Zones and the competition at the District level will be high. Good luck to all the candidates in this prestigious program.

The official call for district Convention will be sent out shortly as well as posted on the District website. I would ask that every club in the District send at least one representative to District Convention in Sudbury for the weekend of June 10-12<sup>th</sup>. The Kin Club of Valley East is working very hard to ensure that every delegate attending is well looked after. Remember the theme is Gillikin's Island, with a shipwrecked night on Friday and a Captain's formal dinner on Saturday. Dress for the conference is casual; wear your best Hawaiian shirt, shorts and flip flops.

We will also be totaling up all donations for Cystic Fibrosis and we ask that you donations be either brought to Sudbury or forwarded to you Zone Service Rep before convention. All donations need to be no later than midnight on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

We are pleased to have a number of special guests and speakers for District Convention. NVP Dave Ronson, ND Steve Lowe, Sheila Laverty NVP candidate campaign manager for Penny Lees-Smith (District 4), Jim Ruta – Executive Director of Expert Institute (keynote speaker), and a few surprises you'll find out when you get there.

Don't forget we'll be drawing for the free registration for District Convention on or around May 15, 2011. One lucky new member and his/her sponsor will receive a free registration to join us in Sudbury in June.

Lastly, please make sure you get your new members registered for the top club award for absolute membership growth. That lucky club will have a hosted BBQ for all their club members in their home town by the District 8 Executive. All items included excluding liquid refreshments. Winning club, date and time to be announced at District Convention.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at GilliKin's Island in Sudbury on June 10-12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Len Ptak', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

in Len Ptak – Governor  
a.k.a. "the Skipper"