Kinsmen Club of Peterborough

***President’s Bulletin #3*** - Thursday, August 6th, 2015.

Fellow Kin,

The summer continues to fly by and I hope everyone is enjoying some leisure time with family and friends. Life is busy and it is important to balance work and leisure. Try to remember that yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift, that is why it is called the present. Keep yourself grounded and living in the moment and the rest, with a little luck, will fall into place.

On another note, I just made my 2nd blood donation on Tuesday. This may seem like a random thought but I just want to illustrate how the events we are involved with truly do continue to serve the community long after they are over. Each donation really does affect the life of another. If you haven’t already, give it a try!

***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 under tool box. Please make arrangements to switch your shift if needed. Our next shift is this Friday, August 7th, 2015 with Sean Auger and Jason Chessar. Upcoming shifts are Warren Davis and Brad Griffiths on August 14th followed by Mike Vanek and Jason Becker on August 21st.

***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 has put together a volunteer schedule to serve ribs and sell beer tickets. It will be a great day so please come out and support our own event. Jim & Dean, Dave Ronson, and Sean Auger are all competing. Dave Meekin and I are part of the judging panel and I look forward to sampling some delicious ribs!

***100% Night:***

The new Kin year is fast approaching and, as I mentioned in a previous bulletin, I would love to have a 100% night at that 1st general meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd. We can all enjoy a free beverage together, thanks to the Kinettes, and enjoy fellowship with the whole club. What better night than the first meeting of the year to catch up with your fellow Kin after a long summer break? We can do it gentlemen! There has been lots of notice and I hope everyone puts in the effort to be there, if possible. The registrar will be emailing and calling members before you know it.

***Kin College & Rejuvenation:***

I have been contacted by the Kinette Club of Sudbury asking if we have any members that may be interested in a Kin weekend in the Sudbury area. It is scheduled for the weekend of September 25th and consists of a Kin College for newer members and a Kin Rejuvenation weekend for veteran members who may need a reminder as to why they started this crazy Kinsmen thing in the first place. Any interested parties should let me know.

***Santa Claus Parade:***

The 2015 Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade will take place on Saturday, December 5th and will leave City Hall @ 6pm. There is no Pete’s game that night so it looks like we will return to the old, and easy, route into the Memorial Centre and Morrow Park lots. This year’s theme will be “Electric City Christmas” as suggested by Bill MacDougall and General Electric will be involved once again. The GE float will be designed by our very own Scott Hoy. The sled is booked as is the Canoe Museum for the safety meeting and the walkie talkies from TAS Communications. Looking forward to our 42nd Santa Claus Parade!

I would also like to mention that the RCAF Wing has a new president. Welcome to the incoming president, Pierre Brunet, and a big thank you to the outgoing president, Barb Bird.

Our 1st executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm. Location to be determined. I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday at the Rib Cook-Off. Cheers!

**“The task of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there.”** John Buchan

Justin Ledoux

President – Kinsmen Club of Peterborough