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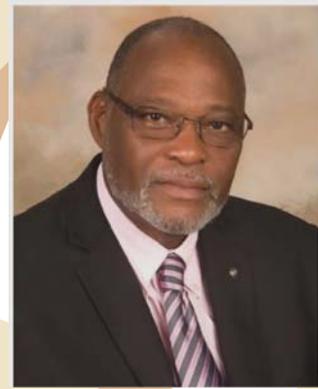
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## Governor's Message

### Melford "Mel" Clarke



Happy New Year to all members of the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District, and to our many sponsors and friends. Holiday celebrations are now completed, and we are in the evaluation phase of the first quarter within our administrative year. I encourage you to analyze your goals against actuals. Feedback of our action plans are means of improving or ensuring future planned results.

During the month of January Kiwanis International will be celebrating its 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As you celebrate with Kiwanis International for being a worldwide organization, we must highlight the fact that our District has made an important impact on the overall accomplishments of the organization by contributing 3.5% (6927, December 2018 total) of the overall membership total. The District total service hours are comparative with other similar size Districts. Our District has one new club with eleven proposed new club sites. I am also excited to inform that our District has grown in membership since we began our year in October. The District currently shows a net growth of 68 new members over September 2018 totals.

I encourage all Divisions to keep up the good work. I urge those Clubs that are under charter strength to utilize the tools available at the District and or Kiwanis International to motivate your members to invite others to your club. One of the best tools is the utilization of your club's membership chairperson to help build your club membership.

Finally, our Kiwanis International President Poly extends greeting for the new year and *"challenge you to be the leaders I know you are and rally your divisions and clubs to reach out to potential new members. Show them the role Kiwanis plays in making a difference for kids and your communities"*.

I invite each Kiwanian to attend our District convention <http://ecc2019.org/> in Stratford, Ontario during May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. You are encouraged to take advantage of our early bird registration for a discounted fee. This convention will be the best ever. Please also start to make plans to attend Kiwanis International convention <https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2019> at Walt Disney World Resort, Florida during June 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The convention site is now open. Early registration is encouraged.

From my family to yours, I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melford Clarke".

Melford Clarke  
District Governor 2018-2019  
Eastern Canada & Caribbean District  
Kiwanis International

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## Editor's Note



Unbelievable! We have almost completed a month in 2019, but I believe it is still a New Year so I can formally wish for you all an amazing 2019.

A few days ago I saw some photos on my Facebook page, where members of a Club have taken Kiwanis very far from home - all the way to Ghana, (a country that is on most of us bucket list to visit), and has been doing great work with a medical team. It absolutely warmed my heart to see that persons are thinking outside the box and committing themselves to not only serving the children of the world, but are serving the world.

Kudos to Kiwanis Club of Eastern St Andrew. You have started your amazing year for Kiwanis and personally.



I am sure we will be hearing from them about this awesome journey in the coming month.

Stay tuned!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1940, the Kiwanis Children's Fund has helped Kiwanians extend their impact—in their own hometowns and around the world. We do this by developing resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world. One of the ways we make it happen is our Club Grant program.

For the Children's Fund, a grant does more than fill a funding gap. It's a collaboration. Grant funding helps address an unmet need of children through a project that provides long-term benefits sustained by a club. Clubs interested in applying for a grant should review the program material carefully to learn about the Kiwanis Children's Fund as a potential funding partner.

### How?

You can visit <http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund>, where the complete eligibility requirements are outlined in the [Guide to Club Grants](#). Take the [eligibility quiz](#) to see if your club's project meets the minimum funding requirements.

### Important dates

*For June 1 funding decisions:*

- *Submit Letter of Inquiry (LOI) any time before February 1*
- *If approved, submit full application by April 1*

*For October 1 funding decisions:*

- *Submit LOI any time before June 1*
- *If approved, submit full application by August 1*

*For January 1 funding decisions:*

- *Submit LOI any time before September 1*
- *If approved, submit full application by November 1*

### Some of the clubs benefitting in January 2019

#### Special Olympics Bowling

The Kiwanis Club of the Islips and Bay Shore, New York, received a grant to expand its work with children with severe disabilities at its local school district. This grant will allow them to form a Special Olympics Bowling League, and the Kiwanians will be trained to serve as coaches, assisting students during the 10-week season. The money will be used to pay for lane fees, shoe rental, as well as an award ceremony and celebration at the end of the season.

#### Kiwanis Family Safety Day Rodeo

Every year, the Kiwanis Club of Berlin, New Hampshire, holds a Bike Rodeo & Family Safety Day. Members perform bike inspections, make minor repairs and fit children and adults with free bike and all-sports helmets. The club also works with the local police department to make sure bikes are registered. This year, the grant from the Children's Fund will allow the club to purchase 225 helmets.

#### The Playground Effect

Many local pre-schools lack basic playground equipment. The grant will allow the Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay, Jamaica, to erect swings, monkey bars and slides for children ages three to five. The playground equipment will allow schools to be certified by Jamaica's Early Childhood Commission. The club plans to hold annual fundraising barbeques to pay for upkeep and improvements.

#### Every Child a Swimmer

A grant from the Children's Fund will allow the Kiwanis Club of Silverton, Oregon, to fulfill its goal of providing free swimming lessons to all third-graders from area elementary schools. At least 300 students will be bused from their schools to the local YMCA to learn water safety and swimming. The club has been helping kids learn to swim for 12 years.

# CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS SECURE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN



**I**n November 2018, Kiwanis Club of Aruba launched its Christmas ornament project. This project was an initiative of Past Lieutenant Governor Gianantonio Muller which was executed in the last Kiwanis Year for all the clubs in Division 26. This year Kiwanis Club of Aruba continued with the project.

The idea behind the project is to request donation of AWG 25.00/USD14.00 for the local foundation 'Ban Uni Man pa Cria Nos Muchanan'. With these funds, the foundation can provide breakfast for 1 month for less privileged children. For each donation of AWG 25.00/USD 14.00 made, the person receives a unique and limited edition Kiwanis Christmas ornament.

The foundation 'Ban Uni Man pa Cria Nos Muchanan' provides breakfast on a daily basis to needy school children in Aruba. Currently, the foundation delivers breakfast to around 600 elementary school children on the island on a daily basis. The funds raised through this project will provide the foundation with the much needed funds to continue financing its growing operations as there is a waiting list for more children to receive breakfast.

There were several outlets on the island where the ornaments were made available to the public to make their donation and also through the club members. The project was well received by the community and the business on the island.



## EC&C District Key Leader Programme

The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District has supported the Key Leader program for over 10 years. In the fall 2018, five very successful Key Leader camps were held in Eastern Canada, specifically... one in New Brunswick, two in Nova Scotia, and two in Ontario. The sixth camp planned for the Bahamas was postponed until 2019. There were 311 students in attendance and 52 adult volunteers covering 5 camps.

Thanks to all the adult volunteers and the cadre of Lead Facilitators who made each Key Leader camp a success and saw our inspired youth and future leaders leave with ideas and excitement on how they can improve their communities and schools. Thanks also for the financial support received from the many Kiwanis Clubs involved and to our own Kiwanis Foundation of Canada.

We are planning to hold seven Key Leader camps in 2019 in the District, six in Eastern Canada and one in the Bahamas. In the future, plans are afoot to expand the Key Leader program into Quebec, Canada, Aruba/ Curacao and Jamaica.

Find out more about the Key Leader program by going to [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org)

*Respectively submitted by  
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EC&C District of Kiwanis international*



**REMINDER**

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## **KIWANIS CLUB ALLEVIATES SOME FEARS FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

When paychecks for federal employees don't come today, their kids will still get a nutritious meal at school. The Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst will cover lunch expenses for the kids of any family feeling the pinch of the government shutdown.

The club is prepared to donate whatever is needed to make sure every student gets lunch. "We started this about 10 years ago, during the recession, when we learned kids who didn't have lunch money were going without lunch," said Rich Rosenberg of the program the club calls Food for Thought.

A long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst, Rosenberg says, "The circumstances with the government have changed the game. Funds might not be available for lunch money."

"The Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst saw a community need and responded, which is just what Kiwanis clubs do," said Stan Soderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International. "Kids need Kiwanis to look out for them and help meet their needs."

Elmhurst is a western suburb of Chicago, near O'Hare International Airport, a busy passenger and freight hub where federal employees work in a variety of roles, such as TSA agents, FAA controllers and cargo inspectors. "We're 22 miles west of Chicago, with a lot of commuters," Rosenberg said.

The Kiwanis club's annual pancake breakfast raises \$9,000 to \$12,000 annually to cover the lunch project and other projects that help kids. The project costs \$1,500 to \$2,000 yearly.

"We figure we provide 250 meals every semester, maybe 500 meals annually. We have no idea who the children are, and they are only told that the money was provided by the Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst," he said.



Rosenberg said the school's social workers help identify children who could benefit from the free lunch. "This in no way replaces federal support or food stamps," he said. "We just serve kids whose mom or dad may be short for a one reason or another. The kid walks through the lunch line like every other child."

"Food insecurity is a real factor in many communities. Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 and York High School are fortunate to have great partners like the Elmhurst Kiwanis Club to fill in the gaps," said Bev Redmond, D205 executive director of Communications and PR. "The Food for Thought program helps eliminate hunger as a barrier to learning, allowing students to focus on getting a great education."

When Rosenberg was a part-time teacher at the high school, he learned first-hand how teachers helped kids who didn't have lunch money. "Snack companies used to donate outdated merchandise to the schools, and teachers could provide that and a bottle of water to kids who didn't have lunch money," he said. "When laws changed, kids would be forced to ask another student to share a lunch, or sometimes teachers would help with personal funds. Our club started Food for Thought to fill in the gap."



**N**o matter how well an economy is doing there will always be a sector of people who will go hungry on a daily basis. The Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu knows this firsthand after conducting a community assessment. There are a number of seniors residing in New Providence as well as mothers with young children who do not have access to basic grocery. It is for this reason President Chandra implemented 'Meals on Wheels' as one of this year's club goals to address this need.



The Meals on Wheels kicked off Saturday October 13, 2018, starting out as meals on wheels but ending up as "meals on legs" as we walked through the neighborhoods to serve persons.

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu will celebrate 55 years of serving the community hence, 55 grocery packages were distributed and 55 volunteers coupled with youngsters from our Service Leadership Programs assisted with the packaging and distribution. The SLPs



along with faculty advisors who represented were Nassau Christian Academy Key Club and Builders Club, Queen's College Key Club and Aquinas College Key Club. Together we can accomplish so much more and for this reason the partnership is developed and maintained between each branch of the Kiwanis Family, hence the Builders Club and Key Club participated in the club's first 'Meals on Wheels' project.

We also had four prospects who have shown interest in serving. It was truly an awesome experience for them as they along with the SLP members got their feet right into it. We can collectively increase the amount of lives we touch through service and even touch our own lives.

We extend thanks to the Royal Bahamas Police Force in conjunction with Urban Renewal who assisted in locating a number of persons in need. Not only did we distribute groceries, but the children talked, prayed and encouraged the seniors as well.

The success of the Meals on Wheels also comes from the willingness and generosity of our sponsors who contribute to our fundraisers which make it possible to deliver. The Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu will deliver 55 packages each quarter of this year and hopefully this can be a recurring project for the club.



# 7 Key Behaviors of People who make a

**Kathy Caprino is a Success Coach, writer, speaker and leadership trainer, dedicated to the advancement of others worldwide.**

- ◆ They dedicate themselves to what gives their life meaning and purpose
- ◆ They commit to continually bettering themselves
- ◆ They engage with people in open, mutually-beneficial ways
- ◆ They invest time and energy not in what is, but what can be
- ◆ They spread what they know
- ◆ They uplift others
- ◆ They use their power and influence well



**As Kiwanians, it is our goal to make a positive impact in our communities and in the world. Take a moment to see how closely these behaviours match yours.**

**Source: [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/kathy-caprino/7-key-behaviors-of-people\\_b\\_6155716.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/kathy-caprino/7-key-behaviors-of-people_b_6155716.html)**



John Martin at left, receives Distinguished Service Award from President Ray De Roche.

## Distinguished Service Award John Martin

On January 17, 2019, a Distinguished Service Award was presented to Kiwanian John Martin by the Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn, Dartmouth NS for going above and beyond expectations by giving 28 years of home delivery of library books to shut-ins of Dartmouth for the Halifax Public Libraries.

John started his Kiwanis service with the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth in 1990. He continued his Kiwanis career with the Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn in 2004 and remains an active member of that club.

# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

## *(Signature Project)*

**I**n the spirit of giving and sharing, Kiwanis Club of St. Augustine, Trinidad hosted its Annual Children's Christmas Party for over 300 children, their parents, guardians and Kiwanis members.

Children were selected from 10 schools in the community, aged pre-school to 12 with the help of the school Principals. These children came from less fortunate homes. Community leaders were also asked to identify and invite families with children needing some Christmas cheer.

With donations from friends, businesses and well-wishers, the club was able to provide a variety of treats such as hot-dog, snow cone, ice-cream and popcorn. Activities included face-painting, bouncy castle, craft corner, musical chairs, and tin-pan alley and of course, the presentation of gifts. The children had a wonderful time.

The children (didn't matter the age) also met and greeted Santa and had their pictures taken with him.

The Kiwanis Club of St. Augustine, Trinidad takes this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, friends, family and members for making our Annual Children's Christmas



# Special Feature

## Helen Ellement

## Kiwanis Unsung Heroine

Helen joined the Kiwanis Club of Barrie on November 5, 2012.

Dorothy and I have been involved in Kiwanis since March of 1982. Over that period of time we have met and worked with many dedicated Kiwanis Members who were dedicated to their Community and some to the EC&C District and Kiwanis International.

After moving to the City of Barrie in August 2012 having spent 32 years in Toronto and the East York Kiwanis Club, we had the privilege of meeting and serving with a new member to Kiwanis, Helen Ellement.

Helen is one of those people who are always involved and an excellent Team participant. Her very special bubbly positive attitude rubs off on everyone she works with in our club.

In 2013 she took on the Chair position of the House Committee and later the same year added Chair of the Bingo Committee which raises \$12 to \$14,000 per year with a support Team of 14 Club Members.

In 2014 Helen was asked to join the Club Board of Directors and in 2016 was asked to become Club Vice President. In 2017-18 Helen was the Club President and had a very successful year adding some of the following New Programs and supporting several major projects.

- A Literacy Program where she serves with 6 other members reading with Children after School once per week.
- A Christmas Dinner that was changed from a Club Dinner to a Dinner we prepared as Members with a Women & Children's Shelter Families as Guests. Club Members provided the Dinner/Santa/Gifts for all Children and a Fun Program for everyone. We had 80 persons attending including our own Grandchildren & Children.
- In her year as President she was a Leader with two major funding programs. A \$100,000 donation towards the Reconstruction of the David Busby Centre which supports the Homeless in our



Community and a \$50,000 contribution to the Women & Children's Shelter in, our community towards their \$350,000 Construction adding to their facility.

- She has attended 2 International Conventions and 1 District Convention in her 6 years as a member.
- Helen was recognized as the Club's Kiwanian of the year in 2015 and was presented with a Mel Osborne Fellow in 2018 for her service as Club President.
- Helen volunteers for the Salvation Army, her Church and is always there for events working without having to be asked.

Helen continues without recognition in many other programs in our Kiwanis Club and recently joined our Membership Committee and agreed to be the Secretary of our Allocation Committee. She continues to be dedicated.

Helen is a beacon of one who leads by example and is one of the most unselfish individuals we have met in our 37 years in Kiwanis.

PG Chuck & Dorothy McIlravey,  
Kiwanis Club of Barrie

# Charter Ceremony of Kiwanis Club of Kralendijk, Bonaire

On Saturday December 15, 2018 the newly formed Kiwanis Club of Kralendijk, Bonaire held its charter ceremony at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in the Peter Hughes meeting room.

Kiwanis Club of Kralendijk, Bonaire (KCKB) was organized on September 25, 2018 and consists of nineteen (19) charter members. The club installed President Patricia Gerritzen-Veen, Secretary Derchlien Vrolijk-Dijkhoff and Treasurer Ricard Nicholson.

The following charter members were also installed during the ceremony: Lisette Bomba-Martines, Eileen Croes-Piar, Nashelotte Fornerino, Juliette de Grijze, Nancy Hart, Malinda Hassell, Nina den Heyer, Emily Kocks, Perla Nicholson-Alberto, Tania Obersi, Debby Rauwers, Charlotte Rodriquez and Licetha Saragoza-Martinus. Charter members Saby de Bies, Jefferson Coffie and Clay Davelaar will be officially installed in the next club meeting.

Special guest, Lieutenant Governor of the public entity Bonaire, Mr. Edison Rijna said that he, as the 'father' of the community, wholeheartedly welcomes and commends the 19 new Kiwanians, volunteers that have taken on the challenge to organize this Kiwanis Club to improve the lives of their fellow Bonairians.

Mr. Andre Kelly, Lieutenant Governor of Division 26 shared a message on behalf of Governor Melford Clark.



Past Governor Robert Moo Young presented the charter members with their certificates after they were installed as well as President Patricia Gerritzen-Veen with the ceremonial gavel. Governor Elect Robert Spellen presented the pins.

The newly installed club, Kiwanis Club of Kralendijk, Bonaire (KCKB) also received beautiful gifts from Kiwanis Club of Aruba and Kiwanis Club of Curaçao to commemorate the Charter Ceremony.

Guest speaker, Past Lieutenant Governor of Bonaire Herbert Domacassé addressed the new members with words of encouragement and motivation.

The Kiwanis Club of Kralendijk, Bonaire had the pleasure of sharing the special ceremony with members of the Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals, the president of Rotary Club, Mr. Gregory Obersi and the Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Curaçao, Mr. Anthony Haile.

Kiwanis Club of Kralendijk, Bonaire would like to thank the special guests: Lieutenant Governor Edison Rijna and Past Lieutenant Governor Herbert Domacassé, for their presence and inspirational speeches.

A special thank you to the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort for providing the venue; Orco Bank for the coffee break and Notary Kenneth Arends.

Do you have an unsung hero/heroine in your Club/District who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis whether through their time, talent or treasure?

Let us feature them in our Newsletter.  
Send us the story and accompanying picture(s)

# DIVISION 23 EAST FOOD BANK

**D**ivision 23 East, in collaboration with the Abilities Foundation, the leading institution in Jamaica and the Caribbean dedicated to providing quality vocational training to Persons with Disabilities, recently launched a Food Bank to address the challenge of food insecurity impacting Persons with Disabilities and their families at Abilities Foundation and surrounding communities.

## ***This Food Bank seeks to:***

- Identify and develop a register of beneficiaries at the Abilities Foundation
- Liaise with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security and the Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities to identify the elderly with disabilities in the Constant Spring area, children and youth with disabilities, families receiving PATH and other public assistance.
- Collaborate with Public, Private and International stakeholders to mobilize a food drive
- Collect sort and store donated food items
- Establish Abilities Foundation as a Food Distribution Site via networks and social media
- Provide clients in need with nutritional support through collaborations with Kiwanis International, Food for the Poor and faith based organizations.
- Provide skills training to Students of Abilities Foundation (who will assist in operating the Food Bank), in the stock taking, inventory management and distribution.

Some of the Goals and Objectives of this Initiative are already in progress, with the retrofitting of 2 containers, one to be used for storage and the other for distribution; and soliciting commitments from various Stakeholders for a continuous supply of food items to the initiative. Commitments have been received from Jamaica National Bank, the Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment Foundation, Food for the Poor and Jamaica Broilers. The Division continues to seek sponsorship from other corporate entities. In addition,



Kiwanis Division 23 East Lieutenant Governor Pamela Rodney White (centre) and Project Leader Kiwanian Sheron Gilzean (left) receiving a donation from Mrs. Pauline Gregory Lewis from Poverty Alleviation & Empowerment Foundation, at the Launch of the Food Bank for persons with disabilities on Friday, December 7, 2018

support was received from Gustazos.com, a social media group that has reached out for donations on the Division's behalf for the Food Bank, while the clubs in the Division are putting their resources together to provide cash and food items to help stock the Food Bank.

At the Launch in December, 2018, Mrs. Janice Robinson Longmore of Jamaica National Bank, one of the sponsors, lauded Kiwanians for the

initiative, saying "it is clear that members of the Kiwanis club won't be limited to seasons such as Christmastime in their support to empower the disabled, humanize them, and position them to make their contributions to our country". The Guest Speaker at the Launch, Ms. Christine Hendricks of the Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities, also highlighted the importance of the Food Bank Initiative by Kiwanians and the contribution it will make to encourage better inclusion of the disabled in our society.



Students from the Salvation Army School for the Blind singing at the Launch of the Food Bank for persons with disabilities on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Abilities Foundation.

The Division hopes to be able to completely stock food items in the retrofitted container and to commence the first tranche of food distribution to persons with disabilities in January, 2019.

# The Legacy Continues



Distinguished President two years ago and Distinguished Secretary on numerous occasions.

"I love and look forward to the Geriatrics project for a few reasons," said DP Meyucah. "The club members get to cook and share food with not only the patients, but also the staff members, who all seem to love it and look forward to this event each year. We enjoy visiting the various wards, but the interaction between club members and the patients and the camaraderie and love between the club members is priceless."

"This project also gives a renewal of my commitment to service and I realize how much service is needed in our country. The club members also seem to love this annual project, because it is one of the most attended signature projects we have," she added.

While most persons have taken down their Christmas trees or removed all traces of a Christmas celebration, the Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach, Nassau Bahamas fulfilled their annual holiday wish by visiting the elderly and shut-ins at the Bahamas' Geriatrics Hospital and treating them to a scrumptious meal fit for the royal court.

The Geriatrics Hospital Luncheon has over the years become a signature project for the Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach. "This project is heart-warming for our membership because it reaches and serves senior citizens of our nation, and reflects our values, love and appreciation for those whose shoulders we stand on says Chairperson of Community Projects, Lloyd Ferguson.

"Kiwanis club of Cable Beach looks forward to feeding and fellowshiping with our precious pearls each year, as it is a labour of love that brings joy to our members."

And rightfully so, because it was this exact project that became the deciding factor when Distinguished President Meyucah Knowles was contemplating joining Kiwanis.

"I hated meetings and I was not in the least interested in joining any clubs, but when I was asked to help with this annual luncheon that birth my desire to join the K family."

Fast forward 10 years and she is still with Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach, having attained coveted titles of

And so as the legacy of feeding the patients at the Geriatrics Hospital closes for another year, Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach continues to Love It! Share It! Live It! Through Service!



# HATS, MITTS AND BOOTS

In November of 1986, Kiwanian Steve Small was approached by a friend who was a public school Principal about some of his students who were coming to school not suitably dressed for the cold Canadian weather. After meeting with the teachers and school staff Steve asked of Durham A M Kiwanis Club Board of Directors for a \$600 budget to help these children.

The project was called "Hats, Mitts and Boots". By November 1988, through word of mouth, six schools were involved and the budget grew to \$5000 and Kiwanis Club of Oshawa was buying socks, underwear, leggings, snow pants, winter coats and other items suggested by teachers and staff, often targeting individual students.

After 27 years at the \$5000 per year budget level, and the help of a number of our club members including Steve Small, Ron Phillips and Dick Snowden, (plus the rest of the Club re fundraising), the budget was increased to over \$7000 and Kiwanian Al Jones and his wife Lorraine started leading the project. Lorraine visits the managers of many local clothing stores and gets the best value for money and store managers would let her know when the sales are on and tell her about year-end bargains. As a result, the value of the purchase is doubled or even tripled. Over the past 33 years, the club has spent over \$164,575.00, which because of careful spending has acquired approximately triple that amount in merchandise and now serves 6 public schools in the community and a disabled parents children's group.



Lorraine stores the goods at her home and when school officials notify her of their needs, she and Al deliver the clothing to the school where the teachers see that the needy students are looked after.

At a recent Christmas Breakfast meeting, the Club awarded Al Jones the "Kiwanian of the Year" Award for his work chairing the project; and his helpful assistant, his wife Lorraine who actually does most of the work, was awarded Honourary Membership in the Club. Also, Carolyn Thomas, wife of Kiwanian Craig Thomas, was awarded Honourary Membership for contributing over 100 sets of hand knitted hats, scarfs and mitts for needy children.

The Kiwanis Club of Oshawa believes this fits the Kiwanis mandate perfectly and Club members have enjoyed contributing to this long standing and worthy project.





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