

Governor's Newsletter

December/January 2009-2010

Happy New Year to all Kin

A very busy year is half over all ready, I can't believe it. Both Jean and I are extremely happy with the visitations we have made. We were very pleased to be invited to these special occasions.

The highlights of the year to date have been the Installation of the Barrie Kinettes September 19th, and the Chartering and Installation of the Lakeshore Kin Club November 7th. Both events were well attended with well wishers and fellow Kin. While attending the Lakeshore event we had the pleasure of helping to decorate the Kin Hall for the event as well as enjoying the hospitality of Kin Brian and Lorraine Macklin . Thank you everyone for making us feel welcome.

Another notable and very important event was also held on November 7th, the Kinsmen Club of Timmins honoured two of their own with Life Memberships. I was saddened to not be able to attend this once in a life time occasion because of a prior commitment. A surprise celebration honouring Kin Gil Boissonneault and Kin Ron LaFreniere with their Life Membership was held in conjunction with the Timmins Kinsmen Club's 70th Anniversary. The event was well attended by Family, Friends and the Family of Kin. Congratulations Life Members Kin Ron and Kin Gil, the honour is well deserved for your selfless devotion to Kin and your community.

I have had the pleasure of attending the Stouffville Santa Clause Parade on December 5th and enjoying the gracious hospitality of Tammy and DG Gary Gornik. We had great fun helping the Stouffville Kinsmen to decorate the Santa float. I was both shocked and pleased to have the honour being the District 8 Governor of riding in the parade in a beautiful Cadillac representing District 8. Following the parade , after we had dismantled the Santa float and put it away for another year we had the pleasure of Kinsmen

hospitality and a pot luck supper. Thank you everyone for making us welcome.

We had originally planned to take in the Bowmanville Christmas Light Tour on Sunday December 6th but unfortunately we had to return home earlier than first planned.

On December 19th Kin Bob Fadock , Kin Jean and myself travelled to Hanmer to attend the Valley East Kin Club's Christmas Party. We brought along with us our Son, Matt Dawson of Kitchener, and Daughter and Son-in-law, Tracey and Craig Kinnonen of Sudbury. Tracey and Graig are potential new members. A great time was had by all. The Kin in the Valley know how to make everyone welcome. Kin Cherie Anderson was a terrific hostess along with the rest of the Valley Kin.

As Kin we have much to be proud of, we have met extremely nice and wonderful people who hold Kin, Kinsmen and Kinettes in great admiration. Have we really taken the time this year to show a friend or a family member what we are all about. Have we made an effort to bring someone out to a meeting or have them help out at an event to get to know about this fantastic organization.

In this second half of the Kin year I hope everyone can put on an extra push to bring new members into our organization to keep us alive and vibrant and to look for fresh new ideas to accomplish the Zone and Club ideas for going Green.

The next event on the Kin Calendar is Mid Term, January 16th-18th 2010. This year we are holding it at Hidden Valley Leadership Camp, north of Nobel ON. This is a complete break away from it being held in a hotel setting as has been the past custom. It is my hope that this beautiful remote setting will give us the forum to focus on Kin, to make plans for moving forward into the next Kin year, and to interact, with one another without outside distractions.

Spring Zone's are fast approaching. I Thank those who have confirmed your dates, and await for the last one to be confirmed. I look forward to attending as many as I possibly can.

I know that clubs have had many events going on that haven't been referred to in this newsletter. If any club has events coming along that they would like mentioned in the next newsletter please send them to me and I will gladly include them.

If anyone has concerns or questions I can be reached by email at edspainting@on.aibn.com

Happy New Year to All

Governor Ed