



# Kiwaniis®

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## ECC District Convention Update



# Governor's Message

We have reached a Kiwanis milestone!!

Kiwanians, on May 17, 2018 over 500 Kiwanians and guests will attend our Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention in Montego Bay Jamaica. It is going to be fantastic, fun and amazing!!!

There will be much to celebrate, six new Kiwanis Clubs, several new SLP Clubs and our District signature project winner. This will be an occasion to renew friendships, elect leaders, attend forums and participate in a District Project at the Howard Cooke Primary School.



Our Lieutenant Governors are the key to a successful year and must be congratulated for the sterling work in providing the leadership and passion in making Kiwanis and our District better to help Kids!

Kiwanians, continue to challenge yourselves to be excellent leaders in this quest for improving children's lives, 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.

Your servant leader,

Bobby Moo Young  
Governor 2017-2018

***"Service is Our Passion"***  
***#Kids Need Kiwanis***



## REGISTER NOW

**CONVENTION INTERNATIONALE DE KIWANIS**

**June 28–July 1, 2018**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada, USA**

# Editor's Notes

You have booked your flight, you have registered and it is now countdown to ECC District Convention 2018 in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The preparation is at fever pitch with the team busy completing the planning and organizing process to ensure that no one will leave the convention and Jamaica without a great experience.

I look forward to the celebration, fellowship, education, connection and fun.

See you all in Jamaica in a few days.

In Kiwanis Service,

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## CONGRATULATIONS

The Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Congratulates Lieutenant Governor Sharon Williams of Division 23E, one of the recipients of the 2018 Governor General's Achievement Award





# Division 22 opens new Club in Exuma Bahamas

Kiwanis Sunshine Division 22 held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Council meeting in George Town Exuma and the Installation and Induction of a new club and members into the Kiwanis Club of Exuma.



In top photo from left to right: L. Sandra Butler, Secretary- Kiwanis Club of New Providence, President Marilyn Johnson, District Trustee Edwin Thompson, President of Exuma Club Almeta Ward, Lieutenant Governor Garnell Kemp and District Trustee-Elect Henry Gibson.



# Read Aloud

**D**etermined to be "Purpose driven... Destined to Serve", the Kiwanis Club of Fox Hill, East Nassau, under the leadership of its fourth President has accomplished much in the first half of this administrative year. In addition to its exciting and informative weekly meetings which are not limited to guest speakers, club members and prospects are actively engaged in hands-on service projects.

To date, the club has successfully completed the following projects:

- Chartered a Service Leadership Program @ Kingsway Academy with 60+ students who have committed themselves to serving their school and community.
- Monument Clean Up- Partnered with 12<sup>th</sup> Bahamas Scouts to clean up the Monument Area on Fox Hill Park.
- Fruit & Water Days at Sandilands Primary and Akephran School
- Partnered with Bahamas God Parent Center to raise funds for their Baby Bottle Initiative
- Feed the Family- Provided 25 full meals to families on Christmas Day.
- Hosted the youth from 12<sup>th</sup> Bahamas Scouts to a campfire and pep talk on "Making the right choices."
- "Reading in the Park" and "Breakfast in the Park"- Fox Hill Park

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reading in The Park was held on Saturday 24 March, 2018. It was almost difficult to determine who was more excited - the children or adults! The zealous team of Kiwanis members, Kingsway Academy Builders Club students, and volunteers hit the ground running and when the dust settled, DJ was in place, raffle ticket table was ready, the lunch corner began emitting some flavorful, mouth watering scents, while the Builders Club had puzzled together some intriguing games. With the chairs and tables unfolded, parents and children from far and wide began to descend on Fox Hill Park for the event.

Wendy's hostess dressed in costume, eagerly greeted the youngsters, while the parents socialized with friends and neighbours and negotiated over raffle tickets. Students from varying schools connected through commonalities and made fast friends. Teams competed with fierce but playful banter over life-sized word games, as learning took place through play. Fox Hill Park was abuzz with the laughter of children - it was a family affair throughout the park.



You could hear a pin drop as President Anithra took the floor. All were engrossed in the tales being spun from the print filled pages. A few adults leaned in hanging onto every word. Indeed, books take you places while creating a home.



A special treat was having Fox Hill Member of Parliament, Mrs. Shonel Ferguson reading a book to the children, incorporating some of their voices to bring the words to life. Various volunteers bounced to Mrs. Ferguson's side to lend their own special touches to the story. What a delight, as the read-aloud wrapped!

After lunch, the children received gift bags with edible goodies, school supplies and more importantly a book hand picked for their age level!

A most magical day ended with a high octane game of musical chairs. There's no doubt that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual is going to be even better.





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## DISTRICT CONVENTION 2018 MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

### Programme/Forums

#### May 17, 2018

9:00 AM — 9:50 AM

**Forum 1:** The Inspirational Value of Being a Club President

Leighton McKnight

**Forum 2:** Past Presidents - It is Your Time to Lead

Jennifer Hinkson

**Forum 3:** The Formula & the Future  
Juanita Galvis, Phil Rossy, Lloyd Distant Jnr.

**Forum 4:** Community Impact – Perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority.

Christine King

9:00 AM — 12 NOON

**Forum 5:** Train-The-Trainer (English)  
(By Invitation Only)

Janet Atkinson, Roy Mezas

10:00 AM — 10:50 AM

**Forum 6:** Working with today's Youth  
Hope Markes

**Forum 7:** Our Kiwanis Image - Enhance the Kiwanis image worldwide

Lisa Golding

11:10 AM — 11:50 AM

**Forum 8:** Electronic tools for Secretaries

Dennis Margueratte, Sheila Donald

**Forum 9:** Financial Viability – Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship for your club

Kermit McGann

#### May 17, 2018 cont.

11:10 AM — 11:50 AM

**Forum 10:** Prospects & New Members Recruitment Forum

**Forum 11:** First Timers – Things You Need to Know (by invitation only)

12:00 PM — 12:50 PM

**Past Lieutenant Governors Meeting**

2:00 PM

**Past Governors Meeting**

5:00 PM

**Opening Ceremony**

Keynote Speaker: The Most Hon. Andrew Holness, ON, MP  
Prime Minister of Jamaica

#### May 18, 2018

8:30 AM — 9:30 AM

**Forum 12:** Community Impact – Perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority

Christine King

**Forum 13:** Electronic tools for Secretaries

Dennis Margueratte, Sheila Donald

9:50 AM — 10:40 AM

**Forum 14:** Membership and Engagement - Build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership network

Juanita Galvis, Phil Rossy, Eileen Hooper-Donaldson

#### May 18, 2018 cont.

11:30 AM

**Divisional Caucus Meetings**

12:30 PM

**K Family Awards Luncheon**

Special Guests:

Kemesha Kelly

(Former Key Club Governor)

Hugh Anthony Simmonds

(Former Circle K Governor)

Donovan James

(Former Circle K Governor)

7:30 PM

**Jamaica Night - Spirits Awakened**

Ticketed Event: US \$45.00

#### May 19, 2018

7:30 AM

**Celebration & Recognition Breakfast**

Guest Speaker: Dr Henley Morgan

9:30 AM

**Plenary Session**

5:00 PM

**Governor/Governor Designate Reception**

Invitation Only

6:00 PM

**Pre Gala Reception**

With Cash Bar

7:00 PM

**Members' Grand Gala**

Ticketed Event

# Championing Literacy in the Inner City

The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston/Norman & Cecile Literacy Improvement Programme

The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston has always been a champion for kids in the Community. In addition to the regular Labor Day projects at the selected schools - painting sections of school buildings and general clean-up of the schools, a community analysis, courtesy of the Norman and Cecile Jarrett Foundation was done and it was discovered that there was a dire need for a Literacy Programme for Schools in the community. Norman and Cecile Jarrett partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston and are now co-founders of the programme. They were also very interested in the plight of the children from the inner-city and has always supported Kiwanis efforts. As a result of this partnership, inner-city based schools were provided with well needed resources to aid in the development of their literacy skills. The need has developed every year and has created an awareness of literacy, foster reading among students, improve levels of their reading ability and improve the schools' results in grade 4 literacy test.

"The programme is for primary schools within the downtown area and was so targeted as often these children miss a lot of opportunities and are generally at risk because of the lack of resources" says Cecile Jarrett.

Over 1,200 children age 8 to 11 years in the five (5) schools that were selected have benefited from the Literacy Improvement Programme (LIP). Significant improvement is also seen in the success rate at the national Grade Six achievement Test (GSAT). In addition, about 40 teachers have improved their teaching skills in literacy, which in turn has been used to benefit students who them teach in other classes. It is estimated that a further 3,000 students have indirectly benefited from the improved teaching skills of the teachers.



Being literate opens up great opportunities for learning in various areas - academic, vocational and in general life and social skills. It helps the children to communicate better with their peers and also improve their vocabulary. Data collected by teacher's at the St Michael's Primary School showed the following:

- 2014: LIP entered the institution and launched the programme on Parents Day 2014 and at that time it was at 21% Mastery.
- 2015: LIP began the programme 52% Mastery
- 2016: LIP issued Literacy Workbooks to all Grade 4 students and participated in Read Across Jamaica Day 72% Mastery
- 2017: LIP issued G4 tests papers to all G4 Students, conducted the competition resulting the programme in the school at 83% Mastery

# Championing Literacy

Each year at least 15 members of the Kiwanis club participate at various stages of the programme. The Literacy Improvement Programme starts each year with an official launch at the school, where parents and community members are invited. For two schools, the Member of Parliament for the area in which the school is located, attends the related functions. There is also a group of poets who have committed themselves and their talents to raise funds to support the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston/ Norman and Cecile Jarrett Literacy Improvement Programme) for Primary Schools Downtown Kingston.



Additionally, the programme is divided into two broad development components; the literacy component where Kiwanians and literacy specialist provide resources in books and tools to facilitate reading as well as the reading competition conducted with Kiwanis, Ministry of Education Specialist, school faculty and teachers. Over the course of the programme it is estimated that hundreds of persons have attended the various events.

The project is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year and the Club has already done an analysis which has resulted in an expansion of the programme this year. For 2017/2018, there will be intervention in a sixth school – St. George's Girl's Primary and Infant School, where 250 children will benefit. The Literacy Improvement Programme was launched at this school in November 2017 in the presence of a large group of parents who were attending a function that was honoring parents.

The Programme will continue in its current pattern until 2023; after which there is a plan to change focus to the grade 3 students.

Mrs. Cecile Jarrett, cofounder of the programme with her husband Norman, has been a champion for the programme - mobilizing resources to support the continuity of the programme. The Ministry of Education has been very supportive - providing guidance and specialist teachers. The Poetry Society of Jamaica support includes the "Poets Parade" fund raising event; an evening of creativity, humour, nostalgia, camaraderie and surprises especially from the patron, Miss Kay Osborne. It is a worthy cause to which the poets continue to give – improving literacy in primary schools downtown Kingston.

Over the years, sponsorship have also been obtained from the Jamaica National Foundation who partners with UNICEF to Roll out Project to Improve Safety of Children, the West Indies Home Contractors, Restaurants of Jamaica (KFC franchise) and the Poetry Society of Jamaica.

Supporting Poets include: Dr. Michael Abrahams, Mrs. Jean Lowrie –Chin, Mr. Randy (Breadfruit) McFarlane, Dawn McGregor, Dr Pearnell Bell, and Dr. Jean Small.

The annual cost of the project is J\$350,000 (US\$3,000) or J\$6,900 (US\$53 per member).



# Governor's Divisional Visit

## Division 23 East - Jamaica



Governor Bobby signing the guest's book during his courtesy call on the Governor General of Jamaica, His Excellency The Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, Governor-General while Lady Josephine looks on.



Governor Bobby (right) shares his 'K' with Governor General Sir Patrick Allen by pinning him with his Kiwanis pin during the courtesy call in February.



Governor Bobby addresses attendees of 23East Divisional Council Meeting.



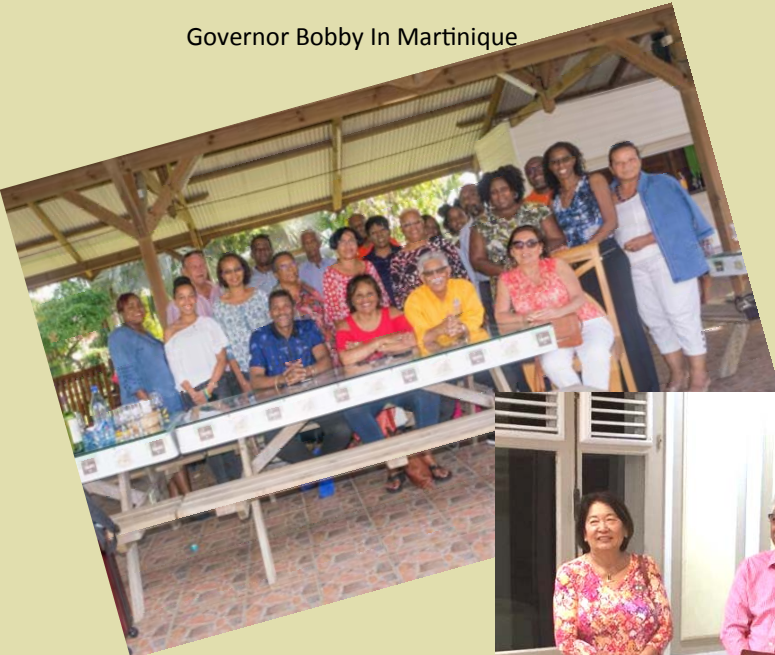
Lady Josephine being pinned by an SLP member during a luncheon with SLP leaders.



From left, Ralston Nunes, Trustee, Lady Josephine Moo Young, Laurie Peters, High Commissioner of Canada, Sharon Williams - Division 23E Lieutenant Governor, Robert Boo Young, District Governor, Pam Lieutenant Governor Elect, Audrey Brown, Division 23 E Secretary.



Governor Bobby In Martinique



From left, Lady Josephine, Governor Bobby, Sophia Case and LG Claude Lislet



From left PG Paul Toussaint, Governor Bobby and LG Giantonio Muller catching up at Le Bolibar, Martinique.



Governor Bobby is all smiles with an animated Kerlyn Brown, the Division 23 West 2018 Spirit of Service Awardee while Lieutenant Governor Wentworth Gabidon and some children look on. The occasion was the eighteen club joint meeting hosted by the Governor.



## Governor Bobby in Aruba - Division 26



Governor Bobby, his wife Lady Josephine, Lieutenant Governor of Division 26 Giantonio Muller and District Vice Governor Robert Spellen visited Aruba's Prime Minister Evelyn Wever Croes.



Governor Bobby presents Prime Minister Evelyn with a package of Jamaican Jablum coffee.



Governor Bobby being interviewed by a media house in Aruba.



Governor Bobby addresses the Divisional Council Meeting



Lady Josephine could not resist a visit to view the beautiful art collection.



Scenic art walking tour in San Nicolas as part of the closing activity of Kiwanis Divisional Council Meeting Division 26.



## EC& C Kiwanis District Signature Project Contest 2018 Winners

POSITION	NAME OF CLUB	NAME OF PROJECT	DIVISION
DISTRICT WINNER	KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNTOWN KINGSTON	KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNTOWN KINGSTON/ CECILE AND NORMAN JARRETT LITERACY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME	23 East
1 <sup>ST</sup> RUNNER UP	KIWANIS CLUB OF YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ARUBA	CHRISTMAS IN A BOX PROJECT	26
2 <sup>ND</sup> RUNNER UP	KIWANIS CLUB OF WADADLI YOUNG PROFESSIONALS	KOOL KIDZ PROJECT	27
3 <sup>RD</sup> RUNNER UP	KIWANIS CLUB OF FOREST CITY- LONDON	BABY'S BOOK BAG PROJECT	4

Presented on behalf of the Signature Project judges Gail Norris, Merdina Callum and Christine King.

It was indeed our pleasure to serve. Again, we congratulate all of the submissions and are very pleased about the awesome district's service projects submitted, particularly the ones that benefited the children.

### 2018 EC&C Signature Project Contest

Club Name	Division	Project title
Kiwanis Club of Aruba	26	Kamishibai
Kiwanis Club of Barrie	3	David Busby Street Centre Sandwich Program
Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach	22	Geriatric Ward Annual Luncheon
Kiwanis Club of Capital City Kingston	23E	Infant Nutrition & Annual Christmas Treat
Kiwanis Club of Castries	27	Albert Nathaniel Memorial School Book Project
Kiwanis Club of Constant Springs	23E	Funding SLP Dues
Kiwanis Club of Cyber Connect JA	23E	Beauty In ME
<i>Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston</i>	<i>23E</i>	<i>Kiwanis/ Norman and Cecile Barrett Literacy Improvement Programme. Overall Winner</i>
Kiwanis Club of Eastern St. Andrew	23E	Early Childhood Education Competition
Kiwanis Club of Eight Mile Rock	22	Senior Citizen Luncheon & Bread Basket Project
<b>Kiwanis Club of Forest City- London</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Baby Book Bag Literacy – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner</b>
Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu	22	Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Kiwanis Club of Kahouane SE Grande Terre	27C	Discover the workplace
Kiwanis Club of Kingston	23E	Grand Christmas Charity Ball
Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore	2	What Christmas Means to me essay contest
Kiwanis Club of Liguanea	23E	PLS DNT TXT N DRV CAMPAIGN
Kiwanis Club of Linstead	23W	Educational Playground for at risk children
Kiwanis Club of Meadowvale	23E	Teen Mothers: Changing Reality, Mold Desti
Kiwanis Club of Nassau	22	Kiwanis Babies
Kiwanis Club of New Providence	22	Kiwanis Kids Story Laboratory
Kiwanis Club of North St. Andrew	23E	Builders Club Camp/Vention
Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach Aruba	26	Santa Claus Parade
Kiwanis Club of Paris Brant	5	Kiwanis Teddy Bear Clinic
Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay	25	5K Breast Cancer Awareness Walk
Kiwanis Club of Sarnia-Lambton Golden K	3	Lochiel Kiwanis Community Centre
Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste Marie	2	Annual Pancake Breakfast
Kiwanis Club of Seaway	3	Seaway Kiwanis Children Animal Farm
Kiwanis Club of Soleil	27	Abused Children
Kiwanis Club of Spanish Town	23W	Children's home for physically Challenged
Kiwanis Club of Stony Hill	23E	Adopt a School- Setting the Stage
Kiwanis Club of Sunshine City	23W	Enhancing Learning through Proper Visioning
<b>Kiwanis Club of Wadadli Young Professionals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Kool Kidz Project - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner</b>
Kiwanis Club of Windsor	3	Kiwanis Sunshine Point Camp
<b>Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals Aruba</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Christmas in a Box - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner</b>
Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals Kingston	23E	Parenting Forum

On behalf of Governor Bobby, ECC Board Members, Signature Project Committee and all of the members of this EC&C District we recognize all submissions and extend special congratulations to the winning submissions. See you in Vegas cheering for The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston the EC& C District winner and was a finalist at Kiwanis International level.

# Hands for Hunger

On a beautiful Saturday Morning Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu took to the farms, not to slash and burn, but to harvest crops of lettuce with the Hands for Hunger Organization. The process was easy, fun and rewarding. First the lettuce were cut from their branches before taken through the process of cleaning, drying and packaging. This process gave members a greater appreciation for lettuce purchased that is grown locally. Freshly cut, no processing or oiled for good looks but washed 3 - 4 times in clear water, placed in a spinner to let off excess water and then further laid out to dry before packaging.

The greater reward in participating in this project was that the farm owner allows Hands for Hunger to harvest crops free of cost for donation to various charities. Not only did the farm owner gives of his livelihood to help others but he allows the volunteers to go into the farm to pick the crop themselves, use his facility to process and distribute to those in need. The charities range from children's home, soup kitchens, etc.



Hands for Hunger has been a life saver in the community, supplying thousands of meals to feed those less fortunate. They have championed this cause!

The Kiwanis club of Fort Montagu values the work of Hands for Hunger Organisation and its members are truly honored to partner with them. The members of the club also extend gratitude to Lucayan Tropical Produce for their generous donation to Hands for Hunger and by extension the receivers of the goodies.