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My Fellow Kiwanians,

The new Kiwanis Year has begun! On behalf of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean Board, thank you for renewing your membership in this great organization, as we improve the world one child, one community at a time.

We are proud of the many achievements over the 2016-2017 year, we look forward to the continued success in our service leadership programs, strengthening existing clubs and building new ones.

As your Governor for the ensuing year, I have pledged to assist and support all our Lieutenant Governors in achieving their goals through effective communication and reducing the number of deletions from our clubs this year.

To our Club Presidents “Committees are the life blood of Clubs”. It simply means that all committees should engage every club member in service while we have fun. We must focus on making Service our Passion.

Josephine and I will be your hosts for our District Convention (May 17-19, 2018) in Montego Bay, Jamaica, which we call home. I extend a special welcome to every Kiwanian to come, love the vibes, share the spirit and live the experience.

Your Servant Leader,

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“Service is Our Passion”
#KidsNeedKiwanis
Editor’s Notes

Congratulations to all Kiwanis leaders who have taken on the challenge to continue the work of this noble movement – improving the world one child, one community at a time.

There are so many varying issues facing the children of the world to whom we are sworn to serve but we must not be daunted as we cannot afford to fail them. Recently, our local newspaper carried a story about the prevalence of bullying in our schools. The statistics given were that 70 percent of bullying takes place on playgrounds and that almost 30 percent of children fear attending school because of bullying.

Bullying affects kids negatively and can lead to poor grades, dropping out of school and even suicide. Kiwanis International has taken a stance against bullying and has provided educational information and posters to assist in fighting bullying in schools and communities. Visit http://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/service-leadership/bullying-resources to learn more.

Let’s join the fight to end bullying…Let’s do it for our children…Let’s do it for the love.

In Kiwanis service,

Merdina Callum
Over thirty years ago Robert “Bobby” Sylvester Moo-Young decided he wanted to be a part of a group where he could give back of his talent and time to his community and country. The decision was easily made for him when he was invited to a Kiwanis meeting. He totally enjoyed the experience of how the members immerse themselves in the projects undertaken and how “hands-on” they were. The passion with which they serve and the fellowship of the members were the icing on the cake - he was sold on Kiwanis at that meeting.

Fast track to 2017, Governor Bobby, with that same passion has served as a Kiwanian in various capacities from Chairman, Director, President of his club, Lieutenant Governor where he was awarded the Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence status. He is the recipient of many awards – Growth, Spirit of Service, Hixon Fellow Tablet of Honour and the Mel Osbourne Fellow 2016 from Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Awards.

He has also served as District Administrator for Circle K, Regional Trustee and has chaired several committees within the organization.

Bobby’s goals align with the advancement of technology which he plans to use to strengthen the clubs through increased communications, increase in new clubs and retention of membership including that of the SLPs. He notes that the world has changed and urges members of Kiwanis to embrace the change as it can only augurs well in attracting younger persons to join the clubs and stay the course.

Governor Bobby is an Electrical Engineer and a company director. He is married to Josephine and is father to 3 children – Jaime, Laurence and Robyn. His hobbies are badminton, fishing and weekends away with the family.
Help for student in distress

The Kiwanis Club of Cœur de Créole received a distress call from a student whose situation was desperate. His father is handicapped and his mother seriously ill.

He received his Bachelor degree and wished to keep up his studies. The High School attended helped him to find an apartment and other steps have been taken for him to join «La Métropole» for his studies.

Our club offered him an assistance of €200 on his departure and our Board of Directors made the decision to send him a cheque in the amount €150 each quarter.

President Sandra Collier of the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex in London introducing Lieutenant Governor for Division Four, Doug McGregor during the installation ceremony of the 2017-2018 Club officers.
Getting ready for your trip to Jamaica to the EC&C District Convention in May 2018, get your Passports ready and follow this space as we help you prepare for what is going to be your most exciting District Convention.

As a part of its CANADA 150 celebration, the Kiwanis Club of Nipissing inducted a number of North Bay Artists who represent a variety of mediums into the Kiwanis Walk of Fame.

In photo from left are Member of Parliament Anthony Rota, inductees Keith Campbell - clay artist, Breen LeBoeuf - first musician inducted, Dion Eng representing Ed Eng - first photographer inducted and Globe and Mail Health Reporter and author Andre Picard.
Governor Bobby visits Kiwanis Club of Huntsville

Governor Bobby addressing the audience at Kiwanis Club of Huntsville in Canada press conference during an official visit. He said that this is what we need in the world today; adults who mentor kids to grow up with values that Kiwanis cherish and respect.

President Brittany sharing her passion for Kiwanis and what it can mean to Huntsville at the press conference. She said the members of the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville have come together for a common purpose and that’s children. She noted that the needs for children in the area are great and although there are great organizations that come to bat for them the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville will be another soldier in the fight for the kids.

Governor Bobby presenting coffee from Jamaica to the Mayor of Huntsville, Scott Aitchison. Mayor Aitchison pledged his full support to the children in the community during the press conference which was organized by Kiwanian Kelly Haywood, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

Governor Bobby and LG Steph posing with the iconic Tom Thompson bronze statue in front of Huntsville Town Hall.
Meet Kiwanis International President
James “Jim” Rochford

James “Jim” Rochford has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Peoria, Illinois, for 36 years, where he has served as club president. *During his time with Kiwanis, he has personally invited 1,500 new members to the service club and has opened 105 new Kiwanis clubs.*

Kiwanis International is a global service organization with more than 700,000 members, all dedicated to helping children in their communities and in communities around the world. Kiwanis clubs sponsor youth leadership programs for students in elementary, middle and high schools, and at colleges and universities, by giving students the opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills while performing volunteer services.

President Jim has served in Kiwanis district leadership roles and has been an advisor for high school Key Clubs and Kiwanis university-level Circle K clubs. He is a certified trainer and is a George F. Hixson and a Walter Zeller fellow.

Outside of Kiwanis, Jim has been Tri-County Citizen of the Year, has received the JC Penney/Golden Rule Award and is a past president of the Peoria Jaycees. He is founder and president of the Peoria Irish AAU basketball program.

President Jim is an attorney. He and his wife Debra, have two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

Governor Bobby is flanked by Sandra Davis at left, president of Kiwanis Club of New Kingston and at right Sharon Williams, Division 23 East Lieutenant Governor who is also a member of the New Kingston club. The occasion was the club’s installation and changing of the guard.

Governor Bobby greets Lieutenant Governor Dwight Lawrence from Division 25 at a joint installation of the Kiwanis Clubs of Browns Town, Georges Buff Bay, Moneague, Port Maria, Ocho Rios, Port Antonio and St Mary which was held in Ocho Rios.
The 1st Division caucus was held on Saturday October 14, 2017, at the Les Ailes Gourmandes Restaurant in Raizet Abymes. The new Lieutenant Governor Eliane ANDRE-LUBIN reminded us of the Principles of Kiwanis which are the commitments regarding everyone, mostly children, as promoted by our motto «Serving the Children of the World».

She delivered a citation from Mother Teresa: «It is true that what we realize is only a drop of water compared to the ocean. But without this small drop, something would be missing to the ocean». She feels that together, we can ensure that this small drop becomes more and more important to the ocean.

During this meeting and with the attendance of Marie-José Henry, DPLG of the K.C. Soleil and the K.C. Fleur de Cannelle in Division 27, LG Eliane ANDRE-LUBIN introduced the new Division Board, its program and its budget 2017/2018. One of the most important projects for this year will be the entertainment of forums by Kiwanians and specialists under the theme of «Self-esteem for youth» in the schools receiving the sponsored programs.

Our senior members, Mr. and Mrs. Dock have also been honoured.

Self-esteem is a decisive factor in students’ academic success. How to instill it in the youths, at school as well as at home?

To answer this question, a conference is planned for November 15, 2017 at the Departmental House at Gosier. It will be opened to all and specifically to the parents and teachers. The entrance is free. The presenters will be Patricia Zamia, clinical psychologist and Laëticia Klein educopsychologist, certified trainer at la Fabrique à Bonheurs Antilles -Guyane.

After the meeting, close to sixty Kiwanians and friends had breakfast in a friendly atmosphere at les Ailes Gourmandes and three new members were inducted. The new members Hélène Kancel, Rosan Galas and Philippe Martin joined the Kiwanis Club of Kahouane de Saint-François. Increasing the membership is one of the Lieutenant Governor’s goals. She invites all persons of goodwill who would like to join us to contact one of the eight clubs in the Division to help us in our projects.
It was a sea of pink as over 500 patrons converged on the Fairview Car Park site early Sunday morning on October 30, for the 8th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run event. It is a signature project of the all-female Kiwanis Club of Providence, Montego Bay and they were once again to make their impact in the Western Section of the Island. With the Event themed “Pink with a Purpose” the momentum of this worthwhile cause was not to be deterred by the inclement weather as everyone was determined to participate in bringing awareness to the many families, friends and individuals that have been affected somewhat by this deadly disease.

The event was a family affair and Brian Brown, the Master of Ceremonies, again pulled out all stops in ensuring that the programme was immaculately executed. In her greetings, President Coleen Lawson-Taylor commented that she was elated at the turnout and pledged the Club’s commitment in making the event a memorable one.

Testimonies were given by cancer survivors and the float with International Artist Pinchers at the control with live disco music was an added attraction this year, creating a booster for the many walkers and runners.

The Kiwanis brand visibility was very high. Individuals were kept hydrated throughout the morning with water, juice and other refreshment provided by various sponsors.

The Kiwanis Club of Providence extends heartfelt congratulations to all the trophy and medal winners and thanks the many sponsors, including title sponsor Bay West Wellness for their generosity in making the event a success. The Club also extends its gratitude to the many patrons and volunteers for their continued participation and wishes to assure them that their contribution will make life better for the many beneficiaries including cancer survivors, Jamaica Cancer Society, the indigent and the children that will be impacted in a positive way.

This signature project of the Club is already earmarked again for October 2018.
Kiwanis Makes Music in the Park

The Kiwanis Club of Forest City-London, in London, Ontario, recently dedicated a new Kiwanis Music Park. This park with seven all-season outdoor percussion instruments is located in Gibbons Park, a city park in northwestern London, Ontario.

Funding partners with Kiwanis were the City of London and the Jack and Barbara Hay Foundation. The dedication ceremony included a magnificent musical rendition of Aaron Copeland's "Simple Gifts" from "Appalachian Spring," performed by the Western University Percussion Ensemble.

The music park has become a popular gathering place, as young and old alike delight in making music on these full-size instruments.

Participants of the “Pink with a Purpose” Breast Cancer Awareness 5K walk/run event organized by Kiwanis Club of Providence in Montego Bay.

President Coleen congratulates one of the proud winners.