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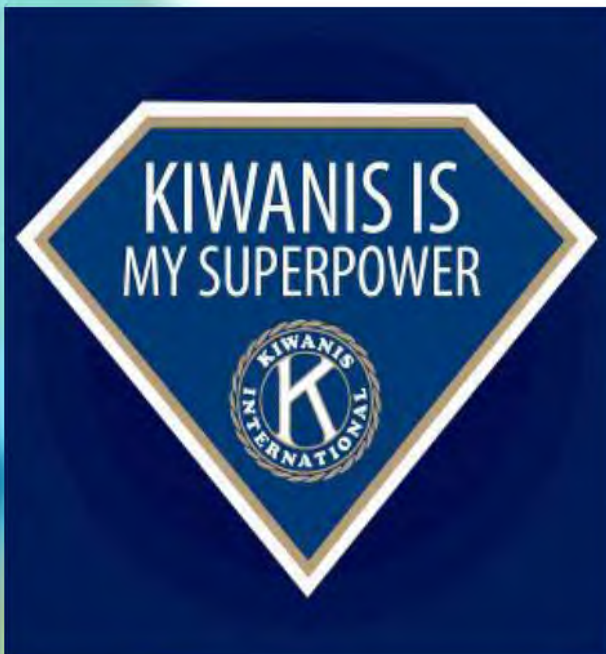


Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District elects the 2024-2025 Leaders at the District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica. See highlights of the 3-Day Convention at Page 5

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Greetings my Kiwanis Family,

“Leadership styles refer to how someone guides, motivates, and manages others while strategizing and executing tactics to meet team and stakeholder demands .”

Over the last three months, Kiwanis has been electing new leaders for the Kiwanis year 2024-25 at the Club, Division, District, and International levels. Each new leader will bring change, and the quality of this change will be significantly influenced by the leadership style they adopt.

Effective and positive leadership is necessary. We expect our leaders to lead by example, communicate clearly, listen objectively, provide measurable goals, and build trust. Inspiring, empowering, and supporting our members will allow them to grow and achieve their set goals.

All leadership styles have benefits and challenges, but we must be guided by Kiwanis International's Six Objectives, which will direct us as we continue our purpose of Serving the Children of the World.

Election results from the EC&C District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and the Kiwanis International District Convention in Colorado, USA are featured in this publication. Let us support our future leaders and remember “Kids Need Kiwanis.”

Yours in Kiwanis Service ,

Michelle Giles-Leacock
Bulletin Editor, EC&C District

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DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

2023-2024 EC&C BOARD OF TRUSTEES



John Chave
Governor
KC of Barrie



Pam Rodney-White
Governor-Elect
KC of Constant Spring



Cynthia Blackman
Vice Governor
KC of Pride of Barbados



Anthony Haile
Immediate Past Governor
KC of Curaçao



Jim Steele
District Secretary Treasurer
KC of Brantford

REGION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TITLE	SUFFIX	CLUB NAME	DIVISION
1	Chave	John	KI District Governor	K00829	Barrie	8 Huronia
2	Rodney-White	Pam	KI District Governor-Elect	K15937	Constant Spring, Kingston	23C Jamaica Central
3	Blackman	Cynthia	KI District Vice Governor	K17718	Pride of Barbados	27 Caribbean
4	Haile	Anthony	Immediate Past Governor		Curacao	26 Trade Winds
5	Liu	An-Chi	2023 Lieutenant Governor	K20251	North Eastern Ontario	2 Cambrian
6	McGann	Kermitt	KI District Finance	K06530	Downtown Kingston	23 East Surry South
7	Steele	James	KI District Secretary	K00016	Brantford	5 Black Walnut
A	Macphee	Louise	KI District Trustee	K03552	West Lorne	4 Colonel Talbot
B	McLaren	Terry	KI District Trustee	K00611	Peterborough	10 Pine Ridge
C	Bloom	Harley	KI District Trustee	K12317	Eastern Ottawa EST	12 Golden Triangle
D	Bertrand	Alain	KI District Trustee	K00539	Quebec	16 Alouette
E	Brewer	Mark	KI District Trustee	K01626	Saint John	18 Fundy
F	Butler	L Sandra	KI District Trustee	K13426	New Providence, Nassau	22 Sunshine
G	McKnight	Leighton	KI District Trustee	K07404	North St. Andrew	23C Jamaica Central
H	Lawrence	Dwight	KI District Trustee	K17156	Westmoreland Capital	25 Cornwall
I	der Meer	Marlon	KI District Trustee	K05935	Curacao	26 Trade Winds
J	Maignan	Daniel	KI District Trustee	K06865	Fort-De-France	27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie

2023-2024 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

DIVISION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	REGION	CLUB NAME
2 Cambrian	Liu	An-Chi	D	North Eastern Ontario
3 St. Clair Bluewater	Felton	Richard	A	Sarnia-Lambton Golden K
4 Colonel Talbot	Ure	Allen	A	Ridgetown
5 Black Walnut	MacLennan	David	A	Stratford
6 Golden Horseshoe	Greenhalgh	Sandie	A	St. Catharines
8 Huronia	Ellement	Helen	B	Barrie
9 Maple Leaf	Coccimiglio	Francesco	B	Casa Loma, Toronto
10 Pine Ridge	Compton	David	B	Peterborough
11 Loyalist	Buck	Marjorie	C	Belleville
12 Golden Triangle	Vaillancourt	Glen	C	Ottawa
13 Ottawa Valley	Lauder	Robert	C	Pembroke
15 Boreal	Sarrasin	Andrew	D	Lakeshore, Montreal
16 Alouette	Painchaud	Claudette	D	Quebec
17 Laurentides	Villeneuve	Alain	D	Alma
18 Fundy	Ross	Michael	E	Fredericton
20 Bluenose	Creamer	Darren	E	Charlottetown
21 Caribou	Wakeham	Margaret	E	St. John's
22 Sunshine	Johnson	Anastacia	F	Fort Montagu, Nassau
23 East Surry South	Rampair	Stephan	G	Downtown Kingston
23 West Middlesex South	Menzies	Ronnette	G	Central Portmore
23C Jamaica Central	Batchelor	Desmond	G	Kingston
24 Jamaica	Williams	Josette	H	Armadale
25 Cornwall	Lawrence	Francois	H	Montego Bay
26 Trade Winds	McPherson-Price	Shelly-Ann	I	Scarborough
27 Caribbean	Abel-Jeffrey	Dianne	I	St. Andrew Grenada
27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie	Joseph-Alexandre	Robert	J	Schoelcher, Martinique
27c Guadeloupe	Andre-Lubin	Enor	J	Nord Basse-Terre

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings, Fellow Kiwanians.

It's hard to believe that we have just completed the third quarter of our Kiwanis year. What an amazing nine months it has been!!!!

First Lady Sue and I have had a fantastic time as we visited eleven divisions in both eastern Canada and the Caribbean. We met so many wonderful Kiwanians during our travels.

I wish to thank all my dedicated Lieutenant Governors who are my "boots on the ground." You are so vital to the success of the district. I especially would like to thank all those who hosted us on our travels and made our visits so memorable.

As you all know, my main focus this year is "Grass Roots Kiwanis." I urge each and every one of you to continue on with your service projects that improve the lives of children and families in your communities.

We also had the opportunity to attend both the district convention in Jamaica and the International convention in Denver. It is always great to be in the presence of so many like-minded Kiwanians. If you haven't attended a

convention, I urge you to do so. You will not be disappointed.

Also, please don't forget to do everything you can to grow your clubs, as we all know that:

"MORE CLUBS = MORE MEMBERS AND MORE MEMBERS = MORE HANDS FOR SERVICE," and that is what we, as Kiwanians, do so well.

Keep up the good work, and always remember.

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS"

Together, we can do amazing things!!!!

In Kiwanis Service,

John Chave, Governor



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2024 EC&C District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica

Kiwanians from across Eastern Canada and the Caribbean converged on the beautiful island of Jamaica for the 103rd Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention, held from May 16 to 18, 2024, in Montego Bay, under the theme “One Luv, One Vybz, One Passion.”

The three days were an opportunity to fellowship, to conduct the business of the EC&C District, to grow in Kiwanis Knowledge, and, of course, to celebrate achievements within the district. Members and guests were shuttled daily from their Hotels to the Montego Bay Convention Centre to attend the scheduled events.

Day One—On Thursday, May 16, 2024, the day started with a First-Timers Reception to welcome the 226 members attending their first District Convention and to set them off on a Kiwanis scavenger hunt over the three days. Kiwanis educational forums and workshops filled most of the day until the official Opening Ceremony in the afternoon.

The grandeur of the Opening Ceremony was set in motion with the processions. The ambiance was maintained by the voice-over announcements facilitated by DP Nakita West of KC Young Professionals, Kingston. Governor John Chave, First Lady Sue, The Hon. Edmund Bartlett—Minister of Tourism, and His Worship, the Mayor Councillor Richard Vernon, were led into the room by Distinguished Governor Jim Scott, dressed in his kilt,



playing the bagpipes. The Flags of the Caribbean, the United States, Canada, and the host island, Jamaica, were paraded onto the stage by members of the Jamaica Combined Cadet Force. The National Anthems of the United States of America and Canada were played, and



the Herbert Morrison Technical High School students (Photo right) rendered the National Anthem of Jamaica.



Governor John Chave warmly welcomed everyone to the District Convention in Montego Bay. His polite request of the conventioners to stop, shake his hands, and hug him when they see him in the hallways or in the forums was received with great amusement.



Among the distinguished Kiwanians present were Godfrey Dyer, Distinguished Governor (sitting at left in photo) and only Jamaican to have a Kiwanis Award named in his honor, and Elke McCumber, Distinguished Governor (in photo sitting in the center) the first female Governor to lead our EC&C District in 1999-2000.



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2024 EC&C District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica

Greetings were received from the Titled Sponsor, Dr. Carey Williams – Executive Director of the Tourism Enhancement Fund, who played on the 1st Object of Kiwanis International and remarked that the sponsors were happy to contribute the material aspect of what is required for our Kiwanis movement, knowing that Kiwanians provide for the human and spiritual side. His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Richard Vernon, a fellow Kiwanian, brought greetings and welcomed members and guests to Montego Bay, encouraging them to immerse themselves in the Jamaican culture. He noted that the convention is not just a gathering but a call to action.

The entertainment was provided by Bunny Rose, a classical Jamaican artiste who serenaded the crowd with his soulful renditions, and the Silver Bird Steel Orchestra, who captivated the crowd with their energetic rhythm and steel pans.



Photos above: Bunny Rose (Left). The Silver Bird Steel Orchestra (Right)



In Photo Front L-R: Dr. Carey Williams, DG Godfrey Dyer, His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Richard Vernon and The Hon. Edmund Bartlett.

The keynote speaker was The Hon. Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism. He brought greetings on behalf of the Prime Minister, Government, and the people of Jamaica. The Hon. Edmund Bartlett, in his Speech, addressed the sustainability of planet Earth and its ability to satisfy the demands of the people. He noted that we must become custodians of the management of our environment, and we must be responsible for sustaining, enhancing, and maintaining the capacity of planet Earth to be the source of prosperity for the people.

Mrs. Blanzo Araveya Foster Ellis received the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Citizen of the Year Award. She grew up seeing her parents volunteering and giving to the less fortunate in her community, which made volunteering and serving a natural progression for her even before she joined the Kiwanis Club of Greater Portmore in 2015. (See Page 19 for full bio)



Photo above: In true Kiwanis spirit, the candidates for Vice Governor 2024 -25 rose to their feet and danced during Bunny Rose's performance.

As the Opening Ceremony approached its conclusion, District Convention Chair Edwin Thompson advised Kiwanians to use this time to reflect on the past and envision the future.

Day Two: On Friday, May 17, 2024, the Awards Luncheon followed the scheduled forums and workshops which were held in the morning. Leo Williams, District Administrator - CKI, was the Master of Ceremonies at the buffet-style K-Family Awards Luncheon.

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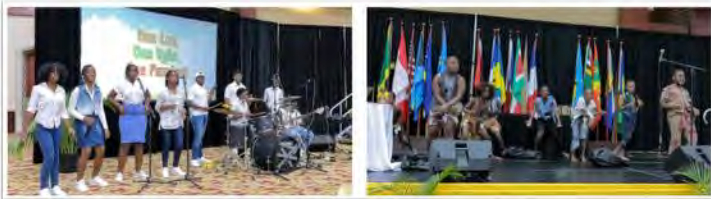


2024 EC&C District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica

The 2022-2023 EC&C District Awards were presented by Kermit McGann of the Past Lieutenant Governors Committee, Distinguished Governor (DG) Anthony Haile, and Marjorie Buck, Achievement and Awards Committee Chair. (See Page 15-16 for the list of the District Awards and the winners). DG Anthony Haile presented Kelly Hanna, Division 22 Sunshine, with the 2022 – 2023 Distinguished Lieutenant Governor with Excellence (DLGE) Award. (Page 17)

Chairperson Merdina Callum reported on the 2024 Signature Project Competition. 138 projects were entered into the competition; 73 in Tier 1 and 65 in Tier 11. (See Page 18 for the winners in each Tier)

The Herbert Morrison Technical High School and the St. Mary's Preparatory School (in photos below) provided the entertainment.



The day's events ended with the Host Night Party at White Witch Golf Club, Rose Hall, which provided members with an evening of Jamaican fun, food, music, and culture.

Day Three: Saturday, May 18, 2024, commenced with the Divisional Caucus Meetings. These meetings were followed by the Plenary Session, which opened with a Memorial Service led by Past Governor Phil Rossy. As the names of members who died were announced, the Lieutenant Governor from each Division placed a rose in the memorial vase. The audience then rose to show respect as the instrumental version of the gospel song "He Walks with Me" was played. The audience joined in with the lyrics.

As the Plenary Session continued, Governor John Chave reported on the activities of the clubs in the district and his interactions with Kiwanians and the members of the Service Leadership Program during his visits. He spoke about Growth, his motto – "It's All About the Kids", and

Grass Roots Projects. District Secretary/Treasurer Jim Steele reported on the membership and club growth of the EC&C District. He cautioned about the impact of a USD25 increase in Kiwanis International (KI) dues on clubs and the effect on the district if the motion is passed at the KI Convention in Denver. District Finance Chair Kermit McGann reported on the financial performance of the district ending September 30, 2023, and compared it to 2022.

Representatives from the Service Leadership Program addressed the audience. Joshua Bertram - Key Club Governor, Jamaica District, spoke about "Reducing violence in Schools" and "Better care for our Environment" and gave solutions for each issue from a Jamaican perspective. Trudy-Ann Stirling - Circle K International Trustee enlightened the audience with information on Eastern Canada and Caribbean CKI Districts.

Distinguished Governor Anthony Haile presented the report from the Credentials Committee and presided over the election process. There were 418 delegates and 41 Delegates at large, representing 173 clubs. The quorum (one-third of 279 clubs) had been surpassed.



The delegates considered the only Proposed Amendment submitted, which fell under ARTICLE 7. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—Purpose: To amend Article 7, Section 5 - g, to allow a sitting Club President to be elected as Lt. Governor-Elect, effective October 1, for the start of the next Kiwanis year. This proposed amendment required a 2/3 vote to pass, but after much discussion, the motion was defeated.

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2024 EC&C District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica

This year, three candidates vied for Vice Governor for 2024-2025: Christine King-Wallen, Didier Saint-Louis, and Sharon Williams. At the close of the voting, the following district officers were elected to serve for 2024-2025: Pam Rodney-White, Governor; Cynthia Blackman, Governor-Elect; and Sharon Williams, Vice Governor. Hope Markes - Kiwanis International Trustee, installed the District Leaders and Trustees for 2024-2025. Jim Steele will return as District Secretary/Treasurer, and John Chave as the Immediate Past Governor in 2024-2025.



L-R: Sharon Williams, Vice Governor-Designate, Cynthia Blackman, Governor-Elect Designate; Pam Rodney-White, Governor Designate; John Chave, Governor; Anthony Haile, Distinguished Governor; Jim Steele, District Secretary/Treasurer. At the Podium: Hope Markes, Kiwanis International Trustee

At the close of the Plenary Session, Distinguished Governor Anthony Haile presented the Distinguished Lieutenants Governors 2022-2023 with their Pins and the packages for their respective distinguished clubs in their divisions. (Distinguished Lt. Governors and DG Anthony Haile in photo below)



Later that evening, members and guests adorned in their formal attire returned to the Montego Bay Convention Centre for the final event—the Members' Gala Banquet. Leighton McKnight, District Trustee, was the Master of

Ceremonies. During the Gala, Governor Designate Pam Rodney-White introduced the 2024-2025 EC&C Board of Trustees, and the Lieutenant Governors Designate. Dwight Richards and Friends provided the entertainment.



As the curtain came down on the Members' Gala Banquet, Governor John Chave terminated the 103rd EC&C Convention in Montego Bay. (Photo right)



Thanks to the District Convention Chair Edwin Thompson, Host Chair Sheila Heaven, and their teams for



a successful District Convention. Appreciation is also extended to the many Kiwanians and guests, Partners, and Sponsors whose presence and contributions also made the event a success. 673 Kiwanis members, 3 Service Leadership Program members, and 43 guests registered for the 103rd Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention in Montego Bay.

The 104th EC&C District Convention 2025 under the theme **Come Alive in '25!** will be in Niagara Falls Ontario, Canada, May 29-31, 2025. See you there!



2024 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Election Results from the House of Delegates

Kiwanis members from around the world gathered in person in Denver, Colorado, U.S., to be part of the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention, which ran from July 3-6, 2024. The theme this year was “EXPLORE the POSSIBILITIES”.



Lee Kuan Yong of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, was elected president, and Michael Mulhaul of Interlaken, New Jersey, U.S., was elected president-elect during the House of Delegates at the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S. Hope Markes of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District was elected vice president. All begin their terms on October 1, 2024.



These three Kiwanians were elected trustees for the United States and Pacific Canada Region:

- Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges of the Carolinas District.
- Jo Schwartz of the Kansas District.
- Scott Sims of the Alabama District.



Also joining the board for three-year terms will be Mario Bruni of Ontario, Canada, as a trustee for the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, and Maura Magni of the Italy-San Marino District as trustee for the Europe Region. Filip Delanote of the Belgium-Luxembourg



District will join the board for a one-year term to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Vincent Salembier.

The House of Delegates voted on 8 of the 10 proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. **Learn more on Page 11**

Start Planning for the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S., June 25-28. “Forge the Future”

Information above was extracted from the Kiwanis International Website
[Lee Kuan Yong elected 2024-25 president of Kiwanis International | Kiwanis International](#)

Election Results from the KI House of Delegates (Cont'd)

At the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S. the House of Delegates voted on the following proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws.

The following amendments were approved:

- Onetime Dues Increase (Amendment #1): Submitted by the Kiwanis International Board, this amendment will increase Kiwanis International dues to US\$77 for clubs in Tier 1 and US\$34 for Tier 2.
- Reduction of Dues Tier Levels (Amendment #2): The Kiwanis International Board submitted this amendment, which will reduce the number of dues tiers from three to two.
- Kiwanis International Board Composition (Amendment #3): Submitted by the Kiwanis International Board, this amendment will reduce the number of Kiwanis International trustees from 15 to 12, beginning with elections in 2025 and being completed by the elections in 2027.
- Election of District Trustees (Amendment #4): The Kiwanis International Board submitted this amendment, which will allow a member from outside a district's region to serve as district trustee if no one from within the region is willing or able to serve.

The following amendments were not approved:

- Dues Increase Over Four Years, With Automatic Increases After (Amendment #6):
- Remote Voting (Amendment #8): This amendment would have allowed for final voting during Kiwanis International conventions to take place globally via secure remote voting.
- Prohibition On Alcohol Purchases (Amendment #9):
- Prohibition on Airfare Purchases (Amendment #10):

The following amendments were withdrawn by the submitters after passage of Amendments 1 and 2, respectively:

- Dues Increase Over Three Years (Amendment #5): Submitted by the Pacific Northwest District Board, this amendment would have increased Kiwanis International dues beginning October 1, 2024, and completed with the 2026-27 administrative year.
- Revised Dues Tiers (Amendment #7): Submitted by the Malaysia District Board, this amendment would have changed the basis level for each dues tier, with no change to the dues amounts.



Congratulations!

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE**



HOPE MARKES

The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District of Kiwanis International is proud to announce that Hope Markes from the Kiwanis Club of Hopewell, Hanover, Jamaica, was elected 2024-2025 Vice President of Kiwanis International at the 2024 Annual International Convention in Denver Colorado.



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Celebrating Excellence: **Eastern Canada and the Caribbean (EC&C) District**

The EC&C District recently celebrated a significant milestone at the Kiwanis International Convention held in Denver, Colorado. The event not only highlighted the district's achievements but also honored the outstanding contributions of its members and leaders.

A Distinguished Honor: One of the convention's most notable moments was the recognition of Immediate Past Governor Anthony Haile. Based on his exceptional leadership and dedication, he was included in Past Kiwanis International President Bert West's prestigious list of Distinguished Governors. This praise, however, is not just a personal achievement for DG Anthony but a collective honor for the entire EC&C District.

Collective Achievement: The recognition extends to Distinguished Secretary/ Treasurer Jim Steele, the EC&C

Board, all the Lieutenant Governors from 2022-2023, and every member of the EC&C District. Their combined efforts and commitment have played a crucial role in earning this distinguished status.

Ceremonial Honors: During a formal dinner meeting at the convention, Immediate Past Governor Haile received a certificate, pin, and ring, symbols of his distinguished role. The awards ceremony was a proud moment for the EC&C District, as Kiwanis International Past President Bert West officially acknowledged the distinguished governors and secretaries.

A Visual Celebration: The following pictures capture the essence of the awards ceremony, showcasing the joy and pride of the EC&C District as they celebrate this remarkable achievement.



Photo at Left: 2022-2023 International President Bert West presents 2022-2023 EC&C Governor, Anthony Haile with his Distinguished Awards.



Photo at right: Distinguished Governor Anthony Haile displays his Certificate



Photo at left: District Secretary/ Treasurer, Jim Steele displays his Certificate



Photo at right: L-R Distinguished Governor Anthony Haile, 2023-24 EC&C Governor John Chave and Distinguished Secretary/ Treasurer Jim Steele.

Congratulations!

Distinguished Governor 2023-2024



Anthony Haile

Distinguished Governor

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District



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Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Awards 2022-2023

Ray Allen Memorial Award

(To recognize a Past Lieutenant Governor who has continued for at least 5 years, to contribute and participate in the activities of his/her Club, Division and District)

Allan Ure
Division 4 - Colonel Talbot

Spirit of Service Award

(To recognize a Kiwanian for enthusiastic dedication and outstanding service to the district)

Audrey Brown
Kiwanis Club of New Kingston

"Coup De Chapeau" Award

(Presented to a District Committee Chairperson bases on his/her outstanding work and contribution to the district)

Edwin Thompson
Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M.

Frank Summerhayes Award

(Presented to the Lieutenant Governor who has produced the best LT. Governor Bulletin)

Carolyn Mac Donald Riley
Division 23 East South Surry

Ralph Taylor Club Weekly/Biweekly Bulletin Award

(Presented to the club that issued the best weekly/biweekly Bulletin in electronic or paper media)

Kiwanis Club of Brantford
Division 5 Black Walnut



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Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Awards 2022-2023

Fred McAllister Service Award

(Presented to an individual who has performed the most outstanding service to their local community through Kiwanis Year 2022-2023)

Emmerson Beckles

Kiwanis Club of Barbados North

Godfrey Dyer Kiwanis Marketing Award

(To recognize club contributions to Marketing, Publicity and the Promotion of Kiwanis within the community)

Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M.

Division 22 Sunshine

Interclub Award

(This award is based on the interclub activity during the year as reported via the club's monthly report)

Kiwanis Club of North St. Andrew

Division 23 Central

Laurent Girouard Bulletin Award

(Presented to the Club that issues the best monthly/quarterly Bulletin in electronic or paper media.)

Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M.

Division 22 Sunshine

Club Secretary Award of Merit

(For the club secretary who has been judged to be outstanding - An Unsung Hero)

Keishla Goodman-Cash

Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach



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Congratulations!

Distinguished Lieutenant Governors Class of 2022-2023

	Divisions
Richard Felton	3 St. Clair Bluewater
Dick Graham	4 Colonel Talbot
Nelson McClinchey	5 Black Walnut
Kelly Hanna	22 Sunshine
Carolyn McDonald	23 East Surry South
Pauline Samuel	23 West Middlesex South
Hugh Reid	23C Jamaica Central
Joycelyn Watts Phillips	27 Caribbean
Didier Saint Louis	27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie
Nicole Plantier	27c Guadeloupe

Congratulations!

Kelly Hanna

Distinguished Lieutenant Governor with Excellence 2022-2023



Congratulations to our 2024 Signature Project Winners

2024 EC&C District

Winners -Tier 1 (Clubs with 27 members or fewer)

	Club Name	Division	Project Name
1st	Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera	22 Sunshine	No Child Without Christmas
2nd	Kiwanis Club of St. John	18 Fundy	Kiwanis Cash Calendar of St. John
3rd	Kiwanis Club of Castries	27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie	Annual Hamper Projects

Winners - Tier 11 (Clubs with 28 members or more)

1st	Kiwanis Club of Providence – Montego Bay	25 Cornwall	Breast Cancer Aware-ness 5K Run/ Walk/Wheelchair
2nd	Kiwanis Club of North St. Andrew	23 East	Youth Mentorship & Infrastructure Improvement
3rd	Kiwanis Club of Papine	23 East	Reading for the Stars Reading Competition

2024 Kiwanis International



Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica won **GOLD** in Group II with their project 'Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk/Wheelchair'.

In photo left to right: Elizabeth Warren, Director of Programmes and Partnerships; Hyacinth Shakes-Warren, Distinguished President; Pam Rodney-White, Governor Designate EC&C; and Michael Mulhaul, Kiwanis International President-Elect Designate.

Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera, Bahamas won **BRONZE** in Group I with the Signature Project 'No Child Without Christmas'.

In photo left to right: Elizabeth Warren, Director of Programmes and Partnerships; members of the club, (Kiwanian Tracie Penfound, President Meredith Atwood, Distinguished President Margaritta Culmer) and Michael Mulhaul, Kiwanis International President-Elect Designate.

(Details of the winning projects will be featured in the September Edition of the District Newsletter)

KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Citizen of the Year



Mrs. Blanzo Araveya Foster Ellis hails from the parish of St Elizabeth from humble beginnings. She grew up seeing her parents volunteering and giving to the less fortunate in her community; hence, the natural trajectory to do the same. Her love for volunteering and serving in many capacities was noticeable by others and as such, was introduced to the Kiwanis movement in 2014 by Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence Donna Coombs from Division 24. This led her to join the Kiwanis Club of Greater Portmore in 2015 where she was elected President for the 2017-2018 administrative year.

Through the years, Distinguished President (DP) Blanzo Ellis served in many other capacities within KCGP and Division 23 West. These include Treasurer, Director and Chairperson for the Fundraising and Community Service Committees of KCGP and Fundraising and Projects Committee for the Division.

DP Blanzo strongly believes that members should be exposed to the wider Kiwanis. She is a true testament to the part of Kiwanis Object 5 which states ‘to render altruistic service and build better communities’. This is evident through her many contributions to enhance the growth and recognition of Kiwanis through KCGP and the wider communities that she serves.

She has attributed in living it, loving it and sharing her Kiwanis Pin with over ten (10) individuals who eventually became outstanding Kiwanians to include two (2) Distinguished Presidents, two (2) Distinguished Secretaries, Directors, Chairpersons and presently a President Elect. Consequently, by extension those Kiwanians had introduced many other persons to the Kiwanis movement and the process continues; live it, love, share it.

DP Blanzo is married for more than two decades, a mother and owns and operates a hardware business. She said repeatedly that “serving is an amazing experience, as I was able to help in my own little way the individuals and the communities I interacted. As a true phenomenal Kiwanian Jamaican woman the journey continues.



Chuck McIlravey, Secretary Kiwanis foundation of Canada presents KFC Citizen of the Year Award to Mrs. Blanzo Araveya Foster Ellis



Mrs. Blanzo Araveya Foster Ellis , KFC Citizen of the Year receives the Citation.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SPANISH TOWN CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 50

The Kiwanis Club of Spanish Town, Division 23 West, was formed in 1974 and has remained a group of distinguished gentlemen who give altruistic service to Spanish Town and its environs.

The club prides itself on the wide scope of its membership, including bankers, lawyers, accountants, teachers, building and haulage contractors, businessmen, managers... you name it. The club likes to boast that for any project or undertaking, the full range of necessary expertise exists within their club. As a result, the club has achieved much in the 50 years of its existence.



A series of activities was held in recognition of its 50th anniversary. The celebrations commenced with a Church Service on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies, members of the Kiwanis Club of Portmore,



and their families joined the congregation for a meaningful service at the Phillipo Baptist Church in Spanish Town. The club made a financial donation to the church's Brotherhood ministry.

(Photos above: (Left) - Ms. Evadney Small, Church Secretary, received a cheque from LG Ronnette on behalf of the Brotherhood Ministry while President Derrick looked on. (Right) - Members and their families at the Church Service



Photo above: Members at the Head Table L-R, DP John Lopez, President Derrick James, Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies, Secretary Ewan Simpson, President-Elect, Rayon Howell



The club's official anniversary meeting was held on April 25, 2024, at Arian's Restaurant. DP Dennis Robotham, President of the St. Catherine Chamber of Commerce and distinguished past president of the Kiwanis Club of Spanish Town, chaired the meeting. A plaque was presented to the longest-serving member of the club, DP John Lopez, by President Derrick James. (Photo at left)

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KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS NORTH

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to DP Emmerson Beckles of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North, who was the recipient of the Fred McAllister Award 2022-2023 for his sterling contribution to Community Services. As Chairman of Community Services, DP Emmerson, along with members of his committee, undertook numerous projects that

helped to offer members of the community a better way of life.

These include, but are not limited to, family support, support for institutions and seniors, and community clean-up.



Photo upper left: DP Michael Archer received the award on behalf of DP Emmerson Beckles, from 2022-2023 Distinguished Governor Anthony Haile, EC&C District.

Photo center: DP Michael Archer presented the award to DP Emmerson Beckles at a Fellowship meeting.

Photo right: DP Emmerson shows his award to his fellow Kiwanians at the meeting.

DESERVING DONATIONS

The Kiwanis Club of Barbados North received a donation of both work and reading books through the efforts of DP Eric Smith and compliments of Days Book Store which was closing its business. The books were presented to eleven schools, including four of our Service Leadership Clubs (Coleridge and Parry Key Club, St. Bernard's K-Kids, St. Alban's K-Kids, and Gordon Greenidge's K-Kids). Just about one thousand students ranging in age from 6 years to 14 years will benefit from this initiative.

Phot right: DP Yvette Belgrave (right) presented books to Ms. Sharon Belgrave, teacher of Gordon Greenidge Primary



KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS NORTH

DESERVING DONATIONS (Cont'd)



Photo above: Members of St. Bernard's K-Kids, along with members of the SLP committee, Kiwanians Yvette Belgrave, Rodney Husbands, Principal Michelle Blackman, and Kiwanis Advisor Wendy Alleyne.



Photo above: President Kyla Young-Bullen of the St. Alban's K-Kids making a presentation to Principal Wendine Prince.

A donation of a printer, ink, and a ream of paper was presented to the principal of St. Silas Primary School, Ms. Sharon Sealy. (Photo below) This donation was made in response to a request made by Ms. Kai-Tene Saunders, who was on assignment as a student-teacher in the school's Infants Department. Ms. Saunders contacted the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North for the supplies, and the club granted her request.

The club presented clothing and food supplies to the HIV Food Bank. The food included breakfast items that were requested for approximate 60 children who benefit from their services. Kiwanian Val Hinkson is seen in the photo below making the presentation on behalf of the club.



KIWANIS CLUB OF FREDERICTON WELCOMES GOVERNOR JOHN CHAVE

The Kiwanis Club of Fredericton was delighted to host Governor John Chave and First Lady Susan on May 1, 2024. The Governor's eighth divisional tour of the year began with a trip to Fredericton, New Brunswick, in the Fundy Division. Lieutenant-Governor Mike Ross welcomed him, and the first stop on the agenda was Bookends, a bookstore that partners with the Kiwanis Club to provide books for children. A cheque presentation of \$200 was made to Bookends.

Governor John and the First Lady then joined Kiwanis members to visit the Kiwanis House at the Stan Cassidy Center for Rehabilitation (SCCR). This facility is an accessible, self-contained hostel on-site at SCCR. The hostel suites have been designed for patients or families requiring outpatient assessment and rehabilitation. The Kiwanis House offers an accessible, low-cost alternative to families being treated at the Centre.

return to their homes, schools, and communities and back to their lives.



The next stop was the rehearsal practice for the Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir, which was practicing for its May concert the following week. (Photo below)



The Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation, established in 1957, is a provincial specialty, tertiary Centre of Excellence. It is recognized as a North American leader in neurological rehabilitation, providing bilingual care through inpatient, outpatient, and outreach services. The Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation helps patients

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KIWANIS CLUB OF FREDERICTON WELCOMES GOVERNOR JOHN CHAVE (Cont'd)



Club members then met with Governor John and First Lady Susan for dinner at the Delta Fredericton Hotel, the site of the 2022 EC&C District Convention. Before calling it a day, all enjoyed lively conversations and a delightful meal. (Photo above)

On May 2nd, a pancake breakfast was held at the Kingsclear Community School, a school we partner with to host Pancake Breakfasts and Graduation BBQs and provide school supplies.

After flipping some pancakes, Governor John and First Lady continued with visits to other clubs in the Fundy Division, culminating with the caucus meeting on May 4 hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Petitcodiac. Governor John spoke about his grassroots campaign and the need to return to basics. His motto is that Kiwanis is all about the kids. He encouraged clubs to share ideas and to do little service projects that enhance children and have an impact on a child's life.

On May 5, Governor John and First Lady Susan departed Fredericton after four full days of well-received visits to clubs throughout the Fundy Division.



KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTH ELEUTHERA HANDWRITING WORKSHOP EMPOWERS YOUNG WRITERS



The Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera handwriting workshop, held in April 2024, was a resounding success echoing the timeless words of Martin Luther King: "If you want to change the world, pick up your pen and write."

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera of Division 22 Sunshine, the event which was held at the Rock Sound Methodist Church Hall, aimed to empower young minds with the invaluable skill of handwriting. The workshop drew a diverse crowd of twenty-five parents, children, and teachers eager to absorb practical wisdom from Occupational Therapist Sheila Allen and tutor Griz Calderon.

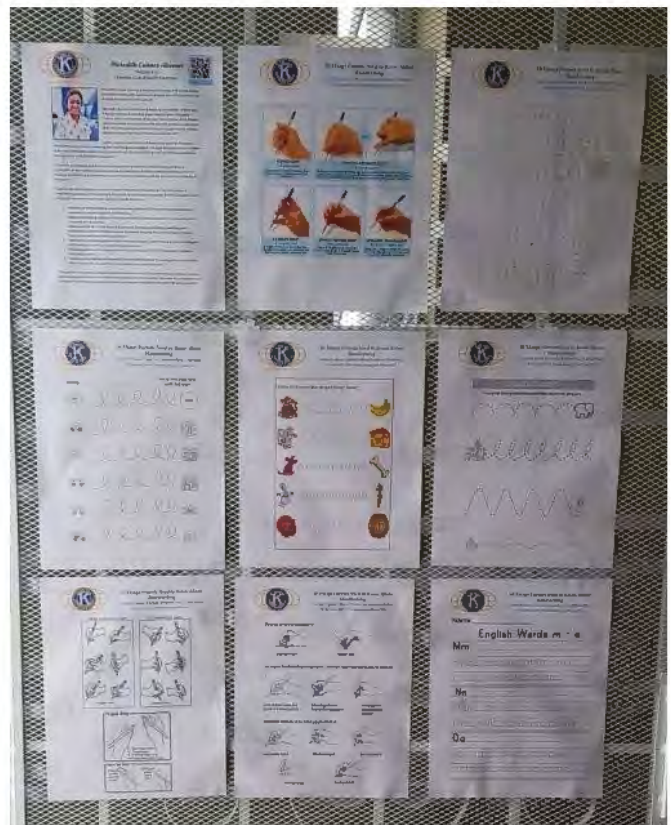
Their Mission: To equip attendees with essential tools and insights to guide budding writers through every stage of development, from pre-writing to confident school-bound scholars.

The workshop illuminated crucial foundations of sensation, movement control, attention, and planning, which are essential for handwriting development at all levels. Participants received personalized attention and guidance, addressing unique concerns and queries. Each child departed with a pencil box filled with drawing and writing materials, along with a notebook brimming with possibilities, symbolizing encouragement and potential. The workshop's impact transcended mere supplies, sparking newfound enthusiasm for the written word.

Parents and teachers seeking guidance on pre-writing activities, handwriting instruction, addressing special

needs, and fostering writing skills for self-expression in school and daily life, can reach out to Griz (grizcalderon610@gmail.com) or Sheila (sheilasmithallen@gmail.com).

In a world where words exercise unparalleled power, President Meredith Atwood and the Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera Hand-writing Workshop stand as a beacon of hope, reminding us all that the journey to change begins with a single stroke of the pen.



KIWANIS CLUB OF PORTMORE, ST CATHERINE AUTISM FUN DAY

On Saturday, April 4, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Portmore, St Catherine, the oldest all-male Kiwanis Club in the EC&C Division 23 West, observed Autism Month (April) and National Child Month (May) in one by hosting a Fun Day for an often-forgotten group of Children diagnosed as being “on the spectrum.” This was the culmination of weeks of careful planning and beneficial collaborations with kind partners, including a team of non-Kiwanian volunteers from out of the United States, the Promise Learning & Training Centre based in Kingston that caters to Children with developmental disabilities, and the Celebration Church (the club’s unofficially adopted church home) located in Portmore, St Catherine.

The fun day simply dubbed “Autism Fun Day” featured specialized activities intended to engage and provide cognitive stimulation to these special set of Children. Twenty-seven special kids from surrounding communities, ranging in age from 5 to 18 years old, turned up at the controlled indoor venue at the Celebration Church and spent the greater part of the day interacting with each other, having fun on the bounce-about, getting their faces painted, and playing stimulating games. They also enjoyed the popcorn, hotdogs, pizza, and the chicken wings that were provided.

Their caregivers were not left out! They too benefitted from one-on-one parenting workshops, peer discussions and networking, and the crowd-favorite painting workshop saw some very beautiful pieces of abstract artwork being produced.

In his closing remarks, President Henry noted that this was the first of what will be an annual event targeting different communities around the island. There was a need to cater to this special group of Children, and that need would be more easily met by taking the activity to their environment.

The event was supported by club members, Kiwanians from other clubs, Division 23 West Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies, and several non-Kiwanians from our partner entities.



KIWANIS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH SUPPORT FOR CHILD SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROGRAM



Pictured above is Kiwanis Club of Peterborough President Dave Post presenting a cheque to Carrie Truman, the Executive Director of the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Foundation.

The Kawartha Haliburton Children's Foundation supports the Peterborough, Kawartha, and Haliburton Children's Aid Society. Most Children's Aid Societies throughout the world have had additional challenges placed upon them as more and more children and families have been brought into their care, resulting from family breakdowns, health issues, emotional strain, and the difficulty of raising families due to the rising costs of living, emotional and health care matters. The Foundation does not receive any government funding and solely relies on contributions and support from the communities it serves.

The Kawartha Haliburton Children's Foundation launched a new program titled "The Child Safety Equipment Fund" as it is important that every child has a safe place to sleep. This fund provides cribs, mattresses, bassinets and other infant safety items such as baby safety gates, monitors and highchairs that meet

the Health Canada Safety Standards for any low-income family or single parent involved with the Children's Aid Society and who does not have the financial means to purchase these items.

The Executive Director of the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Foundation, Ms. Carrie Truman, gave a presentation to the Kiwanis Club regarding this new program. Upon hearing of the need within our community, the Kiwanis Club of Peterborough of Division 10 Pine Ridge. donated \$2,500.00 to the program, which will enable them to purchase 10 cribs and mattresses, and other safety equipment for infants in need of a safe place to sleep.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTH ST ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MAXFIELD PARK CHILDREN'S HOME



The Maxfield Park Children's Home is the largest and oldest home for displaced children in Jamaica. Founded in Kingston in September 1918, the facility houses children from all parishes ranging in age from birth to 18 years. Children are admitted to the home after having been determined to be in need of care and protection, as provided by the Child Care and Protection Act. Children at the facility are referred by the Jamaican Child Development Agency (Children's Office), the police, and the courts (Children's or Family). The facility is run by the Child Protection and Family Services Agency of Jamaica. Currently, approximately 85 children are housed at the facility.

The idea of a Sunday School at the facility was put to the Board of Directors, who gave their seal of approval. The requisite approvals were sought from the Child Protection and Family Services Agency of Jamaica, which required participating Kiwanians to have their background checks in place.

On Sunday, March 17, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of South St. Andrew held its first Sunday School at the Maxfield Park Children's Home with the aim of reaching the children so we could teach them and care for them spiritually. The children engaged in the singing of lively choruses, reading of the Scripture, and participating in

age-appropriate activities designed to inspire and uplift their spirits. Sunday School continues every 1st and 3rd Sunday between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tokens are given to students who volunteer or get involved. Refreshments are provided each Sunday. The children eagerly anticipate our arrival on Sundays and are always excited to engage in the carefully curated activities we have planned.

We are grateful that while we serve the children of the world, we are also able to contribute to their spiritual lives through Sunday School. Many thanks to DP Judith, who provides Sunday School materials and whom we consider our Sunday School supervisor.



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SARNIA-LAMBTON GOLDEN K PRESENTS KFC MATCHING AND MEL OSBORNE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kiwanis Club of Sarnia-Lambton Golden K presented two Kiwanis Foundation of Canada (KFC) scholarships to graduating members of our Great Lakes Secondary School (GLSS) Key Club in June 2024.

Key Club Co-president Abby Wright was awarded the KFC Matching Scholarship for \$1,000. Abby has been our GLSS Key Club Co-president for the last 3 years. She is attending Lambton College in September in the Water Management Program.

Key Club Co-president Val DeRechter was awarded the \$500 KFC Mel Osborne Scholarship and a second \$500

scholarship through our Sarnia Community Foundation. Val has also been our Co-president for the last three years. In September, she will attend Conestoga College in the Welding Inspection Program.

Our Kiwanis Key Club advisors, Sheila Donald and Dennis Loucks, thank Abby and Val for their leadership and dedication to Key Club for all 4 years at Great Lakes Secondary School and wish them all the best as they pursue their education and careers.



Photo above - From left: Danielle Griffiths (GLSS Key Club Faculty Advisor), Dennis Loucks (Kiwanis Advisor), Abby Wright (GLSS Key Club Scholarship Recipient), Sheila Donald (Kiwanis Advisor), Kelsey Kohut (GLSS Key Club Faculty Advisor), Derek Stenton (GLSS Principal)



Photo above - From left: Danielle Griffiths (GLSS Key Club Faculty Advisor), Derek Stenton (GLSS Principal), Val DeRechter (GLSS Key Club Scholarship Recipient), Sheila Donald (Kiwanis Advisor), Tony Wheeler (Golden K member), Mike Barron (Sarnia Community Foundation Exec. Director)

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CELEBRATING MOTHERS AND COMMUNITY: KIWANIS CLUB OF FREEPORT'S PRE-MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY 2024

Mothers' Day is a cherished tradition, and this year, the Kiwanis Club of Freeport (Division 22 Sunshine) harnessed its spirit to support the children in our community. On Sunday, May 5, 2024, we hosted our second annual Pre-Mother's Day Tea Party, which has quickly become a highlight on our calendar.

As guests arrived, they were greeted by a captivating 360-video spin camera, capturing fun and memorable moments from every angle. Under the capable leadership of President Marsha Cooper and Vice President Sophia Jean, along with their dedicated team, they created an enchanting space, setting the tone for an afternoon of elegance and celebration. The venue was adorned with fresh pink flowers, and the air was filled with the delightful aroma of homemade pastries. This year's theme

was "50 Shades of Pink," and attendees embraced it with stunning outfits, creating a vibrant sea of pink.

The tea selection was exceptional, featuring an array of local bush teas such as Fever Grass, Allspice Leaf, and Pineapple Tea, reminiscent of the comforting flavors our grandmothers used to make. The assortment of teas, with delectable desserts and scrumptious food, made for a truly indulgent experience. Host Alex Thompson kept the event lively, positive, and engaging, ensuring a wonderful experience for all as she encouraged all the women in attendance to celebrate themselves and all the work they do for their community.

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CELEBRATING MOTHERS AND COMMUNITY: KIWANIS CLUB OF FREEPORT'S PRE-MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY 2024 (Cont'd)

The event was packed with fun competitions and activities. Guests vied for prizes in categories like best dance moves, best fascinator, best hat, and best catwalk. There were also surprise giveaways, including phones and gift certificates for local businesses. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and joy as everyone participated in the festivities. The friendly competitions added a lively and joyful energy to the afternoon, with laughter and applause filling the room.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. Thank you to all the Kiwanians and supporters who made this celebration of women and community possible. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Freeport corporate community for their generous sponsorship. Special thanks to Focol, Grand Bahama Cooperative Credit Union, Ministry for Grand Bahama, First Caribbean Int'l Bank, Phluid Phactory, The

Pretzel House, Grand Central Liquors, Party with Serenity, Seventeen Shop, T's Perfume, BTC, Zorbas, RJ Beauty, Balearia, and Juju's Garden. Your participation and generosity enable us to continue making a difference in the lives of children in Freeport.

This is the Kiwanis Club of Freeport's second annual Pre-Mother's Day Tea Party, a fundraising event to support projects for children in the Freeport, Grand Bahama community. This year's event not only raised funds but also provided a memorable celebration of womanhood, surpassing all expectations.

The Kiwanis Club of Freeport remains committed to fostering youth programs and community service projects, continually striving to make a positive impact.



KIWANIS CLUB ARC-EN-CIEL: ONE STEP, ONE HAND, ONE SMILE

"One Step, One Hand, One Smile" - Donation of toys every month in the operating room to an average of one hundred children operated on per month.

The Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel, Division 27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie has donated to the operating room of the Mère de la Femme et de l'Enfant Hospital 200 toys

that will allow the operated children to keep a happy memory of their surgery, and 2 digital tablets as anxiolytics to make the child an actor in partnership with the team of caregivers. The tablet will accompany the child until their anesthesia in the operating room.



President Francky Fourlin and the members of the Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel hand over the toys and two digital tablets to the MFME hospital in the operating room with the head doctor, the nursing assistant, and the educational instructor.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH ANDROS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

On Saturday, 1st June 2024, the Kiwanis Club of North Andros, Division 22 Sunshine hosted its first "Steakout" on the grounds of the St. Andrews Lodge Hall. This was the club's first major fundraising event of the year, and it was in aid of the upcoming Service Projects.



On Monday, 3rd June 2024, under President Lakeisha's leadership, the Kiwanis Club of North Andros saw it most fitting to express gratitude to the Nursing staff at the Nicholl's Town Community Clinic, North Andros Bahamas, as they celebrated Nurses Month. (Photo below)



With the support of our dedicated team and generous sponsors, the Kiwanis Club of North Andros provided grilled chicken and steak dinners in exchange for a small donation. The support was overwhelming, and the reviews were amazing. This event

was very successful and is set to be an annual event.

The Kiwanis Club of North Andros also used this time as a membership drive and educated patrons on Kiwanis and raised awareness in the community. The members were inspired by the overwhelming support and promised to make this event even better next year.



Recognized as a thankless job, every staff member was presented with a token of appreciation as President Lakeisha personally thanked them for not only choosing the nursing career but also providing excellent health care to the residents of North Andros. They were encouraged to continue to serve with excellence as their job plays a vital part in keeping the community healthy and safe.

The head of the nursing staff, Nurse Martin, expressed thanks to the members for this thoughtful act of kindness and vowed to assist the Kiwanis Club of North Andros as best she could in the future.



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS 2024 - 2025

**Service Leadership
Program Administrators**

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
CANADA	Aktion Club	John Chave
	Builders Club	Victoria Rode
	Circle K	Angelo Ciardella
	Key Club	Firma French
	Key Leader	Sheila Donald
	Kiwanis Kids	Susan Davey
JAMAICA	Builders Club	Odense Rose
	Circle K	Leo Williams
	Key Club	Christopher Humber
	Kiwanis Kids	Odense Rose
CARIBBEAN	Builders Club	Zelma Daisley
	Circle K	Leo Williams
	Key Club	Jennifer Hinkson
	Kiwanis Kids	Zelma Daisley
BAHAMAS	Aktion Club	Aldeka Thompson
	Builders Club	Dominique Rolle
	Circle K	Leo Williams
	Key Club	Aldeka Thompson
	Key Leader	Sheila Donald
	Kiwanis Kids	D’Andrea Davis



Congratulations!

Srishti Khadilkar

Kiwanis Children's Fund Scholarship Recipient



Srishti Khadilkar of Oakville, Ontario, Canada, is studying physiology and interdisciplinary medical sciences at the University of Western Ontario. She is in her second term* as governor for the Eastern Canada District of Circle K International, having previously served as chair of the Kiwanis Family Relations Committee. In the latter role, she helped plan events that enhanced the connections between CKI, Key Club and Kiwanis International. For Khadilkar, one of the most rewarding aspects of CKI leadership is that it has “strengthened [her] ability to empathize and communicate effectively, fostering a sense of community” between people of all ages and backgrounds. In addition to CKI, Khadilkar has been president of the Microbiology and Immunology Student Association and vice president of academics for Simply Scientific. She has also worked as a student volunteer at University Hospital. In her free time, she is a member of BRDRLESS Dance Studio. Khadilkar plans to take the values and interpersonal skills she has learned in CKI into her career as a dentist, providing affordable and convenient care to underserved communities.

* Srishti Khadilkar, served as Eastern Canada District CKI Governor in the service years 2022-23 and 2023-24 .

<https://www.kiwanis.org/scholarship-recipients-are-making-a-difference/>

Visit the [Kiwanis Children's Fund Scholarship Opportunities page](#) for information about scholarships distributed by the Children's Fund, including who to contact with questions and award notification dates.

KIWANIS CLUB OF SARNIA-LAMBTON GOLDEN K BUILDERS CLUBS PLANT MINI-FORESTS

Three Builders Clubs sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Sarnia-Lambton Golden K planted mini-forests in their schoolyards in May. London Road Public School and Queen Elizabeth II Public School added to the mini-forests they initiated in May 2023, and High Park Public School planted their first mini-forest.

The planting projects were facilitated by retired local landscaper Mike Smalls and were funded through the generosity of Enbridge Pipelines Inc.

Builders Club members not only learned how to plant trees and bushes, but were also treated to presentations by Mike Smalls on Biodiversity and the importance of planting native plants prior to the planting of the Mini-Forests.



Photo above: London Road Public School plants mini-forest

KIWANIS CLUB OF FREEPORT INSTALLS ROAD SIGN WITH THEIR BUILDERS CLUB TO PROMOTE SAFETY

The Kiwanis Club of Freeport has taken a proactive step to ensure the safety of students and the broader community by installing a new road sign across from the Jack Hayward Junior High School on the island of Grand Bahama in the Bahamas. This high-traffic area, frequented by our Builder Club students, has long needed additional safety measures to protect our young pedestrians and the motoring public.

The new sign, sponsored by Insurance Management, boldly reminds drivers to "DRIVE TO ARRIVE ALIVE." This message is part of our ongoing commitment to enhance road safety and promote responsible driving habits in Freeport. The sign serves as a visual cue for motorists to slow down and exercise caution, especially in school zones where children are present.

The installation ceremony, held on a bright afternoon, was attended by Kiwanis club members, school officials, and our Builders Club Students. President Marsha Cooper emphasized the club's dedication to community safety, stating, "Our primary concern is the well-being of our children. This sign is a crucial step in ensuring that every child can commute safely to and from school."

Public Relations Chair Jinnel Sturridge added, "We are grateful for the support of our sponsors and the collaboration with local authorities. Together, we can create a safer environment for everyone." The project underscores the importance of community partnerships. By working with local businesses like Insurance Management, the Kiwanis Club of Freeport continues to make significant strides in community service and safety advocacy.

The students at Jack Hayward Junior High School were also involved in the project as they learned about the impact of road safety and the importance of civic engagement with their Builders Club leader, Erica Weir. This initiative not only promotes safety but also instills a sense of responsibility and awareness in our youth.



As traffic continues to increase, especially during peak school hours, the Kiwanis Club of Freeport remains vigilant in its efforts to advocate for and implement safety measures. The "DRIVE TO ARRIVE ALIVE" sign is a testament to our club's commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

The Kiwanis Club of Freeport thanks all who contributed to making this project a reality and looks forward to continuing its mission of serving the community with dedication and compassion.



In photo: Kiwanian Clairline Feaster, President Marsha Cooper, Jack Hayward SLP students, Advisor Erica Weir and Distinguish President Van Rolle

KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS CENTRAL'S K-KIDS CLUB (ST. PATRICK'S RC PRIMARY) VISITS OCEAN VIEW NURSING HOME

On Sunday, May 26, 2024, 12 members of the St Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School K-Kids Club visited Ocean View Nursing Home accompanied by Dr. Roach – Principal of the School, the Faculty Advisor Ms. Bertha Sobers, the Kiwanis Advisor DP Pamela Lord, and 6 parents.

This visit was to show appreciation to Kiwanis Central's Honorary Member, K Joan Edwards, who now resides at the Nursing Home and celebrated her birthday on April 24.

During the visit, the K-Kids presented K Joan with a lovely fruit basket and a hamper containing personal care items. Before the presentation, the children serenaded K Joan with three songs, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

On receiving the gifts, K Joan expressed her appreciation to the K-Kids for their visit and the goodies they brought. She also thanked the principal and parents for accompanying them on the visit.

Ms. Linda Bowen, Proprietor of the Nursing Home and former member of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central and DP Pam, spoke briefly to the gathering about K Joan's involvement as an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central and a Co-editor of the Club's Newsletter, "The Centralite."

At the end of the presentations, Ms. Bowen accompanied the Principal, Dr. Roach, on a tour of the facility.

The K-Kids who were curious, saw first-hand how some senior citizens in a community can be cared for when they are no longer able to live on their own.



In Photo at right: Faculty Advisor Mrs. Bertha Sobers assists a member of the St Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School K-Kids Club with the fruit basket, which is being presented to Honorary Member of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central - K Joan Edwards, a resident of Ocean View Nursing Services.

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REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT BYLAWS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (BP&P) COMMITTEE - SPRING 2024



District BP&P Committee at the 2024 District Convention

Greetings to all Kiwanians in the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean (EC&C) District from the District Bylaws, Policies and Procedures (BP&P) Committee!

Four of our Committee members attended the 2024 EC&C Kiwanis District Convention held May 16-18 at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in Jamaica. As usual, there was a lot of fun, fellowship, and learning; as well as the carrying out of annual duties to take care of the district's business.



Members at the 2024 EC&C Kiwanis District Convention, from left to right: Ronnette Menzies (2023-2024 Lt. Governor - Division 23 West Middlesex South); Robert [Bob] Spellen (Distinguished Governor); and Andrew Stennett (2022-2024 District Chair). Also, in attendance at the Convention was Leighton McKnight (District Trustee) - Photo inset.

The following two committee members were unable to attend this year's District Convention : Glenn Pushman (Past District Trustee) and Parker Nicholls.



Proposed Amendment for EC&C Kiwanis District Bylaws at 2024 District Convention

A notice was sent by the District Office to each club in the district 60 days in advance of the 2024 EC&C Kiwanis District Convention advising that proposed amendments to the EC&C Kiwanis District Bylaws would be accepted up to 30 days before the convention.

This year, the Kiwanis Club of Basse Terre from Division 27C Guadeloupe was the only club to submit a proposed amendment. Currently -- as per Article 7, Section 5-g of the District Bylaws -- to be nominated and elected as a Lieutenant Governor-Elect you must not be serving as a club president. The amendment proposed to remove that requirement and to permit a current club president to be nominated and elected as Lieutenant Governor-Elect for the upcoming Kiwanis administrative year (which starts October 1st). This would have allowed a Kiwanian to serve as Immediate Past President for his/her club and Lieutenant Governor-Elect for the division in the same administrative year.

During the Plenary Session on 18 May 2024 at the District Convention, club delegates from across the district debated for and against the proposition, but, in the end, it was defeated in the House of Delegates.

Latest Updates to EC&C Kiwanis District Policies and Procedures

In March 2024, the District Board approved changes to the EC&C Kiwanis District Policies and Procedures, as proposed by the BP&P Committee. This included updating/amending the:

- 7-year rotational schedule for the District Governor's divisional visits.
- Schedule for District Trustee elections for the next 7 years.
- 'Search and Encouragement Function' to find persons for the positions of District Vice Governor and Division Lieutenant Governors-Elect.
- EC&C District Chair role for the Kiwanis Children's Fund.
- Appendices A, B, D, G, and K.

These approved changes are included in the April 1, 2024 version publication of EC&C Kiwanis District Policies and Procedures document currently posted on the district website here: : <https://www.kiwanisec.org/by-laws-governance/>.

Yours in Kiwanis service,

Andrew Stennett, District Chair (2022-2024)
EC&C Kiwanis District Bylaws, Policies and Procedures (BP&P) Committee
"Kids Need Kiwanis. Kiwanis Needs You."

PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS' COMMITTEE

The 2023 – 2024 PLG Committee Executive



Chair:
Kermit McGann
KC of Downtown Kingston
Div 23E



Vice Chair:
Garnell Kemp
KC of Cable Beach
Div 22



Immediate Past Chair:
Sharon Williams
KC of New Kingston
Div 23E



Secretary/Treasurer:
Rick Brooks
KC of Huntsville Muskoka
Div 8



Director of Education:
Jim St Jules
KC of Sault Ste. Marie
Div 2

Ray Allen Memorial Award

The PLG Committee would like to congratulate Past Governor Allen Ure from Division 4 as the 2024 – Ray Allen Memorial Award recipient and thank him for his continued service and dedication to his club, division, and district as a past lieutenant governor.



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The District's Past Lieutenant Governors' Committee held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the District Convention held in the city of Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Chair Kermit McGann welcomed all to the meeting and gave his report. This was followed by the Secretary's report which was provided by Rick Brooks and read on his behalf by Jim St Jules.

Jim St Jules, the newly appointed Director of Education, provided a brief summary of some ideas he would like to see evolve. Firstly, there is a need to have updated email contact information for the PLGs across the District in order to get communications out to our members in an efficient and timely manner.

Jim also spoke of the need for all divisions to create a PLG committee if one is not currently in place. He also requested that the contact details for the chair of all existing divisional PLG committees be sent to him so that the Executive committee can reach out more directly.

He closed by inviting PLGs to share other ideas that clubs in their division would like to be expanded on. These

details should be sent to Director of Education – Jim St Jules at jst.jules@gmail.com

There were two proposed policy changes for discussion and voting.

Proposed Policy 24.02:

Where the sitting Lieutenant Governor is unavailable to sign the "Certificate of Nomination" of any PLG candidate for the "Ray Allen Memorial Award", the signature of the IPLG or another PLG from the home division of the Nominee shall be acceptable by the Executive Committee, along with all other certifications.

Moved by Sheila Moore Div 5 and seconded by Garnell Kemp, Division 22.

This motion was defeated after much discussion.

Proposed Policy 24.03:

Members of the sitting EC&C PLG Executive Committee shall not be eligible to be nominated for the Ray Allen Memorial Award during the period they serve on the Executive Committee.

Moved by Mary Ellen Trimble Div 9 and seconded by Darren Creamer, Division 20.

This motion was carried.

Elections for new Executives were held, and the 2024-2025 Executive will be properly mentioned in the next newsletter. We will be welcoming Immediate Past Chair Kermit McGann, Chair Garnell Kemp, Vice Chair Ralston Nunes, Secretary/Treasurer Rick Brooks, and Education Director Jim St. Jules

Save the Date – Next All Members Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7:30 P.M. (Toronto Time)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING COORDINATOR



The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District welcomes Karen Tomlinson, the newly appointed Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator. Karen replaces Sherilyn Cordice, and her appointment became effective May 1, 2024.

As the Coordinator, Karen will work with Kiwanis International and the clubs in EC&C. The Public Relations and marketing Coordinator is responsible for guiding and assisting clubs with public relations via various media and ensuring adherence by clubs and the district to the branding guidelines established by Kiwanis International.

Karen can be reached at ecprcoordinator@gmail.com

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Club of Port Stanley

3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Kettle Creek Golf and Country Club
320 Carlow Rd. Port Stanley ON N5L 1B6

\$10,000
Hole In One Contest



Scan to Sign Up

August 24, 2024

Teams of 4; Scramble Format

Shotgun start at 1:00 pm

Sit Down Dinner and Prizes to Follow
\$500 per team



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When we work together, we make the world better. That's why Kiwanis International participates every year in Celebrate Community — a weeklong initiative that promotes collaboration between Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International and Rotary International. The event happens the second week of each September. In 2024, Celebrate Community will take place September 8-14.

Celebrate Community is the evolution of Kiwanis One Day. While Kiwanis One Day is still commemorated by many clubs, we encourage clubs to broaden their reach by partnering with other organizations' service clubs.

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CELEBRATE CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL BIRTHDAY



Circle K International will be celebrating its birthday on **September 25.**

1947 - The first Circle K club similar to our present-day organization is chartered at Carthage College in Carthage, Illinois.

Motto
Live to Serve, Love to Serve.

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FOR THE FUTURE



Thank You!



To my Kiwanis Family and Friends,

Thank you for the support & love. My gratitude to you is indefinite, infinite, and can never be enough, and my flame will forever be lit by your belief, that I am YOUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

*Hope Markes
Kiwaniis International Vice President Designate.*



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