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SOMEONE SMILES**

2022 - 2023 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP



Anthony Haile
Governor
KC of Curacao



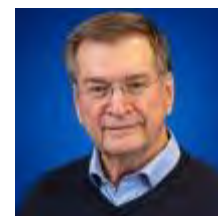
John Chave
Governor Elect
KC of Barrie



Pam Rodney-White
Vice Governor
KC of Constant Spring



Jim Scott
Immediate Past Governor
KC of Forest City London



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Chave	John	2 District Governor-Elect	K00829	Barrie	8 Huronia
Rodney-White	Pam	3 District Vice Governor	K15937	Constant Spring, Kingston	23C Jamaica Central
Scott	C James	4 District Immediate Past Governor	K00350	Forest City-London	4 Colonel Talbot
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Lawrence	Dwight	H District Trustee	K17156	Westmoreland Capital	25 Cornwall
Joseph	Griffith	I District Trustee	K15281	Saint John's Antigua	27 Caribbean
Calixte	Jean Claude	J District Trustee	K06865	Fort-De-France	27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie

2022-2023 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

First name	Last name	Club name	Division
Giselle	Chiarello	Lakeshore, Sault Ste. Marie	2 Cambrian
Richard	Felton	Sarnia-Lambton Golden K	3 St. Clair Bluewater
John R	Gardham	Ingersoll	4 Colonel Talbot
Nelson	McClinchey	Brantford	5 Black Walnut
Sandie	Greenhalgh	St. Catharines	6 Golden Horseshoe
Martin	Mann	Huntsville Muskoka	8 Huronia
Mary Ellen	Trimble	East York	9 Maple Leaf
David	Compton	Peterborough	10 Pine Ridge
James	Parker	Trenton	11 Loyalist
William	Downham	Eastern Ottawa EST	12 Golden Triangle
Gregory	Newton	Manotick	13 Ottawa Valley
Andrew	Sarrasin	Lakeshore, Montreal	15 Boreal
Claudette	Painchaud	Quebec	16 Alouette
Louise	Gravel	Chicoutimi	17 Laurentides
Michael	Ross	Fredericton	18 Fundy
Darren	Creamer	Charlottetown	20 Bluenose
Ida	Young	Kelligrews	21 Caribou
Kelly	Hanna	Nassau A.M.	22 Sunshine
Carolyn	McDonald-Riley	Eastern St. Andrew	23 East Surry South
Pauline	Samuels	South St. Catherine	23 West Middlesex South
Hugh	Reid	North St. Andrew	23C Jamaica Central
Luke	Thomas-Shorter	Ocho Rios	24 Jamaica
Anthony	Cameron	Montego Freeport	25 Cornwall
Marelda	Corion	Curacao	26 Trade Winds
Joycelyn	Watts-Phillips	Barbados-Central	27 Caribbean
Didier	Saint-Louis	Arc En Ciel	27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie
Nicole	Plantier	Fougeres	27c Guadeloupe

EDITOR'S NOTE



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915. From 1919, the organization changed its focus to service, so over the last 104 years we have had one intention: "to serve" - particularly to serve the children.

As I looked back on the two recent Kiwanis conventions, I remembered the fifth Object of Kiwanis International. **"To provide through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities."**

It was obvious that we have formed some longtime and lasting friendships based on my observation of the fellowship shared at the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention in Quebec City. Members were happy and excited to see and interact with their Kiwanis families from around the district as they attended the various events, and gathered in groups to reminisce or just have fun. The presence of sponsors for our convention was also evident of some of the enduring friendships we have formed.

These annual conventions are one of the gateways to celebrate the rendering of our unselfish service to children and communities that need our help. Various District Awards were presented, and this year we learned

that there were 124 entries for the District Signature Project Competition. Not everyone would have received an award, and not everyone would have entered the competitions, but what is certain is that everyone was a winner, because they showed a selfless concern for the well-being of the children and the communities.

Throughout our years we have been building better communities. One type is the community of members who work together towards a common goal, and the other type is the community in our respective cities that we serve in times of need. We have been acknowledging the value of the members to the organization and rewarding remarkable citizens in the wider community. These two types of communities need each other to fulfill the fifth Object of Kiwanis International.

As we go forward, I encourage you to let the objects or principles that define the Kiwanis Organisation be the guide that establishes the culture within our clubs. Let us remember the Kiwanis Vision - *"Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide – so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them, and provide the support they need to thrive "*.

Thanks to all clubs and individuals who have contributed to this edition of the ECC Newsletter. The next publication will be in September 2023.

I look forward to your continued support as we *"Adapt to Succeed"*.

Yours in Kiwanis Service ,

Michelle Giles-Leacock
Bulletin Editor, EC&C District



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Dear fellow K's,

The Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention held in May in Quebec City, and International Convention held in June in Minneapolis are now part of our Kiwanis history. We can now reflect on what we learned at these two successful events.

The grand convention in Quebec met all expectations. Thanks are extended to the District Convention Committee, chaired by DLG Edwin Thompson, and the Quebec Convention Committee, co-chaired by Donald Dubeau and Louis Cayouette. The forums and plenary sessions were interesting, thought-provoking and informative. They provided outstanding learning opportunities for the over 400 members in attendance. The hope is that the knowledge gained has been fully shared with the clubs and division members.

The one thing that was entirely out of our hands was the weather. It was a bit cold in Quebec City, but the energy of the convention warmed everyone's spirits.

I was honored to be in the position of Governor at the time of this great convention. I was delighted to see so many faces I had not seen for some time. The opportunity to come face-to-face, hear about the impactful service being delivered, and share times of fellowship are Quebec Convention memories I will always cherish.

The International Convention in Minneapolis was also an exciting experience. The primary item before the House of Delegates was the proposed dues increase amendment. Our District Board of Trustees instructed me to voice our District's position, which I did. We

did not support the dues increase, mainly due to the lack of transparency regarding the outcomes of numerous ongoing Kiwanis International administrative expenditures. We are all aware that the costs are increasing and that an adjustment to dues may be required. However, we needed to be able to make an informed vote on behalf of our members based on financial facts, and we did not have the necessary information to do that. The amendment was defeated as it did not get the two-thirds vote to pass.

Looking back to the past nine months, I am pleased to have completed all the division visits on the schedule for this year. During those visits, I deepened my appreciation for the outstanding work accomplished by Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District clubs - service and fundraising projects that genuinely make a difference in the lives of children and their communities. Those experiences filled me with immense pride.

Approximately two and half months are left before this Kiwanis Year's end. My request to every club is to "Finish Strong!" I am confident you are doing your utmost to accomplish the 2022-2023 District, Division, and Club goals.

I wish you all kinds of success as we continue to work together to **ADAPT TO SUCCEED!**

With Kiwanis regards,

Anthony Haile
Governor, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean



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"ADAPT TO SUCCEED!"

LET'S GO

on an
adventure



Highlights of the 102nd Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention

The 2023 Eastern Canada and the Caribbean (ECC) District Convention was held from Thursday, May 18 to Saturday, May 20, 2023, in the beautiful provincial capital of Quebec at the Delta by Marriott. The attendees were welcomed by the District Convention Committee Chairperson Edwin Thompson, and the Quebec Host Chairs, Donald Dubeau and Louis Cayouette.

The first session kicked off on the morning of Thursday, May 18, with a First Timer's meeting. This year there were 134 first-timers. Kiwanis Education Forums were held on Thursday morning and Friday morning. These Forums or Workshops were presented in both French and English.

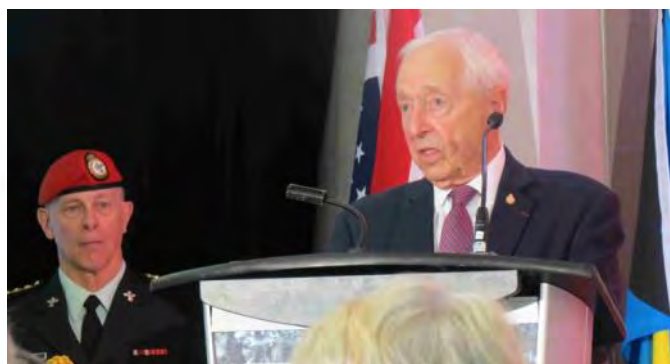
The sound of bagpipes heralded the start of the Opening Ceremony on the afternoon of Thursday, June 18 as Immediate Past Governor Jim Scott led the flag bearers into the room. The Flags of Canada, the USA, and the Caribbean were paraded onto the platform by members of the Valiant Hearts School K-Kids Club.



Governor Anthony Haile officially opened the Convention and welcomed everyone to the 102nd ECC Convention.



His welcome was followed with greetings from The Honorable J. Michel Doyton, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, who welcomed the participants to Quebec City. (Photo below)



During the Opening Ceremony, there was a historical debate between two male characters in Canadian history..... Jacques Cartier and Samuel Champlain in a humorous manner, with interaction from the audience, argued and boosted about which of them founded Quebec City and gave Canada its name. (Photo below)



The 2021-2022 Citizen of the Year was awarded to Rosanne Montminy. She is a retired teacher who joined the Maison des Grand Parents in 2010 and has managed to keep the organization active against all odds, allowing dozens of seniors to work and thrive in their communities. (See Page 14)

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102nd ECC District Convention (Cont'd)

On Friday, May 19, members and guests gathered for an Award Luncheon. Past Governor Jim Scott presented 4 of the coveted 2021-2022 District Awards at this event:

- **Frank Summerhayes Award** - Hollis Francis (Division 27 Caribbean),
- **"Coup De Chapeau" Award** - Robert Bogardis (Kiwanis Club of Barrie),
- **Spirit of Service Award** - Noëlla J. LeBrun (Kiwanis Club of Fredericton),
- **Ray Allen Award**: Sheila Moore (Division 5 Black Walnut).



Photo at the top - Hollis Francis receives the Frank Summerhayes Award, and Photo at the bottom - Noëlla J. LeBrun receives the Spirit of Service Award from Past Governor Jim Scott.

The "Coup De Chapeau" Award and the Ray Allen Award were received by representatives in their absence.

(See Page 13 for the full list of awards and the winners)



The luncheon was followed by a community activity for Quebec children in need. Everyone joined an assembly line in the foyer and filled backpacks with school supplies for 600 children. (Photo below)



Later that evening was the Sugar Shack Party at the Delta Hotel. Attendees got the chance to sample the famous taffy on snow and were well entertained by the musical duo who gave spectacular performances, with lead musician Patrice Michaud.



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102nd ECC District Convention (Cont'd)

The Plenary Business Session began on the morning of Saturday, May 20. There were 278 delegates representing the 131 clubs present.

Prior to the start of business matters, members who died since the last ECC Convention in 2022 were remembered, as a flower was placed in a vase in their memory, as their names were called.



This year saw 124 entries for the District Signature Project Competition with 57 Tier One and 67 Tier 2 entries. **District Tier 1 Winner:** Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals St. Catherine (Div 23W) – “SLP Inner City Single Mothers Empowerment Project”, and **District Tier 2 Winner:** Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. (Div 22) – “Feed the Family.”

There was great camaraderie at the Plenary Session as delegates elected the district officers to serve for 2023 - 2024. Elected were:

- John Chave - Governor
- Pamela Rodney White - Governor-Elect
- Cynthia Blackman - Vice Governor



2023-2024 District Officers: L-R Cynthia Blackman - Vice Governor, Pamela Rodney White - Governor-Elect, John Chave - Governor. Anthony Haile will serve as Immediate Past Governor in 2023-2024.

The Delegates then considered the following Proposed Amendment: “Revision to the Standard Form for District Bylaws by Kiwanis International”. Its purpose is to change the current bylaws of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, so they conform to the Standard Form for District Bylaws approved by Kiwanis International in January 2023. The amendment was approved by the House of Delegates and will come into effect on October 1, 2023.

One change that is of interest in this amendment (ARTICLE 3. DISTRICT OFFICERS, Section 2.) is that if there is no member from a club in a particular division qualified and willing to serve as a lieutenant governor, a member from a club in another division may serve.



The House of Delegates endorsed Hope Markes – Kiwanis International (KI) Trustee on May 20, 2023, in Quebec City as a candidate for Kiwanis International Vice President 2024-2025. The election will take place in July 2024 at the Kiwanis International Convention. (Photo at left)

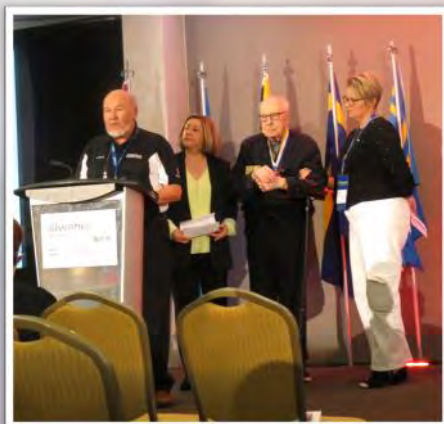
The 2023 ECC District Convention culminated with the Members’ Gala Dinner at the Delta Hotel with entertainment provided by the Ballroom Orchestra and its vocal ensemble.

During the featured events of the convention, the Master of Ceremonies, Alain Bertrand kept the audience pumped up with the repeated question ‘How you feeling?’ to which the response was “I feel good!!”

Over 400 persons attended the 102nd Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention in Quebec City. This convention again saw the involvement of the Service Leadership Program as they gave some of the Keynote Addresses at the main events.

The 103rd ECC District Convention 2024 will take place in Montego Bay, Jamaica, May 16-18, 2024. Theme: **On Luv, One Vybz, One Passion.**

102nd ECC District Convention (Cont'd) Photo Gallery



Highlights of the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention

Kiwanis members from around the world gathered in person in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S. while others joined virtually to be part of the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention which ran from June 21-24, 2023. The theme this year was “NURTURE THE FUTURE”.

Katrina J. Baranko of Albany, Georgia, U.S. was elected as the 2023-24 Kiwanis International President. Other leaders elected for 2023-24 were President-elect Lee Kuan Yong of the Malaysia District and Vice President Michael Mulhaul of the New Jersey District. They will begin their new terms on October 1, 2023.



Three United States and Pacific Canada trustees were also elected to the board: Dennis Baugh of the Capital District, Matthew Cantrall of the Florida District, and Cathy Tutty of the Montana District.

The House of Delegates voted on one proposed amendment to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. The delegates voted against a proposal put forth by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees to increase members' annual dues to help address a growing deficit.

The delegates voted to approve a modernization of the Kiwanis International Bylaws.

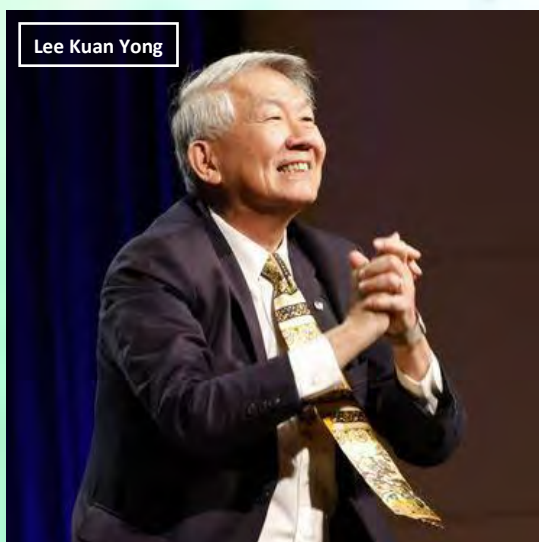
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The [Kiwanis Club of Nilgiri](#) in the Nepal District won gold in the 2023 Kiwanis International Signature Service Project Contest for Group I (clubs with 27 members or fewer) with its vision screening project. The gold winner for Group II (clubs with 28 members or more) was the [Kiwanis Club of Daragang Magayon](#) Magayon in the Philippine Luzon District and its reading hub project.

For more on the 2023 Signature Projects [VISIT HERE](#)

The 2024 Kiwanis International Convention will take place in Denver, Colorado, U.S., July 3-6.

Information above was extracted from the Kiwanis Update – A Newsletter for Members



Let's Celebrate!



**OUR MEMBERS ARE
WORTH CELEBRATING!**

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Awards 2021-2022

Ralph Taylor Club Weekly/Biweekly Bulletin Award
(Presented to the club that issued the best weekly/biweekly Bulletin in electronic or paper media)

Kiwanis Club of North St. Andrew

Laurent Girouard Monthly/Quarterly Bulletin Award
(Presented to the Club that issues the best monthly/quarterly Bulletin in electronic or paper media.)

Kiwanis Club of Huntsville Muskoka

Fred McAllister Service Award
(Presented to an individual who has performed the most outstanding service to their local community through Kiwanis Year 2021-2022)

Mark Russell
Kiwanis Club of North St. Andrew

Godfrey Dyer Kiwanis Marketing Award
(To recognize club contributions to Marketing, Publicity and the Promotion of Kiwanis within the community)

Kiwanis Club of South St. Andrew

Club Secretary Award of Merit
(For the club secretary who has been judged to be outstanding - An Unsung Hero)

Michelle Silvera
Kiwanis Club of Papine

Frank Summerhayes Award
(Presented to the Lieutenant Governor who has produced the best LT. Governor Bulletin)

Hollis Francis
Division 27 Caribbean

Interclub Award
(This award is based on the interclub activity during the year as reported via the club's monthly report)

Kiwanis Club of Papine

"Coup De Chapeau" Award
(Presented to a District Committee Chairperson bases on his/her outstanding work and contribution to the district)

Robert Bogardis
Kiwanis Club of Barrie

Spirit of Service Award
(To recognize a Kiwanian for enthusiastic dedication and outstanding service to the district)

Noëlla J. LeBrun
Kiwanis Club of Fredericton

Ray Allen Memorial Award
(To recognize a Past Lieutenant Governor who has continued for at least 5 years, to contribute and participate in the activities of his/her Club, Division and District)

Sheila Moore
Division 5 - Black Walnut



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Citizen of the Year Award

Congratulations!

Rosanne Montminy retired from her job as a teacher in 2009 and joined the Maison des Grands-Parents in 2070. She has now accumulated more than twelve years of involvement and various actions with the seniors who make up the team of volunteers and with the school-age children and their families. A spirited woman of boundless generosity and unfailing determination, Rosanne Montminy definitely ranks among remarkable volunteers. Her contagious dynamism and love for her work has enabled her to keep the Maison des Grands-Parents active against all odds and to allow dozens of seniors to work and thrive in their community.



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The Lieutenant Governors and the Divisions

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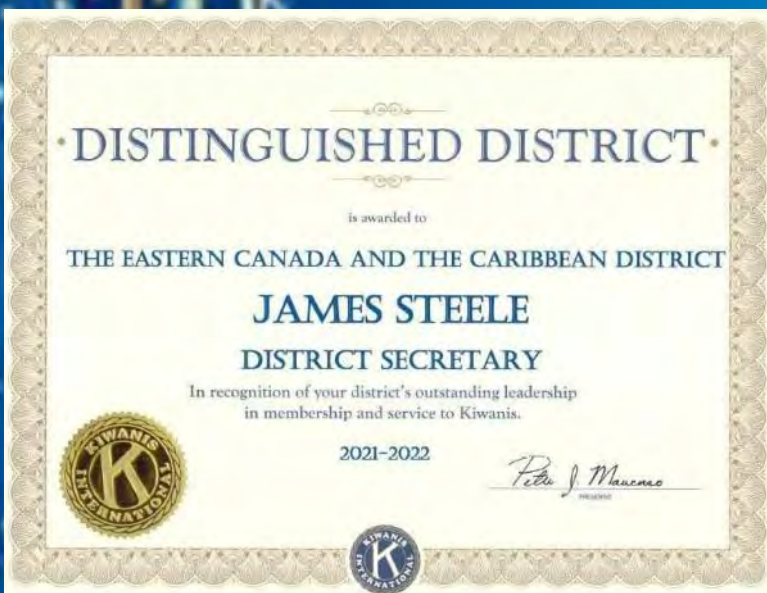
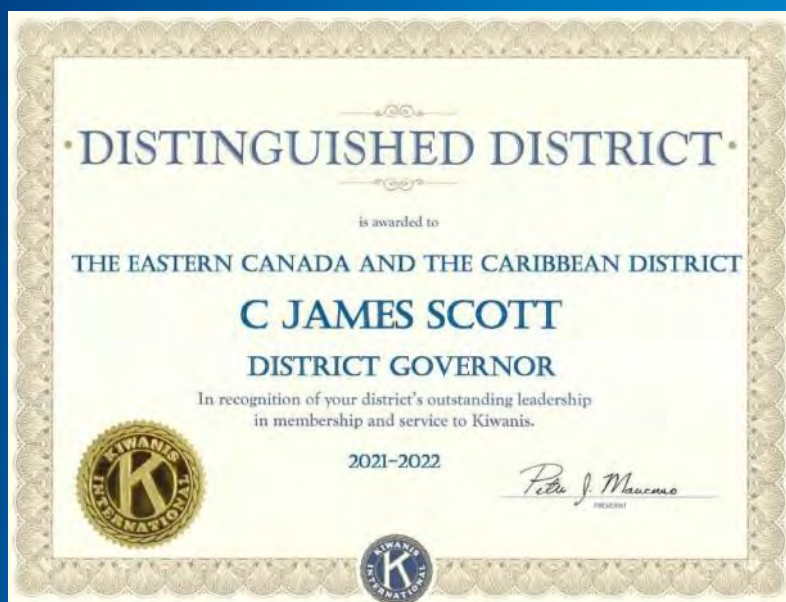
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EMERGING STRONGER
IN 2021/2022

CONGRATULATIONS to the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District!

Our District has been recognized and honoured as a Distinguished District for the 2021-2022 administrative year. Distinguished Secretary Jim Steele accepted the District's certificates at a special celebration dinner held at the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in June.

Sincere congratulations are extended to Distinguished Governor Jim Scott who unfortunately was unable to attend the ceremony, Distinguished Secretary Jim Steele, the 2021-2022 Leadership Team and most importantly, all the members of our great District.



Congratulations!

Distinguished Governor, 2021-2022



C. James Scott

Distinguished Governor

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District



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The Kiwanis Club of Portmore, St Catherine Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

The Kiwanis Club of Portmore, St Catherine - the oldest all-male Kiwanis Club in the EC&C Division 23West commemorated its 50th anniversary with a week-long series of activities that began on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The celebrations commenced at the Celebration Church, where Lieutenant Governor Pauline Samuels and members of the Kiwanis Club of Portmore joined the congregation for a meaningful service. The church service focused on the theme of Servant Leadership and featured an inspiring message delivered by Reverend Michael Carter. As a gesture of appreciation, President Designate Henry Williams presented a significant donation to the Church's Children's Ministry on behalf of the club, in alignment with the observance of Child's Month in May.



Members of the KC Portmore Team and Lieutenant Governor Pauline Samuels look on as President Designate Henry Williams makes a presentation to the Celebration Church's Children Ministry, represented by young Malike

Following the church service, a delightful brunch and social gathering took place, providing an opportunity for the Lieutenant Governor, club members, and attendees to engage in light-hearted conversations. Discussions were focused on the rich history of the club and outlined plans for the forthcoming year.

On Tuesday, May 9th, the club organized its official anniversary meeting, which attracted more than 70 attendees. Notable participants included old and new members of the club, members from affiliated clubs, as well as esteemed guests from the community, including Member of Parliament Fitz Jackson and His Worship, The Mayor Leon Thomas. During the evening, senior club

members delivered presentations that highlighted the club's remarkable accomplishments spanning the past 50 years.



Cutting of the 50th Anniversary cake at the official meeting held to observe the milestone. This historical photograph includes old and new club leaders.

Wednesday was dedicated to visits and donations to sponsored Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). Teams of club members participated in these visits, providing substantial donations to support the operations of the SLP clubs.



Visits to the SLPs sponsored by the club. Donations were made toward the operational expenses of the Builders Clubs

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The Kiwanis Club of Portmore, St Catherine Celebrates its 50th Anniversary (Cont'd)

On Thursday, nine members visited the Key Club at Brigdeport High School to present a generous contribution towards the renovation of their playing field.



The KCP team visiting with their sponsored Key Club and making a presentation towards the rehabilitation of their playfield. At front left to right: Club President Vashawn Burnett, Key Club Vice President-Elect Otniel Robinson, Faculty Advisor Mrs Downer, and Anniversary Planning Chair, DP Vincent Mitchell

The day concluded with a cordial meeting between club members and the Mayor of Portmore, where they engaged in a lively and productive discussion covering various topics, including Kiwanis activities and current local and international affairs. The Mayor expressed delight at the team's visit.



The KC Portmore Team making a courtesy call on the office of the Mayor of Portmore Leon Thomas

Saturday marked the penultimate event of the anniversary celebration. Club members, along with their families and friends, journeyed to the scenic hills of St. Andrew for a fun-filled day of fellowship by the river. The gathering

radiated a vibrant atmosphere, offering an abundance of good food and enjoyable activities such as board games and spirited domino matches. The event resonated with good music and strong camaraderie among all attendees.



Club members, their families and friends gathered at a riverside venue for fun, food and fellowship

Overall, the Kiwanis Club of Portmore's week-long celebration of its 50th anniversary was a momentous occasion, filled with meaningful experiences, community engagement, and the reaffirmation of the club's dedication to service and leadership.





SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

Kiwanis Club of Freeport Pre-Mother's Day Tea Party

Mothers' Day is traditionally celebrated worldwide, so what better occasion there is to do a fundraiser to assist children in our community? Kiwanis Club of Freeport's Human & Spiritual Values Chairs Eddene Cox and Tatyana Bradshaw created the concept, while Special Events Chair and President-Elect Marsha Cooper took that concept and made it a reality.

Sunday, May 7, 2023, the Kiwanis Club of Freeport hosted a Pre-Mother's Day Tea Party. The atmosphere was classy, elegant, and festive. As guests stepped into the foyer there was a 360-video spin camera capturing every angle, and the attendees made short fun videos as this was all-inclusive. The Art Gallery was transformed into a magical place, the stage was ready for a fashion show, and the aroma of pastries brought sweet scents into the room. The assortment of teas such as Sour Sop, Berry Tea, Ginger Teas, and many more was melting our taste buds.

There were prizes and surprise giveaways such as spa treatments, hotel stays, food vouchers, plane ticket vouchers, and a tea set was raffled. Guests competed for best dance moves, best fascinator, best hat, guest that brought the most attendees, and best catwalk. The competitions were fun and enlightening, and the air was filled with laughter and joy. The High Couture Fashion Show was reminiscent of Fashion

Week in New York City, with ladies in their fascinators, hats, and gloves. There was laughter, hugs, and kisses as we celebrated women in our community on this special day.

Proceeds from the Tea Party went back into the community as we assisted the Bahamas Cyclist Federation, Key Club students from Sunland, and Bishop Michael Eldon High School Graduates. The Kiwanis Club of Freeport is invested in youth programmes and community service projects, and as a result, the club will continue to foster these relationships and be impactful.

Thanks to our Corporate sponsors such as Focol, Jet Wash, Agave Restaurant, Seventeen Shop, Freeport Jewelers, Pink Onyx Spa, Castaways Resort, Nails by Cindy, Perfume De Paris, Sandra's Sweet Treats and so many more. We are thankful to the individual sponsors who gave us their time, purchased tickets, or prepared food, or drinks.

As EC&C Governor Anthony Haile said, "Adapt to Succeed". Once we come together as a team anything is possible. The tea party was a successful fundraising event, and public feedback gave us high marks all around. Behind all successful events is a great team and we say thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Freeport Special Event Team.

This was the first year the Kiwanis Club of Freeport held a Tea Party fundraiser. This will be an annual event so reserve your seat for 2024!

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world" by John A. Baker



Photo Gallery



Kiwanis Club PRIDE OF BARBADOS Fun-er-cise

Barbados has seen an increase in childhood obesity and non-communicable diseases particularly since the lockdown resulting from COVID-19. As Kiwanians, we have a duty to help the children in our communities. This club in its duty to serve children has sought to educate children about healthy living and active lifestyles. We therefore introduced 'Fun-er-cise' which is free dancercise sessions held at the schools to fun and uplifting music. The children get active in a fun and rhythmic way while learning about healthy lifestyles. The club chose to launch the programme in April in conjunction with the Ministry of Education's introduction of No Sugar in schools. The idea was to utilize healthy food and energetic movement to have the greatest impact on the kids understanding of healthy living.

The children dancercise to gospel Soca, gospel Afrobeats and gospel R&B. Each participating child received a healthy snack bag and one child who showed the most effort and enthusiasm was awarded a fruit basket. The club has hosted 'Fun-er-cise' sessions on 4th April 2023 at Sharon Primary, 27th April 2023 at Arthur Smith Primary and another on 4th May 2023 at St. Gabriel's School.



Fun-er-cise in session at Sharon Primary

The programme has been such a success that the club will continue to host more sessions in the primary schools. We believe in the importance of children knowing that being active and healthy does not have to be difficult but it can be fun and anyone can do it!



(From left) Fun-er-cise instructor Marsha, K Kelly and Sharon Primary student awarded for greatest effort and enthusiasm.



Students who participated in Fun-er-cise at Sharon Primary

Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. “The Gift of Education – Fifty Cents Raffle”

Fundraising is everybody's business! Think about it: How can your club continue its amazing work in the community without funding? How can your club meet its maximum financial potential without your support? How can your club meet all of its goals without teamwork?

One major goal of the Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. during the 2022-2023 administrative year is to continue offering Educational Scholarships and Grants to our Service Leadership Program (SLP) students. This aim is significant because we understand the importance of higher education in transforming a society and in helping young people achieve their career goals.

Thus, we launched our second quarter major fundraiser: “The Gift of Education – Fifty Cents Raffle” in January 2023. Here are the key attributes of this fundraiser. First, we offered 20 prizes that were all donated by our membership. Rewards ranged from an air fryer and gift certificates to plane tickets! Next, each raffle ticket was valued at \$0.50, with 10 tickets in each \$5.00 book. We relied on the collaborative efforts of our members to sell almost 3,500 raffle books to their co-workers, family, friends, and neighbors. Additionally, books were sold at various storefront locations across the island of New Providence on Saturdays, during the months of February and March. During the sales event, we sported our Kiwanis project shirts, and branded tablecloths, and unveiled our new retractable banners

that display club meeting information and highlights from our remarkable work in the community over the years. At our 42nd Anniversary Meeting, held March 27, 2023, our jovial members came together to commemorate this milestone and to be a part of the Gift of

Education Raffle Education – Fifty Cents Raffle drawing. To boost Kiwanis public relations and to ensure accountability, we went LIVE on our club's Facebook page. This helped us to attract new followers and to spread

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Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. “The Gift of Education – Fifty Cents Raffle” (Cont’d)

some Kiwanis love. Also, to make this evening more special, the Fundraising Committee provided small tokens of appreciation to all members that sold tickets, folded tickets, and solicited or donated raffle prizes. We LOVE our members!

In the end, the proposed US\$10,000.00 profit for this fundraiser was exceeded! Through the leadership, hard work, and dedication of our Fundraising Committee and members at large we made a net profit of US\$13,920.65, after printing and operational expenses were covered. Surely, every dollar raised will go a long way in assisting promising SLP students with their higher education expenses and towards our club’s 2023 major project “Paradise Pavilion”, at a local junior high school.

The Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. sponsors 11 SLP schools: five K-Kids, three Builders Clubs, and three



Key Clubs. All our SLP clubs have been invited to apply for our educational Scholarships and Grants, and the most deserving applicants will be presented with their scholarship and grant funds before the close of the current school year.

We are appreciative of our members, other Kiwanis clubs, and the community who supported this effort. The yield of this project demonstrates that with organization, a clear goal, and hard work, anything can be achieved. Always support your club’s efforts, because **“FUNDRAISING IS EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS!”**



Kiwanis Club of Providence - Montego Bay hosts 7th Staging of kiddie Bee Spelling Competition



Participants - students, teachers, and Kiwanians pose for a photo op of the Kiddie Bee Spelling Competition

The Kiddie Bee Spelling Competition is a branded Young Children Priority One project of the Kiwanis Club of Providence - Montego Bay which was conceptualized in 2015. It was embraced by every President and successive administration since then, as the need to support the educational advancement of children between the ages of 3 and 5 intensified. The club believed that there should be a platform to elevate spelling skills, advancing to competitions like the International Script Howard Spelling Competition.

Moreover, there have been several testimonials over the years from parents, teachers, and in their own small way students who have all acknowledged that their involvement in the competition has benefitted them all tremendously; and it is for these reasons that the club has been intent in continuing the project.

The club hosted its 7th staging of its Kiddie Bee Spelling Competition on April 27, 2023. The Calvary Baptist Church Hall was packed with the eager parents, family members, and teachers of the 24 children from various infant, basic, and preparatory schools in and around Montego Bay, each vying for the coveted Henderson Book Store Trophy. One would have thought it was an International Spelling Competition, as the tiny tots courageously and excitedly challenged even the Spell Master, Andrea Wakeland, Vice Principal of the Montego Bay High School, with their

impulsive *"May I have the meaning of the word please?"*, or *"Can you please use it in a sentence?"* assuring themselves that they could spell the word.

It was evident that the children were having fun as the theme of the project depicted "Fun with Words". The "Each child is a winner" concept was sold by the club as each child received a personally engraved trophy, while each participating school received a set of books for its library and a certificate of participation.

It was 5-year-old Zola Wynnzor of the Mt. Alvernia Preparatory School, coached by teacher Camille Jamieson-Peart, who emerged the champion speller with the champion word "BUTTER" being spelled. Her prizes included the Champion Speller Trophy, a tablet, and a day pass for 4 at a prominent hotel. Second-placed 5-year-old Davina Walters of Hosanna Preparatory School, coached by teacher Ashanya Perry, took home the runner-up trophy and a tablet as a prize. Cheyrome Bernard, 5 years old of The New Tender Heart Early Childhood Institute coached by Marie Gray, placed third and received a tablet as her prize.

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Champion speller Zola Wynnzor accepting the championship trophy from Sheryl Marlow, Manager of Henderson Book Store



First, second, and third place winners L -R: Davina Walter's 2nd place, Zola Wynnzor 1st place, Cheyrome Bernard 3rd place

Musical Celebration at the Nursery Les Titiris Pilotins Kiwanis Club Le Flamboyant



On Wednesday, June 21 from 9h00 'till 17h00, together with the teams of the nursery Les Titiris Pilotins de Case-Pilote, our club celebrated music with some thirty children who live there.

This is our second intervention in favour of this structure with which we developed a partnership by accompanying on topics like education, well-being, awakening, and awareness of environmental protection with fabrication workshops of objects with salvage materials, for the little ones. Our first action has been the supply of green earth for an educative garden dedicated to the culture of local vegetables and local spices.

About the action on music, relying on our network of sponsors, we put in place two forums and brought logistic support for instant Karaoke. Under the guidance of José



Gustave, the little ones discovered the "ti-bwa" and accordion. And they have been able to try the guitar with Georges THIMIR who proposed a discovery game organized in the area of guitar introduction.

The children also attended a puppet show brought to life by an outsider. Different manual workshops made the children happy. They have been able to participate, among others, to make chacha with salvage materials, and to give themselves over to bonding games of musical notes and guitars on paper. The activities went on with the group Irréductibles who offered an initiation of traditional musical instruments (chacha, drums, and ti-bwa). Parents, activity leaders, and guests stroke up a few notes during a Karaoke.

The teams at the nursery also proposed a workshop to make traditional pastries (cookies and macarons). These pastries were offered at the end of the event.

This has been a very nice day filled with delight for all the enthralled children who enjoyed dancing, singing, and having fun at each workshop.



Kiwanis Club of Southwest New Providence donates to BDOCS Juvenile Detention Centre



Pictured from left to right are Principal Corrections Officer Sweeting, Charter Director Esther Cartwright, Charter President Nerissa Hamilton, Kiwanian Tina Munroe, and Assistant Corrections Commissioner Norville. (Photo by Officer Kirby)

The Kiwanis Club of Southwest New Providence recently donated necessities to the newly opened Juvenile Detention Centre at the Bahamas Department of Corrections Services. When Nerissa Hamilton, president of the club, became aware that the Centre required some assistance, she presented the case to the Board of Directors. The agreement was made to donate the essential items in short order.

The Juvenile Detention Centre was opened on Thursday, May 11, 2023. It is a short-term residential facility for male youth offenders awaiting court proceedings or placement in a long-term facility. According to one

official, classrooms for continuing learning, physical activities and exercise programmes, recreational programmes, library services, medical and mental health services and treatment, technical and vocational training, and religious services are included in the Centre.

One of the objects of Kiwanis is to encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships. *"As Kiwanians, we recognize the importance of supporting children and youth to ensure that they have the best possible chance of becoming model citizens in our country. We are also cognizant of the fact that even the smallest act of kindness can result in a positive change in the*

lives of others," said Charter President Nerissa.

Present to accept the donations on behalf of the Bahamas Department of Corrections Services were Assistant Corrections Commissioner Norville and Principal Corrections Officer Sweeting. Both Officers expressed thanks for the items that were received.

Club members plan to give further assistance and hope to recruit other Kiwanis clubs to participate in the future after more discussions are held with Principal Corrections Officer Sweeting, the Acting Director of the Juvenile Dorm, and Sergeant Rolle who has responsibility for programs at the Centre.

Serving the Community Kiwanis Club of Barbados North

Kiwanis Club of Barbados North continues to assist the children, elderly and needy in its catchment area in the Northern parishes of Barbados. These activities include the distribution of lunches every Sunday, distribution of food hampers, food vouchers, care packages, and clothes, babysitting, assistance to the elderly with cashing of pension cheques, assistance with shopping, providing transportation as necessary, personal care, donation of a walker - to name a few.

Of course, the club continues with our Common Entrance Support Programme (CESP) - our Signature Project - which entails giving free tuition in Math & English to students preparing to take the Common Entrance Exam.

In recognition of World Water Day on 22nd March, the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North sought to encourage young children to drink water instead of sodas. To this end, the club donated bottles of drinking water to St. Elizabeth Primary School, St. Bernard's Primary School, Bagatelle

Day Nursery & Haynesville Day Nursery. In addition to water, used toys in good condition were also donated to Bagatelle Day Nursery.



Donation of water to St. Bernard's Primary School



Donation of water to Haynesville Day Nursery



Donation of water to St. Elizabeth Primary School



Donation of used toys in good condition to Bagatelle Day Nursery



President Michael Archer makes the presentation to the fire victims

The club was made aware of a family that had lost all their possessions in a fire. The Kiwanis Club of Barbados North, K-Kids of St Albans Primary School, K-Kids of Gordon Greenidge Primary School, and Key Clubbers of Coleridge & Parry Secondary School all joined together to raise funds to assist the family. This resulted in the donation of money, clothing, groceries, and toiletries to the family. The young son of that family who had been carrying on a small baking business, was also presented with baking equipment and supplies to revitalize his business venture.

North Club will continue to play its vital role in changing the world - one child and one community at a time.

Interclubbing with the Kiwanis Club of Pinewood - Civic Organizations Assisting in Times of Crisis



The Kiwanis Club of Pinewood hosted an Inter-club with 5 other Kiwanis Clubs on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Hall, Pinewood Gardens, Nassau, Bahamas.

The Guest Speaker for the night was the former Prime Minister of the Bahamas, The Most Honorable Dr. Hubert A Minnis who spoke on the topic – “How Civic Organizations Can Assist in Times Of Crisis: Lessons Learned From Covid-19 Pandemic”. He noted how civic organizations like Kiwanis clubs in the Bahamas had stepped up and assisted the government with the distribution of food items, sanitizers, and masks in businesses and homes. He mentioned that the Kiwanis clubs also assisted with getting the message out to the public on how to sanitize and wear their masks. The COVID-19 Pandemic taught us that we must be always ready in times of crisis and that we must ensure that the people in the Bahamas play a part in making sure everyone is equipped with the right tools in the event of any outbreaks or another pandemic.

A token of appreciation was presented to our Guest Speaker Dr. Hubert Minnis by President Theresa Lewis and DP Genine Munroe (Fundraising chair). The meeting was informative, and it was a night full of fun as we also had raffle giveaways and collected happy dollars and fines. Refreshments were served after the meeting.



L-R: President Theresa Lewis, DP Genine Munroe (Fundraising Chairperson), and The Most Honorable Dr. Hubert Minnis (former Prime Minister)

We would like to thank The Most Honorable Dr. Hubert A Minnis, Mrs. Astra Armbrister- Rolle, the Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach, Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu, Kiwanis Club of Nassau

A.M., Kiwanis Club of Nassau and Kiwanis Club of Over-The-Hill, Ms. Brelinca Rolle from Secure Printing, and Mrs. Micholette Hart from Native (Bahama) Moves Straw Bags.



Presidents of the visiting clubs along with President-Elect designate Calvern Winder, club President Theresa Lewis, and Former Prime Minister, The Most Honorable Dr. Hubert Minnis (center)



The Kiwanis Club of Pinewood officers and members with Former Prime Minister, The Most Honorable Dr. Hubert Minnis

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Welcome to the 2023 Kiwanis Staples School Supply Drive Campaign

As we begin preparing for the *back-to-school* season at Staples, we are excited to announce our Ontario partnership with the Kiwanis Club for the 18th annual Staples "School Supply Drive".

We believe that back-to-school season should be a time of excitement and wonder, but we understand that this is not the case for all parents, teachers, and students as they struggle to purchase all the supplies that they need for the new school year.

The "School Supply Drive" allows our Clubs to team up with Staples Store, to make a sizable, tangible impact in the hundreds of communities where we live and work, empowering learning, and growth for the year ahead. Since their inception, the various *Back to School* campaigns have raised over 16.5 million dollars nationwide.

Watch our Website for Details <https://staplespartnership.kiwanisgta.ca/>

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Governor Anthony Haile visits Eastern Canada

Governor Anthony concluded his scheduled official visits to the EC&C Divisions, visiting Divisions 5, 6, 10, 17, and 13.

Division 5 – Black Walnut

The Kiwanis Club of Brantford, Ontario, home club of LG Nelson McClinchey, welcomed Governor Anthony Haile and his



L-R: LG Nelson McClinchey, Governor Anthony, DST Jim Steele, K Linda Moir, K Bob Ritchie, K Leo Vos, Michael French, K Paul Simon, K Faye Prince, K Judy Jones, Resident Dave Lewis, K, Nancy Sheritt, Joanne Lewis, Ingrid Haile, Sandy Vos, K Simran Kaur.

wife Ingrid on their official visit to Division 5-Black Walnut on the evening of Friday, May 5, 2023. A festive atmosphere prevailed as they were welcomed with cocktails and dinner. (Photo at left)

On Saturday, May 6, Division 5 held a Divisional Council Meeting and a Governor's luncheon. The governor was impressed with the PowerPoint presentations from all the clubs in the division. Each club showcased the extraordinary activities and projects they accomplish for kids and families in their respective communities.

Sunday morning May 7 was quiet time as Governor Haile went to mass with PG Joanne Murray. One highlight of the Governor and his wife's visit was their attendance at an Adult Aktion Club meeting. After the meeting, Governor Anthony and his wife toured a Kiwanis Club Children Safety Village where they were arrested and placed in a jail cell for one minute. Fun and laughter were on the agenda for the day. (Photos at right)



On Monday morning, May 8, LG Nelson drove Governor Haile and his wife Ingrid to St. Catharines where they had lunch with LG Sandie Greenhalgh as the Governor started his visit with Division 6.

It was indeed a pleasure to welcome Governor Anthony and his wife Ingrid to Division 5. His sincere and positive message inspired the Kiwanians in our division to accomplish both the goals he set for this Kiwanis year and his theme, "Adapt to Succeed".

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Photo at left LG Nelson McClinchey, Governor Anthony Haile,, LG Dick Felton

Governor Anthony Haile visits Eastern Canada (Cont'd)

Division 6 - Golden Horseshoe

Governor Anthony Haile and his wife Ingrid arrived in St Catharines on Monday, May 8, 2023. The Kiwanis Club of St. Catharines, the home club of LG Sandie Greenhalgh welcomed the Governor to Division 6 as they showcased their projects and their impact on the community.



Between the period May 6 and May 11, Governor Haile visited the Niagara Falls Club, Kiwanis Club of Welland, Kiwanis Club of Oakville, and the newest club 5-year-old Kiwanis Club of West Lincoln which is proud to still have most of the original members. The clubs took the opportunity to showcase their community impact and share their projects.

The Key Clubs of St. Mikes, St. Pauls, and A.N. Myer schools in Niagara Falls jointly hosted the Governor during his afternoon visit on Wednesday, May 10.



Governor Anthony and his wife Ingrid at a Key Club meeting in Niagara Falls

On Wednesday evening, Governor Haile and his wife, Ingrid arrived at the Dalhousie Yacht Club for the Governor's Reception. Governor Haile addressed the audience and presented the Legion of Honor Certificates to 31 members, four of whom have over 50 years of service with Kiwanis.



Above: Legion of Honor Awardee Robert Wilde receives his Certificate from Governor Haile.

The Kiwanian with the most "service years" was Mr. Robert Welde, who has 62 years of serving Kiwanis. Governor Haile was impressed with his number of years and dedicated some special words to him.

On Thursday, May 11, the last day of his visit to Division 6, Governor Anthony was taken to Hamilton for lunch and a tour of the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club. On his way to Peterborough, Division 10 he took a little side trip to Scarborough where he paid a courtesy call to LG Mary Ellen Trimble and visited her new club.

LG Sandie Greenhalgh escorted the Governor to Division 10 later that Thursday afternoon and turned him over to LG Dave Compton. (Photo below)



Governor Anthony Haile visits Eastern Canada (Cont'd)

Division 10 - Pine Ridge

Governor Anthony and his wife Ingrid arrived in Peterborough late Thursday afternoon May 11, with LG Sandra Greenhalgh of Division 6, and her husband. They were met by Lieutenant Governor, Division 10, David Compton.

Friday morning May 12, Governor Anthony assisted with the annual spring clean-up of Kiwanis Park while his wife Ingrid toured the city. Later we met other members of the Kiwanis and Aktion Clubs for lunch at our Zoo Booth concession stand at Riverview Park and Zoo. Governor Anthony assisted us in making a donation to the zoo to help in replacing their miniature train attraction. After lunch, members of the Kiwanis Club of Peterborough took Governor Anthony and Ingrid to visit the Humane Society of Peterborough's new state-of-the-art facility that the club supports.

Our next event was the Reception and Dinner for Governor

Anthony where he and his wife were welcomed by our division. The clubs in our division presented brief reports of their activities and donations **to date**. Governor Anthony then spoke of his hopes and expectations for Division 10 and for Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

On Saturday morning May 13, the members of the Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains provided breakfast for Governor Anthony and Ingrid and then took them back to Riverview Park and Zoo for a presentation of funds by the Liftlock Aktion Club to assist in making the Zoo more accessible. Governor Anthony and Ingrid were taken to lunch at a local resort, followed by a tour of the area and the Curve Lake Indigenous gift shop.

On Sunday, May 14, LG Dave Compton, Governor Anthony, and his wife Ingrid boarded the train to Quebec City to attend the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention.



Governor Anthony and his wife Ingrid, with Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains members presenting a donation to Peterborough's Riverview Park and Zoo for the Toddler Play area.



The "Super Slide" was donated by Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains attending The Governor's Dinner.



New member, Nancy Jackson, being inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains by Sponsor, Past President AJ McNaught, and President Ken Fry.



President Ken Fry presents the Kiwanis Club of Scott's Plains pennant to Governor Anthony at the Club's breakfast meeting.

Governor Anthony Haile visits Eastern Canada (Cont'd)

Division 13 - Ottawa Valley

Sunday, May 21 Greg Newton, Lieutenant Governor – Division 13 drove Governor Anthony and Ingrid to Manotick, Ontario for the start of the official visit to Division 13. The 5-hour drive was without incident, and they arrived in the early afternoon.



A short tour of the City of Ottawa was conducted on Monday, May 22. It was very busy with traffic as it was the concluding weekend of the Ottawa Tulip Festival.

The evening was topped by a BBQ at the home of PLG Gary Coulombe. The BBQ was attended by 20 or more Kiwanians from the Kiwanis Club of Manotick and other Kiwanis club members from Division. 12. (Photo below)



Governor Anthony and Ingrid attended a new club's first introductory meeting on Tuesday, May 23 at Carleton Place, ON. It was headed up by PG Phil Rossy and DG Robert 'Bobby' Moo Young. Some interest was expressed but more work needs to be done.

On Wednesday, May 24 Governor Anthony and Ingrid were escorted to a luncheon with the Kiwanis Club of Pembroke. The members of KC Pembroke also provided a tour of the Kiwanis River Walk.

The Governor and Ingrid were treated to a lunch on Thursday, May 25 with PLG Shirley Bradley that was attended by PG Phil Rossy and Diane, and LG Greg Newton. (Photo below)



Kiwanis Club of Ottawa West, Division 13 took the Governor and Ingrid on a tour of the facilities that they support.

On Friday, May 26, Governor Anthony, and his wife Ingrid attended a luncheon meeting with the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa - Division 12.

On May 27, after a very eventful visit to Eastern Canada, Governor Anthony and Ingrid returned home to Curaçao.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SLP)

Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs are leadership and character-building programs hosted in a school or community agency and often sponsored by a Kiwanis club or another civic organization such as a chapter of JCI.

Service Leadership Programs have existed since the first Key Club was founded in 1925. Since then, millions of students have been inspired to lead lives of service and significance through programs for all ages.



Kiwanis Club of Providence – Montego Bay hosts One Day Camp for Service Leadership Children

As part of its mandate to serve the children of the world and to build leaders for the next generation, the all-female club ... Kiwanis Club of Providence – Montego Bay hosted a One Day Camp at the Herbert Morrison Comprehensive High School in Montego Bay on April 13, 2023: bringing together children from all their sponsored youth clubs in Montego Bay. The expected large turnout did not materialize as it was the Easter holiday period when several students were off the island on vacation.

Nevertheless, over 50 Key, Builders, and Aktion Clubbers converged on the school ground and welcomed the initial activity of a scrumptious breakfast followed by devotion. The day's activities consisted of presentations on Leadership Skills, Human Trafficking, Managing the Digital Space, Social Graces, Talent Parade, and Sports activities. The sessions were well received, and the

children expressed during the evaluation at the end of the day, that they enjoyed the sessions, they benefitted tremendously from the activities, and were looking forward to attending the next camp in the ensuing year.

Governor Anthony Haile, accompanied by his wife, was making his official visit to Division 25 (Cornwall), the division in which the Kiwanis Club of Providence – Montego Bay falls. He expressed deep appreciation and excitement in his being allowed to participate in the Project. In addressing the attendees, he said he was delighted to see the effort being placed in bringing together the clubbers of the Service Leadership Program. His encouragement to the children, as the leaders of the next generation, was met with much applause. The project was one of four (4) projects shown to the Governor during his visit to the Division.

Each child received a Kiwanis-branded notebook, a folder with literature on the Service Leadership Program, and a bag of goodies. Each participating school received a football and netball or basketball for their sports department. The supportive faculty advisors were in attendance to give the usual support to their "pack". Several Kiwanians were also in attendance giving the usual service and support to the men and women of the future. Expressions of thanks were made to the several sponsors that assisted in making the venture the success it was.



St. Maarten Academy Key Club Officially Inducted



CUL DE SAC - St. Maarten Academy continues to make strides in cultivating civic-minded young leaders when Distinguished Governor (DG) Robert Spellen of the Kiwanis Club of Aruba officially inducted 54 members of the school's Key Club.

The Charter Ceremony, which took place on Saturday, May 6, at the New Testament Baptist Church, was organized by the club's Faculty Advisor and the school's Vice Principal, Ms. Joanna Trim.

Amid the pomp and ceremony, DG Spellen commended Key Clubbers for getting involved in service to others and charged them to remain committed to their journey of service leadership. He challenged parents to "get involved by becoming a Kiwanian today, as service to others, especially children in our local communities, is at the heart of Kiwanis".

Sitting Academy Club President, Fifth Former Sabéa Nanton saluted her peers for choosing service to others over self. "Long before December 8, 2022 we were serving in various ways as individual students, but choosing to join Key Club represented our collective belief that *Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)*. Thank you for choosing to share this journey of service and leadership."

Five months ago, after some 20 years of dormancy, St. Maarten Academy Key Club was revived and once again became an official chartered club. Ms. Nanton stated that this exciting milestone saw the commitment of 66 students who dedicated themselves to this noble organization and movement as they sought to serve the Sint Maarten community.

"I commend our executive board for continually giving their time and

intelligence towards this cause and to you, our membership who came out time and time again. It speaks volumes and I applaud your efforts. This is not to say that there weren't and won't be challenges, as we had to and are still toggling between exams, SBAs, home commitments, and others. But I see a people young, dedicated and determined, who understood the need for service and captured the spirit of our theme – Service to our Community - Our #1 Priority."

Principal (ag) Mrs. Kim Lucas-Felix said this charter celebration of the St. Maarten Academy Key Club is a momentous occasion, not only for the school but for the wider community and the island as a whole. "Tonight, our upper school students (Forms 4, 5, and 6) can testify that they are giving

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St. Maarten Academy Key Club Officially Inducted (Cont'd)

giving invaluable service to others," stated Lucas-Felix. "St. Maarten Academy welcomes the initiative of Vice Principal Joanna Trim in reintroducing the Key Club to our institution and the island. Through the service of this club, we know our students will not only better understand their civic responsibilities but gain invaluable experience in living and working together as they become leaders of whom we will be proud." She congratulated the club's members and thanked them for their commitment. "Being a part of the world's largest student-led service organization, you have an opportunity to change the world we live in. Take advantage of the service, leadership, and fellowship opportunities that can add value to your lives. Then, and

only then, will you embody the words of H. Jackson Brown Jr.: 'Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others', stated the acting principal.

Congratulatory remarks were also received from Anthony Haile, Governor of Kiwanis Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

The Key Club District Governor, 16-year-old Synnovea-Storm Husbands, of Harrison College, Barbados, reiterated that Key Club International is nothing without its members. "In fact, they are the focal point of our organization. This is why they are at the top of the inverted pyramid which represents the club. As you go about navigating this next year, always remember that your voices matter," was her message to the inductees.

With their enthusiasm and drive to make a difference on the island, the young St. Maarten Academy scholars have done five beach clean ups, shown appreciation to their teachers, and a number of home and afternoon school programs with the primary schools. "We even had volunteer projects at the senior citizens' home and helped them prepare outfits and decorations for their seniors' pageant," Trim stated as she underscored that the spirit of Key Club is service.

Past Governor Hazel Brandon Wright of the Kiwanis Club of Paramaribo Central, Suriname assisted DG Spellen with pinning the students.

(Press Release: The Daily Herald – Tuesday, May 9, 2023)



Key Club Executive Board

Front row: Sergeant-at-Arms -Juan Rengel-Belmonte, President Sabéa Nanton, Treasurer- Gabrielle Blake, Vice President- Kianna Greene, Bulletin Editor - Fara Colas; Second row (L-R) Faculty Advisor -Joanna Trim, Secretary Breanna Woodstock, and Webmaster- Skyla Davis.

Celebrate Community



Mark your calendars for the next Kiwanis event: [Celebrate Community](https://www.kiwanis.org/celebratecommunity)! From September 11-17, Kiwanis members are encouraged to collaborate with members of Lions Clubs International, Optimist International and Rotary International on service projects to help their communities. Check out [kiwanis.org/celebratecommunity](https://www.kiwanis.org/celebratecommunity) for more information, including a list of project ideas and tools to help find other service clubs in your area.

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