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My Fellow Kiwanians:

We have just completed the first month of the 2008/09 administrative year. What an exciting month this has been!

I use this opportunity to congratulate the 2007/08 Presidents and their teams on all that was accomplished and wish the 2008/09 Team an abundance of success as we embark on a year of EXCELLENCE IN KIWANIS SERVICE.

Highlights of the Month:

- ✓ Club Officer Installations: It was a busy month for Lt. Governors as they moved around their divisions to install club officers and directors. Congrats to you all.
- ✓ KI President Don Canaday made his first visit to our district by way of Ontario. The organizing committee took him through a hectic but successful schedule which included official visits, induction of new members, a productive growth workshop and the celebration of 80 years of Kiwanis in Oshawa.
- ✓ We have signed the Memorandum of Understanding with UNICEF, which puts our district project **"The Kiwanis/UNICEF Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS Campaign in the Caribbean"** on the way. Thanks to all Kiwanians for supporting this project.
- ✓ We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), endorsing their **Child and Family Services/Early Intervention Program** and encouraging Kiwanis Clubs to support children with vision loss in their respective communities.
- ✓ We had the first publication of our Newsletter **"The EC&C Communicator"** out. Many thanks to IPLG Randy Ross for doing such a great job with this.
- ✓ Our first **training module** was developed and circulated by PG Joanne to be presented by Divisional Trainers during the first quarter. Thanks Joanne!

✓ I visited six (6) divisions in October and oh what an experience! It is great to see Kiwanis at work. It gave me the opportunity to interact and share ideas with Kiwanians as well as to learn a few new things myself. It was a treat to visit the projects, attend the SLP Meetings, to see the Terrific Kids Program at work among others.

Trevor and I would like to thank Lt. Governors Don Hercia, Bill Downham, Jeff Valin, Sam Bhargava, Glenn Pushman, Benoit Chartier and their Partners for being such wonderful hosts. Thanks for the work you are doing in leading your divisions.

Fellow Kiwanians, when we made the decision to join Kiwanis, we made a commitment to serve and to make a difference to the lives of others. We are doing just that. We can see the difference that our work is making in our communities and there is so much more to be done.

To continue this work, we need to nurture our members as well as invite new ones. We cannot provide service without members.

While we make that difference to the lives of our community members, let us also remember that our own members need us to reach out to them.

Let us take time to share, to care and love one another. Let us be there when a member is in need of help or support.

Recognise members for the work that they do. Recognition may be done in many different ways, so let us use every opportunity to say thanks.

As we enter November, let me wish for you great health and success in your endeavors as we continue on our mission to change the world, one child and one community at a time.

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