

EC&C District Newsletter

MARCH 2024

"Meet the Candidates: Vice Governor Hopefuls Step into the Spotlight"



Three Candidates will be vying for the post of EC&C District Vice Governor 2024-2025 at the 103rd District Convention to be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica in May 2024. They are Christine King-Wallen, Division 22 Sunshine-The Bahamas, Didier Saint-Louis, Division 27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie, and Sharon Williams, Division 23 East Surry South-Jamaica.

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John Chave Governor KC of Barrie



Pam Rodney-White Governor-Elect KC of Constant Spring



Cynthia Blackman
Vice Governor
KC Pride of Barbados



Anthony Haile Immediate Past Governor KC of Curação



Jim Steele

District Secretary Treasurer

KC of Brantford

2023-2024 EC&C BOARD OF TRUSTEES

| 2023-2024 EC&C BOARD OF TRUSTEES | | | | | | |
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| REGION | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | TITLE | SUFFIX | CLUB NAME | DIVISION |
| 1 | Chave | John | KI District Governor | K00829 | Barrie | 8 Huronia |
| 2 | Rodney-White | Pam | KI District Governor-Elect | K15937 | Constant Spring, Kingston | 23C Jamaica Central |
| 3 | Blackman | Cynthia | KI District Vice Governor | K17718 | Pride of Barbados | 27 Caribbean |
| 4 | Haile | Anthony | Immediate Past Governor | | Curacao | 26 Trade Winds |
| 5 | Liu | An-Chi | 2023 Lieutenant Governor | K20251 | North Eastern Ontario | 2 Cambrian |
| 6 | McGann | Kermitt | KI District Finance | K06530 | Downtown Kingston | 23 East Surry South |
| 7 | Steele | James | KI District Secretary | K00016 | Brantford | 5 Black Walnut |
| A | Macphee | Louise | KI District Trustee | K03552 | West Lorne | 4 Colonel Talbot |
| В | McLaren | Terry | KI District Trustee | K00611 | Peterborough | 10 Pine Ridge |
| С | Bloom | Harley | KI District Trustee | K12317 | Eastern Ottawa EST | 12 Golden Triangle |
| D | Bertrand | Alain | KI District Trustee | K00539 | Quebec | 16 Alouette |
| Е | Brewer | Mark | KI District Trustee | K01626 | Saint John | 18 Fundy |
| F | Butler | L Sandra | KI District Trustee | K13426 | New Providence, Nassau | 22 Sunshine |
| G | McKnight | Leighton | KI District Trustee | K07404 | North St. Andrew | 23C Jamaica Central |
| Н | Lawrence | Dwight | KI District Trustee | K17156 | Westmoreland Capital | 25 Cornwall |
| I | der Meer | Marlon | KI District Trustee | K05935 | Curacao | 26 Trade Winds |
| J | Maignan | Daniel | KI District Trustee | K06865 | Fort-De-France | 27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie |

2023-2024 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

| DIVISION | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | REGION | CLUB NAME |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 2 Cambrian | Liu | An-Chi | D | North Eastern Ontario |
| 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 |
| 6 Golden Horseshoe | Greenhalgh | Sandie | A | St. Catharines |
| 8 Huronia | Ellement | Helen | В | Barrie |
| 9 Maple Leaf | Coccimiglio | Francesco | В | Casa Loma, Toronto |
| 10 Pine Ridge | Compton | David | В | Peterborough |
| 11 Loyalist | Buck | Marjorie | C | Belleville |
| 12 Golden Triangle | Vaillancourt | Glen | C | Ottawa |
| 13 Ottawa Valley | Lauder | Robert | C | Pembroke |
| 15 Boreal | Sarrasin | Andrew | D | Lakeshore, Montreal |
| 16 Alouette | Painchaud | Claudette | D | Quebec |
| 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 | Armadale |
| 25 Cornwall | Lawrence | Francois | Н | 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 |
| 27c Guadeloupe | Andre-Lubin | Enor | J | Nord Basse-Terre |

EDITOR'S NOTE



Greetings my Kiwanis Family,

This month on March 8, the world celebrated women. Achievements, whether cultural, economic, social, or political, were recognized.

The origin of International Women's Day can be traced back to the early 20th century. During this period movements arose that fought for the right of women by law to vote in national or local elections, and to have better working conditions.

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915, about 5 years after the concept of International Women's Day. It was not until July 7, 1987, at the annual Kiwanis International convention in Washington, DC, that the Kiwanis International Constitution and Bylaws, were amended to allow women into the Kiwanis movement worldwide.

Years later, women have risen to key District and International leadership positions in Kiwanis, paving the way for many other women to advance and serve with honor. The first of seven female Governors to lead our EC&C District was Elke McCumber of the Kiwanis Club of Carleton, 1999-2000. On October 1, 2015, Susan A. "Sue" Petrisin of Michigan, U.S., became the first woman to lead Kiwanis International as President for 2015-2016. Seven years later our current Kiwanis International President is Katrina Baranko of Albany, Georgia, U.S.

making her the third woman to lead this international organization.

When we consider the achievements women in Kiwanis have made over the years whether at club, division, district, or international level, we must remember to thank those goodly gentlemen in Kiwanis who help to guide, nurture, and support the women along the way. We could not have done it on our own. Just like "Kids Need Kiwanis", We Need Each Other, and Kiwanis Need Us.

Kudos to the women in Kiwanis, and Kudos to our supporters.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Michelle Giles-Leacock Bulletin Editor, EC&C District

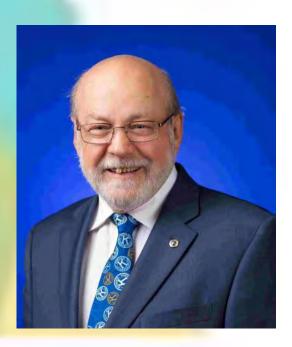
THE EC&C Newsletter is published Every Two (2) Months. The next publication of the Newsletter is May 2024.

A special request is being made for articles to be submitted by April 15th to allow for publication before the District Convention.

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



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

Here we are at the beginning of our third quarter of this Kiwanis year!!!! It is hard to believe that the year is now half over.

As we start this third quarter, let us continue to 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 and as we all know, service is what we do so well.

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 half of our year, to visit six of our divisions (Divisions 3 St. Clair Bluewater, 15 Boreal, 23 East Surry South, 23 West Middlesex South, 23C Jamaica Central, and 26 Tradewinds) and were amazed by the fantastic service work that is being carried out. Thank you to the Lieutenant Governors and their teams for the wonderful experience that we had during these visits. You made us feel so welcome. We are so looking forward to continuing this as we visit three more divisions between now and the end of the year.

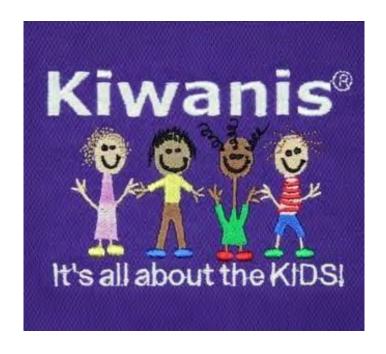
One last thing – Don't forget about the annual **DCON** being held in Montego Bay, Jamaica on **May 16th – 18th**. I look forward to seeing you there. The convention committee has done a fantastic job to ensure that you have a great experience.

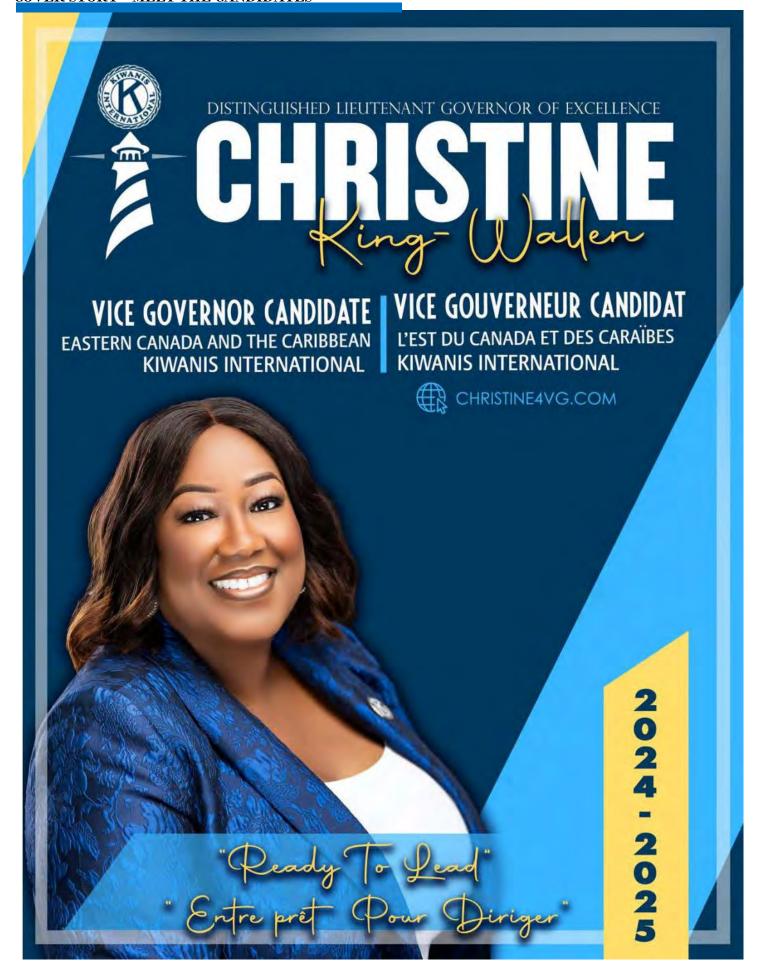
Please keep up the great work and don't forget. "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS"

In Kiwanis Service,

John Chave, Governor











DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Under DLGE Christine's leadership as Lieutenant Governor she was a driving force behind the formation of the Kiwanis Club of Central Abaco. Additionally, in her role as Club Counselor 2014-2017, DLGE Christine mentored and advised Presidents on managing their clubs, while offering assistance to strengthen clubs' functions. The formation of the Circle K Club of The Bahamas Baptist Community College will always be an important part of her Kiwanis experience and her continuous support and advisement of Division 22 Lieutenant Governors allows for the Kiwanis movement in The Bahamas to remain strong.

KEY DIVISION ROLES

- Division Council Meeting Chairper Lieutenant Governor's Advisor (2023-2024)
- Past Lieutenant Governors' Committee Chairperson (2020- Present)
- Lieutenant Governor's Advisor (2022-2023)

SAU BAHAMAS

- Kiwanis Bahamas donation to KFC British Columbia Flooding Chairperson (2022)
- Division Hurricane Dorian Relief Committee Chairperson (2019-2023)
- . Division Key Leader Charter Committee Member (2017-2018
- Division Club Counselor 4 clubs (2014-2017)
- Division Trainer for New Club Officers, Directors/ Chairperson (2015-2017)
- Division New Club Building Committee-(2013-2015)
- + Division Lieutenant Governor (2013-2014)

Au niveau de Division, DLGE Christine a etait au service et continue à server au beaucoup de rôles. Comme Lieutenant-Gouverneur elle a commencé le Club Kiwanis de Central Abaco. Cela a abouti à devenir un des meilleurs dans la Division au 2016 . Aprés le ouraan Dorian elle est resté comme member pour assurer que tous le monde ont reçue la assistance que etait necessaire.

Aussi, comme counseleure de club de 2014 a 2017, DLGE Christine a les aprendu aux présidents sur gérer ses clubs, pendant donner aide sur renfrocer les clubs et ses fonctions.

La formation of the Circle K Club of The Bahamas Baptist Community College seria tojours une parte importante de sa experience de Kiwnais et son soutien continu et son conseil de Division 22 Lieutenant Governors permet que le movement de Kiwanis aux Bahamas reste

It was DLGE Christine's exemplary leadership and passion for Kiwanis that led her to serve successfully as District Chair and on numerous district committees.



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Etait la directon et passion pour Kiwanis que la dirigé pour servir avec succès comme La Directrice de le District et dans beaucoup de comités.

District Long Range Planning Committee
 Member (2023-2024)

- District Chair Signature Project (2017-2018)
- District Convention Forum Presenter (2017 & 2020)
- District Impact Committee Co-Chair (2016-2017)
- District Convention Credential Desk (2016 & 2017)
- District ADA Circle K Caribbean (2016-2018)
- Member of the First Timer's Convention Committee (2018)
- District Election Committee: Hamilton Convention (2016)
- District Awards Committee Chairperson (2013-2014)
- Lieutenant Governor (2013-2014)







2010-11)

DLGE Christine's honors for SERVICE and LEADERSHIP in Kiwanis are vast. Notable awards and recognitions include: Kiwanian of the Year – 3 times (2002-03, 2004-05 and

- Distinguished President for her STEWARDSHIP during the 2007-2008 year.
- Outstanding Kiwanian Awards Club and Division levels
 Certificate of Dedication and Commitment from Kiwanis International President Robert "Bob" Moore 2004.
 Distinguished Lieutenant Governor with Excellence (DLGE) -

for Outstanding Service as Lieutenant Governor 2013-2014. The Mel Osborne Fellowship - 2015

Coup de Chapeau Award - 2020

The Mel Osborne Fellowship — Diamond Level One - 2023 - For managing the distribution of over \$300k in Hurricane Dorian relief funds; One of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada's larguest funded project.

DLGE Christine earned numerous membership awards for sponsoring Kiwanians into the organization. She is likened to a grandmother in her club because of those she introduced into the Kiwanis family, and the chain of sponsorship that continues.

AFFILIATIONS

- -Catholic Church Fundraising Chair (2023- Present)
- Cat Island Sloop Sailing President
 (2017-2022)
- Bahamas Family Planning Association
 President (2008-2013)
- Child Protection Committee Member
 (2013-2015)
- Bahamian Icon Humanitarian Nominee (2015)
- Leading Lady Awardee HIV/AIDS Charity (2016)

PROFESSION

DLGE Christine is employed at one of the leading retail Bahamian owned businesses. The Paint Place, as the Executive Manager. For 30 years, she has been committed to professional leadership.

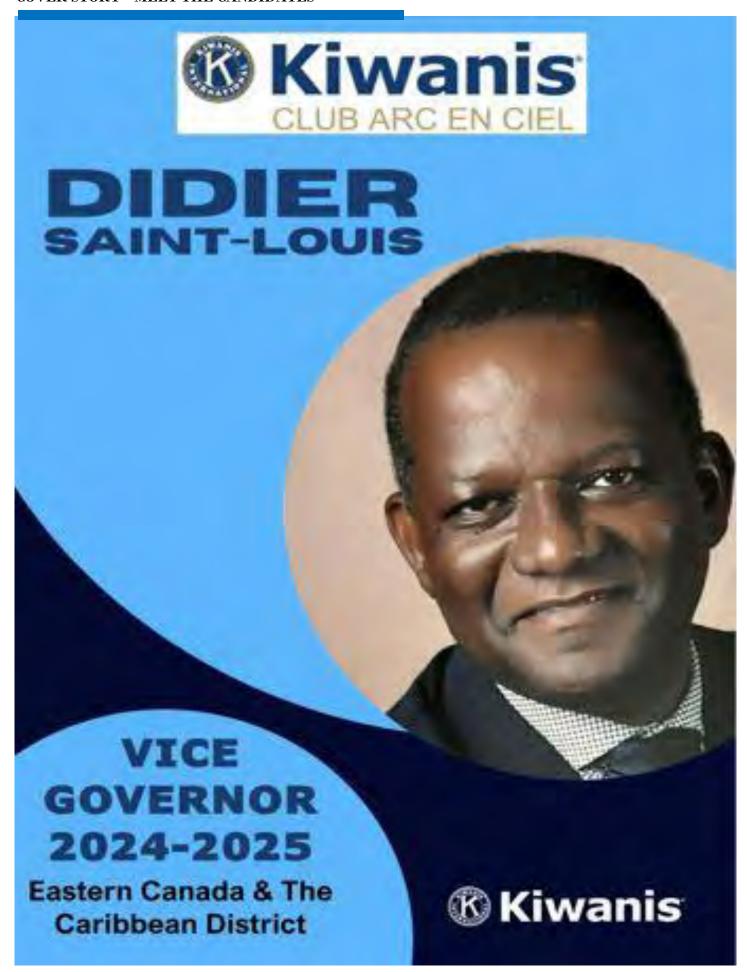
Business management and Customer service are at the heart of her career. She is tasked with

establishing goals and conveying the vison to over 40employees, setting budgets, developing policies and procedures, and motivating managers to achieve company-wide success.

DLGE Christine est employée a un de l'enterprise trés menan aux Bahamas, The Paint Place, comme la directrice exécutive. Pour trente ans, elle a etait dévouée a la direction professionelle.

La direction de enterprise et le service clients and Customer sont a u Coeur de sa carrière.

Elle ètablit les objectifs et and présent la vison a plus de quarante employés, ètablit des budgets, développe les stratégies et procédures et motive les gérants pour réaliser succès tout au lon de



Dear Kiwanian Friends of the Eastern Canadian and Caribbean District

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the position of vicegovernor, for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

1 am the father of 2 children Charlotte (17) and Thibault (25).

Since 1991, I run my own study and engineering firm in the building and public works (Civil Engineering), I am also an expert with the Court of Appeal of Martinique, which allows me to organize my time and make myself available, when necessary for the Kiwanis.

Ujoined Kiwanis 9 years ago: 9 years of commitment, but also 9 years of learning.

Indeed, during these 9 years, I had the opportunity to participate in about twenty division meetings, 3 district conventions, 1 international convention, but especially to serve my Club, my Division and my District in various functions.

In this year 2024, it is more appropriate than ever to put ourselves at the service of our organization and meet the challenge of contributing to the well-being of children.

The task will be difficult, but I keep faith in our ability to react and mobilize around a strong project, that of continuing our efforts on behalf of children, making the Kiwanis stronger and more visible and strengthening our ECSC district.

I hope I can count on your support not only for this application, but also, if successful, for the next three years.

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Please believe, dear Kiwanian friends, in my commitment and in my sincere friendship.

Kiwanis



Didier SAINT-LOUIS

2015-2016

Treasurer
 (Kiwanis Club Arc-En-Ciel)

2016-2017

Treasurer

(Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel)

2017-2018

- President Elect
- Director of the Committee Young Children

Priority One

(Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel)

* District Convention Montego Bay

2018-2019

Club President

(Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel)

Distinguished member

(Eastern Canada

- & the Caribbean Distric)
- *International Convention Orlando

2019-2020

- Director of the Committee Service Leadership Program
- Member of the Year
 (Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel)

2020-2021

Communication officer
DLG Daniel Maignan
(Division Créole Caribbean Amazonie)

2021-2022

- Distinguish Secretary
- (Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel
- Member of the Communication team
 LG Josey Louis Joseph

(Division Créole Caribbean Amazonie)

* District Convention Fredericton

2022-2023

• Lieutenant-Governor

(Division Créole Caribbean Amazonie)

* District Convention Québec

2023-2024

Chief of protocol

(Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel)





PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Career Banker CX Strategy and Sales Leadership
- Maxwell Leadership Certified Team Member
- C Director NCB Foundation
- C Director Jamaica Customer Service Association

KIWANIS LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Immediate Past Chair EC&C District Past Lieutenant Governors' Committee
- Past Chair EC&C District Partnership Development Committee
- Member EC&C Membership Growth Committee
- Immediate Past Chair Division 23 East Past Lieutenant Governors' Council
- Certified Club Coach Division 23 East
- Chair Membership & Growth Committee (Kiwanis Club of New Kingston)

PASSION

- Customer Advocacy
- People Development
- Volunteering

COMMITMENT TO SERVE RECOGNITIONS

- Award of Excellence
 (Parish of St.Andrew, Jamaica)
- Distinguished Lieutenant
 Governor of Excellence, EC&C
- Distinguished President
- Kiwanian of the Year
- Walter Zeller Fellow Award
- Frank Melhado Award
- Award of Excellence (CKI Caribbean District)
- Godfrey Dyer Award
 (Key Club Jamaica District)
- Distinguished Kiwanis Advisor (CKI Caribbean District)
- Spirit of Service Award
- Ruby K Award

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Optimizing our Kiwanis Experience Through Service, Commitment, Fun and Fellowship



SHARON DIANA WILLIAMS (DLGE)

Vice Governor Candidate 2024/25

Greetings Kiwanians of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District! I take pleasure in introducing myself to you – Sharon D. Williams – proud member of the Kiwanis Club of New Kingston and Division 23 East, Jamaica. I have decided to boost my Kiwanis experience, by putting myself forward for the position of Vice Governor, for the administrative year 2024/25.

I feel confident taking on this exciting challenge, based on the extensive leadership experience I have garnered through my professional journey working at various levels in the financial sector, as well as the roles in which I have served in Kiwanis, at the Club, Division and District levels. I am particularly grateful for the interactions within our Kiwanis movement, which have given me the opportunity to build my communication, people development and conflict management skills.

It is humbling to see and feel the tremendous support being provided by my Club members, other Kiwanians throughout the movement, work colleagues and family. If elected in the role of Vice Governor, I will be guided by my theme "Optimizing our Kiwanis Experience through Service, Commitment, Fun and Fellowship", and do commit to lead with fairness and integrity. Therefore, I would appreciate your support as I vie for this enviable role and look forward to seeing you at our District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Thank you!

15.1.2024

GOALS

- Provide leadership which inspires Kiwanians at the club, division and district level to serve with commitment and passion, which sets the foundation for increased membership growth.
- Implement systems and programs to further bolster the financial stability of the District.
- 5. Lead programs and initiatives designed to strengthen the leadership capacity of members throughout the District.
- Work with District Administrators and other key groups across the district to enhance the support provided to Service Leadership Program (SLP) members through sponsorship, project partnerships and mentoring.
- Drive the thinking and behaviour which encourages incorporating fun, fellowship and collaboration among Kiwanians at the club, division and district level, in order to achieve high levels of membership retention and engagement.





Sharon D. Williams





OUR MEMBERS ARE WORTH CELEBRATING!



KIWANIS CLUB OF WEST LORNE HONOURED 2022-2023 KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR





From left to right: Jim Patterson (Past President Kiwanis Club of West Lorne, 2025-26 EC&C LG Elect), DLG Louise Macphee (EC&C Regional Trustee, Membership Chair Kiwanis Club of West Lorne), Winfred Liepmann (2022-23 Kiwanian of the Year for the Kiwanis Club of West Lorne, Distinguished Secretary for the Kiwanis Club of West Lorne), and Malcolm Dilts (Current President (2023-2024) Kiwanis Club of West Lorne)

The Kiwanis Club of West Lorne honoured our Kiwanian of the Year, **Winfred "Win" Liepmann**, with a special certificate. Win has been in Kiwanis for 60+ years, 55 of those years as our amazing Secretary - Go Win!!

As an exemplification of Kiwanian, you will also find Win at almost every meeting and event our club has hosted over those years, along with diligent attendance at EC&C Division 4 Caucus and Training meetings. He is always ready to learn and firmly believes he gains from every Divisional Council Meeting (DCM) and Training session attended.

The Kiwanis Club of West Lorne has the blessing of serving a small community in Southwestern Ontario, Canada (only 1,400 in our local town) where Win has been the organist at his home church for over 65 years. As an active retired local businessman, you never know where you will find Win helping out!

Kiwanis Club of West Lorne

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KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS NORTH RETIRED EDUCATOR WINS KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



A retired educator has been honoured by the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North for her dedication to projects involving children and overall commitment to the club during the year 2022-2023.

Wendy Alleyne was bestowed with the honour of Kiwanian of the Year during the club's 37th Charter Anniversary and President's Awards ceremony on the evening of Thursday, February 22, at the Club Resort and Spa, Vauxhall, St James. The event was attended by fellow Kiwanians from clubs island-wide and specially invited guests.

Having joined the Kiwanis Club 23 years ago, Alleyne served as president 2011-2012 and twice as secretary. She was afforded the title of Distinguished Secretary on both occasions. She also chaired various committees in the club.

Distinguished President Michael Archer lauded her pivotal role in the club which helped it to achieve distinguished status. He highlighted her role in setting up the K Kids Club at the Gordon Greenidge Primary School, tutoring weekly at the Common Entrance Support Programme, perfect attendance for the year 2022-2023, attending and

participating in projects, attending Interclub meetings, and being the Chairperson for the Club Service leadership Programme. All these she fulfilled while being an active member of four other committees.

Alleyne said: "My life has always been one of service. It started as a child when I attended the Salvation Army in Carlton, St James. It was there that I learnt about assisting the less fortunate in my community. I assisted in the Kettling at Christmas Time where the money that was collected went towards transforming the lives of the needy."



Distinguished President Mike Archer presenting the Kiwanian of the Year Award 2022/23 to Distinguished President Wendy Alleyne

The former primary school teacher has been hands-on with the K Kids, the international student-led organisation providing primary school pupils with opportunities to perform service, build character and develop leadership. It falls under the Service Leadership Programme Committee of Kiwanis

Alleyne, who was humble in accepting the award added, "I love working with children, having been a primary school teacher for 41 years. Getting children to perform at their maximum and engaging them in meaningful projects gives me great satisfaction."

The article was published in The Nation Newspaper, Barbados on March 1st, 2024

RECORD INDUCTION INTO THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH BASSE-TERRE

Our North Basse-Terre Kiwanis Club celebrated its anniversary in style on January 21st, under the presidency of Lieutenant Governor Énor ANDRÉ-LUBIN.

It was an unforgettable event both in terms of the number of participants and the quality of the interventions. Indeed, many parents accompanied by their children and friends responded to our invitation as well as Service Clubs, representatives of the Food Bank, associations such as NAGAF, former Air France agents; the Kiwanis family of La Guadeloupe was complete: all the Clubs of Division 27 C and SLP Club were represented.

After welcoming the guests, our ceremony began with the presentation of the flags carried by young people and the

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PHOTO ABOVE: The presentation of the flags, a highlight.

playing of the official anthems, closed with a song in Creole: "Mi péyi an nou, mi Gwadloup an nou", (This is our country, this is our Guadeloupe), for the local touch.

We had the joy of listening to children recite poems and in Creole: "An sé on bon ti moun", (I am a good child).

After enjoying a delicious meal with Guadeloupean flavors, we presented the thirty or so children aged 14 months to 17 years that were present, a variety of books, from coloring books to children's novels and comic books, which were offered by our partner Bys Library.

The highlight of the show during this Anniversary Luncheon was the induction of 7 new members: for more than a year they have expressed their desire to join by actively participating in our many events. They represent a substantial contribution to the club given the interest they have in the association with their innovative ideas, we will be able to count on them fully. We are delighted that they are joining us because we need the driving forces to conduct our various actions, including our flagship project: "The fight against illiteracy".



PHOTO BELOW:
Seven new members were inducted during the event





KIWANIS CLUB OF FREDERICTON ANNUAL CHEESE CAMPAIGN

The Kiwanis Club of Fredericton held its annual cheese campaign last November selling various kinds of delicious Bright's Brand Cheese to loyal customers. The club has been selling cheese since the mid-80s. Past KIT and PLG Burt Green was again our Big Cheese selling

over \$10,000 worth of cheese, well deserving of the Big Cheese Award for the 3rd year in a row! We were assisted by the Golden Club which partners with us to sell and buy cheese. Over \$6,500 was raised to assist the Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir.



Club Members with Partner Budovitch where we store our cheese.



Big Cheese KIT/PLG Burt Green showing cheese with a loyal client.



KIWANIS CLUB OF FREDERICTON ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE CAMPAIGN

The Fredericton Kiwanis Club held its annual Christmas Tree Campaign from the end of November to December 19. This fundraiser has been ongoing for over 65 years, and we have parents coming with their children to buy trees who would have come to buy trees 30 or 40 years ago with their own parents.

Over 300 Christmas trees were sold with the assistance of the Golden Club members in afternoon sales, and in the evenings, the local Kinsmen Club members joined Kiwanians to sell the trees. Over \$7,000 was raised. Proceeds from the Christmas tree sales go towards our community initiatives. A presentation was made at our annual Christmas breakfast to our partners who also give back to the community.









FIRST BABIES BORN IN 2024 AT THE SPANISH TOWN HOSPITAL

Tenisha Smith welcomed her daughter, Azalia Watson into the world at 12:30 a.m. on January 1, 2024. Ms. Smith was the first mother to give birth at the Spanish Town Hospital.

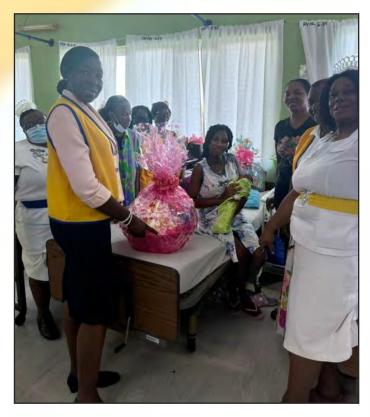


PHOTO AT LEFT: Standing L-R – Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies, Nurse Manager Maureen Bailey, Kiwanian Ingrid Bernard, Secretary Maurine Davidson, Director Lourett Christian, IPP Shernette Powell, Vanderline Wilson - President of The Kiwanis Club of the First City, and Departmental Manager Jannette Hendricks Graham. In the center is Tenisha and her baby girl.

PHOTO BELOW: Standing L-R – Nurse Manager Maureen Bailey, Secretary Maurine Davidson, Vanderline Wilson - President of The First City, IPP Shernette Powell, Departmental Manager Jannette Hendricks Graham, Director Lourett Christian, Kiwanian Ingrid Bernard, and Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies. In the center is Ashanti and her baby boy.

Ms. Ashanti Munroe was also among the proud moms who celebrated giving birth on New Year's Day. She gave birth to a baby boy at 5:20 p.m. Both mothers were recipients of gift packages from the Kiwanis Club of The First City in Division 23 West.

Lieutenant Governor Ronnette Menzies congratulated the club on this excellent project where mothers of the first baby boy and girl born on January 1 at the Spanish Town Hospital are presented with gift packages. This has been an annual project of the KC of the First City for over the past ten years.



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW PROVIDENCE, BAHAMAS KIWANIS READING FAIR SIGNATURE PROJECT



The Kiwanis Club of New Providence in The Bahamas hosted its 16th Annual Reading Fair Signature Project on January 20, 2024. The project is dedicated to boosting children's literacy skills. The execution of this project was made possible through extensive planning meetings, and the renewing and establishment of relationships with local partners. Book drives were held at two local bookstores during November and December 2023. In addition, children at a local primary school enjoyed a special reading session in November 2023.

Promotion for this event involved the distribution of flyers via the club and club members' social media platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, and Instagram. The flyer was also shared with all clubs in our home Division 22 Sunshine and with our Sponsored Leadership Program Clubs (K-Kids and Builders Clubs).

On January 20, 2024, the Reading Fair attracted 100 individuals - not including Kiwanians. The event began with a riveting icebreaker which was followed by a full group reading led by "Storyella" the Storyteller. In addition, breakout reading sessions by age were led by Kiwanians and included reading by the children in each group. The junior high students in attendance participated in a poetry competition under the fair's

theme "Reading can open windows to the world". At the end of the group sessions, lunch was provided to all the children, and gift bags containing books and snacks were given to each child in attendance. The bags were also delivered to children in the surrounding community. In total, the Kiwanis Club



of New Providence had the honour of impacting 225 children, in hopes of not just increasing literacy skills, but making a difference in the lives of each future leader that was in attendance. Media coverage was provided by our national network,

KIWANIS READING FAIR SIGNATURE PROJECT (Cont'd)





















DIVISION 27c GUADELOUPE WHEN THE "MAIF" SUPPORTS EDUCATION



Indeed, during the second Divisional Council Meeting (DCM) of Division 27c Guadeloupe, on Saturday, January 27, 2024, Lieutenant-Governor Énor ANDRÉ-LUBIN invited an organization involved in school education and assistance in the management of associations, namely MAIF (Mutuelle Assurance des Instituteurs de France).

We benefited from the expertise of a whole team of teachers who shared their experiences in various fields, informing us of the following free sites:

- My easy association: quick management of your association with voice help and support from the team if needed.
- ♦ Educational solutions for all: The digital library, free of charge, which covers all levels, from kindergarten to university. For students as part of research, with the possibility of parental control over their child's tracking and activities. Education professionals can integrate the curriculum, identify the student's gaps, and intervene to help.

- ◊ Free online tutoring: the student tracks his or her progress on a dashboard, according to the subjects and the different modules offered, with revision sheets.
- ♦ **All at school:** better schooling for sick children by sharing educational solutions.
- Changing the way people look at disability: raising awareness among young high school students about the difficulties of disability; and how to use specific equipment to experience situations of disability.

We had a pleasant moment of exchange and sharing that was very instructive.

A partnership agreement was signed with this organization at the end of the DCM for the provision of educational, sports and secure equipment, for our great SLP party scheduled for May 9, under the aegis of the 2024 Olympic Games.

Énor ANDRÉ-LUBIN Lieutenant Governor 2023-2024 Division 27 C

KIWANIS CLUB ARC-EN-CIEL MARTINIQUE

PANIERS DU COEUR ARC-EN-CIEL SUPPORTED BY THE CHILDREN'S FUND

As part of its signature project "Les Paniers du Coeur Arc-en-Ciel" on Saturday, February 24, 2024, the President, members of the Kiwanis Club Arc-en-Ciel de la Martinique (Division 27A), and representatives of the municipality of the CCASS du Saint-Esprit shared a breakfast with 30 children and 12 families to raise their awareness of a healthy and balanced diet.

Twenty-five special "breakfast" food baskets were given to the families.





DIVISION 23 WEST IMPLEMENTS BRING UP GRADES (B.U.G.) PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS

The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 23 West launched its flagship project, "Bring Up Grades" (B.U.G) programme at the Friendship Primary School in Spanish Town, St. Catherine.

Bring Up Grades, or BUG, is a programme that recognizes primary students who raise their grades or maintain good grades from one grading period to the next. This programme is a worldwide initiative by Kiwanis International, which is aimed at getting students in primary/preparatory schools to improve their grades.

The BUG programme is being implemented in several primary schools across the parishes of St. Catherine, Clarendon and Manchester under the theme "Fostering the Growth of Emerging Leaders through Academic Excellence". This fun and exciting program recognizes school students who work hard to bring up or maintain good grades from one grading period to the next with a primary focus on core subjects such as Mathematics, Language Arts and Social Studies.

This programme will be a collaboration between the Kiwanis Clubs, participating schools, students and parents as each will play a role in this activity. The programme will assist in instilling peer coaching, motivation, discipline, maturity, creativity, cooperation, and teamwork.



L-R: Derrick James (President of the KC of Spanish Town), First Lady Sue, John Chave – EC&C District Governor, Ronnette Menzies (Lieutenant Governor, Division 23 West) and Abdon Campbell (Board Chairman, Friendship Primary School)

The launch was done in collaboration with the Kiwanis Club of Spanish Town who are the sponsors of the Builders Club at Friendship Primary School. Students who improved their grades in the first term were awarded with certificates and gifts.

Speaking at the launch of the programme, Lieutenant Governor, Ronnette Menzies indicated that the launch is quite timely as we aim to improve the academic performance of our students.

Meanwhile, Acting Principal of Friendship Primary School, Rayon Howell, in welcoming the BUG programme, said that he is delighted that the leadership of the Kiwanis movement selected Friendship Primary as one of the schools to implement the Bring Up Grades (BUGs) programme. BUGs will create another avenue to keep students motivated as they learn. I congratulate the Kiwanis movement on this initiative that will positively impact the lives of our students.

Students who are successful in achieving higher grades will be recognised by being placed on the BUG Honour Roll, and awarded certificates, pins and other giveaways. There will be an award ceremony in June 2024 where selected students will be awarded a scholarship grant to assist with their education.



L-R Rayon Howell (Acting Principal, Friendship Primary School), Lisa Gray (Acting Vice Principal), Ronnette Menzies (Lieutenant Governor, Division 23West) making a presentation to one of the BUG recipients.

GOVERNOR JOHN CHAVE'S VISIT TO DIVISION 23 WEST, JAMAICA

Mr. John Chave, the Governor of Kiwanis Eastern Canada, and the Caribbean District and First Lady Sue, journeyed to Jamaica from January 31 to February 12, 2024. This visit represented Governor Chave's first official appearance in Jamaica, marked by his active engagement in a curated series of events jointly hosted

by Kiwanis Division 23 Central Jamaica, Kiwanis Division 23 East Jamaica, and Kiwanis Division 23 West Jamaica.

See below the pictorial highlights of some of the projects visited and meetings held with members of Division 23 West.



Governor John bringing greetings at Division 23 West Club Meeting



Welcome Reception – Division 23 West welcomes Governor John Chave and First Lady Sue



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Linstead posed for a group photo after completing their project to paint a Pedestrian Crossing in Ewarton, Linstead.



Governor John installing a sign at a project by the Kiwanis Club of Mandeville



Ribbon cutting Ceremony for Renovation Project conducted by the KC of Portmore at Naggo Head Infant School. (L-R- Looking on at the back - First Lady Sue and DLG Christine Long, At the Front - John Chave (EC&C District Governor), Mrs. Angela Dawes (Principal, Naggo Head Infant School), Henry Williams (President-KC of Portmore) and Ronnette Menzies (Lieutenant Governor, Division 23West)



KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND KICKSTARTER

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is proud to announce the creation of the Kickstarter Grant Program!

New Kiwanis clubs have a special opportunity to apply for a Kiwanis Children's Fund grant! The goal of the Kickstarter program is to encourage new clubs to establish a signature project that shows the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community.

New Kiwanis clubs that charter with 40 or more active members will be invited to apply for a Kickstarter grant of up to US\$1,000, depending on the dues tier of the applying club. Clubs will be eligible to apply six months after their charter date.

The grant is intended for the club to kickstart service initiatives and begin creating the club's signature project. Children's Fund grants must:

- Be a service project enhancing the lives of young children and youth in your community.
- Support at least one of the three Kiwanis causes: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.
- Be upcoming or in process (not yet completed) when grant payment is received.
 And there's more! If the club maintains or grows its membership of 40 or more active members one year after its charter date, it is eligible to apply for a second grant of up to US\$1,000.

Advantages of the Kickstarter Grant Program:

- Shorter application than the traditional club grant program.
- Less funding required from other sources. Matching funds will not be required.
- Faster distribution of funds. Once approved, the club should receive its grant within 30 days.

Other requirements:

- Eligible clubs will be invited to apply. Please contact your Kiwanis International club opener for eligibility status.
- Grants cannot be used for donations to organizations, salaries, scholarships/fellowships, sponsorships, training expenses, travel, lodging, capital construction projects or purchase of land/buildings.
- A report must be submitted at the end of the 12-month grant period

HOW TO APPLY FOR A CLUB GRANT

- 1. Read the Guide to Club Grants at kiwanis.org/club-grant-program
- 2. Conduct a community needs assessment.
- 3. Submit a Letter of Inquiry through our online grant-making platform.
- 4. Receive feedback.
- 5. Apply for the grant!

For **August 1** funding decisions:

- Submit Letter of Inquiry any time before **April 1**
- If approved, submit full application by June 1

Contact us: Please contact us with questions at grants@kiwanis.org. You can also call 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 225 (U.S. and Canada), or +1-317-217-6225 (worldwide).

"Article submitted by the District Membership Committee"



SLPs are leadership and character-building programs hosted in a school or community agency and often sponsored by a Kiwanis club or another civic organization. Kiwanis International offers resources and support to help anyone open SLP clubs wherever there is a need and opportunity in their communities.

Since the first Key Club was founded in 1925, millions of SLP members have been inspired to lead lives of service and significance.



KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES ITS 99TH BIRTHDAY



As Key Club approaches its centennial, each Key Club is challenged to raise \$99 for the Youth Opportunities Fund. Sponsoring clubs can acknowledge the members' hard work and amplify their impact by matching the clubs' contributions. To donate, visit kiwanis.org/yofgiving

HOW IT ALL STARTED

The first Key Club was formed in 1925 in Sacramento, California, with 11 charter members. Key Club was the idea of two Sacramento Kiwanis Club members, Albert C. Olney and Frank C. Vincent, who also were high school administrators. They approached their Kiwanis club with the idea of starting a junior service club in high school. It would resemble Kiwanis, have its own classifications based on school interests, and hold luncheon meetings.

The club was comprised of the key boys in the school, willing to serve the school in any way possible and to create better school spirit. Thus, the club was dubbed Key Club. Soon, the club that started out as a vocational guidance program expanded to become a complete service organization for the whole school. It also offered a social aspect to balance its service activities. Today, Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students in the world

To learn more about Key Club visit: https://www.keyclub.org/

Mission Statement

Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership.

2024 Circle K International Convention Explore the Possibilities! Join us in Denver, Colorado!



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!

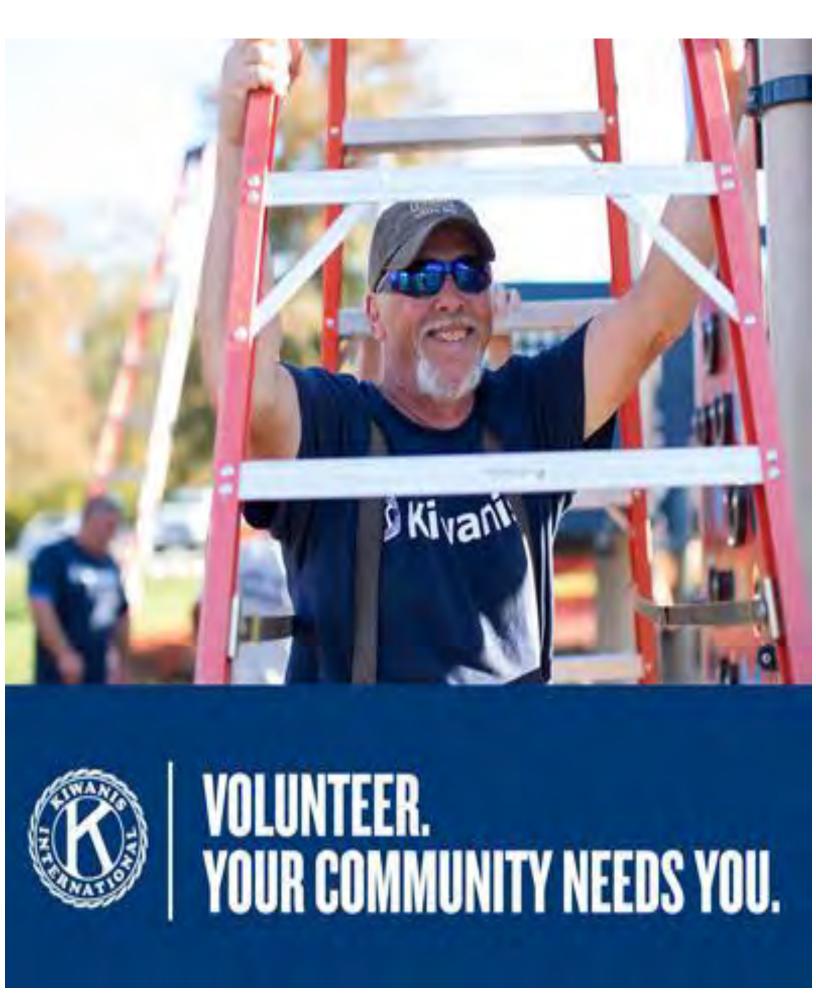


2024 Key Club International Convention

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.



Kiwanis Amplify

REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT COHORT OF KIWANIS AMPLIFY IS NOW OPEN

Kiwanis Member Registration

Non-Member Registration

The program will begin in April, with exciting new changes. To increase flexibility, all modules will be available at launch rather than releasing each module week-by-week. To improve accessibility to the program for all Kiwanians, the participation fee has been reduced to US\$50 for members. The fee will remain at \$600 for non-members. The course concludes with an optional capstone experience during the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, USA.

LEARNING & LIVING LEADERSHIP OUT LOUD

Build your leadership skills. Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.

Kiwanis Amplify is a program for emerging leaders who want to amplify their ability to lead a team. Participation is encouraged for, but not limited to, young leaders, new members and members of Circle K International who have completed the Global Leadership Certificate.

Participants will:

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover their personal strengths so they can lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen the ability to lead others in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a strategic plan that works.
- Learn from experts as well as from peers from across the globe.
- · Earn a certification of completion.

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

- 1. The qualities of a good leader.
- 2. Methods of communication.
- 3. Planning engaging events.
- Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
- 5. Working with others.
- 6. Sharing a message.
- 7. Planning for the future.
- 8. Staying focused.

The participation fee is US\$50. The participation fee may be covered by the Kiwanis Amplify participant or they may be sponsored by their club, division, district or even their place of business.

To enroll, learn more or recommend someone for the program, visit Kiwanis Amplify



RAY ALLEN AWARD FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR

Applications are still being accepted for the Ray Allen Award. Nomination deadline, March 30, 2024







CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DRAW

1ST - Dione Duncan - KC Barbican, Div. 23 Central – Jamaica :



2ND - Alexandra Zidee – KC Le Genipa, Div. 27A Creole Caribbean Amozonie :



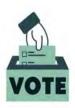
Winners will be contacted by Host Country Chair, Sheila Heaven.

JAMAICA LAUNCHES NEW MANDATORY ENTRY RULE FOR TRAVELERS

Oral Chambers - Business Development Manager for Jamaica Tourist Board - shares with viewers all about the new mandatory rule for travelers entering Jamaica. Starting Friday September 1, 2023 travelers must complete the online form at www.enterjamaica.com.

See TravelPulse for more details here

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Each club is required to hold an Annual Meeting before the 15th of May 2023. At this meeting, you will elect a new team of leaders for your club.

Has your annual meeting date been set? Is the search for new officers underway?



How is your Two for Two program coming along?

Click here for full details.

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.

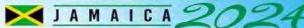
"State of ECC SLP" will be a **PANEL** discussion highlighting the successes and challenges faced in our diverse District concerning our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs).

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)



EASTERN CANADA & THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT CONVENT



THE MONTEGO BAY CONVENTION CENTRE JAMAICA - MAY 16-18, 2024

REGISTRATION

KIWANIANS CDN\$390 PARTNERS/SPOUSES

CDNS390

Don't miss your chance to experience THE MOST ANTICIPATED EVENT OF THE YEAR!

REGISTRATION ENDS - MAY 3, 2024

A C C O M M O D A T I O N

ROOMS AVAILABLE/NIGHT: SINGLE Superior:

*Limited rooms available - Hotel booking form goes up to triple and quad. See form for details.

US\$219 | US\$271

- US\$242 | US\$293

Junior Suite: - US\$258 | US\$314

ROOMS AVAILABLE/NIGHT:

SINGLE DOUBLE US\$392 | US\$553



INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS:

International participants arriving in Kingston and require ground transportation to Montego Bay, please contact the Knutsford Express directly. (Visit our website for more information).

Tel: (876)940-0064 · Email: info@knutsfordexpress.com

Ground transportation from Kingston to Montego Bay and return, will be made available to local participants. Information will be posted on the DCON website.

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

Web: www.eccdcon2024.com





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

REGISTER NOW!



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!

FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE

Registration includes keynote speakers, Kiwanis Launchpad, education sessions and the Kiwanis Annual Meeting. You are also welcome to attend the welcome reception on Wednesday, July 3, for no extra charge. (The Inaugural Membership Fair also will take place during the welcome reception). Lunch on Thursday and Friday is included with your registration.

- **Regular registration** January-May 31 US\$399
- Late registration June 1-20 US\$499
- **On-site registration** After June 20 US\$599
- Nonmember guests: US\$199/\$299/\$399
 Under 18 years of age: US\$109

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/



In this season of new beginnings, new hopes and new joys, we wish you a Happy Eastertide!



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