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Governors Report

KINSHIP 2 OUR FUTURE

Happy New Year to all our Kin Family in District 2.

Our mid-term is right around the corner and your District Executive are looking forward to once again meeting in Vermillion Bay at Cedar Point Lodge February 8 and 9th. We will also welcome the incoming team to our meetings....we really want continuity and structure of our 5 year plan initially started with Past Governor's Colleen and Sid.

Last weekend we had a conference call with the DG's and the District Executive. These calls bring us closer and the opportunity to ask questions, and talk about our challenges and successes.

We are definitely looking for the dates of Spring Zones across D2 and hope to see many enthusiastic Kin across the district. Your executive and Deputy Governors are working hard to reach our goals and keep you informed.

We encourage each of you to consider running for the position of Deputy Governor, the experience is positive and the Kin you meet are often friends for a lifetime. We will also have an election for Association Director and Membership Director this May at District Convention. Paul Mudry and Gord Patterson have represented this District with humility and responsibility.

Hope you have asked friends and acquaintances out to your February meetings. Gord is once again running March Membership Madness. I'll let him tell you more about it

Yours in Kin and Service,

Governors Barb and Rob.





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Vice Governors Report

The Vice Team is ready to “GET ROUND 2 IT”. Along with Colin and Pat, we have Ken Glauser as treasurer Shaunda Hyatt as secretary, and Beth Glauser as CF service co-ordinator. They are ready to put their skills and enthusiasm forward and continue to make Kin Canada the best service club so that our members may GROW, LEARN, MAKE FRIENDS & HAVE FUN.

Colin and I were able to go to Cambridge in September and meet with the other Vice Governors from across Canada. Under the direction of Sheila Laverty and Jeff Ainslie we were able to come back enthusiastic and ready to roll.

Shaunda was able to put together a conference all in January for us to keep in touch and put the finishing touches to the upcoming DLS (tentatively scheduled for June 13, 14, and 15th). This will be held at the Rubber Ducky Resort and Campground, just ten miles outside of Stonewall. We urge everyone to consider letting their name stand for Deputy Governor as there is no better way to learn and grow as a kin member.

Beth is looking forward to National CF Conferences that are being held. As well as sitting on the committee for the local CF chapter in Thunder Bay as they prepare to celebrate 40 years.

As a team we are committed to continuing to look at declining membership. Gord has been looking hard at ways of increasing membership and keeping the existing clubs operating.

We look forward to seeing everyone In Winnipeg May 29th, 30th, and 31st for Pirates of the Assiniboine.

Yours in Kin,

Pat Moldowan Colin Edwards

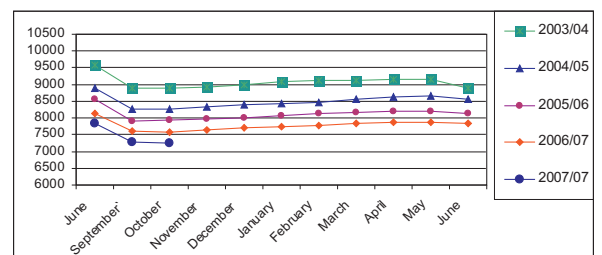
Membership

Hello Fellow Kin. The year is now half over and we have accomplished much and have much left to accomplish. As of December 31st we have a decrease in membership of 59 since June 30th. However we have led the association in growth once again. At September 30th we had a decrease of 80 but with your hard work we will be in a positive situation by June that I have no doubt.

The District Executive will once again be holding the March Membership Madness Campaign from February 1st to April 30th. (I know the title says March but I decided to extend it a little!!!) The top individual recruiter between these dates will receive a paid accomodation and registration to attend District Convention May 29 - June 1st. So if you have anyone you have wanted to ask to join do it now. This is the perfect time to give the Gift of Kin. Let's go mad with membership!

Yours in Kin & Membership

Gord
District Membership Director





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Financial

As taken from the minutes from the last board meeting. CF money to Barb so far this year is \$68,000 which includes \$55,000 raised this year from five clubs. To date 11 clubs haven't paid dues, hopefully most clubs will have paid their dues by mid-term. \$100 membership nights have had 3 clubs have apply for the grant Stonewall, Thompson, Hill City Kinette's. Dryden Kinsmen won the summer challenge and received the \$500 prize. FLC expenses came in under budget and the \$257 surplus went to the reserve fund.

Risk Management

No report.

Service Director

All the best for a wonderful year in 2008 for all District 2 Kin. I wish you all a year of success, health, and happiness. It has been an active year so far as Service Director. We have already received a significant amount of charitable donations for Cystic Fibrosis and many other worthwhile charities in Northern Ontario and Manitoba. I want to remind all clubs to please forward any budgeted donations and for all clubs to consider doing service projects throughout the spring and summer. If there is any resource, guidance or assistance that I can provide please feel free to contact me at hezzit@hotmail.com.

I am continually seeking any information, photos, or project descriptions from clubs or zones. It is a great thing to share these successes, and all too often Kin are too modest and do not recognize the positive impact sharing success can have. On this note, it is never too early to start thinking of Awards, and while doing a project it is a good idea to capture the work done in a journal and with photographs. I know it is a challenge at the end of a project to gather these details. I hope to see an increase in applications for service awards this year.

Well, Rob and I are off today to El Salvador for our honeymoon and the KIN-CF trip. I can't wait to see everyone at our upcoming Spring Zones and District Convention. I hope to hear from you all soon about your service ideas and plans,

Yours in Service,
Heather Kozak





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Association Director

No report .

Deputy Governor Reports

Zone 1

The Pas Kinsmen are in the middle of a very busy year, we are down a few members, we have a few new members just getting started, we have completed a lot of projects already starting with a work party to clean up the gardens at our Kin Kourt housing for the elderly, 10 members showed up for the work party.

The pummeling vest for the young fellow from The Pas has been purchased 12,000.00 Kinsmen \$7,000, The Pas Rotary \$5,000, with the school putting in around \$2000 from fund raising (thank you to the Stonewall Kinettes for the donation). 400 club raffle so far a great success again, Kinsmen Pee Wee hockey tournament held in November had a full slate of teams again this year everyone enjoys this tournament it is probably one of the best run in The Pas.

The Pas Work place has their building (Kinsmen Place) well under way currently working on the dry wall. Ice fishing shack / garden shed built by the hands of kin 800 tickets printed and all sold at \$5.00 a ticket. Meals on wheels for the elderly delivered for the month of December. Goals for CF is well on its way with our team from

The Pas not doing so well. Kids Christmas party December 15th with sleigh rides loved by all the little folk adult party great fun in the evening, jackpot bingo cards still delivered weekly. The Northern Manitoba Trappers Festival World Championship Dog Races happen the week of February 14-18/08 the Kinsmen are in the process of getting the track polished up for the World Race mushers from all over Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Quebec and many local mushers attend the wonderful event.

Texas hold-em tournament with 90 players was a great success all players wanting to know when the next tournament will be (March 15/08). Annual Fish Day April 12th brings us all to the Boy Scout camp for a weekend of fellow ship this year an invitation will be extended to the Dauphin Kinsmen and the Swan River Kinsmen, Flin Flon has an open invitation every year. Spring Zones will be held at the same time and place as the April Fish Day.





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Zone 1

The Kinette club of Flin Flon celebrated their 60th anniversary milestone on October 13th with a supper at the Victoria Inn. In attendance were 28 current and former Kinettes as well as the Kinette Deputy Governor and other guests. The ladies shared many laughs and stories from previous Kinette years and had the opportunity to reflect on the 60 years of history through a display of historical items and memorabilia. The supper was followed by a short program that included the presentation of the Lifetime Membership Award to current Kinette member Diane Therien and the installation of the new executive.

As well, the Flin Flon Ladies just finished up a couple projects. They did their annual Christmas Tree Sale, decorated and donated a Christmas tree to the first annual Festival of Trees (put on by the Creighton Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council), hosted a Pre-teen dance in January and will be planning another one for March. They are still very busy with our meat draws which we work as a fundraiser almost every Friday. The major focus right now is Trivia Night which will be held on February 8th and are also gearing up for another playhouse raffle this spring/summer as well as more improvements to our Kin park in partnership with the Kinsmen club.

They are a very busy club but it is not all work! They also make an effort to have one fun Kin event per month and this month will be a sliding party for their members and families. Also they are planning their annual spring getaway for May. This year's trip is planned for May and it is to Saskatoon to see Phantom of the Opera!

The Kinette Club of Thompson is experiencing a year of restructuring and increasing membership. They have managed to scoop up 3 new members from their Chocolate Fountain Membership Night. They have done a Christmas bake sale (for the Thompson Block Parents), and the annual Salvation Army kettle. What is to come for the Thompson Ladies: hosting Spring Zones (Kinette Choice Awards - movie theme), Coins for CF drive, and to set up a project for raising funds for HREF. They are a small, but proud club, and have many great things to aim for.

Robyn Ridley

DG Zone 1





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Zone 2

Stonewall Kinette Stella Isaac receives her Life Membership. A very surprised Stella received her Life Membership from the Kinette Club of Stonewall in November 2007. Not only was her immediate family present but her mom and sisters also attended from Saskatchewan to help make her evening a special one.

The Stonewall Kinette Club is holding their Annual Ladies Night Out on March 1st Tickets are just \$20 and includes dinner and entertainment, contact the Stonewall club for your tickets.

The Greater Winnipeg Kinette Club will be holding a membership recruitment evening on March 12 at 161 Rue Grandin, come on out to see what we are all about.

The Greater Winnipeg Kinette Club is also holding a C.F. fundraiser Bud Spud & Steak evening at the Tiajuana Yacht Club on May 2nd. Contact them for tickets.

Brenda

*Congratulations!!
Stella*



Zone 2

Here is the long overdue report for the zone 2 Kinsmen.

I have completed the installation of officers for the All Saints Kinsmen, Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg and the Stonewall Kinsmen Club. I have rescheduled the Oakbank/ Springfield Kinsmen Club and the Gimli Kinsmen Club to February 5th and 6th respectively. These are once again very weather dependant as I have tried to get them done before but have been stormed in at work. It seems like every time they are set up I get stuck in the great white north. The Kinsmen Club of Landmark does not have a meeting place and meet when they need to so hopefully I can install them one of the next times that I am in the south.

Here is a list of the club presidents and the home phone numbers.

All Saints Kinsmen	Richard Romaniuk	883-2568
Gimli Kinsmen Club	Gord Jacobson	642-4453
Landmark Kinsmen Club	Murray Hiebert	355-9030
Oakbank-Springfield	Shawn Brook	444-2930
Stonewall Kinsmen	Martin Mailman	476-8359
Winnipeg Kinsmen	Vince Thiessen	255-5524

Yours in Kin
Greg Gagnon
Zone 2 Deputy Governor





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Deputy Governor Reports Zone 3

We have started the year off with a bang, installing 3 new members already, which brings our membership up to 23! We held a Beer for a Year raffle which sold out well before the draw date. Profit from that project went to Tamarack House in Thunder Bay (for out of town patients receiving cancer treatment). We also again held our Hot Chocolate/Pics with Santa event after Dryden's annual Christmas Parade. Proceeds from that event have gone to Hoshizaki House (Women's shelter). For the first time in 20+ years, we also entered a float in the Parade. We went with a Grinch Theme, and it was a huge hit! Both of these events were great PR events as well as an opportunity for fellowship amongst our own families! Our Club has also been working hard at tagging at WalMart, Christmas Card orders, Pampered Chef fundraiser, delivering goodies to senior homes at Christmas, as well as singing Christmas Carols for the Seniors. Our Club has also been working on getting involved with the Putting Kids First National Kin Project. We'll continue to focus on fundraising in the coming months, but are hoping to have a few more membership drive/fun events!

Kelly Sobering, President

The Dryden Kinettes presents

Thinking Outside of the Box and into the Bag

The community's greatest need can mean so many things to us as KIN. It can mean donating money for medical equipment or a youth group. It can mean giving our time or a piece of our hearts.

When children come into Foster care they may not get to bring many belongings. They may lack appropriate bags or luggage for the items that hold a considerable amount of sentimental value and are most important to them. Most often their most precious possessions are thrown in garbage bags for transportation.

The Kinette Club of Dryden ran a project to collect gently used luggage, duffel bags, backpacks and canvas bags for foster children. We ran it for a month, had our local radio and newspaper donate advertising, hung some posters and collected donations at a members' local business. These were then collected and donated to Kenora-Patricia Child and Family Services in Dryden, the local Children's Aid Society, which employs several of our members, myself included. The response was overwhelming! Community members flooded in with well over 150 bags of every shape and size!

A project like this did not cost anything and did not donate money to anyone but the smiles and comfort each child has displayed when they come through my office into a storage unit where I let them pick their own luggage has shown our club another dimension of the communities greatest need.





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Fort City Kinsmen have once again completed their Dream House Lottery. This was an overwhelming success due to their hard work and the community rallying to help them. In fact it is my understanding that they are already working on the next year's house! They are an extremely aggressive club with many projects planned this year. Some are as follows; Dinner and Charity Auction, Comic Idol, Slap Shot Challenge, Beer for a Year among others. I attended their Past President's Ball and it was simply a fantastic night of Kin. Dave McNaughton received his life membership and Ken Glauser was named Kinsmen of the Year with the Rookie of the Year award going to Kin Darren Perkins. Congratulations!

Hill City Kinsmen is currently running two draws the 50/50 Draw and a NHL Dream Draw. In November they ran their annual Magic Show, BOGO cards and Chocolate Clodhoppers are back as well. This year they are trying to put together a new concept for draws in Thunder Bay and we hope to see their concept come to fruition real soon. Although the club lost six members over the summer they now have 3 new members and should be back to positive membership growth by the end of the year. We really need to work on membership. Retention is very important to our association. What is equally important is that we have the right people join our clubs. Educating them on our Association is just as important before they join as it is after they become a member.

Kin is an absolutely amazing organization. It will return to you more in terms of personal growth than you could ever imagine. Please look around and give the gift of Kin to someone you know!... Remember...Grow! Learn! Make Friends! Have Fun! It will be the best thing you could have ever done for yourself!

Yours In Kin

James Doerr

James Doerr
Deputy Governor
District 2, Zone 4 (D)





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Zone 4

The Fort City Kinettes started the year with a couple of members submitting resignations to focus on other priorities in their lives but we have welcomed 2 new members so far this year, and currently sit with 25 members on our roster. We continue to volunteer at various activities and events which include: C.L.E. Community Bingo, HAGI Television Bingo, Pinewood Court Home for the Aged Bingo, Lakehead University Thunderwolves games, and the local Shelter House.

This fall we ran a very successful raffle called "Made For A Year", where all prizes; which included a \$1300.00 interior or exterior paint package, \$1000 of gasoline, and 12 dinners for two at 12 local restaurants were donated. The proceeds from the raffle were given to George Jeffery Children's Centre and Cystic Fibrosis.

We are very pleased to be the home club of District 2 Governor Barb Thomson, District 2 Service Director Heather Kozak, and District 2, Zone 4 Deputy Governor Anna Pascuzzo. In October we had 11 members who attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Vermillion Bay, where a good time was had by all.

We recently had our Past-Presidents Ball where we honoured the excellent job done by Kathy Bukovy last year. That night served a dual purpose as it was also an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Deb Rosnow and welcome her as our newest Life Member. There are many activities still ahead: our twelfth annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on March 16, our annual Progressive Supper, we are co-hosting the Spring Zone Meeting for Zone 4 with Hill City Kinsmen on April 5, and we are one of the local sponsors for the spring Easter Seals Fashion show. We are looking forward to the District Convention in Winnipeg in May and are hoping to have a delegation of members able to attend.

It has been a busy and productive year.

YIK

Tammie Corbett

President Fort City Kinettes





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Zone 4

Our club has been keeping busy with Bingos every second month at the Thunder Bay Community Bingo (CLE) and a continually run Nevada location at Central Car Wash.

We held a Bring a Friend night in October which saw 4 prospective members come out. That night we also held our Awards Presentations which included presentation of Kinette of the Year, 2 Maple Leaf Award of Distinction winners, Senior Bulletin Award, and honoring of our past president.

In November, we held our third annual Chinese Auction, which I am proud to say was a huge success and much fun. We also hosted the K40 at their general meeting held at the Castlegreen Community Centre.

In December, we took on a new cause – supporting the Salvation Army with their Kettle Campaign by manning the kettle station at Walmart for the day on December 1st.

At Christmas our club supported a family in need through the Rural Cupboard, by donating food, clothing and gifts to a needy family. Contributing to our efforts were friends and former Kinettes, which was much appreciated support for a worthy cause and I am sure that we made our chosen family's Christmas brighter.

Another new initiative for our club this year was taking on a new fundraising project through the Shop and Support Program which involves raising funds through sales of gift cards for numerous local businesses.

As for upcoming events, in February we will be hosting our sister club of Fort City for our annual joint meeting, and as a social event, we are planning an evening of fun and festivities to coincide with Oscar night.

In March, we will once again be working at the Smith's RV weekend, where we sell hotdogs, sausages and beverages to the public in an effort to raise money and promote Kin. Also in March will be another annual event for our club, that being the annual Simpson Street BIA Easter Egg Hunt. Over the course of several days, our members will be meeting to stuff thousands of Easter Eggs and on the day of the event, Good Friday, we will also sell hotdogs and drinks to the families who attend what is a very popular event. Hopefully the weather this year will be much better than last year!

We will be hosting another K40 club general meeting, likely in April, and we are looking forward to participating in the CF Great Strides Walk in May. We haven't heard what is in store for a Mother's Day fundraising event, but look forward to participating in that as well. We are also looking into some new projects to round out the year.

I am proud to say we have a very dedicated club who have demonstrated their commitment to serving the community's greatest need!

YIK

Jennifer Austin,
President
Hill City Kinettes

Zone 6,7

No reports.

