

Fellow Kin,

The winter is almost over and spring is around the corner and that means Spring Zone Conferences are on the horizon.

I trust that your club has held public speaking nights to determine which member will represent your club at your Zone Spring Conference. Speaking of Zone Spring Conferences; I will be attending each and every one and invite you to attend you Conference. I welcome the opportunity to meet with as many members in the District and Spring Conference is always an excellent venue.

As I mentioned it is almost spring and this is usually WINTER CARNIVAL time in most communities. I encourage all of you to attend your local Carnivals or winter/spring events in your community and to promote the good work that Kin does.

Membership and dues has been very important issues so far this Kin Year and I will have several announcements in regards to dues to be delivered at each Spring Conference.

The District is looking forward to handing out as many T-shirts to new members and their respective sponsors at District Convention in June in Sudbury. Check with your local Deputy Governor if not sure what this is about.

As you are aware the PORTRAIT OF HONOUR is now a NATIONAL PROJECT and I invite each and every member of District 8 to become familiar with this project. You can find additional information on the Kin National Website or via this url: [www.portraitsofhonour.ca](http://www.portraitsofhonour.ca).

We have been blessed with top notch people willing to serve their members this Kin year however due to personal situations we have lost our District Service Director Amanda Loitsch; and we wish her well in future endeavours. Kin Bill Brown (DMD) and Kin Gary Newton (DT) have agreed to complete the Kin year on her behalf.

In addition, Kin John Donley DG of Zone H will hand off his duties to VG Kathy Alexander to complete the Kin year for the members of the zone.

I am enjoying and learning more and more about Kin as Governor of District 8 and it is my privilege to serve as Governor.

Until next time,

Yours in Kin,

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

Len Ptak  
a.k.a. "the Skipper"  
Governor District 8