

National President
JOHN GREEN

A message from Kin President John Green

As Kinsmen celebrate their 60th Anniversary as an all Canadian service club, we look upon our past with pride and having played an integral role in serving our country. Kinsmen have grown from one club, in 1920 in Hamilton, to 625 clubs coast to coast, today.

Also developed are over 900 auxiliary clubs - Kinette Clubs for the wives of Kinsmen members, K-40 clubs which are made up of Kinsmen or past Kinsmen who have attained the age of forty, and K-Ettes which is a club for the wives of K-40 members. All of these auxiliaries have played a supportive role in the clubs' various projects over the years — Forty Thousand Canadian men and women working for Canada.

Kinsmen service has extended to the point where we have provided over \$125 million worth of service in the past three years - an estimated One Billion Dollars since 1920.

One of the highlights of our 60th year is to open a new national headquarters in Cambridge, named after our Founder, Hal Rogers O.C., O.B.E., who will be in attendance at the opening, along with two other founding members, Trev Thompson from Nanaimo and Perc Dawson fro Hamilton.

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Kinsmen in all communities will also be promoting some type of celebration in their area during the month of February and will invite all citizens to take part wherever possible.

As National President of The Association of Kinsmen Clubs, I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Canada for the continuous support over the last 60 years, which has allowed us to live up to our slogan, "To Serve the Community's Greatest Needs".

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Georgetown Kinsmen: Twenty-two years of community service

Following is a brief history of the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown:

1958-59 - The club's founding year, bringing local men together in a new chapter under the sponsorship of the Oakville Kinsmen; Clare Burns became the George-town club's first president leading members on their first fund-raising campaign selling Christmas trees, an annual practice which continues to this day.

Charter Night - March 17, 1958 - saw 15 members hold a Car Draw which raised \$650 for community service projects.

The same year, the club's project committee supplied park playground equipment for a local park turned over to the former town of Georgetown in the club's name.

1959 - February saw the formation of Georgetown's Kinette Club for women.

Also that year, the Kinsmen sponsored an all-star Bantam hockey team, held a car raffle which raised \$1,011 for aid to retarded children and began payment on a

three-year, \$3,000 donation to the local hospital.

1960 - In January, club members attended the inaugural meeting of the Georgetown Jaycees Club, bringing with them as a gift of fellowship a portrait of Queen Elizabeth.

1961 - In March, the Kinsmen completed payment on the initial \$1,000 toward their \$3,000 hospital donation.

a March of Dimes charity fund-raising campaign and assists in the collection of Trio Club Christmas hampers for the needy.

Another \$300 donation is made to the Retarded Children's Association, white elsewhere, the club's successful wash-a-rama project nets additional funds for community service.

The Kinsmen again help out the March of Dimes, sponsor a blood donor clinic for the Red Cross, purchase an oxygen tent for use by a young Georgetown child whose family requires financial assistance and

organize Georgetown's first Girls' Softball League.

1963-64 - Fund-raising projects include the trailer-rama and baseball tag day.

Other highlights; the donation of Christmas welfare packages and, with help from the town and welfare (Continued on Page 16)

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1958-59 Clare Burns

1959-60 Bill Hewitt

1960-61 Dean Taylor

1961-62 Jack Spence

1962-63 Harry Levy

1963-64 Jack Findlay

1961-65 Trev Moore 1965-66 Bob Collett

1966-67 Gary Alton

1967-68 BHI Sunnucks

1968-69 Tom Kent

1969-70 Gary Alton

1970-71 George Bowen

1971-72 Tom Puckering

1972-73 Al Murphy

1973-74 Fred Curtis

1974-75 Bruce Cook 1975-76 Rick Earle

1976-77 Tom Cooper

1977-78 Rick Armstrong

1978-79 Bob Swift

1979-80 Bob Malcolnison



RECALLING GEORGETOWN'S FOUNDING KIN - 1958

Can you match the face with the name. This picture was of the founding Kinsmen Club taken 22 years ago. Those here include Bill Hewitt, Clare Burns, Bill McDonald, Ron Ritchie, Danny Hewitt, Colin Ray, Benn Middleton, John

Coun, Don Burns, Cliff Norton, John Cuthbert, Dean Taylor, Tony O Bryne, Jack Thompson, Jack Heslop, Sam Mettor, Reg Higham, Ray McBoon and George Meihm.

We salute the Kinsmen on their 22nd Anniversary and the Association of Kinsmen Clubs 60th Anniversary

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