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Newsletter

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Governor's Message

Fellow Kiwanians,

It is with a great sense of pride and satisfaction that I report of our accomplishment over this past nine months. We had a successful Convention in Jamaica with a record attendance where we had fun, fellowship and a lot of educational opportunities. On behalf of the EC&C Board a big thank you to our Host Committee and all our volunteers.



At our International Convention, our District signature winning project was highlighted as one of the top thirteen winners in the World. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston on being selected for this. We also made the billboards as one of the top Districts for new members and new Clubs.

There was much to celebrate, but our International Trustee Gary unfortunately was not successful in his bid for Vice President of Kiwanis International. Thank you Int'l Trustee Gary, you have made us proud and we wish you every success in your future endeavors in Kiwanis.

Kiwanians there are 82 days left to complete our Kiwanis year. I encourage you all to be passionate and diligent about these next coming days. Let us strive to finish our year strong so that our District will be resilient for the future and our SLP organizations will continue to grow.

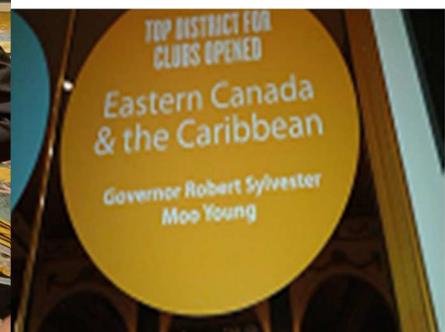
Thank you members of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

Your Servant Leader,

Robert (Bobby) Moo Young
Governor 2017-2018

"Service is Our Passion"
#Kids Need Kiwanis

Congratulations
Governor Bobby and team



From the Desk of IPG Phil

My Fellow Kiwanians.

Here is my report from the 101st District Convention held in Montego Bay, Jamaica May 17-19, 2018.

The convention was attended by 317 voting delegates representing 138 clubs in EC&C
Total numbers of attendees were 507 Kiwanians and 46 guests to total 552 attendees.



105 out of 245 eligible Kiwanis Clubs in our District achieved Distinguished status and Recognition according to the criteria established in 2016-17.

9 out of 27 Divisions and LG's were recognized as Distinguished. They are:

- ◆ DLG David Murray – Division 3
- ◆ DLG Heather Wyatt – Division 5
- ◆ DLG Eileen Hooper-Donaldson – Division 23 East
- ◆ DLG Christine Morgan – Division 23 West
- ◆ DLG Richard Austin – Division 24
- ◆ DLG Allen Causwell – Division 25
- ◆ DLG Gisgard Felida – Division 26
- ◆ DLG Jennifer Hinkson – Division 27
- ◆ DLG Maryse Bertin – Division 27C

Congratulations to all of the Distinguished Divisions, LG's, Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries and Members on an outstanding year of achievement!!

Phil Rossy
Governor 2016-17
"Energize The Dream"

IPG Phil presenting DLG Richard Austin with his award plaque for his "Excellence" status.



ECC District Convention 2018

Montego Bay, Jamaica

It was a busy morning at the Montego Convention Centre as Kiwanians from the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District arrive at the registration counter. Most of the Forums and Workshops were oversubscribed and chairs had to be brought in to accommodate persons wanting to gain information about the different topics being covered.

The evening fast approached and it was time for the Opening Ceremony, which would set the tone for the rest of the Convention.

Excellent, great, enjoyable were some of the adjectives used to describe this event. The

ambience was a reflection of what was to be a fabulous evening and then some. The Cadets were on point with the placement of the various flags and the audience was in high spirit as they took on the Chairman's Challenge and sang the National anthems for the United States and Canada on the discovery that there was a technical



His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Homer Davis welcoming guest to the city of Montego Bay.



Ashe and Silver Bird Steel Band Orchestra in a spirited performance



glitch. We were entertained by Ashe and the Silver Bird Steel Band Orchestra. The Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness who was the guest speaker connected with the audience and hit the right note with his promise to partner with Kiwanis, (see excerpts of his speech below).

“A stronger partnership between the Government and the private sector including service groups, is needed across the region to improve the quality of life of citizens.

Government must work in partnership with the voluntary sector. Volunteerism is an important part of national development and not because it is a philanthropic endeavour, not because it is voluntary, it doesn't mean that it is free. What it means is that someone chooses to absorb the cost so that those who are needy can benefit. It is the ultimate expression of selflessness.

Volunteerism can make Jamaica and by extension the region a better place. Government's position in wanting to partner with private sector such as Kiwanis.

It is a win-win exercise, it is a fair trade. Government therefore should encourage the partnerships and Government wants to partner with all third sector players specifically with the Kiwanis.”



Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness

There is no denying the indelible mark made across the globe by Kiwanis International since its founding in 1915 more than a century ago. The nation deeply appreciates and values the role that the Kiwanis is playing in human development and human capital development specifically.”

Other highlights of the night were the presentations of Citizen of the Year and the Ray Allen Award.

The Kiwanis Citizen of the Year was Mrs. Katrin Casserly who was awarded for her contribution to the parish of Hanover through the Hanover Charities and the Annual Sugar Cane Ball. Some of the projects of this organization are Kitchen of Love a soup kitchen in Lucea feeding more than 600 persons every week, computer labs in primary and high schools across the parish, scholarships to students at the tertiary level, annual health fair, feeding and remedial programmes in various schools, assistance to the West Haven Home for the disabled and abandoned children and many more worthwhile initiatives.



The Ray Allen Memorial Award was presented to DLG Willie Reeson. This award recognizes a Past Lieutenant-Governor who continues to contribute and participate in club and division activities.



Highlight of day two was the K Family Awards Luncheon.

Three past members of the Kiwanis Service Leadership Programmes shared how their lives had been impacted as a result of them serving in KeyClub and Circle K and how it helped to mold them into the successful leaders they are today. Speaking on “Why Kiwanis Matters” were Miss Kemesha Kelly, a Chevening scholar who was the 2018 valedictorian at York University, Mr. Donovan James, the CEO of DHL (Jamaica) and Mr. Hugh Simmonds, an adjunct professor at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada and who recently completed his doctoral thesis. The moderator was Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence Leighton McKnight.



From left, Leighton McKnight, Donovan James, Kemesha Kelly, Anishaka Stewart, Governor, Circle-K Caribbean District, Governor Bobby Moo Young, Hassanah Al-Saba - Governor, Key Club Jamaica District and Hugh Simmonds.



Herbert Morrison Technical High School Band in thrills at the K-Family Luncheon.

Then it was time for the presentation of the much anticipated awards.



Barbados won the Ralph Taylor Memorial Gong for Best Club Bulletin.



North St. Andrew was awarded the Laurent Girouard award - Club Bulletin runner up.



Brown's Town club was the winner of the Godfrey Dyer Marketing Award.



Moneague Club won the Interclub Award.



Melissa Dobson of Capital City was presented with the Award of Merit



Nine Lieutenant Governors were awarded Distinguished status and Richard Austin was awarded the Excellency status making him Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence. Here he is presented with a plaque by IPG Phil Rossy while the other DLG's look on.

Day 3 main programmes were:

Celebration and Recognition Breakfast. Recognition was given to Kiwanians who had passed during the Kiwanis year. The Guest Speaker was Rev. Dr. Henley Morgan, OD. The Mel Osborne Fellowship Award - the highest Canadian Kiwanis Award, was presented to Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence Leighton McKnight. This is an Award presented to Kiwanians and non Kiwanians who have contributed to the growth and work of Kiwanis. Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence Lloyd Distant, Snr was presented with the Outstanding Kiwanian Award. Mrs. Claudette Richardson-Pious, founder of Children First was recognized for her Outstanding Community Service.

Mrs. Richardson-Pious expressed her appreciation at being recognized for her work while she is alive.



Mt. Alvernia Dance Troupe performs at the Celebration and Recognition Breakfast.



From left are DLGE Lloyd Distant, Snr; DLGE Leighton McKnight, Mrs. Claudette Richardson-Pious and Rev. Dr.

The 2018-2019 team was presented during the Plenary session



Governor Bobby in a somber mood as he placed a carnation in the vase in memory of his best friend and Kiwanian brother DLG Alex Cohall at the Recognition Breakfast.

From left are Governor Bobby Moo Young, Governor Designate Mel Clarke, Governor Elect Bob Spellen and Vice Governor, Dr. Delores Lewis.

Members' Gala: It was a not to be forgotten Gala to close off what was a very successful District Convention. The members did not wait for the Governor to open the dance floor as Fab 5 had all rocking even through the dinner.

Governor Designate Melford Clarke was introduced and presented by DLGE Christine King. Governor Designated Melford gave his remarks and introduced the 2018/2019 District Trustees and Lieutenant Governors.

Governor Robert "Bobby" Moo Young was introduced by his daughter Robyn Chin and son Jaime Moo Young. Governor Bobby expressed gratitude to the District Convention Committee and team for the work done to ensure a successful District Convention and made a presentation to the Convention Host Chair, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Lisa Blake-Golding. This was followed by the handing over of the Home Club Banner by Governor Bobby and President Rupert Hodges from Kiwanis Club of Montego Freeport to Governor Designate Melford and Lieutenant Governor Garmel Kemp of Division 22 Sunshine.



Pa-Ka-Ge backed by Fab 5 at the Members' Gala

And just when you thought it could not get any better – Pa-Ka-Ge came and thrilled with sweet melodious music. This was again followed by entertainment from Fab 5. It was hard task to get



Governor Bobby's daughter Robyn Chin and son Jaime Moo Young.

Kiwanians and guests off the dance floor as the shuttles waited patiently to take them back to their hotels.

Enduring friendships were formed and some renewed, but sadly a Convention that is not soon forgotten came to an end. See you in Stratford, Ontario, June 16-18 2019.



The handing over of the Governor's Home Club Banner. From left President Rupert Hodges from Kiwanis Club of Montego Freeport, Governor Bobby, Governor Designate Melford and Lieutenant Governor Garmel Kemp of Division 22 Sunshine.



Governor Bobby presenting a plaque of appreciation to Host Committee Chair, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Lisa Blake-Golding.

Kiddie Bee Ding Dong Battle

Four years ago when the all female club, Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay ventured on hosting a one of its kind spelling Competition in Montego Bay, it had high hopes of success and that's what this project has been.

In 2014 the Kiwanis Club of Providence invited basic and infant school children between the age of 3 and 5 years to participate in a one of its kind spelling competition in Montego Bay – the Kiddie Bee Spelling Competition. This competition is geared at enhancing spelling and literacy skills, building confidence from an early age, developing healthy competitive skills, enabling a solid foundation and to have “Fun with Words”. This year 30 children participated in the competition, an increase over the previous years. The competition was held at the Calvary Baptist Church Hall, Montego Bay on April 26 and witnessed by teachers, parents, retirees, Kiwanians and officials from the Ministry of Education. They were in awe with respect to its professional execution and the braveness of the children in that age group.

Dr. Michelle Pinnock, Region 4 Director from the Ministry of Education who brought greetings on behalf of the Ministry and Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, said she was happy to be partnering with Kiwanis to uplift the nation through Education. She recognized the teachers who prepared the student for the competition, and thanked them for assisting the kids in building confidence, and mastering the art of healthy competition. “To engage education is a human right and not a privilege” she said.

Lieutenant Governor of Division 25, Dwight Lawrence also brought greetings and stated that he was elated to be affiliated with the venture and had high praises for the effectiveness of the project. President Coleen Lawson-Taylor encouraged the participants to give of their best and commented that each participant was a winner.



Champion speller James Munroe as he spells his champion word "CHIMNEY"



From left: Sheryl Marlow, Manager of Henderson Bookstore presents the Champion Trophy to James while coach Shereen Myrie of Mt. Alvernia Prep School and President Coleen Lawson-Taylor look on.

It was a “ding- dong” battle for nearly four (4) hours with the kids who completed the words in the book and were unto words they had not seen or practiced before. At the end, 5 year old Mt. Alvernia Prep School’s James Munroe who was competing for the second consecutive year emerged the winner; spelling, with ease, the champion word “CHIMNEY”. Second place and Champion Girl was Rhain Ford of DRB Grant Basic School and third place went to Jermalia Gayle of the New Tender Heart Early Childhood Institution. Commendation to Spell-master, Andrea Wakeland for doing a fantastic job.

The competition was sponsored by Henderson Bookstore, a household name in Montego Bay. Sheryl Marlow, Manager of the Company noted the entity’s commitment to education and said she was happy to be partnering with Kiwanis for such a worthwhile event. Each child received a mini trophy with

his/her name and school engraved thereon. Each school received a set of books for its library along with a certificate of participation; first second and third place winners were recipients of a tablet each and the champion school, Mt. Alvernia Prep School was presented with a Kiddie Bee Cake sponsored by Bank of Nova Scotia Ja. Ltd., Fairview Branch. The Club was very delighted to once again have The Gleaner as a partner on the project. They presented each child with a token and a special gift to the champion boy and girl.

The Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay is proud to be affiliated with academia and thanks the many sponsors that made the venture the success it was.

See what they said



Enjoying Kiwanis ECC District Convention opening ceremony with fellow Kiwanians and guests. T'was beautiful - Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay.



Lisa M Blake-Golding You and your team have done an exceptionally great job. I wish you can be voted the official convention chair going forward. EVERYTHING went without incident and even if it did like they always do you handled it seamlessly well. **Congratulations** my dear. Well done. My experience at the convention was very satisfying.



Such a wonderful gathering at ECC District Kiwanis Convention in Montego Bay May 17 to 20,2018.

Congratulations to Kiwanis Governor Robert Moo Young & his team for the leadership in putting together such a successful event to further the cause of Kiwanis & the Children of the world. Well done my friend.

So many things in my life manage to exceed my expectations ...and this Convention was at the top of the list! It was truly spectacular!

The 550+ Kiwanians & friends who gathered were most impressed.



Division 27C was represented by the LG of Guadeloupe and the trustee Region J and 7 other members. That is 9 members representing the 8 clubs of the Division.

We attended the 2 sessions animated in French by Alain Bertrand who replaced Louis to whom we send our deep condolences. The discussions in this workshop helped us to understand and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each of the Francophone clubs on the two themes: signature project and the role and missions of the Lieutenant Governor.

Even though we had translators in plenary sessions, we are always frustrated that we did not participate in all the workshops.

We returned enriched and happy to have contributed to the success of the Governor project.



At left is Governor Bobby, President Leo Williams from Kiwanis Club of Downtown, Kingston and Kiwanis International President James Rochford at Convention in Texas,

Kiwanis Club of Downtown was a runner up in the KI 2018 Signature Project.

Governor's Divisional Visit

Governor Bobby started his visit to Division 3, St. Clair-Bluewater sharing lunch and thoughts on building strong clubs with members of the Leamington and Windsor Clubs.

The first event that the Governor participated in was the Can-Am Goodwill dinner which is held each year to celebrate the friendship between the US and Canada. This year it was hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Sarnia-Lambton Golden-K. Our guest speaker was Dan Edwards who spoke about his motivation to overcome his disabilities as a quadriplegic.



Marian O'Higgins, Michigan Governor at the Can-Am dinner with the guest speaker Dan Edwards.



Presentation of cheque to the school with the members of the Kiwanis Club of Sarnia-Lambton Golden K and the Terrific Kids



Northern Collegiate Key Club executive and their advisor Jim Smith with the Governor

The following day Governor was taken to see the work that the Golden-K club is doing at P.E. McGibbon School in Sarnia. The club has been supporting the Terrific Kids there for a number of years and more recently started a Builders Club at the same school. Governor Bobby presented certificates to students in the Primary, Junior and Intermediate grades during their assembly. The club also presented a cheque to install large screen televisions in the school's Learning Commons.

Our next stop was to visit the Kiwanis Club of the Seaway's Signature project-the Sarnia Children's Farm where we toured the farm and also met with students from the clubs sponsored Northern Collegiate Key Club. They were looking for support for a project in Jamaica to support wrestling in Jamaica.



Tamara Smith receives her Terrific Kids Award from Governor Bobby .



Elyse Blevins receives her Terrific Kids Award from Governor Bobby.



Governor Bobby presents his pin to the school Principal, Ben Hazzard.

In the afternoon the team travelled to Forest where we visited the local museum started and supported by the Kiwanis Club of Forest. After dinner we enjoyed a movie at the Kineto Theatre. The theatre is the Signature project for the Kiwanis Club of Forest.

All in all, Governor Bobby and Lady Josie were kept busy for the 3 days that they spent in Division 3.

Drop Water Project



Water is life and our children need clean potable water to survive. It is against this background that Past Lieutenant Governor Deborah Knight and Charlottetown Key Club continued the Drop Water Project and donated three (3) water tanks to some Basic Schools in Montego Bay (Division 24) during the District Convention. Having clean water means these schools can now be kept full days instead of the half days at which they were operating. Thank you PLG Deborah and Charlottetown Key Club. #KidsNeedKiwanis



#ServingtheChildrenoftheWorld.

Charter Ceremony - Friends Across Borders



President of Friends Across Borders Kiwanis Club, Bridgette Steele receives Charter Certificate from IPG Phil.

From left, Lieutenant Governor Sharon, Governor Elect Bob Spellen Charter Members VP. Charlene Kirkland, Co-Chair. Jean Bell, Christine Grant, President Bridgette, Past Governor Phil Rossey, Dir. Carmen Brooks, Kiw. Joan Spencer, Chair Paulette Kirkland, AST Rosemarie Henry and DLG Eileen Donaldson at the Charter Ceremony of Friends Across Borders Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Birthday Programme

The motto of Kiwanis is “Serving the Children of the World” and the Liverpool Kiwanis club’s activities, since its formation in 1931, have been directed towards that objective.

The club is always looking for ways to make a difference to Queens County children’s lives and apart from financial support for the Queens County food bank the idea providing birthday gifts for food bank children who might not otherwise have them on their birthdays was born. The community addresses Christmas presents for needy kids but not birthday gifts.

The food bank was asked for information on children who are food bank clients to see if something specific could be developed for each child. The target was 70 children ages 4 through 10 (at least for the 1st year). Client numbers, gender and birth dates for the 70 children were obtained and sorted by birth month. The data was updated monthly for any new child clients in the 4 to 10 age group and will be completely updated in October in order to start distribution in November.

The program was started in November 2017 with Kiwanis providing a gender/age specific gift in a gift bag for the 8 children with November birthdays. The food bank adds sippy drinks and snacks to complete the bags and arranges for each child to receive the gift bag prior to their birthday. The gift bags are presented to the food bank 2 weeks before the start of the month. Children who have the same birth day as members of the Kiwanis Club of Liverpool are given a special gift bag from those members.

At a cost of \$30 for each gift, the total cost will be approximately \$2,100 between November 2017 and the October 2018. The Club sponsored a hockey game at the Emera Centre on December 22, 2017 between the Liverpool Privateers and Bruce Inglis Financial All Stars which was a fundraiser for food bank kids birthday gifts. The event was a huge success and raised \$3,595.

The programme will continue into 2019.

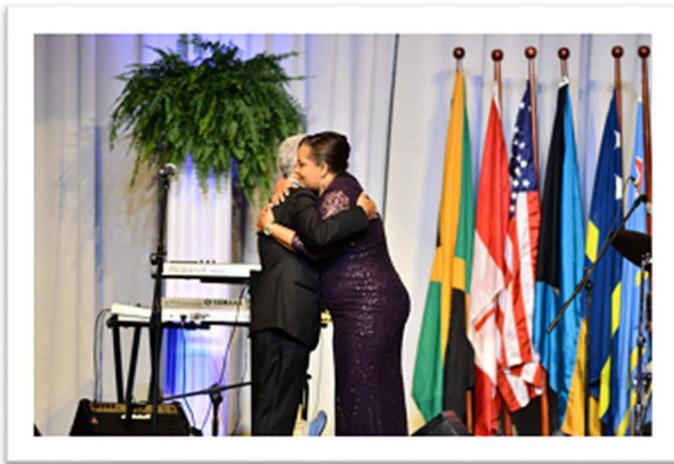


**BE THE REASON
SOMEONE SMILES**



Governor Bobby pins Prime Minister Andrew Holness with a Kiwanis Governor's button while Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Julaine Lumsden looks on.

Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica President, Christopher Robinson pins Kiwanis International Trustee Bert West.



Governor Bobby gives Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Lisa a big "thank you hug"



Distinguished Governor Godfrey Dyer gives Lady Josephine a kiss after presenting her with a token.



Presentation of cheque from Past Lieutenant Governor Deborah Knight and Darren Creamer and Charlottetown Key Club to Donna Coombs for the purchase of water tanks for rural basic schools in Division 25.



K-Family Luncheon Panelists from left DLGE Leighton, Donovan James, Kemesha Kelly and Hugh Simmonds.



A very emotional Christine Morgan from Division 23 West collects certificate awarding her Distinguished Lieutenant Governor status from IPG Phil.

Welcome to Howard Cooke Primary School



Governor Bobby (right) in discussion with PG Allen at the ECC District Project site - the Howard Cooke Primary School

Picture on right - Children from Howard Cooke Primary School posed with LG Garmel Kemp from the Bahamas.



Scenes from Jamaica Night Party

