

Fellow Kin,

District Convention is only a couple of weeks away and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Sudbury. The Valley East Kin Club have worked very hard over the past year to ensure your stay is both enjoyable, memorable and a learning experience.

Please remember that is your clubs responsibility to ensure that they are in compliance with the district and national by-laws. Incorporation papers and dues must be filed by District Convention to ensure you have voting privileges at District Convention.

The membership committee has drawn the winner for the "free registration" from the list of new members that joined District 8 during the course of the 2010-11 Kin year. Please join us in congratulating Kin Ron Maybee and his sponsor Mike Vanek of the Kinsmen Club of Peterborough.

The Deputy Governors of District 8 have been working very hard all year representing you on the District Council. Their job is sometimes thankless - as they work very hard to attend as many club meetings and conduct the business of their respective zones, while they continue to attend as many meetings in their home clubs. We have been fortunate this year as the Deputy Governors were motivated to see their clubs and zones grow.

In regards to growth in District 8 this year, we had some set backs in the later part of last year and 4 clubs. I am sad to inform you that the Keswick Kinettes have surrendered their charter. However because of the hard work from clubs in the District our membership continues to grow. Although we may be in a minus situation presently I know with the in coming leadership for next year and the hard work and spirit of Kin throughout the District we will continue to grow over time.

We have been well represented at National by the Association Director as well as by the National Vice-President both key representatives of District 8. District 8 has for many years been a catalyst in moving the Association forward and we congratulate these committed members for their ongoing support.

On a sad note we lost past Deputy Governor Will Creighton of the Kinsmen Club of Mississauga and on behalf of the members of District 8 condolences to his family and friends. Please also be advised that Kin Norm McColl (District 1 Governor) is healing well in Sunnybrook Hospital after a near fatal auto accident earlier in the spring. Kin Norm; District 8 members wish a fast and full recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Governor and again I look forward to seeing everyone at District Convention in Sudbury from June 9-12th.

Yours in Kin,



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