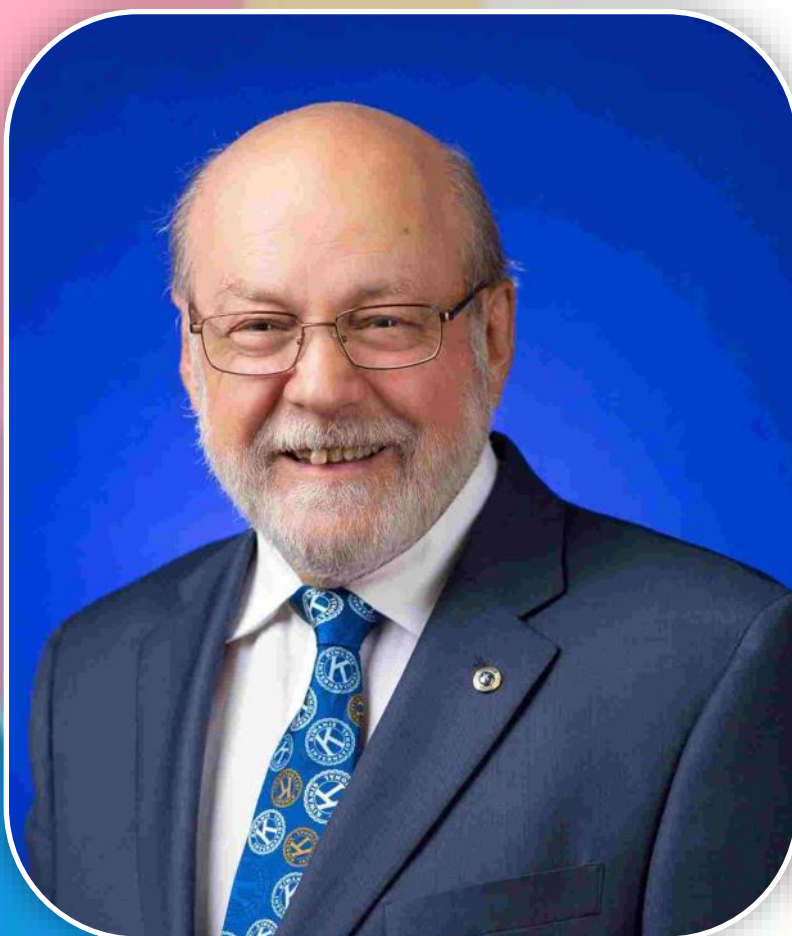




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EC&C District Newsletter



John Chave, 2023-2024 Governor, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.

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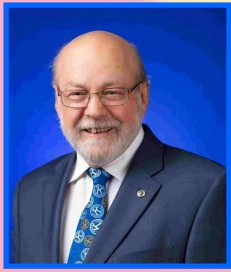


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3 St. Clair Bluewater	Felton	Richard	A	Sarnia-Lambton Golden K
4 Colonel Talbot	Ure	Allen	A	Ridgetown
5 Black Walnut	MacLennan	David	A	Stratford
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8 Huronia	Ellement	Helen	B	Barrie
9 Maple Leaf	Coccimiglio	Francesco	B	Casa Loma, Toronto
10 Pine Ridge	Compton	David	B	Peterborough
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17 Laurentides	Villeneuve	Alain	D	Alma
18 Fundy	Ross	Michael	E	Fredericton
20 Bluenose	Creamer	Darren	E	Charlottetown
21 Caribou	Wakeham	Margaret	E	St. John's
22 Sunshine	Johnson	Anastacia	F	Fort Montagu, Nassau
23 East Surry South	Rampair	Stephan	G	Downtown Kingston
23 West Middlesex South	Menzies	Ronnette	G	Central Portmore
23C Jamaica Central	Batchelor	Desmond	G	Kingston
24 Jamaica	Williams	Josette	H	Armadales
25 Cornwall	Lawrence	Francois	H	Montego Bay
26 Trade Winds	McPherson-Price	Shelly-Ann	I	Scarborough
27 Caribbean	Abel-Jeffrey	Dianne	I	St. Andrew Grenada
27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie	Joseph-Alexandre	Robert	J	Schoelcher, Martinique

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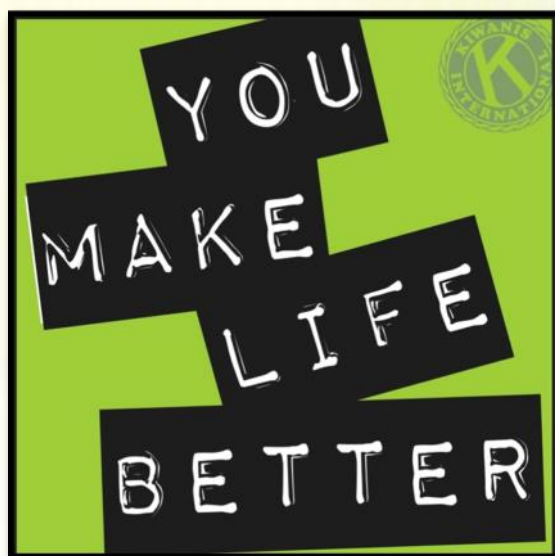


<https://www.kiwanis.org/> and <https://www.kiwanisecc.org/> in order to keep up to date with your "Kiwanis Education". Remember, "Knowledge is Power", and we should always try to use that knowledge for good.

I wish everyone a great year of service and fellowship, keeping in mind that **"It's All About the Kids"**.

Yours in Kiwanis Service ,

Michelle Giles-Leacock
Bulletin Editor, EC&C District

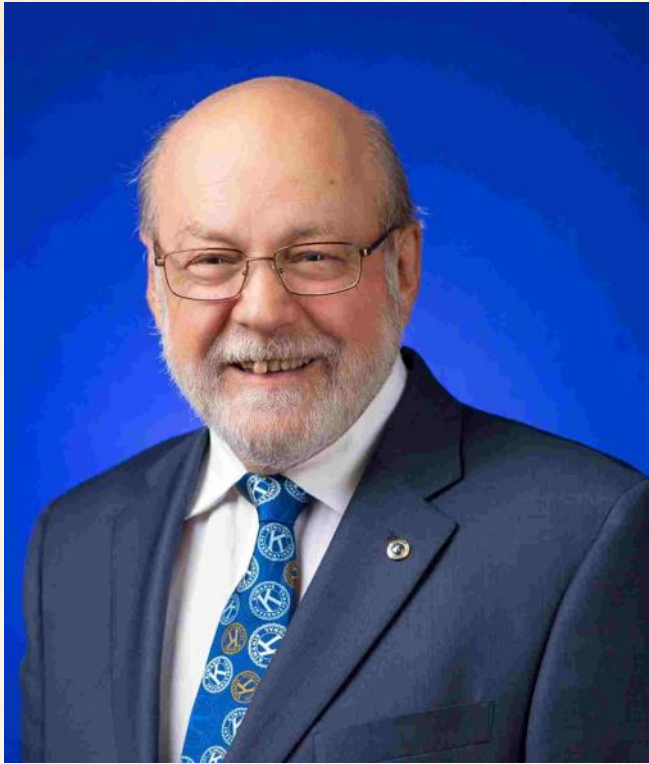


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To submit items for the District Newsletter, please send kmichgilesleacock@gmail.com a Word document of less than 600 words. Photos should be attached to the body of the email.

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OUT FOR THEM** #KidsNeedKiwanis

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

I am so very honored to be your Governor for the year 2023 - 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to bring you greetings from the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District. Let us make this year the very best!!!

First, I would like to thank Michelle Giles-Leacock, Bulletin Editor for the fine job of putting together this great Newsletter. I urge you all to read it from beginning to end. You will find a wealth of great information within.

I also would like to thank our immediate past Governor, Anthony Haile, for so aptly steering the ship for the past year. We all appreciate his dedication.

Although I have a number of goals for this Kiwanis year, I would like to focus on something that I call **"GRASS ROOTS KIWANIS"**. These are those small projects that you can do at your clubs where you can see first-hand the fruits of your labors. These projects need not be costly,

but they do have to improve the lives of children and families in your community.

Also, please continue to do everything that you can to grow your clubs. As we all know, the more members we have = the more hands for service, and of course **SERVICE** is what we do.

I would also like to thank my 27 wonderful and dedicated Lieutenant Governors for being my boots on the ground and ensuring that all the divisions are working hard to continue to support 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"*

Finally, please remember our Motto for this year **"It's All About the Kids!"** Thanks for all you do for Kiwanis. Together we can do amazing things.

John Chave,
Governor 2023 - 2024



MEET THE EC&C GOVERNOR



John Chave was born and raised in Toronto Canada. His formative years were spent in Leaside, a small community just north of the city centre.

He attended elementary school and high school in the area and then went to a Community College, where he studied Educational Media. Upon graduation he worked as a Media Specialist in both education and health care. After several years, he decided that his interest had shifted to training and went back to school for qualification in Adult Education. He then worked as a training manager until he retired, working in both the public and private sectors.

John's interest in Kiwanis stemmed from his involvement as a 13-year-old boy singing with his elementary school senior choir in the Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival. Many years later when he was looking to join a service club, he thought of that time and decided to check out Kiwanis. He is certainly glad that he did.

Since becoming a Kiwanian, he served as Chairman of the Oshawa Whitby Kiwanis Music Festival for eleven years, three terms as club president, one term as Lieutenant Governor and three years as the Certified CLE trainer for

his division. He has recently served one term as Vice Governor, one term as Governor-Elect and is currently the Governor of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District of Kiwanis International for the year 2023- 2024.

John believes strongly in Kiwanis and continues to foster "The Formula"- LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT."

When he is not involved with his Kiwanis work, John spends time with his music. He is a working musician, performing whenever and wherever he can. He plays piano and teaches private guitar lessons. John is also a licenced "Ham" radio operator. He can often be found with mic in hand talking to fellow "Hams" all over the world. During the summer months, John and Sue, spend much of their time on their boat, cruising the waters of the Trent Severn Waterway in Ontario.





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Congratulations!

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**Congratulations
to all Clubs and Members
celebrating
this Quarter!**

KIWANIS CLUB OF CHARLOTTETOWN CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations!



This fall, the **Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown** is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. The Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown, which was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Saint John, was officially chartered on November 18, 1947, at a meeting held at the Charlottetown Hotel. This year the Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown is slated to contribute around \$100,000 to Island organizations and causes that positively impact Young Islanders.

The Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown has left a lasting impact across the

City of Charlottetown. Some of the key projects over the years include enhancements to Victoria Park, (including the installation of a splash pad for kids, tree planting, and construction of a baseball diamond), the construction of the Abe Zakem house which provides affordable housing to families in Charlottetown, and major funder of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation, to name a few.

A few weeks ago, the Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown brought together Kiwanians across the region, elected

officials, supported organizations, and others to celebrate all that the club has contributed to the City of Charlottetown. The event was a success and gave members the opportunity to get excited for the next 75 years.

The Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown is a proud member of Division 20 Bluenose, within the district of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean.

Photo: Members of the Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown provided by Nathan Rochford Photography.

KIWANIS CLUB OF HOPEWELL 24TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS



The Kiwanis Club of Hopewell celebrated its 24th Anniversary on September 16, 2023. The members of the club embarked on different activities during their week of celebrations.

DAY ONE



Members of the club participated in the devotional exercise at the Bethel Primary School, Hopewell, Hanover.

DAYS TWO AND THREE

Members greatly assisted persons in the community with their daily needs. These included the grooming of hair, helping with their laundry, assisting with grocery shopping, and distributing care packages. Donations were made to cover medical expenses for a community member in need and much more.

DAY FOUR

Our Anniversary Meeting and Installation of Officers were hosted online via the ZOOM platform where we had 94 persons in attendance.

District Trustee Leighton 'Fyah' McKnight was the Guest Speaker, and he gave us strong words of advice and encouraged us to not be "Installation Kiwanians" but rather be Kiwanians who serve the community and make the place a better one for our children.

Present at the meeting was club member Hope Markes - Kiwanis International Trustee. Other members of the Kiwanis International Board visited with us at the Anniversary Meeting. This was the highlight of our evening, which made it a stellar one. The 'Little Big Club' as we are affectionately called has once again made its mark in the History of Kiwanis by having the members of the Kiwanis International Board bring greetings to us.

DAY FIVE

The club donated a basket of baby items to a mother at the Noel Holmes Hospital.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF HOPEWELL 24TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK OF CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

DAY SIX



Members embarked on repainting the pedestrian shelter at the Hopewell High School. It was a great day and we enjoyed ourselves while working.

DAY SEVEN

We culminated the week's activities with a church service at the Hopewell Baptist Church, where our President, Georgia Crossman-Small brought greetings on behalf of the club and gave an overview of Kiwanis International and the work of the Kiwanis Club of Hopewell in the community. President Designate Nicolette Wilson and Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Joseph Williams also took part in the morning's worship service by doing the Scripture Readings.



From left to right: President Designate Nicolette Wilson, Director Kareen Miller, Kiwanian Doris Smith, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Joseph Williams, President Georgia Crossman-Small, Kiwanian Valerie Marston-Mitchell

All in all, it was a great week, and we look forward to celebrating another 24 years in the community of Hopewell and beyond.

Congratulations!



**MAKE SOMEONE
SMILE TODAY.**

KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS BENEVOLENCE PARTICIPATES IN WORLD CLEANUP DAY 2023

The Kiwanis Club of Barbados Benevolence is committed to doing its part to ensure the beautiful island of Barbados is kept pristine, and our environment is preserved for future generations.

Considering this, our club on World Cleanup Day 2023 (September 16), took part in the 'Green Nation' initiative organised by the Nation Publishing Co. Limited, which is a local media house. This activity was conducted island-wide and groups selected different locations to clean.

From as early as 6:00 a.m., members of our two-year-old club got to work removing trash and other items from Brownes Beach, one of the most popular beaches on the island.

On World Cleanup Day, our members worked with other local community organizations and service clubs to clean the beach. It was a great pleasure to join forces with these organisations to carry out this community service, especially during Kiwanis International's "Celebrate

Community Week" (September 11-17).

In her remarks after the event, President Diana commended the Ks for supporting the initiative noting that "the cleanup went well." She also took the time to commend the two young volunteers who accompanied our members and assisted during the cleaning.



Members of Kiwanis Club of Barbados Benevolence hard at work removing trash and other items at Brownes Beach during World Cleanup Day 2023.

KIWANIS CLUB OF MIDDLESEX (LONDON) SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSIC APPRECIATION IN CHILDREN.

On October 5, 2023, at the club meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex, Russ Knight introduced Louise and Scott Good from the London Symphonia, (the successor to Orchestra London).



Scott Good told us that every culture has musical traditions. It is a belief that every human being is naturally musical and that cultures train us to hear certain sounds. A picture by itself is not enough and there are changes in the when a piece is played as compared to when there is improvisation. Music pulls people together. It is important to expose young people to different types of music to give them an overall appreciation of music. For example, Christmas songs make us feel a part of something. Singing or playing music will make people work more efficiently.



The Symphonia has programs for kids. They endeavor to grow and diversify their audiences to reflect the broader London community, through programming initiatives that engage different demographic groups. Their music education outreach undertakings are essential for future audience development and include performances in schools, and residences for seniors. The Symphonia offers young people the opportunity to audition for places in the orchestra to help them build their musical resumes.

We are continually looking to develop strong partnerships with other arts and non-arts organizations in the city of London and the surrounding region. The London Symphonia concerts are held at the Metropolitan United Church, 468 Wellington St., London. Visit the website at: <https://www.londonsymphonia.ca/>

There are now 6 outstanding Concerts remaining from December 9, 2023, filled with extraordinary artists, exciting Premieres, orchestral masterworks, and an eclectic mix of jazz and modern musical genres.

<https://www.londonsymphonia.ca/202324-season>



The Kiwanis Club of Middlesex (London) meets on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Kiwanis Seniors Centre, 78 Riverside Dr. London ON. <http://www.middlesexkiwanis.org/>

KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS NORTH - SERVICE & GRATITUDE

The Kiwanis Club of Barbados North, in support of the recently introduced School's Nutrition Policy, purchased and presented fruit to the students at three primary schools in the Northern parishes of Barbados. The schools selected were St. James Primary (78 students), Half Moon Fort Primary (45 students) and All Saints Primary (40 students). The fruits presented were apples, oranges, tangerines, and bananas. All the children were very enthusiastic and happy to receive their fruit. The principals expressed appreciation for the gesture and are looking forward to continued support from the club.

Cognizant of the fact that there are children who sometimes attend school without having any breakfast, the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North continues to play its part by supporting the breakfast programme at St Bernard's School. We believe that breakfast plays an important role in the development of the child, both physically, mentally and emotionally. It improves their academic performance and helps them to deal better with frustration. The photo at right shows some of the items that were donated: Milk, juices, hotdogs, tuna, luncheon meat, biscuits, etc.

Not only do we support children, but also the less fortunate in our society. Below are some of the ways we used to achieve this goal.



Some of the students at Half Moon Fort happy to receive their fruit



Presentation to PAREDOS (Parent Education for Development in Barbados): Juices, pampers, baby wipes, baby formula, and milk.



Presentation to HIV Food Bank: Food items, clothes, toiletries



Presentation to Cecil Graham Development Centre: children's clothing, soaps, tooth-paste, toothbrushes, deodorants, feminine products, juices, crayons, and pencils.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS NORTH - SERVICE & GRATITUDE (Cont'd)

In addition, fruit & cake were also presented to the residents at the Elayne Scantlebury Centre, which provides residential care and treatment for physically and mentally challenged adults.



Presentation to Elayne Scantlebury Centre

Of course, we must recognize our corporate sponsors who so kindly assist us in reaching our goals. Below are a few of those who were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.



Certificate of Appreciation to Massy Hometown, who kindly allowed us to place a collection barrel at their premises.



Certificate of Appreciation to Zephirin's Bakery



Certificate of Appreciation to D Blades Trophies

KIWANIS ONE DAY CELEBRATION AT OSHAWA- DURHAM A.M. KIWANIS CLUB



What a wonderful "KIWANIS ONE DAY" we had on Saturday, October 28, 2023. The Kiwanis Club of Oshawa-Durham A.M. sponsored a special luncheon at Simcoe Hall Settlement House in Oshawa to celebrate "KIWANIS ONE DAY" and wrap up the 2023 Kiwanis/Staples Backpack and School Supplies Program.

Fifty people attended our "KIWANIS ONE DAY" luncheon and it was an exciting time for the children present, as well as the Kiwanians. We presented Simcoe Hall with a cheque for \$2,000.00 to assist their Christmas

Hamper program. We also donated a \$1,000.00 Gift Card from the Staples/Kiwanis Backpack & School Supplies

Program courtesy of the Staples Whitby Store. We donated three iPads to Simcoe Hall Settlement House for their "After School Program" presented by Kiwanian Lorraine Jones to Samantha Zahn, Child & Youth Coordinator. Club Secretary, Ghous Siddiqui gave a "Coloured Pencil Set" to each child who attended.

At the request of the Bowmanville Staples Store who donated one iPad, we had a draw for the children attending the after-school program. One lucky child, 6-year-old, Lucah Beebe of Sir Albert Love School in Oshawa won his very own iPad. Lucah and his mother

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Kiwanians and the Kids at the Kiwanis One Day Celebrations

KIWANIS ONE DAY CELEBRATION AT OSHAWA-DURHAM A.M. KIWANIS CLUB (Cont'd)

were thrilled, we are sure that the iPad will be a great learning tool. Congratulations Lucah!

Thank you to Kiwanians Bruce Madgett, Steven Small, Paul Martin, Al and Lorraine Jones, and Ghous Siddiqui for joining the club President Bob Amos for this important community event in the life of Oshawa-Durham A.M. Kiwanis Club.

Thanks to our Caterers Sy for donating hotdogs and hamburgers for this gathering, and Al & Lorraine for

shopping for the chips, juice, paper plates, and wonderful "KIWANIS ONE DAY" chocolate cake!

This was a great ending to our 2023 Kiwanis/Staples school supplies program, benefiting hundreds of kids in the Durham Region. We also want to thank the Staples Stores in Durham Region for participating in the program.



In the photos above are the respective Store Manager with Kiwanians, and the school's representative receiving a gift card.

KIWANIS CLUB OF QUEBEC - WINTER CLOTHING FOR SOME DEPRIVED CHILDREN



Between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on October 21, 2023, the Kiwanis Club of Québec (City) dressed nearly 460 children for winter. (Two pieces winter suit, boots, socks, scarf, mittens, and tuque). Some members and volunteers expressed their feelings in writing following the activity and I am sharing the expressions of one of the members.

PKIT Pierre Laliberté,
Member, Kiwanis Club of Québec.

"Phew!!!

Using a few words to express how I feel after this day is truly complicated. I feel a mixture of emotions going from pride to delight!

Proud of the unbelievable team who managed the arrival of buses filled with fifty-five (55) children to be dressed repeatedly without complaining, with unbelievable energy and smiles. Sad because some children could not show for several reasons.

Happy at the smiles and the thank you messages coming in.

Touched by the many drawings done by the children to thank us, by their little worried voices asking how much it will cost, knowing that their parents do not have much money, and finally, their large smiles when we tell them that it's a gift...

I have seen a little boy wearing the pink spangled sneakers of his sister (because when you don't have money, you pass the clothes from one child to the other), filled with wonder for his brand-new boots, boots just for him for the first time in his life. ♥

I have seen older brothers/sisters caring for their little brothers and sisters with love and goodwill because, in those complex families, the oldest children have no choice but to grow up faster than expected ... ♥

I have seen volunteers filled with emotions, even tears, when they realised the amplitude of poverty existing at our doors ♥

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KIWANIS CLUB OF QUEBEC - WINTER CLOTHING FOR SOME DEPRIVED CHILDREN (Cont'd)

But mostly it's the love that gives wings, children who told me how happy they were because they will be able to play outside with the others.

Because yes, beyond answering to a factual need of dressing a child, we deliver self-confidence, we fill the gap which separates those children from the others... Each year, the teachers confirm it to us: the children who have received some kind of help have better grades, better behaviour, and higher self-confidence ♥



Now, when one asks me why I am President of the Kiwanis Club of Québec, I answer: for all those reasons!!!!!!"

Thanks!
Cathy.



Every day is a chance
to change the
WORLD.



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KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND DONATES GRANT TO EC&C DISTRICT FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Anthony Haile, Governor for EC&C District 2022-2023, always said "SLPs are our future". It is no wonder that with an invitation from the Kiwanis Children's Fund to apply for a grant, the recipients would be SLPs. The Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF) grant together with a grant from the district, would facilitate a project in the category of Youth Leadership Development.

The purpose of the project was to provide additional leadership training for the Service Leadership Program (SLP) members. This training was not a part of their regular officers' training but one which gave them insights into other areas of leadership. High school and college students preparing to enter the workforce are extremely interested in any opportunities for higher learning and personal development. In this regard, the project was directed at Key Club and Circle K International (CKI) members.

The one-day seminar held on November 4, 2023, saw presentations on Report Writing, Etiquette and Deportment, Youth Protection, Kiwanis Children's Fund,

and Conflict Resolution/Problem Solving. The project was promoted through flyers, invitations, phone calls, and posts on social media. Key Club and CKI members attended both in-person and online using the Zoom platform. Kiwanians from across the District also supported the project. Registration indicated that there were 117 SLPs, 23 Kiwanians, and 2 Staff Advisors in-person and 120 in total on Zoom. The physical location was adequate for the number of in-person attendees. The Kiwanis branding was evident from the pull-up banners in the room and feather banners on the outside.

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KIWANIS CHILDRENS' FUND DONATES GRANT TO EC&C DISTRICT FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Cont'd)

Participants expressed their gratitude for the seminar as it was very rewarding and informative. They were particularly interested in the Kiwanis Children's Fund presentation as many were not aware of the opportunities available through scholarships and grants.

A testimonial received from Key Club Lieutenant Governor, Brandon Davis read:

"On Saturday, November 4th I attended the Leadership Seminar hosted by Kiwanis Eastern Canada and the Caribbean. The seminar was truly attention-grabbing and extensively informative, touching on everything from monthly club reports all the way to proper etiquette and punctuality. The seminar also allowed me to not only improve my leadership skills but also network, not only with Key Club members such as myself but also with CKI members and of course Kiwanis. The seminar was one to remember, leaving me on the edge of my seat and craving more knowledge."

The committee wishes to acknowledge the contributions and donations from the following: Kiwanis Children's

Fund, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District (EC&C), The Presenters (DG Mel Clarke - EC&C District KCF Chair, DLG Gerthlyn Holman, DLG Bev Thompson, Dr. Hillary Robertson-Hickling, and DA Christopher Humber), Kiwanis Club of Barbican, DS Tennile Hussey, LG Stephan Rampair, LG Desmond Batchelor, IPLG Hugh Reid, DP Judith Montague, Excelsior Biscuit Company Ltd, Dynasty Water Store, and Regflo Agencies Ltd.

Though there was a shortfall in the anticipated number of SLP attendees, the project was successfully executed. Participants gained lots of information from all the presentations, some made new friends, and some were happy to reconnect with old ones. All in all, it was a very rewarding day. It was suggested by some present that the seminar should be an annual event.

A recording of the project can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/VfQJj0FAjGE>.

Pam Rodney-White
Governor-Elect, EC&C District
Project Leader



KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND



With the Kiwanis Children's Fund, clubs and members reach more kids. That's because the Children's Fund turns gifts into grants that support Kiwanis projects around the world. A gift is a way for donors to amplify their impact on kids' health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.

The Children's Fund partners with other organizations, and it partners with Kiwanis clubs of all sizes — helping them apply for grants and funding projects that serve kids.

The Mission of the Kiwanis Children's Fund is to develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world. Through the Kiwanis causes (**Health and nutrition, Education and literacy, Youth leadership development**) members' service makes a difference in each phase of a young person's development.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund strives to make sure that your gift helps children in many places and many ways, and they succeed by holding fast to a set of **Core Values** which are **Stewardship, Transparency, Responsiveness, Legacy, Integrity, and Trust**. [Learn more](#).

Give to the Kiwanis Children's Fund

Gifts of all sizes make a difference in children's lives. That's why the Kiwanis Children's Fund offers a variety of secure ways to support the mission of Kiwanis International. Donate [online](#) via a secure online donation form or [download a form](#) to donate by mail or fax. [Click here](#) for additional ways to give and make an impact!

Recognizing your generosity

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is grateful for the extraordinary support it receives. Each donor — whether a club or a member — is a valued partner in their efforts to improve the lives of children around the world. [View](#) the memberships and honors with which the generosity of donors is recognized.

Meet the 2023-24 Kiwanis Children's Fund Board of Trustees

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KIWANIS SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST



The contest opens **January 2, 2024.**

Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

Kiwanis International will host the eighth annual Signature Project Recognition Program for clubs and districts in 2024. Clubs with 27 members or fewer will be judged in the Group I category. Clubs with 28 members or more will be judged in Group II category. Each group will be judged separately and the top 10 finalists will be determined for each group. The top three selections from each group will be recognized as the gold, silver and bronze winners at the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention.

Clubs should submit their project details using the online contest form found below on this page or sent to you from your district leadership. Each club's entry will be sent to their district for judging and selection of their Group I and/or Group II projects that will be entered into the 2024 Signature Project Contest.

The Kiwanis International Board Committee on Service and Partnerships will review qualifying submissions and select the finalists. Finalists will be recognized at the 2024 Kiwanis Convention where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each group will be announced and recognized at the Signature Project breakfast. Finalists will be notified of their selection in time to take advantage of any discounted early registration rates.

What is a signature project?

Think about what your Kiwanis club is known for in your community. It can be a service project or a fundraiser.

Signature projects:

- ◆ **Are recurring.** (Note: A new project can qualify as a signature project if the intent is to continue the project.)
- ◆ **Enhance the Kiwanis image.**
- ◆ **Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served.**
- ◆ **Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities.**

While the district should determine how to select its club-level Group I and Group II submissions, the project should follow the outlined criteria.

See the questions that will be asked on the online submission form.

Read the contest rules.

Contest Entry Forms

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The contest closes **January 26, 2024.**



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