



Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District



# Newsletter

March 2016

## Governor's Message

All of my official visits have been completed now that I have visited Division 27 in Martinique, Division 27C in Guadeloupe and my home Division 4. I want to thank LG's Frederic Rose-Elie, Ines Marinho, and Paul Fish for their efforts in making the visits so successful and interesting. I hesitate to name any more Kiwanians because I know that I would miss someone. But, just because the official visits are completed, it does not mean that the next few months will be without challenges and excitement.



In April, the District is bringing a number of Club counsellors and LGE's together for some updated information on the Formula. This time is designed to help with some actual methods on how to help strengthen clubs and build new clubs. Our membership growth in EC&C overall is stagnant right now, most of which is caused by the death of members. We all need to remember to ASK someone to become a Kiwanian by showing that we Love our Club, we Share our Kiwanis experience and we Live our lives as Kiwanians. Club elections should be finalized and the information submitted to Kiwanis International now.

May brings the excitement of our District Convention where almost 300 Kiwanians have already registered to attend. It is not too late to join us in that celebration weekend. May and June are the ideal times to build your SLP relationships for next fall.

June is the time when Kiwanians from all over the world gather in Toronto for our International Convention. I hope to see many of you there as well. It is also the time for your club leadership training to take place.

July and August are times when many of our clubs slow their activities down but it is an ideal time to consider a new service project to heighten our visibility in your community and search out new members. Clubs should also be working on their budgets for the 2016-2017 Kiwanis year. September is the time to ramp up for the fall, inducting new members and completing the chartering of your new clubs.

Working to Serve the Children of the World, I remain

**Allen Ure**  
**Governor**

## From the Editor's Desk



Preparations are currently under way for our Kiwanis One Day (April 2), where all Kiwanians around the world join in a day of work that will greatly impact the children our communities. I look forward to the sharing of stories and photos in the next Newsletter.

It is countdown to Hamilton 100 years - District Convention, May 11-14. Remember to register <http://www.kiwanisec.org/2016-district-convention/>. It is one great celebration you do not want to miss.

Please remember to send your stories/articles for publication to [callu78@hotmail.com](mailto:callu78@hotmail.com).

In Kiwanis Service  
Merdina Callum

## Trivia Challenge Night Out Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll

What a great night for Trivia Challenge. Eighteen teams took part in the semi-annual event that brings together a motley gathering of trivia nuts in and around Ingersoll. The first place winners, The Ageless Wonders were too shy to have their picture taken. Too bad as they lost a chance to gain another few minutes of fame. The categories that challenged included: Royalty, Geography, Bridges, This and That, Canadian TV, Mathematics, Literature, Nerds, Miscellaneous, and What happened in 2015.

The manufacturers of the questions led by Kiwanian Bill Martin, learned a lot about the kinds of questions that gave participants the most difficulty either because of the obscurity of the trivia and how the questions were worded. However, with a range of marks from 83 to 54, the results do show a relatively good mixture of questions to have such a spectrum of marks.

The next Trivia Challenge will take place on November 19th.



Steve McComb (8 Guys) 2nd place, and MC, what's his name?



Emily Cude ((Transitions to Less Waste) 3rd place, & MC, same guy.



Don and Bill enjoying the time.



Our hardworking crew (Murray?) behind the scenes to keep us alive during trivia.

# LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

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# Kiwanis Visibility

Visibility in the community & attractive signage is an important ingredient of Kiwanis success.

Fredericton Kiwanis is pictured here in action February 13, 2016 at the Regent Mall Fredericton with Kiwanian Burt Green & Club Treasurer & Key Leader advisor Peter Curtis promoting Kiwanis Fredericton "Band Blast 2016" event for week of May 13 by selling draw tickets on over \$1700 worth of donated prizes & tickets for a Lasagna Dinner on April 12.

Also being promoted are the upcoming Key Leader Camp Argonaut events scheduled for May 6 to 8 as well as September 30-October 2, 2016.

Almost 26,000 Key Leaders have completed Key Leader training worldwide since it began in 2005 . Kiwanis of Fredericton is proud to have participated in this annually since 2008 . Kiwanis Fredericton is indebted to Covey Basics Post Net for creating & contributing financially toward the cost of the attractive signage.

Burt Green of Fredericton Kiwanis



## District Convention

### 2016 District Convention

Hamilton, Ontario



This coming May, Kiwanians from one end of our great District to the other will be descending on Hamilton, Ontario to help celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis in Canada.

Come, be part of the celebration.

Find out all that there is to know about our upcoming convention, and register on line here:

[Register for our Hamilton Convention Here](#)



## 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. (Kiwansone.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

## News: Education Committee



When last did you recommit yourself to our wonderful service organisation? This may be a great time to conduct this exercise within your Clubs. Here are a few points that you may wish to discuss.

Regularly attending meetings - 75% attendance should be your personal goal

- Committing some personal time to the club's community activities
- Inviting at least one guest to a membership meeting per year and sponsoring membership when appropriate
- If sponsoring a new member, be active in the education of that member about Kiwanis
- Supporting your Kiwanis Division, District and International goals and activities by attending Divisional Council meetings, Regional meetings, District and/or International Conventions. **Have you booked to attend the Eastern Canada & Caribbean Convention in Hamilton, May 12 - 14, 2016 or the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, June 23 - 26, 2016?**

Be guided by the 6 Objects of Kiwanis International.

Further information on how you can recommit to Kiwanis, can be found on the EC&C Website <http://www.kiwanisec.org/education> - [What Are My Responsibilities to Kiwanis](#). This module was created by the District Education Committee and we encourage you to share it with your members. Make it a fun exercise and be sure to send us your feedback at [s.donald@cogeco.ca](mailto:s.donald@cogeco.ca).

Thank you for exploring the modules that we have created for you.

## *Inspirational*

A crow lived in the forest and was absolutely satisfied in life. But one day he saw a swan. "This swan is so white," he thought, "and I am so black. This swan must be the happiest bird in the world."

He expressed his thoughts to the swan. "Actually," the swan replied, "I was feeling that I was the happiest bird around until I saw a parrot, which has two colors. I now think the parrot is the happiest bird in creation." The crow then approached the parrot. The parrot explained, "I lived a very happy life until I saw a peacock. I have only two colors, but the peacock has multiple colors."

The crow then visited a peacock in the zoo and saw that hundreds of people had gathered to see him. After the people had left, the crow approached the peacock. "Dear peacock," the crow said, "you are so beautiful. Every day thousands of people come to see you. When people see me, they immediately shoo me away. I think you are the happiest bird on the planet."

The peacock replied, "I always thought that I was the most beautiful and happy bird on the planet. But because of my beauty, I am entrapped in this zoo. I have examined the zoo very carefully, and I have realized that the crow is the only bird not kept in a cage. So for past few days I have been thinking that if I were a crow, I could happily roam everywhere."

That's our problem too. We make unnecessary comparison with others and become sad. We don't value what God has given us. This all leads to the vicious cycle of unhappiness. Learn to be happy in what you have instead of looking at what you don't have. There will always be someone who will have more or less than you have. Person who is satisfied with what he/she has, is the happiest person in the world.

