

# **DISTRICT 4**

## **2026 O Zone Spring Conference**



**March 14, 2026**

**Hosted by: Kinsmen Club of Calgary**



**Kin Song**

*Here we are together once again  
One and all a happy bunch of Kin,  
Leave your cares and troubles for a while,  
Let your face break forth in smile  
Look around grab someone by the hand  
They're your friends, the finest in the land  
Now all set, let's shout to beat the band  
Kinsmen, Kinettes and Kin*

**Kin Expression of Gratitude**

*Happy to meet  
Sorry to part  
Happy to meet again  
May we always be true Kin  
In our thoughts and deeds,  
And be grateful  
For all good things received*

# Kin Canada: National President

Patrick R. Bowers, National President



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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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# District 4 Council: Governors

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

## 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*



# District 4: Vice -Governors

Shandelle Goretski and Chris Howard, Vice Governors

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

**2026 O Zone Spring Conference Agenda**  
**March 14, 2026 – 9:30 am**

- ✧ Call to Order
- ✧ **Opening Ceremonies:**
  - Land Acknowledgement
  - Oh Canada
  - Kin Song
  - Moment of Silence
- ✧ Welcome on behalf of Deputy Governors
- ✧ Address to the Chair: Deputy Governors Colleen and Steve and fellow Kin Get your groove on.
- ✧ Host committee chair remarks/housekeeping
- ✧ **Appointments:**
  - Rules of Order
  - Secretary
  - Credentials
  - Sergeant at Arms
- ✧ **Introductions:**
  - Current and Past National Officers
  - Current and Past District Officers
  - Life Members
  - New Members
  - First Timers
- ✧ **Roll Call:**
  - Kin Club of Airdrie
  - Kinette Club of Calgary
  - Kinsmen Club of Calgary
  - Kinette Club of Stampede City
  - **Kinsmen Club of Stampede City**
  - Kinsmen Club of Drumheller
  - Kinette Club of The Foothills
  - Kinette Club of Hanna
  - Kinsmen Club of High River
  - Kin Club of Okotoks
  - Kinette Club of Vulcan
  - Kinsmen Club of Vulcan
- ✧ **Reports:**
  - Rules of Order Report
  - Credentials Report
  - Adoption of Credentials Report
- ✧ Additions/Deletions to Agenda
- ✧ Approval of Agenda

- ✧ Adoption of Zone Minutes 2025
- ✧ 1st call for Deputy Governor Nominations
- ✧ Host Club Fellowship/Service Break
- ✧ **Reports:**
  - Club Presidents
  - Deputy Governors
  - National Board
- ✧ District Presentations
- ✧ **Old Business:**
  - none
- ✧ **New Business**
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- ✧ Education by Host Club
- ✧ Host Club
- ✧ Lunch
- ✧ Speaker by Host Club
- ✧ 2nd call for Deputy Governor Nominations
- ✧ District Presentations
- ✧ Speaker by Host Club
- ✧ Host Club Fellowship/Service Break
- ✧ 3rd and final call for Deputy Governor Nominations
- ✧ Election of Deputy Governors
- ✧ Remarks of Deputy Governor Elects
- ✧ Good of Kin
- ✧ Return of Regalia
- ✧ **Announcements:**
  - District Convention: in the bulletin
  - National Convention: in the bulletin
  - 2027 O Zone Spring Conference hosted by Kinsmen Club of Drumheller
- ✧ Host committee chair final remarks
- ✧ Adjournment

**2025 Ozone Spring Conference**  
**April 12, 2025 - Calgary**  
**MINUTES**

**Opening Ceremonies:**

- Call to order – 9:37 am
- Land Acknowledgement – Charlene Shearer, Kinette Club of Vulcan
- Oh Canada – Kinsmen Club of High River
- Kin Song – Kinette Club of The Foothills
- Moment of Silence
- Welcome on behalf of Deputy Governor Colleen
  - Welcome Governors Hillary Derksen and Kirk Blake. Thank you to all in attendance.
  - Reminder of sticky fingers policy. Personal items are of limits as are flags.

**Address to the Chair:** Deputy Governor Colleen and fellow kin. There's no place like OZone!

**Host committee chair remarks/housekeeping.**

**Appointments:**

- Rules of Order – Bonnie Joseph, Kinette Club of Stampede City
- Secretary – Jamie Hansen, Kinette Club of Stampede City
- Credentials – Jenny Jones, Kinette Club of The Foothills
- Sergeant at Arms – Kinette Club of Hanna
  - Agreement to continue tradition.

**Introductions:**

- Past and current National Officers
- Past and current District Officers
- Life Members
- New Members
- First Timers

**Roll Call:**

- Kin Club of Airdrie
- Kinette Club of Calgary
- Kinsmen Club of Calgary
- Kinette Club of Stampede City
- Kinsmen Club of Stampede City
- Kinsmen Club of Drumheller – not represented
- Kinette Club of The Foothills
- Kinette Club of Hanna
- Kinsmen Club of High River
- Kin Club of Okotoks – not represented
- Kinette Club of Vulcan
- Kinsmen Club of Vulcan – not represented

**Rules of Order Report:** Reminders – any member registered can speak to any motion but only an Accredited Delegate can move, second and vote on a motion. State your first and last name, the club you are representing, whether you are speaking for or against, then render your wisdom as succinctly as possible.

**Credentials Report:** Six clubs represented. Half or two-thirds majority is four. 94 votes available for a straw vote.

**Adoption of Credentials Report: Moved** by Alexandria Hanishewsky, Kinette Club of Stampede City. Seconded by Clarence Lee, Kinsmen Club of the Stampede City. **Carried.**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** none

**Approval of Agenda: Moved** by Charlene Shearer, Kinette Club of Vulcan. **Seconded** by Delores Everson, Kinette Club of Hanna. **Carried.**

**Adoption of Zone Minutes 2024:**

- Errors/Omissions: Misspelled name: Alexandria Hanishewsky.
  - Hillary Derksen – Bylaw update is posted on D4 website.

- Motion to approve amendment: Moved by Clarence Lee, Kinsmen Club of Stampede City. Seconded Charlene Shearer, Kinette Club of Vulcan. **Carried.**
- Motion to approve 2024 minutes as amended: **Moved** by Jenny Jones, Kinette Club of The Foothills. **Seconded** by Garth Brookwell, Kinsmen Club of High River. **Carried.**

### Reports:

- Club Presidents
  - **Kinette Club of The Foothills:** LNO had to be cancelled due to low ticket sales but have lots of other projects on the go including balloon festival, car show and recently completed casino.
  - **Kin Club of Airdrie:** Currently running fundraiser draw for a smoker & prime rib. Started planning for their annual Canada Day pancake breakfast.
  - **Kinette Club of Calgary:** Adopt A Family helped support over 300 families. Kin Kids packed hampers for the food pantry of Kindness Day. Golf for Girls is sold out.
  - **Kinsmen Club of Calgary:** Thank you to the Kinette club for hosting. Club has grown by 20-25%, adding 8 members. Have grown their general account. Celebrated their 100th anniversary in September. Signed a new 5 year contract to continue the partnership with Stampede. Are currently at 6300+ hours of service. Stampede shifts will open soon. Working with Stampede Board creating a new program that will engage all clubs in the province, each with their own QR code to sell Wheels tickets and receive funding in return. Have an Elton John fundraiser coming up on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Kinette Club of Stampede City:** Currently annual spring flower fundraiser. Upcoming 3rd annual fun casino themed event at Chateau Renoir seniors residence.
  - **Kinette Club of Hanna:** Newer members have benefited from great mentorship from more tenured members. 12 days of Christmas program. Sold all, raising ~\$4000. Funds going to hot lunch program, local seniors club, local mental health programs. Have attended registration fairs. Provided hot chocolate snowmen to the food bank for Kin Kindness day. Were to celebrate 70th anniversary this weekend, are hoping to reschedule later in the year. Have a Hal Rogers print they will be raffling off.
  - **Kinsmen Club of High River:** Most club members are helping Okotoks Kin club with annual SnoPitch event. Several BBQs coming up including CF walk, 65 Roses in Vulcan. Signed agreement with Rio Vista to proceed with Disc Golf course.
  - **Kinette Club of Vulcan:** 30<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas market, Ongoing help with CSS and food bank. Having new website created. Digitizing history. Donated \$20,000 for Kin Kindness day. Have 7 new members.
  - **Kinsmen Club of Stampede City:** Home Lotto soon to be up and running. Have their casino coming up in June. 3rd annual golf tournament June 27th. Attending Crescendo event April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Deputy Governor – no additional report.
- National Board – nothing provided.

### District Presentations:

- Governors
  - Always happy to come out and visit clubs.
  - We are here to provide service. Looking for ways to do that.
  - During dues season/Canada Post strike, Treasurer Dustin reached out to the 6 charter banks and credit unions for information on what clubs can do regarding e-transfer while maintaining the security of dual signatures. Bank of Nova Scotia allows secondary login for approval but only if done when the account is originally set up. ATB allows under Community Spirit account.
  - We = Hillary 😊
  - Have created four types of elevator pitch for membership recruitment: for younger members (high school to mid-20s), families, professionals, semi-retired to retired. Will be added to website under new resources tab.
  - Discussed leadership plan for 2025-2026 Kin year.
  - Currently there are no motions on the table for District.
  - Every member should be getting newsletters.

**1st call for Deputy Governor Nominations:** none

### New Business

- District Conference Presentation – Hillary on behalf of Kinette Club of Milk River.

**Old Business:** none

**District Presentations:**

- Awards – Paul Balite
- Risk – Paul Balite

**Host Club remarks**

**Grace:** Ron Drost, Kinsmen Club of Calgary

**Lunch****2nd call for Deputy Governor Nominations:**

- Darryl Robinson, Kinsmen Club of Calgary nominated Steven Tkachyk. Nomination accepted.
- No nomination for Kinetite Deputy Governor.

**Public Speaking Competition:**

- Coordinated by Sean Parlee, Kinsmen Club of Stampede City.
- Reviewed rules of the competition.
- Participant: Michelle Peebles, Kinetite Club of Calgary will move forward to represent O Zone in the District 4 level competition.

**District Presentations:**

- Education – Angela Dempster – Are you Password Savvy? <https://haveibeenpwned.com/>, <https://www.passwordmonster.com/>, <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en>
- Club Support – Judy Bonner
- Service – Kirk Blake on behalf of Service Director Susan Dickson

**Guest Speaker:** Sean Tyler Foley (the Power to Speak Naked)

**3<sup>rd</sup> and final call for Deputy Governor Nominations:** No additional nominations.

**Election of Deputy Governors:** 1 vote cast for Steven Tkachyk, 2025-2026 O Zone Kinsmen Deputy Governor.

**Remarks of Deputy Governors:** Steven hoping to have a great year, visiting all the clubs he's never been to before.

**Sgt At Arms:** Kinetite Club of Hanna

- Kinetite Club of the Foothills – we don't want to "stick" it to you. Fined to follow the yellow brick road.
- Least enthusiastic Kinsmen Clubs of Stampede City and High River – charged to sing the Wizard of Oz theme song. Elected to pay fine.
- Clarence – gave the finger to the governor. Twice!
- Shiela – pick a number between 1 & 10 - "22".
- Barbie – phone rang during the moment of silence.
- Rob – threw item during Risk management presentation.

**Good of Kin**

- Michelle Peebles – thank you all for the support. Got through her speech and only cried a little bit.
- Kirk Blake – in second time as governor, this spring zone season has been reinvigorating. There has been great action/engagement at all zones.
- Bonnie Joseph – thank you to the Kinetite Club of Calgary for hosting and to DG Colleen for doing a great job. Will be retiring and moving to Strathmore, hope to get local club up and running.
- Karen Moreland – thank you to committee co-chairs Sharleen Connelly and Sue Hickmott.

**Return of Regalia**

- Shiela and Pam. Jenny had her gavel stolen by High River Kinsmen. Foothills Kinetites donated \$150 to Foothills good bank. High River Kinsmen will match/double to \$300.

**Announcements:**

- E/O Zone Spring Zones 2026 – Kinsmen Club of Calgary.
- Host committee chair final remarks.
- Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

# District 4: Service Report

Susan Dickson, Service Director

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



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**Cystic Fibrosis**  
Canada



**Canadian  
Blood  
Services**

Currently Canadian Blood Services has a Give and Get Away campaign. Donate before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> to servicedirector@d4kin.ca  
Your submission should include details about your projects and some pictures. It should be no longer than 2000 words.



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### How did we do across Canada! Amazing!

- 106 clubs participated
- \$541029.00 Dollars donated
- 111380 lbs food 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

# District 4: Club Support Report

Ken Finnie, Club Support Director

## 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.

 Together we lead.  Together we serve.  Together we are Kin.

# District 4: Awards Report

Julie Melton, Awards Director

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
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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, *"They940 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](mailto:juliem@stalbertkinettes.ca)

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#### **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



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

**~Julie Melton - District 4 Awards Director**

# District 4: Risk Report

Jeralyn Goldsmith, Risk Manager

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](mailto: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

# District 4: Education Report

Ashley Ford, Education Director

**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.

## **Succession 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 then happy to help you.

I hope you enjoy for Spring Zones.

YIK

Ashley Ford

2025/2026

District 4 Education Director

# District 4: Foundation



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](mailto:d4foundation@d4kin.ca)
- [Facebook Foundation](#)
- [D4Foundation](#)

## D4 Foundation Board

Chair - Patrick Dower - St. Albert Kinsmen

Past Chair - Angela Jenkins, Edmonton Kinettes

Treasurer - Michelle Wright, Smokey Lake Kinettes

Secretary - Erin McCall, Beaumont Kin Club

Director - Susan Dickson, Edmonton Kinettes

Director - Shandelle Goretski, Edmonton Kinettes

Director - Timothy Frantz Lethbridge Kinsmen

Director - Tannis Potnoe, Okotoks Kin Club

Director - Terry McCall, Beaumont Kin Club

# District 4: Supported Charities



**Shoes for Kids - FLC Kinsmen 2025**  
Shoes for Kids YQL Foundation provides new, well-fitting shoes to children in southwest Alberta so they can feel confident and ready for school.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free book gifting program devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere. Operating since 1995, it currently distributes more than 2.7 million books each month to children around the world.



In 2021, Kin Canada clubs surpassed the \$50 million fundraising milestone. Funding has contributed to the advancement in Cystic Fibrosis (CF) research, healthcare, the CF Registry, and advocacy. The strength, power and impact that Kin Canada brings to Canadians living with CF is invaluable, and Cystic Fibrosis Canada is thankful for the Kinsmen and Kinettes' loyal support throughout the years.



Kin Canada has a long-standing national partnership with Canadian Blood Services, where Kin members actively support the blood supply by donating blood, sponsoring clinics, fundraising, and volunteering, helping to ensure Canadians have the blood they need for surgeries, cancer treatments, and emergencies.



Kin Canada stands with Not For Sale to help stop human trafficking before it begins. By supporting community-driven enterprises and local leaders, we strengthen education, opportunity, and dignity—building safer, more resilient communities for everyone.

# District 4 Kin: CLUB REPORTS

## Kin Club of Airdrie

What an amazing way to tie our Kin Kindness Day to a spectacular community event, Cabin Fever 2026 (on Valentine's Day to boot!) Thank you City of Airdrie for allowing the Airdrie Kin Club to participate in giving back to the community.



Participated in the Volunteer Airdrie fair. So nice to see so much interest in volunteer opportunities!



## Kinette Club of Calgary



We volunteered @southcentremall where we wrapped gifts in support of @cfcanada. Held a successful adopt-a-family event.



## Kinsmen Club of Calgary

After a very busy and successful Kin Millions at the 2025 Stampede, and a well-deserved summer break, the Kinsmen Club of Calgary was back to business in September.

With a new Executive in place, there seemed to be renewed enthusiasm in the club with members getting involved in various projects. Lately we have had numerous prospective members in attendance and expect increased membership by year end.

This Kin year our club has volunteered at, supported and/or attended the following: Easter Seals

Dancing with the Stars, Edmonton Kinsmen 100th celebration, Unison/Kerby Golf Tournament, Cerebral Palsy Kids Christmas Party, Hitmen Teddy Bear toss, Calgary Food Bank to name a few.

Coming up of course is Kin Millions at the 2026 Stampede. It should be noted that our committee starts meeting in September and invests many hours planning this fundraiser. Hint: volunteer ticket sellers are always welcome.

New this year is Kin-Fest. This is the inspiration of our Fundraising Director Wendell Tenove who has already spent countless hours planning. This is a weekend music festival at Millarville Campground on June 19-21. There will be over 12 live bands, camping, beer garden and much more. Information on our website [www.calgarykinsmen.ca](http://www.calgarykinsmen.ca).

We look forward to hosting Spring Zone this year and hope to see you there.



## Kinette Club of Stampede City



Here are a couple things going on in the Stampede City Kinettes world!

The Stampede City Kinettes in partnership with Canyon Meadows Cinema offered free admission to any matinee showing on Sunday February 22nd, 2026 in celebration of Kin Kindness Day 2026.

Along with new partner Bluegrass Nursery, the Stampede City Kinettes have launched our annual flower fundraiser. Choose from a selection of flowers, veggies or herbs. All profits go towards our local projects such as Senior Secret Service Christmas Cheer. <https://fundraising.bluegrassnursery.com/kinettesc/>



## Kinsmen Club of Stampede City

No report

## Kinsmen Club of Drumheller



Donated to the Drumheller Outreach School in support of their annual Christmas Care Package initiative. This project is supporting 16 students by providing them with care packages that promote well-being and academic success. Kinsmen Treasurer Darrell Setteves is seen presenting the cheque to Lead Teacher Erin Campbell-Bentley.

And to the Salvation Army for the purchase of Christmas toys and gifts for less fortunate kids. For many years, we have worked together with

Riverside Pharmacy to maximize the benefits to our community. Seen here is Kelly from the Salvation Army, Kinsmen Treasurer Darrell Steeves, Salvation Army Major Laura Burrell, and Kinsmen President Keith Hodgson

Offered a free movie on Family Day. A big thank you to all who attended and to the wonderful staff, Thyra and crew, for their hard work in making this annual event a great success. We had 260 kids and adults come out today.

And a huge Thank-You to Kinsmen Don Petersen for organizing the event on behalf of our club.



## Kinette Club of The Foothills

We are proud to share our Successes we have achieved since 2025 Fall.

- Christmas is always a really busy time for us:
  - We donated our time and talent to decorate Tim Horton's Smile cookies. We donated 2 dozen for the Co-op Food Drive for the volunteers and folks who dropped by with food or money donations.
  - We donated funds to the local Salvation Army Toy Drive. Kinettes will also personally donate to the toy drive on their own.
  - We held our very popular Beer & wine advent calendar & grocery or liquor store gift card raffle. Our club made 3 people very happy!
  - For fellowship, we went to the Vulcan Kinettes Christmas Market. Their hamburger soup meal deal is the best! This Christmas market featured many unique shopping experiences.
  - We walked in High River's Christmas Parade, which had a Netflix movie being filmed at the same time!
  - Our Club sold Christmas Cookie Trays, which were well received to rave reviews on Facebook!



- A few of our members supported the Kinette Club of Calgary's Adopt-A-Family.
- For Valentines, we hosted a cake and roses party for the residents of the Manor, a senior resident assisted living facility. This was well received by the residents and staff.
- For Kin Kindness Day, we gave gift cards to unsuspecting shoppers (much to the shopper's surprise!) at No Frills, Dollarama & Sobeys. This is a fun way to support and give back to the community!
- We will be fundraising with "Egg My Yard" at Easter. Customers purchase candy filled eggs and we hide them in their yard for their kids to find Easter morning!
- We are partnering with the Kinsmen Club of High River and The Town of High River to construct a Disc Golf Course. This course will be free to play on - just bring your set of discs!
- Our Kinette Club is celebrating our 20th Charter Anniversary! This year, we have added two new members and possibly two more in the next few months.
- Along with our service, our club has found time for fellowship!
  - Enjoying many dinner theatres.
  - Movies at the Wales theatre
  - We participated in the Chamber of Commerce of High River Christmas Gala.
  - Gathered for health walks and chats around Emerson & Sunshine Lakes.
  - Attended the Dark Humor for Dark People comedy at our local brewery.
- Our faces have graced the pages (mostly the front page!) of our local High River Times newspaper!



Whether representing our club, or representing their workplace, our Foothills Kinettes have made a difference in our community! Our club has accomplished a lot and have had a ton of fun doing so! We enjoy each other's company which makes everything easy. Teamwork makes the Dreamwork!

## Kinette Club of Hanna

Fall 2025, our small but mighty group ran our second annual '12 Days of Christmas Raffle'.

We canvassed local businesses with request letters in hand to be met with outstanding generosity!

Of course, this is a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness to our community of our group and the work we have done for over 70 years!! We then divvied up donations to make 13 prize baskets (one for each day including a bonus prize!) We have found that Christmas markets in November are a fabulous venue to sell our \$10 tickets. This year we sold close to 500. Come December, we draw the prizes 12 consecutive days. Recipients are thrilled knowing they have additional gifts for giving, hence our choice not to publish the winners names.



Our Proceeds are provided to 3 pre-determined community groups that have demonstrated need as well as allowing us to provide funds to reach more community members overall who are assisted by these groups. This year our funds helped provide a much-needed boost to our weekly hot lunch program serving at least 50 people each week and increasing, Hanna Museum maintenance fund, and Community Youth Fund and they welcomed \$1497.19 each! We have had a new member apply! The New Year saw planning for our Kin Kindness event, an Adult social with goodies and games on February 21st. Following active promotion in print and social media from our raffle and Kin Kindness events, we have other new interested ladies attending our next meeting! We are underway planning another Women's Health event for May 13th. This year our group also responded to the local seniors' centre needing a new furnace and AC with a donation. We are

hopeful to attend the National Conference in Moose Jaw and a few of us will see you at O-Zone in March! Warm wishes to all!

## Kinsmen Club of High River

The High River Kinsmen created a beautiful Christmas display bringing the magic to the High River Hospital.



Donated to the Wild Rose Community Connections to help pay for vehicle insurance and registration for the year. The van and truck get plenty of use rescuing and delivering food to clients!

## Kin Club of Okotoks

We started our year out in August when we hosted the Show and Shine in Okotoks. There will be a few changes next year as the Big Rock Car Club has stepped in to run this event. We will still be present and helping to vet the charities that will receive funds from this event.



The Kin Club puts on a Children's Christmas Party every year in December. We work with Rotary, Optimist Club, Elks and The Legion to put this on. The community gets behind us as well and provides various goodies for the day. This year we provided gifts, a visit with Santa and his Elf, Hot dogs, crafts to 120 children and their families in our community.

The Kin Club went shopping in December and purchased deodorant and brushes for Purses of Hope.

We will be sponsors of Lemonade Stand Day this year! Our Kin Club will be out on June 13 in Okotoks to taste Lemonade. This event is put on by the Optimist Club in Okotoks. This innovative program gives kids the chance to start, own and operate their very own lemonade stand, teaching them essential skills like financial literacy, goal



setting, and giving back to the community.

Sno Pitch is our longest running event. It will be April 11 at On Deck in Okotoks. A poster is out for all details. Come on out, put in a team, volunteer, come to the dance and try our fantastic homemade Lasagna or just come to watch some entertaining ball.

Wood Bat Tournament is held in July. It's an all men's tournament and all the proceeds go to the Hospice Center here in Okotoks.

Our Club will be hosting a Steak dinner for all the Past Okotoks Kinsmen in June.



## **Kinette Club of Vulcan**

We've been busy!

- September - donated personal items for the food Bank
- October 31 - Pumpkin walk- 4 - 8p.m. Served Hot Chocolate and Hot Dogs For the Halloween participants. The Kinettes had great costumes and lots of fun.
- November 11 - Remembrance Day - 10 members represented the Club and laid a Wreath.
- December - FCSS - several members wrapped gifts for Christmas baskets
- December 18 - sponsored and served a Tim Hortons Pop-up
- December 31 - organized a New Years Eve Fundraiser Dance for Palliative Care . The amount donated was \$9,314.
- February 16 - Kin Kindness. Family Day we paid to rent the arena for two Hours of Family skating. Supplied Hot Chocolate and Rice Krispie Bars to participants and their families. Several Kinettes were there to inform the community what Kinettes do within the community.



## **Kinsmen Club of Vulcan**

No report

# District 4 Events:

## District 4 Kinvention - Ride the Rails May 28-30, 2026 - Stettler, AB

- Hosted by Stettler Kinettes & Kinsmen
- [Registration ONLY \\$190.00](#) (includes special train expedition)
- Hotel booking is available only with paid registration
- Camping (power/water) is available close to the meeting facility.
- [2026 District Kinvention Registration Form](#)
- [Stettler Kin Invite You to District 4 Kinvention](#)

STETTLER KIN INVITE YOU TO  
**DISTRICT 4 KINVENTION**  
*Ride the Rails '26*  
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# D4 KIN KAMPOUT

24-26 JULY 2026	Ponoka Fish & Game Park Range Road 261 Maskwacis, AB	Camping / Saturday Potluck / Kids & Adult Games
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\$50/ Adult    \$25/Child (Ages 2-16)

More Information:  
[www.d4kin.ca](http://www.d4kin.ca)



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**District 4**



## District 4 Kin Kampout

### July 24-26, 2026 Ponoka Fish & Game Park

- Camping
- Saturday Potluck
- Kids & Adults Games
- \$50/ Adult & \$25/Child (ages 2-16)
- Visit [www.d4kin.ca](http://www.d4kin.ca) for more information
- Register at: <https://forms.gle/jhnhkYtve4NNmTf79>

Hosted by  
*The Kinette Club of St. Albert*

# D4 KINETTE FLC2026

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

 Dance



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

*Registration Details*  
 Cost & registration information coming soon!

**D4 Kinette FLC 2026**

**October 17, 2026**

**Hosted by the Kinette Club of St. Albert  
 Edmonton, AB**

# Ozone Club Events:

THE KINETTE CLUB OF CALGARY PRESENTS

## COMEDY FOR KIN CAUSES

WED MARCH 18 7:00 PM

TICKETS \$20



YUK YUK'S  
218 18 AVE SE, CALGARY

DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 AND MORE!

Kin Canada Knette Club of Calgary

Kin Canada Bursaries

## Comedy for Kin Causes

March 18, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Hosted by the Kinette Club of Calgary

## 25th Annual Sno-Pitch

April 11, 2026

Hosted by Kin Club of Okotoks

KIN CLUB OF OKOTOKS

25th Annual SNO-PITCH

**\$300 PER TEAM**

Full Payment due: March 11th, 2026

**Dinner & Dance Saturday, April 11th 2026**

**3 GAMES GUARANTEED**  
6 & 4 FORMAT

BREAKFAST: 8:00AM - 10:00AM (COFFEE & DONUTS)

SNO-PITCH: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

LUNCH: 11:00AM - 2:00PM (BURGERS, HOTDOGS & SMOKIES)

DINNER & DANCE: 6:00PM - 11:00PM (AUCTION, MUSIC & DANCE!!)

FEES INCLUDE: BREAKFAST, SNO-PITCH GAMES & DANCE. LUNCH & DINNER tickets SOLD SEPERATELY

PRIZING: PRIZING FOR THE TOP 2 TEAMS

OKOTOKS ON DECK RECREATION PARK  
48065 370 AVE E. OKOTOKS, AB

ELKS OF CANADA ELKS HALL  
58 ELIZABETH ST. OKOTOKS, AB

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES**

Contact: Adam - bracta43@gmail.com / 587.435.6083

Email bracta43@gmail.com to Register



**KinFest**  
**Music Festival**  
 MILLARVILLE RACE TRACK ISLAND CAMPGROUND  
**June 19-21st 2026**  
 CELEBRATING SUMMER SOLSTICE

**Early Bird passes March 1st!**  
**\$99.00**

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**15 BANDS!  
 CAMPING,  
 FOOD AND  
 MORE!**

**A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY:  
 KINSMEN CLUB OF CALGARY**

**YOUR TICKETS TODAY AT:  
 CALGARYKINSMEN.CA**

**Kin Fest – Music Festival**

June 19 - 21, 2026

Hosted by the Kinsmen Club of Calgary

Tickets: [calgarykinsmen.ca](http://calgarykinsmen.ca)

**Kin Day at Calgary Stampede**

Additional details will be provided closer to Stampede

**Come join us at Stampede  
 for Kin Day**

**KINSMEN  
 CLUB OF CALGARY**

**Kinsmen Million in  
 partnership with**

**Calgary Stampede  
 Lotteries**

Kinsmen Club Of Calgary

# Kin Canada: Foundation

**GET TO KNOW THE KIN CANADA FOUNDATION (KCF)**



• 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.

**Fondation Du KIN CANADA Foundation**

**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.
- NATIONAL SPEAKER'S COMPETITION**  
Cover travel costs for district winners to compete at Kin Canada's National Convention.

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

Individual and corporate donations are tax deductible!

Please add the KCF to your club's donation list. Your support is essential!

[www.kincanadafoundation.ca](http://www.kincanadafoundation.ca)

All Programs run mainly through donations from individual members, Kin Canada Clubs, and corporate support and investment income.



**Fondation Du KIN CANADA Foundation**

**RECOGNIZE THE BEST**  
Nominate a Hal Rogers Fellow

THE HIGHEST HONOUR OF THE KIN CANADA FOUNDATION

**Clubs Across Canada:**

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 [KinCanadaFoundation.ca](http://KinCanadaFoundation.ca)

Open to all deserving Kin Canada members or outstanding individuals in your community

Three Levels of Recognition: **Member · Officer · Companion**

[KinCanadaFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:KinCanadaFoundation@gmail.com)

# National Events & Announcements:

## 2026 National Convention

August 12-15 - Moose Jaw, SK

[2026 National Convention - Facebook](#)



## Feed the Need Food Drive

A Canada-wide volunteer initiative led by Kin Canada Clubs

**Project Goal:** to help food banks and community food programs in Canada keep up with the demands of record-high food insecurity in all provinces.



**\$541,029 raised in four months**

**111,380 lbs of food donated**

**6,722 Kin volunteer hours invested**

Congratulations to the **106 Kin Canada clubs** who accomplished this together!



## COULD YOU BE THE NEXT FOUNDING MEMBERS SPEAKING AWARD WINNER?

To qualify you must be the winner of the following:

- ✓ Winner of your club
- ✓ Winner of your zone
- ✓ Winner of your District

District winners will compete at the 2026 convention in Moose Jaw, SK

Ask your club Executive and District team for information about when your local and regional competitions will be held

**Award sponsored by the Kin Canada Foundation**

See the National Awards page on

[iKin.ca](#) for more info



## 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!



# National Vice President: Candidates Letters



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**



**Kin Canada**

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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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[\(1\) Lonny Wiebe for Kin Canada National Vice President 2026-2027 | Facebook](#)



## What is a Deputy Governor?

The Deputy Governor (or DG) is a member of District Council, which provides support and guidance to the clubs, and members in their Zone to ensure their success.

### Responsibilities

- Link between the District Executive and Clubs in your Zone
- Promote and model the Association's stated Values
- Attend District meeting: District Leadership Seminar, District Convention, Fall Leadership, , Pre-Term & Mid-Term
- Act as a resource and support for all Clubs in the Zone
- Club Visitations/ Installations
- Communication and Reporting
- Organize and Chair Zone meetings
- Promote service initiatives, membership growth, awards participation, interclub and district fellowship

**Serving on the District Council is not always easy. It requires time and effort on your part but with the tremendous support and valuable learning opportunities it is a position that is very rewarding!**

**LIFE**  
is meant  
to be this *rewarding*

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