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Zone G Spring Zones



HOSTED BY THE STONY PLAIN KINSMEN



MARCH 21, 2026



MEETING STARTS AT 10:00 AM



LOCATION: Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum
5120 - 41 Ave, Stony Plain



Going for Gold in Service



March 21, 2026

Meeting Starts at 10:00 AM



Spring Zone Conference Zone G 2026



District 4, Zone G - Spring Conference Agenda

March 21, 2026, 10:00am

Call to Order

O' Canada

Kin Song

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement: **Samantha Blackett**

Moment of Silence for Departed Kin and Service Members

Welcome on behalf of Deputy Governors

Welcome from Host Club - **Stony Plain Kinsmen - President Jason Leavell**

Address to the Chair - Deputy Governors Adam and Julie, Guests, and Fellow

Kin, TEAM KINada - **Let the Games and fellowship begin**

Appointments:

Rules of Order - **Pat Connell**

Secretary - **Sander Van Ingen**

Credentials - **Ray Cote**

Sergeant-at-arms - XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Introductions/Recognition of:

Past/Present National Officers

Past/Present District Officers

Life Members



Spring Zone Conference Zone G 2026



Kin College and Kin Masters Graduates

New Members

First Timers

Club Roll Call:

Zone G Family of Kin:

Drayton Valley Kin Club

Edson Kinette Club

Hinton Kin Club

Mayerthorpe Kinette Club

Spruce Grove Kinette Club

Stony Plain Kinsmen Club

St. Albert Kinette Club

St. Albert Kinsmen Club

Rules of Order Report

Sticky Fingers Protocol

Credentials Report - **Ray Cote**

Additions / Deletions to Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Spring Zone Minutes 2024

1st Call for Deputy Governor Nominations

Public Speaking Competition

Governors Presentation: **Susan Dickson & Pat Dower**

Reports - **as printed in the bulletin**



Spring Zone Conference Zone G 2026



Club Presidents

Deputy Governors

District Council

National Board

Adoption of Reports

2nd Call for Deputy Governor Nominations

Kin Expression of Gratitude

Announcements regarding lunch

Lunch Break

TEAM KINada - Trivia

District Presentations

Education: *As stated in the bulletin*

Club Support: *As stated in the bulletin*

Risk Manager: *As stated in the bulletin*

Website: *Sherry Lynne Almeida*

Awards: *Julie Melton*

District Service: *Susan Dickson*

Old Business



Spring Zone Conference Zone G 2026



New Business: [Important Announcement & Video](#)

District Resolutions

District Conference Presentation: [Info on D4 Webpage](#)

Kinette FLC Presentation: [As stated in the bulletin](#)

Kinsmen FLC Presentation: [TBD](#)

National Conference Presentation: [As stated in the bulletin](#)

Zone Awards

3rd and Final Call for Deputy Governor Nominations

Election of Deputy Governors

Remarks from Deputy Governors Elect

Good of Kin

Announcements

Return of Regalia

Sergeant-At-Arms

Host Club Final Remarks

Deputy Governors' Final Remarks

Adjournment

Stay for a bit of informal Fellowship after the event.



**Super Zone Spring Conference
2025**



District 4, Super Zone A, B, C, & G – Spring Conference Agenda

March 1, 2025, 10:00am

Call to Order 10:11AM

O' Canada -

Kin Song – Provost Kinsmen

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement – Theresa Potts

Moment of Silence for Departed Kin and Service Members

Welcome on behalf of Deputy Governors

Welcome from Host Club – St. Albert Family of Kin – Presidents Chris Tremblay and Chelsey Mandrusiak

Address to the Chair – Deputy Governors Adam, Julie, Theresa, Brad, Guests, and Fellow Kin, Name that Tune!

Appointments:

- ❖ Rules of Order – Guy Smith
- ❖ Secretary – Karen McBride
- ❖ Credentials – Marjorie Cooper and Cheryl Ann McMurray
- ❖ Sergeants-at-Arms – XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX – all fines will be going to the Alberta Veterans Food Bank!

Introductions/Recognition of:

- ❖ Past/Present National Officers
- ❖ Past/Present District Officers
- ❖ Life Members
- ❖ Kin College and Kin Masters Graduates
- ❖ New Members
- ❖ First Timers

Club Roll Call:

Zone A Family of KIN:

Fort McMurray Kinsmen Club Y

Fort McMurray Kinette Club N

Zone B Family of KIN:

Camrose Kinsmen Club Y
Edmonton Kinsmen Club Y
Leduc Kinsmen Club Y
Wainwright Kinette Club Y

Camrose Kinette Club Y
Edmonton Kinette Club Y
Provost Kinsmen Club Y

Zone G Family of Kin:

Edson Kinette Club Y
Stony Plain Kinsmen Club Y
St. Albert Kinsmen Club Y

Mayerthorpe Kinette Club Y
St. Albert Kinette Club Y

Rules of Order Report – Guy Smith

- ❖ MOTION by Brian Baker, Stony Plain Kinsmen, to accept the Rules of Order report as presented, seconded by Chris Tremblay, St. Albert Kinsmen, all in favour, CARRIED

Sticky Fingers Protocol – Flags are OFF LIMITS! Otherwise, if it's not yours, don't touch it!

Credentials Report – Marjorie Cooper & Cheryl Ann McMurray

- ❖ 14 of 29 clubs are represented
 - Simple Majority: 8 clubs, 2/3 Majority: 10 clubs
- ❖ MOTION by Dylan Chopek, Provost Kinsmen, to accept the credentials report as presented, seconded by Lynn Croft, Wetaskiwin Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED

Additions / Deletions to Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

- ❖ MOTION by Chelsey Mandrusiak, St. Albert Kinettes, seconded by Tracy Christman, Mayerthorpe Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED

Adoption of Spring Zone Minutes 2024 as written in the bulletin

- ❖ Zone B - MOTION by Robin Heppner, Leduc Kinsmen, seconded by Troy Hrushka, Edmonton Kinsmen.
 - AMENDMENT by Angela Dempster, Edmonton Kinettes, there was a resolution spoken about in the 2024 meeting, that was supposed to be at the end of the minutes, but was not included. Alan Bartman, Edmonton Kinsmen, confirmed “this was with respect to the Zone dues assessment (when to collect and when not to collect) and the use of funds for National by the Outgoing DGs. The resolution was moved, amended and carried at last year's Spring Zone conference, and the bylaws were updated to reflect the changes and no further ratification is required. Updated bylaws have now been posted on the D4 website”, seconded by Carol Knapp-Bolinski, Edmonton Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED.
- ❖ Zone C – MOTION by Chris Nelson, Ft McMurray Kinsmen, no seconder in attendance, all in favour, CARRIED
- ❖ Zone G – MOTION by Tracy Christman, Mayerthorpe Kinettes, seconded by Samantha Blackett, Edson Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED

- ❖ Zone G – Note by Curtis, St Albert Kinsmen, both FLC minutes had incorrect dates of 2025, s/b 2024

Governors Presentation – Hilary Derksen & Kirk Blake

- ❖ With no one stepping forward to be Vice Governors for next year, it has been decided that District 4 will step outside of the zone bylaws and have 7 past Governors fulfil all the responsibilities for 2025/2026. This will be Nancy Johnson, Susan Dickson, Pat Dower, Jenny Jones, Hilary Derksen, Kirk Blake and Dustin Bisson. If this is not done, National HQ would be responsible for running D4 next year. Comment by Mike McMurray, Stony Plain Kinsmen, would the district consider bringing back the past-governor position that was removed 5-6 years ago?

1st Call for Deputy Governor Nominations

- ❖ Kinsmen DG nominations
 - Zone A - none
 - Zone B – Adam Donahue, Camrose Kinsmen, nominates Chris Howard, Camrose Kinsmen
 - Susan Dickson, Edmonton Kinettes, nominates Robin Hepner, Leduc Kinsmen
 - Zone C - none
 - Zone G - none
- ❖ Kinette DG nominations
 - Zone A – none
 - Zone B - Susan Dickson, Edmonton Kinettes, nominates Tanya Brinkworth, Edmonton Kinettes
 - Zone C – none
 - Zone G - none

Public Speaking Competition

- ❖ Tracy Christman, Mayerthorpe Kinettes

Reports – as printed in the bulletin

Club Presidents
Deputy Governors
District Council
National Board – no reports submitted to bulletin

Adoption of Reports

- ❖ MOTION to accept the Club Presidents reports as printed in the bulletin by:
 - Zone B – Dylan Chopek, Provost Kinsmen, seconded by Stephanie Hvenegaard, Camrose Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED
 - Zone C – Chris Nelson, Ft McMurray Kinsmen, no seconder in attendance, CARRIED
 - Zone G – Kim Bedry, St. Albert Kinettes, seconded by Brian Baker, Stony Plain Kinsmen, all in favour, CARRIED
- ❖ MOTION to accept the Deputy Governors reports as printed in the bulletin by:
 - Zone B – Carol Knapp-Bolinski, Edmonton Kinettes, seconded by Troy Hrushka, Edmonton Kinsmen, all in favour, CARRIED
 - Zone C – Chris Nelson, Ft McMurray Kinsmen, no seconder in attendance, CARRIED

- Zone G – Chelsey Mandrusiak, St Albert Kinettes, seconded by Chris Tremblay, St Albert Kinsmen, all in favour, CARRIED
- ❖ MOTION to accept the District Council reports as printed in the bulletin by:
 - Zone B – Stephanie Hvenegaard, Camrose Kinettes, seconded by Robin Heppner, Leduc Kinsmen, all in favour, CARRIED
 - Zone C – Chris Nelson, Ft McMurray Kinsmen, no seconder in attendance, CARRIED
 - Zone G – Brian Baker, Stony Plain Kinsmen, seconded by Chelsey Mandrusiak, St Albert Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED

2nd Call for Deputy Governor Nominations

- ❖ Kinsmen DG nomination
 - Zone B – none
 - Zone C – none
 - Zone G - none
- ❖ Kinette DG nomination
 - Zone B – none
 - Zone C – none
 - Zone G - none

Vice Governor announcement - Shandelle Goretski, Edmonton Kinettes

- ❖ Shandelle and Chris Howard, Camrose Kinsmen, will be putting their names forward for Vice Governors at District Kinvention 2025!

Kin Kid Print Live Auction – Tracy Christman, Mayerthorpe Kinettes

- ❖ Tracy's daughter, Maia, painted a picture, and bidding was won with \$1,000 by Edmonton Kinettes!!!

Kin Expression of Gratitude / Lunch Information

Lunch Break

Service Project – Alberta Veterans Food Bank (Association)

- ❖ Programs include: food hampers & gift cards, emergency funding, pet care promise, peer support, job skills training, veterans' dinners, and assistance with VAC paperwork.

District Presentations

Education: Angela Dempster – will do online in a couple of weeks! Topic is password security.

Club Support: Judy Bonner

Risk Manager / Awards: Paul Balite

District Service: Susan Dickson

Governors: Hillary Dirkson & Kirk Blake

Old Business - none

New Business

- ❖ Live auction for 2 car pictures, donated by the Kinette Club of Ft Saskatchewan, proceeds going to the Alberta Veterans Association! Picture 1 went to Provost with a bid of \$250.00! Picture 2 went to Edmonton Kinsmen with a bid of \$300.00!

District Resolutions

District Conference Presentation: Milk River Kinettes

- ❖ To be held in Lethbridge, AB, at Sandman Signature hotel, June 20 – 22, 2025.

Kinsmen / Kinette FLC Presentation – Kirk Blake

- ❖ Kinsmen's will be hosted by Lethbridge Kinsmen Oct 24&25, 2025. Theme is Biscuits & Gravy, Southern Hospitality!
- ❖ No information available yet for Kinette FLC

National Conference Presentation – Kirk Blake

- ❖ Kingston, Ontario Aug 13 – 16, 2025

Zone Awards

- ❖ Public Speaker – Tracy Christman, Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe
- ❖ Roll Call – Provost Kinsmen!
- ❖ Ken Pierce Club Growth Award – St Albert Kinsmen; Kinsmen Club of Provost; Kinsmen Club of Camrose

3rd and Final Call for Deputy Governor Nominations

- ❖ Kinsmen DG nomination:
 - Zone B – no further
 - Zone C – Julie Melton, St Albert Kinettes, nominates Brad Selby,
 - Zone G – Pat Dower nominates Pete Bergsma, declined. Doug Christansen nominates
- ❖ Kinette DG nomination:
 - Zone B – no further
 - Zone C – Karen McBride, Edmonton Kinettes, nominates Theresa Potts, Edmonton Kinettes
 - Zone G – Kim Bedry, St Albert Kinettes, nominates Julie Melton, St Albert Kinettes

Election of Deputy Governors

- ❖ MOTION by Brad Selby, Camrose Kinsmen to close nominations for both Kinsmen and Kinette Deputy Governors for all zones, seconded by Tracy Christman, Mayerthorpe Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED.
 - Zone B - Secretary casts one vote for Robin Heppner as Kinsmen Deputy Governor
 - Zone C – Secretary casts one vote for Brad Selby as Kinsmen Deputy Governor
 - Zone G – Secretary casts one vote for Adam Lewandowsky as Kinsmen Deputy Governor
 - Zone B - Secretary casts one vote for Tanya Brinkworth as Kinette Deputy Governor
 - Zone C – Secretary casts one vote for Theresa Potts as Kinette Deputy Governor

- Zone G – Secretary casts one vote for Julie Melton as Kinetite Deputy Governor

Remarks from Deputy Governors Elect

Good of Kin

OMG Group update – Guy Smith

- ❖ Findings and recommendations have been forwarded to the National Board, they will do a presentation at the National Convention in Kingston in August.
- ❖ OMG Group has been disbanded effective February, 2025.

Announcements

- ❖ Pete Bergsma – guitar auction! Funds going to MS in memory of Martin Frigo. Edmonton Kinsmen \$3,100.00!

Return of Regalia

Sergeant-At-Arms – Provost Kinsmen! \$480.00 to the Alberta Veterans Association!

Host Club Final Remarks

Deputy Governors' Final Remarks

Adjournment

- ❖ MOTION to adjourn at 4:22 by Brian Baker, Stony Plan Kinsmen, seconded by Kim Bedry, St Albert Kinettes, all in favour, CARRIED

Dinner, Fellowship and Name That Tune to start at 6:00 pm



Kin Canada
Drayton Valley
Kin Club

Although our club may be small but mighty with just three dedicated members, we continue to proudly **Serve the Community's Greatest Need** in meaningful ways.

Highlights from This Year

- **October:** We hosted a successful soup fundraiser and are already looking forward to organizing our next one.
- **December:** We adopted a few seniors for Christmas
- **February:** We celebrated the *Day of KINDness* by handing out \$25 gift cards to customers at our local grocery stores, spreading unexpected joy throughout the community. We also plan to deliver small acts of kindness to seniors' facilities and healthcare professionals.
- We are currently exploring the possibility of hosting a *Paint Your Own Pottery* event as another creative fundraiser.

Annual Donations

We are proud to have completed our annual donations, supporting several important causes:

- **For All Animals Rescue Society (FAARS)**
- **Centennial Garden at Phi-To-Kwe Campground**
- **Cystic Fibrosis Canada**
- **Cardium Victim Services**
- **Kids Cancer Foundation**
- **Points West -Help pay for transportation so they can go on adventures (hot dog roasts)**
- **Food Bank**

Giving back to both local initiatives and national organizations remains a priority for our club.

Club Leadership & Meetings

Our executive has chosen to remain in their current positions for another year. This decision will provide continuity and allow for continued personal growth and development within their roles.

Our club meets on the **second Tuesday of each month, September through June, at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 269.**

Yours in Kin,

Wilma Bell

President, Kin Club of Drayton Valley





Kin Canada Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe

The Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe has been very busy this year!

We are up to 8 members!

We have had numerous events since this year started!

Firstly, our 48th Annual Christmas Market in November. This is our longest running market, as well as the longest running market in Mayerthorpe!

Mayerthorpe Public Library
Nov 27, 2025 · 🌐

We'd like to share a huge THANK YOU to the [Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe](#) for generously sponsoring the Library's 2026 Snacks in the Stacks initiative!

We'll be serving up more healthy snacks - for everyone, but these treats are especially popular with our after-school crowd of kids and teens who visit the library to read, get free tutoring, use the public computers, or just hang out.

A shout-out to our amazing partners in this initiative: the [Mayerthorpe Food Bank](#) and the [BC Fruit Truck](#). Together, with our Kinettes, we make the Library a place to nourish minds and bodies!

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We had 32 vendors attend with their wares! We had numerous new vendors as well! It was attended by hundreds of patrons! We were able to donate to our local food bank all the donations of food and entry as well as the earnings from the 50/50! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for our Food Bank.

Next up, a donation to the Mayerthorpe Public Library for their Snacks in the Stacks initiative! This

Tracy Christman
Admin Nov 15, 2025 · 🌐

Thank you to everyone who came out to our [Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe's](#) Christmas Market! We had a fabulous time! We had 32 amazing vendors! Santa took time out of his busy schedule to visit with the kids!

Our market is for our community.
\$500 donation and lots of food to the Mayerthorpe Food Bank
\$365.50 to the Mayerthorpe Christmas Hamper program and \$365.50 to the winner of the 50/50
\$500 to the Mayerthorpe Cadets for their wonderful help with set up and clean up!

We are privileged to be able to offer this to our community and give back.

A wonderful day full of smiles, laughter and visits!

Now we start to think about next year!



donation will provide the funds to be able to provide snacks for children who visit the library after school! This is the first event of this kind at the library, and we are the inaugural sponsor!

Breakfast with Santa kicked off the first weekend in December!

This was our first event of this kind, and it happened to coincide (because the Kinettes are amazing organizers and work with other groups in the area!) with the Mayerthorpe Minor Hockey Hometown Hockey Weekend!

The Mayerthorpe Arena is right beside the Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre where our event was held! We fed all the hockey parents, the players, the first responders who were participating in the Stuff a Cruiser for the food bank with minor hockey! We served over 100 patrons!

Santa was so pleased to have come to our event! We had crafts for the kids, and so many kids made crafts just for Santa!

We had a great time, and now we have started a tradition!

For Family Day, we continued our program of sponsoring free skating for the public. 1.5 hours of skating and 1.5 hours of Shiny! It was a huge success, and a much-needed project for our community.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Brunch with Santa event on Sunday!
 Thank you to Pembina West Co-op for donating the food supplies, Mayerthorpe Minor Hockey for donations of candy canes, the Mayerthorpe Cadets for set up and clean up and to all the Kinettes that helped to make this inaugural event one that will now continue!
 We were able to offer free pancake and sausage breakfasts to over 100 people!
 All extra supplies were donated to the [Mayerthorpe Food Bank](#)! So it was a win win for everyone!
 Santa came and had a fabulous time visiting with the kids. The kids got to colour and make crafts, and the Kinettes got to serve our community.
 Merry Christmas!



FREE FAMILY SKATING
 YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

Enjoy and have a good time
 Family Day Skate & Shiny

MONDAY **TIME**
 16 FEBRUARY
 FREE SKATING
 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
 FREE SHINY
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Mayerthorpe Arena

Sponsored By **Kin Canada**
Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe

Our club turned 60 years old in February! We are planning a project to celebrate, but don't yet know what that will be!

Since September 1, 2025, the Kinette Club of Mayerthorpe has donated \$4,465.00 back into our community! Along with hundreds of volunteer hours!

\$365.50 - Christmas Hampers
 \$1500.00 - Food Bank
 \$1865.00 total

\$350.00 - Library Snacks
 \$250.00 - Cadets
 \$300.00 - Mayerthorpe Lite Up
 \$350.00 - Mayerthorpe High School Breakfast Program
 \$500.00 - Mayerthorpe Food Bank
 \$500.00 - Mayerthorpe Cadets
 \$350.00 - Elmer Elson Elementary Breakfast Program



The Kinette Club of Edson has had a productive year. On November 15, 2025, we hosted a Dueling Piano's event that saw an almost sold-out crowd at our local Legion. We raised over \$3000.00.

The annual Christmas Hamper campaign started right after that as we put donation boxes out in our local schools and many businesses in town participated by collecting food and toys on our behalf which we then collect and distribute. It is always wonderful to see how the community supports this initiative year after year, whether it is the volunteers who assemble food and toy bags or the donations that come in, it is truly a heartwarming experience that shows the



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kindness of strangers. During the week of December 15–20, 2025, we prepared Christmas Hampers for 420 local families, which volunteers delivered.



January is always a quiet month for us, which is a nice break after the busy Christmas season.

In February, for Kin Kindness Day we spread cheer throughout our community by handing out 200 gift cards to random people. Some were brought to tears with the gifts of kindness. A few other community programs that we support are providing car seats for new parents, the local school breakfast programs, the Food Bank Birthday Bags for kids (which is everything supplied to make a cake and some birthday decorations for children whose parents may not be able to afford it) and our local group that supports the homeless, just to name a few.

We are now looking forward to May and organizing our CF walk, and June for choosing our Scholarship winners, both the Kin Canada, and our Parker Martin Scholarship. In late summer we have 2 events that will be taking place, we will be doing a Pancake Breakfast at Peers Gold Dust Daze over the August Long Weekend, which has been an annual event for the past 4 years, as well we will be partnering with the Custom Cruisers, a local vintage vehicle enthusiast club to start collecting toys for the Christmas Hamper Program over the August 21-23 weekend. This will be our first year joining the Custom Cruisers and we are really looking forward to sharing this event with them.

Yours in Kin,

Kinette Club of
Edson



The Kinette Club of Edson



Kin Canada **Kinette Club** **of St. Albert**

The Kinette Club of St. Albert is a great group of 16 members. All members bring something different to the table, and all share a passion for community service.

Starting in September we began planning our biggest Community event, our Christmas Hamper Campaign. This year with the struggle of trying to find a home our brother's the St. Albert Kinsmen came through with giving us the Kinsmen Banquet Center to make it all happen. In the end, with over 800 volunteer hours from our members and the community we were able to successfully provide over 280 families with food and toys to get them through the holiday season. Next year will be our 60th Anniversary.

We went from this:



To this:



In just 2 weeks. AMAZING!



A few of the club attended the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce Christmas lunch. We sold tickets for a lotto board, and we raised over \$2,100.00 in 2 hours. This is a club record, and we owe a lot of the success to not only the attendees, who purchased the tickets for the lotto board, but also to the SCOSA (Service Clubs of St. Albert) group who added a second prize of 2 tickets to an Edmonton Oilers game. We were so pleased and so grateful.

The Mayerthope Kinettes Annual Christmas market was a real treat to attend and to be able to support our girls within our zone. I think some of us supported them a lot more than our wallets had planned. Pictures with Santa I think were a highlight of our travels as well.



The Edmonton Kinettes Corsette's and Charcuterie was an evening to remember. What better way to celebrate with our founding club than with big hair, big boobs, lots of wine and provocative dance. Love you girls!!



Some of us have had the privilege of attending other club meetings like Surprising the lovely Kinsmen of Camrose (and a few from Leduc). Happy to say we were the first Kinettes ever to attend a meeting of theirs. Thank you for welcoming us with many hugs... and beverages. hehe



With Support and Fellowship there comes Education. Our club was so grateful to the St. Albert Kinsmen for giving us the privilege of sending 4 members of our club to KIN College and KIN Master. Our members learned from some of the most knowledgeable leaders in our District about what Kin Canada is all about and how to best support their community's biggest needs—whether at the Club, District, or National level. The weekend started and ended with much love, laughter, and friendships built and of course a lot of shenanigans. One of the best weekends EVER!!



National Day of Kindness was a lot of fun for all of us. We started the morning off by supporting our St. Albert Kinsmen at their community pancake breakfast. We then headed out to spread our own Kindness to our local hospital to help pay for parking for the citizens of St. Albert, and we bought dinner for some of the hospital employees and guests.



The Leduc Kinsmen hosted their Fellowship with Chips Night. Not all of us could make it, but those who did walked away with great memories, lots of laughs, the best stories—and absolutely no money left to show for it.

Our 1st Shop, Save & Smile clothing and more events took place at the Kinsman Banquet Center, February 28th the event was well received by the community, and we hope to continue to make it an annual event. We received more donations than we could have ever imagined and the shoppers found some great deals.



The St. Albert Kinettes have high hopes to sell many St. Albert residents old socks and shirts to raise money for families in need. The Kinette Club of St. Albert has been collecting donations for its inaugural Shop, Save, and Smile Clothing and More event on Saturday, Feb. 28.

We are currently working hard and looking forward to our next fundraising event, "An Evening with ELVIS!" This event will take place on March 28th. Look to the bulletin for further information on how to purchase your tickets. All the funds raised for this event are going to our Christmas Hamper Campaign in support of our 60th year of giving to our community.

As we all know, giving to our communities is and will always be our #1 focus in KIN, but we also love the fellowship. Our club has made it a priority to get out there and support our fellow KIN this year as well.

There are many more events and evenings we plan to share with all of our fellow KIN. Watch out for the St. Albert Kinettes no one knows where we will end up next.



The Kinette Club of St. Albert presents

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An Evening with
ELVIS
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MARCH 28, 2026

📍 Kinsmen Banquet Centre, 47 Riel Drive, St. Albert, AB

* Dinner • Live Show • Silent Auction • Dance – All Included

Tickets \$75.00
Tickets available on [Eventbrite](#)

*Supporting the Kinette Club of St. Albert's
60th Christmas Hamper Campaign*

 **Kin Canada**
Kinette Club of St. Albert



Kin Canada
**Kinsmen Club
of St. Albert**

The St. Albert Kinsmen continue to stay busy, putting on events and celebrations that strengthen their community. Here's a quick look at what they've been up to, along with the upcoming events that will wrap up the Kin Year.

Snowflake Festival 2025 – Event Recap

The **Kinsmen Club of St. Albert** once again brought holiday magic to the community by hosting the annual **Snowflake Festival** on **November 28, 2025**, in the downtown Perron District. Families enjoyed festive activities including **sleigh rides, train rides, petting zoos, craft stations, roaming characters, and musical performances**, all set against the beautifully lit downtown core. Santa was on hand to light the Christmas tree in front of the Community Centre to officially kick off the holiday season.

This year's festival also featured **inclusive spaces** designed to support children of all abilities, ensuring everyone could take part in the holiday fun.

The Kinsmen continued their tradition of community service by organizing and funding this free event, helping keep this beloved St. Albert celebration thriving.

Kinsmen Community Pancake Breakfast – Kin Kindness Day



The **Kinsmen Club of St. Albert** marked **Kin Kindness Day** on **February 21, 2026**, by hosting a free **Community Pancake Breakfast** at the Kinsmen Banquet Centre. The event invited residents to enjoy a warm breakfast along with fun activities for children including a balloon artist and a caricature artist (looks like we have a new Club Photo), all as a gesture of appreciation to the



community for its ongoing support.



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The Inaugural VAFB Memorial Ruck – Hosted by the St. Albert Kinsmen on April 25, 2026

The **VAFB Memorial Ruck**, hosted at the **St. Albert Kinsmen Club in Riel Park**, is a meaningful 5K ruck march created to honour fallen Canadian veterans while supporting the **Veterans Association Food Bank (VAFB)**. Participants carry weighted packs as a symbolic reminder of the burdens shouldered by military members and their families. The event features a moment of remembrance, family friendly activities, and opportunities to learn about VAFB's mission to support veterans facing food insecurity.

This inaugural event is named in tribute to **Joe MacAulay**, a dedicated Canadian veteran and co-founder of the local VAFB branch, the Memorial Ruck continues his legacy of service, compassion, and community support.

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APRIL 2026

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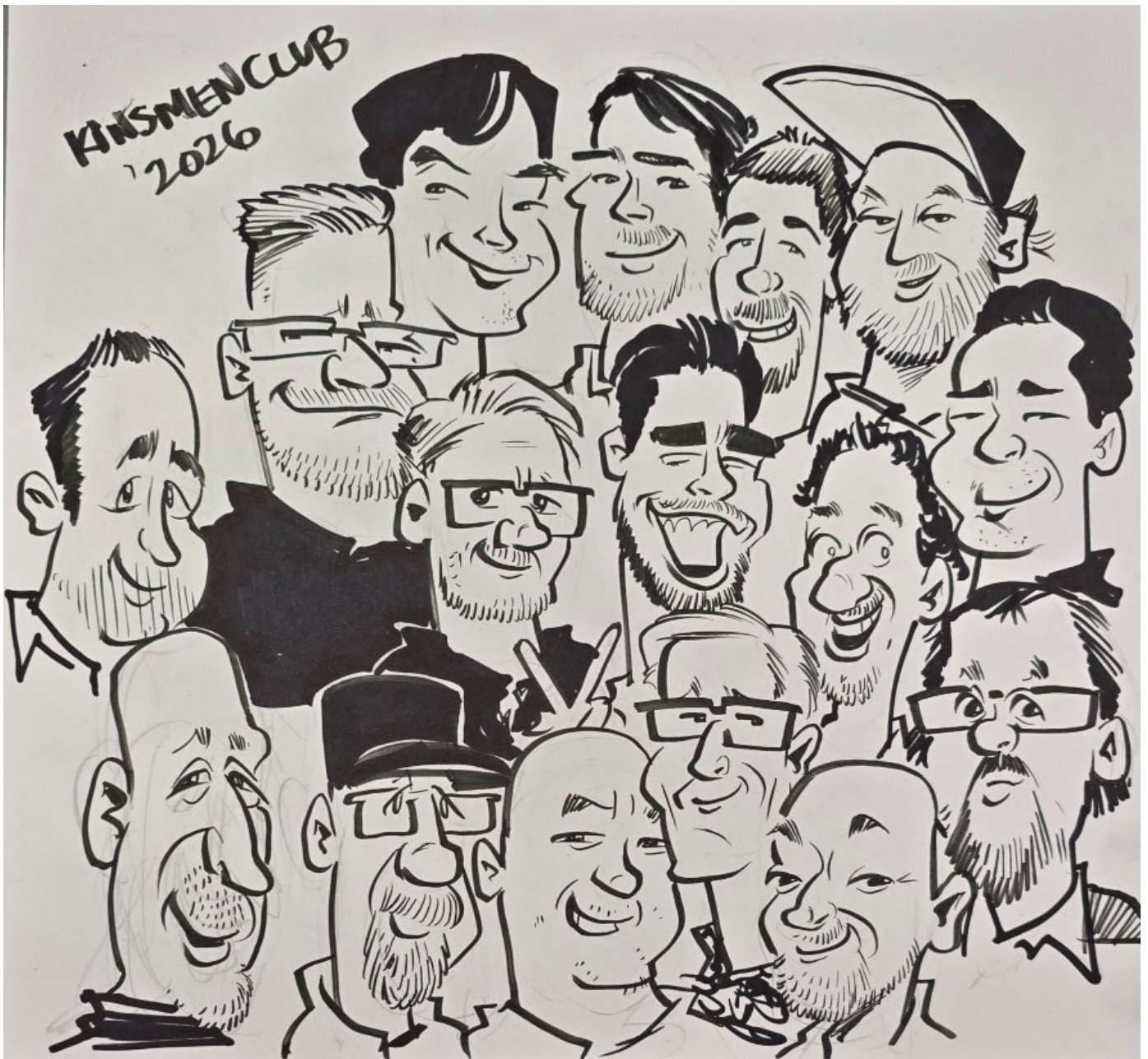
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The **Rainmaker Festival** is a long-running community celebration in St. Albert, Alberta, organized by the **St. Albert Kinsmen**. Originating in 1965, it has grown into one of the city's most beloved annual events, offering a blend of **rodeo action, live music concerts, a bustling midway, food trucks, and a vibrant artisan market.**

And of course, back for it's 60th year, **The Rainmaker Festival on May 22-24, 2026.** This festival features the **Rainmaker Rodeo**, showcasing events like bull riding, barrel racing, and roping, as well as a lively **midway** with games and rides for all ages. A major highlight is the **Rainmaker Parade**, a community tradition that draws thousands to the streets with marching bands, local groups, creative floats and even the occasional farm animal cameo.

We can't forget about the **Festival's Concert Series**, which brings popular Canadian Country and Rock acts to the big-top stage. This year's headliners include Finger Eleven, Chad Brownlee and other musical talents. All proceeds from the event support local charities, programs, and individuals in need—reflecting the Kinsmen's long-standing commitment to community service.





**“Serving The Community’s
Greatest Needs”**

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 Club has continued to live the Kin motto **“Serving the Community’s Greatest Need”** with passion, dedication, and an incredible spirit of volunteerism every single day.





The club's most significant undertaking this season was once again their **annual Christmas Hamper Program**, a cornerstone project that ensures families in the Parkland region experience the joy and warmth of the holiday season. In 2025, the program supported **550 families and nearly 1,800 individuals**, including **850 children who received Christmas gifts**. This incredible effort would not be possible without the dedication of volunteers who contributed **over 2,800 service hours**, along with the generosity of the community through more than **90 donation locations** throughout the region.

Beyond the holiday season, the Stony Plain Kinsmen have continued to make a meaningful difference in the community by supporting organizations that strengthen the wellbeing of residents. Through both volunteer efforts and fundraising, the club has

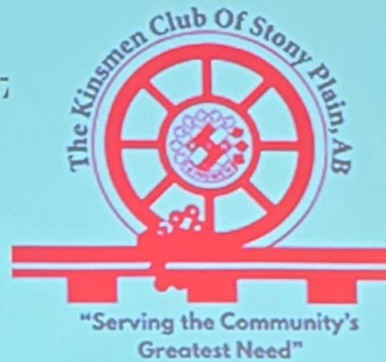
contributed to initiatives and organizations such as **Parkland Food Bank, Neighbourlink Parkland, the Stony Plain Youth Centre, Meals on Wheels, and Parkland KidsSport**, ensuring support reaches those who need it most.

The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain

Christmas Hamper Program In 2025 Christmas Hampers

- Helped 550 Families
- 1800 People
- 850 Youth and Children from new born to 17 Years of age
 - 480 were youth 10-17
 - 370 were 9 and under

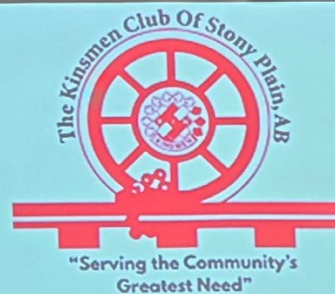
Estimated value of food, Gift Cards, Gifts, and protein Certificates received by the families **\$250,000.**



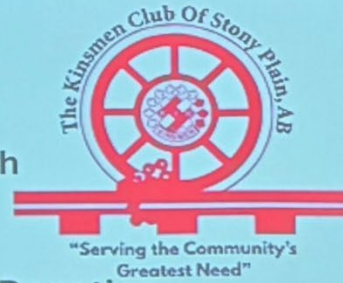
The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain

Christmas Hamper Program is supported locally by many but not limited to:

- Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookies
- Residents donate gifts and financial support
- Youth Groups volunteer Weekends at Red Apple Nov 12 to Mid Dec.
- RCMP and SPFD Community Day at Red Apple
- Safeway and Freson Bros on weekends
- Local Businesses Toy and Cash Drop
- Schools Collect Toys, Gift Cards and Food
- UBAKA Hosts Motorcycle Ride in September
- Parkland County social events support Christmas Hampers
- Town Of Stony Plain Staff Christmas Coffee shop funds that are donated



The Kinsmen Club of Stony Plain Christmas



- Businesses provide fundraising opportunities such
- as One Mans Treasure on line auction and
- Caramel sales from Kick Ass Caramels
- Acheson Business Assoc. Christmas facilitates a Donation drive.
- Century 21 Leading Halloween Spooktacular Donation Drive
- U18 Predators Hockey - Teddy Bear Toss
- Rehoboth homes sew and stuff 100 stockings
- Toys for Tickets Program.
- Light House Church and Boston Pizza Supply meals for Volunteers
- Tim Hortons Supplies Coffee and Treats for volunteers

The club also continues to play a major role in some of the community's most beloved events. As proud partners of the **Stony Plain Farmers' Days Rodeo and Exhibition**, the Kinsmen help bring together thousands of residents and visitors for a celebration of community pride, western heritage, and family fun.

Investing in the future is another priority for the club. Through their **post-secondary bursary program**, the Stony Plain Kinsmen continue to support local students as they pursue higher education and work toward building strong futures for themselves and their community.

The Stony Plain Kinsmen Club continues to be a shining example of what Kin is all about — **dedicated volunteers, strong community partnerships, and a commitment to making a difference where it matters most.**





Spruce Grove Kinettes

Kinette Club of Spruce Grove

Year of 2025

Our small club of 4 members continues to do great work in our community as our number one priority goal each year remains our Christmas Hamper Program that is much needed in Spruce Grove and East Parkland County. Our community relies on the Kinette Club to provide this meaningful program to our citizens. We work throughout the year in fundraising to be able to provide Christmas hampers for the families. We also are kept busy in February each year with Kindness day as well as the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in support of the Parkland Foodbank. Those are our top 3 priorities each year.

February 2025 Kindness Day:

- We came together to provide 30 meals for a local non-profit group Friday's Feast who provides meals to our local unsheltered community
- Lunch was homemade lasagna, homemade buns, homemade cookies, fruit parfait cups, and pop.

- All were packaged up in individual bags for easy distribution



Coldest Night of the Year Walk

- Each year we walk in support of the local Parkland Foodbank and friends and supports of the Kinette Club of Spruce Grove join us for the fun as well. We are the “Red Hot Chili Steppers”
- The Parkland Foodbank is an amazing resource in our community for families and individuals.
- The Parkland Foodbank also in our registration hub for the Christmas Hamper Program each and every year. We could not do the work we do without the partnership of the foodbank and their volunteers who take in the registrations.
- We love to be able to do this walk to give back to the foodbank financially by walking and fundraising on their behalf.



Our 2025 Christmas Hamper numbers:

- 785 families were provided grocery gift cards thru the local Parkland Foodbank
- \$96,925.00 in grocery gift cards provided for these 785 families
- 825 children 17 and under received a gift under the tree
- Of those 825 children we provided \$10,700.00 teen gift cards for 214 children aged 13 to 17 (\$50.00 each) plus their gift
- Of those 825 children we provided \$1700.00 in gift cards for 68 children aged 12 (\$25.00 each) plus their gifts





That was our year in a wrap! From Trina, Carolyn, Jen & Pam



Kin Club of Hinton

the Kin Club of Hinton has continued to demonstrate the true spirit of Kin through dedicated service, community leadership, and strong support for local initiatives. The club remains committed to living the Kin motto “**Serving the Community’s Greatest Need.**”

Throughout the fall and winter months, the Kin Club of Hinton has remained actively involved in supporting programs and initiatives that benefit families, youth, and community organizations in the region. Through fundraising efforts, volunteer service, and community partnerships, the club continues to contribute to projects that strengthen the wellbeing of residents in Hinton and the surrounding area.

A highlight of the club’s work continues to be their involvement in **community events and local fundraising initiatives**, which not only raise important funds but also bring the community together. These events provide opportunities for residents to connect, celebrate, and support important causes that make Hinton a vibrant and caring community.

The Kin Club of Hinton is also dedicated to supporting youth and community development. Through donations, volunteer efforts, and partnerships with local organizations, the club continues to invest in programs that support young people and encourage community engagement.

In addition to their fundraising and service work, the club remains an important presence within the Kin family, participating in Kin activities and continuing to strengthen fellowship among members while supporting the broader mission of Kin Canada.

The Kin Club of Hinton continues to be a valued part of **Zone G and District 4**, demonstrating what can be accomplished when dedicated volunteers come together with a shared purpose of helping others.

Thank you to the members of the Kin Club of Hinton for your ongoing commitment to your community and for proudly carrying the Kin banner through your service.

Governor's Report to Spring Zones

Hello District 4,

Welcome to the 2026 Spring Zone Meeting!

You might be wondering — what is the purpose of a Spring Zone Conference? Simply put, it is the annual business meeting of your zone. It's an opportunity for clubs to come together, connect, and discuss matters that support the success and operation of the zone.

Zone Conference also provides members who may be unable to attend District or National Convention the opportunity to share their ideas, concerns, and feedback with District leadership. It is a space where every voice matters.

Beyond the business portion, Spring Zone offers meaningful opportunities for growth and development. From the Zone public speaking competition to leadership development and the election of a new Deputy Governor, this event plays an important role in shaping our future. Led by your Deputy Governor, it is a time to strengthen connections, support one another, and share the passion that continues to build and strengthen our Kin family.

As we look ahead to District Convention in Stettler on May 28–29, we encourage all clubs to ensure service reporting is complete and club rosters are up to date so new members can fully experience the benefits of Kin membership. District Convention will include the District 4 AGM and the Foundation AGM, along with valuable opportunities for learning, engagement, fellowship, and of course, the incredible hospitality the Stettler Club has planned for us.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to your club and your community. The collective efforts of our members make Canada stronger and positively impact countless lives across the country. Take pride in the work you do, and take a moment to appreciate the opportunities Kin brings to each of us.

Together, we continue to make a difference.

Yours in Kin,
Your Governor Team

Patrick Dower, Jenny Jones, Hillary Derksen, Kirk Blake, Dustin Bisson, Susan Dickson



Hello District 4 Kin,

As we head into Spring Zone Meeting season, Chris and I would like to thank all of you for the time, passion, and dedication you continue to bring to your clubs and communities. The service, fellowship, and leadership happening across our District is truly inspiring and is what continues to make District 4 such a strong and vibrant part of Kin Canada.



Over the past several months we have been continuing to prepare for the upcoming year as Team Kinspiration, focusing on how we can help support clubs, strengthen communication across the District, and create opportunities for members to grow as leaders within our organization.

Team Kinspiration – Our Focus

Our goal is to help build a District where members feel supported, connected, and proud to be part of Kin. As we look ahead, three areas we are excited to focus on include:

1. Strengthening Communication

Helping improve the flow of information between District leadership and our clubs so that members feel informed, engaged, and supported.

2. Supporting Leadership Growth

Encouraging members to step into new roles and providing opportunities for learning, mentorship, and personal development within Kin.

3. Celebrating the Kin Story

Highlighting the incredible work our clubs do in their communities and sharing those successes across the District.

We Need You!

As we continue building our District leadership team, we are currently looking for Deputy Governors from each Zone to join Team Kinspiration.

We would love to see strong representation from all corners of the province, including both Kinsmen and Kinettes, so that every zone has a voice helping guide our District forward. Deputy Governors play an important role in acting as a voice for their clubs and a conduit of information between the District and their zones.

We are also looking forward to launching our District Social Media Committee. This initiative experienced a brief delay due to a family loss late last fall, but we are excited to move forward with building a team that can help highlight the amazing work happening across District 4.

Chris and I are incredibly excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together with all of you as we continue to move our organization forward, support our clubs, and help usher in the next generation of Kin. Thank you for everything you do for Kin and for your communities.

Yours in Kin,

Shandelle Goretski & Chris Howard ~ Vice Governors, Team Kinspiration



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Fellow Kin:

As we gather for our Spring Zone Conferences across the country, I want to extend my warmest welcome and my sincere thanks for taking the time to attend your Zone Conference. Spring Zones are one of the most energizing parts of our Kin year, a chance to reconnect, to learn from one another, and to celebrate the incredible work happening in every corner of our Association.

Each of you brings something unique to your club, your community and to Kin Canada as a whole. These conferences remind us that while our projects may be local, our impact is national. When we come together to share ideas, strengthen our skills and support one another we reinforce the foundation that has kept strong for more than a century.

This year has been filled with inspiring stories of service, growth, and resilience. I hope you take this opportunity to reflect on your club's achievements, explore new possibilities, and leave feeling recharged for months ahead. Our future is shaped by the passion and commitment of members like you, and I am grateful for everything you do to keep our Association vibrant and forward looking.

Thank you to Zone teams, facilitators and hosts for the work that goes into making these events meaningful. Your leadership ensures that every member feels welcomed, valued, and empowered.

As you gather for your Spring Zones, take time to laugh, reflect, and get inspired for the months ahead. Let's carry this momentum forward, with the same enthusiasm and commitment that make Kin Canada such a special organization

Thank you for all you do and for continuing to show what it means to lead with heart, service, and Kinship.

With Admiration and respect

PR Bowers

Patrick R Bowers, National President
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Coast to Coast: Collaborate, Grow, and Give



Hello Fellow Kin!

Welcome to your respective Spring Zone meeting, I trust you'll have an engaging and productive meeting followed by some great fellowship and networking. For those zone meetings where you'll be electing Deputy Governor's for the upcoming Kin Year, congratulations to the successful candidates and thank you for stepping up to take on this very important role within Kin.

For those that don't know me, my name is Lonny Wiebe, and I'm deeply honored and excited to be a National Vice President candidate for the 2026/2027 Kin Year! I've been a Kin member since 1997, currently with the Bulkley Valley Kinsmen Club in District 5. I've enjoyed numerous positions at the zone and district level and am in my final year as a Director on the Kin Canada National Board. As I close in on 3 decades in Kin, I have so much gratitude for all that Kin has given me. Kin expanded my horizons with public speaking, networking, professionalism, volunteerism, loyalty and so much more. It's brought me lifelong friendships and a sense of belonging that is second to none. I can honestly attest that I wouldn't be where I am now career wise if not for Kin. As such, I strongly feel it's time for me to give back to our Association in a most impactful way as National Vice President.

We have been seeing some encouraging and notable progress in Kin over the last number of years. We're finally starting to see consecutive years of membership growth, new clubs are being chartered, we're having success in the non-dues revenue generation space, and we're inviting and attracting more youth into our organization while still leveraging the vast knowledge and experience of our longer tenured members. Our Service Dollars and Hours continue to break records, we most certainly have a lot to be proud of! We have a new strategic plan that's in the works to help guide us over the next number of years as we look to continue building on our momentum. However, we still have a lot of work ahead and it's not going to come easy.

My campaign slogan is **Coast to Coast: Collaborate, Grow, and Give**. Collaborate like never before, pooling our resources, expertise, and networks to amplify our impact to achieve exceptional outcomes for our communities. Grow, not just in membership but as an entire organization, adapting to new ways of doing things while keeping our foundational traditions alive. Continue to give with our hearts, changing lives and making Canada a better place for today and tomorrow. We need to ensure we're being strategic and deliberate in establishing new partnerships while leveraging our existing ones to the fullest.

We need to elevate our brand and see Kin Canada as a widely known staple throughout the country that Canadians are proactively knocking on our door to be a part of. We've got a passionate, caring, and engaged membership from Coast to Coast, I know that we will continue to accomplish great things, and I look forward to being a part of that and doing whatever I can to help move our Association forward!

I look forward to meeting many of you in my campaign travels and hearing your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue improving and growing Kin across Canada.

Yours in Kin,

Lonny Wiebe, NVP Candidate

Coast to Coast: Collaborate, Grow, and Give

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VICKI ANDREWS

FOR NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Fellow Kin,

I would first like to thank the District Council for the opportunity to address my fellow Kin. As you meet over this weekend, I hope you have a productive meeting with Good of Kin in mind, and our future at the heart of your discussions.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, as I seek the office of National Vice President. I am a Life Member of the Kinette Club of Fredericton, and was also the Charter President of my club in 2010. Since chartering, I have served several terms as Deputy Governor, District Treasurer, two time Governor of District 7 and National Service Director for two years while we found our way through Covid. Like so many others, my passion for volunteerism started at a very young age as I am a Kin Kid, and proud that my own children are 3rd generation Kin in the making. Professionally, my experience is diverse, with 30 years of project, business, team development, and strategic planning as a commercial banker and now CFO/COO of Kennedy Auto Group leading a team of over 100 amazing professionals.

The National Board develops the foundation that supports our members to safely serve our community's greatest need. We have made great strides in recent years as it relates to member development and community service. As an operational leader, I understand the challenges faced by our Association and I have the experience and the passion necessary to maintain our momentum as our National Vice President, so we can continue moving **FORWARD TOGETHER. LIFTING COMMUNITIES!**

Vicki Andrews for 2026/2027 National Vice President



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Kin Canada District 4 Spring Zone – Awards **Director Report**



My Fellow Kin,

District 4 is not average.

District 4 is not quiet.

District 4 is not ordinary.

We are leaders. We are changemakers. We are the ones who show up when communities need us most. We are, well, We are SIMPLY THE BEST!.

So here is the question:

Are we recognizing the people who make that possible?

Because service without recognition eventually becomes burnout. And appreciation is not a luxury — it is leadership.

🏆 Annual District 4 Awards – This Is Your Moment 🏆

Every club in District 4 has someone who:

- Carries the extra load
- Stays late
- Shows up early
- Says “I’ll handle it”
- Inspires others to do more

And too often... they never hear how much they matter.

That changes now.


From District Convention to National Convention

- District Service Award: “Tom Shandro & Sue Abar Memorial Service Award”
- District Four Public Speaking Award

District 4 Award categories include:

- Club Expansion: The Bing Runquist Junior & Senior Expansion Award
- Kevin Denbok Memorial Award (Open to all clubs who have held any CF project(s) a minimum of two years in a row)

- Scotty Macdonald Traveling Gavel
- Byron Pahl Family of Kin Award (To promote and encourage the involvement of family members in our projects and functions.)
- District Four Leanne Wright Rose Bowl Award (To recognize the Club which is judged to have performed the best in the areas of Membership, Fellowship and Service within and beyond the club level.)
- District Four Conference Costume Award (To recognize the Club which is judged to have best dressed to the theme of the District Conference.)
- District Four Kin Pride Award (To promote communication and fellowship by contacting all clubs in District Four)
- Kin Kid Award (To promote family activities by including our Kin Kids.)
- Martin Frigo “Hi Friend” Award (Most Individual Service Hours)
- Neil Thorogood Memorial Fellowship Award
 - This award was created in memory of Neil Thorogood who passed away before his time. The purpose of the award is to Honour the member of Kin Canada District 4 who best exemplifies the ideals of fellowship throughout the District that personified who Neil was.
 - **Eligibility:** This award is open to any active Kin member in good standing from a club in good standing of District 4. The nominee must have been an active member in good standing for no less than 5 years.
 - The member must meet certain mandatory requirements and 3 of the 7 optional requirements as outlined in the awards brochure.
- If you are waiting for someone else to write the nomination — stop.
- If you are thinking, “*They deserve it,*” you are absolutely right.
- **Write it. Submit it. Celebrate them.**

 **Award Submission Deadline varies per award. Please refer to the Awards Brochure on the district website.**

 Submit to: juliem@stalbertkinettes.ca

Kin of the Month – Recognition is a Habit, Not an Event

Recognition should not happen once a year at convention.

It should happen every month.

Look around your club.

Who is the steady heartbeat?
Who brings the energy?
Who quietly ensures everything runs smoothly?
Who lives and breathes the Kin spirit?

That is your **Kin of the Month**.

Submitting a name takes five minutes.
But the message it sends is powerful:

“You matter.”

“We see you.”

“What you do makes a difference.”

Imagine if every club in District 4 submitted a Kin of the Month consistently.

Imagine the culture that would build.

That culture starts with you.

My District 4 Challenge

This is not a suggestion.

This is a call to action.

Every club in District 4:

- ✓ Submit at least one Annual Award nomination
- ✓ Actively participate in Kin of the Month
- ✓ Make recognition visible, vocal, and valued

We do extraordinary work.

Let's match that extraordinary service with extraordinary recognition.

Because when people feel seen — they stay.

When people feel valued — they lead.

When people feel appreciated — they rise.

District 4, let's represent.

Recognition Is Leadership.

In Kin and in gratitude,

Julie Melton

District 4 Awards Director

P.S. If you have ever said, *“I couldn't do this without them,”* and you haven't nominated them — this is your reminder. Recognition delayed is recognition denied. Don't wait. Submit the name. 🔥

District 4 Awards Preparation Toolkit 2025–2026

Why Enter Awards?

Awards build pride, strengthen recruitment, validate volunteer effort, and elevate your club's community visibility.

10-Step Submission Checklist

- Identify one project to submit
- Track service hours
- Track funds raised
- Track number of people served
- Capture 3–5 strong photos
- Collect one testimonial quote
- Assign an Awards Champion
- Confirm submission deadline
- Draft early
- Have someone proofread

District 4 Goal:

Representation from every Zone. Participation builds culture. Culture builds excellence.



Kin Canada's National Awards and Recognition Program Survey Results for Publishing (Oct 2025)

Members per district participation (247 members in total participated)

District 1	45
District 2	14
District 3	39
District 4	45
District 5	23
District 6	8
District 7	51
District 8	12
unsure	6
blank	3

How satisfied are you with Kin Canada's current National Awards & Recognition Program overall?

3.7/5

Question 1

Have you ever participated in the Kin Canada Awards & Recognition program? I.e. Applied to an award, worked on an award as a club or nominated someone for an award?

Yes-162

No - 85

Total: 65% of those who completed the survey

Question 2

Which type of awards do you want the National Awards & Recognition Committee to focus on offering? Select all that apply.

Personal Development	59%
Members Leadership	60%
Fun & Fellowship	52%
Kin Education	34%
Club Accomplishments	70%

Club Milestones	52%
Member's Excellence	61%
Member's Year of Service	66%

Question 3

Please select all the ways you typically hear about Kin Canada Awards and how to achieve them. Note: this question pertains only to national-level awards, not club/zone/district awards

Club executive	48%
zone/deputy gov	37%
district	36%
fellow Kin	34%

On the Link	25%
Kinnections	38%
Look up myself	31%

Question 4

Which Kin Canada Member/Personal Awards are most interesting/attractive to you?

Public speaking	36%
Maple Leaf	59%
award of Excellence	59%
Founders	41%

kin excellence program	48%
Pride	27%
Passion	39%
Gem	40%

Question 5

Which Kin Canada Club Awards are most interesting/attractive to you

Boake	47%
Ken Pierce	37%
Outstanding Club	69%

Charter Champion	10%
Hal & Elspeth	53%
Ambassador of learning	22%

Question 6

Which nomination-based Kin Canada Awards appeal to you most?

NP Recognition	55%
Excellence Service	76%
Lifetime Achievement	63%

Outstanding Kin	68%
Outstanding District	43%

Comments from members:

- I don't volunteer for awards
- Need more information on ikin
- I'm new but have heard nothing in my club
- Need more communication between clubs / districts / National
- Love the fillable online
- Need more awards focused on the members and what they bring to the club vs what titles they have had
- Awards seem based on popularity / always the same clubs
- When Kin are deserving the committee should award automatically
- Wish we could do more Life Memberships, cost is too high, too hard to decide who is more deserving when they did the same
- Maybe we have too many awards
- Left my club because some take all the credit because they are more popular
- Process is too long for some
- Would like to see something like the Diane Rogers or Diamond Jubilee Award
- Happy to see the Maple Leaf open up to all Kin
- If you help get a new club going you should qualify for the growth award
- Some criteria's need to change, less "must attend"

The NARC Committee has reviewed all the information received from the Awards Survey and have come up with the following to increase participation and improve the National & Recognition Awards Program.

Lifetime Achievement Award: When recommending a member for this award you will now have the opportunity to complete the affidavit as usual or set up a call with a member of the committee to verbally answer the questions found on the affidavit.

Goal: Increase participation / Award more Lifetime Achievement Awards to those that are deserving. It will make it easier for the nominator to provide details regarding the member in question / make the member shine

Start Date: January 2026

Outstanding Kin Award: When recommending a member for this award you will now have the opportunity to complete the affidavit as usual or set up a call with a member of the committee to verbally answer the questions found on the affidavit.

Goal: Increase participation / Award more Lifetime Achievement Awards to those that are deserving. It will make it easier for the nominator to provide details regarding the member in question / make the member shine

Start Date: January 2026

Where do clubs get their information on Kin Canada awards: Will collect Club Award Chair names on the Club & Executive Information Reporting Form allowing District Award Directors and the Club Award Chairs will have direct contact

Goal: Streamline award information and ensure clubs are getting the correct details. Increase participation in all awards

Start Date: Spring 2026

Where do clubs get their information on Kin Canada Awards: Removal of Awards Handbook on ikin.ca, replace with easy to find award details and their matching affidavits.

Goal: Make it easier for members and clubs to obtain all the information needed on an award without having to search various documents. One stop shop.

Start Date: January 2026

Obtaining points for "attendance" for an award: NARC Committee will review all awards with "must attend" criteria's as part of the affidavits.

Goal: To allow members with constraints (financial, work, family) to qualify for awards. It's time to recognize that these constraints are often uncontrollable and shouldn't be the reason why a member doesn't receive a well-deserved award.

Start Date: September 2026

Awards automatically awarded: HQ will start to automatically award The Boake Award to those that qualify. There will be no need to apply for this award.

Goal: Increase the number of deserving clubs to receive the award. Remove the additional time required for district team members to complete applications. Increase the number of clubs who have completed their November 15th items on time.

Start Date: September 2025

Life Memberships: Make changes to the qualifications of the Life Membership requirements. Allow two Life Memberships to be presented at one time if the club hasn't presented a member with the recognition in 5 years or more. Club would be required to provide an explanation as to why they feel that the two are deserving, why they should both get them at the same time and how the celebration will be made to be special for both recipients

Goal: Remove stress from our clubs, give recognition to more deserving members.

Start Date: September 2026

Award not focused on "Leadership": National President will select one member that is deserving of a non-leadership related award from the applications received from the National President's Recognition Award.

Goal: Recognize a membership that hasn't done any leadership positions or won tons of awards. This member deserves recognition because they are the one the club and its members can always count on, the one that helps those in their community, their club, their club members, friends and family without wanting or needing anything back. The person, that devotes their time for others, works hard and that makes those around proud to say they know them.

Start Date: June 30, 2026

New District Award: Create an award for the District Award Directors. They would get points on % of club participation, sharing of information, how often communication on awards is made.

Goal: Increase participation in awards, increase participation of District Award Directors, increase information sharing with clubs, less confusion regarding awards and the process to obtain them

Start Date: September 2026

The National Awards and Recognition Committee (NARC) would like to thank all those that participated in our survey. Your voice is important to improve and grow. We appreciate that you took the time to share your experiences.

Thank You

NARC



Founders Award for Achievement

have you been a member for more than 2 years

have you served as a committee member on a club project

have you served as chair for a family social

have you attended the full business portion of FLC

have you attended a National Convention

have you written an article for a club bulletin or website or HQ facebook

have you attended a club charter or Life Membership night

have you served as an executive

have you been a candidate for DG or VG

have you won an award at club, zone, district or National level

Have you answered yes to some of these?

Check out the affidavit to see if you qualify at ikin.ca/awards/member_awards.

This award is the TIER 2 of 3 of the Kin Excellence Program

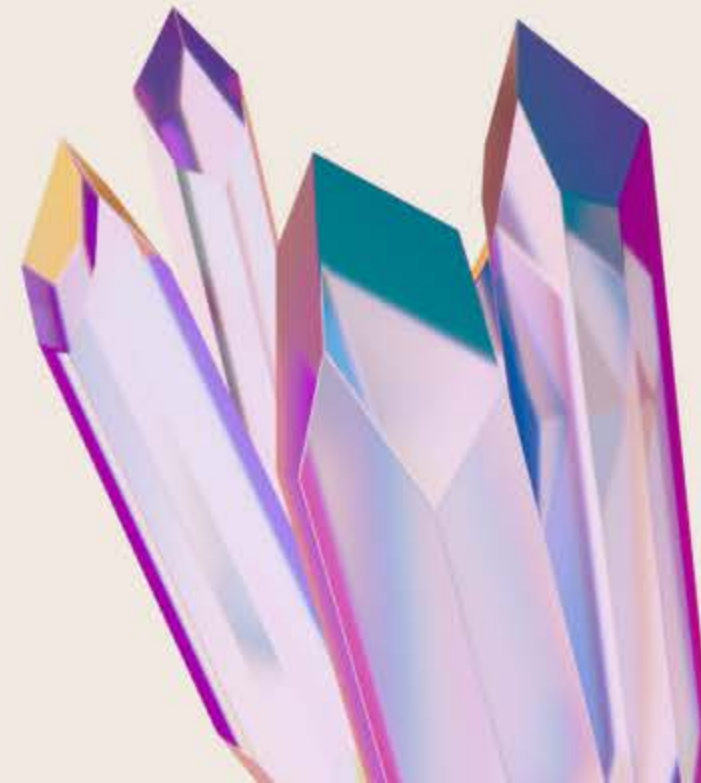
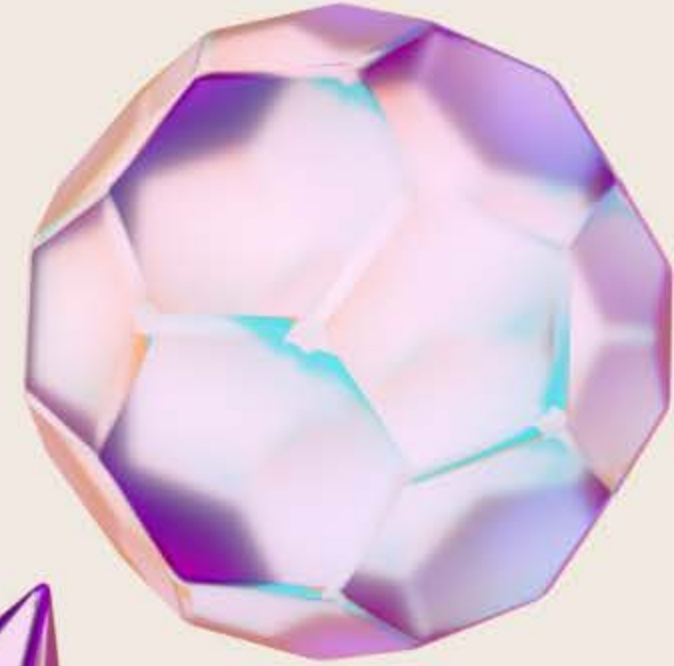
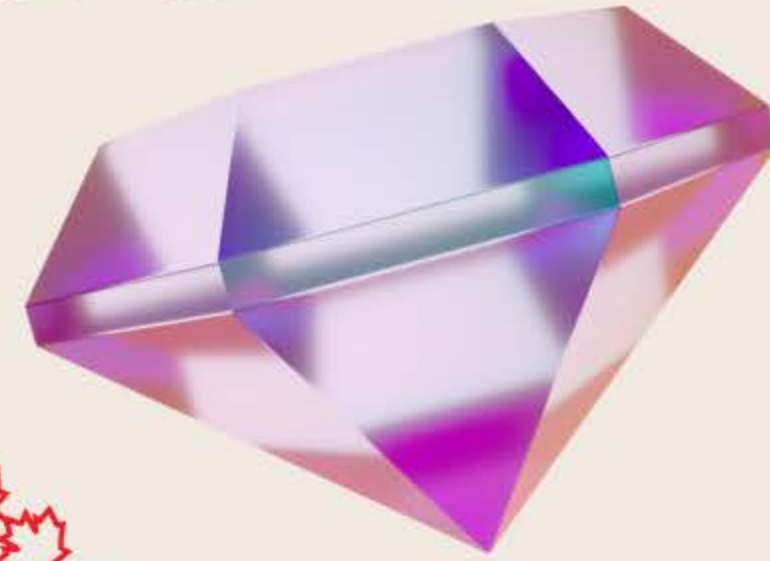
Hidden **GEMS** are all around you

The GEM Award

Only **one** requirement

Recruit **3** or more new members
within a **12** month period.

An award you don't even need to
apply for. We've got you covered!





Welcome to Zone Conference, D4 Foundation Quick Facts.

SOME QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE DISTRICT 4 FOUNDATION:

- YOUR Foundation has been around since 1987.
- YOUR Foundation only serves Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin Clubs of District 4.
- THE Board of Directors is made up of Kinsmen and Kinettes from District 4.
- YOUR Foundation is an official charitable organization.
- ONLY charities registered with Canada Revenue Agency can issue tax receipts.
- MOST philanthropists and businesses make larger donations when tax receipts are issued.
- YOUR Foundation can only issue donations to registered charities.
- The webpage now includes a Donate Now section. Details will follow.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR CLUB?

- By utilizing the Foundation's ability to issue tax receipts, Clubs can go after those larger donations. larger fundraiser profits and greater impact on our community's greatest need!

HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

- Call Patrick Dower, Foundation Board Chair
- Telephone (780) 995-7324, Email d4foundation@d4kin.ca
- [Facebook Foundation](#)
- [D4Foundation](#)

D4 Foundation Board

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Welcome to Spring Zone!

Your Deputy Governors have worked hard planning things for you, I hope you have a great day!

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

Did You Know:

D4 has a goal in increase our service hours with **Cystic Fibrosis** – check out what is happening in your community and volunteer.



Kin Canada
Kinsmen • Kinettes • Kin



Currently Canadian Blood Services has a Give and Get Away campaign. Donate before March 31st, and be entered into a draw for two round trip tickets from Air Canada

Kin Kindness Day great participation by most clubs! Thank you for all that participated!



Remember: Report your **Service Hours** on D4 by project or entire numbers at the end of the year on the D4 website. If you want to report the entire year on Kin Canada website, that is okay too – no need to report on both.

Feed the Need Award at District:

Submission For this award are due Friday May 22nd to servicedirector@d4kin.ca
Your submission should include details about your projects and some pictures. It should be no longer than 2000 words.



How did we do across Canada! Amazing!

- 106 clubs participated
- 111380 lbs food donated
- \$541029.00 Dollars donated
- 6722 volunteer hours invested

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

Have a great Spring Zone!
Susan Dickson
servicedirector@d4kin.ca
780-983-0305



Hello Kin of District 4!

I find it hard to believe that we are already approaching the Spring Zone Conferences for the 2025-2026 Kin year. I hope everyone has a spring zone meeting filled with education, fun and fellowship.

I am very pleased to say that District 4 has had almost 100% compliance for this Kin year! There have been a few hiccups along the way that the District Executive and clubs have worked very hard to resolve. With that being said, any clubs with outstanding Risk Management items as of February 11, 2026 that had not contacted National to make arrangements were put in suspension status. A club that has been placed in suspension cannot host any Zone, District or National conferences; cannot participate in District and National awards programs; cannot grant any Life Memberships; does not have insurance coverage; and is barred from conducting any public projects or events under the Kin Canada name. The suspension status also means that, as per the National Policies and Procedures (3.04.a(iii).2) and (3.04.c(v)), the club and its members forfeit their voting rights. If you have any concerns about your club status or any outstanding Risk Management items, please reach out to myself, your Deputy Governors or any of the D4 Governors.

Please remember to check your Criminal Record checks to ensure they are up to date and valid within the last 3 years. Members can either take a CRC letter to their local RCMP detachment or they can use the BackCheck link on iKin. The BackCheck option is very efficient, as the results are sent straight to Kin headquarters and the fee for the check is quite minimal. Any clubs that have outstanding/ outdated/ expired Criminal Record checks for their members and have not made arrangements with National by February 25, 2026 will have their clubs placed in a "Not in Good Standing" status.

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather (knock on wood!) Perhaps Mother Nature has decided that Spring is finally here!

Please remember to reach out if you have any questions or concerns related to Risk Management. I can be reached by email at jerilyn_miller@hotmail.com or by phone/ text at 403-492-2424.

Yours in Kin,

Jeralyn Goldsmith
D4 Risk Manager
Kinette Club of Milk River



Club Support

Stronger Together. Bolder Together. Kin Together.



Hello and welcome to **Spring Zones 2026!**

My name is Ken Finnie, and I am proud to serve as your Club Support Director this year.

I'm sure we are all extremely proud to be members of the Kin organization. Kin is built on fellowship, service, and the belief that together we can make our communities stronger. That's something worth celebrating.

For the most part, our clubs are doing quite well — and that's a testament to your hard work and dedication. As always, there are a few clubs facing challenges. That's okay. Every organization goes through seasons. Our commitment is to stand beside those clubs, support them, and help them thrive again.

Over my time in Kin, I've learned a few things.

First — everyone has an opinion. And naturally, everyone believes theirs might be the best one. The truth? We can't all be right all the time. But we *can* respect each other.

Sometimes the real challenge isn't the issue itself — it's seeing the other person's point of view. We can agree to disagree and still remain friends. I've personally found that sitting down, sharing a drink, and genuinely listening — and being willing to be listened to — can solve more than you'd expect. At the very least, it gets both sides thinking differently. And that's where progress begins.

Another topic worth touching on is the generation gap.

You may hear someone say, "I'm not listening to that young person."
Or on the other side, "What do you know, old man?"

Here's the reality: we need each other.

Experience matters.
Fresh ideas matter.
Different perspectives matter.

Sometimes the seasoned member brings wisdom earned over decades. Sometimes the newer member brings bold ideas and modern approaches. And sometimes? Well... sometimes we're all a little off the mark.

But when we sit down, talk it through, and respect one another — that's when Kin is at its strongest.

At the end of the day, we joined Kin for a reason:
Fun. Fellowship. And making our communities better places to live.

Let's keep that at the center of everything we do.

And in the words of Wes Archer from the Leduc club:

"Have more fun, get more done!"

Let's make Spring Zones 2026 bold, productive — and full of Kin spirit.

Thank you for your time.

Education

Education is a powerful force for personal growth and societal change, described as both a "weapon" to improve the world and the "lighting of a fire" rather than just filling a pail.

Hello and welcome to your 2026 Spring Zones.

I am Ashley Ford your Education Director for this Kin Year.

It has been a great pleasure being your education director this year. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store.

I am going to talk to you about Club Secession Planning today.

What is Club Secession Planning:

Club succession planning is the proactive process of identifying and developing internal talent to ensure leadership continuity when current officers step down. Effective planning prevents "popularity contests," reduces the risk of losing institutional knowledge, and maintains operational stability during transitions

What are some Key Succession Strategies:

- 1. Identify Critical Roles:** Define key leadership positions (e.g., President, Treasurer) and the specific competencies required for each.
- 2. Create a Leadership Pipeline:** Develop a program to help train members before they are formally elected.
- 3. Implement Shadowing and Mentoring:** Pair members with current executives to facilitate hands-on learning and a smooth transfer of duties and to help answer and questions they may have.

4. **Formalize Transition Timelines:** Establish clear schedules for elections and handovers.
5. **Document Knowledge:** Maintain a "Briefing Book" or journal of activities, including donor contacts and recurring project dates.

Last but not least create a succession planning checklist.

Secession Planning Checklist.

To ensure a structured transition, clubs should follow these essential steps:

1. **Audit Current Leadership:** Assess existing roles, upcoming vacancies, and potential gaps.
2. **Update Job Descriptions:** Clearly define responsibilities, time commitments, and required skills for every officer role.
3. **Identify Potential Successors:** Look for members demonstrating adaptability, emotional intelligence, and commitment to the club's mission.
4. **Adopt Emergency Plans:** Create a "contingency plan" for unexpected departures, such as designating an interim leader.
5. **Conduct Formal Handovers:** Schedule overlapping periods where outgoing and incoming leaders collaborate directly

More information on succession planning can be found on IKin.

For the remainder of this kin year keep an eye out for weekly educational videos that will be posted on the D4 Facebook Page.

Please reach out to me if you would like more information on education or would like a specific education session set up I will be more than happy to help you.

I hope you enjoy for Spring Zones

YIK

Ashley Ford

2025/2026

District 4 Education Director



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RECOGNIZE THE BEST

Nominate a Hal Rogers Fellow

THE HIGHEST HONOUR OF THE
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The **Hal Rogers Fellow award** is a special honour for exceptional Kin members and outstanding community leaders who have demonstrated:

– **INTEGRITY**

- Exemplify the highest standards

– **LEADERSHIP**

- Inspire and motivate others

– **SERVICE**

- Make a positive impact locally and beyond

Recognizing contributions at the **municipal, provincial, national, or international level**

Learn more & apply at
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Three Levels of Recognition: **Member • Officer • Companion**

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GET TO KNOW THE KIN CANADA FOUNDATION (KCF)



**Fondation Du
KIN CANADA
Foundation**

- The **Kin Canada Foundation** was established in **2005** as the charitable arm of **Kin Canada**.
- KCF is a registered charity (not the same as **HREF**) that relies on **YOUR donations** to fund its programs.
- **All programs** run mainly through **donations** from individual members, Kin Canada **Clubs**, and corporate support and investment income.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US POWER PROGRAMS LIKE:



**COMMUNITY
SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Issue tax receipts for approved community projects (must meet CRA Guidelines)
(eligible donations can be tax-deductible)



KIN ASSIST

Provide up to **\$1,500** of emergency financial aid to those impacted by **life-altering events**.



**HAL ROGERS
FELLOW AWARD**

Recognize Kin & community leaders who have made significant contributions (**\$1,000 donation** required)



**49TH PARALLEL
NORTH FUND**

Honour fallen **first responders** with posthumous awards or **provide scholarships** for their family members. 🍁

**DRIVE IMPACT THROUGH KCF...
→ DONATE TODAY! ←**



**NATIONAL SPEAKER'S
COMPETITION**

Cover travel costs for district winners to compete at **Kin Canada's National Convention**. 🍁

Individual and corporate donations are tax deductible!



Please add the KCF to your club's donation list.

Your support is essential!

www.kincanadafoundation.ca

ChatGPT



Benefiting charities in District 4 since 1987

The District 4 Kin Foundation was incorporated as the District 4 Kinsmen Foundation in 1987, and in 2004, the name was changed to District 4 Kin Foundation. The Foundation has been assisting and supporting clubs in District 4 in meeting their local community's greatest needs ever since.

The District 4 Kin Foundation is an official charitable organization of Kin Canada that assists clubs by providing income tax receipts to donors who voluntarily donate towards the club's service project(s) in District 4. Communities and local charities in District 4, from north to south, directly benefit from the services provided by the District 4 Kin Foundation.

The District 4 Kin Foundation can support the generosity of individuals throughout our communities in supporting clubs in District 4 to continue to enhance lives of others through their community work by assisting communities and local charities to; send kids to camp where kids can be kids, building parks for the enjoyment of all families, providing food and clothing for those in need during hard times, assisting inner city seniors and providing the funds needed for research in finding a cure for diseases such as Cystic Fibrosis and Cancer. These clubs, through their projects, are making a difference in the lives of many in District 4.[sn](#)

Each year, the District 4 Kin Foundation holds its Annual General Meeting at the District Convention. The Board is made up of members from District 4 who volunteer their time to administer the Foundation throughout the Kin year. It is made up of a team of dedicated individuals who contribute to the Foundation's success.

Your D4 Foundation Board for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

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DISTRICT 4 KINVENTION

Ride the Rails '26

MAY 28-30, 2026

**Registration ONLY \$190.00
(includes special train expedition)**

Hotel booking available only with paid registration

Full Service camping available close to meeting facility



NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026



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24-26
JULY
2026

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Maskwacis, AB

Camping /
Saturday Potluck /
Kids & Adult Games

\$50/ Adult \$25/Child (Ages 2-16)

More Information:

www.d4kin.ca

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The Kinette Club of St. Albert presents



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An Evening with
ELVIS

Celebrating 60 Years of Giving

MARCH 28, 2026

📍 Kinsmen Banquet Centre, 47 Riel Drive, St. Albert, AB

* Dinner • Live Show • Silent Auction • Dance – All Included

Tickets \$75.00

Tickets available on **Eventbrite**

*Supporting the Kinette Club of St. Albert's
60th Christmas Hamper Campaign*



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D4 KINETTE FLC 2026

District 4 Fall Leadership Conference
A Weekend of Leadership, Laughter & Lipstick

OCTOBER 17, 2026

Optional Friday Night
Kickoff - October 16

-  Drag Bingo
-  Entertainment
-  And more fabulous surprises!

Saturday, October 17

-  Leadership Meeting
-  Dinner
-  Drag-Tastic Fun & Fellowship

LOCATION

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton
Edmonton St. Albert
585 Mistatim Way NW
Edmonton, AB T6V 0M8



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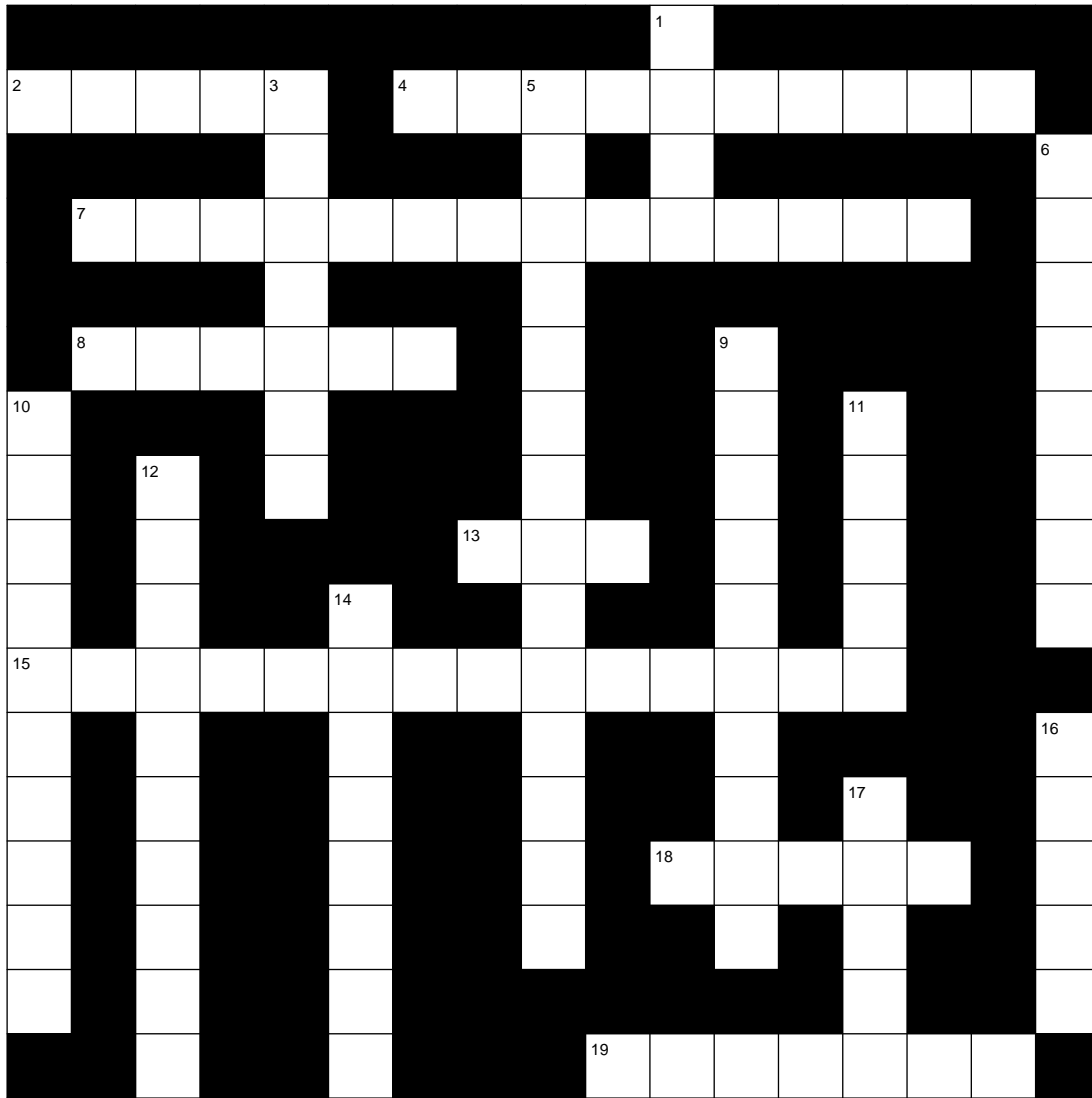
Registration Details

Cost & registration information coming soon!

KIN CANADA DISTRICT 4

Spring Zone Newspaper-Style Crossword

“Recognition Is Leadership.”



ACROSS

- 2. District geographic divisions led by Deputy Governors.
- 4. A core Kin value that includes integrity and accountability.
- 4. Recognition is _____.
- 7. The handbook every Awards Director should know well.
- 8. Award recognizing an outstanding new Kin member.
- 13. Monthly recognition every club should be submitting.
- 15. District 4's leadership event with learning and lipstick.
- 18. The national governing body of Kin Canada.
- 19. Award recognizing long-standing senior service.

DOWN

1. The Kin Canada mission: "Serving the Community's Greatest _____."
3. The foundation of Kin Canada's culture.
5. The District role responsible for encouraging award submissions.
6. The document outlining all award criteria.
9. The annual event where District awards are celebrated.
10. Monthly recognition for an outstanding member.
11. What members feel when publicly recognized.
12. The spirit of connection and friendship within Kin.
14. District leader who supports multiple Zones.
16. The month many award submissions are due.
17. The District 4 award for highest individual service hours (Martin _____ "Hi Friend" Award).

ANSWER KEY

ACROSS

- 2. ZONES
- 4. LEADERSHIP
- 4. LEADERSHIP
- 7. AWARDSHANDBOOK
- 8. NOVICE
- 13. KIN
- 15. FALLCONFERENCE
- 18. BOARD
- 19. SENIORS

DOWN

- 1. NEED
- 3. SERVICE
- 5. AWARDSDIRECTOR
- 6. HANDBOOK
- 9. CONVENTION
- 10. KINOFMONTH
- 11. PRIDE
- 12. FELLOWSHIP
- 14. GOVERNOR
- 16. MARCH
- 17. FRIGO