

## EC&C District Newsletter



In preparation for the new school year, clubs carried out Back-to-School projects aimed at providing children with the tools for their educational needs while easing families' financial burdens and fostering closer relations with the community. Read more on pages 15 to 19.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

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Greetings, Kiwanis Family

The year 2023-2024 has been a good year for Kiwanis, especially in our Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, as clubs focused on accomplishing the goals set and ultimately serving the children of the world.

The Governor's motto for 2023-2024 was "It's All About the Kids," and he also encouraged clubs to undertake those small yet impactful projects, which he called "GRASS ROOTS KIWANIS". These projects, though seemingly small, have made a significant difference in the lives of many children, a testament to our collective dedication and impact.

Governor John, thank you for the opportunity to serve as District Bulletin Editor during 2023-2024. As you prepare to leave office as Governor, I wish you continued success in your Kiwanis journey.

Thank you, everyone, for your commitment to Kiwanis and for sharing your articles with the broader community. Your contributions are invaluable, and I look forward to your continued support of the District Newsletter as you not only share projects, but share your Kiwanis stories and other informative features.

Best wishes to Pam Rodney-White, Governor 2024 – 2025, and the new Kiwanis Executive Team for 2024-2025. I wish everyone a successful year as we embrace the Theme "Service in Action".

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Michelle Giles-Leacock Bulletin Editor, EC&C District

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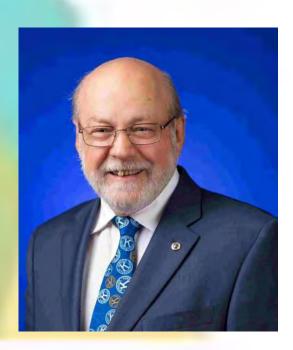
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## **2023-2024 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS**

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3 St. Clair Bluewater	Felton	Richard	A	Sarnia-Lambton Golden K
4 Colonel Talbot	Ure	Allen	A	Ridgetown
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8 Huronia	Ellement	Helen	В	Barrie
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10 Pine Ridge	Compton	David	В	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	Н	Armadale
25 Cornwall	Lawrence	Francois	Н	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.

**Wow!!!!** What a fantastic year this has been. I am so very honored to have been your Governor for the year 2023 - 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to bring you greetings from the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

First, I would like to thank Michelle Giles-Leacock, Bulletin Editor for the fine job of putting together this great Newsletter. I urge you all to continue to read it from beginning to end. You will find a wealth of great information within.

First Lady Sue and I have had a wonderful experience this past year as we visited 11 divisions in our wonderful district. I would like to thank my 26 wonderful and dedicated Lieutenant Governors for being my boots on the ground and ensuring that all the divisions are working hard to continue to support our Kiwanis Vision—"Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide...so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive"

Every one of our visits confirmed for us that "GRASS

ROOTS KIWANIS" is alive and well here in our district. These are those small projects that you can do at your clubs where you can see first-hand the fruits of your labors. These projects need not be costly, but they do have to improve the lives of children and families in your community.

Also, please continue to do everything that you can to grow your clubs. As we all know, the more members we have = the more hands for service and of course **SERVICE** is what we do best.

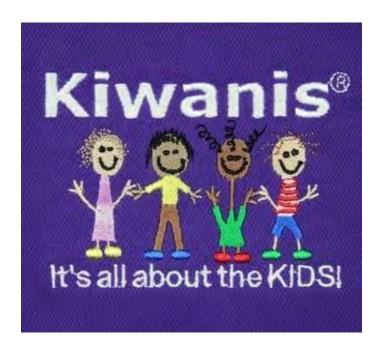
And please don't forget our motto for this year: "It's All About the Kids!"

Finally, a big thank you for all you do for Kiwanis. Together we can do amazing things.

In Kiwanis Service,

John Chave, Governor 2023-2024





# Let us raise a toast to a year well served 2023 - 2024





# OUR MEMBERS ARE WORTH CELEBRATING!

## SILVER CANE AWARD, KIWANIS CLUB OF FREDERICTON



The Silver Cane Award has been presented to Fredericton's city residents since 2020 to honour their longevity and salute seniors in general for their community service. Kiwanis President Mike Ross inherited the silver-headed cane from his greatgrandfather and decided to donate it to Kiwanis Fredericton if the group would use it for an award to honour the city's oldest resident. The cane is in a shadow box and is engraved with the recipient's name. The recipient keeps the cane until he or she dies, after which it is returned to the service club to award to the next most senior citizen.

The third recipient of the cane is Annie May Simpon, who turned 106 years old on June 27, 2024. "Annie May was very community-minded and spent years volunteering, something Kiwanis is all



Photo From left to right:
Kiwanis Fredericton President Anne LeBrun-Ruff, Annie May Simpson, Kiwanis Fredericton
Past President Mike Ross

about," stated Mike Ross. "She was involved with a home and school association, and schoolchildren are one of Kiwanis' target groups. She also taught Sunday school. She is very sharp for someone who is about to turn 106!"

Annie May was one of 11 children in her family. She was born in 1918 on a farm in Clairville, a rural area in Kent County, New Brunswick, where she helped with farm chores from a young age, and her family made their own wool and milk. She later lived in Hillsborough, NB, and worked at the Prince Alber Hotel. Annie May raised her eight kids in Hillsborough but now lives with her daughter, Cathy, in Fredericton. She has 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, all of whom live in the Fredericton area.

Her son, Ralph Simpson, said his mother still enjoys gardening with assistance and loves travelling, trips to the park, supporting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities, and going for ice cream. Those things keep her involved in our lives and keep her going where she has things to do instead of just sitting by herself. "She's a wonderful person and is very gracious and happy."

Annie May had hoped to receive 106 birthday cards for her birthday. With the assistance of Kiwanis club members, Annie May received 177 birthday cards!

The local newspaper, Daily Gleaner, published the above article on June 27, 2024. - ('She's wonderful': 106-year-old the city's oldest resident)

## FAMILY AND HERITAGE OUTING OF THE 27C GUADELOUPE DIVISION

On August 1, 2024, the 27C Guadeloupe division organized a bus outing. Almost all the clubs in the Division took part. The day took place as follows:

⇒ Guided tour of the coast of Trois Rivières in Basse-Terre.

Our guide, PLG Maryse Bertin, gave us a great performance on the history of this beautiful region.

⇒ Stop-over at Fort Louis Delgrès in Basse-Terre.









The history of the fort, from its construction to its current state as a museum, including all the battles that took place there, was told to us by the departmental guide Mrs. Crane, including the apotheosis of the wonderful epic of Louis Delgrès in 1802.

⇒ Visit of the Basse-Terre market



We tasted the beautiful and succulent tropical fruits with our eyes while the scent of spices tickled our nostrils. All this made our mouths water because it was approaching noon, and hunger was starting to be felt.

⇒ Visit of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, the seat of the diocese of Basse-Terre and Pointe-à-Pitre since its creation in 1850.



⇒ *Visit of the bishop's palace*. We were welcomed by the bishop, Monsignor Philippe Guiougou, of the Diocese of Basse-Terre and Pointe-à-Pitre in Guadeloupe, surrounded by his team: historians, guides, and employees.





⇒ *Lunch was taken at the bishop's palace*, in the company of the bishop. The bishop's cook prepared a delicious meal for the occasion.

We had a great day. The speakers were of high quality and the participants were very satisfied.

## **2024 SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST**

Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

Kiwanis International recently hosted the eighth annual Signature Project Recognition Program for clubs and districts. Clubs with 27 members or fewer were judged in the Group I category. Clubs with 28 members or more were judged in Group II category.

The clubs' Signature Projects in the EC&C District were first judged at the district level in Tier 1 (Clubs with 27 members or fewer) and Tier 2 (Clubs with 28 members or more) categories, and the first-place winners in both Tiers were submitted to the Kiwanis International Signature Project Program and Contest. The EC&C District entries to Kiwanis International were successful in their respective Groups.

The following pages (9 to 14) briefly describe the winning entries from the EC&C District Signature Projects Contest 2024.

Stay tuned for details on the upcoming 2025 Signature Project Contest, which will open by January 2, 2025.







## **NO CHILD WITHOUT CHRISTMAS**

On the Bahamian island of Eleuthera, which has just over 9,000 people, the **Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera (Division 22 Sunshine)** has helped the island's children experience the magic of Christmas for 50 years. The "No Child Without Christmas" project strives to create equality at Christmas, as no child deserves to be forgotten.

The team spent months marketing and raising funds for the day they affectionately nicknamed Santa's Road Trip, and because of Eleuthera's lack of readily available toys, a group traveled to Florida to purchase the gifts with financial support from the many donors.

20 volunteers (including SLP members) sorted and hand-delivered over 1500 Christmas presents to excited children (toddlers to teenagers) who gathered at the prearranged gifting sites during Santa's Road Trip. From bikes to iPads for the kids, to bedding for the adults, the Kiwanis Club successfully pulled off the island's largest toy drive. The Signature Project reached all 11 settlements and over 50 percent of South Eleuthera's youth.

The **No Child Without Christmas** Signature Project aims to remove the stigma of asking for help around the holidays so that the children of less fortunate families are included in the festivities and, more importantly, develop optimism and hope for a better future.

The "No Child Without Christmas" project also won BRONZE in Group I of the Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest.









## **KIWANIS CASH CALENDAR OF ST JOHN**



For 21 years, the **Kiwanis Club of Saint John (Division 18 Fundy)** in New Brunswick has produced the "**Kiwanis Cash Calendar**" to provide funding for service projects and groups and to promote the club and its positive impact on the community.

There are over 120 advertisers from businesses in the community whose support pays for almost all the expenses in producing the Calendar, prizes, and various other costs. The external design of this Calendar (see photo below) highlights youth and prominently displays the Kiwanis logo and the club's social media sites and contact information. The inside of the calendar focuses on key projects and details of where and when the club meets.





With each sale of a Calendar, there is an opportunity to tell supporters how the lives of children and the less fortunate are changed due to their support. The most significant number of sales are from groups like Saint John Aktion Club, various sports and school groups, and three neighboring Kiwanis clubs, all of whom sold the calendars as a fundraiser.

Partners involved in the project included the local Chamber of Commerce, the five organizations that received direct \$5,000 support from the Calendar, the local groups that used the calendar sale as a fundraiser, and Kiwanis International's partner - The Boys and Girls Clubs.

## **ANNUAL HAMPER PROJECT**



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The "Annual Hamper Project", dubbed Christmas Hamper Project, is an initiative carried out in the month of January by the **Kiwanis Club of Castries – (Division 27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie)**, in St. Lucia to bring joy and essential support to elderly individuals and children, ensuring that they experience warmth and abundance even after the holiday season. This heartwarming project spans 30 years and is rooted in the spirit of giving, kindness, and community engagement.

Non-perishable food items collected from community members, local businesses, and project supporters were sorted and assembled into festive hampers by dedicated volunteers. Each hamper was carefully packed to include various essential items that cater to the specific needs of the elderly and children and distributed to all elderly care facilities and children's homes on the island. The Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC) CKI Club collaborated and donated towards the project and was also part of the distribution and packaging.

The success of the Hamper Project was made possible through the collective efforts of community members, volunteers, and local businesses. Their generous donations, active participation, and the club's promotional efforts via local media and online platforms contributed to the project's overall success.









## **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS 5K RUN/WALK/WHEELCHAIR**

For 14 years, the **Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay** (**Division 25 Cornwall**) held its "Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk". This signature project has become a staple event on the social calendar of the Island of Jamaica, generating significant goodwill within the communities and reaching international audiences virtually in the past. With the intention to reach all sectors of society, the club added a wheelchair segment to allow Aktion Clubs and community members with disabilities to participate. This segment was highly successful and supported by the patrons, who expressed high commendations.

This event raises funds for the Jamaica Cancer Society, the Oncology Ward of the Cornwall Regional Hospital, individuals needing financial support for their cancer treatment and recovery, and other community projects. The collaborative efforts of Kiwanians, community partners, and over 200 Key Club and Circle K International members made the event memorable for over 2,500 attendees.

The project has also raised significant awareness of the Kiwanis brand, resulting in increased sponsorship and funds and the induction of new members.

The 'Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk/Wheelchair' project also won GOLD in Group II of the Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest.









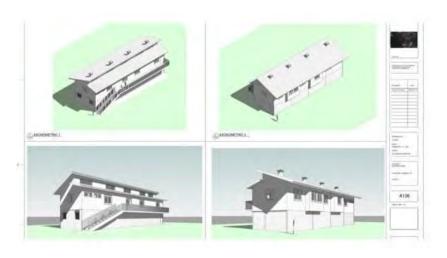


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## YOUTH MENTORSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

**The Kiwanis Club of North St. Andrew (Division 23 East)** in Jamaica has for three years conducted the "Youth Mentorship & Infrastructure Improvement" project, which serves a population of young men aged 16 to 25 who were born with HIV and are orphans due to their parent's death or abandonment.

Supported by a non-governmental organization and receiving some government funding, these individuals confront numerous challenges. They face societal stigma and lack family support, which is compounded by limited access to educational opportunities. Their current living conditions are far from ideal and are characterized by rundown facilities lacking even basic amenities like wheelchair access. Addressing these needs, the Project involves significantly redeveloping their living facilities. Through a successful fundraising campaign, plans are to demolish the current inadequate structure and rebuild a more suitable facility. This redevelopment will tackle the infrastructural deficits and is expected to significantly enhance the support and opportunities available to these young men, aiding their personal development and social integration. The rehabilitation of the current facilities is expected to be completed within the Admin Year 2023 - 2024. (Photo below)



The Kiwanis Club of North St. Andrew employed diverse promotional strategies to boost visibility and outreach and received support from many businesses. Over 240 members from other Kiwanis clubs participated and benefited from the Sensational Solar Raffle fundraising project receiving 50% of the proceeds of tickets sold to contribute to their individual service projects.



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READING FOR THE STARS READING COMPETITION

**East** has conducted its "Reading for the Stars Reading Competition". The project was first launched at the Jamaica House Basic School in January 2022 and relaunched on January 12th, 2023. In March 2023, the club met with the developers of Lalilo to discuss changes to the platform to accommodate special needs children.

The project is unwavering in its commitment to improving student reading, comprehension, vocabulary, and analytical skills. The project serves 145 children ages 4 to 5 from the Jamaica House Basic School, Danny Williams School for the Deaf, and Shady Grove Basic School. Parents, Staff, and the boards of the respective schools are integral to the project's success and benefit from it.

The signature project included a Reading Competition for K2 and K3 from January to August 2023. Students read at home with their parents for the period using over 300 books available online at "Unite for Literacy" and "Jamaica Library Service." The Mico University College Circle K Club (which created certificates of participation for the children, teachers, and awardees) and Utech Jamaica CKI participated in the project.

Grant funding of US\$1500 received from Kiwanis International was used to purchase 14 tablets at approximately US\$1200. The tablets were used at the school for a designated 1-hour reading time per day in each class. The schools also received a contribution of 150 books, which included presentations from Bryan's Book Store and UNICEF. Sponsorship was received from Renaissance, and members of the Kiwanis Club of Papine pledged to sponsor ten children (US\$12 per child for Lalilo access). Supporters included the Early Childhood Commission/Ministry of Education, The Jamaica Information Service, and the Jamaica Gleaner Newspaper.













**HELP KIDS SUCCEED** 

## KIWANIS CLUB OF NEGRIL POINT A CHILD WITH A **BIG** VISION



On Saturday, August 3, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Negril Point in Jamaica (Division 25 Cornwall) collaborated with Negril Vision Center, where a back-to-school event was held. The day was specially geared for children between the ages of 5 and 16 years. The children got their eyes tested, and the relevant eyeglasses were given to them based on their individual needs, free of cost.





All the children that were registered received a bag pack with books, a pencil case with pencils, a pencil sharpener, and rubber, and a pack of crayons. The children were feted with ice cream, popcorn, hot dogs, and candy cones. They enjoyed activities like bounce-about, dancing, and spelling competitions.

The Negril Vision Center has been doing this event for the past three years, and the Kiwanis Club of Negril Point got involved for the first time and gave valuable service while carrying out the Kiwanis International motto of **Serving the Children of the World**, especially in Negril and its environs.

The Kiwanis Club of Negril Point hopes to form a partnership to make future events of this nature bigger and better. Thanks to the management and staff of the Negril Vision Center for allowing us to serve the children of the world, one child, one community at a time.





## KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW PROVIDENCE (DIVISION 22 SUNSHINE) BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY







The Kiwanis Club of New Providence hosted its Back-to-School project on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, at Claridge Primary School in New Providence, The Bahamas. The Service Leadership Program (SLP) & Youth Service Committee were again on the move, organizing this annual project to ensure the children were equipped with essential school supplies for a successful new school year.

Children from our sponsored schools and the Prison Fellowship, a local organization providing support to children whose parents are incarcerated, were invited to join us for a time of fun and giving back. Musical chairs and the egg and spoon races were some of the favourites among the children in attendance. Lunch was served to all attendees before the school supplies were distributed. Branded backpacks filled with supplies of composition notebooks, rulers, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, markers, and geometry sets were provided to the children in preparation for the opening of school. The Sunshine Pilot Club partnered with our club in this initiative, and we were delighted to forge a new relationship with another civic organization.

In addition to impacting the lives of children, this project also encouraged teambuilding, as our club's four teams/ flower groups (Birds of Paradise, Purple Orchids, White Lilies, and Yellow Roses), were asked to work together to outfit the backpacks with the school supplies. What a rewarding project that not only enhanced our enduring friendships, but simultaneously improved the lives of children and the community!



# THE KIWANIS CLUB OF FREEPORT 500 CHILDREN SUPPORTED WITH ESSENTIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES



The Kiwanis Club of Freeport members were honored to partner with the Dudley Seide Reach Out Youth Organization at their 15th Annual Back to School Youth Rally & Giveaway on August 23, 2024. This heartwarming event featured motivational speakers who offered positive advice to children as they prepared to return to school. Kiwanis members played a crucial role by distributing supplies, food, and gift vouchers to the children. The rally was a mini concert complete with uplifting music, free food, bouncing castles, and various prizes, creating a paradise on earth for the young attendees.

Through our collaboration, we were able to support over 500 children. Providing them with essential supplies such

as backpacks, notebooks, pens, and uniforms. The smiles on the faces of the children and the gratitude expressed by their parents were truly heartwarming and reinforced our belief in the power of community support.

The success of the rally reaffirmed the importance of service in uplifting our community. By supporting this annual event, we not only contributed to children's educational success but also strengthened bonds with local organisations like the Dudley Seide Reach Out Youth, which further extended our reach and impact to make a positive difference in the lives of young people in our community for years to come.







## KIWANIS CLUB OF OVER-THE-HILL BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY



On Saturday, August 24, 2024, in conjunction with the Will to Give organized group and the Member of Parliament for Centreville, the Honorable Jomo Campbell, the Kiwanis Club of Over-The-Hill, Nassau, distributed thousands of school supplies, school uniforms, reading books, and clothing in St Georges Park in the Centreville community. Despite the early morning showers, this exciting initiative drew scores of residents from all areas of the urban community who stood in long lines to receive their school kits.

When the gates were opened, hundreds of children with smiles on their faces were treated to a fun-filled back-to-school giveaway and a block party in the park, which featured face painting, tasty treats, haircutting for boys, hair braiding for girls, pizzas, chicken wings, and fries. They also received reading books, school uniforms, school supplies, casual clothing, and electronic tablets. The initiative was led by President Dominique Gaito, who, along with club members and other participants, ensured that residents received their allotted items in an organized manner.

This joint effort gave residents of the community the financial relief needed to start this new school year "on the right foot" while spreading love and hope to the families!!





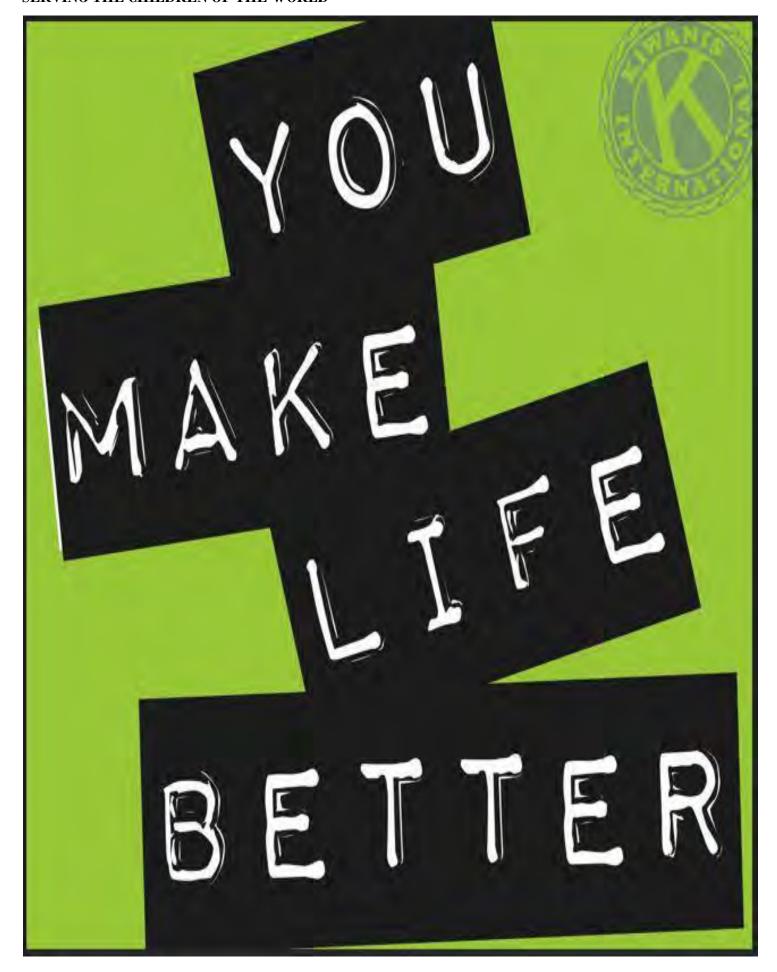












## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT DE FRANCE SENDS SUPPLIES TO GRENADA

On Saturday, July 6, at the Carrefour Cluny, the Kiwanis Club of Fort de France collected food and basic hygiene products to send them to Grenada, an island affected by Hurricane Beryl.

The collection took place between 9:00 and 13:30 hrs., which allowed us to see that Martinique is generous. We

collected eleven and a half boxes which were sent to the Lamentin Flying Club for Granada. Thank you to the generous donors.

Congratulations to Olivier de Lépine, André Gaubron, Claude Davidas, Jean Claude Calixte, Gérard Dorion and Frédéric Rose Elie.











## **DONATION OF BABY CLOTHES**

On Wednesday, July 10, at 14:30 hrs., the Fort de France club gave baby clothes to a young mother in need. In the photo it is not the mother, it is a friend who represents her because she cannot move. (Photo at Left)

## DIVISION 23 WEST CONTINUES TO SERVE THE SPANISH TOWN HOSPITAL

Members of Division 23 West have donated over USD\$10,000.00 in medical supplies and other healthcare products to the Spanish Town Hospital this year.

The Spanish Town Hospital is the largest Type B hospital on the island, with the capacity to serve over 500,000 persons.

Guided by our motto to serve the children of the world, members of Division 23 West have actively engaged in projects catering to our children's educational and medical needs. To this end, our primary focus for the administrative year 2023- 2024 was the Neonatal Ward, Labour Ward, and the Day Care Centre of the Hospital.

In March 2024, we conducted our first project with the Labour Ward, where we donated vital sign monitors, fetal doppler, baby clothing, and diapers.



Donation of Monitors and other items for the Labour Ward
L-R Representatives from NAJ class of 1996, Secr. Nichelle
Duncan, LG Ronnette Menzies, DLG Christine Long, Parish
Manager-SERHA (PLG) Abdon Campbell and Nurse Manager
Maureen Bailey

Our spirit of altruism continued with the Neonatal Ward, where we made additional donations of diapers and clothing to benefit newborns and donations of disposable gear for our healthcare workers.

As a sign of our commitment to continuously serve the Hospital, we adopted the Day Care Centre, which is the home away from home for the children of our healthcare workers. Our partnership first saw us donating a bed and nutritional products to serve the children.

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**Donation of items to the Neonatal Ward** 

Front row: LG Ronnette Menzies, Nurse Manager Maureen Bailey, Matron Novlette Robinson, and members of Division 23 West

## DIVISION 23 WEST CONTINUES TO SERVE THE SPANISH TOWN HOSPITAL (Cont'd)

We also painted murals on the walls of the Day Care Center to promote early mental stimulation as the children marvel at seeing their favourite cartoon characters interspersed with letters of the alphabet and numerals. Building on this, we have broken ground to start the construction of a new playground for the children.

Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies advised that although the major focus is on the Spanish Town Hospital, donations have been made to all the major hospitals in the Division.

Division 23 remains dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.



Painted murals on the inside of the Day Care Centre

Members painting the murals— L-R: President Henry Williams, LG Ronnette Menzies, President Michelle Cummings Spencer and DP Blanzo Ellis



Photo above: Members of Division 23 West posed for a photo after completing the painting

## KIWANIS CLUBS IN MARTINIQUE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

All the Kiwanis clubs in Martinique participated in the presentation of the Kiwanis scholarship. The Kiwanis scholarship adds value to vocational education in Martinique. Six young people from several vocational high schools were honored. (Photo below)

#### The recipients:



The Kiwanis scholarship ceremony was held on Wednesday, July 10, from 14:00 to 17:30 hrs. in the main room of the New Beijing restaurant.

All the Kiwanis clubs in Martinique but one were represented. The various schools that competed were represented by their Directors and their teaching staff. The following personalities attended: LG Robert represented the Division, DAFCO represented the Rector, the Director of Crédit Mutuel, and Mr. Paderna.

The quality of the recipients' interventions, the quality of the work done over two years, their involvement in the life of their institution, and their moral values were praised by the assembly.

#### A word from a Laureate:

I would like to thank you for this wonderful award ceremony. Thank you very much to the KIWANIS clubs for highlighting and rewarding vocational high school students because we know very well that sometimes vocational high schools are discredited, especially by some teachers in the college. It was a pleasure for me to have applied for this scholarship and to have been selected. I already have an idea for a project with you and I hope that it can be conducted over the next two years  $\mathcal{A}$ . I also hope that I can be available for the KIWANIS Scholarship 25th anniversary ceremony. Thank you to the various KIWANIS clubs in Martinique for their participation, and thank you to Crédit Mutuel.

These young people received an envelope of between €700 and €1200, a springboard for the extension of their training. All of them have just obtained the Bac Pro with honors.

#### In conclusion:

Vocational education is now an essential component of the French training and education system. Its pedagogical coherence is based on a balance between general education, vocational training, and the economic environment. It offers students professional training that allows access to crafts, industry, and commerce without neglecting the acquisition of education.



The School Heads



The Assembly 72 people, clubs, relatives, and friends

## KIWANIS CLUB OF FREEPORT COMMUNITY FUN DAY

The Kiwanis Club of Freeport held a major Community Service project at Garden Villas for the entire family, focusing on fun for the children in the community. The bouncing castle, musical chairs, monkey bars, swings, and slides were all available for the children to have a Fun Day.

Kiwanis branding was on full display with flags swaying from side to side, branded tablecloths, and a retractable banner displaying the Kiwanis motto "Serving the Children of the World."

The club received many items from club members and the public for this event and was able to give away brand-new slippers donated by a generous sponsor and sodas donated by the Caribbean Bottling Company. Gently used clothing was free for children, girls, and boys, men, and women. Urban Renewal assisted the club with the location. BTC Bahamas was the major sponsor of the event.

The Grand Bahama Port Authority donated the turkeys for the scrumptious meal that was served. The meal consisted of Turkey, Chicken, Peas and Rice, Macaroni, and Corn, with sodas and water for drinks.

Kiwanis Club of Eight Mile Rock, along with our Service Leadership Program members and prospective members, volunteered, and there was amazing interaction with the community to make the event a huge success. We were also fortunate enough to be featured on ZNS Network, which assisted us with promoting our mandate to the Freeport community.

The impact on the community was priceless, as the people could not stop thanking the Kiwanis Club of Freeport for such a generous service project.

Following is a pictorial highlight of the day's activities.













# KIWANIS CLUB ARC-EN-CIEL RAINBOW HEART BASKETS RALLY SUPPORTED BY THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND

On Sunday, July 7, the President and members of the Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel, Division 27A, in partnership with the sports leagues of Martinique, organized the "Rainbow Heart Baskets Rally". More than 120 food baskets have been distributed to families in difficulty in all the municipalities of southern Martinique.







## KIWANIS CLUBS OF DIVISION 23 WEST HELMET4LIFE INITIATIVE



LG Ronnette Menzies conducting an interview at the Project launch in Spanish Town

Kiwanis Clubs Division 23 West launched a public education campaign to promote road safety. **Project** Initiative, has Helmeet4Life, been designed to raise public awareness of road safety and to minimize injuries and death while targeting one of our most vulnerable groups, the cyclists, by encouraging them to wear



Motorcyclists with their helmets, along with representatives from Kiwanis and TotalEnergies

The project is in partnership with the Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica and TotalEnergies for the distribution of helmets. Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies advised that it is important that Kiwanis play their role by acting now and assisting the Government with public education, as there has been an increase in the number of accidents and fatalities on the nation's roads. Her division contributed to the campaign through public education by developing flyers, road safety tips brochures, and other materials that were circulated via social media pages and provided to motorists along with their helmets.

The project is being implemented across the division in all the parishes, targeting both rural and urban centers. This is the major project for the clubs in September, and almost 500 helmets have been distributed. The responses from motorists have been positive.





Representatives from the Police Force, TotalEnergies, and members from the Kiwanis Club of Spanish Town supported the project.



Bikers with their helmets

Photo left: Members of the Kiwanis Clubs in Portmore had a joint project to distribute helmets in the Portmore district.

## KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW PROVIDENCE (DIVISION 22 SUNSHINE) BREAKFAST PROJECT AT CAROLINE BUTLER PARK



On Saturday, July 20th, the Kiwanis Club of New Providence's Community Service Committee hosted a breakfast giveaway at Caroline Butler Park in the Bain and Grants Town constituency, an inner-city area on the island of New Providence, The Bahamas. Homeless individuals frequent this area, and we served hot breakfast consisting of yellow grits, steamed sausage, and tuna salad to residents and passersby. Bottled water, fruit juices, and candy canes were served with breakfast. This project was well received by these residents as we had served breakfast there a few months before and had pledged to return during the summertime. All recipients were grateful and encouraged us to continue our work in the community.





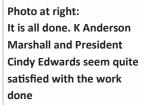
## KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS NORTH SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

The Community Services Committee of Kiwanis Club of Barbados North, Division 27 Caribbean, conducted a beach clean-up project as part of the Clean Up Barbados Campaign.

As early as 6:00 a.m., members assembled at the Speightstown beach in St. Peter and started their cleanup immediately. They were accompanied by three Key Clubbers from the Coleridge and Parry Key Club, one of our SLP clubs. It was hard and tedious work, but when it was finished, 69 bags of garbage had been collected.



Photo at left: (L-R)
DP Angela Goodridge Club Advisor for
Coleridge and Parry Key
Club, along with three
Key Clubbers.









## LENDING A HELPING HAND TO ANGELIQUE

Angelique was a pupil of the A. DaCosta Edwards Primary School when she was involved in a vehicular accident near the school in September 2019. As a result, she suffered brain damage and a fractured right jaw and tibia, resulting in total loss of her motor and communication skills. She is undergoing physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Angelique is wheelchair-bound and must be assisted in carrying out the daily functions of life. She cannot be accommodated in a regular school, and is home-schooled by her mother.

The Lions Club, Scotland District, held a concert to raise funds to assist Angeligue's parents with their growing medical bills. The Kiwanis Club of Barbados North partnered with the Lions Club to lend assistance, and a total of \$575.00 was given to the Lions Club. Some members attended the concert and patronized the event by buying items that were on sale.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North enjoying the entertainment at the concert for Angelique



### **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	Odence Rose
	Circle K	Leo Williams
	Key Club	Christopher Humber
	Kiwanis Kids	Odence 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

## KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS CENTRAL CHARTER CEREMONY - ST PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC K-KIDS

On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, on a bright sunny afternoon, 27 members of St Patrick's Roman Catholic K-Kids Club in Barbados were installed at a ceremony at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Jemmotts Lane, St. Michael.

The Ceremony was graced with 7 members from the sponsoring Club – Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central.

The programme was not without the usual flair. The School Principal, Dr. Marvalene Roach, welcomed the gathering and gave brief remarks. The President of the sponsoring club, Ms. Rosemary Leon, brought greetings on behalf of Kiwanis Central, welcomed the new K-Kids Club into the Kiwanis movement, and said she was happy that the Service Leadership Program (SLP) program was being enhanced by an additional 27 members.

Distinguished Governor Dr. Delores Lewis presented the Charter Certificate and implements to the Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Bertha Sobers. (Photo at right)

The evening's high point was Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Joycelyn Watts Phillips's installation of the club members and officers. Kiwanis Advisor DP Pamela Lord and DP Arlene Holder presented the members with their certificates and pins. Following the pinning, Jessie Griffith, President of the K-Kids Club, and the members recited the K-Kids Pledge.

To end the evening's proceedings, Faculty Advisor Mrs. Bertha Sobers delivered the vote of thanks.



In Photo left to right: Distinguished Governor Dr. Delores Lewis and Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Bertha Sobers



Photo at Left (In back Row Left to Right):
Kiwanis Advisor DP Pamela Lord and Mrs.
Bertha Sobers - Kiwanis Faculty Advisor. The
newly inducted K-Kids of St. Patrick's Roman
Catholic Primary School pose with their
K-Kids Handbook.





Nothing is more important than the safety of the children Kiwanis serves. That's why Kiwanis International dedicates a week each year to youth protection. In 2024, Youth Protection Week is October 7-11, giving Kiwanis clubs the opportunity to conduct important youth protection training and evaluate the club's compliance.

Kiwanis clubs are required to educate members annually on Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies & Procedures. The resources available during Youth Protection Week make it easy for your club to meet this prerequisite.

We appreciate your club's efforts during Youth Protection Week and the commitment you share to protecting youth.

#### **Educate members**

Take time during the week to train members on youth protection during a Kiwanis club meeting. Club members also can use our online resources to complete the training on their own.

Other information and resources:

#### Youth protection training

Kiwanis clubs can host in-person or virtual training for all members of the club by using the "Youth Protection Policy@training for Kiwanis clubs" PowerPoint presentation PDF — or by viewing the Youth Protection Policy training for Kiwanis clubs" video recording.

After training is completed for the Kiwanis year, the club secretary should update the Secretary Dashboard by

checking the box "Our club has received youth protection guideline training."

#### Policies and procedures

These policies can be found in Kiwanis International Policies and Procedures as Procedure 432.

All adults working with youth under the age of 18 at any Kiwanis event are required to read/understand, agree to, and abide by these policies.

#### **Culture of Care**

Our student leaders are our No. 1 ally and resource in creating world-class experiences within Kiwanis Youth Programs. Our Culture of Care initiative provides students with the training and resources to be leaders in preventing bullying, reducing incidences of violence, understanding healthy relationships and personal boundaries, and more.

#### KI Background checks

Kiwanis advisors to any sponsored Service Leadership Program are required to have a criminal background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International per Kiwanis Policy B.16., Procedure 197. By offering a standard, comprehensive background check for all Kiwanis advisors through Kiwanis International, we can be confident that all Kiwanis clubs are protecting those we serve — and protecting all Kiwanis members.

All chaperones (club members and non-members) taking part in a single day off-school premises or overnight SLPsponsored event must have a clear background check.

https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection/youth-protection-week/

## OCTOBER 14-19, 2024

CKI Week is coming up! The week of October 14 -19, 2024, is members' time to shine a light on CKI, our service initiatives, and the great work we're doing on campus and in communities. The club can highlight the impact we make through CKI's three tenets: Service, Leadership, and Fellowship. Use CKI Week to help your club earn publicity, build awareness, and recruit new members!

During CKI Week each club will focus on our three tenets: service, leadership, and fellowship. Here are some guidelines:

Fellowship: October 14 & 15. Put an emphasis on building meaningful and lasting relationships through fun activities. Whether it is with other members of your club, local Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs or friends in your district, make a genuine connection with someone in the Kiwanis family! Team up for a service project, organize an interclub social or just spend time with friends to celebrate fellowship through CKI.

**Leadership: October 16 & 17.** People always talk about the value of a servant leader. Well, these days are designed for you to show off how you lead! Collaborate with others, reach out to local Kiwanians, and focus on your personal leadership journey through CKI. No two members will have the same leadership experiences — so accept and embrace those differences to grow and lead together.

**Service: October 18 & 19.** Whether we are packaging food, building playgrounds or working with animals, each of us has a service project we love. CKI has a diverse group of partnerships that address a variety of issues. We challenge you to collaborate with our partners so we can continue to be catalysts within our communities. Project ideas are divided up by partnerships — so start planning now. And take lots of pictures!

CKI Week | Circle K International
Reach out for assistance Ask CKI

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
#CHOOSE CKI	CKI AROUND THE WORLD	LEAD WITH LOVE	FIND YOUR FAMILY	RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS	DO SOMETHING DAY
Show others why you #ChooseCKI. Promote CKI to new members and share your CKI story!	CKI is a global organization with an impact that spans 18 countries. Celebrate our global scope and connect with CKI clubs from another district or country!	Learn how you can create consistent leadership opportunities and foster professional development for all members. Connect with CKI alumni or other leaders on campus to learn from their leadership experiences.	CKI members often say they joined for the service but stayed for the fellowship. Invite classmates to an engaging and inclusive club social.	CKI is all about making the world a better place. Brighten someone's day while promoting CKI to prospective members on your campus.	Use the Community Outreach Report to identify needs in your community and take action with CKI clubs around the world.

## **KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2024 NOVEMBER 4 - 8, 2024**



Key Club International — the Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs for secondary students will celebrate Key Club Week from **November 4 - 8, 2024.** Key Club Week allows Key Clubbers to show their community what Key Club is truly about - *Service*.

Each day places an emphasis on service, to promote Key Club within our homes, schools and communities and to make Key Club a household name.

## WEDNESDAY

#### **DARE TO SHARE**

Celebrate diversity and equity with the Key Club family. We have members across the globe, and we want to spotlight you!



#### MONDAY SHOW YOUR K

Show people what Key Club is all about! Spread the word by wearing Key Club gear and publicizing Key Club Week in local stores, on your school website, in community newspapers — even on a door.



## **THURSDAY**

#### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

A smile goes a long way. Spread happiness throughout your school by implementing little random acts of kindness.



#### **TUESDAY**

#### **INVITE AND INCLUDE**

Let your friends know why you love Key Club! This is the perfect day to show off how awesome and inclusive Key Club is, and why it matters so much to your school and community.



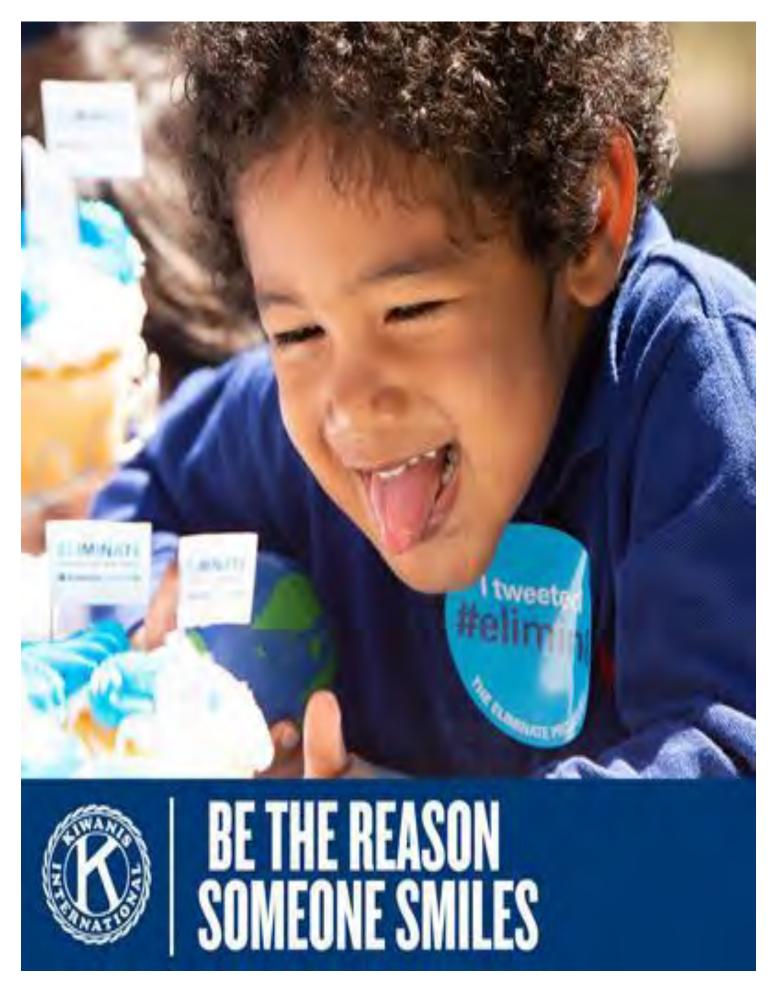
#### **FRIDAY**

#### **CONNECT THE Ks**

Key Club is the largest high school service organization in the world and is a member of the Kiwanis family. Celebrate the entire family of Kiwanis by getting the whole gang involved. Connect with local Kiwanis, Circle K International, Builders, K-Kids or Aktion clubs and team up for a joint service project or virtual event.



https://www.keyclub.org/events/keyclubweek/



## PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE BRANDING & IMAGE TRAINING

Training on Branding & Image was provided to all the English-speaking Lieutenant Governors Designate (LGD), Presidents Designate (PD), and incoming Public Relations (PR) Chairpersons on Saturday, August 24, 2024, by the District's Public Relations & Marketing Coordinator, DS Karen Tomlinson.

Excellent feedback and appreciation for the training have since been received from several of the over 100 Kiwanians who attended, indicating that they found the information useful for their Clubs and Divisions.

It was great hearing from the Kiwanians who shared their ideas for promoting Kiwanis in the group exercise done during the Session. There were some awesome initiatives shared, including monthly Kiwanis Socials for prospective members, Annual Calendars etc.

All Kiwanians who attended have since been provided with a Guide summarizing what was discussed during the training session.

The same training is being arranged for our Frenchspeaking LGDs, PDs, and incoming PR Chairpersons in the District.



The Agenda which was shared, outlining what was covered during the Branding & Image Training



Governor Designate Pamela Rodney-White delivering her Opening Remarks



Ralph Tweedie, Newsletter Editor from the Kiwanis Club of Manotick, sharing details of his bi-weekly articles on Kiwanis in the media



PD Jarrod from the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa sharing some of the channels and initiatives used by his club, including Kiwanis Socials



DS Karen asking Quiz questions at the end of the Training Session

Prepared by: DS Karen Tomlinson EC&C District Public Relations & Marketing Coordinator



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### 2024-2025 DISTRICT AND KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL DUES



On October 1, 2024, Kiwanis International will begin to prepare the annual dues invoice. The invoice for your club will be based on the number of members in the club as at midnight September 30, 2024, less any members deleted up to midnight October 10, 2024.

This year, the District will rebate their dues by up to \$3 per member\*. It is recommended that clubs reduce their member dues by the same amount.

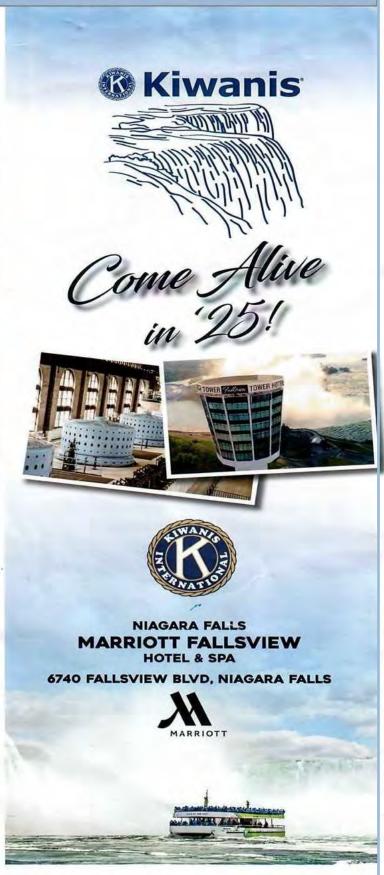
Club Dues and the KI magazine must come from the club's administrative account, the balance owing can come from the club's service account.

District and Kiwanis International dues must be paid by November 30, 2024.

<u>Click here</u> for the annual dues for your club's membership in Kiwanis International and the EC&C District.

## **2025 EC&C DISTRICT CONVENTION**





## **2025 KIWANIS CONVENTION JUNE 25-28 • PITTSBURGH**



## Forging the future

Pittsburgh is known for its innovative industries, thriving cultural scene and a landscape distinguished by rivers and bridges. Of course, the city is also known for its place at the heart of American steel manufacturing.

Join us in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S., for the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention. You will be a part of an event that can help you transform your club and its impact in your community. Education. Fellowship. Decision-making. Explore all the ways the Kiwanis International convention can help you forge the future — for your club and for our worldwide organization.

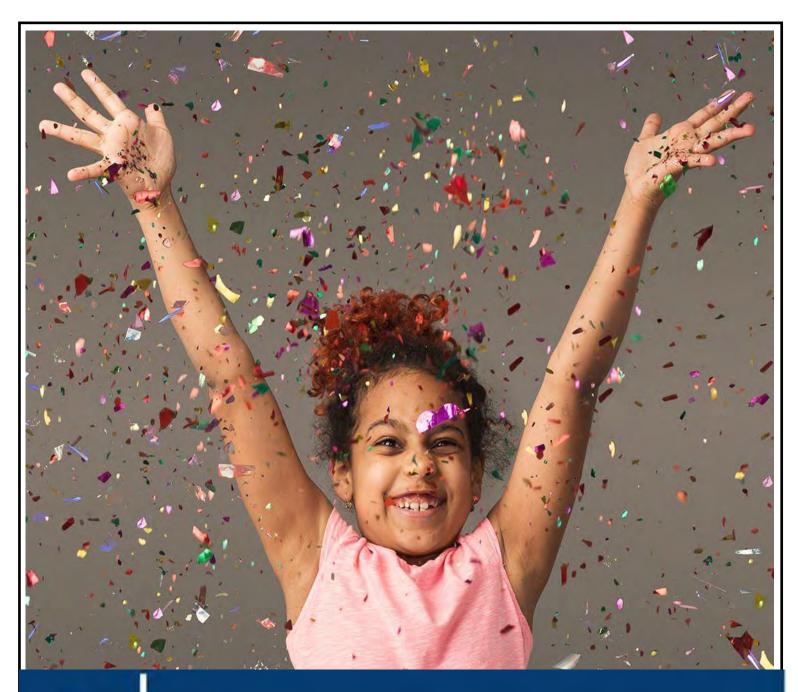
https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-international-convention-pittsburgh/

## **2025 CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**



Discover Pittsburgh's legacy of innovation across industries, vibrant cultural offerings, and its iconic rivers and bridges. Join us for the 2025 Circle K International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from June 25-28. Participate in exploring new strategies for club growth, creative fundraising, and meaningful service initiatives. Connect with fellow CKI members, exchange ideas, and leave energized to make a positive impact.

https://www.circlek.org/events/convention/





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