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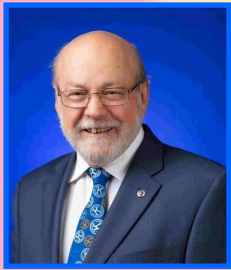


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25 Cornwall	Lawrence	Francois	H	Montego Bay
26 Trade Winds	McPherson-Price	Shelly-Ann	I	Scarborough
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27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie	Joseph-Alexandre	Robert	J	Schoelcher, Martinique
27c Guadeloupe	Andre-Lubin	Enor	J	Nord Basse-Terre

EDITOR'S NOTE



Cheers to 2024 my Kiwanis Family!

We are so fortunate to have “two New Years” in the Kiwanis Year which gives us a second opportunity to enhance those objectives or resolutions we made to better the world or ourselves as we serve.

Our EC&C district has been performing with high standards throughout the years, and I say *Kudos to all Kiwanians* for the wonderful service you do everyday across this district and internationally. The projects being shared are evident that we care and that we love what we do. I would like to encourage more clubs to promote their service through the District and also International Magazines. Businesses who follow service organisations will become aware of your service and you may attract sponsors to engage with you.

Since 1919 when Kiwanis changed its focus to service, specifically service to children, members have carried out many projects and spent countless hours serving children, families, and the communities around them. This year, Kiwanis International is celebrating 109 years of existence, and its transformation over the years has been shared on Page 5 of this publication. It is known that “History, saved and preserved, is the foundation for future generations”.

To have a better understanding of our great organization, I encourage you to take part in the District and International Conventions which are fast approaching in May and July respectively. Attendance at any of these conventions guarantees you greater Kiwanis knowledge and even greater fellowship as you interact with persons outside your current zones. Conventions are ideal events for Networking, to gather, and to make connections. Start planning now!

My Fellow Kiwanians, as we continue to Serve the Children of the World, I wish you a year filled with the blessings of Joy, Peace, Love, Good Health and Goodwill.

Yours in Kiwanis Service ,

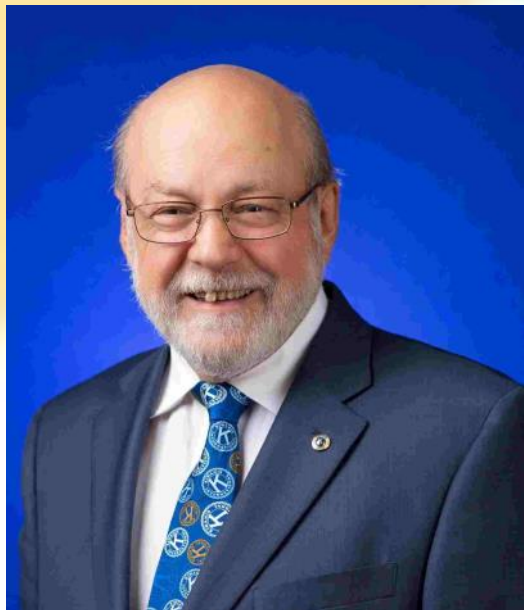
Michelle Giles-Leacock
Bulletin Editor, EC&C District

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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.**



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

Here we are at the beginning of our second quarter of this Kiwanis year!!!!

I trust that you all have had a lovely holiday season and are ready to continue with the great work that you do to serve the children of the world through Kiwanis.

As we start this second quarter, let us be mindful of our mandate – “To improve the lives of children and families in our own communities and around the world”.

I urge you all to please continue to grow your clubs as we all know that more clubs = more members, and more members = more hands for service.

I am also urging every club in the district to work diligently to find new service projects that you can do to serve those less fortunate than us and make their lives just a little better.

First lady Sue and I have had the great pleasure during the first quarter to visit two of our divisions and were blown away by the fantastic service work that is being carried out. We are so looking forward to continuing this as we visit five more divisions between now and the end of March.

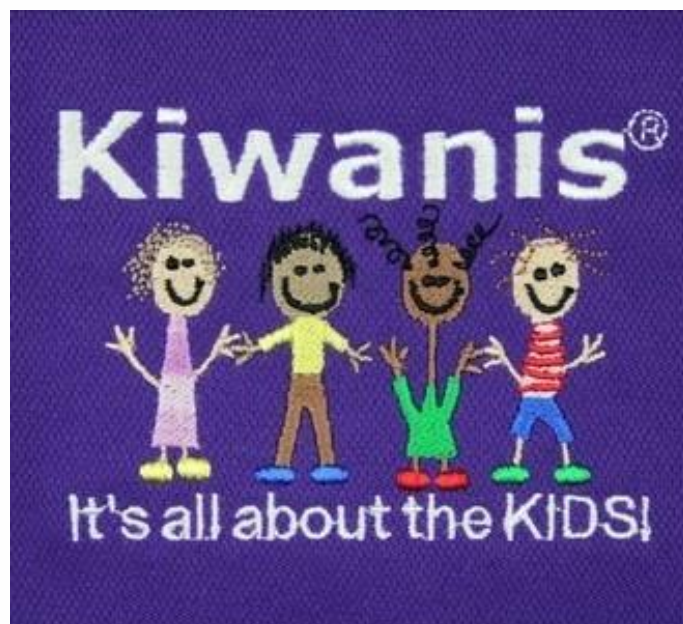
My sincere thank you to all the wonderful Kiwanians who have made us feel so welcome during our travels.

Please keep up the great work and don't forget,

“IT’S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS”.

In Kiwanis Service,

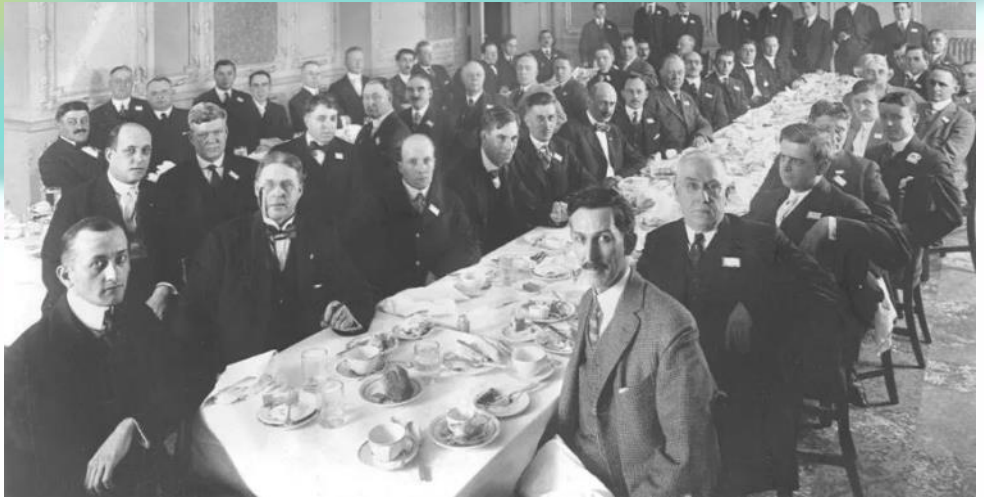
John Chave, Governor



HISTORY OF THE KIWANIS ORGANIZATION

Kiwanis International is celebrating its 109th Anniversary - January 21, 2024.

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan, U.S. The organization was originally called the “**Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers**”. A year later, the name changed to Kiwanis, which was selected by the organization’s founders (Joseph C. Prance and Allen S. Browne) based on their understanding that the word was



translatable to “**we build**” from the Algonquian Native American language family. That same year, Kiwanis became an international organization with the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

(Photo at left) - Just over 107 years ago in November 1916, the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada received their Club Charter, making it the first Canadian and International club. They celebrated at the Royal Connaught Hotel in mid-January.

Initially focused on business networking, the organization changed its focus to service in 1919 — specifically service to children. Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962, when worldwide expansion was approved. Since then, Kiwanis has spread across the globe.

In May 1983, the Kiwanis International Board officially adopted the Kiwanianne Club Program as an optional activity for all Kiwanis Clubs to enable women to work effectively with Kiwanis Clubs in carrying out the objectives, community service projects, and activities of the movement.

On July 7, 1987, at the annual Kiwanis International convention in Washington, DC, the Kiwanis International Constitution and Bylaws, were amended to allow women into the Kiwanis movement worldwide. The first clubs to admit women into the organization were the Kiwanis Club of Great Neck, New York, and the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kiwanis International is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, United States, and today there are Kiwanis clubs in nearly 80 nations and geographic locations.

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time."

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Congratulations!

to
All Clubs and Members
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MESSAGE FROM HOPE MARKES

Kiwanis International Trustee



advancement in Kiwanis possible by choosing me for the position of International Trustee in 2021. Your support has been overwhelming and I still have goosebumps just thinking about the journey, after all, it still seems like yesterday, even though my 3-year term ends on September 30, 2024.

How time flies! Had I not been an international board member who cares deeply about Kiwanis and its future, I would not have grasped as much as I have, and being the solutions person I am, coupled with a natural desire to learn more and the ability to lead with integrity I believe I am ready to take the next step. And with love, I say "I hope you think so too."

Registration is also open for our District Convention to be held in Jamaica (May 16-18, 2024) and I look forward to welcoming you to Jamaica, "Oh Island in the Sun."

EC&C is a phenomenal District rated highly by Kiwanis International. Thank you for all that you do, and I hope you will continue to be the wind beneath my wings. Your support and inspiration have never been taken for granted and it never will be.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Hope Markes
Kiwanis International Trustee
Vice President Candidate 2024-2025, Kiwanis International

My Friends, Happy New Year, and the very best to you and yours.

As most of you know, this is another big year for me in Kiwanis as I am now officially a candidate for Kiwanis International Vice President. Thank you to the delegates who endorsed my candidacy for Vice President at the District Convention held May 18-20, 2023 in Quebec City. Voting will take place at the Kiwanis International Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado (July 3-6, 2024), and registration is now open. I look forward to seeing you in Denver.

I will be forever grateful to the delegates of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean (EC&C) District who made my

THANKS.

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more of that.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF MIDDLESEX (LONDON) INC. CHRISTMAS CAKES

From as early as Friday, November 24th, the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex (London) Inc. started their Christmas Cake Sale Fundraiser. During the period of the project, members sold cakes and cookies at 5 Retirement Homes (Ashwood Manor, Longworth, Royalcliffe, Richmond Woods, and Chesley Park), and the Cherry Hill Mall. Cakes were sold in the Cherry Hill Mall each Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The club received support from a sister club as Peggy Stewart, a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Forest

City-London took some of the cakes and cookies to sell to their club. Cakes and cookies were also sold at the Kiwanis Seniors Centre, and on two occasions cakes were sold on a Sunday afternoon in the mall. The final sale of the Christmas cakes and cookies to the public ended on Wednesday, December 20th at the Cherry Hill Mall.

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Carole and Tim Mayo selling cakes at the Richmond Woods Retirement Home



Millie Norry and Crandall Benson at Ashwood Manor Craft sale



Andre Cote selling cakes and cookies at Chesley Park Retirement Home



John Lawrence with Sharon and Sinjan two Fanshawe Students working at Royalcliffe Retirement Home

KIWANIS CLUB OF MIDDLESEX (LONDON) INC. CHRISTMAS CAKES (Cont'd)

This project was an opportunity to make the club's presence known in the London community. The early start was also a way to improve sales since customers who had an early taste of the delicious cakes and cookies would certainly return and purchase more in the days leading up to Christmas. The enthusiastic members are to be commended for their time and dedication to the project which ran for almost a month. The support of the public was greatly appreciated.



Carol Jellous and Sandra Collier working at the Cake Sale in Cherry Hill Mall



Barb Whitby serving a customer, Ken Whity talking to former Kiwanis member Bud Bathgate



Donation container at Cherry Hill Mall



Andre Cote and Carol Cote on the last day of the cake sale at Cherry Hill Mall

KIWANIS CLUB OF PROVIDENCE-MONTEGO BAY CHRISTMAS TREAT

Each year the Young Children Priority One Committee of the Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay hosts a Christmas Treat for the students at one of our targeted basic schools.

On December 12, 2023, club members journeyed to the Central Basic School in Norwood, Montego Bay. The children joined in singing their favorite Christmas carols and afterward, they were feted with hot dogs, ice cream, and cake.

Over fifty (50) students and three teachers were given a gift to lend a little holiday cheer. The children were excited to receive their gifts, and after lunch went for a romp in the Bounce-About provided for the day.

We were joined by a photographer from the Western Mirror Newspaper, who photographed aspects of the activities for publication.



A gift for you! A very appreciative student accepts her gift from President Althea of the Kiwanis Club of Providence Montego Bay



DP Mervena and Co-Chair Souphy ensure every child gets a gift for Christmas, compliments of the Kiwanis Club of Providence Montego Bay



Members of the all-female Kiwanis Club of Providence Montego Bay enticing the kids with sweet treats



President Althea ensured this student enjoyed her ice cream treat.

KIWANIS CLUB OF NASSAU A.M. 3 PROJECTS, 1 GOAL : SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

“BOOSTING BRILLIANCE WITH BREAKFAST!”



YES! What you have heard is true: BREAKFAST is the MOST IMPORTANT meal of the day! This is particularly true for students. Studies show that eating breakfast would positively affect school performance. Students have better concentration and more energy to fully function during the day!

After a break due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our Breakfast Feeding Program kicked off on November 1,

2023. Kiwanians convened at Palmdale Primary School at 8 am, bi-weekly on Wednesdays to service as many students as we could. Pupils are served a hot meal comprising grits, tuna, and sausage. *Mmm... Mmm... Delicious!* Students are also provided with fruit juice, water, and fresh fruit! This project reminds us of our core purpose as Kiwanians – *Serving the Children of The World!*



“LUNCH WITH MY PUMPKIN”



What did you do with your ‘PUMPKIN’ for Thanksgiving? To support healthy parent-child relationships and to encourage spending quality time together, our Young Children Priority One (YCPO) Committee hosted an event called “Lunch with My Pumpkin”, on the eve of Thanksgiving.

The amazing tots of the Preschool unit at Carlton E. Francis Primary School, in Nassau, The Bahamas, were entertained, and provided with prizes and photo opportunities by Kiwanians while enjoying each other’s company over a meal of the child’s choosing. Parents were able to display expressions of love toward

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KIWANIS CLUB OF NASSAU A.M. (Cont'd)

their children and have a bit of fun in the middle of a stressful workday. This will be a thanksgiving these families will never forget.



"TEDDIES FOR TODDLERS"

"Children are like wet cement: whatever falls on them makes an impression." – Haim Ginott

The Holidays can be a lonely time for those children away from their families due to illnesses. So, on Tuesday, December 20, 2023, our

Young Children Priority One (YCPO) Committee donated teddy bears to all of the children in the Children's Ward at Princess Margaret Hospital. The Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) is a non-profit publicly funded facility that is the premiere tertiary healthcare facility in the Bahamas. The goal was simply to spread a little sunshine to the children experiencing

unfortunate sicknesses during this Christmas Season.

Our Gratitude is extended to the Staff of the Public Relations, and Children's Ward Units at PMH. Additionally, we salute the real MVP's of this presentation, our amazing Kiwanians, who donated all of the teddies! The holidays were a little brighter for these children because of you! THANK YOU!



KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTH ELEUTHERA AND RENOWNED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST - SHEILA ALLEN, JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT ROCK SOUND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Collaborative Effort Aims to Enhance Fine Motor Skills and Sensory Processing for Students

In a renewed commitment to community well-being, Ms. Meredith Atwood, President of the Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera, has once again spearheaded a partnership with Sheila Allen, an Occupational Therapist with over 40 years of experience specializing in young children. The collaborative effort recently made its mark at Rock Sound Primary School, where Principal Mrs. Mechelle Walker expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support received from Ms. Atwood, Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera, and Sheila Allen.

During the visit to Rock Sound Primary School, Mrs. Walker commended the joint initiative, highlighting the importance of addressing fine motor skills, sensory processing, and attention span development in young students. *"We understand the importance of these aspects, and we want all of our students to grow and be successful. If an Occupational Therapist can help bridge the gap, then we are very grateful for that assistance,"* Mrs. Walker remarked.

The collaboration involves Ms. Atwood, Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera, and Sheila Allen working closely with teachers, aiming to provide them with the tools and knowledge to enhance the learning experience for their students. Recognizing the crucial role that teachers play in the lives of children, especially in their formative years, Ms. Allen is passionate about supporting educators in fostering optimal growth and development.

A meeting, attended by eight teachers and several Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera members, served as the platform to introduce Sheila Allen and discuss the collaborative efforts underway. Ms. Allen shared insights into her extensive experience working with children and expressed enthusiasm for an upcoming pilot program developed in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera. The pilot program is set to support teachers and aides in both public



In the photo are President Meredith Atwood (Fifth from Right), Ms. Sheila Allen - Occupational Therapist (Sixth from Right), Mrs. Mechelle Walker - Principal (Third from Right) along with Kiwanis members, and teachers at the Rock Sound Primary School.

and private preschools across central and south Eleuthera. *"I know the important role teachers play in the lives of children and their families. Working primarily with children, I've seen firsthand the successes and how teachers of young children make such a difference in the growth and development because they spend so much time with their students,"* Sheila Allen stated, underlining her commitment to the well-being of young learners.

Ms. Atwood, the Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera President, reiterated the organization's commitment to supporting local schools and fostering an environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive. *"Collaborating with experts like Sheila Allen allows us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of these young students. We believe in the power of community-driven initiatives for the betterment of education,"* Ms. Atwood remarked.

The collaborative program reflects a shared vision between Ms. Atwood, Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera, and Sheila Allen, emphasizing the significance of early intervention and specialized support in a child's educational journey. As the pilot program takes shape, it is poised to make a lasting impact on the educational landscape in Eleuthera, fostering an environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

**This article was published in the local newspaper - The Eleutheran.*

KIWANIS CLUB LE FLAMBOYANT

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE CHILD'S RIGHTS: BALANCED DIET FOR YOUNG CHILDREN!

As part of the International Day of the Rights of the Child, the Kiwanis Club le Flamboyant, with the teams of the Les Titiri Pilotins nursery and the advice of a dietician-naturopath, has developed various information materials (brochures, film, quizzes) on the balanced diet of young children from 0 to 36 months.

Thus, on November 20, the members participated in various workshops with the 34 children from breakfast. During this day, the children discovered new flavours, and the parents learned about the different balanced menus that they could prepare for their babies.



Between games, sharing breakfast, snacks, and workshops around the discovery of food, the members spent a pleasant day with the 34 little ones, the parents, and the staff of the nursery.



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF PINEWOOD MOBILE LIBRARY



The Kiwanis Club of Pinewood started its mobile library and reading in the Isiah Taylor Park for kids in the community of Pinewood. This event will be held every Saturday.

This project is to help kids with reading, and also allows kids who may not have books at home to check out any books they like and return them at the next reading. There was story-telling time, and the kids were asked to read a favorite book to other kids. They also enjoyed coloring in coloring books.

This reading project targeted kids from ages 5 to 15 years old. The wheeled library bookshelf was donated by Club President Calvern, and books were donated by members of the club and the community. The kids were also given breakfast as they arrived and provided with snacks before they left.

A membership and welcome desk was also set up for a membership drive in the park.



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Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 12,000 members worldwide.

Aktion Clubs draw members from various organizations that support individuals with disabilities, as well as other community programs. Aktion clubs can also be established at churches, libraries, YMCAs, lodges, or similar facilities. A Kiwanis club, composed of like-minded, service-oriented people from the community, serves as the club's sponsor.

Aktion Club is supported at the district level and by the Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, which provides programs, literature, and opportunities to relate to individuals with disabilities from countries worldwide.

Aktion Clubs provide opportunities for members to discover that service is an exciting and important new part of their lives. They begin to see their ability to make a difference, explore their passions and convictions, and develop their empathy with people in need.

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Inclusiveness: Accepting and welcoming differences in other people. **Caring:** The act of being concerned about or interested in other people or situations

Start an Aktion Club in your community today!

<https://www.aktionclub.org/>

UPCOMING SLP WEEKS – SAVE THE DATES

Once a year, each [Kiwaniis Service Leadership Program](#) (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International, and Aktion Club) celebrates with a week of activities that enable its members to showcase their service and their impact. Every day has a special theme for clubs to follow. The week promotes the club within homes, schools, and communities, thus making the club a household name.

Kiwanis Clubs, get ready to support your sponsored clubs during their upcoming SLP Week!

K-Kids Week: February 12-16

K-Kids Week is celebrated the second full week of February and allows members to show their community what K-Kids is truly about: Service.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Show your K-Kids pride	Kudos to the helpers	Share with parents and families	Random acts of kindness	Connect the Kiwanis family

Aktion Club Week: March 4-8

Each year, Aktion Clubs will have a chance to participate in Aktion Club Week. It's a week designated to shine a light on Aktion Club and the impact clubs are making in their communities. In all, more than 500 clubs have the opportunity to participate. It is a great time to build awareness, recruit new members and make Aktion Club a household name!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Show your K in Every way	Kudos to Aktion	Dare to Care	Aktions of Kindness	Connect the K's

Builders Club Week: March 18-22

Builders Club Week occurs annually during the third full week of March. Builders Club Week gives members the opportunity to show their community what Builders Club is truly about: Service.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Show your Builders Club pride	Kudos to the helpers	Share with parents and families	Random acts of kindness	Connect the Kiwanis family

2024 Circle K International Convention **Explore the Possibilities! Join us in Denver, Colorado!** **July 3 - 5**



Circle K International members worldwide can “Explore the Possibilities” at the [2024 Circle K International Convention](#) in Denver, Colorado, U.S., July 3-5. Uncover new strategies for club growth, creative fundraising and innovative service projects. Connect with fellow CKI members, exchange ideas and leave inspired to make a difference. Grab your gear for this exciting, educational adventure in Denver – see you there!

2024 Key Club **International Convention** **Go For Gold!** **See you in Atlanta, Georgia** **July 10 - 14**



2024 Key Club International Convention

Unite with Key Club members worldwide for an unparalleled celebration. Seize this opportunity to:

- Immerse yourself in invigorating workshops and riveting speaker sessions.
- Champion your district’s leaders.
- Depart with fresh service projects and innovative ideas to elevate your leadership skills.
- Showcase your club’s and district’s projects and bask in glory on the global stage in Key Club contests.

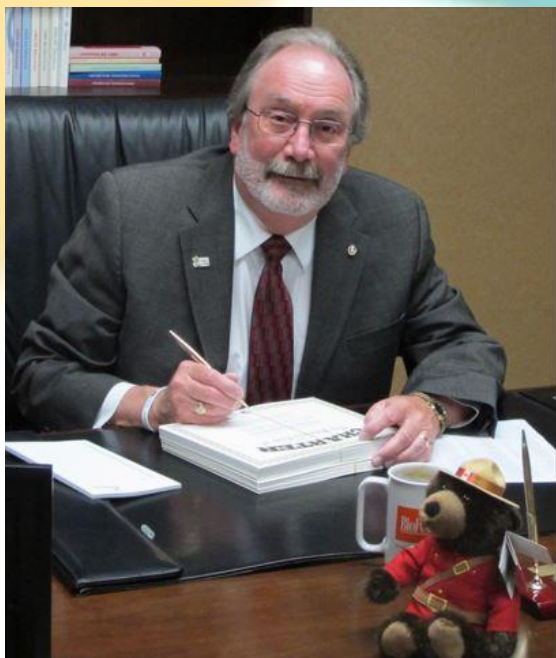
Join us July 10-14 in a city filled with the Olympic spirit! Forge connections with new friends and discover strategies to amplify your impact in your school and community.



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DR. JOHN BUTTON SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. John Button - Past International President

Dr. John Button, former President of Kiwanis International, passed away on June 15, 2020. "Dr. John", as he was so fondly called, was a dedicated physician, husband to Debbie, friend to many, and a Kiwanis member whose leadership was a beacon of hope that included a positive attitude to grow Kiwanis spirit and membership. He is greatly missed. The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada approved a new scholarship fund for Canadian Key Club and Circle K members. The scholarship program is offered annually for a 10-year term (2022 to 2031). The scholarship amount is \$5,000 each. Eligible programs are:

- ◇ Bachelor of Science ·
- ◇ Medical Degree ·
- ◇ Nursing ·
- ◇ Some examples include - Physician, Nursing, Medical Research, Pharmacist

Four Scholarships have now been awarded, including:

- ◇ Two for students taking a Bachelor of Science degree with plans to attend medical school ·
- ◇ Degree in biochemistry ·
- ◇ Dermatologist.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next 2 to 3 years to cover the cost of the scholarship. Tax receipts will be provided to all donors.

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada has agreed to match the scholarship fund (up to \$5,000) to maintain \$10,000 per year. This will cover the cost of the scholarship until all funds are raised to cover the total cost.

The current committee members who will be reviewing the Key Club applications are:

- ◇ KFC Past President Doug Button (Penticton, B.C.)
- ◇ Treasurer, Ridgetown Kiwanis, Debbie Button (Ridgetown, Ont.)
- ◇ EC&C Past Distinguished Governor Jim Scott (London, Ont.)
- ◇ KFC Secretary, Chuck McIlravey (Barrie, Ont.)

We ask that you, as our Kiwanis leaders, consider a donation to this dedicated scholarship fund, in the name of **"Kiwanis International Past President Dr. John Button."** **Donations will be received from March 2024 .**

Cheques can be forwarded to:
Kiwanis Foundation of Canada
P. O. Box 5034
Brantford, ON, N3T 6J7

Application Form

The application form will be forwarded to all Key Club and Circle K Administrators. Applications must be received by the Foundation no later than **March 31st**. [Click here for a copy of the application form.](#)



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KIWANIS SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

ENTER 2024 SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

Entries are being accepted for Kiwanis International's eighth annual [Signature Project Contest](#).

The entry period will continue through 11:59 p.m. ET on January 25.

The contest consists of Group I for clubs with 27 or fewer members, and Group II for clubs with 28 or more members. This year, those winners will be awarded US\$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000, respectively.

Contest Entry Forms : [English](#) [Français](#)

DISTRICT AWARDS FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR

Applications are now being accepted for 2022-2023 District Awards.

Deadline January 31, 2024.

[2022 2023 District Awards nomination forms – English](#)

Applications are now being accepted for the Ray Allen Award.

Nomination deadline, March 30, 2024

[2024 Ray Allen Award Nomination – Download English-](#)



KIWANIS DAY OF GIVING

Join us for the second [Kiwanis Day of Giving](#) on February 21, 2024!

Change the lives of kids around the world by helping us reach our fundraising goal of US\$75,000 — enough to help over 30,000 kids in one day!

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REGISTER EARLY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 2 EARLY BIRD PRIZES

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION	REGULAR REGISTRATION
JAN. 1 - FEB. 25	FEB. 26 - MAY 3
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1ST PRIZE - ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE	2ND PRIZE - ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE
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Remember to continue booking your hotel accommodation!

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For more information contact: Sheila Heaven (Host Country Chair)
Email: sheila.heaven@gmail.com | Tel: (876) 383-3461
Web: www.eccdcon2024.com

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

KIWANIANS PACK YOUR BAGS!!

Make your way to Jamaica and come experience DCON vibes in our tropical paradise at the [2024 Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention](#) in Montego Bay, Jamaica, from May 16-18, 2024. A fun-filled, informative adventure awaits you at the Montego Bay Convention Centre. You don't want to miss out on this exciting opportunity, so register early and give yourself a chance to win a prize, reserve your room, and make your travel plans. We look forward to hosting you.



REGISTER NOW!

CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION

The main convention hotel is the Holiday Inn.
Hotel reservations opened December 1, 2023.

Hotel Registration Options

Holiday Inn Rates

[Book With Holiday Inn](#)

- Single Occupancy US\$173/night
 - Double Occupancy US\$233/night
- (hotel booking form goes up to triple and quad – be guided)

Hilton Hotel (overflow)

[Book With Hilton Hotel](#)

- Single Occupancy US\$353/night
- Double Occupancy US\$392/night

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Shuttle service between hotels and the Convention Centre will be provided free of cost to all registered Kiwanians.

SLP FORUM - "STATE OF EC&C SLP"

The EC&C District Administrator (DA) group would greatly appreciate the assistance of Kiwanians and SLP Members for a forum that will be held at the District Convention in Montego Bay.

"State of ECC SLP" will be a panel discussion highlighting the successes and challenges faced in our diverse District concerning our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs).

To accomplish this, a short survey has been created to see where we can better serve our SLPs, as well as where we are succeeding.

All Kiwanians, as well as SLP members, are invited to access the link below and take the survey. Data will be used for the forum, and also shared with the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC). Thank You!

[ECC Service Leadership Program Survey \(google.com\)](https://www.eccdcon2024.com/)

For more information : <https://www.eccdcon2024.com/>



Embark on an extraordinary journey at the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S. Discover the pathways to expanding your club's membership and magnifying its influence on your community. Delve into innovative fundraising concepts. Learn how to transform service projects in ways you never thought possible. Receive hands-on guidance in becoming a skilled Kiwanis leader.

And the best part? The chance to connect with fellow Kiwanians and swap fresh ideas. You'll leave inspired to make a difference.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register early for the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention to get the best price! Early registration could also result in access to our special event: The first 1,000 people to register for the full convention package will receive a free ticket to the July 4 Colorado Rockies Major League Baseball game at Coors Field. *(One ticket per registration. Note: Transportation to or from the game will not be provided.)*

Pick the plan that is right for you, but don't forget to get your tickets to special events such as the closing night gala! (Registration live January 2.)

[Registration options | Kiwanis International](#)

[Register now for the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention](#)

HOTELS & TRAVEL

Denver, Colorado, U.S., is easy to get to and easy to explore — and it's a great jumping-off place for a memorable vacation enjoying the Rocky Mountains and more! The 2024 Kiwanis International Convention will be held in the Colorado Convention Center, which is within easy walking distance of the Kiwanis preferred hotels. You'll also have convenient access to restaurants, shopping and attractions.

Preferred Hotels

One of the benefits of being a Kiwanian: preferred rates at our preferred convention hotels. Don't wait to book a room! *The deadline to book a room at the discounted rate is June 5, 2024, or until the hotel is sold out, whichever happens first.*

These special rates are only available through [kiwanis.org](#).
[Hotels & travel | Kiwanis International](#)

Note: There will be no shuttles as the official hotels are all near the convention center.

For more information : <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-convention/>

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