

# Kiwanis

## SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – BAHAMAS KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS (SLP)

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The Bahamas K-Family of SLP has made an important difference in the lives of more than 450 children via the K-Kids, Builders, Key and Circle K Clubs.



### K-Kids

The SLP – K-Kids are growing within the Bahamas. There are currently nine (9) clubs. Many thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach, New Providence, Nassau, Yuma whose effect have contributed to the current club strength.

There are two clubs in formation (Prince Williams Primary and Uriah McPhee Primary). Distinguish President Ms. Deborah McKinney (New Providence Club) is the new Assistant Administrator K-Kids (Bahamas) effective 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2009. It is our plan to have a K-Kids Administrator (Bahamas) by the end of the new Kiwanis Administrative year.

A K-Kids Educational Forum was held at Xaviers Lowers school on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 from 8:30am to 12:00noon. Kiwanis International Key Club Director Mike Downs brought greeting from Kiwanis International.

### Builders Club

There are currently three Builders Club in the Bahamas with one prospective new club which will be sponsored by Nassau AM. Special thanks to Kiwanian and Faculty Advisor Kelly Hanna of the Kiwanis Clubs of Nassau AM for keeping the fight going for the increase of Builders Clubs in the Bahamas. Her goal is to provide a smooth transition from K-Kids to Builders to Key Clubs



### Key Clubs

The Bahamas Key Club District was formed in December 1986. The District was sponsored by the Division Council of Kiwanis Clubs in the Bahamas. The District was formed with fifteen Key Clubs from five islands within the Bahamas. The Government High School Key Club was the first Key Club in the Bahamas (1967). The Key Club District Governor is **Branique Coakley** (Faith Temple Christian Academy Key Club)

It is anticipated that all existing SLP in the Bahamas would be in good standing with Kiwanis International by February 28<sup>th</sup> 2010.

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### Important Dates to Remember:

Key International Trustee visit to Bahamas Key Club District	Key Club Board	26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2009	Xavier's Lower School
Key Club Dues	Key clubs	Due Nov 29, 2010	Dues \$10.50
SLP Administrator Conference	Denver, Co	Jan 22-24, 2010	Key Club District Administrator and Asst –K-Kids Administrator
ECC Mid Winter Conference	Montego Bay, JA	Feb 3 – 4, 2010	The Sunset Beach Resort and Spa E.C.C. District Team Administrator will attend
Election of New Key Club Officers	Key Clubs	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> latest	All local Key Clubs
Bahamas Key Club DCON	Nassau, Bahamas	March 26-28, 2010	Antioch Baptist Church
GATC	Indianapolis, IN	May 19, 2010	District Governor 2010-2011 and Administrator
Kiwanis ICON	Las Vegas	Jun 24-27, 2010	
Key Club ICON	Memphis, TN	Jul 7-11, 2010	All Key club presidents and Secretaries
EC&C DCON	St. John, NB	Aug 4-7, 2010	Dist Chairperson

All Kiwanis Clubs are encourage to support their sponsored clubs. Ensure that dues are paid on time. Ensure that line items are in their budget for SLP which would assist Key Club members to attend DCON and ICON and other SLP projects.



### Circle K

The College of the Bahamas Circle K was Re-activated in 2007-2009. Currently the club is on suspension. The co-sponsored remains the Kiwanis Clubs of Nassau, Fort Montagu and Cable Beach. The Club currently has 18 paid members with dues send to Kiwanis International on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### Aktion Club

It is recommended that the Bahamas Division of Kiwanis Club (Clubs jointly) re-activate the single Aktion Club in the Bahamas. Currently each Kiwanis Club in the Bahamas has contributed or assisted the Special Olympic in some fashion or form. The Bahamas Division is requested to organize as a group under the umbrella of the Aktion club and assist these physically challenged people of our community.

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Here is some of the ways individual and Kiwanis club can overcome some of the challenges we face in our Service Leadership Programs

### WHAT YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN

1. Spread the word about SLP throughout the community and schools.
2. Encourage children or siblings to join a SLP.
3. Call or visit your neighborhood schools or churches and ask how you can volunteer.
4. Become a mentor.
5. Attend PTA meetings and introduce Terrific Kids and BUG programs to parents and the general audience.
6. Take a faculty Advisor or principal to lunch and talk about SLP.
7. Become a Kiwanis SLP Advisor.
8. Become a Kiwanis Administrator.
9. Learn more about children's issues online.
10. Read to someone who is unable to do so for themselves.
11. Support Special Olympics.
12. Attend Circle K, Key Club, Builders, K Kids, Aktion club meetings regularly.
13. Visit Kiwanis website regularly to keep abreast of what is happening with Kiwanis International.
14. Get socially connected by joining internet groups (Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter, KiwanisOne, MySpace, Tagged, and Google) to see what the young people are saying about SLP.
15. Make a contribution to a Service Leadership Program.
16. Become a Big Brother or Big Sister to a Sponsored Youth.
17. Become familiar with the relevant SLP literature that would enhance your club.
18. Know Your Role

### WHAT YOU CAN DO AS A CLUB

1. At the beginning or each Administrative Year do a community analysis of schools and colleges that do not have a SLP.
2. Sponsor a SLP at a local school.
3. Maintain an expense line in the Club's budget to financially support all sponsored SLPs. (Ensure that dues are paid for every member of the sponsored club).
4. Provide a Kiwanis Advisor for each sponsored SLP club.
5. Invite Circle K, Key Club, Builders, and K Kids members to Kiwanis meetings and projects.
6. Involved SLP in Kiwanis activities during "K Family Day".
7. Help students learn from their experience and develop leadership skills.
8. Encourage SLP clubs to become involved in Kiwanis International sponsored awards.
9. Utilize the strengths of club members.
10. In schools where there are SLPs, assign a Kiwanian to pay a courtesy call to all school Principals at the beginning of the year .
11. Be familiar with Advisor Character Education Resources and share the information with the faculty and Kiwanis Advisor.
12. Partnering with already established programs to enhance the SLP experience.
13. Ensure that all service leadership program clubs have a representative at District and International conventions.
14. Ensure that the leadership of the Kiwanis Clubs is visible to the leaders of their sponsoring clubs.
15. Ensure timely reporting to Kiwanis International with regard to all required reports (i.e.: Key Club Annual Achievement Report)
16. Discuss sponsoring club's challenges with the faculty Advisors away from the regular meeting.
17. Encourage and motivate the Advisors.

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