



Kiwaniis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District



Newsletter

April 2016

April brings the hope of Spring for those of us in Eastern Canada. It is also the time for all clubs to hold their officer elections and report the results to Kiwanis International. Many clubs have already completed their Kiwanis ONE DAY Service Project but many more will perform theirs shortly.

It is not too late to register for the District Convention in Hamilton. We already have a wonderful registration total so every member should come back with an improved perspective on Kiwanis. The final date for the guaranteed room rate at the hotel is April 15. After that date, you may not be able to get the same rate.



Many of our Formula Team will be gathering in April to refresh our knowledge on how best to help all our clubs. I want to congratulate all of the clubs that have achieved growth so far this year. We have officially chartered 2 new Kiwanis clubs so far this year, Arc en Ciel and Ramble Hanover. As of April 4, we have a net growth of 106 members in EC&C. In addition to the 2 new clubs, congratulations go to the Kiwanis Club of Cape Breton Golden K with 14 new members, Orleans with 10, Val D'or with 9, Manotick with 6 and Curacao, Orillia, Owen Sound, Sarnia-Lambton Golden K and Sussex with 5 new members each. This shows that growth is possible in all parts of EC&C. It just takes some effort and planning.

We can still use a number of volunteers for a few hours at many times during the Hamilton Convention. If you can offer some of your time to help out, please contact our Volunteer Chair, Sandie at sandra.greenhalgh@rbc.com. I know she would be please to hear from you and match your time to the convention schedule.

See everyone in Hamilton!

Working to Serve the Children of the World, I remain

Allen Ure Governor

From the Editor's Desk



There was an air of excitement and anticipation leading up to the 2nd April, certainly there was in my neck of the woods. Kiwanians over delivered, once again, showing that we are improving the World, One Child One Community at a time.

The day was about the building of play field, the restoration/painting of hospitals, schools and many more activities in the communities. My Division 23 East, in partnership with paint manufacturer Sherwin Williams, painted the paediatric wards and clinic of our University Hospital of the West Indies. Gifts of inverters, fans and other items were also presented. This project will benefit the entire Jamaican community and was greatly appreciated as indicated by the administration of the hospital. The project was done over a 2 day period. It was truly 2 days of work, fun and fellowship.

We continue to serve the Children of the World and look forward to Kiwanis One Day 2017.

Please remember to send your stories/articles for publication to callu78@hotmail.com.

In Kiwanis Service
Merdina Callum

From Governor-Elect Phil Rossy



Hello from Canada to all my Brothers and Sisters in EC&C. This message is an opportunity for all of us to be kind to each other, consider what is really important in life as you go about your day-to-day business today!!



I'm looking forward with great anticipation to joining many Kiwanians in our District who will assemble next month in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada for annual District Convention for Eastern Canada & Caribbean. If you are coming, please make sure you check out the great educational forums we have put together to help you better understand the importance of your leadership role in Kiwanis. Come prepared to have fun, renew acquaintances, seek opportunities and learn new information about Kiwanis, your District, Division and Club, and how important it is to lead, not follow.

Of particular importance this year will be the introduction of the "I Plan", our new Strategic Plan and roadmap to a brighter future for Kiwanis and our District. I look forward to seeing all of you soon! Join us!

Ontario Volunteer Award

John Wilson of the Kiwanis Club of Cameron Heights, was one of more than 130 individuals who received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for 20 years as a volunteer with Kiwanis in the Kitchener area.

On March 17th he was presented with a lapel pin, by the MPP for Kitchener Centre, Daiene Vernile, seen in the attached picture. He also received two certificates, one signed by the MPP Daiene, and the other by the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration & International Trade, Michael Chan, recognizing 20 years of service to the Kiwanis Club of Cameron Heights and the community.



President Weldon Carr and Past President Dave Breneman were pleased to be present, to support John as he received this award.



Kay Anderson, OD, DLGE



The Kiwanis Clubs of New Kingston and Constant Spring, and the K family lost one of its most valuable member - DLGE Kay Anderson, OD on the 5th April 2015.

She was a mentor, advisor, friend and an inspiration to many Kiwanians and persons who crossed her path. Kay embodied the true spirit of Kiwanis - a phenomenal woman.

It is a great loss and Kay will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace sweet Kay!

Our meeting..... with a Governor !

Last February 18, 2016, the Governor of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, Allen Ure, attended the meeting of the Builders Club of Collège Fernand Donatien. He also attended the Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Cœur de Créole.

In appreciation of his visit, we offered him a t-shirt of the Steel Pan Studio as a souvenir. He was grateful for this token gesture. We took this opportunity to present the funds collected during the Tetanos Fund Raising Project to the President of the Kiwanis Club of Cœur de Créole, Madam Evelyne MARC.

The President and the Secretary of the Builders Club presented a cheque in the amount \$270 dollars which will pay for some 540 vaccines.

Indeed, only vaccination can fight tetanos. If tetanos has almost disappeared from Martinique, it still kills 584 persons in the world... three quarters of them are children.



We closed the ceremony with a group photo where you can see the Builders Club members together with a former Builder, Lyndsay BANYS, now in senior high school, who came to visit us..



By Précilla et Lorina

Be kind to Strangers

An Indian went to Japan & being his regular habit of resting the feet on opposite seat, he did the same while travelling in a train.

An elderly man came to him, took his feet onto his lap and sat on the seat. The Indian was awestruck. He asked the gentleman "Sir, why did you leave your seat & come here to keep my feet on your lap and sit?"

The man answered, "mister, you have insulted us by misusing our public property. I was very angry at you for that. But you're a guest to our country. I cannot insult you in public. You are habituated to rest your feet on the opposite seat of bus or train you travel. And I cannot see my country's property being misused. So in order to save our public property & at the same time not to cause inconvenience to a guest, I took your feet on to my lap".

Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District

To Host

Kiwanis International Convention

Toronto 2016

June 23 – June 26, 2016



It is an honour to be hosting the **Kiwanis International Convention** in **Toronto** this year. This is our opportunity to show our strong and diverse District to our fellow Kiwanians from around the world. We will need “**all hands on deck**” as we look to have approximately 300 volunteers from our District to ensure that our Convention is a valuable, worthwhile and enjoyable experience for our visitors. Please consider spending some time helping to make the Toronto/EC&C experience one our visitors will never forget.

Registration for the Convention is now open on the Kiwanis International website. **Register early to take advantage of the substantial discount for EC&C volunteers.** Once you have registered go to the volunteer website and select the area where you would like to help. You can volunteer at <http://kiwanis.ivolunteer.com/toronto> .

We have many great reasons to be a part of the Convention this year. Please check the Kiwanis International website for details. (Kiwanisone.org). Check out the blog at the bottom of the site. Currently we have featured our Keynote Speaker, **Col. Chris Hadfield**, astronaut, Commander of the International Space Station; author, musician and proud Canadian. Follow the link to his amazing performance of **David Bowie's** song, “Space Oddity”, performed and filmed while on the Space Station. Future blog posts will highlight some of the restaurants, places of interest and things to do while in Toronto, at the Convention. Please look for updates as we get closer to the Convention.

Laura Somerville

George Rowell

Co-Chairs, Host Committee, Toronto 2016

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Download the Kiwanis Brand Book at Kiwanis.org/brand.

WHAT'S YOUR BRAND IQ?

THINK YOU KNOW HOW TO BRAND YOUR KIWANIS CLUB CORRECTLY? WE HOPE SO. BUT SEE HOW YOU DO WITH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Which of the following is the correct Kiwanis logo?

Hint: There can only be one.



TRUE or FALSE?

- ① The Kiwanis motto is: Serving the children of the world.
- ② Stretching the Kiwanis logo to fit the space on your flier is OK.
- ③ Backside shots and big checks make great storytelling photographs.



CLUB LOGO FIRST AID+

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Answers: logo C; 1. True 2. False 3. False

Pledge for Parity - International Women's Day

The Wexford House was packed to capacity on March 9, 2016 as members and guests enjoyed an awe inspiring evening at the Kiwanis Club of Providence's meeting where International Women's Day was being celebrated; under the theme "Pledging for Parity".

Four ladies from non-traditional roles such as a house hold helper, female taxi operator, female security guard and a female school warden were recognized for their years of selfless service to society. Some of the ladies were moved to tears by the honor bestowed on them.



The honorees were Mrs Inez Foster, Ms Melrose Patterson, Ms Aneita Veronica McInnis and Ms Barbara Gardner. The back row from left to right – Chairman Marshalee Hutchinson, President Audrey Watson, LG Martin Taylor and Director Mervena for community services.



Inductee Rene Melbourne third from left.

The night also included the induction of our newest member – Rene Melbourne sponsored by Director Nadine Spence, where she pledges her support for parity. It was truly an evening to remember! Lets continue to lobby for equality for women in all areas.

Kiwanis Club of Providence contributes to the fight against Cancer

The Kiwanis Club of Providence turned over a check in the sum of \$300,000 to the Jamaica Cancer Society at our meeting held on March 23, 2016.

Oncologist Dr. Andre Williams accepted the donation on behalf the Jamaica Cancer Society of which he is also a member.

This donation was part of the proceeds garnered from our club's annual Breast Cancer Walk/Run which was held in October 2015. Our club continues to show its pledge to help the Jamaica Cancer Society assist persons in the fight against this dreaded disease.

