



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

The Objects of Kiwanis

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

GOVERNORS

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District of Kiwanis International

1918	Alex H. Fitzsimmons	Kiwanis Club of Ottawa
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1920	Captain C. E. Jeakins	Kiwanis Club of Brantford
1921	Edward J. L'Espérance	Kiwanis Club of Montréal
1922	J. Bevan Hay	Kiwanis Club of London
1923	William G. Keddie	Kiwanis Club of Ottawa
1924	Edward G. Tanguay	Kiwanis Club of Québec
1925	B. Blake Halladay	Kiwanis Club of West Toronto
1926	H. Stanley Higman	Kiwanis Club of Ottawa
1927	William R. Rockburn	Kiwanis Club of Riverdale
1928	William Y. Mills	Kiwanis Club of Kingston
1929	Andrew G. Paul	Kiwanis Club of Hamilton
1930	William A. Lewis	Kiwanis Club of Barrie
1931	Isaac P. McNab	Kiwanis Club of Peterborough
1932	Charles A. Fowler	Kiwanis Club of Halifax
1933	Owen J. Callary	Kiwanis Club of Montréal
1934	Gordon S. Dodington	Kiwanis Club of Toronto
1935	Fred G. McAlister	Kiwanis Club of London
1936	F. P. Barney Dawson	Kiwanis Club of Sarnia
1937	Gérald Martineau	Kiwanis Club of Québec
1938	P. Ivan Moore	Kiwanis Club of Lindsay
1939	Reginald V. Harris	Kiwanis Club of Halifax
1940	Walter P. Zeller	Kiwanis Club of Montréal
1941	John M. Burden	Kiwanis Club of Riverdale
1942	Charles H. Hulse	Kiwanis Club of Ottawa
1943	W. Harold Male	Kiwanis Club of Toronto
1944	John R. Linklater	Kiwanis Club of Orillia
1945	Lyle D. Burdick	Kiwanis Club of St. Thomas, ON.
1946	Harvey R. Doane	Kiwanis Club of Halifax
1947	S. Walter Stewart	Kiwanis Club of East York
1948	Kenneth P. Greenaway	Kiwanis Club of Wellington
1949	G. Douglas Taylor	Kiwanis Club of Montréal
1950	Kenneth B. Loheed	Kiwanis Club of Toronto
1951	Ralph D. Steele	Kiwanis Club of Chatham
1952	Donald G. Charbonneau	Kiwanis Club of Ottawa
1953	Mel R. Osborne	Kiwanis Club of East York
1954	Albert E. Coulter	Kiwanis Club of Oshawa

1955	Walter H. Howell	Kiwanis Club of Peterborough
1956	Otto. R. McIntee	Kiwanis Club of St. Catharines, ON.
1957	John J. Baker	Kiwanis Club of Madoc
1958	B. Kenneth Hibbert	Kiwanis Club of Halifax
1959	Gilles E. Sarault	Kiwanis Club of Québec
1960	Robert Stroud	Kiwanis Club of Westmount
1961	David McGruer	Kiwanis Club of St. George
1962	Frank Summerhayes	Kiwanis Club of Brantford
1963	Victor W. Blenus	Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth
1964	Clarie F. Fentiman	Kiwanis Club of Westboro
1965	Harry Ross	Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Montreal
1966	Clifford P. Wyman	Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Toronto
1967	C. Harvey Jay	Kiwanis Club of London
1968	Laurent Girouard	Kiwanis Club of St. Laurent de Montréal
1968-69	John K. Pratt	Kiwanis Club of St. John's
1969-70	Raymond B. Allen	Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound
1970-71	Robert J. Faulkner	Kiwanis Club of Manotick
1971-72	O. Edwin Loberg	Kiwanis Club of Niagara Falls
1972-73	Don Loiselle	Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Montreal
1973-74	Hedley G. Ivany	Kiwanis Club of Armdale-Halifax
1974-75	Charles D. Forsyth	Kiwanis Club of Georgetown
1975-76	Allen M. Duffield	Kiwanis Club of Nassau
1976-77	Kenneth W. Smith	Kiwanis Club of Kitchener-Waterloo
1977-78	Jack W. Chivers*	Kiwanis Club of Montréal
1977-78	Kenneth W. Smith	Kiwanis Club of Kitchener-Waterloo
1978-79	Clinton R. Whitfield	Kiwanis Club of Aruba
1979-80	Eric Ellis	Kiwanis Club of Pembroke
1980-81	David K. Peters	Kiwanis Club of St. John's
1981-82	F. Keith McGruer	Kiwanis Club of St. George
1982-83	Thomas G. Halford	Kiwanis Club of North Toronto
1983-84	Marc E. Lefebvre	Kiwanis Club of Brantford
1984-85	Ross G. Muller	Kiwanis Club of Toronto
1985-86	Maurice Morin	Kiwanis Club of Laval
1986-87	Glen Bagnell	Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth
1987-88	Allen Stewart	Kiwanis Club of South Ottawa
1988-89	Carlton Levy	Kiwanis Club of Kingston, Jamaica
1989-90	Eric Kingston	Kiwanis Club of Humber Valley
1990-91	Pierre Laliberté	Kiwanis Club of Sillery-Ste Foy
1991-92	Walter Kostur	Kiwanis Club of Scarborough
1992-93	Edward (Ted) Sievert	Kiwanis Club of Sunnylea
1993-94	Hervis Bain Jr.	Kiwanis Club of Nassau
1994-95	David Wilson	Kiwanis Club of Forest City
1995-96	Godfrey Dyer	Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay
1996-97	John Fortin	Kiwanis Club of Superior North

1997-98	Jim Rowney	Kiwanis Club of Riverdale
1998-99	Kenneth Cotterrill	Kiwanis Club of Flower City
1999-00	Elke McCumber	Kiwanis Club of Carleton
2000-01	Trevor Dunn	Kiwanis Club of Liguanea
2001-02	Milton Peach	Kiwanis Club of Carbonear
2002-03	Bill Stuart	Kiwanis Club of Humber Valley
2003-04	Joanne Murray	Kiwanis Club of Brantford
2004-05	John Button	Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown
2005-06	Hazel Brandon	Kiwanis Club of Paramaribo Central
2006-07	Edward Kelly	Kiwanis Club of Western Kings
2007-08	C. F. (Chuck) McIlravey	Kiwanis Club of East York
2008-09	Sheron Cameron-Dunn	Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine
2009-10	Gary Levine	Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound
2010-11	Paul Toussaint	Kiwanis Club of Schoelcher
2011-12	Janet Atkinson Des Roches	Kiwanis Club of Bytown
2012-13	Peter Tudisco	Kiwanis Club of Cambridge
2013-14	Hope Markes	Kiwanis Club of Hopewell
2014-15	Serge Viau	Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Sault Ste. Marie
2015-16	Allen Ure	Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown

* Governor Jack Chivers died in office. Immediate Past Governor Kenneth Smith was appointed to complete the term.

**Dedicated to the memory of
the Past Governors who have
gone before us.**

INTRODUCTION

The history of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District (E C and C) of Kiwanis International from 1916 to 1977 is masterfully recorded in three publications. The forewords of those publications are included in this book.

The first, published in 1949 entitled “The Romance of Service,” captures the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton as the first club in Canada and the establishment of the Ontario Quebec Maritime (O Q M) District. The second publication, “The Golden Years of Service” chronicles the growth of the O Q M District throughout the fifties and sixties. During this time, Kiwanis grew at a rapid pace throughout eastern Canada. In 1962 the Kiwanis Club of Nassau, the first Kiwanis Club in the Caribbean was welcomed into the E C and C District. The third book, “The Drama of Service,” published in 1977 records the details of the amendment passed by the House of Delegates at the 1971 District Convention which changed the Ontario Quebec Maritime District name to the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

Days turn into weeks and weeks turn into years. Before it was realized, thirty-nine years had passed without any further consolidated documentation of the achievements of our great District. This matter needed to be addressed. The obvious choice to undertake the task was the Past Governors. They readily accepted the challenge and decided that in recognition of the celebration of 100 years of Kiwanis in Canada, a special project would be undertaken to fill the information gap.

Every Past Governor was invited to submit the highlights of the historical events that occurred during the year they

served as the leader of the District. Regrettably a number of Past Governors died long before the project began. To collect as much information as possible for those missing years, contacts were made with the division leaders and when possible, the families of the deceased Governors. Additional information was gathered from the archives of the District.

This book is the result of the successful completion of the project and was aptly named “Big District Bigger Hearts” by Past Governor Keith McGruer. We now have a complete history of the first 100 years of Kiwanis service in Eastern Canada and in the Caribbean. It is that service that has positively impacted an immeasurable number of lives, thanks to the dedication and caring of thousands of Kiwanians throughout the years.

We can only imagine the outstanding accomplishments that will be achieved during the next 100 years, as E C and C continues to grow and become stronger in its service to our communities and the children of the world.

Joanne Murray
Governor, 2003-2004

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Governor Allen Ure
District Secretary Treasurer Jim Steele
Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Johnson
Kiwanian Pallo Sahota
Aktion Club Past President Kristie Beckham
Tim Murray

Foreword from
“Romance of Service”
Ontario Quebec Maritime District of
Kiwanis International
1918 to 1949

Tradition is interwoven with the fabric of life. It is a part of life itself. Today is made up for the most part of all our yesterdays with Tennyson’s Ulysses, each of us can say:

*I am a part of all that I have met
Yet all experience is an arch wherethro’
Gleams that untravell’d world whose margin fades
Forever when I move*

Many years ago, our late and greatly beloved Past District Governor Dr. Bill Lewis of Barrie, with the foresight and sense of human and spiritual values which characterized him, began the arduous task of accumulating and appraising the data for a permanent chronicle of the activities and accomplishments of Kiwanis International and the Ontario Quebec Maritime District. This memory, awakening an action inspiring book combing the early work of Dr. Lewis and of others who carried the task through to completion is the result.

Our District Governors also were requested to contribute material concerning their respective administrations and they responded in a most cordial and cooperative manner.

To the fine craftsmanship of our good friend and loyal Kiwanis associate J. Smyth Carter goes the credit of a great deal of the writing refining and polishing which together with his extensive efforts and research and judicious planning makes it the admirable volume that it is.

The committee appointed in November 1943 whose names are recorded herein gave wise counsel and able assistance in connection with this publication task.

To these and all others who by the written word – are better still by the personal and public services rendered and here recorded – have given content and significance to the work of Kiwanis. The members of our District organization as a whole extend our grateful acknowledgements.

“He who sows courtesy reaps friendship and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

Fred G. McAllister
President 1942-43
Kiwanis International

Foreword from
“Golden Years of Service”
History - O.Q.M District
1918 to 1968

This service club movement is an organizational miracle which is relatively new in the annals of human aspirations and endeavour, new and also constructive: and, in other areas of historic achievement, its past holds the seed which, if carefully sown and adequately cultivated will continue to have a vital bearing on its own future and those of the communities and countries it seeks to serve. It is with such facts in mind that this official history of the Ontario- Quebec-Maritimes District of Kiwanis International has been authorized by the District board; and its research and writing has been delegated by that board to our greatly gifted Past District Governor John R. Linklater who himself as governor in 1944, made a significantly constructive contribution to the growth and effectiveness to our organization.

To pick a tasty crumb from this new chronicles' contents it may not be amiss to mention that it was the O.Q.M. District which made "Kiwaniis International" international.

For those who have enjoyed the privilege of living and serving their respective communities as Kiwanis Club members in the Eastern Canada District throughout all or a substantial portion of the last fifty years, this history will prove to be a treasury of happy and inspiring memories. For others who have joined one of the District Clubs more recently or will be so joining from time to time, as well as for general members of the public, these annals may prove to be a source of background information, thoughtful interpretation and cordial inspiration, a challenging brochure indeed on what Kiwanis has been in this area, and will continue to mean throughout the decades yet to come.

Fred G. McAllister
President 1942-43
Kiwaniis International

Foreword from
"The Drama of Kiwanis Service"
Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District
1916 to 1977

The history of the E C and C District is not only interesting but exciting. Growth of your District in recent years has surely exemplified our international motto of "We Build." Your Kiwanis District not only represents the eastern part of the great nation of Canada but due to its expansion in recent years has become truly an international district by adding the countries of the Caribbean area that now have Kiwanis clubs.

Eastern Canada has been an important part of the Kiwanis

story since the very early days of our organization, and continues to contribute to the total story of Kiwanis community service, as it did in those early days.

Kiwanis became international with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario on November 1, 1916.

At the 1961 convention of Kiwanis International held in Toronto, the delegates gave the approval to extend Kiwanis beyond the North American continent.

Today Kiwanis International has a membership of nearly 300,000 located in over 7000 Kiwanis clubs found in 61 nations of the world. There can be little doubt but that this growth shall continue and the members of your great District can justly take pride in being an important part of that success.

It has been for me a great personal pleasure to have worked closely with all Kiwanians of your District throughout the 1976-1977 Kiwanis year. The accomplishments of all Kiwanis clubs have been many and those of the E C and C District have been such as to serve as a guide for others.

On behalf of all Kiwanians around the world, I would extend thanks for the past accomplishments to be recorded in your District history. Perhaps even more important would be our best wishes for continued success in the days and years.

Stanley E. Schneider,
President 1976-1977
Kiwanis International

FOREWORD

Kids need Kiwanis. They needed Kiwanis in 1915 when a group of businessmen in Detroit, Michigan, USA, joined together to create an organization to give back to the community. Kids needed Kiwanis in 1916 when the first Kiwanis club outside the United States was formed in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Kids need Kiwanis today in communities all around the globe.

Kiwanians have devoted themselves to creating a better world for children through service projects and programs crucial to our communities. From reading to a child in a school down the street to eliminating diseases that span the globe, Kiwanis clubs are dedicated to helping all children reach their potential. As we enter into our second century of service, we must continue to focus on giving all children the opportunity for bright and limitless futures.

Together, we are changing the world. With the hearts and hands of more than 600,000 youth and adult members in nearly 80 nations, the Kiwanis movement is unstoppable. The Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District of Kiwanis International has much to celebrate this year—the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis in Canada. With your continued devotion to the mission of serving the children of the world, there will be many more celebrations to come.

Susan A. Petrisin
President 2015-2016
Kiwanis International

Big District Bigger Hearts

1977-78
Governor Jack Chivers

The following are excerpts from the meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District of Kiwanis International held at the Quebec Hilton Hotel, Quebec City, Quebec August 16, 1978.



“Governor Jack Chivers introduced and welcome International Trustee and Councillor to our District, Egon Kuzmany of Vienna, Austria who expressed a very real pleasure in being able to participate in the business of the E.C. and C. District.”

“Past Lieutenant Governor Carl Thomson, District Chairman of the Major Emphasis Committee presented a report. He distributed copies of a press release and displayed a book “Take Action against Crime: which could be used by schools. There is a public service tape recording of “Partners in Crime” which is available free of charge for airing on local radio stations by Mr. Mel Cooper, CFAV radio Victoria B.C.”

“Past Lieutenant Governor Stuart Beaton, District Chairman of Youth Services spoke briefly on the work being done by his committee. Kiwanis International is supporting the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements, and he urged out Kiwanis District to do likewise.”

“The Governor then thanked the Board and others involved for the excellent meeting. He particularly thanked Trustee Egon for his presence at the meeting having come such a great distance. He also thanked Immediate Past Governor for taking over the meeting when he was unable to carry on. He asked his Board to seriously consider all they had learned at the meeting and to exert their leadership in carrying out the proposals made.”

“Due to the death on January 28, 1978 of Governor Jack W. Chivers, a nomination of immediate past Governor Kenneth W. Smith to fill the vacancy in the office of Governor was distributed by mail. A majority of the Board members replied and on February 15, 1978 the Secretary announced that Ken Smith would be the Governor of eastern Canada and the Caribbean for the balance of the current administrative year.”

1977-1978 **Governor Ken Smith**

The following are excerpts from the meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District of Kiwanis International held at the Quebec Hilton Hotel, Quebec City, Quebec August 16, 1978.

” The Governor reviewed each division regarding new club building. Division 2 requested new Key Club Building kits. Division 3 is working on Grand Bend. Division 5 is working on a new Key Club.



Division 6 is working on a new club in Streetsville this year and a new Key Club next year. Division 8 is sponsoring a Key Club of Port Elgin. Division 9 is sponsoring a Key Club in East York and a Kiwanis Club in Stouffville. Division 10 is sponsoring a Golden K Club in Lindsay. Division 11 is sponsoring a Circle K Club in Belleville. Division 12 has the possibility of 2 Circle K clubs. Division 13 is working on a Kiwanis Club in Petawawa, Division 14 is working on a Kiwanis Club of St. Jerome and a Key Club in Ile Jesus. Division 15 is working on a Kiwanis Club in Be-be and Rock Island and a Circle K Club at McGill. Division 17 has a new Key Club. Division 18 has a new Kiwanis Club of Hampton and is ready to organize with 28 names but wish to wait until September. Division 19 is working on Glasgow. Division 20 have no prospects at present. Division 21 hopes to have a Golden K and a Builders Club. Division 22 hopes to have San Salvador chartered by September 15th. Division 23 already has 17 Key Clubs and 8 Builders Clubs but nothing in formation. Division 24 reported 3 Kiwanis Clubs, 6 Key Clubs, 1 Builders Club and possibly 2 new Key Clubs and 2 new Builders Clubs. Division 25 has 2 new Kiwanis Clubs – Bonaire and Cayenne and hope for a Key Club in Curacao. Division 25 has organized a new club at Chaguanas.”

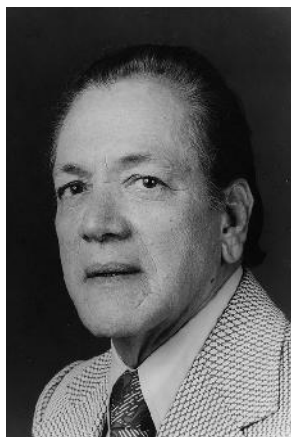
“Jack Dyce reported for Don McCormack, Chairman of the District Finance Committee that the House of Delegates would be asked to approve an increase in District dues to \$11.00 from the present \$9.00.”

“The Governor called on Past Governor Bob Faulkner to report from the Permanent Convention Committee. This Committee will be formed of five members, one of which will serve for one year, two to serve two years and two to serve three years. They will have full responsibility for all matters related to District conventions including site location, overseeing host committee plans for program and accommodation, setting up of guidelines, setting registration fee and disposition of all funds related to the convention. CARRIED.”

1978-1979 Governor Clint Whitfield

The following are excerpts from the meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District of Kiwanis International held at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario on August 19, 1979.

“The Governor reviewed the “not meeting” clubs list and expressed regret that this occurs. Jack Dyce reviewed the disposition of monies held by “not meeting” clubs and reminded the Lieutenant Governors that they should pick up any club equipment.”



“On the subject of new clubs the Governor reminded the various Lieutenant Governors of earlier promises regarding new club building. Several new clubs should be ready to organize by the end of this administrative year.

“With a final thanks to all present including International Trustee Pete Thurston the meeting duly adjourned.”

The following are excerpts from “Report of Clinton Whitfield Governor 1978/79 – Year of Challenge and Change:”

“It was immediately following the District Convention at Ottawa, as Governor-Elect, that I realized the immense responsibility I have accepted to become Governor of our great District. Separated by over three thousand miles of land and water from twenty-one of the twenty-six Divisions and our District Office, I was faced with a difficult problem. One solution would be to shuttle back and forth between

Aruba and Toronto, which would not only be a very costly undertaking but also time consuming and tiring. Or the more I thought of the alternative the more the idea grew. I would lay awake at night just trying to figure out how it would work. And my wife Louise? Would she agree? Then one evening at table I cautiously approached her. An apartment in Toronto for the better part of the year? Her reply was calm and assuring. "I know that something is bothering you" she replied, "and if this will help you to do a good job as Governor, then no sacrifice is too great for me to make. I want to be at your side every minute of your year, our year." No man could have asked for more and her spontaneous approval and support proved to be a tower of strength during my year as Governor. Whether it was during official visits or at conventions, just looking at her smiling, boosted my morale more than anything else, and her loyalty to Kiwanis made my task lighter by the hour".

Highlights from Governor Clinton's report are:

- In order to attend to the need for continuous contact between the Governor, the Lieutenant Governors and District Chairmen, monthly bulletins were produced and very well received
- Membership growth: the year reported a growth of 15 new charters and a net growth of 359 members
- International President Hilmar Bill Solberg visited the district in May 1979 at Brantford in connection with the 60th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.
- Kiwanis International Convention was held in Toronto from July 01 to 04, 1979 with an attendance of over 13,770 delegates

1979-80
Governor Eric Ellis

The following are excerpts from the meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District held on August 7, 1980 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal Quebec.



“The Governor welcomed International Trustee Frank Dinoto. He then referred to the agenda and explained that Mayor Jean Drapeau had invited representation of the board to attend a reception at his office and it was therefore necessary to move the timing of lunch to 11:30 a.m.”

“In discussion it was pointed out that the International President’s official visit to the District will be November 19, 1980 in St. John’s Newfoundland.”

“It was also pointed out that the 1982 District Convention will be held in Kitchener Waterloo, Ontario.”

“Ray Allen reported for the District Finance Committee. The last meeting of this committee was held to prepare a budget for 1980/81 year. The District had been advised that the subsidy we have been receiving from Kiwanis International for our work in the Caribbean has been terminated, so it became necessary to delete some expense items. It may be necessary to propose a dues increase at the next convention.”

“On the resolution that Kiwanis International form a structured organization for wives of Kiwanians, the board feels that more study is needed and should not be presented at this time.”

“The Past Governors of the E C and C. District wish to support International Trustee Allen Duffield for International Vice President on notice of motion in accordance with the election process which will be circulated in due course.”

“The Past Governors Committee recommends that the District not stand in the way of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman leaving our District providing that they can affiliate with another district.”

“Governor Eric Ellis briefly expressed his thanks to the Board for their support and hospitality during his visits. He urged everyone to keep up the momentum for the balance of the year.”

1980-81

Governor David Peters

The following are excerpts from the meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District held on August 5, 1981 at the Concord Hotel, Aruba, N.A.

“Governor David Peters welcomed Trustee Ray Lansford, Kiwanis International Councillor for the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.”

“The distribution of the K-Ray Magazine was discussed and it was felt a letter of instruction should be sent to all clubs outlining their responsibility of the distribution. Cost for direct mailing would be approximately \$7000.00 per year. It was felt that the K-Ray should be inserted with the weekly club bulletin to ensure that members would receive them.”

“Past Governor Kenneth Smith advised that it was the recommendation of the Past Governors Committee that a committee be formed to investigate voting privileges with respect to unpaid dues.”

“The Governor reported a number of new clubs – Niagara Falls Central, Sagonaska, St. John’s Golden K, Halifax Golden K and Truro will be chartered on September 29th and 30th. We are going to charter a new club on the Southward Cruise Ship at Ocho Rios on September 15th and Nassau A.M. on September 17th bringing the total to 9 clubs for the year. In addition, there will be two new clubs in Markham, one Golden K and one Key Club.”

“It was moved by Jim McKay and seconded by Harold Edwards that the Toronto, North York, Thornhill and Bloor-Toronto clubs be removed from Division 8 and placed in Division 9. After much discussion the majority of those present felt the benefits which would accrue to this transfer of clubs in travel alone because of the great distances merited this change. Also, it would be beneficial to Division 9 by giving them four other clubs with the membership advantage. CARRIED.”

“It was decided that the chairman of the 1980-81 class of Lieutenant Governors be from the community in which the current District convention is being held”.

The following is the letter of welcome in the convention program from District Convention Chair Bobby Booii read as follows,

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

It is for me and all members of the Kiwanis Club of Aruba of Division 25 a pleasure and honour to bid welcome to all of you who are participating at the 64th E. C. and C Convention.

Our Aruba “Friendshine” Convention although different in many ways from other conventions has one thing in common and that is our fellowship, our will to share and our effort to build toward a better community.

It is in this spirit that we welcome all of you on the beautiful island of Aruba hoping that you will enjoy your stay and I hope you will remember your Aruba Friendshine Convention for a long time to come when you have arrived home safely. BON BINI!

1981-82

Governor Keith McGruer

The 1981-82 Kiwanis year had a strong foundation based on the 2-day training session for incoming Lieutenant Governors. at the Aruba Convention. During that training, Governor Keith offered six challenges to his team and the results showed that the Lieutenant Governors accepted those challenges and took them into their Divisions with enthusiasm. The six were “Stamp Out Inefficiency,” “Pick Up Weak Clubs,” “Break All Records,” “Go to Bat for Kiwanis,” “Shoot High,” and “Serve the World”. With the first Canadian International President in many years, the District had the additional incentive to show the Kiwanis world what can be achieved by a diversity of countries through cooperation, dedication and good will.



1981-1982 was a pivotal year when Kiwanians were urged to look beyond their local communities and recognize the

capability of a global Kiwanis effort to improve the health of people in distant lands, where the need was so intense. The theme of “Serving The World” focused on the “Share Good Health” Major Emphasis Program. Looking back, one can say that this year laid the foundation for Kiwanis’ world-wide service projects in the years to follow.

The new International Headquarters opened in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1982. The E C and C District raised \$10,000 as a gift to the new building.

The panorama of unique, diverse and heartwarming service projects our clubs initiated and continued during the year was demonstrated at the District Convention in Kitchener-Waterloo, when Governor Keith highlighted the year to over 1000 attendees with a slide presentation of many wonderful projects.

Wherever Governor Keith and Nancy travelled, they marvelled at the huge respect Kiwanis had earned. From the mayor of Montreal to the Governor-General of Jamaica, from the doctors in the critical care unit in a hospital in London, Ontario to the new Kiwanis playground in Eight Mile Rock in the Bahamas, the appreciation for Kiwanis efforts was so evident. From the teachers in a rural school in Trinidad to a seniors’ home in New Brunswick, from the youth club in Toronto to the excitement in a community where a new Kiwanis club had formed, the friendly hand of caring Kiwanians was recognized, appreciated and revered.

1982-83
Governor Thomas G. Helford

The following excerpts are from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District held Sunday, August 7, 1983 at the Holiday Inn, Dartmouth Nova Scotia

“Governor Tom Helford introduced Gene R. Overholt Kiwanis International Councillor and Miss Angelique Dendy, Key Clubber who acted as French translator.”

“International Field Representative Lee Riggin congratulated E C and C. on new club building. He spoke on the adverse effects that membership advertising could do to Kiwanis and suggested that we could advertise Kiwanis but not membership. Various methods of advertising were discussed with Jerry Leyes - Division 5E, Brian Bennett -Division 7.”

“The club charters and petitions were sent to Kiwanis International for the following clubs: Division 8 – Collingwood Golden K Division 12 – Riverside of Ottawa, Division 24 – Seville, Division 27- La Brea. There are three new clubs to be formed in Trinidad – Five Rivers, Brazil and San Juan.”

“Governor Tom suggested that fines collected by the Sergeant at Arms Robert A. Blackwood be donated to “Sleeping Children Around the World.”

1983-84
Governor Marc Lefebvre

The following are excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District held on August 12, 1984 at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario

“Governor Marc thanked his Lieutenant Governors, District Chairmen and District Administrators for their tremendous support:

He stated that the District had tremendous growth and that there was a definite return and interest in Kiwanis due to the work and effort of the Lieutenant Governors in building and strengthening the clubs already in existence. Nine new clubs were also built and there is a possibility that the number may reach as high as twelve”

“Lorne Simpson Past Lieutenant Governor of Division 2E spoke about the Past Lieutenant Governors Committee. He had many favourable replies concerning the establishment of such a committee. A draft of the proposed set of bylaws to govern this committee’s operation was sent to Past Governor Walter Howell Q. C. for his expert opinion as to the legality and he was satisfied that all essential points have been covered and a set of procedures had been set up. The first annual meeting of the Past Lieutenant Governors Committee will be held on Monday, August 13, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. at the Royal Connaught Hotel. At this meeting to which all Past Lieutenant Governors are invited, it is anticipated that the bylaws for the committee’s operation will be approved and an executive committee will



be elected and the committee will take the form that was anticipated when the District approved its formation. In 1983-84 Lieutenant Governors were invited to the meeting since they will be Past Lieutenant Governors on October 1, 1984. A report of this first meeting will be made to the first board meeting of the Board of Trustees for 1984/85 for the approval of the bylaws and dues structure. Once this approval has been received it will take its place in the District Committee structure. “

“International Councillor Robert Sinn complimented the board for their great leadership this year and District growth and development. He congratulated the Board on the diligence, interest and concern on what was happening with sponsored youth.”

Editor’s Note: Other agenda items discussed at this meeting included the growth of Key Club, the possibility of Bahamas and Jamaica each becoming independent Districts and the problems arising from insufficient French Translation of District documents for distribution.

1984-85

Governor Ross G. Muller

The District Convention in 1985 was held in St. John, New Brunswick.

1985-86

Governor Maurice Morin

The District Convention in 1986 was held in London, Ontario

1986-87 Glen Bagnell

Following his chairmanship of the 1983 District Convention in Dartmouth, Glen successfully ran for governor at the Saint John N.B. District Convention in 1984. He was elected Governor in 1985 at the London, Ontario District Convention.

Kiwanis International President Frank DiNoto used this poem to focus service efforts;



*May there be for me a treasured moment this day—
A moment of seeking,
when I look beyond myself and discover
someone who needs me;
A moment of caring—
When I discover how I can show my love for another.
Let each day bring this treasured moment.
Let each day bring this time to care.*

During the year our District grew in Clubs and membership. Eleven new Clubs were chartered and membership rose from 10,680 to 10,783.

The International Convention was in Washington DC and was historic because the Constitution was amended to permit the inviting of women to Kiwanis membership. Glen made the amendment to make it apply to all the Kiwanis world rather than just to the USA. Shortly after that Shirley Bagnell became a Kiwanian. She went on to be a Club President and Lieutenant Governor.

Shirley and Glen visited all 28 divisions. While leadership, team building and promoting enthusiasm are challenges

to each Governor, for the Governor, it is a learning experience. In Canada, Kiwanis Clubs provide great service to communities doing those few things that governments don't cover. In the Caribbean, Kiwanis often provides the only safety net that many communities have and provides essential services to hundreds of communities.

International President Frank DiNoto made his official E C and C visit with a caucus meeting and banquet in Truro, Nova Scotia.

The year concluded with our District Convention in Ocho Rios, Jamaica with more than 1000 in attendance. Glen was awarded the International All Star Award for new Club building, the International Growth Award for Key Club Growth in all three of our E C and C's Key Club Districts. He also received the District Spirit of Kiwanis Award. Later on the District Board awarded The International Tablet of Honour to Glen for outstanding and dedicated service.

Four Lt Governors from the 1986-87 Class went on to be Governors, Pierre Laliberté, Ted Sievert, Wally Kostur and David Wilson.

Accomplishments:

Increased membership - 200 plus

Increased number of clubs - 6 plus

A budget surplus, thanks to those who planned and enforced the past dues clean-up and the Lt. Governors who collected the money, plus a healthy profit from the Ocho Rios Convention

The successful organization of assistance to the Miracle Network Telethon establishing a widespread District project.

Unanimous delegate agreement that all Kiwanis Clubs share the same obligations of service and financial responsibility.

Giving the opportunity for the Governor Elect to be an active member of the leadership team and encouraging early planning for the next year.

Making educational forums a part of Board Meeting Weekend

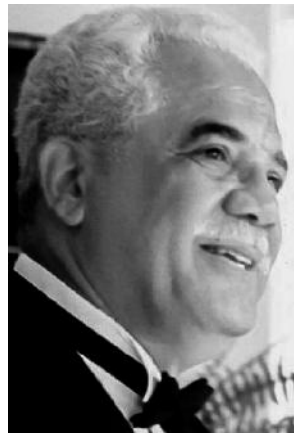
Election of our first Governor Elect from Jamaica, Carlton Levy, and having our former Secretary-Treasurer, Eric Kingston, announce that he will offer as Governor Elect in Chicoutimi in 1988.

1987-88 **Governor Allen Stewart**

The District Convention in 1988 was held in Chicoutimi, Quebec.

1988-89 **Governor Carlton Levy**

Two years after the amendment passed to open Kiwanis membership to women, the number of female members was beginning to grow around the world. The Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District was no exception. Women were bringing a new perspective and creative ideas to service and fundraising projects.



At the 1987 convention in Ocho Rios, Carlton Levy from the Kiwanis Club of Kingston, Jamaica was elected to serve as the Governor for the 1988-1989 year. Carlton had the distinction of being the first Governor to serve the District from Jamaica. Under Governor Carlton's leadership, membership in the District and particularly Jamaica continued to grow.

The Governor from Kingston, Jamaica presided over the 1989 convention in Kingston, Ontario.

1989-90 **Governor Eric Kingston**

The District Convention in 1990 was held in Hull, Quebec.

1990-91 **Governor Pierre Laliberté**

Member of the Kiwanis Club of Sillery/Sainte-Foy/Cap-Rouge since Oct. 1, 1991, Pierre Laliberté joined the Kiwanis Club of Québec in December 1981. He has been President in 1985, Lieutenant Governor of Division 16 under Governor Glen Bagnell in 1986, and elected Governor Elect at the Kingston District Convention in 1989. Pierre is a Chartered Life Underwriter. During the 2002



District Convention in Ottawa, he has been elected as a Trustee of Kiwanis International for a three year-term (2003-2006).

Pierre has organized the Kiwanis Club of Val Bélair (now known as the Kiwanis Club of De La Jacques-Cartier) in August 1986. Governor Maurice Morin, accompanied by a group of Kiwanians from Division 14, attended both the Organization and the Charter Nights.

In August 1988, at the Chicoutimi District Convention, Pierre has been the sponsor of a major amendment to the Bylaws of the District and, since then, both English and French are the official languages in the District.

As Governor, the year started with the District Convention held in Hull, Québec, in August 1990 and ended with the District Convention in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1991. The International Convention was held in Anaheim, California. Walter G. Sellers from the District of Ohio was an excellent support to the District as the Kiwanis International Counsellor.

During that year, Pierre visited each Division and has seen Kiwanis in action in many communities. From Sault Ste. Marie to Newfoundland and from the Bahamas to Suriname, he saw Clubs serving their communities in implementing a new project for Young Children. In the Caribbean, the service was providing for immunization, new born babies health and pregnant mothers' education. In Canada, the Clubs were providing this special extra to their communities. Many Clubs were involved in Summer Camps, housing for abused women, feeding children and families, housing for seniors and, of course, Kiwanis Music Festivals.

In 1990-91 Kiwanis International President Dr. Wil Blechman from the Florida District introduced a new project called Young Children: Priority One. Every club was asked to develop a project to address the developmen-

tal needs of children aged zero to six. It was intended to be a one-year Program. However, the value of the YCPO program incited Kiwanis International to maintain it and explore all the issues concerning young children. It is still a major focus of Kiwanis International.

1991-92
Governor Walter Kostur

The District Convention in 1992 was held in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

1992-93
Governor Edward (Ted) Sievert

The District Convention in 1993 was held in Sudbury, Ontario

1993-94
Governor Hervis Bain

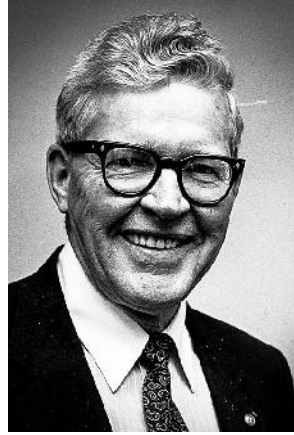
Hervis Bain Jr. of the Kiwanis Club of Nassau had the distinction of being the first Bahamian District Governor of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District, when he served during the 1993-1994 administrative year.

The District convention in 1994 was held in Nassau, Bahamas

1994-95 **David Wilson**

The submission for the 1994-95 administrative year was written by Past President Sue Wilson, Kiwanis Club of Forest City.

The year of David's governorship of the District of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean now is surprisingly almost twenty years in the past. Some of the many memories can be retrieved from that year of impressive discoveries of Kiwanians' good work in every community visited, especially our realization of the important work that was being done with enthusiastic dedication at the club, division, and district levels.



A most significant observation was made, not only then but today, regarding the betterment and enrichment of communities as a part of world wide service of Kiwanis International.

That year, the World Wide Service Project of Kiwanis International in conjunction with UNICEF was continuing. David's presentation to each club, included an appeal for the support of the World Wide Iodine Deficiency Disorder project. The responses were indeed supportive towards helping Kiwanis International reach the goal of money needed by UNICEF to complete the project of vital importance.

From Sault Ste. Marie to Newfoundland and south to Trinidad, we were shown many and varied projects of clubs and divisions, meeting the needs of their communities whenever possible.

In Jamaica we visited a Kiwanis maternity clinic as well as a hospital to which financial aid and labour had been contributed by Kiwanians

A lovely memory to recall was that of visiting the school in Jamaica with a Builders Club. There, under the trees, with soft breezes we heard the children of the club sing a poem set to music:

*Beauty is seen
In the sunshine
The trees, the birds
Corn growing and people working
Or dancing for the harvest*

*Beauty is heard
In the night
Winds sighing, rain falling
Or a singer chanting
Anything in earnest*

*Beauty is in yourself
Good deeds, happy thoughts
That repeat themselves in your dreams
In your work
And even in yourself*

E-Yeb Shure

While in Trinidad, as in Jamaica, we were taken to visit the Governor of the island.

The Lieutenant Governor that year in Trinidad took us to a grade eight classroom to which a member of the police force spoke to students most powerfully of the devastating effects of cocaine.

Everywhere throughout E C and C we were warmly welcomed by hospitable and happy people - people who were making differences in their communities and who themselves were benefiting from their generous efforts.

A quotation from the writings of Albert Schweitzer:

“I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know, the only ones amongst you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

It was a year of many happy times with Kiwanians and a year of learning about the far reaching volunteerism of Kiwanians through the E C and C District. I cannot now nor could we then thank the District of E C and C for such an experience of knowing human nature at its very best.

1995-96
Governor Godfrey Dyer

The District convention in 1996 was held in Kitchener, Ontario

1996-97
Governor John Fortin

The District convention in 1997 was held in Mississauga, Ontario

1997-98 Governor Jim Rowney

Governor Jim joined the Kiwanis Club of Riverdale Toronto in 1987. He was deeply involved with all of the activities of his Club including such activities for children as serving soup lunches at an inner city school and playing games such as bingo at a local hospital with elderly or handicapped patients. The Club supported the Kiwanis Music Festival financially and by providing members to assist with the organization of hundreds of children and their teachers at



various venues throughout the city of Toronto. A very popular and fun event held annually was the Polar Golf Tournament. Golfers played 9 holes through snow, ice and freezing temperatures to raise funds for the Division's special projects.

During our year as Governor, Win and I visited all of the provinces in Eastern Canada and eight islands of the Caribbean. Everywhere we went we were warmly met by enthusiastic Kiwanians, anxious to share their projects with us. We were struck by the variety of projects, so many involving children as well as comfortable, warm friendly places for our older citizens to live. We were very moved by the number of Clubs who ran or sponsored places for special needs persons, such as K Workshops and homes for special needs persons. We met enthusiastic K Club young people working in their communities to help others. These young people learned much about volunteering and the difference they could make in their communities. We had an exciting time getting to Suriname, South America. We were flying from Curacao supposedly leaving at 10:00 a.m.

However, with countless delays, we finally left at 10:30 p.m. arriving at the airport at 2:30 a.m. to be met by a large delegation from Paramaribo! These wonderful people had been waiting all day for us.

During the administrative year, 1997-98, the Kiwanis International World Service Project to raise \$75 million to eradicate Iodine Deficiency Disorders from the world was in high gear. E C and C endorsed this project with great enthusiasm and every Club contributed to the success. Roger Moore, 007, was the special Honorary Chairman of IDD. At a special gala in Toronto held on June 25, 1997, \$253,079 was raised for IDD. The 82nd International Convention was held in Nashville, Tennessee and this cheque was presented by me to Jerry Christiano, International President on Canada Day. This was the largest amount presented to date towards IDD. More was to come! The success of the World Service Project had a profound impact on Win and I and we were humbled by the responses everywhere we went. We were especially proud of the Kiwanians of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District. YES we are the greatest!

It was also the year to launch a blazer which would identify E C and C at international conventions and be worn at public projects and functions. This bright gold blazer stood out at public gatherings and was a sea of colour at the International Convention held in Montreal. As the host Governor, I welcomed delegates from all over the world in English and French to the exciting multicultural city of Montreal.

1998-99

Governor Kenneth Cotterrill

The District convention in 1999 was held in Bridgetown, Barbados

1999-2000 Governor Elke McCumber

As the first female Governor of E C and C, under the banner of Vision 2000: Strength, Dedication, Vision, I travelled 235 days, visiting all 28 divisions in 14 countries and meeting with all clubs either individually or through Divisional Council Meetings. This resulted in 4 new Canadian clubs and 5 new clubs in the Caribbean with a stronger bond among the clubs and divisions. By end of year, total membership was 12,134 Kiwanians with 204 clubs in Canada and 81 clubs in the Caribbean.



PLG Bob Albert was appointed District Secretary Treasurer. Moving the District Office to a new office building in Ottawa, he consolidated and created electronic record and financial reporting systems. As Assistant District Secretary Treasurer, DLG Robert Normand streamlined and published the K-Ray on a quarterly basis. With her financial expertise, LG Ellen Stephan chaired the Finance Committee and was able to recover and safely invest the District funds. Together with the DST, she devised proper accounting systems and a viable budget. At the outset, the majority of club secretaries and LGs did not have computers; by end of the year, all were electronically linked.

In my year as Governor Divisions 3, 4 and 5 launched a fund raiser to construct the Kiwanis Wing of the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario; I was privileged to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony several years later. Hurricane Floyd ravaged the Bahamas and a relief fund was initiated by all clubs.

In Jamaica:

- A 15-minute courtesy visit was made with His Excellency, Sir Howard Cooke, Governor General of Jamaica. It lasted one and a half hours after which he pledged support for the many Kiwanis projects on the island.
- I presented an 84-year-old indigent woman with a key to her first house. LG Ron Wing and the KC of Ottawa subsequently funded two additional houses.
- I opened a school library for which there were no books. Consequently, LG Andy Quinn organized a Canadian project to collect enough books to fill a container and ship it to Jamaica which he did at his own expense.

The annual Mid-Winter Meeting was held in Ottawa, in January, at the Lord Elgin Hotel. The average temperature was minus 20 for the three-day session.

The Clubs of the Ottawa Valley staged an event in the Parliament Buildings entitled a Celebration of Kiwanis in the new Millennium -Tribute to Governor Elke McCumber.

Meeting all the challenges, my Board of Lieutenant Governors developed an extraordinary bond and respect for one another. The year ended with a wonderful 83rd Annual Convention in London, Ontario organized by Chairman PLG Ken Thomson and the Kiwanis Clubs in Divisions 3, 4 and 5.

While I was able to recognize 13 divisions as being distinguished, it was really the effort and teamwork of every Kiwanian in E C and C that earned us the title of Distinguished District as bestowed upon us by the International Board of Trustees.

In the course of fulfilling my duties I was honoured with a number of awards: Mel Osborne Diamond level, George

Hixon Fellowship, Tablet of Honor, Heritage Society; and in 2013, the Walter Zeller Fellowship from my class of Governors.

2000-01
Trevor Dunn

The District convention in 2001 was held in Ocho Rios, Jamaica

2001-02
Governor Milton Peach

In 2002 my home club, the Kiwanis Club of Carbonear, Newfoundland celebrated its 50 anniversary. I was humbled and proud to serve as District Governor during that year.

To prepare for the 2001-02 Kiwanis year both Joan and I attended a training session in Indianapolis, as the Governors and their partners were expected to face challenges and achieve goals together. The Class of Governors began the year as a Dream Team with Kiwanis International President Brian Cunat and First Lady Miki.



The E C and C 2001-02 year began with 249 English Clubs and 39 French Clubs and a membership of 10,524. Our District had 28 Divisions in 14 countries making it the most culturally diverse district in the Kiwanis World.

At this period in our history, it was expected that we

would take on a District Project for the year. Our House of Delegates at the E C and C District Convention in Ocho Rios, Jamaica in July 2001 embraced the “Candle in the Dark Project.” This was a vision of Jennifer Reid, with a building opening its doors to the mentally challenged, destitute and street people of Mandeville, Jamaica, at a cost of approximately \$180,000 CAN.

However, we all realized that the great tragedy of September 11th in New York changed the world and indeed our District plans. In the spirit of true Kiwanis caring, the Kiwanis Clubs in E C and C with some support from Kiwanians in Western Canada immediately took on a new focus of financially contributing to the “911” cause. On October 23rd 2001 I travelled to New York with the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada where we presented a cheque in the amount of \$60,000 US to help the children and families who needed assistance.

We cherished many memories of participating and helping at “The Christmas Feast” in Halifax, visiting the new Kingston Club Project in Jamaica, as well as a nursery and basic school for disabled and abandoned children. We participated in chartering a Builders Club in Oshawa and their Respect Program and attended a news conference with Premier Mike Harris in Launching a Tele-health Project.

Our District Theme 2001-02 “Teamwork and Leadership: Building Today for Tomorrows Dreams” was planned begin and end with success. Before beginning the year, a new club building goal of eight clubs was set by International President Brian Cunat. A team of Kiwanians came together to aggressively reach that goal. The year began on October 2001 with a “Fast Start Award” by forming a new Kiwanis Club of Bytown which was chartered in December, 2001. This was an all-female Kiwanianne Club now becoming a true Kiwanis Club.

Then in Division 27 in February 2002 on the Island of Guadeloupe, we had another Kiwanianne Club sponsored

by the Kiwanis Club of Port a-Pitre, chartered as the second new all female Kiwanis Club.

A major accomplishment for the year was exceeding our goal of 8 new clubs by 2. By chartering 10 new clubs our District was the only Kiwanis District in North America to achieve this goal and it was first time that E C and C achieved the “Distinguished with Honours” status. District Secretary Germaine Barr and I, became DST with Honours and DG with Honours, respectively.

2002-03 **Governor Bill Stuart**

2002-2003 was a dynamic year in the life of our E C and C District. Good fun, great effort and profound teamwork marked a year of Kiwanis service and dedication in all our Divisions leading to the designation “Distinguished District with Honours,” one of only four such Districts world-wide. This was a spectacular testament to the dedicated work of all E C and C Kiwanians, when one remembers that for 2002-2003, Kiwanis International required “growth” to be “net” not “gross” and that “service” and “administrative competence” became additions to the “Distinguished” criteria.



The Leadership Team for 2002-2003 included DSTH Germaine Barr, DGH Milton Peach, Governor-Elect Joanne Murray, District Office Administrator Lise Pichette

and, as Lieutenant Governors, Leo Provencher, Serge Viau, Laurainne Kent, Ken Monteith, John Scott, Norene Martin, Jim McIntosh, Ken Hanson, Bob MacDonald, Paul Sneyd, Frank Konopaski, Bill Downham, Linda Davis, Pierre Coderre, Serge Duthe, Michel Gervais, Luc Grenon, Patricia Allen, Kim Conrad, Carl Peach, Lambert Longley, Winsome Levy, Sheron Cameron Dunn, Bobby Montague, Vivian Cameron, George-Jose Bellony, Peter Alexander and Esme Ford. Our International Counselor was Trustee Mark Smith of the Georgia District.

Beginning Year Statistics: 10,230 End Year Statistics
10,506 New Clubs Organized: 13 Total Active Clubs: 296

The 2002-2003 motto was “Energetic, Committed and Caring” and the theme was “Cherish Our Children: Active Minds, Healthy Bodies”. E C and C Kiwanians grew our sponsored youth population dramatically, especially in the area of Builders Clubs. Community service work ranged from numerous programs to upgrade housing to major progress in support for children’s literacy, particularly in some of our Caribbean Divisions. Hospitals were refurbished and re-equipped, school facilities were upgraded, school buildings were erected and expanded, and playgrounds were created. Thirteen news Clubs were chartered. Kiwanis International certainly recognized the leadership of the Lieutenant Governors: 3 Divisions were “Distinguished and 3 were “Distinguished with Honours”.

The suggestion that the Governor’s Official Visits be recognized by donations to “Sleeping Children Around the World” rather than by personal gifts garnered an astounding \$50,000 - a clear indicator of the generosity and humanity of E C and C Kiwanians.

Kiwanis, like life itself, is not a sprint but a relay race, with the team members making their best determined efforts, and passing on the baton of continuing commitment. In 2002-2003, the E C and C Team ran with energy, determination and enthusiasm and attained success of a high

order. As Governor for 2002-2003, I marvel at and am so grateful for the valuable presence of our E C and C Kiwanians who are building better lives in so many ways and in so many places.

2003-04 **Governor Joanne Murray**

Kiwanis International President Bob Moore requested his class of Governors “to put your District houses in order.” The direction was a perfect fit for the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District’s 2003-2004 theme “Evolving to the Future.”



The District focus remained on membership and retention, however the viability of a large number of clubs needed to be reviewed. It became evident that there was a significant number of non-functioning clubs existing in name only. Kiwanis International’s new membership roster was the perfect tool for some necessary “housecleaning.” An additional membership recruitment and retention challenge was the implementation of a fifteen dollar US dues increase passed the previous year at the International Convention in Indianapolis for implementation October 1, 2003. A number of clubs expressed concern that some of their members may no longer afford to belong to Kiwanis.

The Leadership Team worked to develop realistic membership goals. Six new clubs were chartered –

Valspring, Yuma, Les Muses, Chapelton, St. Vincent and Liamigua. The chartering of the Liamigua club in St. Kitts-Nevis added a new country to the District for a total of fifteen.

The midwinter meeting in Tobago proved to be an exciting, productive conference. Dr. Sam Rawlins, the host Lieutenant Governor, invited a senior representative of a distinguished health organization to deliver an informative but alarming presentation regarding the impact of HIV/AIDS. It became evident that innocent children in the Caribbean region of our own District were suffering directly and indirectly from the disease. A motion was passed that "HIV/AIDS Impacting Children" be submitted to Kiwanis International by E C and C for consideration as the next world wide service project.

A draft of a Club Privacy Policy template, developed by District Secretary-Treasurer Paul McCumber, was approved. The Board of Directors' motion directed the Lieutenant Governors to promote the implementation of a policy in every club to protect the privacy of members and third party individuals whose information may be recorded in club files.

A large portion of the midwinter agenda was allocated to a review of the Pennsylvania District Governance Model. International Trustee and Counsellor Mark Rabaut acted as the facilitator. The pros and cons of implementing a similar structure in E C and C were identified. After lengthy discussions, it was agreed that the model appeared to have significant merit for our District including enhanced governance, streamlined administration and major cost savings. Subsequently, at the final board meeting of the year, a motion was passed that a recommendation be made to the 2004-2005 Board to move forward on the development of a plan for implementation in the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

A large contingent of E C and C delegates attended the

2004 International Convention held in June in St. Louis, Missouri. In August, the District Leadership Team came together again with the delegates at the 87th District Convention in Sarnia, Ontario. By that time, five new Key Clubs and four new Aktion Clubs had been chartered. Two more Kiwanis Clubs were in formation as well as three more Aktion Clubs. It was a challenging but incredibly successful year that resulted in a long list of positive outcomes that laid the groundwork for the District to “evolve to the future.”

2004-05 Governor John Button

Our year together began at the Sarnia District Convention. On that first evening, we enjoyed a dinner-cruise on the St. Clair River with the entertainment provided by young boys “mooning” us from the river bank as we cruised by. The next morning, training, led by Chuck McIlravey, began in earnest. A highlight of training was a motivational and fun presentation by the Morale Mechanic, Gavin Jerome.



Debbie and I “hit the road” in late October. Our travels had many highlights. I will share a few by division and by our itinerary.

Division 22 A division-wide installation gala in Nassau
Division 18 Key Industries in St. John – providing employment and teaching life skills to challenged young adults

- Division 10 Chartering new Builders club
- Division 11 Division-wide Terrific Kids programme
- Division 12 Pembroke General Hospital CT scan
- Division 13 40th annual Hull midget hockey tournament
- Division 26 Road safety programme for young children
- Division 27 Meeting a huge K-Kids club at Ecole Annexe
Elementaire

- Division 28 New home for AIDS-orphaned family
- Division 24 US\$300 for tsunami relief from KC of
Monneague

- Division 23W Candle in the Dark
- Division 23E Glenhope Nursery School
- Division 25 Books and clothes for Natalie in
Jacksontown

- Division 3 Forest theatre, Sunshine Point Camp,
Windsor KC

- Division 2 Camp Wakonda, Sault Ste. Marie
- Division 1 Timmins Kiwanis Funland – all-accessible
- Division 7 Literacy programme for ESL families
- Division 9 Music festival
- Division 6 St. Catharines’ Infinity Playspace
- Division 5W SLPs
- Division 5E Elmira KC – “adopt-a-creek”
- Division 8 Soccer complex in Owen Sound
- Division 14 Inner city children’s camp
- Division 16 Tour of car collection
- Division 17 Flight to Chibougamau between forest fires
- Division 20 Meals on Wheels with Sydney GK
- Division 21 Bookbag programme at Carbonnear library
- Division 4 St. Thomas playground

Midwinter at “The Gap” Bridgetown, Barbados School supplies and books, Banks, cricket and limbo.

International Convention in Honolulu.

District Convention in Chicoutimi –another cruise on the Saguenay in the pouring rain to restaurant “Vingt et Un”

2005-06 Governor Hazel Brandon

Governor Hazel joined Kiwanis in 1977 as a member of the Keywanettes Club Paramaribo in Suriname. This Club was liquidated after members tried to attend the District Convention held in Aruba where they learnt that women were not allowed in Kiwanis and Keywanettes were teenagers. In 1984 she joined the Kiwanianne Club of Paramaribo which became the Kiwanis Club of Paramaribo Central in September 1988. Hazel was Charter President of this club, Lieutenant Governor in 1997 under Governor Jim Rowney, and elected Governor Elect at the Sarnia, Convention in 2003. She was awarded the Member of the British Empire in 1998.



The year began with the District Convention held in Chicoutimi, Quebec, in August 2005. The International Convention was to be held in Rome, Italy, but due to the high costs involved it was held in Montreal.

Coming from Suriname, South America was a challenge for Governor Hazel to visit each Division in Canada. Through the good graces of Past Governor Chuck McIlravey and his lovely spouse Dorothy she was invited to use their home as a base and this made it very easy for her to travel. Her LG's were also most hospitable and many opened their homes to her which she enjoyed immensely.

She had specifically asked to visit with the Youth Clubs and was touched that most of the teachers had taken the time to show the kids where Suriname was located on the map of the world. This caused a member of one of the Builder's Club to comment that it must have cost a lot of money to

come all the way to Canada to the amusement of everyone present. On her visit to the East York Key Club, she was able to feel the love that they all had for Past Governor Chuck and all that he had done for them. Having greeted the children in 5 languages they all thought that she could speak as many. She quickly explained it was only the greetings. Her visits to the Circle K Clubs and Aktion Clubs were unforgettable. The Golden K Clubs were entertaining, especially the visit to the Golden K Club of Sydenham where she joined in their sing-a-long.

Her visit to the Divisions also gave her an insight to see Kiwanis in action in many communities. One of the many highlights was being able to visit Kiwanis Music Festivals. On her visit to the Caribbean Islands she felt as if she had come home. Her most enjoyment came from the visit to the basic schools in Jamaica. The kids were exceptional.

At the closing ceremony of the District Convention in St. John's Newfoundland the Governor's Ball became the Members' Gala and for the first time two first time attendees were seated at the Head Table.

By the end of the year Governor Hazel had become "Cousin Hazel" throughout the District, a name by which she is still known today. In 2005-2006 the District had a small increase of members by 5%.

2006-07 **Governor Edward Kelly**

2006-2007 - What an exciting time for Kiwanis. What a rewarding experience for Marilyn, myself, and the dedicated Board of Directors. The year for the Board was to focus on the children of our multi-culture,



multi-lingual district. Children suffering with AIDS was identified early on as something we were destined to tackle. UNICEF was contacted and a partnership was started. As a result, a visit to a mustard seed project in Jamaica was arranged. A housing shelter for children suffering with AIDS was indeed a heartfelt moment. The board adopted a resolution to support an AIDS project. Over 40 thousand dollars was raised and passed on to the district AIDS project developed in later years.

In order to expand our mandate to help others the Board started its first ever strategic partnership with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. This proved to be an unqualified success. That initiative of service clubs and charities partnering even had interest as far away as St. Lucia in the Caribbean.

Marilyn and I enjoyed our visitations to the many children's school, Aktion Clubs, Key Clubs, and Circle K's. The youth are an exciting group and we were blessed with meeting so many active and dedicated young adults. The Future of the Kiwanis is secure.

Our year was not about us, but rather about 'them' - the 'them' that needed a hand up not a handout - the 'them' that obtained assistance through our clubs each year, especially the children suffering with AIDS.

My wife Marilyn and I would like to thank all who have supported the children of our district and extend a special thank you to all the partners of our Kiwanis members who support all their efforts. We were blessed that we were able to meet so many and make such great and lasting friendships. Indeed, Kiwanis is "The Guiding Light".

2007-08

Governor C. F. (Chuck) McIlravey

We started our year's planning at the Jamaica Convention with the LGEs and their Partners in our 3 days Education session. We introduced our Motto for 2007-08, "Communication and Service Empower Growth," we shared ideas; we discussed challenges that lay ahead; we listened to the Kiwanis International Executive Director Rob Parker, my District Counselor for our year. We enjoyed our fellowship together, and elected our Class President Lieutenant Governor Kay Anderson from Division 23E.



Our year started October 1, 2007 when we joined the celebration of the Charlottetown Kiwanis Club's 60th Anniversary with special guests The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Board of Directors.

Our mid-year Business Meeting was in Curacao. We had 120 attending made up of Lieutenant Governors, partners, Kiwanis members. International President Candidate Sylvester Neal was my guest and he participated in all events. The Partners and guests provided and delivered diapers, cash and other needed items to the orphanage supported by Kiwanians in Curacao. Thanks to Hosts PLG Anthony Haile and Ingrid.

Our year ended in Niagara Falls with a dedicated "Convention Team," chaired by PLG Brian McKeown from the Stanford Kiwanis Club. They organized one of our largest E C and C District Conventions in years with just under 700 Kiwanians attending. Dr. John Button was elected International Trustee of the two excellent

candidates running. Dr. John was later elected as the Kiwanis International 100th Anniversary President for the 2014-2015 Kiwanis Year. Gary Levine was also elected as E C and C Governor Elect for 2008-2009 and Sheron Cameron Dunn was confirmed as Governor for 2008-2009. We hosted the UNICEF Canada President Nigel Fisher who spoke on HIV. DLG Rev. Jim Garey introduced the E C and C/UNICEF HIV Program to raise one million dollars over 3 years to the House of Delegates. The project was passed by 99% of the Delegates. The E C and C/UNICEF HIV 3 Year Chair I selected and supported by the incoming Governor and Governor Elect was PG Joanne Murray, who led this program to its successful conclusion 3 years later.

Here are some of the highlights of the year.

We built 8 Kiwanis Clubs thanks to the effort of our Lieutenant Governors.

Our goal was to visit club meetings and projects rather than gala events. We visited Kiwanians building fences at basic schools or adding washrooms inside; we helped serve breakfast at public schools to children who would otherwise go hungry; we read books to students at many schools; we talked with many children at sponsored institutions.

We saw many hands on projects delivered quietly throughout the E C and C District communities. We met Kiwanis members we never see or read about who are accomplishing great things.

At the end of our year of travelling for 210 days and visiting 28 Divisions it left both Dorothy and I with a better understanding of Kiwanis. It introduced us to those “who walk the talk” every day for others.

We thank our DST Madelane Riley for her positive attitude and support.

2008-09 Governor Sheron Cameron-Dunn

The administrative year 2008-09 started on a strong foundation of planning and a mission to renew passion and change lives. Commendations are extended to the outstanding 2008-09 Team Leaders and all Kiwanians for their outstanding service.



The first major highlight was the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with UNICEF Canada and official launch of our District Project to raise CA\$1M over three (3) years in support HIV AIDS projects in Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and Jamaica. To assist in raising funds for this project, the 2008-09 Class of Lieutenant Governors extended the yellow team shirt to all members of the District and donated the profit to the project. This fundraising effort along with the generous contributions from Kiwanians, clubs, divisions and friends, significantly impacted on the project by the end of the administrative year.

All twenty- eight divisions were visited and a few, more than once. Trevor and I had the opportunity to meet Kiwanians and family members and to see first-hand, the amazing projects carried out in each division. There were countless special moments and an abundance of fellowship as we were warmly embraced by all. Thank you my friends!

Kiwanians worked tirelessly to strengthen their clubs and grow membership resulting in a positive net growth of 142 members and seven New Kiwanis Clubs - St. Lucia-1, Martinique-2, Jamaica-2, Canada-1, Trinidad and Tabago-1.

Our Service Leadership Programs grew with the support of our hard working District Administrators and Kiwanis Clubs.

To improve communication was one of the district's goals which saw the launch of The E C and C Communicator. What was intended to be a one-page monthly flyer grew into a monthly 14-page newsletter which kept members informed, educated and at times entertained.

The District's Mid-Year Conference was held in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Over 120 members and partners were in attendance including KI President Don Canaday who was making an official visit to the district.

The Kiwanis International Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee saw a total of 186 participants from the E C and C District.

Our E C and C District Convention was held in Trois Rivieres. The hosts and District Planning Committees delivered a Memorable Rendezvous.

KI President Don Canaday visited the E C and C District on five occasions during the year. He participated in growth seminars, mass inductions and was the guest speaker at special functions.

In an effort to thank those who were not members but continued to support the work of Kiwanis, the 2008-09 Board approved the week of September 20th, 2009, as Volunteers' Appreciation Week. Clubs went the extra mile to celebrate the week and presented awards to friends, family members and Kiwanians. There were many emotional and gratifying moments!

The theme "Embracing Challenges and Creating Opportunities" was apt for a year where there was renewed energy, participation and growth in the District. Congratulations to all Kiwanians for making a difference and to the 102 Kiwanis Clubs, 7 Divisions and the E C and C District who were awarded Distinguished Status by Kiwanis International. Thank you all for making a difference!

2009-10 Governor Gary Levine

Bob Dylan once wrote that “the times, they are a changing”. In my Governor’s year, for our E C and C District, never has a truer statement been made. Rising costs, a gradually diminishing membership, and an unsuccessful growth experiment the year before, combined to necessitate significant systemic change.



For businesses to remain sustainable expenses must always balance with revenue. Our District had seen successive years of diminished revenue, while costs continued to rise. Slowly but surely, we were eroding the savings that we had.

The first systemic change that I championed was moving our District office from a “bricks and mortar” storefront in an Ottawa strip-mall, to a “home office” in Brantford. We projected that this move would net a financial savings of \$70,000 per year.

Financial savings were not the only thing that our District realized. To accomplish the creation of our “virtual office” we had to embrace technology far more extensively than ever before. Doing so, streamlined our operating procedures and dramatically increased our efficiencies. It could not have happened without the talent, skills and expertise of our new DST, Jim Steele, and our Administrative Assistant Madelane Riley. Our only regret was the loss of longtime employee, Lise Pichette.

The second systemic change that was implemented was the creation of our “Trustee Model.” For several years our

Long Range Planning Committee, under the direction of then International Trustee, Dr. John Button, wrestled with a more efficient Board of Trustee structure, based on the one pioneered by the Pennsylvania District.

At the time, our Board was made up of 27 Lieutenant Governors from each of our Divisions. Meetings were cumbersome, costly and inefficient. At our mid-winter retreat, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, we embraced the concept of a new model and hammered out details that a majority of Trustees could agree to.

The new Trustee Model proposed 10 regions, 5 in Canada and 5 in the Caribbean. Our existing Divisions would not change but would each be assigned a region. Trustees would assume a fiduciary responsibility and look after District Bylaws, Policies and Procedures. Our Lieutenant Governors would retain their role as Divisional leaders, reporting directly to the Governor.

Knowing that ten Trustees can converse on a conference call far easier than 27, we saw the need for face-to-face meetings significantly diminished if not eliminated altogether. In addition to the anticipated administrative efficiencies, we projected significant savings in the neighbourhood of \$70,000 per year.

These systemic changes would give us the financial room to grow and absorb future membership losses without the need for a dues increase.

The Kiwanis International President for the year was Paul Palazzolo and the District was ably supported by Kiwanis International counsellor Steve Seimens. This administrative year was faced with the Haitian earthquake. In what seemed like the blink of an eye, mass destruction occurred within the boundaries of our District. As terrible as this tragedy was, the generosity of our Kiwanians was inspiring. Spurred on by a swift, proactive, matching grant by our Kiwanis Foundation of Canada, Kiwanians raised

more than \$300,000 for Haitian relief. We partnered with UNICEF Canada and can take pride in knowing that the clean water given to those in need, was given, in part, because of our Kiwanis efforts.

At our District convention in Saint John, New Brunswick, we took further pride in advancing our efforts to raise \$1,000,000 to combat HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. The success truly demonstrated the theme for the year “The Power of One.”

It is true that a Governor’s journey, through Divisional visits, create life-long, unforgettable memories; but helping to reshape our great District and create a sustainable future for Kiwanis is what I am most proud of.

2010-11

Governor Paul Toussaint

The 2010–2011 administrative year was one of the most significant years in the history of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District. It was a time of transition and the end of an era. E C and C was about to move to a new model of governance utilizing the Trustee Model which was proving to be successful in many other districts in the United States. The transition was successfully managed under the leadership of Governor Paul Toussaint, the first E C and C Governor from Martinique. The Leadership Team received outstanding support and insightful guidance from District Secretary Treasurer Jim Steele.



Governor Paul and his wife Christiane had the honour of hosting President Sylvester Neal, the first Kiwanis International President to visit the island of Martinique. It was one of many highlights in an outstanding year.

During February and March 2011, each club participated in the election of their Regional Trustee. A total of ten trustees were elected throughout the District in preparation for the coming year. During July and August, policies and procedures were revised to accommodate the governance change from the Lieutenant Governor Board to the Regional Trustee Board. Protocols were established to ensure effective communication at every level. The change was designed to give the Lieutenant Governors additional time to provide vital support to the clubs in their division.

In his address to the delegates at the District Convention held in Collingwood, Ontario in May, Governor Paul emphasized the importance of embracing change to allow the new governance model to become an effective and efficient way of conducting business. He said “To improve means to change. To be perfect means to change even more. If we resist change the result is simple. Kiwanis will disappear.”

Governor Paul noted that during his travels to the 27 divisions of the District, he was constantly amazed by the enthusiasm of Kiwanians. Moving through the six eastern provinces of Canada he recognized cultural differences. At the same time, he identified a common theme in the way Canadian Kiwanians were dedicated to improving the lives of children in their communities and around the world. His tour through the Caribbean introduced him to music, dance, and culinary experiences wrapped in the spirit of service. In the Caribbean, every deed carried out in the name of Kiwanis had a positive outcome for those being served.

The District Children’s Project in Partnership with UNICEF Canada to raise one million dollars for children in

the Caribbean impacted by HIV/AIDS came to a successful end. Governor Paul sincerely thanked the clubs who kept their promise to the children made in Niagara Falls three years earlier. To celebrate this outstanding accomplishment, the Martinique Choir joyously performed at the Collingwood convention to the delight of everyone there.

Governor Paul's final message at the end of the year was a reminder that "Our youth is our hope for the future. We must work together to guide and support them in the name of Kiwanis."

2011-12

Governor Janet Atkinson Des Roches

The year 2011-2012 was an exciting, enriching and highly rewarding time to be Governor of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean.

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean's official launch of the Eliminate project was announced at our 95th annual convention in beautiful Barbados. Our target was \$3,839,674 USD, with a challenge target of \$4,000,000 to run to September 30, 2015.



Alan Penn, President of the Kiwanis International hosted the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. His love of Kiwanis and commitment to children and education was clearly reflected in his theme Children are 19% of our world's population but 100% of our future. At that convention we loudly celebrated 25 years of women in Kiwanis.

Our district Board of Trustees model was reduced to ten elected trustees representing each of the nine regions in our district. Our primary goal for 2011-2012 was to secure the infrastructure for our new Board of Trustees. Strong, visible leadership and a vision for the future was our goal in the planning for the sustainability of our district. Our diverse board created a three- year plan framework to drive what we do as a district and to facilitate future administrations. This plan has become known as the four pillars of Leadership, Visibility, Sustained Growth and Financial Viability; our cornerstones to grow as a district of excellence.

Annual regional meetings occurred in most districts for the first time. The formats for these meetings are as diverse as the regions themselves, with meetings lasting anywhere from a few hours to a few days. Regional meetings are a strong forum for inspiring, motivating and educating Kiwanis members through the sharing of best practices, officer training, membership growth, service projects, and of course, maintaining and developing Kiwanis friendships. The primary focus of the Lt. Governors was to enhance relationships between the clubs, and the district through providing resources to our Clubs, championing growth, and sharing our Kiwanis vision and stories.

The real and positive impact of Kiwanis being the change we wish to see in our communities was demonstrated by countless community service projects, including; the Kiwanis Club of St Andrew's by the Sea's Ocean Park, and the Kiwanis Club of Nassau's Children's Emergency Hostel. A highly successful fundraising project was the Kiwanis Club of Forest's Kineto Theatre project to support the second oldest independently operated theatre in Canada. The Kiwanis Club of Montreal, Lakeshore's project recognizes and supports adolescents and adults with mild intellectual handicaps. These are a few of the many service projects throughout our district that demonstrate the spirit found in Kiwanis.

A community mayor and Kiwanis member proudly explained that without first having had the experience of being a Key Club member, he would never have become mayor. It was through Kiwanis that he learned the elements of leadership - the importance of trust, confidence and effective communication.

By being open to new ways of thinking, seeing and doing we enjoy the fun and excitement of being a Kiwanis member. We recognize that by we make a difference to our communities, our children, and our families and friends.

2012-13

Governor Peter Tudisco

I was honored to be Governor of E C and C during the 2012-2013 administrative year. I have come to the realization that each leadership position that a member takes in Kiwanis, enriches us and allows us to acquire a greater understanding and appreciation of what we do as a Global Organization.



Any challenges faced, were definitely off-set by some of the most fulfilling experiences a person could have as a service leader and I participated in many incredible service projects throughout our District.

I specifically requested of all my Lieutenant Governors, that I be included and involved in service projects in their Divisions alongside the members. I challenged them to

think and act differently that year, while making service their priority.

There were many experiences, but some of the highlights included my visit to Quebec where the area Kiwanis Clubs organize a night at a department store and invite needy children. They supplied them with new snow pants, jackets, boots, gloves, hats and socks, for the winter. Some of these children had never worn anything new in their lives.

I particularly remember one young boy that I was helping choose his new clothes. It was impossible not to notice how his eyes lit up. He was so appreciative of these gifts and there is no describing the feeling at that moment.

We were offering food to those who were homeless on the streets of Toronto, but what astonished me the most was when someone refused the food we were offering them, citing that they had eaten that morning and that perhaps someone else who had not, would benefit more than them. What a humbling experience.

We hosted International President Tom De Julio and First Lady Rosemary in Ottawa. A spectacular weekend was planned in the spirit of service. We raised money for our International Maternal Neonatal Tetanus project with a black tie gala event. The Lieutenant Governor of the division took the challenge of thinking and acting differently. Over \$30,000 was raised for the "Eliminate Project" that evening.

I was present at a Regional Caucus meeting in Jamaica as they embraced a project to raise funds for a young girl who was severely disfigured and only a costly operation could rectify her condition. I listened as she and her mother took the podium and talked about her life - how she was bullied at school and how everyone called her names due to her deformity. I was in tears as she thanked everyone for their generosity and explained how her life would be transformed if she were able to have this operation.

These are only a few examples of how we as individuals and as a Global Organization serve the children of the world.

I was proud to serve as Governor alongside all my LG's in order to help improve the world one child and one community at a time.

2013-14 Governor Hope Markes

Per a formal request to Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser, the 2013-14 Kiwanis International Board agreed to waive the increase of dues from Tier C dues to Tier B for the Caribbean for one year in view of the devaluation of the currency in the Caribbean coupled with the short notice regarding the increase. The District Board was of the opinion that we would lose members due to financial constraints because not enough time was given to rework budgets.



In a nut shell, it was a life changing experience which I will never forget. I met some beautiful people, made new friends, laughed until my cheeks hurt and learned much more about Kiwanis and the phenomenal service our district and the world provide.

I am a stronger Kiwanian today having served as Governor for the awesome District of E C and C.

2014-15

Governor Serge Viau

It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve this great District as your Governor during this exciting centennial year. Together we were able to rejuvenate clubs, increase community visibility, close the gap towards the Eliminate goal and Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International. We used the same theme as Kiwanis International and the entire District was focused on showing “The Way Ahead”. Thanks to all the District and club leaders for making a difference to the Children of our communities.



Our District convention in Aruba raised the bar again by providing a different format where attendees enjoyed the fun, fellowship, entertainment and great education programs. The convention closed with an awesome beach party enjoyed by all.

The Board adopted the following goals at our first Board meeting on September 24th, 2014 in Toronto.

Rejuvenation of clubs

- To open ten new clubs
- To achieve a net growth of 700 members
- To have 90% of clubs submitting monthly reports on the Secretary Dashboard
- To have 90% of clubs print their membership roster from the Secretary Dashboard

- To have all clubs develop a “Formula” strategy for their club rejuvenation and report it on the Secretary Dashboard.

Although the above goals were aggressive, we managed to open ten new Kiwanis clubs three of which were Young Professional and two were internet clubs. This is an indication that the trend is shifting from traditional clubs. The downside was the net loss of 138 members.

The club secretaries did an excellent job in their online reporting with 87% submitting their monthly reports. We were also able to achieve a 60% penetration of the District committee’s modules at the member level.

Our Service Leadership Programs continued to grow with the openings of 13 K-Kids, 2 Builders, 15 Key Club and 1 Circle K in the E C and C District.

Eliminate:

To have all clubs make a contribution to the Eliminate Program.

Our District clubs and members and SLP continued to commit to the Eliminate Campaign by raising funds and increasing their pledges. We received renewed encouragement with the Canadian Federal announcement of a matching grant of \$2,500,000 for all funds donated to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada. Our District continues to be a leader in Eliminating MNT around the world.

Celebrate:

To have every club promote the 100th anniversary in their community at their service projects and on club marketing materials.

The celebration of the 100th anniversary throughout our District by all the clubs has had the side effect of increasing Kiwanis awareness. The excitement and pride was truly evident in all clubs of the Kiwanis family.

As Kiwanians, we have a lot to celebrate. We've spent 100 years bringing smiles to the faces of children around the world. We've made our communities and our world a better and brighter place to live in. Thanks to club members worldwide, Kiwanis is a powerful force for good. Let's celebrate that progress and praise those who are making it happen. Let us renew our commitment and devotion to our children, as they need us now more than ever.

2016-16
Governor Allen Ure

In this our 100th year of Kiwanis being truly International, it is my honour to represent this wonderful District for this special year. As I write this, we are preparing for our District Convention that will be held in Hamilton, the site of the first Kiwanis Club outside of the United States. It certainly appears that there will be the largest contingent of Kiwanians and friends attending this convention since the Niagara Falls convention in 2008. We welcome International



President Sue Petrisin, International Trustee Terry White, International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom, Eastern Canada CKI Governor Christina Moica and Eastern Canada Key Club Governor Kejie Zhang to our convention.

This has been a challenging year because of the Kiwanis International dues increase that was passed effective October 1, 2015. Fortunately, Kiwanis International was able to cushion some of the exchange effect for this year to

help our clubs. Despite these challenges, our membership shows growth of about 106 members so far this year and 2 new Kiwanis Clubs. Our goal is still to have 10 new Kiwanis Clubs and 400 new members this year. We can make it.

So what have I been able to do as your Governor this first six months of the year? I have completed all of my official visits by March 4th. I thought that I had a good grasp on the terrific work of Kiwanis in our District but what I actually saw was truly outstanding. As every other Governor has said, the work of our Clubs in the local communities is so varied but necessary. Everything from basic school needs to big dollar commitments happens in our District. Winter coats in Quebec City Division 16 for children who may never have had anything new in their lives. Key Club and Circle K club meetings in Divisions 12 and 13 in Ottawa and Pembroke, Division 27C in Guadeloupe and Division 27 in Martinique. Latrines, bus shelters, playgrounds in Jamaica Division 24. It was an honour to meet the Governor General of Jamaica and the Canadian High Commissioner to Jamaica. And yes, we talked hockey as we are both Montreal fans.

At the International level, we have been able to complete the Eliminate Project as the world-wide commitment of \$110 million has been pledged. Now all the clubs have to make good on those pledges.

What we all have to do to move Kiwanis forward, is be prepared to try different types of Clubs, like Internet Clubs or 3-2-1 Clubs. The best recruiting method still remains to ASK.

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean Convention Locations

- 1978 Québec, Québec
- 1979 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
- 1980 Montreal, Québec
- 1981 Aruba
- 1982 Windsor, Ontario
- 1983 Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
- 1984 Hamilton, Ontario
- 1985 Saint John, New Brunswick
- 1986 London, Ontario
- 1987 Ocho Rios, Jamaica
- 1988 Chicoutimi, Quebec
- 1989 Kingston, Ontario
- 1990 Hull, Québec
- 1991 St. John's, Newfoundland
- 1992 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
- 1993 Sudbury, Ontario
- 1994 Nassau, Bahamas
- 1995 Windsor, Ontario
- 1996 Mississauga, Ontario
- 1997 Windsor, Ontario
- 1998 Trois Rivières, Québec
- 1999 Bridgetown, Bahamas
- 2000 London, Ontario
- 2001 Ocho Rios, Jamaica
- 2002 Ottawa, Ontario
- 2003 Sydney, Nova Scotia
- 2004 Sarnia, Ontario
- 2005 Chicoutimi, Québec
- 2006 St. John's, Newfoundland
- 2007 Kingston, Jamaica
- 2008 Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 2009 Trois Rivières, Québec
- 2010 Saint John, New Brunswick
- 2011 Collingwood, Ontario
- 2012 Bridgetown Barbados
- 2013 Peterborough, Ontario
- 2014 Charlottetown, PEI
- 2015 Oranjestad, Aruba
- 2016 Hamilton, Ontario