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**KIWANIS YEAR
2024-2025
'SERVICE IN ACTION'**



Kiwanis clubs spread joy through the Christmas Season.
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EDITOR'S NOTE



Cheers to 2025 !

Just as fast as the years seem to be flying, our brains are generating new and innovative ideas to better serve the children of the

world. We, as Kiwanians, are nurturing the children in our communities by providing them with the 'tools' they would need to develop into strong individuals who would be future leaders.

The Young Children Priority One program committee addresses the needs of young children from pregnancy to age five by promoting health, education, and safety as they interact with pregnant mothers and children at nursery schools.

As the children grow, our Youth Service and Service Leader Program Committees provide guidance and support and help them develop their leadership skills.

The other club committees also play a pivotal role in serving the children of this world. Our interaction with the children during our projects shows them that they are loved and cared about. In our projects, we are incorporating time for play, and as you know, "children love to play". Playtime is fun and as crucial to their development as the food and care we provide. Playtime helps children to be physically and mentally healthy.

My fellow Kiwanians, as you continue to serve the children of the world, I encourage more of you to share your activities with the district via the Newsletter. This also allows other clubs to copy a project to use in their community that they may not have otherwise considered.

Thank you for your service and I wish you a year filled with Joy, Peace, Love, Good Health, and Selfless Service.

Yours in Kiwanis Service ,
Michelle Giles-Leacock
Bulletin Editor, EC&C District

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings, my Fellow Kiwanians.

I trust you had an enjoyable and memorable holiday season. To those persons and clubs who lost loved ones, we offer sincere condolences and hope for increased comfort as time passes.

To those who have had reasons to celebrate, we celebrate with you and wish you all the very best.

Looking back at the first quarter, I am pleased to see the many impactful projects that were executed, aligning with our theme for this administrative year, "Service in Action". Thanks to everyone for your commitment and dedication to serving the children and communities. I encourage you to share your projects in the district newsletter and or on social media so others can be inspired, and ideas can be gained. Both Bulletin Editor Michelle Giles-Leacock and Public Relations Coordinator Karen Tomlinson have been doing a splendid job creating new ways to highlight our leadership teams and activities in our District.

In the first quarter, I had the opportunity to participate in the opening of two (2) clubs in Louisville, Kentucky, alongside the KI club opening team, including President Lee Kuan Yong, Jim Rochford and Gary Levine. It was quite an experience for me to observe another method of opening clubs other than how it's done in our District. There were excellent takeaways in addition to the pleasure of working with some of my fellow Governors. I will participate in another club opening event in Jacksonville this month, where four (4) clubs will be chartered. The Americas Governors Conference was held recently at KI office in Indianapolis, and I had the privilege to attend. With temperatures below zero and not the climate I'm accustomed to, it was exciting to see the snow-covered ground and trees as snowstorm Cora moved across the US.

One highlight of the conference was EC&C was among the districts that received the "Fast Start" recognition from President Kuan Yong, for opening a new club in the first quarter. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Roberval in Division 17 Laurentides for sponsoring the Kiwanis Club of Maria-Chapdelaine.

Our membership count at the end of the first quarter was disturbing, as there were large deletions from some clubs. I urge clubs to find ways of giving our members that unforgettable club experience and to sell the values of Kiwanis to assist in retaining members. When we lose members, it's the children who are deprived of hands for service, as each Kiwanian impacts the lives of 106 kids. We should, therefore, do our best to recruit new members to fill the void.

From February 21 to 25, 2025, we will host International President Lee Kuan Yong in Jamaica during his official visit to our district. We look forward to him inspiring members, participating in the charter of a new club, and launching the district project to assist a child with cardiac surgery. Watch out for the Zoom link for a meeting on February 24th, when he will address members of the entire District.

I will begin my official visits at the end of January, starting with Division 24 in Jamaica. I look forward to seeing the work done in that division and offering any assistance to the Lieutenant Governor if necessary.

Registration for the District Convention in Niagara Falls is open. You can't afford to miss "Come Alive in 25". Register early for what promises to be an exciting experience of educational forums, camaraderie and making lasting friendships.

The Signature Project contest is open. Every club executes a project, so finding one to submit should be no challenge. Our aim is to increase the number of projects this year over the past years.

On January 21st, we say "Happy 110th Birthday" to Kiwanis International. Let's be proud of our organisation and what we have accomplished by improving lives and communities. Once again, I thank everyone for your hard work on our Kiwanis mission and wish you all the best as we continue to give selfless service.

Your servant leader

Pam Rodney-White

Pam Rodney-White, Governor 2024-2025



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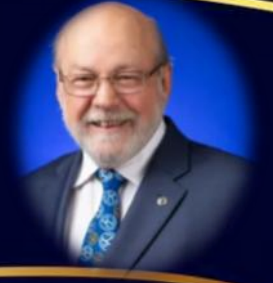
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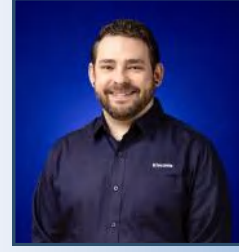
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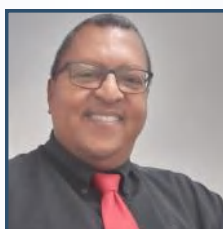
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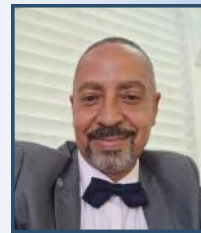
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2024-2025 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

DIVISION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLUB NAME
2 Cambrian	St. Jules	Susan	Sault Ste. Marie
3 St. Clair Bluewater	Ciardella	Angelo	Windsor
4 Colonel Talbot	Ure	Allen	Ridgetown
5 Black Walnut	Vieth	Angela	Kitchener-Waterloo
6 Golden Horseshoe	Grenier	Paul	Weiland
8 Huronia	Element	Helen	Barrie
9 Maple Leaf	Coccimiglio	Francesco	Casa Loma, Toronto
11 Loyalist	Jaehn-Kreibaum	Christian	Trenton
12 Golden Triangle	Kneebone	Glynn	Kanata-Stittsville
13 Ottawa Valley	Lauder	Robert	Pembroke
15 Boreal	Dunn	Catherine	Lemieux De Val D'Or
16 Alouette	Renard	Stéphanie	Quebec
17 Laurentides	Villeneuve	Alain	Alma
18 Fundy	McKnight	Russell	St. Stephen
20 Bluenose	Olive	Tim	Dartmouth
21 Caribou	Wakeham	Margaret	St. John's
22 Sunshine	Rahming	Troy	Nassau A.M.
23 East Surry South	Bailey	Sandra	Eastern St. Andrew
23 West Middlesex South	Henry	Janet	Sunshine City-Portmore
23C Jamaica Central	Usim	Sharon	Stony Hill
24 Jamaica	Palmer	Ingrid	Charlton-Alexandria
25 Cornwall	Henry	Kingsley	Outameni Western Jamaica
26 Trade Winds	Campagnard	Geomaly	Piscadera, Curacao
27 Caribbean	Boyce	Adrian	Barbados North, Speightstown
27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie	Vité	Louise	Castries
27c Guadeloupe	Guiougou	Georges-Henri	Kaladja



LET'S GO

on an
adventure





BREAK OUT THE PARTY HATS!

Happy Anniversary

to all EC&C District Clubs celebrating this Quarter
(January to March 2025)

A special mention goes to the clubs below that are
celebrating a significant milestone.

<i>Kiwanis Club</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Membership Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
Toronto	9 Maple Leaf	March 8, 1917	108
Windsor	3 St. Clair Bluewater	January 13, 1919	106
Brantford	5 Black Walnut	March 8, 1919	106
Kingston, ON	11 Loyalist	January 1, 1921	104
Kitchener-Waterloo	5 Black Walnut	March 7, 1921	104
Belleville	11 Loyalist	March 20, 1923	102
Orillia	8 Huronia	March 10, 1924	101
Hamilton East	6 Golden Horseshoe	February 28, 1940	85
Scott's Plains, Peterborough	11 Loyalist	January 14, 1975	50
Sarnia-Lambton Golden K	3 St. Clair Bluewater	January 16, 1990	35
South St. Catherine	23 West Middlesex South	January 18, 1990	35
Lemieux De Val D'Or	15 Boreal	March 29, 1995	30

Congratulations!



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KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES 110TH ANNIVERSARY

Kiwanis International turns 110 on January 21, 2025!

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan, U.S. The organization was originally called the “**Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers**”. A year later, the name changed to **Kiwanis**, which was selected by the organization’s founders (Joseph C. Prance and Allen S. Browne) based on their understanding that the word was translatable to “**we build**” from the Algonquian Native American language family. That same year, Kiwanis became an international organization with the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

**Happy
110th
Anniversary**

**Kiwanis International
1915 – 2025**



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KIWANIS CLUB OF MIDDLESEX 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Kiwanis Club of Middlesex was chartered in November 1974. At that time, only men could join Kiwanis, and there was a need for retired men to have a meaningful time doing service work in their retirement years. (Women were invited to join Kiwanis in 1987). Middlesex Kiwanis was started in 1974 by Jack Morris, who was President of Forest City Kiwanis at that time. Jack Morris passed away last year.

On December 19th 2024, over 40 Kiwanians and guests met at the Ivey Spencer Conference Centre on Windemere Road to celebrate this great occasion, which also included a Christmas buffet. (Photos below)

Special thanks to Carrie Turnbull, who arranged the luncheon.



KIWANIS CLUB CURAÇAO SHINES: CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE AND A PRESIDENT'S MILESTONE

The Kiwanis Club Curaçao recently celebrated a momentous evening on November 16, 2024, marking its 60th anniversary of service to the community. The event was a dual celebration, honoring the club's rich history of impactful initiatives while recognizing the exceptional leadership of President Sharlon Bailey, who received the prestigious Ruby K Pin for his contributions to the organization's growth. This milestone occasion also welcomed the installation of a new board, ensuring the club's vision for the future remains bright and steadfast. Through heartfelt moments and inspirational ceremonies, the event highlighted the unwavering dedication of Kiwanis members and their commitment to "Serving the children of the world."

Celebration of Kiwanis Club Curaçao's 60th Anniversary

On the evening of November 16, 2024, the Kiwanis Club Curaçao gathered for an exceptional ceremony, marking not only the club's 60th anniversary but also celebrating a legacy of service to the community. This milestone highlighted six decades of impactful contributions, dedicated volunteerism, and a steadfast commitment to improving lives, especially focusing on the needs of children.

The anniversary celebration was a moment of reflection and gratitude as members and supporters reminisced about the club's storied history, filled with countless projects and initiatives that have brought about meaningful change in Curaçao. It was also an occasion to honor the dedication of its members and leaders who have shaped the club's mission and vision over the years.



Amid the festivities, a sense of pride and joy permeated the event as members, dignitaries, and special guests came together to acknowledge the achievements of the past while setting ambitious goals for the future. The atmosphere was one of unity, camaraderie, and hope, encapsulating the essence of Kiwanis' enduring motto: "Serving the children of the world."

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KIWANIS CLUB CURAÇAO SHINES: CONT'D

Adding to the celebratory ambience was the installation of the new board, a symbolic passing of the torch to ensure the continuity of leadership and the club's mission. With a renewed commitment to service and innovation, Kiwanis Club Curaçao signaled its readiness to embark on its 61st year with enthusiasm and purpose.

Pinning of President Sharlon Bailey: A Milestone of Leadership

The evening's highlight was the recognition of President Sharlon Bailey, who was awarded the prestigious Ruby K Pin. This honor, conferred by Past Lieutenant Governor Shelly-Ann, signifies President Bailey's remarkable achievement in sponsoring five or more new members into Kiwanis International. The Ruby K Pin is not just a token of recognition; it represents a commitment to the growth and vitality of the Kiwanis organization.

As President Bailey was pinned, the moment symbolized both personal achievement and the club's collective progress. The gleaming Ruby K Pin served as a reminder of the values Kiwanis upholds—dedication, service, and community empowerment. In his remarks, President Bailey expressed heartfelt gratitude for the acknowledgement and reaffirmed his commitment to expanding the reach and impact of Kiwanis Club

Curaçao. He highlighted the importance of recruiting new members to sustain and amplify the club's mission, emphasizing that growth is integral to making a greater difference.

The act of pinning, beautifully captured in photographs, epitomized the event's dual focus on celebrating the past and inspiring future endeavors. It was a proud moment for both President Bailey and the club, reinforcing the legacy of leadership that has driven the organization for 60 years.



OUR MEMBERS ARE WORTH CELEBRATING!

save the Dates

KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL IS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE ON MARCH 23, 2025.

Key Club International is celebrating 100 years of service, leadership and positive contributions to our communities around the world. As we approach our remarkable centennial milestone, we have a heartfelt birthday wish: for Kiwanis family members and friends to be part of this historic countdown. Discover all the ways you can join the celebration. Together, let's pave the way for the next century of student leaders!

[Countdown to 100 years of student-led service](#) | [Key Club](#)



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF OWEN SOUND IS CELEBRATING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN MAY 2025.



To honour this milestone, the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound is hosting a Gala Dinner on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, located at 1900 3rd Avenue East. The social will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the plated dinner at 6:30 p.m. The ticket price is \$90.00 per person.

The keynote speaker is Kiwanis International VP Hope Markes, with Special Guest EC&C Governor, Pam Rodney-White. This will be a noteworthy event, to be sure.

For out of town guests, a block of rooms has been set aside at the Best Western Inn on the Bay, which is located adjacent to the dinner location. Please contact the Hotel directly for Reservations 519-371-9200.

We are hoping to have support from our Fellow Kiwanians to help us celebrate this significant achievement!

For tickets or more information, please contact Co-Chairs:

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**ONE ACT OF KINDNESS
CAN CHANGE THE
WORLD.**



MEET PKIT PIERRE LALIBERTÉ



Pierre Laliberté, a Chartered Life Underwriter, joined Kiwanis International as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Québec in December 1981 and served as Secretary (1983-1985) and President (1985-86). Pierre was the Lieutenant Governor of Division 16-Alouette under Governor Glen Bagnell in 1986-1987 and was Governor-Elect of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District (ECC) in 1989-1990 and Governor 1990-1991. Member of the Kiwanis Club of Sillery/Sainte-Foy/Cap-Rouge from October 1, 1991, until it closed, Pierre Laliberté served as club President from 1995-96. In May 2022, he received the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor Award for 40 Years of Service.

Pierre Laliberté served as Kiwanis International Trustee (KIT) from 2003 to 2006, having been elected at the 2002 District Convention in Ottawa.

On invitation, Pierre Laliberté joined the CHUL (Centre hospitalier de l'Université Laval) Foundation's Board from 1988 to 1993. {"In the Ste-Foy borough, the teams at the CHUL and the Centre mère-enfant Soleil (CMES) provide specialized care, particularly in maternal and childcare, digestive diseases, chronic pain and medically assisted procreation."}

At the Chicoutimi District Convention in August 1988, Pierre sponsored a major amendment to the district's bylaws. Since then, English and French have been the official languages in the district.

Past Kiwanis International Trustee (PKIT) Pierre has provided translation from English to French and French to English for all official documents in the ECC District Office for many years. Pierre tackles this large task with enthusiasm, professionalism and speed. He translates emails, notices, instructions, training

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May 2022 - PKIT Pierre Laliberté (left) received the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor Award for 40 Years of Service from District Governor James Scott.

Since 1985, Pierre has attended most of the ECC District Conventions until the 2019 District Convention in Stratford, Ontario. He has most recently attended the 2023 District Convention in Quebec City, Canada. He attended many Kiwanis International Conventions from 1987 to 2006.



PKIT Pierre at a District Convention with Past International President Glen Bagnell, and International President Sue Petrisin.

MEET PKIT PIERRE LALIBERTÉ (CONT'D)

material, Bylaws and Policies. The district seldom waits more than a day or two for the turnaround. His stipend is reasonable, and having Pierre on the team has saved the district thousands of dollars.

Since 2010, he represented Kiwanis on the board of La Maison des Grands-parents de Sainte Foy (Grandparent's House), where grandparents help children between 7 and 15 years old with their homework. They are also introduced to woodwork and electricity. Grandparents are also involved in literacy: they visit some 15 primary schools and read stories. This year, grandparents are involved in French immersion for immigrants living in the area. There are now six groups with one grandparent for three individuals.

Pierre has been described as "patient and understanding, accurate but flexible. His great sense of humour is revealed in the jokes he regularly sends via email. If you should look gentleman up in the dictionary... Pierre will be there somewhere".

When asked about his other interests outside of Kiwanis Service, PKIT Pierre responded: *"I've never been interested in playing any other sport than hockey as an amateur; my abilities were not there. If you were to give me a hammer or a screwdriver, you would understand what I mean. I love attending matches, i.e., hockey and baseball. I truly enjoyed wild trout fishing, camping, traveling in Europe, and cruising in the Caribbean. One day, we docked in Ocho Rios, and I visited Evita at her restaurant. We visited many friends with her, and she drove me back to the dock to the surprise of many."*

Being close to 88 years old, PKIT Pierre leads a quieter life. Pierre enjoys being involved in community activities and service. Sometimes, he attends a club meeting and enjoys being at a Division Council Meeting (DCM). He also enjoys translating material for Kiwanis, and he hopes to be able to do this for more years to come.



April 2004 Division Council Meeting (Division 16)
L. to R.: LG Alain Bertrand, PLG Michel Gervais, KIT Pierre Laliberté (centre), Governor Joanne Murray and DLG Pierre André Philibert.



September 2014 – PKIT Pierre Laliberté (centre) receiving the Zeller Certificate and medallion in the presence of KI President-Elect Dr John Button, District Governor Hope Markes, Colette Richard (Pierre's partner), and PG Chuck McIlravy, Secretary of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada.



MEET JAMAICAN **KAREN TOMLINSON**
**EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP THROUGH TEAM GROWTH
AND TEAM EMPOWERMENT**



Karen Tomlinson stands out as an influential leader with over 35 years of experience dedicated to leadership development, sales performance, and team empowerment across the Caribbean and Canada.

Her career began in the banking industry, where she held notable positions at Scotiabank and Royal Bank Jamaica, including Vice-President, Sales & Service Support. Her career is marked by successful program initiatives such as "Scotia Wheels" and "Royal Accelerator" which she launched to boost sales with car dealerships.

At Scotiabank, her initiatives rapidly positioned retail banking as the bank's most profitable division, an achievement credited to her strategic vision.

Tomlinson's journey in sales training began through in-depth programs at both Scotiabank and RBC, where she honed her skills as a Sales Trainer, empowering retail sales teams to elevate their performance and establish sustainable success. Following her tenure at RBC, Karen took on the role of Sales Performance Consultant, working with companies in Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Antigua, and the Dominican Republic to build high-performing sales teams and implement incentive programs that foster a sales-oriented culture.

A firm believer in lifelong growth, Karen pursued higher education with a bachelor's degree in Management Studies from the University of the West Indies, an MBA from Australia via a Commonwealth Scholarship, and

certification as a Leadership Speaker, Trainer, and Coach through the Maxwell Leadership Team. Her company, KT Training Solutions, offers dynamic leadership and sales training workshops, lauded for being "life-changing" and for shifting organizations toward influence-driven leadership.

Outside her professional work, Tomlinson has been an active member of Kiwanis International for over 34 years. In her current roles as Leadership & Education Chairman for Division 23 East and Public Relations & Marketing Coordinator for the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District, Karen remains committed to giving back to the community, continuing her mission to uplift and inspire.

The article on District PR and Marketing Coordinator Karen Tomlinson was featured in the November 2024 Edition of **Black Entrepreneur Magazine**.
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KIWANIS CLUB OF EXUMA SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER TO CHILDREN IN EXUMA

In December 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Exuma collaborated with Team Cooper to bring joy and festive cheer to the children of Exuma. After weeks of preparation, including wrapping gifts in Santa's workshop, members of the Kiwanis Club gathered at Regatta Park in George Town, Exuma, on December 14th to distribute presents to hundreds of excited children.

The event was a heartwarming success, with children receiving not only thoughtful gifts but also the opportunity to enjoy games, delicious treats, and the chance to win bicycles. The air was filled with laughter and excitement as families gathered to celebrate the Holiday Season. The smiles on the faces of the children were truly priceless, creating lasting memories for all involved.

It was an honor to work along with Team Cooper as they make a positive impact in the community, ensuring that each child in Exuma felt special during this holiday season. The event served as a testament to the power of community and collaboration, with volunteers and organizations working together to create a festive atmosphere.

Looking ahead, the Kiwanis Club of Exuma is excited to continue its partnership with Team Cooper for future holiday gift-giving events. As the community comes together each year, the Kiwanis Club remains dedicated to spreading joy and making a difference in the lives of children in Exuma. The 2024 holiday event marked another successful chapter in the ongoing tradition of giving and celebration in Exuma.



Kiwanians at the gate welcoming in children and ensuring that they receive their gifts and raffle tickets.



Kiwanians with Mrs. Cecelia Cooper, Wife of Hon. I. Chester Cooper and Team Cooper Christmas Gift Extravaganza Organizer.



Children engaging in the fun at the Christmas Giveaway Extravaganza.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Exuma with Deputy Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Hon. I. Chester Cooper before the distribution of gifts.



Top achieving students in each school on the Island of Exuma pose for a picture after receiving bicycles.

A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TOLD BY KIWANIS CLUB LE FLAMBOYANT


**La Petite Mandarine
de Noël**



Noël à la crèche de BELLEFONTAINE
Mercredi 18 décembre 2024

On Wednesday, December 18th, we offered the children of the Bellefontaine Nursery an original and authentic Christmas tree. Moving away from the classic representations of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, the club members chose to promote the local cultural heritage through a tale created especially for the occasion: "The Little Christmas Mandarin."

This animation, presented in front of about forty children, came to life thanks to the active participation of our friends Claire and José, the animators and the director of the nursery. The show harmoniously mixed storytelling, traditional songs, ti-bwa music and dances. The children particularly appreciated this story featuring the mandarin, the emblematic fruit of the end-of-year celebrations in our Martinique. Their enthusiasm was manifested through the dances and songs that they took up with contagious joy. This celebration concluded with a distribution of gifts, to the delight of the children.

The KC Le Flamboyant warmly thanks its members and supporters #Rotaract Lamentin, who contributed to making this surprise Christmas tree a memorable moment, filled with laughter and shared emotions.



KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW PROVIDENCE - SPREADING JOY THIS FESTIVE SEASON



This festive season, the Kiwanis Club of New Providence has been on the move to spread holiday cheer throughout our country of The Bahamas.

The Community Service Committee started the season by partnering with Secure Shipping and visiting our precious pearls at the Demetrius Center

for the Elderly. We sang carols, fellowshiped, fed a nice Thanksgiving lunch, and donated cleaning supplies and treats to the Center. Community Service also partnered with the Salvation Army, dedicating three Saturdays to helping them ring the bells. We also invited the schools in our Service Leadership Program to join in the ringing. (Photos above)



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SPREADING JOY THIS FESTIVE SEASON (CONT'D)

Spiritual Aims Committee organized a visit to the Adolescent and Robert Smith Ward of the Sandilands Rehabilitation Center. During this visit, we decorated Christmas trees, sang carols and presented gifts to the patients. (Photos at right)



The Service Leadership Program and Sponsored Youth Committee donated gifts to the Quakoo St. Children's Club and the Prison Fellowship for those less fortunate. We also held our first book drive that leads into our Signature Project Reading Fair to be held in January. (Photos at right)



The Young Children: Priority One (YCPO) Committee made two visits to our local hospital - The Princess Margaret Hospital. On the first visit, we decorated Christmas trees throughout the hospital to spread Christmas cheer. We then returned on Christmas Day for our Annual Christmas Day Project of presenting a basket to the first baby boy and baby girl born on Christmas Day.

(Photos at right)



KIWANIS CLUB OF EXUMA LAUNCHES "LITERACY IN PRESCHOOLS" INITIATIVE

On November 27th, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Exuma YCPO Committee officially launched its "Literacy in Preschools" initiative, aimed at fostering a love for reading among preschoolers. This initiative seeks to instill early literacy skills in young children, laying a strong foundation for their educational journey. Research consistently highlights the significance of reading to preschool-age children. Studies show that reading aloud to young children helps develop their language skills, increases vocabulary, and nurtures cognitive development, which are all essential for academic success.

As part of the launch, two preschool classes were visited: St. Andrew's Anglican School and Roker's Point Primary School. The students were introduced to engaging stories that encouraged active participation. Children become fully immersed in the reading experience through movement and interaction with the words. Questions were posed

throughout the sessions to assess comprehension and ensure understanding of the stories. This interactive approach aimed to make the reading experience both fun and educational for young learners.

In addition to the storytelling, each child was given a reading book to take home, further encouraging the practice of reading outside the classroom. The Kiwanis Club also ensured that the children received a special treat, adding an element of joy to the day's activities. By combining education with fun, the Kiwanis Club of Exuma is helping to shape a bright future for the island's children, one where literacy is celebrated and cherished from an early age.

Through initiatives like this, the Kiwanis Club of Exuma is making an invaluable contribution to the development of the community's young minds, highlighting the importance of reading as a cornerstone of learning and growth.



KIWANIS CLUB OF CABLE BEACH HEALTH FAIR

The Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach again demonstrated its commitment to community well-being with its signature project, a highly successful Health Fair held on December 14th, 2024. The club's president, Keishla Cash, with a vision to broaden the impact of the signature project, decided to relocate the event from Gambier Village to Windsor Park to impact more lives. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the park buzzed with excitement and activity under the uplifting theme, *'Celebrating Health, Empowering Lives'*.

A diverse array of health-related services was offered to ensure a holistic approach to wellness. Attendees benefited from consultations with a doctor and nurse and enjoyed relaxing sessions with a professional masseuse. The fair's dedication to health was evident in these services and the healthy breakfast options, including chicken souse and an assortment of fresh fruits. The Caribbean Bottling Company generously donated healthy drinks and water, keeping everyone hydrated and energized throughout the day.

In addition to health services, the fair provided a variety of other activities and services that delighted visitors of all ages. Hair braiding and barbering services were available for the girls and boys,

ensuring everyone left looking their best. The Kiddies Corner was a hit, with a bouncing castle and face painting entertaining the little ones. Each child received a package containing a health-themed coloring book, crayons, and a toy, promoting healthy habits from a young age. The various club committees collaborated to create a memorable experience for all present.



Entertainment was abundant, with live demonstrations of healthy drinks, a thrilling fire truck demonstration, and a fitness demonstration by the Extreme Basketball Team, which had the young and the young at heart moving to the pulsating beat of the music. The Bahamas International Drill Team and a dynamic DJ kept the atmosphere lively, filling Windsor Park with music and joy. The hoopla table was a popular spot where attendees won various gifts, adding an element of fun and surprise to the event.

The Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach also addressed community needs by distributing

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KIWANIS CLUB OF CABLE BEACH HEALTH FAIR (CONT'D)

free, gently used clothing, blankets, and tams, ensuring everyone could benefit from the fair. Special presentations were made to the principals of the Stephen Dillet Primary School and the Marjorie Davis Institute, which supports students with special needs, and to the Aktion Club, a Kiwanis club for the disabled. The generous donations provided by private partnerships and friends of the Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach made all of this possible.

The event was graced by the presence of the Minister of Centerville, Hon. Jomo Campbell, who took the time to meet with attendees and assist in distributing grocery bags to families in need. The Rotary Club of West Nassau, partnering with the Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach, presented single-parent families with disabled children with grocery vouchers, ensuring these families have a hearty, healthy meal for Christmas.

The excitement of the Health Fair was preceded by a community walkabout the week before. The Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach members engaged with local residents to understand their needs better. During this week, the president of the Aktion Club, Ms. Jasmine Fraser, was also invited to speak on

disability, further emphasizing the club's inclusive and supportive spirit.

This Health Fair was more than just an event; it was a glowing example of community spirit and collaboration. The Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach illuminated many's lives, empowering and uplifting the community through health, kindness, and a shared commitment to better living.

We are grateful for the tremendous support and participation that made this event successful.



KIWANIS CLUB OF LUCAYA SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

The Kiwanis Club of Lucaya continued its service to the community with a food drive. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Lucaya, Jack Hayward Senior High School Key Club members, and friends donated canned items to families in their local communities who were in need. The donations were received with love. (Photo at right)

After weeks of building, painting and decorating the “Free Library” project, which commenced in October as a joint project with their Key Club, the Kiwanis Club of Lucaya was finally able to donate and install the book houses at Tekanell’s Preschool and Hampton Academy. This project will encourage children to read and explore learning through books. Private people and the Kiwanis Club of Lucaya members donated reading books. (Photos below)



KIWANIS CLUB OF NEGRIL POINT'S MINI HEALTH FAIR

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Negril Point, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Willingness, held a "Mini Health Fair" in Sheffield, Westmoreland. Members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force from the Negril Traffic Department were also part of this event.

Services offered included free blood pressure, blood sugar, HIV, and syphilis tests. Members of the community were also given free distribution of children's and adult clothes, shoes, sanitary napkins, adult pampers, and baby diapers.

The main event of the day was the free distribution of Motorcycle Helmets. Twelve Helmets were issued to motorcyclists in the Sheffield, Westmoreland area. Our Branding was great! The cyclists and members of the community and its environment were very excited that we took the initiative of keeping it in their community.



LE FLAMBOYANT GIVES CHILDREN A TASTE FOR READING AGAIN: ÉCOLE MATERNELLE DU ROBERT



As part of our Signature project, our club acted to promote reading on Monday, November 25, 2024, in a nursery school in Le Robert, which welcomes 117 students.

This intervention was structured around two components: an endowment of books for the benefit of the establishment, and the facilitation of interactive reading sessions in three classes of 17 students.

The members of our club had the pleasure of observing the children's active participation during the reading sessions. The sustained attention and enthusiasm shown by the young students are a testament to the success of this initiative, which is part of our ongoing commitment to reading.

This enriching experience enabled us to reach 51 students directly, thus contributing to our mission of developing a taste for reading from an early age.



KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH ANDROS' COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Kiwanis Club of North Andros conducted a service project in the Community of Lowe Sound North Andros in Lovely Park. The purpose of this project was to distribute grocery packages and used clothing and shoes to the residents. With the gracious support of the Feeding network in New Providence, twenty-four bags with various dry grocery items were distributed to grateful patrons. In addition, an assortment of used clothing and shoes ranging from baby clothing, blankets and toys, boys' and girls' clothing and men's and women's clothing were all on display for residents to choose from. This project attracted over one hundred men, women and children from the community who were more than appreciative of the free items. It was the first service project for five new members, who were introduced to the rewarding feeling of serving and bringing smiles to those in need.

To conclude this event, members then strapped on their gloves, grabbed the garbage bags and rakes and began cleaning the local park. This was no small task as the area designated for garbage was piled high, and according to the Parks' ground keeper, it had not been touched in years but just kept getting higher.

After three hours, the Lovely Park was free from garbage, and over twenty-three bags were collected and disposed of in the local dump site. One of our goals this year is to increase our impact in all communities in the North Andros District. With this joint service project, we demonstrated kindness to the residents and demonstrated a spirit of selflessness and cleanliness. We look forward to more impactful projects this year.



KIWANIS CLUB OF CABLE BEACH YOUTH SERVICES PROJECT

On Saturday, November 30, 2024, the Youth Services Committee of the Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach executed a project in Stapleton Gardens Park.

During this project, they served the Western Warriors Soccer Team a hearty breakfast fit for champions before the start of their games. The breakfast included grits, tuna salad, steamed sausages, and fruits, as well as an assortment of pastries with juice and water. A total of sixty (60) persons were served, and the teams were grateful for the kindness shown by the Kiwanis Club.



Continuing in the act of kindness, Youth Services orchestrated a second project of the day. This project entailed providing a Thanksgiving dinner to the young men at the Coleby House for Boys in Ridgeland Park. They were served a delectable meal consisting of Peas and Rice, Baked Ham and Turkey, stuffing and baked macaroni with a choice of soda or Vita Malt. The administrators were grateful and expressed their gratitude to the club for the invaluable contribution they always offer to the Home. President Keishla assured the Administrators of the Coleby house residents that they are always in our thoughts and prayers, and as a result, our Youth Service Committee saw it fitting to prepare a post-Thanksgiving meal for them.

The Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach is always willing to assist in any way we can.







District Administrators and Program Coordinators play an important role in managing the Service Leadership Program across the divisions. This month, we are meeting the Circle K District Administrators and learning about their role as Administrators of the Circle K Clubs in our district (See page 31).

Circle K International (CKI) empowers college students through service to local and global communities. In CKI, you'll work with other passionate students to develop leadership skills and make lifelong friendships – all in an inclusive and supportive environment.

CKI Motto: Live to Serve. Love to Serve.



CIRCLE K ADMINISTRATORS 2024-2025



Angelo Ciardella is the District Administrator of Eastern Canada CKI, currently serving under CKI Governor Hasan Ghafoor (University of Windsor CKI).

Distinguished President and Membership Chair of the Kiwanis Club of Windsor as well as Advisor to the University of Windsor CKI. Angelo is also concurrently serving as Lieutenant Governor for Division 3 St. Clair Bluewater and is the 2024-25 Chair of the Class of Lieutenant Governors, serving on the ECC Membership, Service Leadership Programs, and Long-Range Planning Committees. Angelo is a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Angelo's role as District Administrator is to serve as a resource to the CKI Governor and CKI District Board, as well as be a conduit to the Kiwanis District Board. He is also responsible for assisting Kiwanis Clubs with information regarding the SLP Portfolio and helping them along the chartering process.

CKI Eastern Canada is always looking to connect with and work alongside interested Kiwanians to further our mission of Service, Leadership, and Fellowship. The Eastern Canada District wishes to further our reach to new College and University campuses through the chartering of additional CKI Clubs sponsored by the dedicated and dynamic Kiwanis clubs.

The current Eastern Canada CKI Clubs are: University of Windsor CKI (KC Windsor), Western CKI (KC Forest City London), Lambton College CKI (KC Sarnia Seaway), University of Waterloo CKI (KC Kitchener-Waterloo), University of Toronto CKI (KC Toronto), Algoma University CKI (KC Sault Ste. Marie), and *Toronto Metropolitan University CKI - in formation (KC Toronto)

DA Angelo can be contacted at angelo.kiwaniswindsor@gmail.com; Telephone: 1-226-787-7940



Leo Williams Sr is the CKI Caribbean District Administrator (DA). He is a Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston. DA Leo is a product of the Service Leadership Program (SLP), as a past Key Club President and a past CKI President, past CKI Lieutenant Governor and past CKI EC&C District Governor. At that time the CKI District was EC&C instead of being divided as it is now between Eastern Canada and the Caribbean Districts.

As CKI DA, he is responsible for mentoring the CKI Governor and their Board. As a past Governor, he greatly appreciates this responsibility and does not take it lightly. As such, he has created several Assistant District Administrator (ADA) and Divisional Coordinator (DC) positions to assist him in mentoring the District Board. His Mentorship Team of Kiwanians are as follows: Senior ADA (next DA) DP Tadmar Moore; ADA for Finance – Rojane Rose; ADA for Conventions & Conferences – DP Venisha Johnson-Baker; ADA for Chartering and Club Revitalization – DP Selina Campbell; ADA for Southern Caribbean Development – Krystal Fenty (Barbados); ADA for Northern Caribbean Development – Karen Brennen (Bahamas); ADA for the Dutch Antilles – Chris Robles (Aruba). The divisional coordinators are Kiwanis mentors assigned to the CKI divisions who work closely with the CKI Lieutenant Governors and their division teams. This year, the DCs are Alanzo Hamilton, Jerome Johnson, Marissa Jones, Omielo Walker and Jennyfer Geerman.

Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to work closely with their CKI Clubs, and it's not about providing financial support all the time but, more importantly, mentoring them in fundraising and project management as well. Please include them in your clubs' projects and fundraising events. For Kiwanis clubs that don't currently sponsor any CKI clubs, please note that you can still work closely with CKI clubs in your area. You can invite them to your meetings and even host joint projects.

Look out for opportunities to sponsor CKI clubs at local Universities or Colleges. **Please reach out to DA Leo if you have any questions, especially on the process of chartering a CKI. Email: lwwsr1@gmail.com and Mobile: 1-876-463-1481.**



JACK HAYWARD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB

Display of Compassion

One of Key Club's core values is "Caring," which involves showing compassion for others and serving one's community.

As November was Diabetes Awareness Month, Jack Hayward Senior High Key Club members heard a presentation by Nurse Bain from the Juvenile Diabetes Clinic on November 2nd, 2024. The members were also visited by the President of the Kiwanis Club of Lucaya, Kellie Brown.

To demonstrate their compassion and service, Key Club President Kamoi Swann and her team members presented Nurse Bain with healthy snack bags for children with diabetes.



Display of talent

The Key Clubbers at Jack Hayward Senior High School participated in a competition for the best-designed Thanksgiving box. The box decoration competition was between the Key Clubbers from grade 10 to grade 12. Each grade decorated a box for Thanksgiving and submitted it for the competition. The artistic talents of our young members are pictured below.



The Jack Hayward Senior High School Key Club is a sponsor club of the Kiwanis Club of Lucaya (Division 22 Sunshine).



YULETIDE CHEER FROM ST PATRICK'S K-KIDS



Christmas is a season of giving, and in true spirit, the members of the K-Kids Club of the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic School in Barbados donated a hamper of personal care items to the Thelma Vaughan Home, which caters to young adults with disabilities. Handmade Christmas cards created by the K-Kids formed part of the presentation, which Aunty Cyrilene received on behalf of the Matron of the Thelma Vaughan Home.

The St Patrick's Roman Catholic School K-Kids is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central (Division 27 Caribbean).



In Photo: Aunty Cyrilene (Left) receiving hamper from Kiwanis Advisor DP Pamela Lord



Kiwanis
CHILDREN'S FUND

**KEY CLUB AND CKI
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Learn more about scholarships available through the Kiwanis Children's Fund: kiwanischildrensfund.org/grants

CELEBRATE WITH THE SLP – SAVE THE DATES

Once a year, each **Service Leadership Program** (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International, and Aktion Club) celebrates with a week of activities that enable its members to showcase their service and their impact. Each day has a special theme for clubs to follow. The week promotes the club within homes, schools, and communities, thus making the club a household name.

Kiwanis Clubs, get ready to support your sponsored clubs during their upcoming SLP Week!

K-Kids Week : February 10-14

K-Kids Week is celebrated the second full week of February and allows members to show their community what K-Kids is truly about: Service.



Builders Club Week : February 24-28

Builders Club Week occurs annually during the last full week of February. Builders Club Week gives members the opportunity to show their community what Builders Club is truly about: Service.



Aktion Club Week : March 3-7

Aktion Club Week is celebrated the first full week of March. It's a week designated to shine a light on Aktion Club and the impact clubs are making in their communities. In all, more than 500 clubs have the opportunity to participate. It is a great time to build awareness, recruit new members and make Aktion Club a household name!



2025 CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

June 25-27, 2025
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.



Discover Pittsburgh's legacy of innovation across industries, vibrant cultural offerings, and its iconic rivers and bridges. Join us for the 2025 Circle K International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from June 25-27. Participate in exploring new strategies for club growth, creative fundraising, and meaningful service initiatives. Connect with fellow CKI members, exchange ideas, and leave energized to make a positive impact.

Register today for the best rate! The registration fee is US\$275 until March 31, increasing to US\$325 on April 1.

CKI members can also take advantage of special rates at our convention hotel, [Even Pittsburgh](#).

Start securing sponsorships now to help cover the cost! Use the [Sponsorship Toolkit](#) to get started.

[2025 Circle K International Convention | Circle K International](#)

2025 KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 2 - July 6, 2025
Orlando, Florida, U.S.



Key Club is marking 100 years of service, leadership and making a difference in communities around the world on March 23, 2025. Be a part of history as members come together for our centennial celebration at the 2025 Key Club International Convention!

- ◆ Participate in engaging workshops and hear from inspiring speakers.
- ◆ Forge lifelong friendships.
- ◆ Showcase your club and district projects.
- ◆ Help elect 2025-26 Key Club leaders and vote on amendments.

Save the date for July 2-6 to commemorate 100 years of Key Club!

The 2025 Key Club International Convention will be held at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida, U.S.

Do you need help attending the 2025 Key Club International Convention in Orlando, Florida, U.S.? We have a few options available:

- Secure sponsorships and start fundraising to help cover the cost. Use the [Sponsorship Toolkit](#) to get started.
- Apply by 11:59 p.m. ET, February 17, for a financial scholarship of US\$750 to help cover convention costs. [Apply now](#)

<https://www.keyclub.org/events/convention/>



Kiwanis® Amplify

Registration for [Kiwanis Amplify](https://www.kiwanis.org/amplify) is open now through **April 1**. The participation fee is US\$50 for members of Kiwanis International. The fee is \$600 for non-members.

To ensure a smooth start, we encourage you to explore our detailed guide, designed to help you navigate through the initial setup. Visit [kiwanis.org/amplify-help](https://www.kiwanis.org/amplify-help)

Member Registration

Non-Member Registration

LEARNING & LIVING LEADERSHIP OUT LOUD

Build your leadership skills. Improve your career, your community
and your Kiwanis club.

MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES

CLUB OPENING AND CLUB COACHING TRAINING
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EDUCATION



The webinar presentations continue. District, division and club leaders can register for an upcoming training session using the schedule below.

Live presentations will be recorded and posted on [Membership Leaders Facebook page](#).

BUILD: Club opening and new club coaching training

Second Monday and Tuesday every other month at 8 p.m. Eastern Time

February

Club Opening – Monday, February 10, 2025 – [Register](#)

Club Coaching – Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – [Register](#)

April

Club Opening – Monday, April 14, 2025 – [Register](#)

Club Coaching – Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – [Register](#)

June

Club Opening – Monday, June 9, 2025 – [Register](#)

Club Coaching – Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – [Register](#)

August

Club Opening – Monday, August 11, 2025 – [Register](#)

Club Coaching – Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – [Register](#)

NURTURE: Webinar series for lieutenant governors

Third Wednesday every other month at 8 p.m. Eastern Time

May 21, 2025 – [Register](#)

Holding clubs accountable for membership

July 16, 2025 – [Register](#)

Ways to engage clubs “in name only?”

September 17, 2025 – [Register](#)

Promoting Kiwanis in every community in your division and beyond

RETAIN: Webinar series for club membership chairs

Third Wednesday every other month at 8 p.m. Eastern Time

April 16, 2025 – [Register](#)

Are you a ‘clique’ or a club?

June 18, 2025 – [Register](#)

Identity and nurture future club leaders

August 20, 2025 – [Register](#)

Battling club apathy

[Information and tools for opening new clubs.](#)

[Club toolbox: resources to grow new and existing clubs.](#)

[Club toolbox: Ways to keep members engaged.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



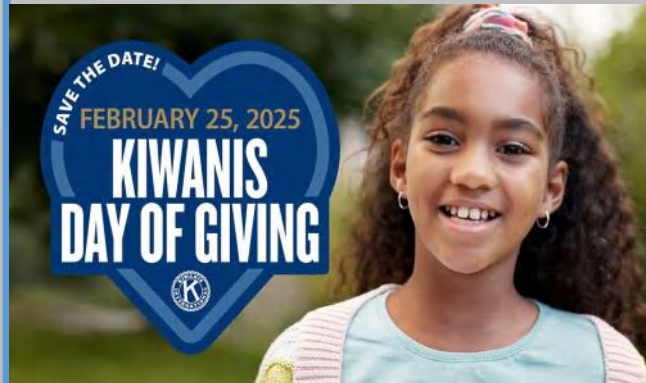
DISTRICT AWARDS FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR

Application Forms are available for the 2023-2024 District Awards on the EC&C Website. **The deadline for submission is January 31, 2025.**

[2023-2024 District Awards Nomination Forms - English](#)

Clubs should submit their nominations for these awards to the Awards Chair, Janet Atkinson at janetkatkinson@gmail.com by midnight, January 31, 2025.

KIWANIS DAY OF GIVING



The third [Kiwanis Day of Giving](#) will be on **February 25**. Think of it as 2/25 — a fitting date since US\$2.25 is enough to make a difference in one child's life through the Kiwanis Children's Fund. This year, the goal is more ambitious than ever: to raise **US\$100,000 in one day and reach 45,000 kids.**

KI EVENTS / CALENDAR

January 20 – Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S., closed

January 21 – 110th anniversary of Kiwanis International.

January 30 – 2025 Signature Project Contest closes

February 2025

February 1 – [Kiwanis Children's Fund scholarship application deadline](#)

February 10-14 – [K-Kids Week](#)

February 24-28 – [Builders Club Week](#)

February 25 – [Kiwanis Day of Giving](#)

March 2025

March 3-7 – [Aktion Club Week](#)

March 23 – Key Club International 100th birthday

March 28 - Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S., closed

[Full Calendar - Future Dates](#)



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**Kiwanis International
President Lee Kuan
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February 21-25, 2025

*Hosted by Divisions 23 Central, 23 East,
23 West, 24, & 25*

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Here's your chance to contribute
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**VOLUNTEER.
YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU.**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT CHANGES TO THE EASTERN CANADA & THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT'S FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS

1. **The existing private group – Kiwanis ECC, will remain** where Kiwanians must request to join the group, and any Kiwanian can post. Kiwanians will need to answer all the questions in order to join so we can verify that all persons joining are Kiwanians and agree to the rules.
2. **The existing profile - ECC District, will be closed soon.**
3. **A new page – Kiwanis ECC, has been created**, and anyone can follow the page. Only administrators (members of the district team) will be able to post on this page.

We encourage all Kiwanians, Clubs and Divisions to request to join the Kiwanis ECC private group if you are not already a part of the group, so that you can post in the group, and follow the new Page created to get updates on what is happening in the district.

Please note that you can now connect with the EC&C District on several social media pages. We invite all Kiwanians in the District to access all our social media accounts and keep up to date with our activities, projects and events.



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EASTERN CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT
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CONNECT WITH US ON:
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The **2025 Signature Project Contest** is open! From now through January 30, your club can enter our ninth annual contest — with the possibility of being recognized at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S., June 25-28.

The online contest entry form is at the bottom of this page. Each club's entry will be sent to its district for judging. The district will then select the Group I and/or Group II projects to be entered into the 2025 Signature Project Contest. Clubs with 27 members or fewer will be judged in the Group I category. Clubs with 28 members or more will be judged in Group II.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Signature Project 2025

What are you known for in your community?

- It is that time again when Kiwanis clubs around the world who bring their communities together through creative and impactful service, fundraisers and events, start preparation to enter the signature project competition.
- A winning project will incorporate all five (5) ingredients - Recurring, Enhances the Kiwanis Image, Demonstrates Significant Impact on the Community (must be measurable), Strengthens Membership, Has Partnership Opportunities.
- Project contest will open in January 2025 and must be submitted using the online entry form.

Recurring

- A new project can qualify as a signature project if the intent is to continue the project
- Do not think you have a winning project?
- Elevate or Change Project

Brand enhancing

- The project should be designed to elevate the Kiwanis brand in the local community with opportunities for public relations activities, such as using the Kiwanis name on the project, media mentions, social media, etc.

High impact

- How many children were fed, how many computers were donated, etc.
- How much funds were raised
- Kiwanian participation
- Members joined
- Community awareness

Membership

- Membership focused
- Engage and excite members
- Members participation
- New members joined

Partnership

- Civic Partners
- Community stakeholders
- Open doors for sponsorships
- Provides resources, products or services for free or discounted
- Develop relationship with corporations

Did you know you could partner with an organization or another club that is already doing what you want to do?

Pooling resources will cut down on the work your club will have to do and make the project much more manageable, and more likely to re-occur.

Contact: Merdina Callum
callu78@hotmail.com
876 361-6180

Stay tuned for contest opening date...

Contest entry forms:

[English](#)

[Français](#)



WELCOME TO THE EASTERN CANADA
AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT
CONVENTION
NIAGARA FALLS,
ONTARIO, MAY 2025.

*Come Alive
in '25!*

My husband Brian McKeown, and I - Gail Norris McKeown, are honoured to Co-Chair the EC&C District Convention in beautiful Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 29 - May 31, 2025. The convention hotel is Niagara Falls Marriott on the Falls, located at 6755 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Brian joined Kiwanis in 1969 and is a Past President, Past Lieutenant Governor and Past Convention Chair for the District. He chaired the District Convention held in Niagara Falls, Ontario 2008. I joined Kiwanis in 1993 and have served as Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound, Past Lieutenant Governor, EC & C District Trustee and former Board member of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada. I was honoured to chair the EC & C District Convention at the beautiful Blue Mountain Resort in 2011. I also served as Class President of the Lieutenant Governors in 2012. Brian and I are very committed to Kiwanis and have continued to offer our services in several ways.

Brian and I are excited to collaborate with our amazing Host Committee to highlight the beauty of Niagara Falls and introduce you to new ways of the Convention.

Governor-Elect Cynthia Blackman has worked diligently to provide new and varied forums for all of us to enjoy at the Convention. An interactive forum will be available for delegates. Take time to read and choose the forums you want to be sure to attend at the Convention.

Niagara Parks offers many attractions and activities for

visitors. We have arranged for various tour companies to show you the area, and each tour company has provided a discount code to use when booking the tour. The rates for the various companies will run for the entire week. So please come to Niagara Falls before the Convention or stay after the Convention. I can guarantee you will not be disappointed in Niagara Falls. Take a walking tour of Niagara Falls with experienced and knowledgeable guides of the Niagara Falls Walk Tours, which has provided sponsorship for the Convention.

Cellar Door Tours is a company that is more than pleased to take you on a wine tour! Cellar Door Tours also donated two wine tours. Arrange a tour with Cellar Door Tours, as this company is known as one of the best in the business. During a wine tour, you will see beautiful wineries in the Niagara area. Try out the delicious wines and enjoy!

Sign up for the Host Committee Theatre magic show at the Greg Frewin Theatre. The show will enthrall you. What a fantastic way to watch magic and see unbelievable magic acts!

The EC&C District Convention logo is *"Come Alive in '25."* We need to grow the Kiwanis membership and retain our current membership, so come to Niagara Falls and find out how this is all possible.

The 2025 District Convention has many volunteers recruited from the Kiwanis Clubs in Division 6 Golden Horseshoe. You will see the volunteers in yellow shirts with the word 'Volunteer'. They are there to help you enjoy the Convention.

Brian, I, and the Host Committee members look forward to meeting you at the District Convention.

Gail Norris McKeown

Co-Chair of Niagara Falls DCON 2025

2025 EC&C DISTRICT CONVENTION

*Come Alive
in '25!*

**EASTERN CANADA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO CANADA

MAY 29-31, 2025



REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

EARLY BIRD RATE: KIWANIANs & PARTNERS

JANUARY 1ST – MARCH 2ND 2025

\$260 CAD

REGULAR RATE : KIWANIANs & PARTNERS

MARCH 3 – MAY 11TH, 2025

\$350 CAD

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Located at 6755 Fallsview Blvd, within a 10-minute walk of Queen Victoria Park and Fallsview Casino. This upscale hotel is 1.4 mi (2.3 km) from Casino Niagara and 1.6 mi (2.6 km) from Fallsview Indoor Waterpark. It is ideally located for our 2025 Kiwanis District Convention.

Special Room Rates:

City View \$199.00

Fallsview \$239.00

Superior Fallsview \$249.00

All rates are in Canadian funds and are subject to a 7.9% local fee plus taxes (LFT). The room rates and LFT are subject to an additional 13% HST sales tax.

Last Day to Book : Friday, April 25, 2025.

[Accommodations – Kiwanis 2025 District Convention](#)

TRANSPORTATION

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

There are a number of ways that you can get to Niagara Falls and partake in the excitement of our EC&C DCON. Many will simply drive. Some may take a train, but we think that you will like our arrangement with Niagara Airbus, Airport Transportation and Sightseeing Tours.

[Transportation – Kiwanis 2025 District Convention](#)

ACTIVITIES

[Convention at a Glance – Kiwanis 2025 District Convention](#)

[Workshops – Kiwanis 2025 District Convention](#)

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For more information click here: [EC&C District Convention 2025](#)

2025 KIWANIS CONVENTION JUNE 25-28 • PITTSBURGH



Registration is open for the [2025 Kiwanis International Convention](#).

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