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## 2020-2021 Class of Lieutenant Governors



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



**KIDS NEED KIWANIS**



## Governor's Message

**T**he year 2020 was indeed a challenging year for many worldwide and it presented no less challenges to us as Kiwanians, where we have had to adapt to new ways of conducting our service projects and carrying out the everyday activities of our clubs. Now, let us look forward to better days for 2021 as we contemplate getting back to conducting our activities as we are accustomed too, especially meeting again face to face and enjoying the fellowship that we so long for at this time.

Let me firstly, thank all of the clubs for the outstanding efforts that they have made in this first quarter with carrying out their service projects and supporting the increase in membership of our district. You have carried out so many outstanding projects throughout the district in the communities that you serve to improve the lives and livelihood of the children in need.

Your efforts can be said to be attributed to your strong passion to serve your communities with excellence. You did not let the challenge of the pandemic damper your efforts but you were bold, imaginative and innovative in your approach and you succeeded.

Thank you for supporting the growth of our district during our first quarter. The new clubs that were opened have increased the number of clubs in our district to 272 and our membership stands at 7435 members (according to the KI end of December Statistics).



This increase in membership has assisted our district to remain healthy in growth. This growth will go a long way in helping us to continue to serve the children in our district, who definitely are in need of our assistance as this pandemic continues to seriously affect them.

As we move forward into the second quarter, I ask that you continue to motivate and inspire your members to support your service projects and continue to improve the lives of the children in your communities, as well as, to continue to support the growth of our great district, so that we remain healthy in membership throughout 2021.

Let our passion to serve and lead with excellence be heightened. I wish great success to all your clubs as you move into 2021. Most of all though, I wish for health, happiness and prosperity for you, your loved ones and your family.

Let us go forward to serve those who need us the most.

Delores B. Lewis, MD  
Governor EC&C  
2020- 2021



*"Passion to serve, Lead, and Excel"*



# Editor's Note



**A**s I pondered on a note my phone rang and my ringtone gave me the perfect message to encourage and cheer my fellow Kiwanians as the journey continues amidst the pandemic.

This song "People Like You" epitomizes Kiwanis.

If you give a little more than you take  
And if you try to fix more than you break  
If you're the kind who takes the time  
To help a stranger in the rain  
There's a place for people like you .

If you stand up for those down on their knees  
And lend a voice to those who cannot speak  
If you shine a little light and give sight  
To the ones who've lost their way  
There's a place for people like you .

I've heard up there the streets are made of gold  
And when you get there, there's a hand to hold  
I believe when your days down here are through  
There's a place up there for people like you.

If you walk around with your heart on your sleeve  
And if you try to be the change you want to see  
If you laid down your life for love  
So someone could be saved  
There's a place for people like you.

I know you're out there  
Just keep doing what you do  
Cuz there's a place up there for people like you.

(click on link to play

[\(743\) Gramps Morgan - People Like You \(Official Music Video\) - YouTube](#)

The word is Love... The journey continues...

*Merdina*

I know you're out there  
Just keep doing what you do  
Cuz there's a place up there for people like you





## Hope Markes for Kiwanis International Trustee 2021-2024

**F**ellow Kiwanians, my name is Hope Markes and I am seeking your vote in support of my candidacy for Kiwanis International Trustee for the Eastern Canada and The Caribbean District (EC&C) of Kiwanis International.



I have served my community for more than 30 years in various leadership capacities and in various roles as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hopewell, Jamaica, for the past 21 years, with a special place in my heart for Sponsored Leadership Programs (SLPs).

My role as Governor for the year 2013-2014 was a fulfilling year, allowing me to have great reach within this noble organization to impact the lives of the children of the world. This impact, along with the lifelong friendships built with you my fellow Kiwanians, has fueled my passion for the continuity of excellence in leadership and service to our beloved organization.

The business of Kiwanis requires high ethical standards, diligent management and a heart for people. The expertise gleaned from operating my business - a very successful management company, Hope Markes Villas (which deals with the operation of luxury resort homes located in the tourist mecca of Jamaica) - coupled with my unwavering commitment to Kiwanis, undoubtedly qualify me to fulfill the duties of an International Trustee, such as managing the business, property, and funds of Kiwanis International.

I look forward to your support in ensuring that the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District will be ably represented on the Kiwanis International Board for the period 2021 - 2024. This would be a significant milestone that honors the true breadth and depth of this diverse global organization. Thank you for allowing me to represent you!

Most of all in the middle of this Covid19 Pandemic, please stay safe and keep well.



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Elect

# PHIL ROSSY

For Kiwanis International Trustee



**Kiwanis**  
KC OTTAWA

KC KANATA-STITTSVILLE

**“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone”**

My Fellow Kiwanians,

I wish to continue my journey in Kiwanis by asking for your support to serve as your representative as the Kiwanis International Trustee for the 3 year term from 2021-2024. This opportunity will allow Clubs and Members of Eastern Canada & the Caribbean to have a voice on the International Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International.

As your Trustee on the KI Board, I will advocate for more **cultural diversity and inclusiveness at KI**, promote change for the betterment of Kiwanis and ensure that membership growth is our most important strategic direction. By **improving communication** between Clubs, Districts and the KI Board, we can grow and prosper and truly make a difference in the lives of our children and grandchildren. Let's all come together to accomplish this now. I am committed to you and Kiwanis to **helping the children of the world**, "one child, one community" at a time.

It is with great humility that I ask you to elect me to the position of Kiwanis International Trustee 2021-2024 for our great District of Eastern Canada & the Caribbean.

Sincerely,

Phil Rossy

Phil Rossy  
Candidate for KI Trustee

*Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year  
to Everyone!*



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What are the responsibilities of a Kiwanis International Trustee? What strengths and abilities will I bring to this position?

- **Manage the business, property & funds of Kiwanis International**
- **Managing Clubs, Districts and Federations**
- **Developing and overseeing Kiwanis' mission, vision, and strategic plan**
- **Defining the policies of the organization**
- **Ensuring organization-wide financial integrity**
- **Interpreting KI By-Laws, as needed**



### KIWANIS EXPERIENCE

- ✓ EC&C Governor 2016-17 – Class President
- ✓ 3+ years as District Chair Membership & Growth (2017-2021)
- ✓ Developed/supported opening 42+ new clubs. (2016-2021)
- ✓ Coaching and mentoring leaders in strengthening new and existing clubs through fiscal responsibility
- ✓ 2020 Kiwanis International Co-Chair for New Club Opening procedures
- ✓ Past President of Kiwanis Club of Ottawa (2010)
- ✓ Secretary/Treasurer of Kiwanis Club of Kanata-Stittsville (2017-2021)
- ✓ LG for Division 12 – 2011/12 & 2012/13
- ✓ DLGE 2014 – Distinguished LG

### BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Owner of PHR/JDR Consulting in Retirement Home Planning & Implementation
- ✓ Over 40 years of Hospitality & Healthcare Management experience in senior management positions
- ✓ Professor at Algonquin College, Ottawa for School of Hospitality & Tourism
- ✓ Developer in Retirement Home Management Certificate Program, Algonquin College
- ✓ Member of Algonquin College Advisory Board for the School

### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- ✓ Married with three children & six grandchildren
- ✓ Active in community service groups in Kanata, ON

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# KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL 2021 SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

The Kiwanis International Fifth Annual Signature Project Recognition Program 2021 for the districts is now opened and closes **Midnight EST January 31, 2021.**

The District will make two submissions, one from each category (tier 1 and tier 2) to Kiwanis International.

**Tier I: Clubs with 27 members or fewer**

**Tier II: Clubs with 28 members or more**

**All submissions must be done on the KI Online Portal** <http://www.kiwanisecc.org/signature-project-contest-2020/>

Each tier will be judged separately and the top 10 finalists will be determined for each tier. The top three selections from each tier will be recognized as the gold, silver and bronze winners at the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention.

**Our Eastern Canada and Caribbean District will also recognize the top 3 winners from each of the two categories during the 2021 recognition ceremony.**

**Please take note of these dates as no submission will be accepted after midnight on January 31, 2021.**

IMPORTANT DATES	
Contest Opens	Sunday, January 10, 2021
Contest Closes	Midnight EST Monday, January 31, 2021
Finalists Notified	Monday, March 22, 2021
Awards and Recognition Breakfast	Thursday, June 24, 2021



# Club Pride Charters Aktion Club



Kiwanis Advisor Nicola Yard, President Ashley Belgrave and Faculty Advisor Nichola Gordon

The charter ceremony for The Aktion Club of Barbados, sponsored by Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados, was held on Saturday 7 November 2020. This is the only Aktion club in Barbados and in Division 27. Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados is very passionate about equal opportunities for all, passionate about the promotion and facilitation of a fully inclusive Barbados and that is why the club believed it was important and necessary to sponsor an Aktion club in the country.

Governor Delores of EC&C District and Lieutenant Governor Cynthia of Division 27 were both in attendance.

The club is made up of thirteen persons. The president, Ashley Belgrave and the vice president Jonathon Nurse. The club has already launched its first project in the form of a clothing drive for The Salvation Army. The members are eager to start executing the many plans they have.



President Ashley and Vice President Jonathon Nurse below.



# ECC District Convention News



The Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention Committee recently confirmed that the 2022 EC&C District Convention will take place in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. The new dates are August 14 & 15 early arrivals of LGs, Wed LG training and rest of delegates arrive and Convention itself is August 18 to 20 (Thurs to Sat closing gala). The host hotel will be the Delta Hotels by Marriott Fredericton. There will be two overflow hotels, Holiday Inn Express & Suites and Radisson Kingswood Hotel & Suites (Hotel room blocks would not be open yet for reservations). More details will follow in the New Year. Quebec City has postponed its Convention to 2023, so we expect there will be pent-up demand for travel and Convention learning/networking.

The Convention website and Facebook Page will be reinstated early in the new year so that we can send out information to Kiwanians on a regular basis. Facebook posts will be also sent to the EC&C Facebook page, as well as the Convention Facebook page and the Kiwanis Clubs of NB Facebook Page.

Kiwanis Fredericton Club, the Host Committee as well as the Fundy Division Clubs look forward to working with all LGs to promote virtually the 2022 Convention and make this Convention a true success. So exciting to be moving forward with the Convention!

Be safe, be well in these uncertain times so we can all get back to what we do well, helping children in our respective communities. Best wishes for the Holiday Season and for 2021!

**Come Catch The Kiwanis Wave, One Child At A Time, August 18-20, 2022!**



# Club Nord Basse-Terre brings cheer to Sainte-Rose de Lima Retirement Home



**T**he Club Nord Basse-Terre held a Christmas party at the Retirement Home for the residents at Sainte-Rose. A club member showed the elders how to make bouquets to decorate the room and the entrance of the residence. Each resident then made a bouquet for his/her personal room.

A famous local singer performed some traditional songs of Gwoka, biguine and Christmas carols. Some residents, accompanied by family members and staff even danced to the music. Children dressed in local costumes also performed traditional dances.

To close the event, the president wished a merry Christmas to all and invited them to enjoy the refreshment.





## Disabilities Foundation receives Tablets on International Disabilities Day

The International Day for Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) was observed on Thursday December 3, 2020; to promote the inclusion and equal participation of persons with different abilities in all aspects of society. The Kiwanis Club of Eastern Kingston & Port Royal (EKPR) jointly with InspireMeJa Foundation donated five (5) Tablet PCs to the Aktion Club at the Abilities Foundation of Jamaica to commemorate the occasion.

The InspireMeJA Foundation is a group of young professionals who have created an academic support and personal development solution to serve the children in state care. Said the founder of the foundation, Mr. Rojane Rose “it has been a long standing passion of mine to vie for the academic inclusion and acceptance of our sisters and brothers who are usually given the short hand of the stick because of their socioeconomic background. Our childcare facilities are greatly understaffed and the needed resources to make effective the programmes they have are just not allocated in such a way for them to realize any true success. InspireMeJA has decided to bridge that divide; after all, there is no better feeling than seeing a child getting his ‘light bulb moment.’ I am motivated by each smile, each learning moment and each moment of achievement, regardless of how small you may think it is.”

Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence Pam Rodney said she was contacted by Ms. Hamilton requesting assistance to procure tablets to assist students of the Abilities Foundation with online class. Having heard about the work of Immediate Past President Tadmar and his team from EKPR

has been doing, she reached out to him and through InspireMeJA they were able to donate five (5) tablets to the Foundation.

The Tablet Tour is a joint project with the Kiwanis Club of Eastern Kingston and Port Royal and the InspireMeJA Foundation where the aim is to reach at least one hundred (100) children through the provision of tablets to aid with academic support and inclusion.

“We aim to change the lives of our children and inspire everyone in the community to come on board. One child at a time, one community at a time.” said the president of EKPR, Sylvester Harvey



From left: Lieutenant Governor Don Gittens, DLGE Pam Rodney-Whyte, Rojane Rose – Founder (InspireMeJA), Ms Susan Hamilton (Managing Director-AFJ), Sylvester Harvey – President (EKPR), Jonathan South – EKPR, Lieutenant Governor Deborah Manning, Tadmar Moore – Immediate Past President - EKPR and Ms. Therese Braham (Wheel Chair).



Eastern Canada and the Caribbean  
**Kiwanis Internet Convention Kickstart**  
May 14 and 15, 2021



**Due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, our 2021 District convention will be virtual. May 14-15, 2021.**

**Additional information will be sent to Kiwanis members as it becomes available. Registration is now open.**

In order to access our District Portal please click the Login button in the upper left corner of your screen.

Once at the login screen, please enter your e-mail address and the password: **KIWANIS**.

<https://ecc2021.org>

*Every day is a chance  
to change the*  
**WORLD.**

 **Kiwanis**



# Breast Cancer Ports Donated to Sister Sister Breast Cancer Support Group of the Bahamas

Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was truly a remarkable day for the ladies of the Kiwanis Club of New Providence as well as the Pilot Club of Nassau. Both organizations reached an incredible milestone simply by asking persons to donate fifty (50) percent of their daily lunch cost to purchase ports for women who were courageously fighting breast cancer.



For this 2020/2021 administrative year New Providence, President Dominique Rolle chose the theme “Bridging Gaps and Strengthening Communities through Altruism and Integrity.” Another bridge was gapped.

Another community was strengthened. Altruism and integrity shined brightly as the selflessness of both organizations emerged to form a bond beyond a donation.

This service initiative was held from October 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in an effort to raise a substantial dollar amount to assist the women who could not afford the breast cancer port devices. With a membership of all female, the Kiwanis Club of New Providence understands the impact of this disease as well as the importance of early detection. Therefore, in addition to seeking the public’s support, kindhearted members set aside funds to support the cause as well.

“Skip-A-Meal” to support the cause! 50% of your daily lunch cost can really go a LONG way!

This is just the beginning of what amazing things both organizations can do not just by themselves, but together as a team.

Breast cancer has claimed the lives of so many beautiful souls therefore, it is imperative that persons continue to support those who are standing tall in the fight.

The Pilot Club of Nassau has always stood by their theme, “Do More. Care More. Be More.”, and they did just that with their generous donation.

Now, more than ever; we must be each other’s keepers. One people, valiantly united in love and service.

It can be said with surety that these exceptional women and their organization will continue to impact other people’s lives with their good-will.





## Kiwanis Hosts Free Drive-thru Glucose Testing

The Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. held its first free drive-thru glucose testing, which gave persons an opportunity to know their status and encouraged them to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

The drive-thru glucose testing was held on World Diabetes Day to increase public awareness about the chronic disease that affects many Bahamians.

According to The Bahamas Diabetes Association, "Nearly every family is affected by diabetes and the complexities of the disease, physical and psychological costs. Its social and financial burden often leave persons perplexed as to how they can successfully live a healthy life while managing diabetes."

Sixty persons received free glucose testing and were given a sample of Bahamian made tea, courtesy of Tasty Teas.

The Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. thanks healthcare providers Nurse Culmer and Nurse Simmons for their selfless service.

"We are certain that this act of bringing awareness has helped those with the chronic disease to take more control of their health," The Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. said.



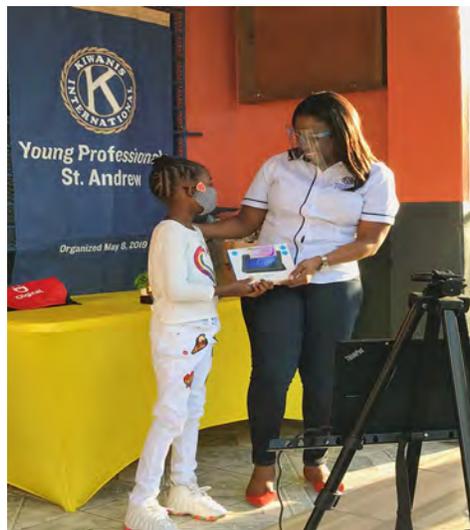
# Young Professionals St. Andrew Launches E-learning Project

There has been a major change in the educational sectors around the world. This can be seen as good or bad depending on where on the globe you are located. Here in Jamaica, due to the wide disparity that exist in the society, this new wave of learning has presented several issues in our country.

The children of the Cockburn Gardens Community have been left without electronic devices to continue their studies online which is the new way of learning. Moreover the parents have been left without support especially when more than one child needs to use a device.

In an effort to offer a resolution, the Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals St Andrew design an E-Learning Project. This project would include donating tablets and providing food items for students and training parents how to use the Google for Education Platforms. This will better assist the children in the learning process while they are at home.

On November 14, the club launched the project at the Cockburn Gardens Primary and Junior High School. The event was held at the venue but was also live streamed on the Zoom Platform due to Covid- 19 restrictions. In attendance were District Governor Dr. Delores Lewis, Lieutenant Governor



Deborah Manning, members of Division 23 Central, the school's Principal, teachers and parents.

A tablet was donated to a student and a box of food items to a parent who had recently lost her home in a fire.

The attendees were flooded with tears of joy and gratitude.

The Club has pledged that this is only the beginning, and more tablets will be donated before the year ends as well as food items will be distributed to different families on a monthly basis.



# Club Le Flamboyant Care Baskets enhanced Christmas

Together with regular partners, the Catholic Relief, the rural home in Dumaine and secular association of Francis, members of the KC Le Flamboyant in Division 27A provided families who had young children and the elderly with baskets of food and traditional confectionery during the Christmas season.



Presentation of baskets to representative of the Catholic Relief of Salt River for the support of families.



President and team going from house to house to distribute care baskets.



On December 21, the club participated in a party organized by the Catholic Relief, branch of Rivière-Salée, for some needy families. During this event, children were gifted with Christmas presents.

Christmas baskets and diapers were also handed out to families.

Thanks to the three partners we gave toys, diapers and formula to about 20 children from 0 months to 10 years old.

## Division 3 Bluewater



Seaway Kiwanis members put the finishing touches on the new Welcome Booth for the Covid required gatekeepers at the Seaway Kiwanis Children's Animal Farm.

Hundreds of visitors, both young and not so young, visit the Animal Farm daily to see their favourite animal friends.

Gatekeepers record contact information and ensure that no more than 100 visitors are present at a time.

Kiwanian Kathie Jordan with Claire and Rita of Staples Chatham present seventy-two \$40 gift cards to Kayrn of the United Way of Chatham-Kent's Operation Backpack program.



Forest Kiwanis Club organized their annual Santa Claus parade in a stationary reverse format. Hundreds of visitors got to see the parked floats as they drove by in their cars, achieving social distancing. Food donations at the parade filled both an ambulance and a van.

# Division 18

The clubs in Division 18 have been working hard providing services to their communities whilst trying to maintain fellowship with other Kiwanis members.

The majority of the meetings have been on Zoom, as well as some hybrid combined Zoom and regular meetings as we were not able to have a lot of in person meeting.

For the service and fundraising, the clubs have been organizing and doing Bingo, cheese sales, Christmas tree sales, Sliver Cane, running a Kiwanis Campground and Kiwanis Seniors Lodges. We are also working with the local Boys & Girls Gold Rush fundraiser; selling ATV 4X4 tickets and tickets to win vacation trips.

They have provided nice dinners for local seniors and participated with Lunch Programs at some local schools.

Funding have also been provided for Harbour Lights, an annual fundraiser to collect money for food banks. One of our clubs put on a Wing Night and drive through dinners; another one continued with their long term Dental Program for Kids as well as selling Kiwanis Christmas ornaments. EC & C Conversation 2022 come to New Brunswick.

We continue to do what we can in these trying times.

It is Kiwanis members like those in our clubs that make Christmas so special and meaningful to all communities we service.

Thank you for being a part of Kiwanis.



Division 18 News



## Division 4 Colonel Talbot

The 7 clubs in division 4 joined in the Staples/Kiwanis partnership in Ontario for back to school needs which totaled \$40,000! Thirty (30) schools and organizations received gift cards

Ridgetown Club are crushing their cans, collecting bottles and en-cashing them in for kids! Christmas brought Santa into town (who sounded a lot like PG Allen Ure). They elfed random people with gifts and had their annual toy drive.

West Lorne gave over \$10,000. to their community charities and entered their float into the drive by Festival of Lights recently.

Middlesex-London meets virtually every week with incredible speakers. They did their Christmas cake sales, sold Kiwanis gaiters and manned the Salvation Army Kettles in addition to a huge donation to London Children's Museum.

Rodney: With crops being grown and harvested they had a later start but continued to support their local community and partnered with Optimists to organize and participate in the Christmas Festival of Lights in their town.

Ingersoll: Instead of their Rural Urban major fundraiser they had a Dine & Donate and sold vouchers resulting in \$8500 into the coffers of their local restaurants. They also had a Coats for Families drive which was a great success.



St. Thomas Golden K dug deep into their own pockets and donated \$4000 to Christmas Care Program, Salvation Army and Food Bank.

Forest City London lost their major fundraiser due to Covid roadblocks but they still managed to fill 92 back packs called the Best First Day. They marked their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November.

The division stepped up, overcame the challenges and continues to serve the children. It has been challenging for the SLPs since the school doors are closed but they know they have the full support of the division.

All clubs have embraced the virtual platforms with help from their leaders although they are yearning for fellowship again. Even when we're apart WE STAND TOGETHER!

## Division 26 Tradewinds



Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals in Curaçao, was chartered, growing the number of adult clubs there to three, and re-stimulating the necessary vibe for a great organization through this addition. The spark of this 'Young Professional' movement has also jumped to Tobago, where Club Scarborough is initiating a similar group to form a Kiwanis Club of said segment.

This is growth is welcome, not just for the volume, but for the organization as a whole where younger groups of people come together to give back to their communities!

# Division 23 Central

**K**iwaniis One Day is normally a day for Clubs to do something special for the communities in which they serve. Division 23 Central continued the practice by using the opportunity to bring all the Clubs together to achieve what might be too challenging for a single Club to undertake.



members from the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean and Caribbean Maritime University. Members of the 13 Clubs in the Division worked diligently, properly spaced and fellow-shipped in keeping with the new

This year a project was planned to support the Division's focus on Early Childhood Development. After in-depth analysis, the planning committee decided to refurbish the playgrounds at the Arnold Road Methodist Basic School. The project which was executed under the theme "Education Through Play", involved repairing, reinstalling, and painting of play equipment. It also comprised painting of a beautiful mural on a large expanse of wall, some forty feet long and eleven feet high. The project provided the opportunity to connect with other arms of the K family and non-Kiwanians who participated in the activities.

norm. With all hands-on deck the play equipment were beautifully refurbished, and the wall was transformed into a magnificent, colourful work of art.

The Division is grateful to the sponsors - First Caribbean International Bank, Jamaica Aggregates Ltd and Tankweld whose generous donations made this project possible. Utmost appreciation to Kiwanians, members of the Service Leadership Programme, and other volunteers who assisted in the successful execution of the project.

Circle K members from the Edna Manley School of Visual and Performing Arts transferred the outlines of the wonderful design created by DLG Beverly Thompson unto the walls. The mural was then painted by Kiwanians with the help of Circle K

This playground will assist the Arnold Road Methodist Basic School in moving a step closer to become certified by the Early Childhood Commission and will benefit 50 young children currently enrolled in the programme.



Division News



# Licence Plate for Kiwanian of the Year - Noëlla LeBrun



As all Clubs this year know, things have been done a little differently as a result of Covid-19.

The Kiwanis Club of Fredericton was to have their Charter Night Dinner and Celebration in October 2020 but due to Covid protocols had to settle for a virtual event via Zoom.

Kiwanian of the Year was Noëlla LeBrun. Noëlla has been a member of Kiwanis since 1987, almost 34 years. She has served as President several times, Secretary of the Club and most recently the Chairperson of the EC&C Convention Committee.

Although convention had to be cancelled that did not diminish the amount of work that was put into it. Noëlla was definitely the Kiwanian who worked the hardest. Past President Murielle Lordon presented her with a Kiwanis license plate for the front of her car. A great recognition for all her hard work.



New to the Kiwanis Club of Fredericton this year, is the 'The BIG CHEESE Award', to be presented annually to the most prolific seller of product in the Kiwanis Club of Fredericton Cheese Campaign.

Long time member Burt Green, was presented the award by President Mike Ross. Burt with his magnetic personality, outsold all the other Kiwanians in the club by a huge margin.

Congratulations!

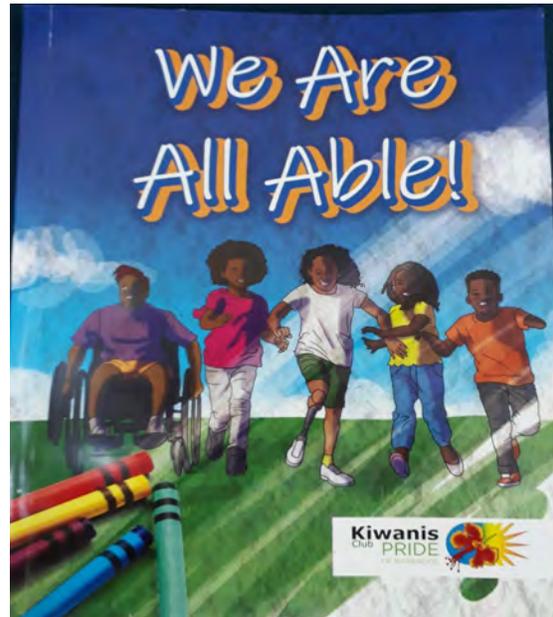


# Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados ensuring equal opportunities for all

The Barbados Council for The Disabled is working on promoting and facilitating a fully inclusive country. Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados conceptualized the idea of an inclusive play colouring book to assist their movement. Each page of the colouring book features a child with a disability interacting and playing with a child without a disability. The book features children with a wide range of disabilities. Our hope is that the colouring book helps young children learn to embrace and accept others despite differences. We want children to see past physical and intellectual differences.

Children who accept each other despite differences become compassionate adults who can coexist with persons with disabilities. We also want children with disabilities to be able to see others like themselves featured in a book.

We aim to promote an inclusive country and by extension an inclusive region and world.



The colouring book was sponsored by The National HIV/AIDS Commission. There is a QR code on the book which shows an age appropriate video that speaks against discriminating about person with HIV and dispels myths about the virus. Compassion for all is important. The colouring books which are free of cost have started distribution in the island's schools. Distribution started on December 3, International Day of Persons With Disabilities.



Kids have to play differently right now — but their spirit is still part of Kiwanis service. And it will be part of the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention as well. Discover new ways to serve your community while developing leadership skills.

Join us June 23-26, 2021, online or in person in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Be in the kind of atmosphere that reminds you why Kiwanis matters.



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## CHILDREN'S FUND

### 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.

For June 1 funding decisions:  
Submit LOI any time before February 1  
If approved, submit full application by April 1

<https://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund>

