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My Fellow Kiwanians:

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!! I sincerely hope that each one of you had a wonderful and blessed holiday.

Well, we have just completed the first quarter of the 2008/09 administrative year – and what a great three months we had.

For me, it was a great pleasure visiting the divisions and sharing in their work and fellowship. I am so heartened by the difference that Kiwanis is making in each community and the passion, dedication and commitment being demonstrated by our members.

Thank you Kiwanians..... you are great people and I love you all.

Special thanks to Lt. Governors Robert Goupil (14), Ray DeRoche (20), Burt Green (18), Lloyd White (21), Barry Wilmott (22) and their partners for hosting me during November and December.... I appreciate all you do..... THANKS A MILLION. See highlights of visits at <http://www.kiwanisecc.org/GovernorsVisits.asp>

The second quarter of the administrative year is critical for **membership drives and new club building** efforts. Use these few months well.

Increasing membership ensures that there are more hands for service and fellowship. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to retain our members... they are the lifeblood of our clubs. Let us all play our part in making their experiences positive. Remember that recognizing members for their work will make a difference to them. Love them for they are special!

I have been privileged to take part in induction ceremonies in many clubs and look forward to doing more as I travel the other divisions during the course of the year. Special welcome to all our new Kiwanians and thanks to those who invited them!

Fellow Kiwanians, please remember that our new members and especially new clubs need our guidance, support and constant nurturing.

My sincere condolences to clubs who have lost a member over the past quarter. Let us honour their work and memories through our work and continue to offer our support to their family members during their period of bereavement and beyond.

Our **Kiwanis/UNICEF HIV AIDS Project** is receiving tremendous support from clubs. We look forward to your contributions as we work towards attaining our \$1 million goal and making a difference to the lives of our children. Many thanks to our Lt. Governors and HIV AIDS Committee Members for being wonderful ambassadors for this project.

Please join me in commending IPLG Randy Ross on the wonderful work he is doing with the **EC&C Communicator**. Members, this is your newsletter so please send him material so he may share with the other members of our district. I am elated to see how many members are enjoying the publications. For those who do not get it by email, you may download a copy from <http://www.kiwanisecc.org/Communicator.asp>

Thanks Randy for all that you are doing! Special thanks also to District Office Administrator Lise and the translating team headed by PIT Pierre Laliberte for making the French publication possible.

Well, the end of a quarter means the submission of **club reports**. This is a very important exercise and I ask that you treat it with seriousness. The quarterly ratings will be published on the district's website along with our award winners. <http://www.kiwanisecc.org/forms.asp>

This is also a good time to evaluate your performance as it relates to the 2008/09 **distinguished program**. The 2007/08 results should be published soon.

We look forward to a great **Mid Year Conference** in Ocho Rios at the end of January along with the visit of KI President Don Canaday to Jamaica. It is not too late to book.... We have extended the room rates to January 12, 2009. <http://www.kiwanisecc.org/Midyear09.asp>

Please plan to attend our **2009 District Convention** in Trois Rivieres, Quebec. It promises to be very excited and memorable. <http://www.kiwanistr2009.org/>

Thank you my fellow Kiwanians for all that you are doing in your clubs and communities. We endeavor to change one life and one community at a time.

Lots of love and blessings for 2009!

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