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Eastern Canada & Caribbean District

Newsletter

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May 18-20, 2017



Editor's Note

It is Count Down to District Convention 2017 and preparations are in high gear for what is expected to be a GREAT Convention with Kiwanis Education, Fun and Fellowship.

It will indeed be a significant occasion as Canada celebrates 150th Anniversary of Confederation and Ottawa celebrates an important milestone – 100 (a century). The Convention will align with these occasions as hundreds of persons gather from different parts the world to join in the celebration.

It is a proud moment for Kiwanis because not many organizations last a decade and we have been having centenarian celebrations of some of our clubs since 2015. It simply means we are doing something right and we are here to stay. The theme this year is #KidsNeedKiwaniis but I will go further and say #GovernmentsneedKiwaniis – #theWorldneedsKiwaniis. Just think of the world without Kiwanis and you will see.

Kudos to Ottawa and onward to the next 100 years!

In Kiwanis Service,

Merdina Callum, JP

Governor's Message

My Fellow Kiwanians

Each Kiwanis year, the Governor is often tasked with many challenges. This year is no exception. Our growth in membership is critical to the future health and prosperity of our District. Currently, our District is comprised of 6,760 members in 245 clubs from Eastern Canada and throughout the Caribbean. However, as of April this year, our membership growth is growing too slowly leaving us at risk again of declining membership by our fiscal year end on September 30th.

With this in mind, I created a District Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to advise the District on developing some additional strategic direction for membership growth. The Formula Team led by Chair DLG Lloyd Distant, Jr., and Vice Chair PG Joanne Murray are working hard to develop a solid strategy around club growth and member retention. As you know, my goal was to increase membership by more than 1,000 new members. Our year-to-date results show a growth of only 370 new members since the beginning of our fiscal year on October 1st. Your Lieutenant-Governors' are being asked to speak directly with each of their club leaders around recruiting new members and inviting friends and family to join Kiwanis.



On Thursday, May 18th at the Opening Ceremony of our District Convention in Ottawa, I will be announcing a new Membership Initiative to be launched for the remainder of this fiscal year, from May 1st to September 30th. Please look for further information to be sent out to all Members directly and to our LG's for 2016-17.

In addition, on May 7-9th, we will be holding a Club Membership Drive in Grimsby, Ontario, Canada with many Kiwanians from Eastern Canada coming to participate in the Drive and to create and start a new Kiwanis Club for Division 6. As well, LG Eric Gonneau, PLG Rick Brooks and LDC Ralph Celentano are about to Charter a new Kiwanis Club in Huntsville, Ontario as part of our drive to bring Kiwanis to these communities.

Let's get together and continue to do the good work of Kiwanis in our communities by forming new Kiwanis clubs and strengthening our Membership in order to *"Energize The Dream that every child will be happy, healthy, safe and loved!!"*

Phil Rossy
Governor 2016-17

"Energize The Dream.....that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved."

#KidsNeedKiwanis



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Think you know your Kiwanis District's History?



William George Barker

November 15, 1916 Canadian pilot William George Barker flying over Ancre River, spots a concentration of German troops massing for a counter-attack on Beaumont Hamel, he sends an emergency Zone Call to break apart the German infantry. Barker later receives the Military Cross.

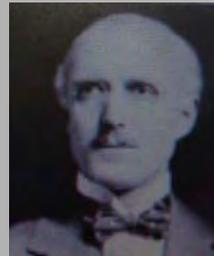
On that same day, The Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Inc. was chartered and celebrated with a 15-page spread in the Hamilton Spectator devoted to the purpose of Kiwanis.



George F Hixon
1917-1918

March 8, 1917 – KI President George F. Hixon presented the charter to the second Kiwanis Club in Canada – Toronto. At the convention held in Providence Rhode Island in June, 1918,

George H. Ross of the Toronto club was elected 3rd Vice President of KI. He later served as Kiwanis International President.



George H. Ross



A. H. Fitzsimmons

September 25, 1918 – with representation from the Kiwanis Clubs of Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, the Ontario-Quebec District was formed. The first District Governor was A.H. Fitzsimmons of Ottawa.



December 22, 1917 – The Ottawa Club was organized and chartered on April 11, 1918. Ottawa was the 74th club in Kiwanis to be formed. One of the first clubs to be sponsored by Ottawa that is still active today is the Pembroke Club, chartered on June 22, 1922. Did you know that the Prince of Wales was given an Honourary Membership from the Ottawa club in 1919??

February 17, 1918 – The Kiwanis Club of Montreal became the 80th Kiwanis Club formed. The charter President, Henry J. Elliott, became the first Canadian to be elected President of Kiwanis International.



Henry J. Elliott

Key Leadership Education

Kiwanis club of Scotts Plains

At our Sunday March 19 Progressive Euchre Afternoon, Michelle of Peterborough Hospice and Andy Simpson of the Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains, hold a cheque representing the four thousand dollars donated by the Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains to help purchase furnishings and equipment for the new Hospice Paediatric Room.



To all you wonderful euchre players who have been coming out, thanks for making the 19th a successful day and for your support to fund the New Peterborough Hospice building. Next Euchre is April 9th at 1 PM in the Delta Bingo and Gaming Lounge (1019 Clonsilla Avenue West, beside the Jack McGee Dealership).

PS: ABOUT THE CAKE PIC

The Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains celebrated the Club's birthday on the 19th as well. Forty-two years ago, on March 19th, the Club was Chartered. It has been a great 42 years serving our community (and it was a great cake ...though sadly it is no more).



NOTICE

Attention all EC&C PLG's

If you are attending the Ottawa Convention, there still is a need for a few more volunteers to help at the Credentials Desk during convention. My thanks to those who have already replied to me.

If you can give about 4 hours of your time during convention to help out, please contact Allen Ure at allenure@pppoe.ca as soon as possible.

GROWING TO SERVE – GUADELOUPE



On April 2nd, LG Maryse MBERTIN from Division 27 C GUADELOUPE officially installed the club ACACIA de Le MOULE. The new President, Jérôme CUSSET and the members received their charter and banner with great emotion. They have all accepted the responsibilities of their functions as officers or directors of a committee, promising to serve the Children in their communities and all over the world.

All the clubs of the Division were represented to welcome and congratulate these new members. The Charter ceremony was held in the restaurant Shiva in Le Moule and ended by a tasty meal. This event was definitely very friendly and full of hope.



Kiwanis Carnvaval Masquerade Party

February 17, 2017, marked the 20th anniversary of the Kiwanis Carnival Masquerade Party. The highly anticipated, annual fundraiser showcased Aruba's rich festive culture, bringing the island's best musical talents together. There were 1,200 participants for an evening of high energy excitement and fun. Attendees try to outdo each other with their best costumes, vying for prizes from our local and international partners, such as KLM, Insel, Aruba, and Suriname Airlines, Renaissance, Hilton, and Holiday Inn Resorts, local food and beverage providers, and many, many more.

For months, Kiwanis was visible in a variety of ways leading up to this event and people started asking about tickets well in advance. Media coverage included "on air" interviews, inside the island's Carnival book explaining our event and impact, radio, email blasts to past attendees and social media.

The impact on the community could not be bigger, as this year's gross receipts are quite indicative of each year's ability to raise in excess of \$145,000, which translates into sponsorship of our Service Leadership Programs (Builder's Club, Key Club, and Circle K), our Terrific Kids program, our Child Seat Program, our Santa Claus event, the Back to School project, and much more availability of funds to various sport, social, and educational organizations on the island.



Our Signature Project is one that brings together the members of our club in many ways through the activities leading up to the event, such as the PR and Marketing of the event, the organization and setup, and of course, those spending the evening to ensure the guests enjoy themselves. In addition to being a terrific fundraiser, the public relations and marketing surrounding the event have proven to be a highly successful recruitment tool for new members.

Over 30 of our members were in attendance this year, along with family, friends and community volunteers to ensure that our 4 brass bands, 3 top island musical groups, and attendees had a flawless event filled with 7,000 balloons, glow sticks, and never-before-seen lights effect on the dance floor, excellent food and beverage selection...dancing well into the wee hours of the night.

Kingston's Young Professionals Contribute to Improved Literacy at Norman Gardens Primary & Junior High



(L-R) Kiwanian Odette Barron, Lexford Johnson, Principal of Norman Gardens Primary and Junior High, Dwayne Bailey, President of Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals Kingston, Jamaica (KYPKJ) and Pam Whyte, Lieutenant Governor Elect, Division 23E share a moment at the parents forum held at Norman Gardens Primary and Junior High recently. The event is a part of the efforts of KYPKJ to increase parental involvement in the learning process. It forms part of the initiative under the Bring Up Grades (BUG) programme.

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World Read Aloud

The Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay recognized World Read Aloud Day on February 16, 2017 by reading to students at Paradise Basic, Norwood Basic and Montego Bay Infant Schools in St. James.

While the club organizes reading programmes throughout the year, members willingly gave of their time by joining Kiwanians across the world to emphasize the importance and joy of reading. The reading sessions provided the opportunity to interact with the children and demonstrate that reading is fun. Members brought their books and best reading voices and were rewarded with happy faces. This project was another reminder of the impact of Kiwanis and the difference Kiwanians make every day in our communities.



Praying Together

It was a joy for members to encourage spiritual values by hosting devotion at the Flanker Primary and Junior High School in St. James. Members sang with the children, read scripture and prayed for God's guidance and protection.

Lieutenant Governor for Division 25 and member of the club, Allan Causwell led the devotional exercise. He encouraged the children to be obedient and to remember God in everything they do.

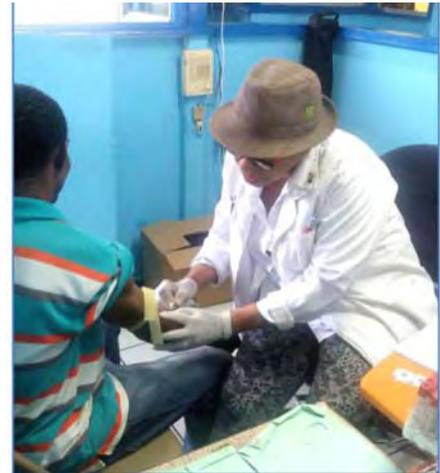
Scholarship Awardees

Four of five recipients of a \$10,000 scholarship award presented to needy students in the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay's Service Leadership Programme (SLP) pose with LG Allan and President of the Club, Yolanda Granston after accepting their awards.



KCNK Health Fair 2017

On Saturday March 25, 2017, the Kiwanis Club of New Kingston hosted its annual Health Fair in partnership with National Health Fund, National Family Planning Board, Jamaica cancer Society, Lions Club of Kingston Jamaica Association for the Deaf, Bio Medical and St. John's Ambulance at the Stella Maris Foundation on Grants Pen Road.



Approximately 130 persons benefitted from testing of blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, eyes, pap smear, STI and HIV. Counselling was also given by Mrs. Rosie Stone and Mr. Ashraf Muqtagiv on the various STIs, how to recognize them, treatment and prevention.

We extend gratitude to Facey Commodity who sponsored 10 pap tests and distributed goody bags to participants; Life Style Coach Ms. Peta Linton who spoke on nutrition and preparing healthy meals on a budget, Kiwanian Bertram Burger and his team for the music and PA system; Director Adella and her student nurses from UTECH and Registered Nurse Christine who assisted with the blood pressure testing; Kiwanian Marilyn who provided 3 gifts for the presenters; Mrs. Bev Lopez and her 10 volunteers who gave permission for the use of the facility, assisted



with advertising the event and registration as well donation of water and juices; Kingston Chapter Lay Magistrate for the tent and chairs and all the Kiwanians who participated.



We also extend a very special thanks to the Officers from the Grants Pen Police Station under the leadership of Inspector Archer for the support.

District Documents Update

The following documents have now been released and uploaded to the **District Documents** page on the **District Website** found at... www.kiwanisecc.org/

(1) The KI approved EC&C District Bylaws which came into effect on **October 1, 2016**.

Changes made to this document were as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Change Made</u>
Article IV, sec. 3	- clarified wording.
Article V, sec. 1	- amended list of District Standing Committees to comply with KI Policies and Procedures.
Article V, sec. 2	- added four District Standing Committees unique to our District.
Article X, sec. 1	- clarified wording.

(2) The Eastern Canada Key Leader Program Risk Management Plan which came into effect on **April 1, 2017**.

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Appendix 2	- updated the members of the Key Leader Eastern Canada Committee for 2016-17.

(3) The EC&C District Policies and Procedures which came into effect on **April 1, 2017**

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Throughout Document	- Change the term Regional Trustee to District Trustee as approved by the District Board

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