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**District 4**

# FLC 2025

*"Biscuits and Gravy"  
Southern Hospitality*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025**

Sandman Hotel  
421 Mayor Magrath Dr. S.  
Lethbridge

Karaoke, Fun Casino Games  
Prizes  
Cornhole





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# Kinmen FLC Agenda

October 24, 2025  
421 Mayor Magrath Dr. S.  
Lethbridge

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

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## Registration & Breakfast

**8:00 a.m. –9:00 a.m.**

- Opening Ceremonies
  - O Canada
  - Land Acknowledgement
  - Kin Song
  - Moment of Silence for Departed Kin
- Governors Welcome
- Host Club Welcome
- Recognitions
  - Past & Present Zone/District Officers
  - Past & Present National Officers
  - Past National Presidents
  - Life Members
  - Kin Kollege & Masters
  - 30 under 30 Recipients
  - FLC First Timers
  - New members
- Roll Call
- Address to the Chair
  - Governors, Family of Kin
- Sgt @ Arms
  - Shoes for Kids YQL
- Motion to Accept Agenda of Kinsmen FLC 2025
- Motion to Accept Minutes of Kinsmen FLC 2024

- Errors or Omissions
- Motion to Accept DG Reports
  - As printed in the bulletin
- 1st Call for Kinsmen FLC 2026
- Risk Management Presentation
- Club Support Presentation

### **Wellness Break**

- Education Presentation
- Service Presentation
- 2nd Call for Bids for Kinsmen FLC 2026
- Awards Presentation
- Team KINspiration & Social Media Committee
- Shoes for Kids YQL Presentation
- Men's Mental Health
- Sgt @ Arms Update
- Host Club Remarks, Door Prizes & 50/50

### **Lunch**

**12:00 p.m. –1:00 p.m.**

- National Kin Foundation Video
- District Kin Foundation Presentation
- Club Fellowship Round Table
- 3rd and Final Call for Kinsmen FLC 2026
  - Kinsmen FLC 2026 Host Remarks
- District KINvention 2026 Presentation
  - Ride the Rails 2026, Stettler Kinsmen
- Open Mic
  - Good of Kin
  - Return of Regalia
  - Donations
  - Fundraisers
  - Announcements
- Sgt @ Arms Update
- Closing Remarks
  - Host Club
  - Governors
- Adjournment



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## Kinsmen FLC Minutes

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Provost Community Centre

**Call to Order @ 9:18 a.m.**— District 4, Kinsmen Governor, Kirk Blake

### Opening Ceremonies

- Oh Canada – Medicine Hat Kinsmen
- Land Acknowledgement - District 4, Kinsmen Governor, Kirk Blake
- Expression of Gratitude – District 4, Kinsmen Governor, Kirk Blake
- Moment of Silence for passed Kin Members
- Host Club Remarks – Dylan Chopek, President, Provost Kinsmen Club
  - Welcome to Provost
  - Talked about the meals for the day
  - Spoke about the evening festivities
  - Thanked the Caterer and Bartenders
  - Governor Welcome - District 4, Kinsmen Governor Kirk Blake
  - Acknowledged that he has never run a District function in person
  - Not really a meeting
  - No Business
  - No address to the Chair
  - No Sgt of Arms

### Attendance

- 54 members from across District 4

### Adoption of the 2023 FLC Minutes

- Allan Bartman, Edmonton Kinsmen Club, motions to adopt minutes from the 2023 Kinsmen FLC in Fort McMurray.  
Seconded by Robin Hepner, Leduc Kinsmen Club. CARRIED

### Adoption of the 2024 FLC Agenda

- Denver Chopek, Provost, Kinsmen Club, motions to adopt the agenda for the 2024 Kinsmen FLC. Seconded by Pat Dower, St. Albert Kinsmen Club. CARRIED



### **Susan Dickson, District Service Director - Service Presentation**

- Played a Video
  - Dollar Campaign
  - New Service Reporting button on the D4 website
  - Challenge with D5
- Service: Why do we bother with the presentation
  - Physical and Mental Health Check
  - Service partnership update
  - Presentation available upon request

### **Judy Anderson, Purses of Hope Presentation**

- Presentation
  - Started 13 years ago
  - Explained how it got started
  - Fill the purses with items that are needed
  - Distributed just under 2,000 purses last year
  - Together, we can give hope one purse at a time
- Q & A
  - Based out of Calgary, but willing to help set up a satellite location around the province
  - Selling Jams and Jellies to raise money
  - About \$37.00 to fill a purse

### **WELLNESS BREAK 10:02 a.m. – 10:24 a.m.**

### **Judy Anderson, Purses of Hope**

- Service Project
  - Stuffing purses
    - 128 purses stuffed

### **First Call to Host Kinsmen FLC 2025**

- Tim Frantz, Lethbridge Kinsmen Club – Bid

### **Paul Balite, District Risk Manager - Risk Management & Awards Presentation**

- Recognition
  - Recognized all the first timers by handing out a certificate
  - Recognized those celebrating birthdays
  - Walter Brake, Kinsmen Club of Calgary, birthday was yesterday
    - Presentation available upon request
- Risk Management
  - Remember the Nov. 15 due date to get all of your Risk management stuff completed.

- Interactive Fast Facts, Questions and Prizes
- Awards
  - Interactive Scavenger Hunt to get signatures
  - Why do we give awards
  - Reviewed all the awards that are available
- Presentation available upon request

#### **District 4, Kinsmen Governor, Kirk Blake, on behalf of Angela Dempster, Education Coordinator - Education Presentation**

- Goal to provide education this year
  - What can Kin give back
  - What do you want to learn because of Kin
  - What have you learned because of Kin
  - What can you teach others in this organization
- Reminder of resources available to members
  - Ikin and KinU
  - Kin College and Masters
- Heads or Tails Games
- Presentation available upon request

#### **Club Membership Success Stories**

- Dylan Chopek – President, Provost Kinsmen Club
  - Stories about how they've attracted new members
  - New members' nights to explain what they do, rather than just bringing them to a boring old meeting
  - Have a face-to-face conversation with potential members
  - Have fun at your events, make it look fun
- Stories from the floor
  - Invest in your members, Doug Christianson – St. Albert Kinsmen
  - No one is more important than anyone else

#### **LUNCH 12:19 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.**

#### **Chad Salyn, Member Empowerment Presentation**

- Service
- Selfless acts of kindness
- Positive change
- Everyone is important
- Serving is a wonderful thing

## Second Call to Host FLC 2025

- None

## Adam Lewandowski, Zone G, Kinsmen DG, on behalf of Judy Bonner, Club Support Director - Club Support Presentation

- Canada's best-kept secret – unfortunately
- Club membership stat update
- How can the district help clubs
- How to maximize the benefits of our members?
- Benefits of being Kin
- Importance of work, volunteer and life balance
- Presentation available upon request

## National Presentations

- National Policies & Procedures, Chapter 11 Update
  - Recording from National played
    - A way for National and District to jump in and deal with a club, rather than the club exec (who may be the issue), from dealing with the problem
- Presentation available upon request

## WELLNESS BREAK 2:04 p.m. – 2:19 p.m.

## National Presentations – Continued

- Recruitment Incentive Program - Adam Lewandowski, Zone G, Kinsmen DG
  - Prizes for the biggest growth from National
    - Unrestricted Cash Prizes
      - 1st 2500
      - 2nd 2000
      - 3rd 1500
      - 4th 1000
      - 5th 500
  - Bragging Rights for District with the highest membership growth
  - Medal of achievement and prizes based on how many members a single member can recruit
  - Winners announced at National

## RaffleBox Partnership - Adam Lewandowski, Zone G, Kinsmen DG

- Partnership with Raffle Box
  - Deal on new subscriptions

### **Home/Auto Insurance Discount - Adam Lewandowski, Zone G, Kinsmen D**

- Anywhere from 5% to 15% savings on personal insurance from Hub International
- Kin Canada national insurance provider

### **Operation Working Group Model Review – Guy Smith, Edmonton Kinsmen Club**

- Operations review triggered by dwindling membership numbers
- Problem areas
  - Different District Operations differ between provinces
  - The way we elect our leaders
    - Can be based on popularity and not based on skill
  - Personal development
  - Communications
  - Fee Structure
    - Zone, District and Nation Dues
  - Organizational Structure
    - Different Districts have different goals
  - Membership recruitment and retention
    - Future at risk
  - Traditions
    - Militaristic-based traditions
    - Maybe not as relevant now
- Bringing forward proposed changes in the new year

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Guy Smith, Edmonton Kinsmen Club**

- Population diversity has changed over the last 40 years
- Need to leave our comfort zone
- Difference between equity and equality
- Inclusion
- Accommodating others
- Different Types of Bias
- Micro Aggressions
- Need to create a culture of belonging and acceptance

### **Third Call to Host FLC 2025**

- None

### **Naming Host FLC 2025**

- Lethbridge Kinsmen
  - The theme will be biscuits and gravy

## WELLNESS BREAK 2:54 PM – 3:15 PM

### Not4Sale Presentation (Zoom from Kinette FLC) - Susan Dickson, District Service Director, introduced guest speaker Tenisha Strongberg.

- A story about human trafficking, as she grew up
  - Threatened and scared into continuing
  - Started making child porn with her
  - Kept tracking her after the family moved
  - Told about the help that was out there
    - Beaten by perpetrators
  - Forced into sex for 8 years at the age of 12
  - Freed from the situation at 12
    - Thought it was over
  - Mental and emotional Support is needed after the fact
  - Telling her story and trying to spread awareness and get help for girls in this situation

### Recognition

- St. Albert Kinsmen Presentation
  - D4 Kin of the Year for the St. Albert Rain Maker Rodeo
    - Presented to District 4 Governor, Kirk Blake

### Announcements

- District Convention 2025, Tim Frantz, Kinsmen Club of Lethbridge
  - Played the video from the host, Milk River Kinette Club
  - June 19 to 21st in Lethbridge
  - June 19th tour of Writing on Stone Provincial Park
- Gary Lynch, Edmonton Kinsmen Club, celebrating 100 years in September 2025
- Richard Dieser, Provost Kinsmen Club, Zone B - Travelling Cooler Presentation
  - Video on what happened to the old Zone B travelling Cooler
- Richard Dieser, Provost Kinsmen Club, Club Awards Presented
  - Rookie of the Year – Cody Fredericks
  - Presidents Plaque – Dylan Chopek
  - Kinsmen of the Year - Dylan Chopek

### Governor & Host Club Closing Remarks

- Host Club Remarks – Dylan Chopek, President, Provost Kinsmen Club
  - Supper 5:30 PM
  - Beer Drinking game to follow

#### **District 4 Governor, Kirk Blake**

- Made closing remarks
- Love doing this
- Reminder to crash other clubs' meetings
- Make sure to attend:
  - District Curling Coming up in January
  - District Bowling is being rescheduled for the new year
  - District Convention in Lethbridge
- Appreciated everyone in Kin, whether they're here or not

#### **Adjournment**

- Kirk Blake at 4:15 PM



# Welcome from National President Patrick Bowers



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Welcome from National President Kin Canada

Welcome to your Fall Leadership Convention 2025

As the crisp air of autumn settles in and our communities begin to glow with the season's warmth, I'm thrilled to welcome you to your 2025 Fall Leadership Convention.

This annual gathering is more than a tradition, it's a powerful opportunity to reconnect, recharge, and reimagine what leadership looks like across Kin Canada and in your District. It's a time when Kin come together, not just to share ideas, but to empower each another to lead with confidence, compassion and transparency.

Fall Leadership is more than a seasonal milestone, it is a confirmation of our shared commitment to service, fellowship and the enduring values that unite us as Kin. Whether you are a long-standing FLC attendee or you are attending your first FLC this convention is your space, your learning home, and your launching pad for leadership and service within Kin Canada.

Fall Leadership is where inspiration meets action. It's where we prepare ourselves with the tools, insights, and connection to lead our clubs and districts into a future that reflects the very best of Kin. I encourage you to lean into conversations, challenge old assumptions, and leave with a renewed sense of purpose. Your impact matters.

By attending this convention, remember, your participation is an act of leadership. By showing up, sharing your voice and broadening your skills, you are shaping the future of Kin Canada. I challenge you to approach this year's FLC with open eyes, an open heart and an attitude of curiosity and courage. Be bold, ask questions, share your ideas form new friendships and above all believe in the extraordinary capacity within yourself and those around you.

Thank you for your commitment to service, your belief in our mission, and your role in shaping the next chapter of Kin Canada. I'm proud to stand beside you as we continue to build a stronger, more inclusive, and empowered Kin Community. My hope is that you leave your FLC inspired, empowered, and ready to make meaningful change in your club, your community and yourself.

With Admiration and respect

*PR Bowers*

Patrick R Bowers, National President  
Kin Canada 2025-2026

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**Join our Team!**



# **Kin Canada**

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National Board of Directors**

# **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

The National Board of Directors has 4 openings this upcoming year for the position of National Director:

- Three 3 year terms
- One 2 year term

If you want to join the NBOD to continue developing the Kin Canada Strategic plan, and be a part in shaping the Associations future, apply this year!

*Stay tuned for information sessions with the  
Succession, Credentials, and Elections  
Committees of the NBOD.*



**Any questions, please contact [succession@kincanada.ca](mailto:succession@kincanada.ca)**

# District Governor Team Message



District 4 Kin,

Welcome to Fall Leadership Conference 2025!

We hope you've had a great start to the Kin Year and are feeling energized for the months ahead. This weekend is all about learning, connection, and celebrating the spirit of Kin through education and fellowship.

We're excited to see all the amazing things our members are doing in their communities this year. As you plan your projects and events, we encourage you to invite your Deputy Governor (DG), Executive Team, and the Governor Team to take part; whether that's through volunteering, attending, or simply showing our support.

We're always just an email away and would love to hear from you. You can reach the Governor Team at [d4governor@kincanada.ca](mailto:d4governor@kincanada.ca).

Thank you for everything you do to serve your communities and strengthen Kin across the district. We're looking forward to a fantastic weekend together!

Yours in Kin,

Governor Team

District 4, Kin Canada



# Susan Dickson – Service Director

Welcome to FLC!

We have some awesome things planned for you at FLC, hope to see many of you there.

Please remember to let me know about your service project/fundraisers, so I can either volunteer or buy a ticket.

## Did You Know:

Our focus for this year is to spend more time focusing on our District and National Programs!



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**Cystic Fibrosis**  
Canada

Walk to Make CF History is May 31, 2026.

12000 + units donated since 2024! June is Blood Donor Awareness Month.

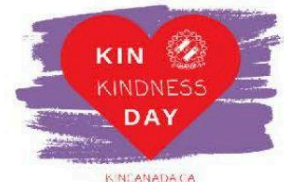


**Canadian**  
**Blood**  
**Services**



**CNOY** - Last year Kin Canada was #6 in Canada for community groups

**Kin Kindness Day** is Saturday February 26th - materials available while supplies last.



The applications for **Kin Canada Bursaries** opened on October 1, be sure to share the information.

**Report service dollars and hours** on D4 website! Check it out at [D4kin.ca](http://D4kin.ca) . Please report by project and not individual member.

## We have a few things planned this year for Service:



We are going to track and Feed the Need all year long. Foodbank collections, lunches for unhoused, meals for Seniors, snacks for schools, etc. We will be accepting submissions before District. A winner will be selected to enjoy something special at District 2026.

Stay tuned for more information!

If you have any questions or need some help, let me know

Have a great FLC!

Susan Dickson

[servicedirector@d4kin.ca](mailto:servicedirector@d4kin.ca)

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# Ashley Ford – Education Director

Hello, fellow! If you're like me, you still can't believe we are already in our second month of the Kin year. Time really flies when you're having fun.

First of all, I would like to say how excited I am to be your Education Director this year. The motto I am going with this is KINUCATION because we are all Kin and this is Education. Got a nice ring to it, doesn't it 😊

I have many learning and fun activities planned this year, and I hope you will be as excited as I am.

Some of those activities will be:

- New Member Orientation
- Successful Club Manual Review
- Effective Club Meetings
- How to Navigate I Kin and KIN-U
- Learning Origami and Christmas Card Making
- Club Positions
- Mental Health and Burnout
- Social Media
- Marketing Kin Kindness
- Accredited Delegate Forms
- Stewarding Community Supports

If there are things that you would like to learn about, please reach out to me, and I will work on putting something together.

I am also looking for people who would be interested in presenting an education session, which could be something that you're good at or passionate about. Please reach out to me if you're interested. I will also post a link online for those interested in signing up.

I look forward to working with the clubs in District 4 to support your educational needs.

YIK

Ashley Ford

2025/2026

District 4 - Kinlaboration Education Director

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# Julie Melton – Awards Director

Members of this organization do not join to be recognized at club, zone, district or national levels, but when a member is recognized for their hard work and consistent effort, it is a great feeling, and quite often reignites the spark that the member has for Kin. As the district awards director this year, I want to encourage members to go for awards. Please check out what awards are new for our district, and what is both new and updated on the national level.

Should you need assistance or have a question, please reach out to me.

## Purpose of the Awards

Kin Canada's awards and recognition program exists to:

- **Celebrate excellence** among members, clubs, zones, and districts.
- **Encourage leadership and service** within communities.
- **Boost member engagement and retention** by acknowledging contributions.
- **Promote Kin values** of fellowship, service, and personal development.

## What is new and exciting this year for District 4?

- **Kin of the Month** – This award will be presented to one Kinette and one Kinsmen every month. That member will receive a \$250.00 donation made to any registered charity in their name. The award nomination link was emailed to all clubs and can also be found on Facebook or by reaching out to me.
- **Kin of the Year** – All winners of the Kin of the Month award will automatically be entered to win the Kin of the Year award. That winner will receive a \$500.00 donation, made to any registered charity in their name.

## There are still a few more months available to sponsor

- **The Martin Frigo “Hi Friend” Memorial Individual Service Hour Recognition Award**
  - This award is named in honour of Martin Frigo of the Kinsmen Club of St. Albert. Martin left this world far too early. Loved by all who met him, the loss of this member was felt across the entire District.
  - This award will be awarded to the Kinsmen or Kinette in District 4 who has recorded the most Kin-related service hours between July 1st and March 31st.
  - Deadline: Deputy Governors submit to the awards director 30 days before the District Convention for the year, July 1–March 31st

## Purpose

To recognize the individual member with the most Kin service hours recorded between July 1st to March 31st of the current Kin year.

## District Four Photography Award

- Due Date: 30 days before District Convention. Award to be presented at District Convention

## Purpose

To recognize individual Kin that has excelled at capturing the essence of the Objects of Kin Canada through photography during the past 12 months.

## Eligibility

1. Any Kinsmen/Kinette in good standing shall be eligible to participate.
2. Only the photographer has the right to submit a photograph, and the photographer must sign the entry form.
3. To be eligible for this award, the photograph must have been taken within the past Kin year.
4. The photograph must illustrate some aspect of the Objects of Kin Canada

### Submission Guidelines:

- The entry must include a 100-word essay outlining how the photograph is related to Kin Canada's Objects.
- Entries must include the Photographer's name and club, where the photo was taken and must also contain a model release notation if the photograph consists of identifiable people. (Ensure that the model/models in the photograph are aware that their picture may be circulated publicly.)
- Printed entries can be mailed to the District Awards Chair and clearly marked as a submission for the District Photography award contest. Digital entries can be emailed to the District Awards Chair.
- The District Photography Award contest runs from July 1 to 30 days before the upcoming District convention of each current Kin year.
- Entries must be received 30 days before the District Convention.
- One entry per person.
- Acceptable printed entries may be in colour or black & white and should be submitted as a minimum 5" x 7" print using photo-quality paper. The original file resolution must be a minimum of 3.1 megapixels (300 dpi). The digital prints should match the quality and character of the original digital capture.
- For all entries, original material, including original negative and/or capture file, must be available for reproduction purposes. All entries and contest material received become the property of the District and will not be returned.

### What is New on the National Level

- **PERSONAL AWARDS Maple Leaf Award of Distinction (Tier 1 of 3: Kin Excellence Program)**
  - **NEW:** As of the 2025-26 Kin year, members will be able to obtain their points during their first and second year or during their second and third year. Members will still have only 2 years to achieve the required 300 points. This change does not apply to the one-time only Special Maple Leaf of Distinction Opportunity. **Objectives:**
  - To encourage participation in club activities while becoming familiar with all aspects of the Association
  - To stimulate self-development, improve communication and foster leadership skills within the first three (3) years of being a Kin member (New change from 2 to 3).

## Eligibility

1. Open to active members in their first two to three (3) consecutive years of joining Kin (New change from 2 to 3)
2. Must complete 6 out of 7 mandatory requirements
3. Attain a minimum of 300 points in the Optional Requirements section
4. May not sign his/her own affidavit.

**Note:** Members will be able to obtain their points during their first and second year or during their second and third year. Members will still have only 2 years to achieve the required 300 points.

#### [Maple Leaf Award of Distinction - Special Opportunity](#)

From now until January 30, 2026, the Maple Leaf Award of Distinction will be open to Kin members who:

- Joined before July 1, 2023  
Have not yet submitted for this award
- This one-time extension allows members who missed the original 2-year eligibility window to apply and continue their path toward the Kin Excellence Program Award.

Why This Matters: We know there are many reasons why members may not have completed the Maple Leaf Award early in their Kin journey. This extension ensures that your hard work and dedication can still be recognized.

**FAQs:** See our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on iKin

**What You Need to Know:** This opportunity is only available until January 30, 2026

Completing all three awards (Maple Leaf, Founders, Members) earns you the full Kin Excellence Program Award.

#### **How to Participate**

- Members and clubs can nominate candidates through official Kin Canada channels.
- Submissions often require affidavits and supporting documentation.
- Awards are presented at the National Convention and district events.



# Zone B - Kin Club of Beaumont

**Robin Heppner & Tanya Brinkworth, Zone B - Deputy Governors**

Hello, fellow Kin! The Kin Club of Beaumont is back from our summer break and excited to have some new ideas and enthusiasm this Kin Year. With one new member officially joining the club, we are officially six members, but are eager to promote ourselves within the community this year and focus on fellowship and community engagement in hopes of gaining a few more faces, too!



Although we did have our usual break over the summer months, we were still very excited to announce two winners for our Kin Club of Beaumont Educational Bursary, who both received \$500 each towards their post-secondary education. One winner was also the recipient of the HREF Bursary!



With the fall season in full swing, we are in the process of our annual Halloween Colouring Contest and preparing to join in celebration of Zone B's newest and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kin Club on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – The Strathcona County Kin Club! Soon we will also be participating in the City of Beaumont's Remembrance Day ceremony, both with a club sponsorship as well as watching some of our Kin Kids lay a Club wreath in tribute. We are in the process of starting a new club initiative surrounding Community Engagement, but are still working on details, so stay tuned! Our Club Casino is also coming up in Camrose on November 29th and 30th. If you're interested in joining us and lending a hand, we would be delighted to have you. Shifts are very mellow (the word our advisor used was boring, actually, haha), but it's still going to be a great time, and zero skill or casino knowledge is required too.



And a big thank you to DG Tanya Brinkworth, who recently came out and installed our Club executive! We love having visitors, so if anyone ever feels like popping into one of our meetings, we gather at the Beaumont Community Centre on the first Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feel free to reach out to us on Facebook or email us at [beaumontkinclub@gmail.com](mailto:beaumontkinclub@gmail.com)

# Zone B – Kinette Club of Edmonton

## Robin Heppner & Tanya Brinkworth, Zone B - Deputy Governors

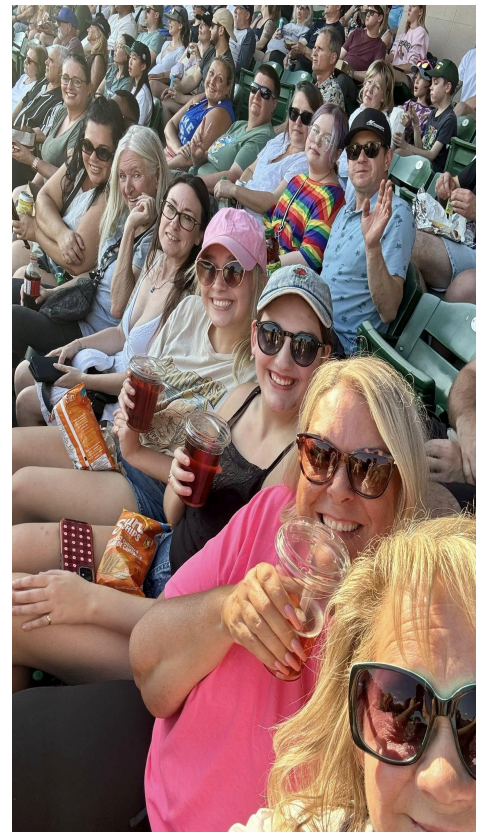
The Kinette Club of Edmonton has had a busy and fun start to our Kin year! Over the summer, we enjoyed some great fellowship with a trivia night, Tucker Tuesday at Righand Distillery and an evening at an Edmonton Riverhawks game, keeping our connections strong while soaking up the sunshine.

In September, we started with Executive installations and our first guest speaker. Then on the 20th, we were honoured to join our Kin family in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton — an incredible milestone and a reminder of the deep legacy of Kin in our city.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to be hosting Kinette FLC 2025 this October and can't wait to welcome Kinettes from across the District for a weekend of Dolly-inspired fellowship, fun, and learning. November brings something bold and exciting with our drag fundraiser, "Cocktails, Corsets & Charcuterie," a night of entertainment, signature cocktails, and community support.

We're also hard at work preparing our passion project, "December to Remember," bringing holiday joy and care packages to the students of Norwood Elementary, an inner-city school close to our hearts.

The Kinette Club of Edmonton is off to a strong start, and we can't wait to keep "Serving the Community's Greatest Need" in creative and impactful ways this year!





# Zone B – Kinette Club of Wetaskiwin

## Robin Heppner & Tanya Brinkworth, Zone B - Deputy Governors

The Kinette Club of Wetaskiwin started the summer off with a bang!! On June 7th, they hosted a Wild Wild West Shindig in celebration of their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Yee-haw!!

In September, the club hit the ground running. They participated in the Parade of Programs to help promote their club and their upcoming fundraisers. The installation of their new executive was conducted at their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Eight (8) members spent time playing dominoes with residents of the Good Shepherd House. They also sold 50-50 tickets at the Edmonton Int'l Raceway, proudly donating their portion of sales, \$998.00, to the Wetaskiwin Health Foundation. Jumping on board with Feed the Need, 4–6 members worked two shifts per week at the Salvation Army's Food Bank and will continue to work shifts throughout October and November.

During the entire month of October, the Kinette Club of Wetaskiwin will be participating in their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual partnership with FCSS to help raise funds and collect items for the Camrose Women's Shelter Society. After their October general meeting, members will be decorating pumpkins for the Wetaskiwin & District Association for Community Service's annual Pumpkin Ball Auction fundraiser.

Along with their continued commitment to Feed the Need, Wetaskiwin Kinette's will be laying a wreath during a local Remembrance Day Service. Then, on November 28<sup>th</sup>, they will be hosting their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk.

December brings more fun for this busy club with a pending opportunity to participate in the Salvation Army's Hope for Christmas Toyland. In celebration of the holiday festivities, the Kinette Club of Wetaskiwin plans to get together for a potluck Christmas party after their December meeting.

The Kinette Club of Wetaskiwin currently has 12 members and one (1) pending new member. This group of dynamic women is committed to making their community a better place to live, work and play, through service, fellowship and personal development.



# Zone B

**Camrose Kinsmen Club, Kinsmen Club of Edmonton, Kinsmen Club of Leduc, Provost Kinsmen Club**

**Robin Heppner & Tanya Brinkworth, Zone B - Deputy Governors**

## **Camrose Kinsmen Club**

Camrose Kinsmen are preparing for their annual Radio Auction. This is a major fundraiser for the club, and they appreciate any donations that may come their way!

## **Kinsmen Club of Edmonton**

The Edmonton Kinsmen were proud to celebrate 100 years of serving the community's greatest needs at a gala on September 20th. They also successfully surprised past District Governor Gary Lynch with his life membership. They recently made some donations to the Edmonton Veterans Association, the Right at Home Housing Society and the Sport Central Association. They also picked up, stuffed and delivered backpacks to underprivileged schools in Edmonton. The Edmonton Kinsmen are hosting a Carnival Casino night on November 1st—for details, see the flyer on page 48.

The Edmonton Kinsmen are chartering The Kin Club of Strathcona County. They are having a charter night on November 8th. The theme will be "Gatsby Charter Gala" – tickets available through Facebook and Eventbrite. This club is looking to hit the ground running with (I believe) 31 prospective charter members and a very active Facebook campaign.

## **Kinsmen Club of Leduc**

The Leduc Kinsmen are gearing up for another Christmas season of setting out ornaments for the Leduc Country Christmas Lights and are looking to make this year's event the biggest yet! We'll be organizing a barbecue for volunteers on October 18th and 19th. Leduc is also looking to arrange an interclub fellowship at Old Yale Brewing in Beaumont on October 21st, starting at 7:00 p.m. Come one, come all!

We're still organizing our activities for the year and are looking forward to a poker tournament on February 21st—more details to come.

## **Provost Kinsmen Club**

The Provost Kinsmen were overjoyed to recognize Jason Germsheid on receiving his Life Membership on September 5th. The club will be selling Christmas trees again this year. Get your order in by October 15th—details on their Facebook page or email [provostkinsmen@gmail.com](mailto:provostkinsmen@gmail.com).

At their most recent meeting in October, they inducted FIVE NEW MEMBERS! These gentlemen continue to show us how it's done!

# Zone C – Smoky Lake Kinette Club

**Theresa Potts, Zone C - Deputy Governor**

We do our annual beer garden event during the long weekend in August, which is a hit and has gotten bigger and bigger each year.

This past weekend, we did our annual pancake breakfast, serving just over 600 people.

Corn maze opened in the middle of September, and this past weekend was our biggest money maker for it, over 2000 people went through it 😊

We are joining forces with our Kinsmen club and hosting an Eagles tribute band on November 7.





# Zone C – Fort McMurray Kinette Club

## Theresa Potts, Zone C - Deputy Governor

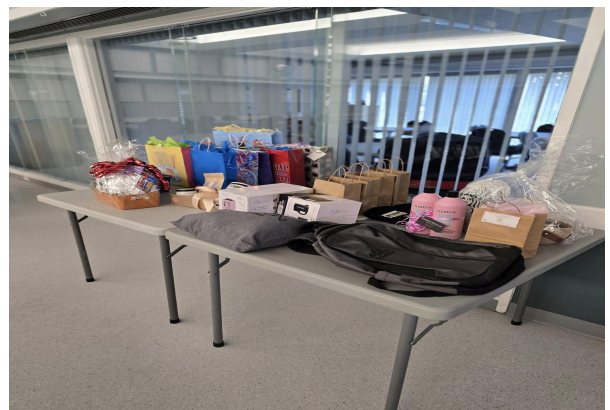
Our summers here are pretty quiet as we shut down, and most members leave for holidays and travel since we're so remote.

We've done a couple of community cleanups for our section of the road that we've adopted for many years. We also worked in our casino, but there are no pictures from that...

For our first general meeting last month, we decided to do a "back to school/kin" theme, and I (as president) dressed up like a principal and greeted each member as if it were their first day of school. They each had to pick a personality from a random deck and go with that the entire meeting (skater, stoner, troublemaker, band geek, teacher's pet, etc). Each member also got their photo taken for their first day/meeting. We had an absolute blast!!

Last weekend, we hosted a lunch and bingo afternoon for members of the Golden Years Society. Club members and generous donors provided the food, and we gave cash prizes as well as door prizes to the seniors, also donated by members and companies around town. We have done this for many, many years, and the seniors always look forward to it.

For our next general meeting, we're doing a "coven of witches" theme for Halloween. We're asking all members to come dressed in a witch's hat and write a spell. If they don't wish to participate, they can just dress in black. It's going to be amazing!



# Zone D

**Kinette Club of Innisfail, Innisfail Kinsmen, Red Deer Kinsmen, Lacombe Kinsmen Club,**  
Stettler Kinsmen Club, Rocky Kinsmen, Kinsmen Club of Ponoka, Rimbey Kinsmen, Central Alberta Kin Club

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Chris & Nicole Klassen, Zone D - Deputy Governors

## Kinette Club of Innisfail

### *Dinner of Diamonds 2025*

We still have some Dinner of Diamonds tickets for sale!    Early Bird prices end next weekend, October 18. After this, they go to \$75 each

Come to our live ticket sales at the Innisfail Co-op on October 18 at 9:00 a.m. or send us a message to make other arrangements!

Check out our Facebook page for more info and updates! Groups of 4 tickets can be reserved; all other seating is first-come, first-served!

### *Halloween Party*

Halloween Party at the Legion with the DJ from Kiss Productions

Music and dance to start at 8, but come early to enjoy the Horse Races and Meat Draws.

As always, kiddos and non-members welcome!

## Red Deer Kinsmen

Had a bunch of new faces out to start the season. Our Red Deer Kinsmen Lucky Bucks lotto and 50/50 is underway, and we are excited to give away more than \$600,000 in total prizes in January. We are working on some new fundraising ideas that not only bring in funds but also connect the club with new businesses and individuals.

## Innisfail Kinsmen

They had a busy September, starting with their annual Car Show, which was a great success, and then followed it up with their Golf Ball Drop—lots of community interaction.

## Lacombe Kinsmen

Celebrating 75 years as a club this season. Excited for their anniversary event in November, with Kin Canada National President planning to attend.

# Zone D

Kinette Club of Innisfail, Innisfail Kinsmen, Red Deer Kinsmen, Lacombe Kinsmen Club, Stettler Kinsmen Club, Rocky Kinsmen, Kinsmen Club of Ponoka, Rimbey Kinsmen, Central Alberta Kin Club

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Chris & Nicole Klassen, Zone D - Deputy Governors

## Stettler Kinsmen

In September, they held the grand opening of the Rosedale Park, where there was a ton of effort, both raising funds, setting up, and building, and had the Wurst Party in Stettler Oktoberfest event as well with the Stettler Kinettes.

## Rocky Kinsmen

Held their Presidents' weekend camping trip, a great chance for the guys to get together for a few cold ones and enjoy a weekend of laughs and fellowship. Plans are being finalized for some great stuff closer to the holidays.



# Zone E/O

**Airdrie Kin Club,** Kinette Club of Calgary, Drumheller Kinsmen, Okotoks Kin Club,  
Stampede City Kinette Club, The Foothills Kinette Club, Vulcan Kinette Club

Colleen Oliver & Steven Tkachyk, Zone E - Deputy Governors

## Airdrie Kin Club



The Airdrie Kin Club helped Volunteer Airdrie with their highway clean-up.



Had a great couple of hours helping out in the community. Picked a wagon and a half full of apples that will be donated to the Airdrie Food Bank!

Feels great helping out in the community!



Kin Club of Airdrie's annual Canada Day pancake breakfast was a success.

# Zone E/O

Airdrie Kin Club, **Kinette Club of Calgary**, Drumheller Kinsmen, Okotoks Kin Club,  
Stampede City Kinette Club, The Foothills Kinette Club

Colleen Oliver & Steven Tkachyk, Zone E - Deputy Governors

## Kinette Club of Calgary

**Adopt-A-Family Launches October 1, 2025:** This year will mark the Kinette Club of Calgary's 21st year of supporting vulnerable families at Christmas!

Each Christmas, our incredible community supports families in need through our Adopt-A-Family program. This is all made possible through thousands of volunteer hours, the support of incredibly generous donors, and a commitment to support those in our community when they need it most. ❤️

The Adopt-A-Family program is a 100% volunteer and donation-run program that provides Christmas hampers to families in need.

This year, we know the need will be even greater. The Kinette Club of Calgary's Adopt-A-Family program would like to be there to help more families than before, but we will need your help to make that happen!

If you are interested in supporting our 2025 program, please check back with the Kinette Club of Calgary for the program launch on October 1st, 2025.



Three amigos at the Unison/Kinsmen Golf Tournament!!  
Thank you, gentlemen!



Mackenzie D'Andrea was our HREF recipient!!  
Congratulations Mackenzie!!

# Zone E/O

Airdrie Kin Club, Kinette Club of Calgary, **Drumheller Kinsmen**, Okotoks Kin Club,  
Stampede City Kinette Club, The Foothills Kinette Club

Colleen Oliver & Steven Tkachyk, Zone E - Deputy Governors

## Drumheller Kinsmen



The Kinsmen Club of Drumheller are proud to support our local community. Each year, we present scholarships to students graduating from both of our local High Schools.

This year, Hannah Beal of St. Anthony's school was one of the selected students to receive our Drumheller Kinsmen Community Service Award. Here we see Club Treasurer Darrell Steeves presenting Hannah with her cheque.

This year, Taven Clark was one of the selected students to receive our Drumheller Kinsmen Community Service Award. Here we see Club Treasurer Darrell Steeves presenting Taven with his cheque.



Great to be able to support such an awesome organization as the Drumheller Community Football Association. And thanks to all the players, coaches, executive and parents who came out to help at our Canada Day Pancake Breakfast this morning.



# Zone E/O

Airdrie Kin Club, Kinette Club of Calgary, Drumheller Kinsmen, Okotoks Kin Club,  
Stampede City Kinette Club, The Foothills Kinette Club

Colleen Oliver & Steven Tkachyk, Zone E - Deputy Governors

## Okotoks Kin Club



With gratitude, we thank KidSport Okotoks! Thanks a bunch for all you do to support our kids in sport. We're super grateful to have donated \$5,000.

Thank you, Rowan House Society, for all you do to support the Foothills community. We are immensely grateful to have donated \$5,000.

Thank you, Okotoks Food Bank Association, for all you do to support the Foothills community. We are more than grateful to have donated \$5000.

Donations from the funds raised from the Okotoks Show & Shine, with support from Big Rock Auto Club, to local charities.



We had such a great time celebrating Canada Day and volunteering under the tents in Wylie Park—so many amazing people from your community rallied to give back. Reach out if you're interested in joining your local Kin Club of Okotoks (450).

Burgers, 450 hot dogs and plenty of smiles.) #foothills #okotoks #canadaday  
#VolunteerOpportunity #KinCanada #KINClub Okotoks Show & Shine Big Rock Auto Club

## Stampede City Kinette Club

The Stampede City Kinettes will have a fall 50/50 starting soon. Details will be finalized soon.

# Zone E/O

Airdrie Kin Club, Kinette Club of Calgary, Drumheller Kinsmen, Okotoks Kin Club,  
Stampede City Kinette Club, **The Foothills Kinette Club**, Vulcan Kinette Club

Colleen Oliver & Steven Tkachyk, Zone E - Deputy Governors

## The Foothills Kinette Club



The Foothills Kinettes supported our local Salvation Army and LDS Church with their food bank drive. We delivered bags to homes in a High River neighbourhood. The following Saturday, we picked up the filled bags and dropped them off at the collection station. This year, we collected 310 lbs of food in one neighbourhood! Our Kinette, Shiela, is also an employee with the Salvation Army, so she was doing double duty - representing our club and her worthy employer - she made the cover of our local newspaper!



In 2013, we initiated Hot Air Balloon Pilot Welcome bags. The pilots travel to our community from across the world, and it is nice to welcome them to our community. We ask our generous local businesses to donate, and they always step up to the challenge. Every year, these bags get fuller and fancier! This year we had the most donations to date: wine, beer, mickies, chips, candy, water bottles, coffee cups... We stuffed (Jenga, anyone?) bags to the rim for these pilots. In appreciation of our donation, our club is recognized on one of the balloon baskets, and we receive a balloon ride. Brittani represented the Foothills Kinettes well! Angie worked on the Glow Night grounds protecting the hot air balloon rope! It was a job indeed!



As has been our fundraising tradition. We volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club to park cars for the Hot Air Balloon Glow Night. Glow Night is when the hot air balloons remain tethered to the ground and inflate for people to view the balloons and chat with the pilots. It is truly spectacular as it becomes dark outside. We parked 160 cars at the Co-op empty lot!



We have added two new members and possibly two more in the next few months

Looking forward:

- We have several fundraising events planned, including a Ladies Night Out fun Casino, a Pet Food & Pet Necessities Drive for our Non-Kill Animal Shelter, Heaven Can Wait, Christmas cookie trays, and a Wine & Beer Advent Calendar Raffle.
- We are partnering with our Kinsmen Club of High River and the Town of High River to construct a Disc Golf Course.
- And in 2026, we are celebrating our 20th Charter Anniversary!

This year has just begun, and we are excited to help the community's greatest need!

## Vulcan Kinette Club

The 2025 Christmas Market is on November 22, 2025.

# Zone F

Kinette Club of Brooks - Kinette Club of Claresholm - Kinette Club of Coaldale -  
Kinette Club of Lethbridge - Kinette Club of Medicine Hat - Kinette Club of Milk River

Cameron Kemp & Winter Coburn, Zone F - Deputy Governors



## ZONE F FLYER

The Kinette Clubs of Zone F, District 4 Newsletter

- KINETTE FLC 2025 REPORT -

Editor: Cameron Kemp, Kinette Deputy Governor



<p><b>Kinette Club of Brooks</b> President: Denea Parker Mtg: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Club Size: 7 Members (Jun 30/25) → 7 Members (Sep 30/25): =0 VAR</p> <p><b>Installation:</b> Monday, October 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The Club had a busy start to the 2025-2026 Kin Year, by holding their AGLC Casino in Medicine Hat August 3-4, 2025.</p> <p>Fall did not slow down with the Club operating the Kinette Concession at the Brooks Elks Annual Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Ball Tournament Sept 5-7, 2025, where I was able to attend and volunteer. The very next weekend the Club volunteered for the annual Terry Fox Run September 14, 2025. The Club then volunteering at the Brooks' Bandits game on October 4, 2025 where they accepted new and gently used winter coats for those in need in the community for The SPEC Association for Children &amp; Families.</p>	<p><b>Kinette Club of Claresholm</b> President: Breanna Seeman Mtg: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Club Size: 16 Members (Jun 30/25) → 13 Members (Sep 30/25): ↓3 VAR</p> <p><b>Installation:</b> Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>On August 12, 2025, the Club volunteered at and financially supported The Soup Bowl, a volunteer-run, community-funded service offering *FREE* soup and community connection every Tuesday.</p> <p>The Club is also busily planning their annual 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Craft Fair which will take place from 11 AM to 4 PM on November 15, 2025 at the Claresholm Community Centre! Entry is by donation of a non-perishable food item or cash to the Claresholm Christmas Hamper.</p> <p>I plan to attend and volunteer along side these wonderful ladies!</p>
<p><b>Kinette Club of Coaldale</b> President: Charlotte Van Ryn Mtg: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Club Size: 13 Members (Jun 30/25) → 11 Members (Sep 30/25): ↓2 VAR</p> <p><b>Installation:</b> Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>An article about the Club was published in The Sunny South News on July 24, 2025 which recognized that the Club helped raise funds to purchase a new and much needed Broda Chair for the Coaldale Health Centre. These chairs help the mobility and rehabilitation of people in long-term complex care situations.</p> <p>The Club will be raising most of their revenue this year volunteering monthly at Lethbridge Community Bingo and holding their AGLC Casino in March, 2026.</p>	<p><b>Kinette Club of Lethbridge</b> President: Kim Peters Mtg: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 PM</p> <p>Club Size: 4 Members (Jun 30/25) → 4 Members (Sep 30/25): =0 VAR</p> <p><b>Installation:</b> Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The Club has 3 new members who have been voted into the Club and are currently completing their Criminal Records Checks. Once these new members are approved by National Headquarters the Kinette Club of Lethbridge will nearly double in size!</p> <p>I personally can't wait to see what great ideas this Club tries this year in both fundraising and service projects to "Serve their Community's Greatest Need." They have their AGLC Casino in the first quarter of 2026.</p>
<p><b>Kinette Club of Medicine Hat</b> <b>FANTASTIC NEWS!!!</b></p> <p>After years of working with the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) and Alberta Corporate Registry, and Servus Credit Union, I can advise that The Kinette Club of Medicine Hat has been revived at Alberta Corporate Registry, is in good standing with AGLC and with the support of the National Staff, the District 4 Board of Governors, and the Kinsmen Club of Medicine Hat.</p> <p>The plan is to investigate the interest of re-establishing the once engaged, involved and community minded, Kinette Club of Medicine Hat, through open houses led by Kinette Deputy Governor, Cameron Kemp and Past District 4 Governor, Lisa Maggrah (both of Medicine Hat).</p> <p>We will keep District 4 in the loop as plans develop!</p>	<p><b>Kinette Club of Milk River</b> President: Ashley Thompson Mtg: No Set Wednesday, at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Club Size: 4 Members (Jun 30/25) → 5 Members (Sep 30/25): ↑1 VAR</p> <p><b>Installation:</b> Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The Club already made a calendar of fundraisers and service projects for the 2025-2026 Kin Year!</p> <p><b>BEFORE</b> Christmas the Club is planning a chili fundraiser for <b>KIN CANADA's</b> National "Feed the Need Food Drive", a *FREE* Halloween Haunted House in their Clubhouse, and their annual Kinette Christmas Shoppe for Mom &amp; Pop on Dec 5, 2025 from 4-8 pm at the Milk River Town Hall which includes kid's crafts, shopping and a selfie with Santa.</p>



# Zone F

Kinette Club of Brooks - Kinette Club of Claresholm - Kinette Club of Coaldale -  
Kinette Club of Lethbridge - Kinette Club of Medicine Hat - Kinette Club of Milk River

Cameron Kemp & Winter Coburn, Zone F - Deputy Governors



## ZONE F FLYER

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### What's ↑ Up ↑ with the Zone F Kinettes?

A picture collage of the impact of the Kinette Clubs of Zone F throughout their communities...



Kinette Club of Claresholm volunteering at The Soup Bowl on August 12, 2025



Kinette Club of Claresholm ,  
School Supply Program Packing  
on August 21 , 2025



Kinette Club of Brooks operating Kinette Concession at Brooks Elks  
Annual Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Ball Tournament from September 5-7, 2025  
and Terry Fox Run on September 14, 2025



Kinette Club of Coaldale ,  
Golden Strides Walk  
donation on  
September 20 , 2025



Kinette Club of Milk River  
Installation Meeting, October 1, 2025

The Brooks Kinettes and SPEC are at the Brooks Bandits game accepting new and gently used winter coats for those in need in the community. Drop off a donation and have your name entered in a prize draw.



Kinette Club of Claresholm  
Installation Meeting, October 7, 2025



# Zone G

**Drayton Valley Kin Club, Kinetite Club of Mayerthorpe, Kinetite Club of Edson, Kinetite Club of St. Albert, Kinsmen Club of St. Albert, The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove Kinettes, Kin Club of Hinton**

**Julie Melton & Adam Lewandowski, Zone G - Deputy Governors**

## Drayton Valley Kin Club

Our small but feisty club may only have three members, but we are still able to serve the Community's Greatest Need:

- This past summer, we helped with the 14th Annual STARS golf tournament on Saturday, June 14/25.
- In October, we are doing a soup fundraiser; we had so much fun doing the one last March.
- We are planning some new projects this coming year and reviving an old one.... Please stay tuned, because you don't want to miss this one.
- We have completed our annual donations, including two local donations: the For All Animals Rescue Society (FAARS) & the Centennial Garden at Phi-To-Kwe campground. Of course, we also donated to Cystic Fibrosis Canada. We have used some of our casino funds for the following: Cardiovascular Victim Services, Kids Cancer Foundation, and the DV Food Bank.

Our executive have decided to stay in their current positions for another year. This will allow for personal growth in the current positions.

Our club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September-June, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 269.

Yours in Kin

Wilma Bell

President, Kin Club of Drayton Valley



# Zone G

Drayton Valley Kin Club, Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe, Kinette Club of Edson, Kinette Club of St. Albert, Kinsmen Club of St. Albert, The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove Kinettes, Kin Club of Hinton

**Julie Melton & Adam Lewandowski, Zone G - Deputy Governors**

## Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe

The Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe has been busy this Kin year.

We held a casino at the St. Albert Casino August 19 & 20, 2025. We are so thankful for the wonderful Kin volunteers, as well as volunteers within our community, who all volunteered with our group to run this event!

On August 30, 2025, we volunteered with the Mayerthorpe Ag Society - they brought the RCMP Musical Ride to Mayerthorpe! Our role was to make and prepare lunch for the VIP ticket holders.

Kin Tracy, Betty and Susan were in attendance with Kin Kids James, Shaun and Maia. It was a very sunny, hot day, but it was so much fun!



## Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe

Our next big event is our Annual Christmas Market on November 15, 2025, at the Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre. This event is 48 years old! What a legacy this event is for our town! We are nearly sold out of all tables, with only two tables remaining as of October 7, 2025! Santa will be available for free selfies from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a 50/50 split, and admission is either a food bank donation or a \$1 admission fee. All proceeds from the 50/50 are donated to the Mayerthorpe Christmas Hamper program. The door admittance and food donations are all donated to the Mayerthorpe Food Bank.

We are planning a Breakfast with Santa event on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at the Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre. This is a community event, and more details will be available soon!

That is it for now. Our small club of seven members is doing amazing things for our community, and this is just the beginning!

Yours in Kin,

Tracy Christman  
President

## Kinette Club of Edson

Every summer, we put on our annual Toy Run, which is a great event for us as it kicks off the start of Christmas Hampers. It consists of a parade of motorcycles and classic cars that go around Edson, and people bring donations of toys that go towards Hampers. We provide coffee and donuts in the morning and put on a BBQ lunch for participants and community members.



On the August long weekend, we participated in a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser during the Peers Gold Dust Daze. We had a wonderful turnout this year.

Also, in August, “The Parker Martin Memorial Scholarship” was awarded to Alexis Oishi & Georgia Campbell. Their dedication, hard work, and perseverance have truly set you two apart. This scholarship is a testament to their achievements and bright future, and we are confident they will continue to make a positive impact in all they do. Congratulations again.



Parker Martin was a Kin Kid to one of the Edson Kinettes. He helped out at every event that he was allowed to help at. Sadly, he lost his battle to a brain tumour and ever since his premature passing, the club has offered an additional scholarship in his honour.



The poster features a young boy in a blue and white Edson Kinettes jersey, a graduation cap, and the Kin Canada logo. The text reads: **The Parker Martin Memorial SCHOLARSHIP \$1000**. It also states: "Application forms are available online email [edsonkinettes@gmail.com](mailto:edsonkinettes@gmail.com) and a link will be sent to you or SCAN the QR Code". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.



In November, we will be doing another fundraiser to support our Christmas Hamper project. We are hosting a Dueling Pianos event in our community. Tickets are available to purchase through a QR code that can be found on our Facebook page, Kinette Club of Edson. It promises to be a fantastic evening out. We are currently dedicating most of our time to the annual Christmas Hamper Project, scheduled for December. This is our biggest and most anticipated event of the year as we help close to 500 families in the community with food and toys to help them during the Christmas Season. Every little bit of help we provide can make a family's Christmas so much more memorable and special. It is a lot of work from the Kinettes and the volunteers who come out to help us get everything assembled and delivered to the recipients. This event is so near and dear to all of us that we couldn't imagine a Christmas without it.



# Zone G

Drayton Valley Kin Club, Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe, Kinette Club of Edson, **Kinette Club of St. Albert**, Kinsmen Club of St. Albert, The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove Kinettes, Kin Club of Hinton

**Julie Melton & Adam Lewandowski, Zone G - Deputy Governors**

## **Kinette Club of St Albert**

The Kinette Club of St. Albert is a great group of 18 members. All members bring something different to the table, and all share a passion for community service.

For the first time, the club proudly sponsored a hole at the St. Albert Community Centre's 2025 Putting Tournament. We gave out assorted cookies and ran a marshmallow putting game. We only had three lucky putters. The two black swans were beautiful!





## Kinette Club of St Albert

The St. Albert Kinettes are also looking for an early Christmas miracle or gift this year, as they are on the search for a home to hold their 59<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Hamper Campaign. The ladies will be out in full force seeking sponsorship and donations throughout the city and will be holding the annual "Fill-A-Bus" with the city of St. Albert on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

# Kinettes Christmas hamper campaign seeks home

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The St. Albert Kinettes are hoping for a pre-Christmas miracle this month as they search for a home for their annual hamper campaign.

St. Albert Kinette Club fundraising co-ordinator Natasha Lefebvre put out a call for help to the *Gazette* last week to find a space to host the group's 59th annual Christmas Hamper Campaign.

The campaign typically provides about 300 St. Albert families a year with a hamper packed with Christmas dinner, gifts, and up to four weeks of food, although scarce donations last year meant families got about five days of food instead.

"We really know people are struggling this year," Lefebvre said, so the group hopes to raise enough donations in the coming months to give families the full four weeks of food.

But the club also needs a place to store, sort, and assemble all those hampers, and right now it doesn't have one. Lefebvre said the club would usually have a donated space by now, but this year none of its usual locations were available.

"I'm really hoping there is some angel who will read this article and will be able to help us out with a space," she said — ideally by mid-October.



NATASHA LEFEBVRE/Photo

St. Albert Kinette Club members (L-R) Genny Dellisle, Kathy Van Vulpen, Kimberly Bedry, Sherry Almeida, Tara Lane, Dawna Lefebvre, Natasha Lefebvre, and Julie Melton hope the public will help them find a space to host the upcoming 59th annual Christmas Hamper Campaign. The campaign aims to help about 300 families in need at Christmas.

Lefebvre said the club needs 7,500 to 10,000 of square feet of space with washrooms and heating from Nov. 14-19 to assemble and distribute its hampers. Ideally, this space would be in St. Albert to better work with St. Albert Transit's fill-a-bus efforts in support of the campaign.

Lefebvre said renting such as space would use up almost all the club's donations and leave families with maybe a day's worth of food in their hampers.

"I honestly don't even know if we would be able to afford it," she said.

Lefebvre said anyone who donated this space would get a gift-in-kind tax

receipt and public thanks from the club.

Even if the club doesn't find a space for the hamper drive, Lefebvre said the club would find a way to make it happen, even if that meant running it out of their own homes.

"This has been my Christmas for the past 15-to-20 years. There's no possible way it won't happen."

Lefebvre asked anyone who can help solve the club's space shortage to call her at 780-297-3907. Visit [www.stalbertkin.ca/christmas-hamper-campaign](http://www.stalbertkin.ca/christmas-hamper-campaign) for more information on the hamper campaign. ■

With much thanks to the many kinsmen members, and Kinette husbands, partners, spouses and children we will be able to provide a magical Christmas as they will then be delivering close to 300 hampers on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. But first, in keeping with tradition, our club will meet bright and early on our delivery day to debrief and fuel our bodies with a delicious breakfast and some Kin cheer.



## Kinette Club of St Albert

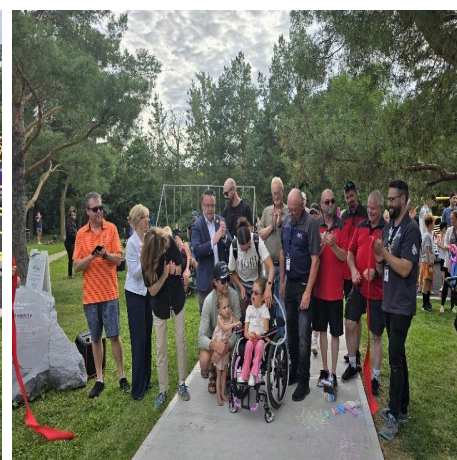
On September 25<sup>th</sup> the Kinette Club of St. Albert and the Kinsmen Club of St. Albert shared a joint installation night.



## Kinsmen Club of St Albert

This group of Kinsmen are so amazing.

These gentlemen were pleased, honoured and humbled to attend the grand opening of the Lodgepole Inclusive Playground. This project first started back in October of 2023 when Matt approached their Club for funding to help build this park for his daughter, Jordyn. Fortunately, @varietyab\_ was able to bring several organizations and community-minded sponsors together with the [City of St. Albert](#) to make this dream a reality. The adage holds true - it takes a village to raise a child.



## Kinsmen Club of St Albert

The beautiful Jordyn, who was the inspiration for building this inclusive playground

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, many members of the club and their spouses will be attending the Red Shoe Gala in support of the SAIF Society.

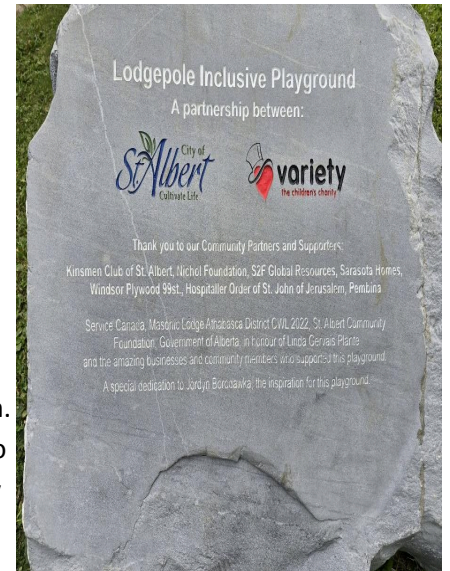


St. Albert Kinsmen are excited to be presenting for the second year, St. Albert's winter event, The Snowflake Festival. The festival is back for 2025, taking place on Perron Street, St. Thomas Street and at St. Albert Place! Friday, November 28th, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Prior to the event opening to the general public, we offer a 'sensory hour' at the community hall for neurodivergent kids. More engaging and interactive experiences have been introduced this year for everyone to enjoy.

The St. Albert Kinsmen invite everyone to join them in the heart of downtown St. Albert as we light up the Perron District with the warm glow of the Christmas lights. Enjoy all the festivities as we welcome the holiday season with our annual Snowflake Festival.

Along with the return of the popular sleigh rides, Santa will make an appearance. Look for the train rides and a petting zoo to keep you busy. There will be street hockey, craft areas, and some surprise appearances from various characters. Plus, many more things are in store to help you get into the holiday spirit.

Visit one of our downtown restaurants and enjoy a hot meal with your family. There will be food trucks and unique winter foods to help you keep warm and excited.





# Zone G

Drayton Valley Kin Club, Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe, Kinette Club of Edson, Kinette Club of St. Albert, Kinsmen Club of St. Albert, The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove Kinettes, Kin Club of Hinton

**Julie Melton & Adam Lewandowski, Zone G - Deputy Governors**

## Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain

This club is the largest club in our zone, with 32 dedicated, committed and wonderful men. They are proud to be Kinsmen, and the community knows them as the red shirts.

The Stony Plain Kinsmen started their year giving back to their community on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The club distributed 100 gift cards to the value of \$2000.00 each. This is their way of saying thank you to their community for their continued support throughout their annual Christmas Hamper Campaign.



Keeping busy, of course, on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the club, along with the Kinette club of Spruce Grove, benefited from all proceeds and donations that were made at the U.B.A.K.A. and Bullying Enns annual Christmas Toy Run for Kids. All donations collected are split between the Stony Plain Kinsmen and the Spruce Grove Kinettes for their over 1,500 Christmas hampers that they send out every year.



## Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain



This amazing group have so many events planned to assist in raising the much-needed funds for their over 700 Christmas Hampers (this number does not include the Paul Band Reserve that they also do hampers for).

They are currently selling Kick-Ass Caramels; in November, they will be doing the Tim Horton's Holiday Cookies; they will be holding fill-a-cruiser; stores all around town will have cash boxes on hand for donations and many, many more events around town.

## Winter Fest

Winter Fest is a month-long series of activities for the whole family to enjoy. Kick off the festive season with Light up on November 30th, 2025. Join them from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Main Street for the annual lighting of the Town tree, take a photo with Santa and participate in the business holiday treasure hunt, all while listening to festive tunes from our live DJ. The holiday magic isn't over yet!

The club will be serving up tasty hot dogs free of charge for all who attend.

On December 31, 2025, ring in the New Year at Family Fest with the Stony Plain Kinsmen. They will all be on site helping the festival attendees on and off the sleigh rides, as well as making sure all the fires stay burning so guests are able to warm up. Winter Fest is a special time of year that brings residents and businesses together to celebrate their community today, while looking forward to the New Year.

## Spruce Grove Kinettes

On September 14th, the club, along with the Stony Plain Kinsmen, benefited from all proceeds and donations that were made at the U.B.A.K.A. and Bullying Enns annual Christmas Toy Run for Kids. All donations collected are split between the Stony Plain Kinsmen and the Spruce Grove Kinettes to help fill over 1,500 Christmas hampers that they send out every year.

They are currently seeking help from 5 groups to cover five upcoming Sundays!

Before we know it, the snow will be falling, and we will soon realize Christmas is right around the corner!

Last year, we provided 740 families with \$96,900.00 in grocery gift cards. This helped local families provide a Christmas dinner for their families.

We provided 918 children 17 and under with a gift under the tree. This need is expected to increase this year.

The Kinette Club of Spruce Grove serves families in Spruce Grove and East Parkland County.





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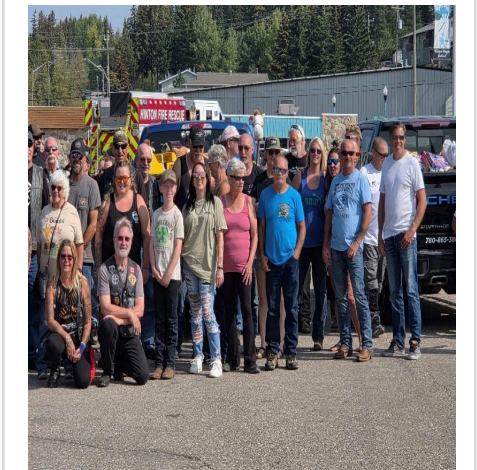
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## Kin Club of Hinton

This small yet mighty club has been keeping busy in many ways.

The Foothills Road Riders did not disappoint! Their generous contributions with toys, cash donations and the proceeds from a blanket raffle are the largest part of Santa's donations. This is all in support of their Santa's Anonymous.

I love hearing and feeling the positivity that is this group of people.







**THE EDMONTON KINSMEN PRESENT:**



**November 1**  
**9150 Walterdale Hill**

**Cocktails at 5.30 PM**  
**Dinner at 6:00 PM**  
**Games at 7:00PM**



**Deadline to register Oct 26**

**Tickets [here](#) or scan the QR (payment & dietary info in form)**

**Any questions? email [Evan.Farnsworth@edmontonkinsmen.ca](mailto:Evan.Farnsworth@edmontonkinsmen.ca)**

*"All proceeds from the event will go to support local, post-secondary student group community initiatives"*

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# **DECEMBER, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2025**



## **SAVE THE DATE**



**Christmas Hamper drop off is December 15th  
from 9am to 6pm at Spruce Grove Alliance  
Church located at 250 Century Road.**

**Alternate drop off dates are December 8, 9, 10, 11,  
12 from 4pm to 8pm (same location)**



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**48TH ANNUAL KINETTE  
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**November 15, 2025**

**10:00AM – 4:00PM**

**Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre**

*Mayerthorpe's longest running Christmas Market*

*Admission: \$1.00 or Food Bank Donation*

*Local vendors for all your Christmas shopping needs*

*All proceeds from Admission and 50/50 sales helps support  
Mayerthorpe Food Bank & Christmas Hamper programs.*

*Concession on site - provided by the Knights of Columbus*

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**Selfies with Santa**  
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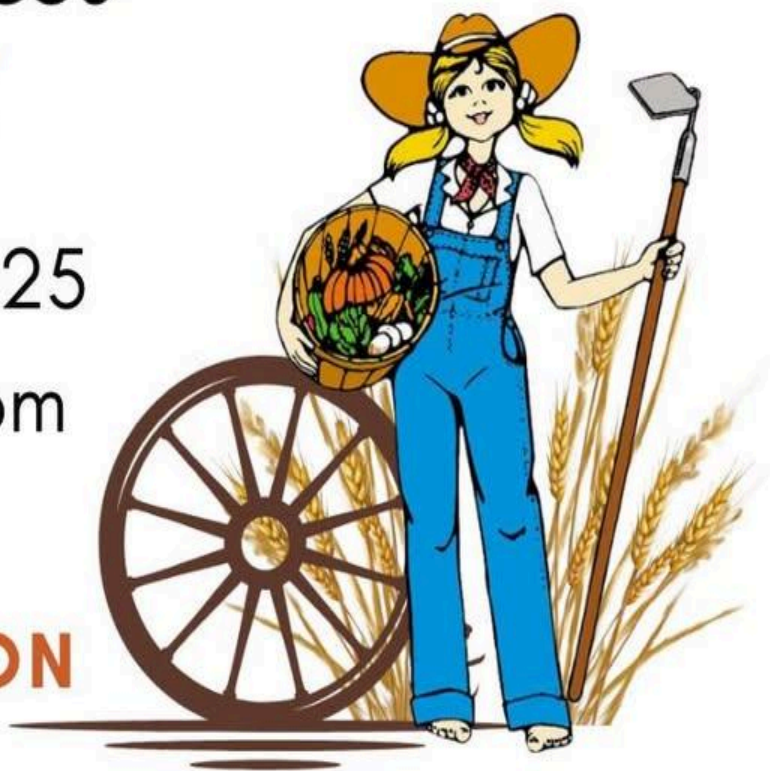
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