



Eastern Canada and The Caribbean Newsletter

December Message – Governor Allen



By the time you read this, it will be 2016! I hope that you can build on our successes in the first 3 months of our Kiwanis year. Membership has grown in this quarter and new adult and SLP clubs have been opened. I want to thank all those who have had such a great effect in making this growth happen. The one word that seems to work the best in recruiting members

or building clubs seems to be ASK. You have no chance of growing if you don't ask a friend to join us in Kiwanis.

I encourage every club to find a way to be represented at the District convention in May. We have two important elections, each of which are being contested, so your club votes are important. As I have mentioned previously, GE Phil has planned some wonderful forums to engage Kiwanians. The convention website should be fully operational by mid-January. Remember all the functions will be in CANADIAN dollars this year.

I am posting the following information that I found in the latest Kiwanis Magazine that relates to Kiwanians travelling to Canada, whether for the District Convention in May, the International Convention in June or for vacation purposes: Canada has introduced a new entry requirement known as an eTA for exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air. On March 15, 2016 this entry requirement will become mandatory and travellers will need an eTA before they can board a flight to Canada.

Visit cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp to find out if you need an eTA to travel to Conventions. Please note that this requirement does not apply to US citizens.

Entry requirements for other methods of travel such as land or sea have not changed.

Eligible travellers can apply at Canada.ca/eTA. You will need



Message from the Editor

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As I write this, it is still 2015. The year of 2016 is a particularly historic one for Kiwanians in Canada – the 100th anniversary of the first Canadian Club. Wow!

I should note that despite most of the newsletter being completed on December 28, you will not likely receive it until some time in the middle of January.

As I have been asked to wait for a couple of submissions, it will likely be early January before I have it completed and then it has to be translated and sent out in our two official languages through the EC&C office. This all takes time.

Why am I telling you this? Because some of you have asked, that's why. Thus, now in late 2015, I am wishing you all a very happy new year, even though you may not see it until much later.

Thanks for all you do.

Yours in Kiwanis
Randy Ross

your passport, a credit card and an email address. The cost is \$7 CAD to get an eTA which is valid for up to five years.

Working to Serve the Children of the World, I remain,

Allen We
Governor

Youth Protection Guidelines

Kiwanis International recommends each club educate members annually on these guidelines. It is important all members review these guidelines and treat the youth we serve with respect.

- Kiwanis youth programs have more than 300,000 members.
- Working with youth = trust.
- Kiwanians should act with the highest standards of care and treat all Kiwanis family members with respect.
- The objective of this training is to protect our members and the youth we serve.
- Anyone who is chaperoning youth must be 21 years of age or older and approved by the school or agency sponsoring the event.
- All Kiwanis advisors to a sponsored leadership programme (Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, Builders Club, K-Kids) are required to have a criminal background check.
- Any member attending, chaperoning or facilitating a Key Leader event is required to have a background check completed by Kiwanis International.
- For overnight stays at events such as Key Leader or convention there must be at least one chaperone per 10 youth of each gender. Example: 15 girls and 8 boys attend convention requires 2 adult female chaperones and one adult male chaperone.
- When transporting youth there should be a second adult in the vehicle. Rule of three – two adults and one youth – this protects the adults and the youth.
- Medication – an adult may not give a youth medication, even over the counter medication without written permission from the youth's parent or guardian.
- Adults must refrain from using alcohol or tobacco when with the youth we serve.

Interaction with Service Leadership Programme members

- Greet them with a handshake only – no hugging or arm around them
- You may have known them or their family for years – still no touching
- The youth, especially young girls are not comfortable with adults touching them in any way

Youth and social media

- Adults should not initiate "friendships" or connections
- Interactions are public

Tidbits



At the Monday, November 23, Kiwanis Fredericton 71st Charter Night Celebration Dinner, Kiwanis International Walter Zeller Fellowship Awards were presented to Kiwanis Fredericton members Bill Cockburn [left] & Burton Green in recognition of their significant service to Kiwanis of Fredericton & their role in promoting the Eliminate Maternal & Neo Natal Tetanus Project of Kiwanis International / UNICEF.

Walter Zeller, the founder of the Zeller chain stores, played a major role as a philanthropist & Kiwanis member in the early work of Kiwanis International. He is credited in 1940 with making the first donation of \$25 Canadian silver dollars to the Kiwanis International Foundation beginning a fund that has subsequently underwritten many life altering worldwide service projects making a difference for the children of the world.

LE CLUB KIWANIS LE GENIPA ET LES ASSOCIATIONS DE LA VILLE DE DUCOS



On Saturday December 5, the KIWANIS CLUB the GASCON and the ASSOCIATIONS in the town of DUCOS, united to organize a day of action. The Kiwanis Club the Genipa wished to raise awareness about this disease that is Myopathy and raise funds for the Telethon. Myopathy is a family of diseases that affect the muscles. Myopathy may have a genetic origin, affecting the production of proteins involved in the formation of muscles and which leads to disability.

From December 2-5, the solidarity of the population to help us for the success of this project was very well heard:

- The school football team organized a tournament of soccer parents/educators, 60 children aged 6 to 11 years, organized a collection of donations.
- Non-stop tennis with young people, schoolchildren and adults
- A challenge bike, challenge judo, challenge dancing and challenge Gym
- Nearly 100 children have created tables in the colours of the Telethon, tables that were used in the decoration of the podium; they have also made a string of balloons, always in the colours of the Telethon
- Members of the Kiwanis Club the Genipa gave meaning to their voluntary commitment, forging links with other volunteers in a local dynamics.

Christmas at the Dartmouth Child Development Centre, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia



Eighteen Elves (members of the Woodlawn-Westphal Builders Club) turned up to help Santa out at the Dartmouth Developmental Centre. The DCDC is primarily for special young children (Young Children Priority One), so this is an important event for us (Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn). "Inclusion" as a value, supports the right of all children, regardless of their diverse abilities, to participate actively in natural settings within their communities. A natural setting is one in which the child would spend time had he or she not had a

disability.

The DCDC was pre-warned warned that Santa would be arriving with all the Elves from the North Pole, this was by far the biggest turnout we have ever had. The Elves did a great job, everyone seemed happy and we all had some fun.

There were some 62 Children. While there were some interesting reactions to old Santa Jack, they were amazed with the Elves.

The Centre's Director was quite impressed that so many young people (Elves) would volunteer to do something like this - especially on their own free time (it was after school). Great job from the members of the Woodlawn-Westphal Builders Club/Caledonia Junior High School.

From Governor-Elect Phil Rossy

The Fellow Kiwanians,

Happy New Year for 2016!! I wish all of you a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. My message this month is simple....."**Be kind to each other all year long**" With that in mind, I want to reissue a message sent to me by our KI President Elect, Jane Erickson.



2016 Resolutions

By Jane Erickson, KI President-elect

The topic was New Year's resolutions. I was standing in a check-out lane listening to 3 teenage girls talking about their new year's resolutions to lose weight, change fitness levels, do their homework, and quit arguing with their siblings. One teenager was babysitting her younger sister who was about 6-7 years old. When they asked her what her resolution was she simply stated, "To be nice." The teenagers giggled and patted her on the back for such a simple resolution. I pondered the potential good in that simple resolution. This is listed in our

Governor-elect Agreement, to be nice, to show compassion for each other and build that into all relationships.

So what WOULD life be like if we were simply nicer to people? How would our lives be different? Would they be better? How would Kiwanis and your club and your District be different? Just consider the possibilities. We might have more fun, higher attendance, more members, and even serve more children! I think it's worth a try. Do you? What will you resolve to do differently this year? Here's something to get you started.....

- 2 In which 2 ways will you be nicer this year and how will you do this?
- 0 What do you wish to stop doing this year and how will you accomplish this?
- 1 List one person with whom you wish to strengthen your relationship with and how will you do this?
- 6 List 6 ways to keep a positive attitude about being nice, living life and Kiwanis every day.