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MY TARTAN VEST OF KIN MEMORIES

Newfoundlanders are very proud of their Tartan colors of green, brown, white and red. The distinctive design has been around long before Confederation and is proudly worn to this day with dignity and pride.

I too am very proud of my Tartan which is known to me as “My Tartan Vest of Kin Memories”. I have displayed my collection proudly since joining Kin in 1981.

Back in my early Kin year's, pins were a novelty with no matter where you travelled, whether it be Spring Zones, District and National Conventions, Fall Leadership Conferences or Kin Club meetings, before leaving one of these functions you would have either traded or received a pin or both.

The days of trading and receiving are now long gone for most, but certainly not forgotten. I personally am relieved of not having to wear my vest, due to my 10 pound vest getting way to heavy on these shoulders and my tired, aging, back!

When I glance at my Memory Vest, there are special events and conventions that stand out to me.

- My first Spring Zone Conference “Pow Wow 81’ and being dressed in an Indian costume made of brin potato sack....let me tell you, did I ever itch throughout that weekend.

- Then it was my first District Convention on Bible Hill and me proudly becoming one of LM Denley Stone's “Denny's Stagettes”. Den would do anything for us ladies at that convention even walking to a store getting

smokes. The Three Stagettes sure had it knocked that convention weekend!

- During the same convention it was my first time meeting some fellow Kinsmen from Nashwaaksis. LM Marilyn Foote a.k.a Nanny Foote had these gentlemen convinced that in order to enter our room to meet her roommates, they had to wash their feet in a pan of water that she had placed outside our door. Sure enough, off go their shoes and socks and in go the feet. The boys sure were a bit of fun and needless to say they all had clean feet!

- Another District Convention that stands out with me was “Kartoon Kapers 87”. Back then a parade would be a big part of District Convention, so our group set out to participate as the “Goofy Newfies”. With our big noses and floppy ears we paraded proudly down the streets to the music “You might think were Goofy but the Man in the Moon is a Newfie” and, Half an Hour Later on an Island in the Sea! I can still see us now with our big noses made of wire hangers, fluffy cotton wool and beige panty hoses...

- When I catch a glimpse of the pin that reads “Secure the Dream FLC ‘95” I think of our first Joint Fall Leadership Conference. What a wonderful gathering of Kin and many hours of fun. There was one Kinsmen that stood out to me during the fellowship, costume evening who was dressed as a nun. I think I may have had him spooked though, with me being a two headed lady. This Kin member is still an active Kinsmen but is better known these days as the Red Lobster!

- That same year 1994-95, I look at a button placed on my vest with fond memories. There we are LM Kin Gary Carville and I when we ran for District Office. The button stating that we were “Rock Solid” and we sure

were. Gary's Kin drive was infectious and I am so glad that I had the opportunity to be a part of his Kin Journey. I am also reminded of the fun times that Gary and I shared during our year as Deputy Governor and Zone Kinette Coordinator. These are memories that I will forever treasure.

My "Tartan Vest of Kin Memories" also remind me of my accomplishments and achievements that I am so very proud of since joining the Family of Kin. For example: my Maple Leaf Award, Gem and Diamond Awards, Zone Coordinator Pin and Life Membership Pin, just to name a few.

My "Kin Memory Vest" will continue to proudly hang in my closet. It will always be at my fingertips if at any time I feel the need to reminisce and to think of the many wonderful and fun years I am having in KIN.

No matter where our travels may lead us, Kin members know that there will always be a warm handshake or a gentle hug waiting for us anywhere across Canada. Not many people in this world today can say that. I am a PROUD Kin Member of the Kin Association that treasures her

"Tartan Vest of Kin Memories!"

