

# Kiwanis<sup>®</sup>

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*Passion to Serve, Lead and Excel*



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**CHILDHOOD  
DOESN'T COME WITH A ROAD MAP.**



**KIDS NEED KIWANIS**



# Governor's Message

Fellow Kiwanians,

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, hope is in the air with the commencement of the Vaccination Program worldwide, we may soon be able to meet face to face to carry on our club activities and virtual platforms will become an additional tool rather than an absolute necessity for us to communicate.



We are at the halfway mark of our administrative year and thanks to all the members of all the clubs for your exceptional contributions to the growth of our district and service to the children in your communities who have greatly benefitted from your projects in the areas of education, health and nutrition and safety.

As we approach the month of May, let us remember that Kiwanis International has declared May as membership month. Now is the time to implement the growth plan for your clubs and ensure that each of your clubs meet the district's goal of ending this administrative year with a net growth of 2 members.

This is also a great time to ensure that your plans for club strengthening are in place as well as your plans for new club openings. With regard to club strengthening, club coach training is in progress in our district to ensure that there are trained members to assist new and existing clubs, so look out for the training announcement for your division and become a club coach to help keep our clubs strong and healthy.

At the same time, however, remember that club members are our greatest asset. Therefore, as we transform to achieve our goals for the year, let us strive not to lose any members in our clubs because they were rejected or felt disenchanting or most importantly because of financial strains brought on by Covid-19.

Retention of our members is so important for the life and good health of our district so it is important that you are sensitive to any member facing issues financial or otherwise. You should be observant and be kind and instead of deleting such a member, extend a helping hand. Our clubs need not only be about growth and projects but also about looking after the plight of our members. For without dedicated and committed members, there will be no growth or projects and kids need Kiwanis now more than ever before.

Believe it or not! It's convention time. We are anxiously looking forward to our first ever virtual convention which will give every club member the opportunity to attend a district convention from the comfort of their homes. Don't Miss the workshops which will be informative and perhaps you will learn a few tricks to help you with your clubs and of course participate in the voting process, if you are a delegate, and vote for district officers and our district's Kiwanis International Trustee.

In addition, members of our district are now participating in the Kiwanis International Amplify Leadership program. This program will give attendees the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills both professionally as well as Kiwanis leaders. I am happy to note that the EC&C District registered the highest number of participants in the program, one of many firsts for our district this year in Kiwanis International as our district continues to lead even in these difficult times.

As we continue to move through the unfortunate circumstances that we are faced with, I must add that for some of us it has been compounded with the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano on the island of St Vincent. Not only has St Vincent been adversely affected but the neighboring island of Barbados has been inundated with volcanic ash and now ash is affecting the island of Martinique as well.

As usual Kiwanians in their numbers and all over this great district are lending a helping hand to the people of St Vincent. Thank you for your efforts and all that you are doing.

I am convinced that we will emerge from these disasters of which we have no control as resilient and better Kiwanians.

Let us continue to inspire, stay safe, stay healthy and stay connected.

Delores B. Lewis  
2020-2021 Governor EC&C

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# Kiwanis Internet Convention Kickstart

## **KICK IT UP A NOTCH!**

There is no question that the Covid-19 virus has brought devastation and hardship to many, but it has also given us an opportunity to examine what we do and how we do things. As Kiwanians, it affords us the ability to kickstart our service and fundraising projects; to improve on ways that we can serve the children of the world.



On May 14 and 15 we will be holding our once and only Kiwanis Kickstart convention. This virtual convention is open to every Kiwanian in our EC&C District. Many clubs are encouraging all of their members to take part. What better way is there to learn about our vast and diverse District and support our district leadership.

**For only \$25/person you and your club members can take part in our opening ceremonies on Friday evening; hear keynote speaker, IPP Steve Siemens and special messages from our leadership candidates.**



On Saturday morning you will be able to play active and interactive roles in our membership forums. That afternoon, during Governor Delores's plenary session, voting for bylaw changes and District leadership will take place. Following our plenary session, District awards will be presented to our hardworking Kiwanians followed by our closing ceremonies.

Although virtual, our Kickstart convention enables us to see old friends and make new ones. For up-to-date information please check out our convention website, [www.ecc2021.org](http://www.ecc2021.org) and register today, [www.kiwanisregistration.org](http://www.kiwanisregistration.org).

**We'll see you on May 14 and 15!**





# UPDATE FROM SPECIAL KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees declared that emergency conditions will exist through September 30, 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in several other important decisions.

- The board determined that it would be impossible and impractical to hold a safe, accessible convention for its international membership due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, 2021 board elections will be conducted by the Kiwanis International Council to guarantee global representation prescribed under the bylaws and current pandemic restrictions.
- The board determined that an education conference will be offered for in-person and virtual audiences. In-person participation will be limited and will follow all local health guidelines.
- As was allowed last year, the board determined that districts may conduct 2021 convention business virtually using a house of delegates, council or other entity allowed in its bylaws.
- Additionally, the Kiwanis International Board decided to relocate the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention from Manila, Philippines, to a to-be-determined location. The board made the decision after reviewing global health forecasts from the World Health Organization and reiterated its desire to hold a convention in Manila as soon as possible.

Further information about the schedule, registration and events to occur during the Kiwanis Education Conference will be available once details are finalized.

FEB 26, 2021

## Kiwanis<sup>®</sup>

Service Leadership Programs

### Clarification on SLP dues based on the status of Clubs currently not meeting because of Covid-19

SLP clubs that are not (or were not) able to operate in 2020-21 due to the pandemic have been given the opportunity to notify KI, requesting that they be placed on a temporary inactive status for the year. Once moved to this status, the SLP clubs would be exempt from paying dues for 2020-21, but would then be reactivated the following year without being subject to the customary reactivation fee.

Again, to take advantage of this allowance, the SLP

club (or its sponsoring Kiwanis club) need simply notify us in writing, and we'll make the necessary adjustments.

Other questions can be directed to:

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## Editor's Note

Despite Covid-19, the 2021 Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest submission was a rounding success, with one hundred and forty (140) from the EC&C District (67 submissions in Tier I category and 73 in Tier II category). Kiwanis International received 402 submissions with EC&C having the highest amount or 35% of total submissions.



Projects submitted to Kiwanis International were Kiwanis Club of Windsor in Tier 1 for its Back to School Programme and Kiwanis Club of Providence - Montego Bay for Ties 11 for its Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run project.

The winners of the various categories as well as second and third place winners will be announced and awarded at the District Online Convention.

Many thanks to the judges who had the arduous task of going through the many projects to select the winners.

Merdina Callum  
Chair, Signature Project

This is commendable considering how difficult it has been for the clubs to be involved in hands-on project as is usual due to the many lockdowns that has affected us worldwide.

Operating virtually, mostly, the clubs were very creative with their projects, whether it was a service project, fund raiser or event, while serving their communities and impacting lives with these projects.

The projects were interesting, impactful and created a bit of challenge for the judges.



Nothing in Nature  
lives for itself.  
Rivers don't drink  
their own water.  
Trees don't eat their  
own fruits.  
The sun doesn't  
shine for itself.  
A flower's fragrance  
is not for itself.  
Living for each other  
is Nature's rule.



let us rise  
by lifting others.

# Division 22 Sunshine provides Water to Abaco

**W**ater is life; and so when the Kiwanis Clubs of The Bahamas saw the dire need for drinking water for the residents of Abaco they decided to assist in getting some of this precious commodity to them. The Division sent water to Abaco to be given out by The Kiwanis Club of Central Abaco.

With the help of The Royal Bahamas Defense Force, the Kiwanis Club of Central Abaco gave out water to persons living in domes and tents in Spring City and Marsh Harbour. These are the first communities of many that will receive water.

In September 2019, the island of Abaco was pummeled by a category 5 hurricane, which left residents struggling. Compounded with the job losses as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, many residents struggle to purchase drinking water. However, there is hope as the Kiwanis Clubs of the Bahamas have graciously come to the rescue.

The Abaco Community Key Club and the Builders club of Patrick J Bethel high as also a part of the project and they distributed water to their teachers who are facing challenges, as a part of their "Kindness" project.

This project will be ongoing brings out the Division's motto: "Making a Difference Together". It is truly a privilege to be able to serve!



Can you name this Kiwanian?



# ECC Key Club Leadership Conference

Eastern Canada District Key Club Board 2020-2021 held a successful Virtual DELC (District Education Leadership Conference) March 26-2, 2021.

Of the 205 registered almost 50 were either Faculty or Kiwanis advisors, interested Kiwanians and a few Lieutenant Governors.

I am very proud of these young leaders and thankful for the work that have been accomplished under the leadership of Past Administrator Deborah Knight and Past Assistant Administrator Andrew Stennett.

These Board members have all been punctually responsive in their communication, respectful toward one another experiencing the joy in celebrating their successes and dealing with difficult challenges coming at them as a team. So many virtual meetings have moulded this board into a strong and fearless group of members.



Jackie Fisher

Two Board members are on this year's Board as follows:

Past LG Div 2/3, Jackie Fisher is now our EC District Governor 2021-2022

Past LG Div 4, Serena Butera in now our EC District Executive Assistant 2021-2022



Serena Butera

Firma French  
EC District Administrator Key Club



The Kiwanis Club of Fredericton was able to contribute to the following organizations during December 2020, thanks to the supporters of the Fall Cheese Campaign and our Christmas Tree Campaign!



Stan Cassidy Foundation  
for Care and Comfort Fund  
\$1000

Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
\$1000

Feed a family Campaign  
CBC \$500

Fredericton Community  
Kitchen \$1000

Greener Village \$500



# Welcome!... New Kid on the Block Kiwanis Club of Petrolia and Area

It is with great pride that EC&C Division 3 announces the opening of their newest Club, the Kiwanis Club of Petrolia and Area which held its first meeting on January 27, 2021.

Because this club opened despite the COVID-19 pandemic and a province wide lockdown, all contacts in the club opening event were made either by phone or by Zoom to avoid face-to-face contact. All the clubs in Division 3 assisted in making this new addition to our Kiwanis family a reality, a real team effort and a rewarding experience.

The seventeen members of the Petrolia and Area Kiwanis Club are enthusiastically planning fundraising events and service projects that will make a difference in the lives of the children in the community.

Welcome to the Kiwanis family.



Like them on FaceBook @PetroliaAreaONKiwanis



GC Foster College Circle K and KC Greater Portmore in a joint project donated water, wipes, juice, Laundry products, toiletries, sanitizing products to the Bellevue Hospital.



# Kiwanis Club of Elmira Non Food Drive



It was a Food Drive like no other. For over 20 years, Elmira Kiwanis has organized the Elmira/Woolwich Annual Christmas Goodwill Food Drive to canvas all the urban homes in Woolwich Township. In the past, food items needed to be handled several times and it was discovered that many items had to be discarded because of the expired “best before dates”. With COVID 19 breathing down our necks, we knew that it would be necessary to change things up or pivot.

So, a small committee<sup>1</sup> of Elmira Kiwanis Club members organized an inclusive “Woolwich Community Christmas Non Food Drive”. They invited other local service clubs to join with Woolwich Community Services to work together to collect financial donations instead of food.

Service Clubs that stepped up included Woolwich Community Lion’s Club, St. Jacobs Lion’s Club, Elmira and St Jacobs Optimists’ Clubs and The Glenrose Freemasons. Elmira Boy Scouts / Venturers and several local churches also pitched in to help.

The Kiwanis Committee designed Door Hangers which were paid for by Three local Home Hardware stores. Booths were manned by representatives from the Service Clubs at grocery stores and businesses on a cold November weekend. In total, \$36,760.00 was donated to Woolwich Community Services. This year, the money collected was used to purchase grocery store gift cards replacing the non-perishable food items that had been collected in past years. In total Woolwich Community

Services gave out 181 hampers which supported 580 adults and children experiencing a limited income in Woolwich and Northern Wellesley Townships.

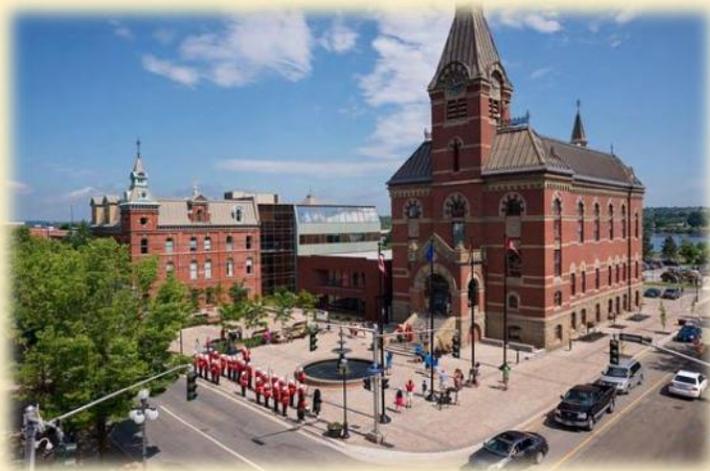
The project was successful on many levels:

- Donations were made electronically online directly to Woolwich Community Services.
- Christmas Goodwill Hamper recipients had more choices as the gift cards can be used to purchase their family’s need and wants.
- Service clubs worked together; collaborating instead of competing for local donations. With many clubs experiencing declining membership, this cooperation meant that a major project of this magnitude could be undertaken.
- Many volunteers were involved; 26 Kiwanis members and spouses; other groups supplied over 50 volunteers who gave their time, for a total of 238 hours!
- By receiving cash not canned goods, and expired food, those who need help can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables or whatever they need.
- Communication was key. Committee members sent out 672 emails and had 10 ZOOM meetings.

The success of the “Non Food Drive” bodes well for future projects. Woolwich Community Services is grateful for the support received and is looking forward to the Kiwanis Club of Elmira making the “Non Food Drive” a permanent adaptation for the programme.

Thanks to all the volunteers and the generous community for making Christmas a little brighter for struggling families.





Greetings Kiwanians!

It has almost been a year since Canada first shutdown due to Covid-19. Life has changed for all of us and with our Kiwanis work/projects. We are now well acquainted with Zoom meetings and clubs have adapted how we help in our communities. There is hope though, as we finally see the light at the end of the tunnel: vaccines are ramping up. In New Brunswick, CA more than 75% of the population will be vaccinated by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021. This enables us to be positive about having an in-person Convention, this event will be a welcome change as we will be able to gather once more!

It may seem too early to talk about The Eastern Canada & The Caribbean District Convention 2022; nevertheless, we have learned that time still flies by during a pandemic. The Host Committee has started to meet again to reconfirm details for the 2022 August Convention. The website and Facebook pages have been reinstated at the following addresses, see links below. Starting in March, on the website, a 5-part YouTube series on Fredericton in the summer will be posted (one a month). Stay tuned for ongoing details.

Convention website: [www.ecc2022.org](http://www.ecc2022.org)

Facebook: [Kiwaniis Eastern Canada & The Caribbean 2022 Convention | Facebook](#)

Twitter: [Eastern Canada & The Caribbean 2022 Convention \(@kiwanisecc2022\) / Twitter](#)

Mark your calendar for the EC&C Virtual District Convention, *Kick It Up A Notch*, May 14 & 15. Kiwanians will have a chance to reconnect and share fellowship, even if virtually. A presentation on the EC&C District Convention 2022 will be made on Saturday, May 15.

The EC&C District Convention will be one for the history books. It is the first convention that will have been planned for over 4 years, the first convention since Covid-19 challenged us, the first time the convention comes to Fredericton, NB and the first time Kiwanians will get to partake in Acadian culture.

**We are beyond excited to host you in our beautiful city in August 2022 in Fredericton, NB!**

# WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

On February 3, Kiwanis Clubs from Divisions 23 Central and 23 West stepped into the Classrooms of approximately 35 Schools via virtual platforms and in some instances face to face; to read and dream with children from ages 2 – 14 years.

This project was in partnership with the Honourable Steadman Fuller, CD, Custos of Kingston and the Kingston Book Shop to provide the 'Story Books' that were read.

In addition, Custos Steadman was joined by:

- Amina Blackwood-Meeks, World Writer, Director, Performer and Custodian of the Jamaican Oral Tradition;
- Owen Blakka Ellis – Professional Actor, Comedian, Writer and Teacher;
- Norma Brown-Bell OD, JP – Veteran Broadcaster who created history in being the first voice on the RJR FM frequency, that voice directing us through traffic in the mornings;
- Derrick Wilks JP, - Senior Radio Broadcaster, Producer, Quality Control Officer at the RJR Group
- Christine Neil-Wright Story Teller, Animator, Radio Host
- Kiwanians from Divisions of 23 Central and 23 West.

The children were engaged in words, encouraged to dream and most importantly listened to them. The schools were located in the Parishes of Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Catherine, Clarendon and Manchester.

Over 1500 children benefitted based on the links for those online and in the class rooms.



Custos Steadman Fuller reading to the students at Mary Bond Early Childhood Center in Harbour View, St. Andrew.



Distinguished President Josephine reading to students at the Martin's Prep in Mandeville

Distinguished President June of 23 West presenting books to the Vice Principal of the Enid Bennett High School in St. Catherine.



# Charter Ceremony- Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals Tobago



The new club was presented with fans to mark the occasion and also a promissory cheque to the value of \$500 to start their banking account. Kiwanis Club of Scarborough also made presentation to three of their members for dedicated work in bringing the new club to charter status.



Sponsoring Club, Kiwanis Club of Scarborough, hosted a charter ceremony, for their new club, "Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals Tobago on April 7, 2021 at the Scarborough Roman Catholic Church

The executives, along with some charter members and a few members of the sponsoring club, were in physical attendance. Governor Delores Lewis and Lieutenant Governor Patrick Melchoir presided virtually while PLG Annetta Barton and other members of the sponsoring club presented the charter items.

## The smiles on their faces said so much!

Determined to put a smile on the young mothers of newborn babies smile, the members of the **FOUGERES** club, Division 27C Guadeloupe Kiwanis International's 106th anniversary by donating clothes, cradle mobiles and towels to 12 mothers who gave birth at the beginning of 2021.

The recipients and staff at Polyclinic expressed their gratitude.

Thanks to the sponsors, Gemo and Joué Club and the members who supported this action!



One of the heroes who almost every-day help Mothers to smile after they have just given birth to a baby even if the delivery was difficult!



# Acknowledging and Honouring EC&C Frontline Workers

Being a front line worker during this pandemic gave me a new appreciation for life and for the opportunity to be able to serve. Although you have been trained, there was always a small space of worry in the back of your mind not really for you, but for those around. The constant reminder to be careful and vigilant at work because you have to protect those around your family, coworkers and yourself.



Consistent personal prayer, prayers from others and the support of family and coworkers were the driving forces and the wind that brought me and others through. I was and am fortunate enough to work with some of the best health care professionals in the world. That along with everything else sustained us during this time.

This pandemic has pulled extraordinary strength, fortitude, resilience, thankfulness and gratefulness from the depths of my soul. The strength to push through long hours and days. The fortitude to push through when those around you get sick and unfortunately die but you know you have to press on.

The resilience to push your own personal feelings aside to get the job done no matter how tired, or frustrated or scared you may become. Thankful and grateful for each and every day that you, family and friends survived through the pandemic and you are able to help more persons each day.

This pandemic has shown us that we are stronger than we thought; are able to survive so much more. We have to be our brother's keeper and do things that may be hard but all in an effort to ensure we all survive. It has always been a pleasure and honor to serve as a Nurse, but this has given new meaning to the depth of that sentiment. Now more than ever I am proud to be a frontline worker. Proud to be a Nurse!

Janelle Pickering  
Distinguished President  
Kiwanis Club of Nassau

One of the club's monthly community service projects of Kiwanis Club of Nassau is to provide breakfast to essential workers throughout the various professions to say thank you. During the month of February the club showcased **lab technicians** and visited two (2) medical laboratories - the Medi Centre Laboratory and Premier Clinical Laboratory.

They were extremely grateful, surprised and appreciative of the kind gesture provided on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Nassau.



Who knew having Covid-19 could also make you into a hero! Well, the Audrey Brown's Covid-19 journey and selfless ordeal of volunteering plasma to save somebody's life has put her right into the Kiwanis Heroes category.

## My Covid Journey



So when District Bulletin Editor Merdina asked me to share my story I was a bit surprised! However in between thoughts I saw her wisdom.

October 14, 2020 I was notified that I should do a Covid test as someone who was in my space at an office tested positive. That person was asymptomatic. I was angry! Angry because I was being very careful, wearing my mask, sanitizing, social distancing, etc....

Prior to the call I was having flu like symptoms, headache and eye ache which I thought was either dengue or my sinus, so I went and tested for both. Results negative for dengue but yes my sinus was inflamed. My doctor however shared that if I was feeling worst I should go to the main hospital. Nothing happened after taking the medications for the sinus.

October 14, 2020 Covid-19 result positive after doing the test twice, a request by the doctor. I called my Kiwanian mother DLG Beverly and shared the news. She was devastated! I, on the other hand put aside my anger and set my mind in a positive place saying I will not be a victim but a survivor. So I called my housekeeper and shared the news and the plan of action. I called my children and other family members, my Kiwanis family and friends to share the news with them. To be honest everyone except me was worried.

My Kiwanis family was a tower of strength throughout my 2 weeks of isolation. They shopped for groceries, vitamins, prayers, soup delivery every other day and daily

check-in phone calls. My Covid journey although rough at some point was livable as a result of their support.

October 29, I did my follow up Covid test with a negative result return.

Covid-19 cases are rising here in Jamaica so as a survivor, I was sent several messages that I needed to give Plasma donation for critically ill Covid patients.

I am afraid of needles, however, I thought long and hard of the lives I might save and on March 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. I journeyed to the University Hospital of the West Indies where I spent 3 and ½ hours doing my Plasma donation. Was the process easy? No! I have very small veins so it was challenging. Despite the pain and several jabs, I thought of the greater purpose and it made the process easier. After all, the life saved might be a Kiwanian or it might be a child.

May is Membership recruitment month and maybe a prospect is reading my Covid-19 Journey which could encourage him or her to join this great organization where the benefits of giving and receiving comes in many ways. That is what makes us special, unique... our 5<sup>th</sup> object... "to form enduring friendship..."

Thanks to DLGEs Sharon Williams and Charles Brown, DLGs Beverley Thompson and Edwin Thompson, Treasurer, Joan Marie Powell, President Suzilee Chambers, Distinguished Secretary Natasha Reid, EC&C DCC Members, Distinguished President Selina Campbell, KeyClub Jamaica District Family, Distinguished Governor Hope Markes and Team, Membership Team, Lieutenant Governors of Division 23 East and Central for their tremendous support.

A heartfelt gratitude to Merdina for sharing this Journey.

Audrey Brown  
Distinguished President  
Kiwanis Club of New Kingston



# Stamford club "hometown hero"

Fred Winston's beaming smile a fixture on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls



The amiable crossing guard, Fred Winston, a fixture at the corner of Lundy's Lane and Dorchester Road in Niagara Falls for the last eight years, makes it his mission to brighten up the lives of young people while keeping them safe at an extremely hectic intersection.

"I try to start the kids off with a smile every day," he said while starting his afternoon guard duties. "The teachers like it because they say the kids come in with a happy smile on their face."

Winston was surprised to learn he's been selected as the first 'Hometown Hero' in a new program in the city to give those who go above and beyond to help others a well-deserved pat on the back.

The project managed by Sheri Hawkins and Steve Dainard is taking the concept of the annual Random Acts of Kindness Day in which people are encouraged to do something to brighten the day of others, and running with it on an ongoing basis.

Hawkins, who runs the social platform Mainly Niagara with a goal of promoting local businesses in the city, and Dainard, a professional mortgage specialist in the city, have teamed up on the new initiative.

Twice a month, the names of people in Niagara who have been nominated as a Hometown Hero will be placed in a draw and the winners will

receive gift certificates from local businesses that Dainard is sponsoring.

Winston was handed a \$50 gift card for Four Brothers Cucina restaurant by Dainard on Feb. 25.

Hawkins said the idea started about a year ago when a woman reached out to her to tell her of a special crossing guard on Lundy's Lane, which turned out to be Winston.

"Every morning she would see this crossing guard; he always had this big, beautiful smile on him and he was so pleasant," said Hawkins. "She thought it would be a great idea if the guard could be recognized in some way."

With the pandemic still raging, now is the time for kindness to shine through, said Hawkins.

"Everybody is kind of beaten down by everything," she said. "I think now more than ever we need each other, we need our community, we need to know kindness still exists in the world."

**Paul Forsyth**

Niagara This Week - Niagara Falls  
Thursday, March 4, 2021

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# Food Balance, Sport and Health



The Kiwanis Club of Basse Terre, held its first "Food Balance, Sport and Health" project at the Three Rivières with the third class grade children.

There was an intervention with a nutritionist and a sports coach to raise awareness among the children on the importance of eating a balanced diet and physical activity.

At the end of this intervention students were offered fruits and water.



On International Women's Day, President Evelyne and members of the Kiwanis Club of Arc-en-Ciel feted 57 women who are victims of domestic violence.

A make-up artist was on hand to get them made up for the day and they were also presented with a variety of hygiene and beauty products.



# RENOVATION OF THE PROMISE LEARNING CENTRE FACILITIES



The Kiwanis Club of JFB Kingston adopted the Promise Learning Centre three (3) years ago as their Signature Project when then Division 23 East Lieutenant Governor Pamela Rodney White focus was championing the cause of children with disabilities. By adopting the Centre, over time the club will be assisting with the complete renovation of the facilities which included the painting of the playground equipment, renovation of the lunchroom, kitchen, Resource, Sensory & Therapy Rooms, the Library and construction of a Home Economic Room.

The Promise Learning Centre was established in 1993 as a special Education Institution which provides academic, technical and social training for children born with autism and learning disabilities. The Centre

The Kiwanis Club of JFB Kingston partnered with local companies in order to execute this project. Kiwanis Clubs of Mona St. Andrew and Worthington Kingston and the MICO University Circle K were invited to join in this worthwhile venture. Local partners included:

- ◆ Caribbean Broilers.
- ◆ Jamaica Premix Concrete
- ◆ Jamaica Fire Brigade Maintenance Department
- ◆ Promise Learning Centre Parent Teachers' Association
- ◆ Sherwin Williams

The total cost of the project was J\$650,000.



currently has eighty (80) students between the ages of 4 -24 and 25 teachers and support staff. The Centre accommodates the different age categories - Early Childhood, Primary, High and Skill Training.

Originally, the project was scheduled to be completed over a two (2) month period each year beginning in April which is Autism Month and ends in May during Child's month. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic there was a delay in the completion. As a result it was started in October 2020 and completed January 2021.

Having completed the second year of the project which is the renovation of the lunchroom, the teachers and parents are very appreciative of the work done and are happy that they now have a more suitable and comfortable place for the children and teachers to sit, eat and enjoy their lunch. The next phase of JFB Kingston Signature Project for the Promise Learning Centre will be the renovation of their kitchen.



The Waterloo Collegiate Institute (WCI) KeyClub celebrates its first year as an operating KeyClub, which was sponsored by the late J. Carl Thompson of the Kiwanis Club of Elmira.



Mayor Dave Jaworsky

After registering the club, the COVID-19 Pandemic hit but the WCI KeyClub just got stronger. They spent the last quarter of their 2020 education year taking advantage of online training and mentoring by KeyClub district executives and prepared themselves for the 2020-2021 school year.

This year they have focused a lot of their volunteer efforts supporting students' mental health both in their club and in their school. In addition to this, they have been hosting a monthly "Speaker Series" with special speakers in the community with interesting careers. Their last speaker was the Mayor of Waterloo Dave Jaworsky who is a special colleague and friend to the KW Kiwanis Club President, Angela Vieth.

The WCI KeyClub are appreciative of the support the KW Kiwanis Club gives them. They enjoy learning about how they can contribute to the community and look forward to growing their club at their high school.

Check out the WCI KeyClub on Instagram to see motivational posts that the KeyClub members have created to share. @wcikeyclub

### Clubs in EC&C leading membership growth since December 2020 to February 2021

|    | Club  | Members |
|----|---|---------|
| 1  | Darliston Supreme -Division 25              | 25      |
| 2  | Division 25 Online - Division 25            | 25      |
| 3  | Outameni Western - Division 25              | 20      |
| 4  | YP Curacao - Division 26                    | 20      |
| 5  | Barbados Benevolence - Division 27          | 21      |
| 6  | Ewarton Premier Builders - Division 23 West | 18      |
| 7  | Antigua TT0 - Division 27                   | 16      |
| 8  | Young Professionals Tobago -Division 26     | 40      |
| 9  | Petrolia - Division 3                       | 17      |
| 10 | Sud De La Martinique - Division 27A         | 30      |
| 11 | Esteem Builders Trinidad - Division 26      | 23      |
| 12 | Royal Luidas Vale - Division 23 West        | 23      |
| 13 | Port Stanley - Division 4                   | 17      |



# Kiwanis Club of Aruba's Hybrid, Interclub and Educational General Meeting & Awards Ceremony



**K**iwanis Club of Aruba (KCA) organized the first ever Hybrid, Interclub, Educational General Meeting & Awards Ceremony, what a mixer! This special meeting which took place on February 24 was both an in-person meeting *and* an online Zoom meeting, making it a Hybrid occasion.

Additionally, the club was joined by representatives of multiple sister clubs. Kiwanis Clubs of Palm Beach, San Nicolas and Young Professionals all managed to attend the gathering in person. On Zoom, they were joined by sister clubs overseas, Kiwanis Club of Pinewood in the Bahamas and Kiwanis Club of Barbados represented by esteemed Governor Delores Lewis. Besides the online presence of many members from Kiwanis Club of San Nicolas, there was Kiwanis Club of Paramaribo Central.

The club was also happy to welcome, in person, Lieutenant Governor Patrick Melchiors of Division 26. With the attendance of representatives of 5 other Kiwanis Clubs, the Division's Lieutenant Governor, and many members of Kiwanis Club of Aruba (KCA), it was an interclub to remember with over 50

participants.

KCA wanted everyone to have an educational experience and take something valuable from the meeting, and they had Mr. Luciano Milliard, a well-respected University lecturer in Constitutional Law & Philosophy at the University of Aruba.

Mr. Milliard gave an insightful presentation about the eternal principles of leadership as depicted by Niccolò Machiavelli, Italian Diplomat, Writer and Philosopher. Not only was it interesting to learn about Machiavelli's story and non-traditional views on leadership, but it was intuitive as well to hear how Mr. Milliard relates these principles to the modern world and even to Kiwanis affairs.

The club began a new tradition and presented their first Citizens of Distinction Awards to exceptional members of the community. KCA presented the Community Special Award to Bert Wielenga, a citizen who has contributed, enhanced, and has had a positive impact on numerous members of the community for his amazing work with at-risk youth and his involvement in non-profit organizations. The club also presented the Kiwanis Club of Aruba's Spirit Award, recognizing a citizen's outstanding effort and/or achievement, which was bestowed to Lionel Rumnit for his work in helping people with limitations to enter the local job market.



# Kiwanis Club of Spanish Town Sanitation Program



Members of Staff from Friendship Primary along with President Derven and DS Ewan from the Kiwanis Club of Spanish Town, handing over supplies to the school

## Schools in the Kiwanis Club Covid19 Sanitation project

| School              | Population   |
|---------------------|--|
| Friendship Primary  | 1257 students<br>46 teachers<br>12 ancillary staff   |
| St Johns Primary    | 1501 Students 63 Teachers<br>23 Anc. staff           |
| Mcauley Primary     | 800 students 29 teachers<br>20 ancillary staff       |
| Homestead Primary   | 606 students 24 teachers<br>12 admin ancillary staff |
| Garden Hill Primary | 150 students 8teachers<br>4 support staff            |
| Praise Basic        | 94 students 12 teachers                              |
| Eccleston Primary   | 70 students 6 teachers<br>2 ancillary                |
| Newland Basic       | 55 student 7 staff                                   |
| Weston Grove Basic  | 45 students 5 staff                                  |

In response to the announced phased reopening of schools during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, Kiwanis club of Spanish Town (KCST) collaborated with school's administration and National Health Fund (NHF) to ensure safe re-entry of children to the schools. The project solicits wide partnerships and philanthropic contributions to deliver hand sanitizers to children in targeted schools.

The Club has been supporting communities since the very early stages of the crisis, donating toys and clothing to children in hospitals and children's home during the lockdown; contributed to the telethon for equipment and supplies for health care workers; provided cleaning agents and disinfectants to children's home. In addition, the signature project involved the distribution of hand washing stations, "Beautiful Smiles" to facilitate dental outreach programme and a wider School Sanitisation Program.

The project is on going and KCST will also partner with the Kiwanis Club of Portmore to identify the schools in its geographical division and engage the school's management of the best mix of support.



Vice Principals Annette Williams-Lester and Rayon Howell receiving samples of the hand sanitizer from President Derven



# Final Batch of Tablets for PATH Students to be Distributed Shortly



Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Hon. Fayval Williams (second left), hands over a tablet computer to a student of the Gregory Park Primary School, Amoya Venson, during a ceremony held at the school's Portmore, St. Catherine, location on Wednesday (February 24). Also pictured (from left) are State Minister in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, and Member of Parliament for East Central St. Catherine, Hon. Alando Terrelonge; Past Presidents' Council Chair, Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine, Dione Chambers; and Principal of the school, Richard Williams. During the ceremony, 26 tablet computers were handed over to the school by the Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine.

Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Hon. Fayval Williams, says that the final batch of tablets procured for students under the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) has arrived in the island and will be distributed shortly.

She noted that of the 40,000 tablets procured, approximately 36,000 have already been disbursed to pupils in grades four, five and six.

The distribution exercise is being undertaken by the Education Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology, through its agency, e-Learning Jamaica.

She noted, as well, that the 15,000 laptops, which the Government purchased for PATH students in grades 10 to 13 in high schools, will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

The Minister was speaking at the handover of 26 tablets, valued at more than \$1 million, by the Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine to the Gregory Park Primary School in Portmore, St. Catherine, on Wednesday (February 24).

Ms. Williams noted that the provision of electronic devices for students is important, as technology has now become a vital part of the education system due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and it is going to remain a permanent part of the teaching and learning experience.

"It's almost been a year now since most of our students have been at home. We were able to pivot very quickly to our children using the Google Suite Learning Management System," she said.

She noted, however, that the focus is not only on PATH students, pointing out that through the Government's 'Own your Own Device' programme, 36,000 families are being given \$20,000 towards the purchase of a tablet or laptop.

Private individuals and organisations are encouraged to make donations under the 'One Laptop or Tablet per Child' initiative.

The Minister thanked the Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine for "stepping forward with your donation of tablets to Gregory Park Primary School".

"It is the benevolence of societies such as the Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine that will help us to reach the goal of ensuring that all of our students, all across Jamaica have a device in their hand," she said.

Ms. Williams encouraged the students to take care of the devices and to use them for the purpose they were given, which is to enable their continued educational development.

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## Tablets for PATH cont'd

“Cherish them. You are going to have them through... school, through different grades. With those devices and connectivity, you can travel the world, you can learn about cultures in other countries. You can explore different subject areas, different languages. There is no end to what you will be able to learn if you use those devices as your educational tool,” she pointed out.

In his remarks, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, and Member of Parliament for East Central St. Catherine, Hon. Alando Terrelonge, reiterated the importance of students having access to the requisite technology to continue their education.

He expressed gratitude to the Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine for demonstrating good corporate social responsibility through “this most generous donation,” and also thanked the National Commercial Bank, which had previously donated 90 tablets to the school.

Meanwhile, Past Presidents’ Council Chair, Kiwanis Club of South St. Catherine, Dione Chambers, said that body is happy to make the donation.

“We know that we have to play our part and we will continue to give support to this and other schools towards improving the lives of one child, one community at a time,” she said.

The school's principal, Richard Williams, said that the devices will “give a significant boost to our remote learning and online school”.

He noted that the beneficiaries were chosen mainly from grades one to three.

Alecia Smith



# Saving Lives through Blood Donation

Giving blood is giving Life and so members of the Kiwanis Club NORD BASSE-TERRE, in February, mobilized the population aged 20 to 70 years to make a citizen gesture that would help to save a life and replenish reserves.

Thus, in keeping with the social distancing protocols and hygiene, 35 persons turned up at the "Tricolore Square" in Sainte-Rose where the EFS ("Etablissement Français du Sang") 971 to donate blood despite the difficult health situation.

The initiative was supported by a local carnival association, the President of the Guadeloupe Carnival Fédération and members of UD 971.

The response was positive and encouraging as donors promised to come again once the call is made.



# Capital City Kingston Raises Funds for Jamaica Cancer Society



From left: President Rowena Bryce, Kiwanis Club of Central Portmore; Lieutenant Governor Elect, Noel Ingram Division 23 West; Mr. Michael Leslie, Jamaica Cancer Society CEO; President Cheryl Smith, Kiwanis Club of the Capital City Kingston; Lieutenant Governor Debbie Manning, Division 23 Central; and President Klemarr Johnson, Kiwanis Club of Barbican.

**O**n January 29, 2021, the Kiwanis Club of the Capital City Kingston (KCCCK) handed over \$210,000.00 (approx. US\$1, 420.00) to the Jamaica Cancer Society.

The monies represented funds raised during the club's two-fold Signature Project "**Pinktober**" done in October and November of 2020. The two activities included a donation sheet challenge used as one of KCCCK's membership engagement drive, which raised **\$171,000.00 (approx. US\$1,159.00)** and the "Pink Zoomba" exercise session done in collaboration with the Kiwanis Clubs of Central Portmore and Barbican, which netted **\$40,000.00 (approx. US\$261.00)**.

Distinguished President Dorothy Brown won the KCCCK donation sheet challenge, collecting \$105,000.00 (**approx. US\$711.00**). In Sunday, November, the Kiwanis Clubs of Barbican and Central Portmore joined forces with Capital City Kingston to stage an online fitness session dubbed "**Pink Zoomba**" with Zumba Instructor Stacy-Ann Brown.

October, observed as "Breast Cancer Awareness" month, is traditionally a peak period for fundraising with an Annual Luncheon and the "Pink Run". The social, financial and economic dislocations, arising from the onset of COVID-19, stemmed the flow of funds to their coffers creating a challenge for the organization to fund and deliver critical testing and screening services to the general public.



From left: DP Marissa Jones, KCCCK; DP Dorothy Brown, KCCCK; Ms. Shuddian Brown, Jamaica Cancer Society Fundraising Director; Mr. Michael Leslie, Jamaica Cancer Society CEO; President Cheryl Smith, KCCCK and Lieutenant Governor Debbie Manning, Division 23 Central.



**H**ow did nine High School students (Key Clubbers) raise \$5,000 in 77 days, amidst a global pandemic, homework, term-papers, assignments, exams, and a period in all our lives where the whole world was in turmoil? The answer is by working together to accomplish simple but powerful objectives, including to help the local Ottawa economy as well as help a local charity (current selected charity is Bridge Over Barriers).

To say I did this alone would be a falsehood, taking a queue from Sir Isaac Newton's most famous statement: "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants," I would say that "If I was able to do this work it was because I built on the strong foundation of the 103-year history of The Kiwanis Club of Ottawa and the work of dedicated and tireless Kiwanis Key Club teachers and Kiwanis advisors."

Enter FocalOttawa, an intergenerational-driven initiative between Kiwanis Club of Ottawa and Key Clubs whose purpose was to make a difference. The genesis of FocalOttawa started when Past International President Jane Andrews Erickson ("One can make a difference") because of her powerful and compelling presentation on the Key Leader Program inspired me to attend the Key Leader Program. It was a life changing experience. The principles that were taught during the Key Leader weekend were immediately implemented into a real-life initiative, The Bed Race, which itself has raised over \$30,000 by the Key Clubbers themselves. This money was put to good use by Kiwanis Club of Ottawa. (See article in Kiwanis International Magazine June 7, 2020 issue).

These important life lessons were put to use again in early 2020 right at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was at this time when the local community really started to feel the pressure of all the new government regulations with respect to social distancing and forced lockdowns. How would the local economy survive if no one was going out to support their local businesses? This is where the idea for FocalOttawa came from. By late 2020 most of the damage had been done, and on October 24, within only three hours, nine Key Clubbers,

a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa, and a generous Xennial volunteer created Focus on Local, or FocalOttawa. It was at this meeting where they also decided to raise money to help a local charity.



Together the group has been able to raise over \$8,500 for Bridges Over Barriers and is currently supporting 14 local businesses. They have reached over 680 followers on Instagram and continue to grow. The group has also taken part in two podcasts (Invest Ottawa's *Invested in our new reality* and *KwadCast*), to further their audience reach. The goal is to change the buying behavior of local Ottawa citizens so before they order that new book online, they look at a local bookstore instead. It is my profound pleasure to be working with such a dedicated group of youth who have made such a positive impact on the local economy and heightened awareness of what the Kiwanis family does to make the world a better place.

Steve Georgopoulos, Proud 30-year member of Kiwanis Club of Ottawa



Kiwanis Club of Greater Portmore SLP recently distributed stationeries, tablets and credits for access to the internet connection for learning.

Schools benefiting were Kensington Primary, Greater Portmore Primary, Breaton Primary and Junior High, Ascot Primary, Ascot High school Agriculture Department.



The Kiwanis Club of Flamboyant continues to assist in the fight against Covid-19 by distributing personal protective masks, hydro-alcoholic gel, washing creams and towel paper to the students of the elementary school, Constant Eudarc de Dillon A, in Fort-de-France recently.

This school has 160 students and is located in a priority education area, where many children are very poor.

Thanks to PROCHIMIE for its contribution of hydro-alcoholic gels, washing creams and papers.

The club will continue to work with the school for the establishment of a K-KIDS.



# Love Baskets for Children Living with HIV



The Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central partnered with the National HIV AIDS Commission Barbados to distribute 14 Love Baskets to children living with HIV. This was usually done on Valentine's Day but due to the month long lockdown, was done in March.

Four (4) members accompanied by President Alison Taylor and Governor, Dr. Delores Lewis delivered the Love Baskets to Ms. Cecelia Neblett-Brathwaithe, Behavioural Change Specialist, for distribution to the children. The contents of the baskets were toiletries, stationery, books, masks and hand sanitizers.

The focus on children who are impacted by HIV has been reduced recently due to the focus on the COVID-19 pandemic.





In early April four (4) Kiwanians from the Fort de France club, DLGE Jean Claude PADERNA, LGD Jean Claude CALIXTE, Treasurer Jean Louis TAILAME and DLGE Claude DAVIDAS went to the Carbet hospital to present Ms. Fusia OCTARI a karaoke sound system sounding board that will provide entertainment and fun for the children who are hospitalized at the facility.

It was a great moment for the children who sang the afternoon away as well as the parents, some of whom came from as far as Guyana to be with their children.



The Kiwanis Club of Port Antonio, Portland presented food packages to assist over 80 children as their parents grapple with the many needs created by the pandemic.





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