Kinsmen Club of Peterborough

***President’s Bulletin #2*** - Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015.

I hope this message finds you all well.

***Installation Night:***

For those who were not in attendance I would like to update you as to what happened at our installation night. Our new executive for this Kin year is as follows:

**Past President -** Sean Auger **President** - Justin Ledoux

**Vice Presiden**t - Corey Nottingham **Secretary/Webmaster -** Mike Fillmore

**Treasurer -** Bill McDougall **Registrar -** Mike Cochrane

**Directors -** Dave Farley, Don Annette, Barry Craft, Dean Doherty and Simon Treviranus

Thank you to Rob Cote for agreeing to step in for Dean Doherty while he is away in the winter months. The Rookie of the Year was Mike Fillmore and The Kinsmen of the Year was Justin Ledoux, who also received a Maple Leaf Award of Distinction. It was a joint installation with the Kinettes and a good time was had by all. Amazingly, the president’s gavel was stolen before the installation dinner was even over. Rookie mistake!

The Kinette club gave us a gift as well. We were issued a certificate of appreciation for all the guidance and assistance we have provided them over the past year. I see no reason why this partnership should not continue and on behalf of the club I would like to extend a thank you to the Kinettes. The certificate contained the names of each individual member of the Kinsmen Club and is redeemable for 1 beverage each at the RCAF Wing. This brings me to my next point.

***100 % Night:***

Wouldn’t it be special to enjoy that free beverage **TOGETHER** as a club? Wouldn’t it be great for the **ENTIRE** club to hoist a glass during the toast to Canada and the association? When was the last time this club had a 100% night? I don’t know the answer to that question but I propose that the next 100% night take place on **Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015** at the first meeting of the new Kin year. Please help me in making this a reality.

***Blood Drive:***

The blood drive was a success! We collected 469 units of blood during the allotted time frame and that will go a long way in changing many lives. Not only did we make a difference in the amount of blood we collected, but we also created many new donors and helped spread the word for a great cause. It’s in you to give and the life saved might just be your own or that of a loved one. Thank you to Brad Huggins for chairing the event and to Dave Meekin for donating a prize for the draw at the end of the blood drive.

***Golf Tournament:***

The 4th Annual Kinsmen Charity Golf Tournament took place at Baxter Creek Golf Club on July 16th. Mother Nature smiled upon us and it was a gorgeous day for golf. All golfers had a great time for a great cause and Five Counties Children Centre will benefit from this event. I would like to thank our own Jason Chessar for giving us a sample of his talents both as a magician and as a speaker. He reminded us that he is living proof that our donations and efforts do make a difference in changing people’s lives. Thank you to Sean Auger for chairing this event and to Karen Auger for her assistance.

***Hall Bingo:***

Thank you to those who have completed a bingo shift already. Please check the bingo schedule that was sent out by Kevin Vaughan. The schedule is also posted on our website. Please make arrangements to switch your shift if needed. Our next shift is Friday, August 7th, 2015 with Sean Auger and Jason Chessar. This is an easy fund raiser for the club so it is important that we fulfill our commitments.

***Rib Cook Off:***

Habitat for Humanity Storage Wars is taking place on Saturday, August 8th, 2015 at 550 Braidwood Ave. This is a large event accompanied by a beer tent sponsored by the Publican House and music by Jason McCoy of the Road Hammers. The Kinsmen Club is hosting a rib cook off at this event. Dean Doherty is chairing this event and Mike Fillmore is putting together a schedule to serve ribs and sell beer tickets. It will be a great day so please come out and support our own event. Jim and Dean are competing as well as Sean Auger, who has already started the trash talk, and the 2 Dudes will be there as well. Good of kin to all involved.

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer with family and friends and taking in all the wonderful moments that life has to offer. JFK once said something to the effect that it only takes one man to make a difference, but every man should try. I leave you with that thought and I truly believe that we are all making a difference with our actions as Kinsmen. Thank you.

Justin Ledoux

President – Kinsmen Club of Peterborough