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NATIONAL KIN WEEK



1955-56 CHARLOTTETOWN KINSMEN CLUB EXECUTIVE

The members of the 1955-56 executive of the Charlottetown Kinsmen Club are pictured above. The Club this week is participating in its first National Kinsmen Week. Left to right: Larry Slaght, secretary; George Hood, director; Sam Robinson, President; Perry MacDonald, past president; Joe Shelfoon, first vice president; Missing from picture Tony Gallant, director; Wally Higgins, director; Clive Cudmore, attendance director; Ned Dooley, and membership.

HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHARLOTTETOWN KINSMEN CLUB

FORMATION

The Charlottetown Kinsmen Club was organized in the fall of 1937. It will be recalled that the local club's organizer Banty Bantick, retiring last year after 20 years as General Secretary of the Association, returned to our City as guest speaker for Founder's Night and was the recipient of the first of our celebrated Centennial Keys to the City.

A Charter night was held on March 10, 1938 and Norm Saunders was Charter President. Of the original 19 Charter members the following are still active in the club: Ike Sinclair, Stew Ives, Roland Taylor, Gordon Rice and George Ayers.

OBJECTS OF KIN

To promote and direct fellowship among young men of good character within Canada to the end: (1) That they may be improved and educated in modern business and professional methods and ethics. (2) That the interest of each in the welfare of his community may be stimulated. (3) That constitutional authority may be upheld. (4) That a spirit of co-operation, tolerance, understanding and equality between all nations and all peoples be fostered and stimulated and that unity of thought and purpose throughout Canada be established towards this goal. (5) That they shall carry on service work within their community.

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL CLUB

Since its inception in 1937 the Charlottetown Kinsmen Club has always been one of the leading service clubs of our City and today has a membership of over 40. Throughout the years it has taken its full part in the affairs of

Kinsmanship in Canada and has provided both district and national officers.

In 1945 the local club was responsible for extending Kinsmanship to Summerside through the formation of the Summerside Kinsmen Club.

In 1952 the Club had the distinction of having Charlottetown Kinsmen head up the National Officers of the Association as follows: National President, A. Walthen Gaudet, National Treasurer, D. Ivan Sinclair, National Secretary, Stewart G. Ives, National Registrar, A. Fremont Archer, National Co-ordinator, Jan R. Rankin.

PAST-PRESIDENTS

During the years the following Kinsmen have guided affairs of the local club: 1937, Norm Saunders; 1938, George Ayers; 1939, Stewart Ives; 1940, Gordon Rice; 1941, Gordon Hutcherson; 1942, Ern Lord; 1943, Lorne Calbeck; 1944, Roland Taylor; 1945, Neil Higgins; 1946, Otto Rose; 1947, Walthen Gaudet; 1947-48, Keith MacKinnon; 1948-49, Bren Sears; 1949, Dr. Loy Duffy; 1950-51, Ike Sinclair; 1951-52, Fremont Archer; 1952-53, Dr. Frank MacMillan; 1953-54, Ian Rankin; 1954-55, Percy MacDonald.

NATIONAL TROPHIES

During the years the local Kinsmen has won National Trophies on a number of occasions including the Boake Efficiency Trophy twice, the Gemmill Bowling Trophy three times, and the Ritnie Bulletin Trophy.

District Trophies have likewise been won here on numerous occasions.

FOUNDER H. A. ROGERS

The Association of Kinsmen Clubs, Canada's only entirely Na-

tional Service Club was founded in Hamilton, Ontario by Mr. H. A. Rogers in 1920 and the Charlottetown Club has had the honors of visits from him on a number of occasions, most notable being his visit on Founder's Night 1951 at which time he received the Key to the City from Mayor J. D. Stewart, D.S.O.

KINETTES

The desirability of a Kinette Club in conjunction with the Kinsmen Club was fully realized by 1950 and in that year under the presidency of Mrs. A. Walthen Gaudet the club was formed to "Fulfill the Communities Greatest Need" and to assist the Kins-

men wherever possible. Since the term of office of Mrs. Gaudet expired the Kinette Club has been directed by Mrs. Ivan Sinclair, Mrs. Roland Taylor, Mrs. Percy MacDonald, Mrs. Stewart Ives and Mrs. Clive Cudmore.

Among the outstanding contributions of this club to the service of the Community have been: Annual donations of playground equipment and toys such as tricycles, to both orphanages; substantial contributions to numerous funds such as March of Dimes, Lady Alexander Fund, Milk Deliveries to needy families, assistance to the P. E. I. Association for Retarded Children.

SERVICE WORK

Through the years since its formation the Charlottetown Kinsmen have raised well in excess of \$100,000 to take care of "The Community's Greatest Need". Kinsmen have no national project except in times of national emergency such as their outstanding "Milk For Britain" project during World War Two. Under such nearly three million dollars worth of milk went overseas with Charlottetown Kinsmen contributing over \$10,000 alone to this worthy cause. Rather Kin leaves it to its 300 local clubs and over 10,000 individual Kinsmen to choose on the local level what service work is most needed in each community. Among the most outstanding local service projects of the Charlottetown Kinsmen through the years have been: Installation of sound equipment in our public schools; equipment of the four City Squares with playground facilities; initiation of the Charlottetown Dental Clinic; establishment of the Arts and Crafts Centre; summer camps for over 1500 of our needy boys and girls; kiddies' picnics at the North Shore for some 5,000 of the City's less privileged youngsters; annual Hallowe'en parties at the Armouries for the youth of the City; juvenile hockey and baseball teams; welfare baskets for the poor of the City; annual public school prizes; annual music festival scholarships and Blood Donor Clinic promotion.

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