

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



# Kiwaniis®

Eastern Canada & Caribbean District

# Newsletter

January  
**2017**



Happy Birthday  
Kiwaniis

January 21, 1915 - January 21, 2017

Energize  
the dream



Governor Phil Rossy

## Editor's Note

Whew! What a year it was. Despite the many challenges it was good to be around to witness the historic changes that took place the world over - some welcoming and some were just shockers but historic anyway.



As we usher in 2017, hoping for a better year, there is one constant for Kiwanians and that is the commitment to improve the world One Child, One Community at a time. I believe most of us stay committed to this cause because of the fulfillment it gives to see how someone's world can change for the better just by a "simple" deed.

Sharing your stories can also inspire, give hope or even change a life, so let us keep the good news going. Tell us what is happening in your neck of the wood.

Email those stories to [callu8@hotmail.com](mailto:callu8@hotmail.com)

In Kiwanis service,

Merdina Callum



First Builders



Christmas Baby Love



Health Fair



Smile Makers



Christmas Treats



Big Vision



**DISTRICT  
AWARDS**

2015 - 2016

happy  
new year  
2017

## Governor's Message

My Fellow Kiwanians:

Sometimes in the hustle of the holiday season, it's easy to become overwhelmed with yet one more thing to do, one more event to attend, one more meeting to schedule. That's why it's important--especially at this time of year—to “press pause” and remember why we do what we do as Kiwanians.



We do what we do, because kids need us. They need us to help them reach their full potential and to thrive, knowing they are safe, happy, healthy and loved.

So when life gets hectic, take a moment and think about a child you've helped, or a child who benefitted from a club event or fundraiser. Without your handprint in that child's life, where would that child be? You have much to be grateful for—family, friends, and Kiwanis club members—but does that child have everything he or she needs to live a healthy, prosperous life?

Keep that child's face in your heart over the holidays and throughout the New Year for 2017, and remember that's why we do what we do. Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs you. Thank you for everything you do for Kiwanis. We are improving the world, one child and one community at a time. And we couldn't do it without you!

On behalf of all of us in our great Kiwanis District of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean, I wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year for 2017 as we *continue to “Energize The Dream” that every child will grow up, happy, healthy, safe and loved!!*

*Phil Rossy  
Governor 2016-17*



*“Energize The Dream.....that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved.”  
#KidsNeedKiwanis*

# First Builders Club In Sarnia-Lambton

P.E. McGibbon Public School has partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Sarnia-Lambton Golden K in establishing a Builders Club.

Principal Ben Hazzard says it's an international, student-led organization for grades 6 to 8 students that helps build leaders through service. "Right now the Builders Club is hosting luncheons for seniors at our library," says Hazzard. "It's been a great opportunity for cross-generational learning. Certainly our students learn a lot and the seniors from various different homes enjoy talking to the young people as well."



There are 22 members of the first Builders Club in Sarnia-Lambton.

The students will develop and carry out service projects for their school and community with the help of staff and members of the Golden K Kiwanis Club.

By [Lee Michaels](#)  
December 20, 2016 7:21am  
Carried on the local news station



## Financial Support for Camp Argonaut

Tim Fox, Executive Director of the Fredericton Community Foundation, presents a cheque for \$2500 in support of Fredericton Kiwanis Key Leader students attending the May 2017 Kiwanis Key Leader Camp Argonaut.

This is the third year that the Fredericton Community Foundation has contributed to the Key Leader Camp Argonaut spring program.

Kiwanis is most appreciative of this show of support for such an important and worthy initiative making a difference for the youth of this community.



Submissions for District Awards for Immediate past Governor Allen's year, 2015-2016, are being accepted until Jan 31, 2017.

Please go to the ECC website under Documents to see which awards your club can submit for.

All submissions should be electronically sent to District Awards Chair, DLG Bob Bogardis at the following email address - [robertbogardis@gmail.com](mailto:robertbogardis@gmail.com).

Don't miss out in getting your club recognized for its achievements.

Thanks,

Bob

## Christmas in Fort-de-France

**P**hilippe, Claude D, Daniel M et Frédéric R.S handled over clothes, towels, sheets, etc. to EHPAD Emma VENTURA on Wednesday Dec. 7, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the laundry in the presence of Mrs Desportes, President. It was an intense moment as hosts truly have nothing. Wonderful humanitarian action.

Operation 1000 gifts, in partnership with Martinique Première and with the support the singer GUY VADELEUX. This great operation collected almost 4300 gifts. The Kiwanis Club of Fort-de-France has been able to distribute gifts to the children of CCAS of Schœlcher and Fort-de-France, to Kiwanis Clubs in Martinique and to a twelve children family.



On Wednesday Dec. 21, 2016, the Kiwanis Club of Fort-de-France gave some Christmas Baskets. They made many happy families in those days preceding the Season's celebrations.

# SMALL TOWN CLUB WITH A BIG VISION

**T**he Kiwanis Club of St Andrews has 15 members and runs a very busy Campground in conjunction with the Town of St Andrews. This provides a substantial net income each year which is distributed to community groups and individuals and for community projects.

In 2016 the club distributed some \$45,000 to many local groups.

In addition to these mostly recurring donations, there were a few last minute requests that were approved by the membership which included:

- \$10,000 to assist a local nursing home build a much needed addition...it is worth noting that the Kiwanis Club was the driving force behind building this nursing home
- \$5,000 to assist a local historic society shore up a National Historic Site with urgent repairs
- \$20,000 over three years to provide the local curling club with the seed money necessary to host a National Youth Curling Bonspiel

The Kiwanis Club also organized or participated in a number of charitable events throughout the year including:

- ◆ **Christmas baskets for Seniors:** The Kiwanis Club of St Andrews has established a tradition of personally delivering Christmas baskets to any senior in the community that is alone, as a means of showing that the community cares.
- ◆ **Kiwanis Kids Costume Carnival:** This is another tradition stemming back to the 1950s where a costume skating party is held in February each year for the children in the community.



Past President Guy Groulx opens the door and children line up for gifts and prizes.

- ◆ **Easter Egg Hunt:** Every Easter the Kiwanis sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt which is held at the Town Fire Hall
- ◆ **Triathlon:** The Kiwanis Club of St Andrews mans a water station in the St Andrews Triathlon.

In addition to these donations, the Club partnered with the Town of St Andrews and completed phase III of the Van Horne Trail along the old historic railway line at a cost of over \$90,000.

During the year, The Club also applied successfully to the Federal Government for grant support for the extension of the Van Horne Trail. Approval for matching funds in excess of \$100,000 was announced in the Fall.



Karen Ludwig, M.P., Mike Fitzgerald and Mayor Doug Naish help cut the ribbon for the new Trail.

# Hundreds Benefit from Kiwanis Health Fair

For the second consecutive year, the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay in collaboration with Be Well Consultants hosted a Diabetes Awareness Health Fair in Sam Sharpe Square, Montego Bay. Residents across the parish came out in droves on November 5, 2016 to access the health services that were being offered free of charge. At the end of the day a total of 715 tests were administered inclusive of HIV, blood sugar, blood pressure and eye exams.



“This health fair is an important project for us. So many persons are affected by Diabetes and we believe it is important for us to shed light on the disease, said Yolanda Granston, president of the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay. “It is a rewarding feeling to see the impact of the fair and number of persons who have benefitted from the free tests”, Granston said.



Throughout the day there was a steady flow of persons eager to capitalise on the free services. One woman pleaded with a volunteer to allow her

to cut the line because she had left her stall unattended but couldn't miss the opportunity to get the free tests.

As part of the offerings, Nutritionist Rosalee Brown delivered an informative presentation about diabetes prevention and control. She urged the audience to reduce the risk of diabetes by improving blood sugar control.

Vice Chairman of community service projects, Hugh Miller explained that the health fair is the club's signature project and was made possible through sponsorship from the National Health Fund and Be Well Consultants – a health management company that operates out of Florida in the United States of America. To broaden the scope and impact of the fair, this year, the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay partnered with Red Cross to increase the number of tests.

“Additionally, the club's in-house doctor and member Dr Courtney Williams provided eye screening while other club members, partners and friends volunteered their time and services to make the fair a success”, noted Miller. Miller was quick to underscore the club's gratitude to other sponsors such as Di Foto Shoppe, Events Tents and Party Rentals and St. James Health department.

The members of Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay were encouraged by the turn-out. The feedback has been positive and Granston has promised to explore ways to make the health fair even more impactful next year.

## CHRISTMAS BABY LOVE

 On Christmas morning, Kiwanis Division 23 East led by Lieutenant Governor Eileen Hooper-Donaldson energized the team in large numbers to bring joy and welcome the new borns into the world at the Victoria Jubilee Hospital in Kingston, Jamaica. The Christmas babies were gifted with their first present from the Kiwanis movement.

Project leader Audrey Brown expressed appreciation to Carimed and Lullabye Brand Team led by Kaydeon Thomas, Brand Manager for their many gift items; National Commercial Bank Insurance Company for the Omni Insurance Gift Certificates, presented to the first girl and first boy born on Christmas morning, the crib from Answers for Children courtesy its proprietor, Kiwanian Marilyn Beckford, Indigo Soul who presented gifts to the mother of the first born and the Matron of the Hospital.

The 19 clubs in the Division also took on the role of Santa Claus as they doled out baskets of goodies from their clubs to the babies and their parents.

There was much gratitude from the recipients and the doctors and nurses at the hospital.



Baby Nic-Kera was the first baby born to proud parents, third left Izakera Wright with her bundle of joy and father Nicoye Hall beaming down on his daughter with pride. From left are Christopher Vendryes, Manager-NCB, Matron Blackwood, Lieutenant Governor Eileen and Kaydeon Thomas, Brand Manager - CARIMED.

**THE FORMULA** 

[kiwanis.org/theformula](http://kiwanis.org/theformula)

LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.



**Kiwanis**

# Kiwanis Club of Aruba's 2016 in Review

The Kiwanis Club of Aruba has had a successful 2016 full of service projects, fellowship, and putting smiles on the faces of more than 300 children through out the entire year.

Take a look at some of the highlights of Kiwanis Club of Aruba's biggest projects and events that took place in 2016.

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Aruba family, we would like to extend our best wishes and a prosperous 2017 to all fellow Kiwanians of the E&CC District and all over the world. Thank you for choosing to be part of the largest service organization dedicated to serving the children of the world, one community, one project, one child at a time.



## Sinterklaas celebration – December 2016

A few of our club members went around the neighborhoods of Aruba to pay a visit to the children by giving goodie bags and gifts along with our Zwarte Pietjes



Kiwanis Club of Aruba donates Awg 2000,- to Wilhelmina Kankerfonds Foundation



Kiwanis Club of Aruba donates Awg 10,000 to the Red Cross Aruba to help cover expenses caused by the unexpected severe weather on Aruba

This year the Key Club of Colegio Arubano celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Kiwanis Club of Aruba together with the key clubbers organized a reunion party of all of the Key Club alumni members and current Key Club members. During the event, there was also a 'down the memory lane' hall with 40 years worth of pictures and Key Club memories.



Oscar Antonette Outstanding Student Recognition Colegio San Nicolaas November 2016



The Clint Whitfield Outstanding Awards is a yearly award handed over by the Kiwanis Club to exemplary students at Colegio Arubano. These students are not only chosen for their academic results but also for their personal qualities and achievements.



Smile Makers Project: Dental cleaning and check ups for over more than 20 children



## Bikes Back 2 Life Project

With this project the club will collect unused bicycles from the community, refurbish the bikes and give them back to the needy children in our community between the ages of 5 to 15.

Last July the club handed over 16 bikes to children of the San Nicolas area. We are now collecting bikes to be distributed in other neighborhoods on the island and we are therefore reaching out to the Aruban community for their cooperation with this project.

LG recognition for Eliminate contribution, new club opened and new projects (Bon Bista and Bikes Back 2 Life)



## Christmas Treats Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay

It is the tradition of the Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay to bring Christmas cheer to the kids during the yuletide season. And so in December, the YCPO Committee treated over 70 children, between the ages of 2 and 5, at the Triumph Basic and Retirement Basic Schools - two depressed inner city communities in Montego Bay. The children were feted with snacks including cake and ice cream and each child was given a Christmas present. The smiling faces on receiving the treats were enough to warm the hearts of the several members who turned out to make the treat a success.

The Club also assisted the several SLP Clubs in making the indigent, in their respective communities, happy for Christmas. Each Builders Club identified a needy individual and basket of groceries were presented to them at their respective schools.



Treasurer Phyllis hands out Christmas presents to the children



Mt. Salem Primary and Junior High Builders Club makes a presentation to Mr. Spence.



Convention 2017



Registration for the Ottawa District Convention from May 17-20, 2017 is now open. Here is the link to register!! <https://kiwanis.cpdesk.ca/default.aspx>. Please use your email address as your username and the password is KIWANIS. The website address is [www.ecc2017.org](http://www.ecc2017.org). for full details including the agenda and other important information.