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ECC District



**EMERGING STRONGER**

IN 2021/2022

*The gift of love. The gift of peace. The gift of happiness.  
May all these be yours at Christmas and beyond*

**Merry  
Christmas**  
and Happy new year



## Signature project 2022

**Save the Date**



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## The Kiwanis International Sixth Annual Signature Project Recognition Program for clubs and districts

**Opens Midnight - Sunday, January 9, 2022**

and

**Closes Midnight - Sunday, January 30, 2022**

- Submissions must be made through the online contest form from a link that will be made available.
- See contest rules at <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/service-projects/signature-projects/contest/signature-project-contest-rules>
- The top three selections from each tier will be recognized as the gold, silver and bronze winners at the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention.
- The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place District winners from both Tier 1 and Tier 2 will be recognized at the District Convention in August 2022



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## KIDS NEED ADVOCATES



# Governor Jim's Message

Fellow Kiwanians,

Welcome to the new Kiwanis year of 2021/2022. What a year we have just completed. Our Club Opening and Membership Growth results were outstanding last year. To be able to achieve those results at such a time of upheaval in our economies is absolutely out-standing. My hat goes off to all for helping to make this happen.

As we move forward, we are still not out of the Covid pandemic but are making positive inroads every day with the results that we hear on our radios and TV's. Our number one concern is to ensure that all Kiwanians and their loved ones remain safe as they carry out the work that is needed now more than ever in our communities.

A major take away from the past twenty months is how adaptable Kiwanians are. We were able to change on a dime, as the saying goes, from face-to-face meetings to virtual meetings, using Zoom. We also learned that new service projects, opening new clubs, conducting CLE and LG training, or having a variety of presenters from far and wide, could be conducted using this technology. The use of this technology might be the biggest advantage from the pandemic. We have learned that we don't have to conduct our meetings in the way we have in the past to remain successful. Another benefit is all members can attend other club meetings as a guest not only in your Division, but around the world as well. You have an opportunity to learn how other clubs operate and learn what has made them successful.

Our District goals for this administrative year will include Membership Growth with-in existing Clubs and New Club Building. We must grow year after year to continue our success in "serving the children of the world".

Other District's ask how are we so successful in the growth of members and new Clubs. I tell them it's because of the passion that our members bring to their clubs and communities. We believe in what we do and strive to make a difference. That is what makes us stand apart from other Districts.

We also want to continue our drive to enhance the Leadership skills of our Clubs and executive. We have worked hard at this over the past couple years and will continue to do so. Great Leadership is a key element to our continued success.

Service Leadership is an area we have lost ground on. When schools are closed, we can't get into them to work with our youth clubs. Aktion Clubs are in the same situation as many are run by Government Agencies which have not been allowing F2F contact. I am confident that this will pick up in the near future.

This year, our District is working to get us back to where we were in March of 2020 before Covid changed our lives. This is not an easy goal. It is going to require each and every one of us to work at bringing all SLP programs back to where they were. Service Leadership is the heart of our organization which is why we need to get back on track with our youth clubs.



Our Signature Projects remain an important step in doing the Service work that Kiwanians strive for. It's not just having a Signature Project, but also ensuring that your Club enters it into the Kiwanis International contest. Our District has been very successful in the past and is recognized throughout the Kiwanis world by winning top prizes. It is amazing to see the positive outcomes our Clubs have accomplished with their Signature Projects.

As we start to return to what will be the new normal, we are seeing a difference in the attitudes of people. Their values have changed dramatically. People want to ensure that Families, Health and Community are being looked after. This isn't what was important to many in the past. This is where Kiwanians can make a difference. Our communities see the work that your Club does and how you make a difference. This is why the time is right to bring new members into your Clubs as others also want to make a difference. When you ask them to become part of the organization, they will realize that by doing so they can achieve the new values that have become part of our lives.

As we Emerge Stronger this coming year and continue to "serve the children of the world", please know that your effort and dedication is making a significant difference. "Kids need Kiwanis and we need you to make that happen".

Jim Scott  
Governor 2021/2022

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**Capital Connections**  
Fredericton 2022

Eastern Canada & The Caribbean District Convention  
Catch The Kiwanis Wave, One Child at a Time

Dear members,

Less than nine months away, Kiwanians from the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention will be arriving in large numbers in Fredericton, New Brunswick CA to attend the District Convention, Aug. 18-20, 2022, at the Delta Fredericton by Marriott Hotels.

This will be the first in-person Convention in 3 years!! The Host Committee is very excited and working hard on the plans to host a stimulating convention with fellowship, educational forums & fun evenings. We are expecting you in large numbers!

Host Chair, *Noëlla*



 **HELP US HELP KIDS**



# Meet our Governor



Governor Jim is a graduate of Fanshawe College and the University of Western Ontario.

He worked at 3M Canada in a variety of roles in Sales, Marketing and Human Resources for 33 years. Upon his retirement in 2005 he joined his wife Bev in the family business. Scott's Highland Services Ltd. Which have been in operation for 42 years, manufacture and distribute, a variety of Scottish and Irish goods in over 28 countries.

Jim is the father of 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. His hobbies involve the playing of Bagpipes which he has done since he was 7 years old. He is Pipe Major of a Pipe Band in London and is an approved adjudicator of piping.

Governor Jim and his wife Bev celebrated 50 years of marriage this year.

They both look forward to a challenging year ahead in which they will be Emerging Stronger from Covid 19.

**G**overnor Jim's Kiwanis journey started in Key Club in the mid 60's at A.B. Lucas High School in London Ontario where he used to love getting a chance to go to the local sponsoring Club to attend their meeting and hear interesting speakers.

In 1989 Jim joined the Kiwanis Club of London which merged with the Forest City London Club in 2006. He was President of the London Club in 2006 and then the Forest City-London Club in 2008. The 2009-2011 Distinguished LG of Division 4 has served in various capacity of the District hierarchy, including Chairman of the Kiwanis Music festival of London, a position he just vacated after 21 years as well as President of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada 2017-2019.

Noteworthy is that both Jim's dad and father-in-law were long term Kiwanian members.



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# Editor's Note



I hope it is not too late to congratulate all our incoming service leaders and to wish them a great year.

## Kiwanis International — 2021–22 Officers



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Vice Governor

We are once again faced with a challenging year when the children of the world and the less fortunate need us even more than ever. The pandemic is still ongoing with new strains emerging frequently. While countries are slowly lifting covid restriction and implementing various safety measures, the after effects are now being felt as inflation rise throughout the world. This simply means the needs are greater and the pie will get much smaller.

However, Kiwanis is known to always rise to the challenge to meet the demands. Greater demands mean more hands are needed, hence I have taken note of Kiwanis International President, Peter Mancuso five (5) priorities for the year.

“Priority 1 - To improve the club experience in order to increase the value every Kiwanian finds in membership, as well as to attract new members.

Priority 2 - To increase membership through club growth, retention and new club openings. A growing membership means more service — in particular, hands-on service

Priority 3 - To expand Kiwanis Youth Programs to positively impact more young people around the world and to develop tomorrow’s leaders.

Priority 4 - To offer educational and training opportunities to better prepare our own current and future leaders for success

Priority 5 - To support the Kiwanis Children’s Fund, which is staffed by experts anxious to help clubs with fundraising strategies, foundation management and grant seeking.

Priorities 1 and 2 underscores the importance of having many hands to serve the ever growing demands.

Congratulations to Immediate Past Governor Delores and team 2020-21 who rose to the challenge and created history with the highest net growth in Kiwanis International, and all done under Covid-19 conditions. Simply amazing!



The bar has been set and we look forward to continuing the growth, service, and fellowship as we emerge stronger out of Covid.

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# KIWANIS CLUB COEUR DE CREOLE: 25 years of Kiwanis

Formed November 8, 1995, the Kiwanis Club of Coeur de Creole was the first female club in Martinique. The chartered president was Maggie RENE-CORAIL and there were 26 registered members. Throughout these 25 years, the members of the club have been devoted to serving underprivileged children and the elderly.

The club has sponsored 3 Kiwanis clubs, 4 Service Leadership Programmes, 3 K-Kids and 1 Bulders Club. It has been distinguished several times and received several awards.

On October 9, 2021, the 10 founding members, who are still members of the club were awarded with the Legion of Honor pin for their 25 years. Kiwanis Club Coeur de Creole is still an all-female club and is registered in Division 27A Creole Caribbean Amazonia. In this division there are 9 clubs from Martinique, 2 clubs from Saint Lucia, 2 clubs from French Guyana.



In recognition of his commitment to care for the nation, the Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados honoured Head of Isolation Facilities and Infectious Disease Specialist, Dr. Corey Forde for his excellent stewardship of his team and the wider Barbados throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The club's Kiwanis One Day project was dedicated to frontline workers for their contribution and management of the pandemic.

# Earth Today | Kiwanis plants roots

Published in the Gleaner November 18, 2021

The Kiwanis Club of North St Andrew (KCNSA), along with its sponsored Builders Clubs and Circle K Clubs, has, over the last three weeks, planted 105 trees as part of environmental conservation efforts.

The project is guided by the theme 'Planting a Seed of Change'. The over 100 trees were planted at six KCNSA-sponsored Builders Clubs, notably:

- Clan Carthy Primary School – 32 fruit and shade trees;
- Half-Way Tree Primary School – 32 fruit and shade trees;
- Pembroke Hall Primary School – six shade trees;
- Swallowfield Primary and Junior High School – five shade trees;
- St Francis Primary School – six shades trees; and
- Constant Spring Primary and Infant School – 23 shade trees.



Builder Yehudah Little of Pembroke Hall Primary School plants one of six trees on the school grounds.

Over the period, close to 100 members of the K family, along with stakeholders from the six primary schools, participated in the projects. Other K family members included the St George's College Key Club; The University of the West Indies, Mona; Excelsior Community College; the University of Technology, Jamaica; and The University College of the Caribbean Circle K.



Principal Shay Dillion of Constant Spring Infant and Primary School plants the first tree at the institution.

"The project has been well supported by the schools, with participation from board members, principals, faculty advisers and parents. The trees will be monitored and cared for by the Builders from the respective schools," said a release from the KCNSA.

The tree-planting initiative will continue at KCNSA and other sponsored Builders Clubs, including at New Day, John Mills, Shortwood and Dunrobin primary schools.

The trees were donated by the Forestry Department; Lasco Chin Foundation; Food For The Poor; and Distinguished President Norman Wright of KCNSA.



# Division 4 “Colonel Talbot” – Ontario, Canada Welcomes Port Stanley

On March 7, 2021 the Kiwanis Club of PORT STANLEY was chartered!

It was the dream of Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Louise Macphee to start a club in the village where she lived and with some help from fellow Kiwanians and Membership Growth & Development Chair, Past Governor Phil Rossy and then Governor Designate Jim Scott it happened - after a three week blitz during a worldwide pandemic!

The charter ceremony was held virtually and included a video of this beautiful Port Stanley Tourist Town with each of the charter members in place at a landmark in magical Port! Drones flew over the harbor and sandy beaches and each member said why Kids Need Kiwanis! Dignitaries, including Governor Delores Lewis. It was a wonderful start for this enthusiastic group.

The executive is in place and we have 21 members including three advisors who have offered their time to help guide the new members in their first year.

Port Stanley had its first fundraiser yard sale which was a huge success, even selling a Kiwanian’s row boat! The club is looking forward to partnering with Staples/Kiwanis for an Education campaign to purchase school supplies for needy children. The possibilities are endless for this new club!

Division 4 has produced three governors, an international trustee and the late beloved International President Dr. John Button. The Kiwanis Club of Port Stanley was dedicated in his honor and they know Dr. John would be proud of his Division 4!



# 'I had faith'

## 21-y-o uses rock-bottom moments as springboard to success

Such an inspiring story about one of our Circle Kers written by Jonielle Daley and published in the Gleaner on Friday, December 3, 2021. It is worth sharing in this publication. Congratulations Shamoya. Keep reaching for the stars.

Tears flowed from Shamoya Smith's eyes midsmile as she walked the stage last Thursday during the International University of the Caribbean (IUC) graduation ceremony at Hope United Church in St Andrew. It was a moment of immense gratitude when she received the Transformational Leadership Award for her years of outstanding service.

Smith credits her selfless acts to countless rock-bottom moments that motivated her to open her heart to others who may be facing difficulties, even when it required her giving assistance out of her pocket.

When Smith was born, her then 15-year-old mother gave her to a pastor, who afforded her a very comfortable life as a child.

However, the death of her mom when she eight years old sent her life into a tailspin that threw her on a journey of discovering her strengths.

She was snatched from a stable home and placed into state care until custody was granted to her father and aunt.

Overcoming a series of abuse and neglect as she bounced between homes, she decided from very early on that she would excel at everything she did and remained on the honour roll in primary school and at the secondary level.

A rocky relationship with her father led to her leaving the Windward Road, Kingston, home at age 14 to live with a church sister.

At the time, she yearned for her father's approval and wanted him to be proud of her academic accomplishments.



Smith eventually went to live with grandfather in Mountain View, but she passed away shortly after.

Despite the slew of challenges, she graduated from Dunoon Park Technical High School with eight subjects, as the Government and the National Commercial Bank paid her exam fees.

Smith was awarded scholarships to two universities and was also accepted to read for a degree at The University of the West Indies, Mona.

Admitting that she only learned of IUC when she was awarded the scholarship for her involvement and representation in co-curricular activities, she was

grateful to be blessed with the opportunity.

The university paid 65 per cent of her tuition annually for four years.

"I did not know where the remaining 35 per cent was going to come from, but I had faith," Smith said, sharing that she wrote countless letters, never took no for an answer and always kept dreaming and believing.

At the university, she took part in several initiatives and continued along the path of service and became president of Circle K International in March 2020 and served for a year. She continues to be an active member of the Kiwanis Club.

"I went through university, four years of my life without paying a red cent," said Smith, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Smith expressed gratitude to all who have assisted her along the way.

She is now seeking employment and plans to start her master's at IUC.

# Outstanding Men: Leading by Example

Published in the Jamaica Observer November 22, 2021

Congratulations to two (2) of our Kiwanian brothers for making it on the Jamaica Observer's list of outstanding men in Jamaica in celebration of International Men Day (IMD) which was recognized on November 19, 2021.

May you continue to be role models for our young people.

## Leighton McKnight: Giving back through solid mentoring



Leighton McKnight, Territory Leader PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Jamaica and Kiwanis Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence considers it his civic duty to give back to society by way of solid mentoring, including setting good examples.

"Our youngsters today are most definitely in need of positive role models for guidance and I am a standard-bearer of the Kiwanis International movement locally, whose motto is 'Serving the Children of the World',” he says.

Ahead of International Men's Day, he said, “Many of our young boys are struggling to be successful and a major factor contributing to this is the absence of exemplary motivating males — in particular father figures — in their lives”.

“I am definitely who I am today because of the excellent mentoring that I benefited from growing up, especially from some stalwart Jamaican men, including my father. I at times shudder to think what would have happened to me without these positive male influences.

“Against this background and with my job of leading PwC, one of Jamaica's pre-eminent professional services firms, in addition to being a renowned mentor to many, I am constantly aware of the need for me to always be the consummate professional, adhering to the highest standards of conduct consistently, fully cognisant that many individuals are looking up to me for guidance along the correct path.”

He said that to be consistently an admired leader/professional can be very difficult at times, but it is a role for which failing is not an option for him as the stakes are much too high.

“I consider it my civic duty to give back to society... and will continue to perform in this stead to the best of my ability without compromise. To whom much is given, much is expected, gentlemen of Jamaica let us all stand up and be counted as shining stars of the nation for youngsters to strive to emulate.”

## Dr Winston Adams, Founder/Executive Chairman, UCC Group of Companies



In our society markers of manliness often surround competence as providers and protectors of our families. But leadership also demands that one stands on principle, be honest and ethical to survive, and excel in today's demanding society. We have proven this to be true at the expanding UCC Group.

As leaders we are called on to inspire, guide, and support, and the progress of an organisation depends on our ability to motivate subordinates and colleagues alike.

The modern workplace requires that we lead by example, bringing to bear not just business acumen, professional training and experience, but also traits of sensitivity, empathy, compassion, and understanding of the value of interpersonal relationships, all of which play a significant role in efficiently running the affairs of an organisation.



# Staples Partnership Programme with Club Elmira



Kathy Jeffries, Manager of Staples presents gift cards valued at \$3,089 to Jaime Meek (left) and Ron Wagner of Elmira Kiwanis Club.

**S**taples Ontario stores offered a Partnership Program with Kiwanis Clubs again this year. Monies collected at their checkouts would be donated to their local communities through partnered Kiwanis Clubs. Last year Kiwanis Club of Elmira missed out on the chance to get involved. We contacted the manager, Kathy Jeffries at the Waterloo Staples Store and after completing some forms from the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada, the partnership started.

A display board was set up near the exit doors of the Waterloo store. Periodically, members would drop in to say hello and have a chat with the manager or her assistant. After one month, we were notified that they have collected \$3289.05 at their checkouts.

The Kiwanis Club of Elmira, decided to give the money as gift cards to five local elementary schools. Each school received \$450 to be spent on school supplies at Staples. The balance, \$1039.05 was donated to Woolwich Community Services to be used for school supplies for needy families in Elmira/Woolwich Township.

Members were greeted by many happy principals, secretaries and library technicians. With the extra expenditures due to CoVid, the gift cards were well received.

What an easy way Club Elmira to raise funds!

Thank you, Staples!

Submitted by Ron Wagner  
Secretary, The Kiwanis Club of Elmira



Ron Wagner presents gift card to Ms. Pam Mustin, principal of John Mahood Public School.



The Covid-19 pandemic has multiplied food needs in Martinique. To support families in need, the Kiwanis club Arc-en-Ciel has developed the project "LES PANIERS DU COEUR ARC-EN-CIEL" which commenced on Kiwanis One Day 2021. Club members distributed 30 special breakfast bags to 30 underprivileged children.

This project will now be done every month.



Kiwanians went about protecting the environment for the future generation as their One Day Project - see highlights below.



Division 23 East



Central Abaco



Kiwanis Club of Freeport



The Kiwanis Clubs of Aruba and their SLPs were out in their numbers for Kiwanis One Day.



What a beauty!

CN Tower in Toronto was lit blue in for Kiwanis One Day.



# Kiwanis Club of Freeport Hosts Public Membership Drive and Brand Awareness in The Bahamas



At the end of the day, almost 100 persons were engaged who had never heard of the Kiwanis organization before. It is hoped that they will now be able to recognize the brand and service in the community and eventually support the organization.

The Kiwanis Club of Freeport is delighted to continue to spread the message of this great service organization!

On Saturday, November 27 all hands were on deck as Kiwanis Club of Freeport successfully held its first quarter Membership Drive at the Rand Nature Centre a National Park.

We arrived at the Rand Nature Centre at 7:45 am, we then decorated a table with Kiwanis Collateral that we ordered from KI and had shipped to our island along with branded treats for a giveaway.

Visitors were invited to the Centre to about the work of Kiwanis and their service projects and how to become a Kiwanian. Invitations to attend the Club's meeting were also extended. A surprise visit from Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor of the Kiwanis Clubs of The Bahamas, Dominic Bain, made the Membership Drive even better as he quickly jumped into action to assist.





Shelagh Finnigan (right), Member and Engagement chairman welcomed new member Judie Pezzetta to the Kiwanis Club of Paris-Brant at a November meeting.

District Trustee Mark Brewer welcomed new member Anna Lamb to St. John Kiwanis Club



The Community Service Committee of Kiwanis Club of Pinewood, led by Assistant Treasurer O'Brian made its regular donation of tea supplies to the Sister, Sister Cancer Treatment Center.

# Thriving During Covid 19: A Small Town Story

*“Service clubs such as Kiwanis have met the needs of our community by filling the gaps in services that simply can not be provided by the different levels of government. The pandemic would have been far more difficult for many if not for the efforts of the Kiwanis Club, in our Town of Ingersoll. I am proud of their achievements and support their continued programs and projects. We are blessed with amazing volunteers.”*

Ingersoll is a small town of 13,000 near London, Ontario in Canada. In the spirit of Mayor Ted Comiskey's words, the Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll was not about to ignore 100 years of community service because of the lingering threat of Covid-19. Instead, the club accepted the challenge with enthusiasm, determined to continue the long history of community service for which Kiwanis International is well-known.

The Club's main fundraiser **Rural-Urban Night**, a large indoor buffet style barbeque serving some 400 to 450 people, had been enjoyed for almost 60 years. A *Night* of social gathering bringing members of the community together for celebration and fellowship but, affected as so many other activities by the pandemic's restrictions, prohibiting large gatherings. As a result the **Rural-Urban-Covid-19-Edition, Dine & Donate** was born.

**Dine & Donate** was tailored to appeal to the community and the restaurateurs who were facing tough financial challenges. The **Rural-Urban-Covid-19-Edition, Dine & Donate**, used a simple formula. Eight restaurants in the community who are strong supporters of the Kiwanis Club were approached. With their permission 2000 tickets were printed bearing their logos. Each ticket was sold to members of the community for \$20.00. The coupon attached had a value of \$10.00 and could be redeemed for any food or drink item, either 'eat in' or 'take out', at any one of the eight restaurants. A \$10.00 tax receipt was included for the purchaser which was printed directly on the ticket; this was an attractive selling feature for club members. The Kiwanis Club was reimbursed \$10.00 for each coupon the restaurant returned to Kiwanis over the course of the two month event. The event was advertised in local community news publication, radio, television interviews and the placement of posters in the windows of the chosen restaurants.

Social Media played a significant role in the promotion of the giveaway contests for "liking" and commenting on the club's media posts. As an incentive, Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll also purchased \$100 gift certificates as a prize from each of the eight

restaurants. The draw took place at the Club's Christmas event and the winners were announced via social media.

A total of 794 coupons were redeemed from 1082 coupons that were purchased. From this, the Ingersoll club saw a profit of over \$12,000, allowing the club to continue its mission in the community unabated. The feedback on this program was very positive from the restaurateurs, patrons and Kiwanians.

As the threat of the virus continued, Ingersoll club adapted further to the challenge it presented and was able to continue the work as purveyors of good will and communal spirit in several ways, in addition to **Dine & Donate**. As many clubs have done, Zoom meetings are used to keep in touch with members, making everyone aware of the direction of the club for the duration of the Covid restrictions.

The club continued with *distribution of hundreds of clothing items to families in need through the highly successful Coats for Families program* which has been operating, each November, for over 10 years. Club Ingersoll received incredible financial support from corporate sponsors, Ingersoll Canadian Tire and Hydra Dyne Technology, along with so many members of the community who generously donated clothing items without hesitation.



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# Thriving During Covid 19

The club members, in conjunction with community partners, distributed thousands of meals to seniors and the marginalized in the town. The group has provided over 250 meals on average per week since March of 2020 and continues to do so. In addition, the club came to the aid of students who were struggling to obtain the needed laptops to allow them to continue their remote learning programs by providing four Chromebooks to students that neither the schools nor their parents could provide.

To promote Kiwanis further, Club Ingersoll has just posted its first edition of the *Kiwanis Kernel*. This informative newsletter is sent quarterly by e-mail to consenting sponsors, supporters and community members and is posted on social media sites as well. The *Kernel* keeps followers updated on the outcomes of events, current fundraisers and calendar of upcoming Kiwanis events and programs. It is an excellent means of communicating with those in our community upon which we rely for success.

The Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll is a proud service club, reflecting its International counterpart. As the Kiwanis International mission states, "...we are dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time." We believe our club is living this mission. Don't give up, face the challenge and make restrictions an opportunity!

**Kiwanis Rural Urban - COVID 19 Edition**  
**DINE AND DONATE**  
 From OCTOBER 1st to NOVEMBER 30th, 2020  
 Help Kiwanis Support our Local Restaurants and Youth!

**\$20 PER TICKET**  
 \$10 COUPON TO ANY PARTICIPATING RESTAURANT  
 \$10 TAX RECEIPT

**WHAT COULD YOU WIN?**  
 Every coupon used entitles you a chance to win:  
 1 of 8 \$100 GIFT CARDS from participating restaurants  
 Use coupons at 3 different restaurants for a chance to win:  
 1ST Prize - \$500 in BIA BUCKS  
 2ND Prize - Blue Topaz Pendant from Lesser Jewellers  
 All draws will take place on December 10th, 2020

**HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS**  
 Any Kiwanis Member  
 Phone/Text: 519-859-5097 (Kristy)  
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## Kiwanis and the Children

Night view of the Kiwanis brand icon erected in the av Quito and Río Lelia, memorial of the 51 years of Kiwanism in Ecuador and the 30 years of Kivanis in the city of Santo Domingo; thanks to the support of the company Privada RITZ, the Munic Santo Domingo's ipio, Ecuadorian District of Kiwanis International, Club Kiwanis Santo Domingo and HK Peter Espinosa and Bety Valarezo.

This tribute to "Kiwanis and the children", will become the icon of the city of Santo Domingo and a reference to a Kiwanis social work that with vocation, the right leadership and great solidarity heart of our Governor Pilar Cun managed to overcome the odds of the pandemic to coordinate a teamwork and to be able to continue "Serving the children of the world".



# All I Want For Christmas!

All I want for Christmas is...a Kiwanis Club near me!

Past International Trustee Gary and I moved to Alliston, Ontario in May from Owen Sound where we were active members there. It is a well-respected club in the community that will soon celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We were anxious to continue our involvement with a local Kiwanis club near to us.

Prior to covid, a few resolute individuals, including Past Governor Chuck McIlravey had tried to form a Kiwanis club in our area. Then came the pandemic. We know the rest.

If there is no Kiwanis club where you live, what do you do? You charter a new one. That is exactly what our E.C.& C. Membership Chair Gary did, along with helpful volunteers.

The core of previously interested residents have now been joined by local business professionals along with our neighbours. They made the formation of our club possible. Each person that has stepped up to create this new Kiwanis club knows that together they can do more than they can alone.

Gary has long advocated the personal approach. Request an appointment, explain the good work that Kiwanis does and above all, ask this potential Kiwanian to fill out an application. Too often, the last step is avoided for fear of being rejected and then forming the club does not happen.

We are truly proud to announce the formation of a new service club in Division 8, the **Kiwanis Club of South Simcoe!**

As for me, a retired teacher, working with children has been a lifelong adventure. Naturally, our Kiwanis projects resonate with me. My grandchildren are truly fortunate in life, but we know that many young people are not so lucky. Covid has created even more need for Kiwanians to help children struggling, emotionally, physically, and materially. Yet, that is not my sole reason for joining another Kiwanis club. It is much more personal than that.



Some of the members of the Kiwanis Club of South Simcoe

For years, performing in piano classes at the local Kiwanis music festival, I was the grateful recipient of scholarships that helped to pay for my lessons. With the sudden death of my father, leaving a stay-at-home mom with children, these scholarships made my lessons possible. Because of that, I went on to audition for entrance to the Faculty of Music at UWO. That directly led to my fulfilling teaching career. Kiwanis impacted my life immeasurably. One of our expressions is: *Kiwanis is helping to improve communities, one child at a time.* I was that one child.

For our fledgling club to succeed, we will need to continue to seek more likeminded individuals to join us. Growing membership does not stop at the formation of a new club. Opening a club is just the beginning, the first act in this play, child's play. Many hands make light work, and that work enlightens us!

And so... our Christmas wish has been fulfilled. We now belong to a club with a wonderful group of individuals that will make us feel truly at home.

Wishing you a Happy New Year of Service!

Julia Levine  
Distinguished Secretary  
Proud Kiwanian

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