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“Let’s go on a journey as Kiwanians celebrate with the children in their communities”.

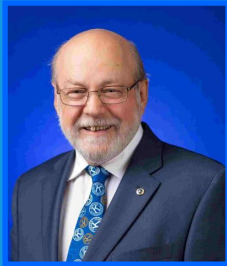


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REGION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TITLE	SUFFIX	CLUB NAME	DIVISION
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2	Rodney-White	Pam	KI District Governor-Elect	K15937	Constant Spring, Kingston	23C Jamaica Central
3	Blackman	Cynthia	KI District Vice 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
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H	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	B	Barrie
9 Maple Leaf	Coccimiglio	Francesco	B	Casa Loma, Toronto
10 Pine Ridge	Compton	David	B	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	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
27c Guadeloupe	Andre-Lubin	Enor	J	Nord Basse-Terre

EDITOR'S NOTE



Greetings my Kiwanis Family,

In the month of May, June, or even November, depending on which part of the world we are in, our country will be celebrating Child Month. This will be a month when the society will pay particular focus on children, raising awareness of any issues, and ensuring that they are nurtured, loved, celebrated, and supported to enable them to thrive.

It's All About the Kids, and here in Kiwanis our mission, vision, and motto statements encourage us to focus on children every day of every month. When we joined Kiwanis, we did so primarily to help children and families in the communities around us.

The Kiwanis vision is that one day all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them, and provide the support they need to thrive. This is a tall order but our dedication to Serving the Children of the World drives us to play our part in making sure that we make a positive difference in the world.

Kiwanis creates opportunities for children to be curious, safe, and healthy regardless of the community in which they live. Young Children: Priority One (YCPO) aids in early childhood development and focuses on General, Maternal & Infant Health, Childcare and Development, Parent Education & Support, and Safety & Pediatric Trauma. The Service Leadership Program (SLP) provides leadership and character-building skills and is hosted in primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions. Our Youth Services program mentors and provides support to the youth. These three programs benefit our children's lives from prenatal to adolescence, and even further to young adults in the case of some SLP programs.

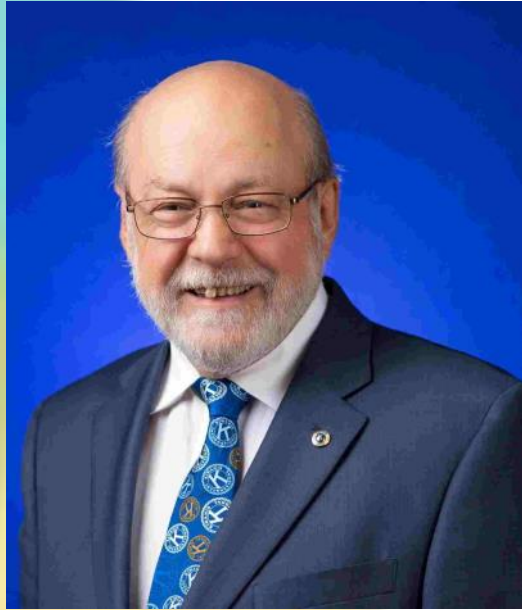
The families that we assist are made up of the mothers, fathers, grandparents, step-parents, or guardians of the children we pledge to serve. As parents, their job is to raise their children to be the best men and women they can be. Parents are expected to take care of their children, provide for, protect, and love them. They should encourage their child to reach for the stars, teach them the difference between right and wrong, and be a good role model for the child. Parenting is a huge responsibility, one that requires patience, and understanding and so I celebrate with all parents and wish them a *Happy Mother's Day* (May 12) and a *Happy Father's Day* (June 16).

Kiwanians, KIDS NEED KIWANIS! Let's continue to fulfill our mission of improving the world, one child, and one community at a time.

Yours in Kiwanis Service ,
Michelle Giles-Leacock
Bulletin Editor, EC&C District



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians.

Here we are at the beginning of our third quarter of this Kiwanis year!!!! I trust that you all are well 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 third 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. Don't forget about “Grass Roots Kiwanis Projects”. These are the little projects where we can see firsthand the difference that we are making in the lives of children and families in our communities.

First lady Sue and I had the great pleasure during the first half of this Kiwanis year to visit eight 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 continue to visit more divisions in our wonderful district. My sincere thank you to all the wonderful Kiwanians who have made us feel so welcome during our travels.

Lastly, please don't forget about our district convention. I am so looking forward to seeing you in Jamaica.

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

“IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS”

In Kiwanis Service,

John Chave, Governor



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BREAK OUT THE PARTY HATS!



**OUR MEMBERS ARE
WORTH CELEBRATING!**

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL HONORS EASTERN CANADA AND CARIBBEAN DISTRICT, RECOGNIZING ANTHONY HAILE AS A DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR

Congratulations!

Kiwanis International has bestowed upon our esteemed District and Immediate Past Governor, Anthony Haile, the esteemed title of Distinguished District and Governor for the Kiwanis year 2022-2023.

During the tenure spanning from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, Mr. Anthony Haile served with exemplary distinction as Governor of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District. This remarkable recognition will be formally presented to Mr. Anthony Haile during the upcoming Kiwanis International convention in Denver, Colorado, slated for July 2024. At this prestigious event, IPG Anthony will be honored with an award, a distinguished Governor pin, and a Certificate of Distinction from the International President of Kiwanis International.

Mr. Anthony Haile's illustrious journey within Kiwanis traces back to 1987 when he became a member, progressively assuming diverse roles within his club (Kiwanis Club of Curacao) and division 26. His unwavering dedication and commitment to service ultimately led him to aspire for higher office within the Kiwanis organization. In 2019, he fervently put forth his candidacy for Vice Governor of the E.C. & C. District, earning resounding acclamation. Over the years, he ascended from Vice Governor to Governor, steadfastly serving our District and Communities.

Throughout his period as Governor, Mr. Haile, accompanied by his esteemed wife and former First Lady, Mrs. Ingrid Haile, embarked on numerous visits to divisions across Canada and the Caribbean. Leveraging platforms such as Facebook, he ensured transparent communication within our District, enabling members to closely follow his impactful journey. His charismatic presence left an indelible mark on all those he encountered, garnering the admiration and respect of Kiwanians throughout the region.

As Governor, Mr. Haile not only represented his club but also showcased the vibrant culture and spirit of the Island of Curaçao. His adeptness in French, despite it not being his native language, endeared him to French-speaking



divisions within the E.C. & C. District, further solidifying his reputation as a dedicated and inclusive leader.

His hometown club, "Kiwanis Club Curaçao," in unison with the entire E.C. & C. District, extends heartfelt congratulations to Kiwanian Anthony Haile on this well-deserved distinction. His remarkable achievements serve as a beacon of inspiration to us all.

Past International President Bert West proudly announced that the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District has been acknowledged as a Distinguished District for the term 2022-2023, thereby magnifying the significance of Mr. Haile's accomplishment as a Distinguished Governor.

Congratulations to Distinguished Governor Anthony Haile and the entire E.C.& C team for their exceptional contributions and achievements.



Special recognition received from the Prime Minister of Curacao



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DISTINGUISHED CLUB 2022-2023

Kiwaniis Club Name

Division

Kiwaniis Club Name

Division

Windsor	3 St. Clair Bluewater	Central Portmore	23 West Middlesex South
Forest City-London	4 Colonel Talbot	First City (The), St. Catherine	23 West Middlesex South
Stratford	5 Black Walnut	Greater Portmore, St. Catherine	23 West Middlesex South
Berry Islands, The	22 Sunshine	Guy's Hill	23 West Middlesex South
Cable Beach, Nassau	22 Sunshine	Linstead	23 West Middlesex South
Exuma	22 Sunshine	North Spanish Town	23 West Middlesex South
Fort Montagu, Nassau	22 Sunshine	Portmore, St. Catherine	23 West Middlesex South
Freeport, Grand Bahama	22 Sunshine	South St. Catherine	23 West Middlesex South
Nassau	22 Sunshine	Spalding-Christiana	23 West Middlesex South
New Providence, Nassau	22 Sunshine	Sunshine City-Portmore	23 West Middlesex South
Nassau A.M.	22 Sunshine	Whitewater St Catherine	23 West Middlesex South
Over-The-Hill, Nassau	22 Sunshine	Young Professionals St Catherine	23 West Middlesex South
Pinewood	22 Sunshine	Barbican	23C Jamaica Central
South Eleuthera	22 Sunshine	Capital City Kingston (The)	23C Jamaica Central
23 East Online Jamaica	23 East Surry South	Constant Spring, Kingston	23C Jamaica Central
23 East Professionals St. Andrew Online	23 East Surry South	Friends Across Borders Jamaica	23C Jamaica Central
CyberConnect Jamaica	23 East Surry South	JTS St. Andrew, Jamaica	23C Jamaica Central
Downtown Kingston	23 East Surry South	Kingston	23C Jamaica Central
Eastern Kingston, Port Royal	23 East Surry South	North St. Andrew	23C Jamaica Central
Eastern St. Andrew	23 East Surry South	Stony Hill	23C Jamaica Central
JFB Kingston	23 East Surry South	Charlton-Alexandria	24 Jamaica
Liguanea-St Andrew	23 East Surry South	Montego Bay	25 Cornwall
Mona, St. Andrew	23 East Surry South	Providence-Montego Bay	25 Cornwall
New Kingston	23 East Surry South	Ramble Hanover	25 Cornwall
Papine	23 East Surry South	Rose Hall, Montego Bay	25 Cornwall
South St. Andrew	23 East Surry South	Westmoreland Capital	25 Cornwall
St. Andrew Southern Professionals Online	23 East Surry South	Scarborough	26 Trade Winds
Trafalgar	23 East Surry South	Barbados Benevolence	27 Caribbean
Worthington, Kingston	23 East Surry South	Barbados North, Speightstown	27 Caribbean
Young Pioneers Jamaica Online	23 East Surry South	Barbados-Central	27 Caribbean
		Literacy Barbados	27 Caribbean
		Pride of Barbados	27 Caribbean
		Saint John's Antigua	27 Caribbean
		St. Vincent and the Grenadines	27 Caribbean
		Fleur De Cannelle Sud Martinique	27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie
		Doyen of Pointe-a-Pitre	27c Guadeloupe
		Fougeres	27c Guadeloupe

Congratulations!



SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT DE FRANCE SUPPORTS CCAS CHILDREN.



On Wednesday, April 3, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Fort de France (Division 27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie) handed over 15 boxes of baby food to the Communal Social Action Center (CCAS) of Fort de France and Schoelcher for a value of €6000.00.

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Photos : Baby Food Donation



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT DE FRANCE SUPPORTS CCAS CHILDREN (Cont'd)

The second action consisted of taking 14 children from the CCAS of SCHOELCHER to participate in a film screening. They were accompanied by two parents and a person in charge of the Centre. (Photo below : A children's film screening)



The CCAS (Caisse Centrale d'Activités Sociales) managed by the municipalities is a local structure that is aimed at all the inhabitants of the municipality, from early childhood to the elderly - Youth, Elderly, people with disabilities, and people in difficulty.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CHARLTON-ALEXANDRIA INAUGURAL SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SLP) DEBATE COMPETITION - VOICE UP!

The Kiwanis Club of Charlton-Alexandria (KCC-A), Division 24 Jamaica, hosted their inaugural Service Leadership Program (SLP) debate competition for the Key Clubbers of Division 4, entitled Voice Up! Participating high schools included St. Hilda’s Diocesan High, York Castle High, Westwood High, and Iona High.

Voice Up! 2024, was held at the Moneague College, in St. Ann on January 29, 2024. Eventual winners, St. Hilda’s were awarded the competition’s trophy, gold medals, and a \$30,000 cash prize. Second place went to York Castle High who received a cash prize of \$20,000 along with silver medals. The competition’s Best Speaker award of \$5,000, went to Jahneil Spencer of York Castle High. All other participating debaters, from both Westwood High and Iona High, received bronze medals and certificates of

participation. Judges who served were Attorney-at-Law Latoya Thomas, Past Lieutenant Governor Pauline Lewis-Redway, and Guidance Councillor Rackeisha Dunn.

This debate competition event formed part of Team KCC-A and President Joshua’s continued efforts to deliver on their 2023-2024 theme, **“Empowerment Through Dedicated Community Service for Children’s Advocacy”**. Special thanks to the event organizers, Secretary Ingrid Palmer, and Kiwanian Ashawna Ashawna Laing.

Thanks to our sponsors, Jamaica Bauxite Mining Limited, Eazzii Access – Wake for Breakfast, KAG Stock Pile, Windsor Pharmacy, and Moneague College.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF CHARLTON-ALEXANDRIA INAUGURAL SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SLP) DEBATE COMPETITION - VOICE UP! (Cont'd)

Photo Gallery



Voice Up! Debate First Place winners St Hilda's Diocesan High School flanked by DLGE Richard Austin (left) and President Joshua Dwyer (right), officers of the Charlton-Alexandria Kiwanis Club.



Voice Up! Debate Second Place winners York Castle High School flanked by DLGE Richard Austin (left), and President Joshua Dwyer (right), officers of the Charlton-Alexandria Kiwanis Club. Best Speaker, Janet Specer (Second from left).



Voice Up! Debate Third Place winners - Westwood High School



Voice Up! Debate Participants - Iona High School



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KIWANIS THE FLAMBOYANT CELEBRATES EASTER WITH THE LITTLE ONES

With two childcare centers located in the northern Caribbean villages of Martinique, our club shared stories about the Easter celebrations with the 77 children who are received there.

This is how we met the morning of Tuesday, March 26 at the Bellefontaine Childcare Center during which we staged the story of a little hare who wanted to lay Easter eggs. This story helped show the children how Easter eggs are made.

From the images of the book "Who Lays the Easter Eggs", we made a short film that was shown during the reading



and the 44 children were able to enjoy the scene proposed by the members and a volunteer, Claire, while looking at the pictures. At the end of this presentation with the facilitators and the director, we took part in an Easter egg hunt in the gardens of the nursery.

The morning continued with the tasting of chocolate eggs to the delight of young and old alike.

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KIWANIS THE FLAMBOYANT CELEBRATES EASTER WITH THE LITTLE ONES (Cont'd)

For the second action, the members joined the staff, parents and 33 children of the Titiris de Case-Pilote nursery for the day of March 28th. It was centered around a mix of tales with local colours, where we told the story of the "Rabbit and the Touloulous" and that of "Theo and the Silver Crab". We offered a lively reading around these tales that gave pride to our West Indian traditions. The children were also able to have fun with the crabs kept in a pond and manipulate the traditional trap that allows them to be captured.



In the afternoon, after a few workshops related to crabs, an egg hunt took place in the presence of the children's families. The day ended with a snack that included, among other things, dishes for the period and chocolates.

These two events, which allowed us to respect the tradition, were very well received by the children, families, and supervisors.



KIWANIS CLUB OF BARBADOS CENTRAL LAUNCHES A UNIQUE EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERARY PROGRAM KIWANIS 'N COPS 'N KIDS



Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central, Division 27 Caribbean, recently launched the **Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids** Literary Program. This is the first time the program was launched outside of the United States.

The launch of this special program in Barbados was the result of two governors coming together, namely Distinguished Governor Dr. Delores Lewis - Chair of the Young Children Priority One Committee for Kiwanis Barbados Central, and Past Governor Jean Long Manteufel of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District, USA. who were both in the Kiwanis International Governor's Class of 2020-2021 and became friends. Both Governors have a keen interest in early childhood literacy programs which play a vital role in promoting early language and literary skills in young children.

This program is unique in that it connects kids, police officers, and books to promote literacy, and community trust in law enforcement. The program's main goal is getting free books into the hands and homes of children while building connections and trust with law enforcement officers in the community. It takes a team to conquer literacy and we should endeavor to introduce the joy of reading to our children at an early age. This program allows your Kiwanis club to work together with law enforcement, to get face to face with kids at a young age and create engagement, and to build positive relationships with children and their families in the community.

Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids, was a project organized by past Governor Jean during her governor's year and it has since expanded in many cities in the USA and now internationally to Barbados. The Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central launched the program at one of its Day Nurseries in Barbados on February 29, 2024. The club partnered with The Barbados Police Service and launched the program where approximately 30 children benefited.

The reading program was conducted by a police officer, Constable Shawn Phillips, who read to the children. The books selected for reading were age-appropriate and engaging for the children. It was an interactive exercise, and the children were eager to participate. It also included the singing of children's songs. Each child was given a free book to take home to start their library or add to it. The books were provided as a gift to the club by Governor Jean and her home club The Kiwanis Club Appleton-Fox Cities, Wisconsin, USA. In addition to Distinguished Governor Delores and Past Governor Jean, members of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central, local law enforcement officers, and staff of the day care center were in attendance.

This project can easily be implemented wherever children are gathered - day care centers, primary schools, or community centers. It can be done in clubs of all sizes and if you already have a reading program you can add a new dimension to it.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis-club-program-connects-kids-cops-and-books/>

KIWANIS CLUB OF PINEWOOD ANNUAL EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA

The Kiwanis Club of Pinewood, Division 22 Sunshine, held its 3rd Annual Easter Egg Extravaganza at Isaiah Taylor Park in the community of Pinewood. This initiative exemplifies service above self as the Kiwanians and volunteers proudly serve with love, care, and compassion.

The event focused on activities aimed at engaging young people in the community through activities such as bouncing castle, arts and crafts, and games. The highlights of the event were the Easter egg hunt and the Easter bunny which provided each participant from the smallest to teenagers, with an opportunity to discover and

collect treat-filled eggs and take pictures with the Easter bunny.

This year we had media coverage and there was a total of 1500 eggs dispersed about the park with a twist. The discovery of the golden eggs afforded the gift of two customized Easter Baskets from the Kiwanis Club of Pinewood. Over 100 kids, 20 adults, and 15 club members

took part. The children and parents were provided with refreshments and cotton candy, and each child present was gifted a mini-Easter treat bag.

In the Kiwanis Club of Pinewood, we are proud to interact and nurture lasting relationships with the parents and children of our community. We look forward to serving our community with the various projects that we provide. We are truly grateful for the support of the community of Pinewood. It is our pleasure to continue with our Motto 'Serving the children of the world'.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF PINEWOOD ANNUAL EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA (Cont'd)

Photo Gallery



KIWANIS CLUB OF NASSAU ENGAGES YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The Kiwanis Club of Nassau, Division 22 Sunshine, chose to assist and partner with the Eyes Wide Open organization in their fun run, walk, and push event for several reasons:

Shared Mission and Values: The Kiwanis Club of Nassau and the Eyes Wide Open organization share a common mission and values when it comes to advocating for the welfare of children and adults with disabilities. By partnering, the club amplified its impact and reached a wider audience to raise awareness and support for this important cause.

Expertise and Resources: The Eyes Wide Open organization brought specialized expertise, resources, and programs that focus on supporting individuals with disabilities. By partnering with them, the Kiwanis Club of Nassau leveraged these resources to create a more engaging and impactful event that addressed the specific needs of this community.

Community Engagement: Collaborating with a well-known advocacy organization like Eyes Wide Open helped the Kiwanis Club of Nassau to engage the local community in a meaningful way. By organizing a fun run, walk, and push event together, it promoted inclusivity, raised awareness about disabilities, and encouraged community members to show their support for this cause.

Networking and Collaboration: Partnering with Eyes Wide Open provided the Kiwanis Club of Nassau with an opportunity to network with other like-minded organizations, professionals, and individuals who are passionate about advocating for individuals with disabilities. This collaboration led to future partnerships, initiatives, and projects that benefit the community.



Impact and Outreach: By joining forces with Eyes Wide Open, the Kiwanis Club of Nassau increased the impact and outreach of their event. The combined efforts attracted more participants, sponsors, and supporters, ultimately raising funds and awareness to benefit children and adults with disabilities.

Overall, the partnership between the Kiwanis Club of Nassau and the Eyes Wide Open organization stems from a shared commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities, and a recognition of the power of collaboration in achieving their goals. Ultimately our theme was executed, **"Keeping Committed Non-Stop in Service"**.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF NASSAU ENGAGES YOUTH AND COMMUNITY (Cont'd)

Photo Gallery



KIWANIS CLUB CŒUR DE CRÉOLE " COME, I WILL TAKE YOU THERE "



The Early Childhood week began on Monday, March 18, 2024 around the theme: *" Come, I will take you there..."* Our club, Kiwanis Club Cœur de Créole, participated in this week. Indeed, we responded to the invitation of the little ones who wanted us to enter their world and we accompanied them in the magic of journeys and discoveries that books offer them.

The "Maison de la Petite Enfance", with which we have had a partnership since its opening, is a resource platform for parents of children from 0 to six years old. It is a place of listening, development, exchange, and sharing.

This organisation initially asked us for books to set up a traveling library. Then, for Early Childhood Week we offered them books promoting the development of imagination and fantasy.

The book is highlighted to help children build their skills.

This is how the center facilitators created interactive spaces.

A space dedicated to nature: the book "The Caterpillar That Makes Holes" by Éric CARLE, invites children to witness the metamorphosis and transformation of a caterpillar which becomes a beautiful butterfly.

A marine space: the children traveled and explored the sea bed with "The Arc en Ciel Fish" by Marcus PFISTER.



The third space gives free rein to the child's creativity.



THE 27C GUADELOUPE DIVISION ELOQUENCE CONTEST

It is with great passion that the head of the Division's Leadership Program, PLG Bernadette Allen, on March 26, 2024, in the gardens of the archipelago's national radio station "Guadeloupe la première", inscribed in the history of the division, the third edition of the eloquence contest in partnership with the said radio.

Always concerned about excellence, for her two years of experience in the field and love for a job well done, Bernadette has surrounded herself with a talented team to prepare our candidates for rhetoric, with around six topics to choose from.

After several selections, 26 primary, middle, high school, and post-baccalaureate candidates met in the final. Throughout the afternoon, the Guadeloupean audience



had to appreciate the performance of our young talents who shone in the art of oratory.

The speeches were so captivating and persuasive that listeners struggled to choose the winner of the public "Special Prize" set up by the radio.

The commitment of young people to meaningful and forward-looking projects can only honor us.

In the K-KIDS school category:

- ◆ 1st prize: **Elynn Cabrera** from Notre Dame de Grâce School, CE2.
- ◆ 2nd prize: **Clara Mirre Ancedy** from Notre Dame de Grâce school, CE1.
- ◆ 3rd prize: **Patrick Lassy-Tchikaya** from the Immaculée de Versailles School CM1 also won the Special Prize Guadeloupe la 1ère.



A Studious Jury

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Motivated candidates

THE 27C GUADELOUPE DIVISION ELOQUENCE CONTEST (Cont'd)



Informed audience

In the BUILDERS category, college:

- ◆ 1st prize: **Anais Gregori** from Collège Maîtrise de Massabielle, 5th grade.
- ◆ 2nd prize: **Kanel Boursin** from Collège de Versailles, 4th grade.
- ◆ 3rd prize: **Jade Joseph Gariel** from Collège de Versailles, 3rd grade

In the KEY CLUB, lycée:

- ◆ 1st prize: **Thalia Garson**, Lycée de Versailles, 2nd.
- ◆ 2nd prize: **Mélanie Angèle**, Lycée Jardin d'Essai, 1st.
- ◆ 3rd prize: **Célia Mary-Bhiki**, Lycée de Versailles, 1st.

In the CIRCLE KEY, Post BAC:

- ◆ 1st prize: **Laurie Nelfise**, Uag, Master 1.
- ◆ 2nd prize: **Rickelmens Delva**, Lycée de Baimbridge, 1st Prep..

The Division's Eloquence Contest: Talented Speakers!
Serving Kiwanis Children: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS !



Diplomas and Trophies



The winner of the Public Prize

KIWANIS CLUB OF BRIDGETOWN RENDERING ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THE YOUTH

Sundays hold a special place in the hearts of Barbadian children, especially during March and April. In the parish of St. Michael, specifically in the communities of Grazettes and Belfield, the Kiwanis Club of Bridgetown has played a vital role by launching Project Full Tummies during Kiwanis Impact Week. This initiative has been a beacon of hope, providing nutritious meals to over 200 children with the generous support of corporate Barbados and dedicated volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Bridgetown and the University of the West Indies (UWI) Circle K. They are making a significant impact by nurturing and empowering young students in various communities.

The collaborative efforts witnessed during this project directly impact the well-being of the young ones in the community. It's heart warming to see such commitment. The Parliamentary Representative for St. Michael North and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health & Wellness, the Honourable Davidson

Ishmael (Photo below) who personally



served the first meal, underscored the government's dedication to youth development in Barbados. Recognizing that the government cannot do everything alone, he emphasized the crucial role played by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) like the Kiwanis Club of Bridgetown in fulfilling their mission.

Additionally, the club hosted a free two-week Easter Jamboree Camp at the St. Leonard's Boys School. During this camp, students enjoyed fun activities, including sessions on Health



Kiwanians and the members of UWI Circle K distributing the meals.

and Wellness, Public Speaking, and Etiquette. The students were also tutored in English and Mathematics. They learned about deportment both within and outside of school, as well as proper dining etiquette. (Photos below) To ensure their well-being, lunch and snacks were provided to the students daily.

These initiatives demonstrate the power of community collaboration and the positive impact it can have on the lives of young Barbadians.



Some of the students at the Easter Jamboree Camp

FINDING PURPOSE IN SERVICE: A KIWANIS MOMENT

Every Kiwanian experiences a moment when the true impact of their dedication to Kiwanis becomes apparent. Known as a "Kiwanis Moment," it marks a profound understanding of the organization's mission and one's personal commitment to it.

Christine's journey in Kiwanis began with a sense of destiny. As fate would have it, through her sensitivity to those around her and random acts of kindness, she encountered a struggling family with three young boys near her workplace. Driven by her innate compassion, Christine reached out to help. What started as a chance encounter soon turned into a profound commitment to support the family through their hardships.

In 2002, Christine's path intersected with Kiwanis. Attending her first meeting in September, she immediately sensed a lifeline for the boys she had been assisting. Within a month, she found herself leading the Youth Services and Young Children: Priority One committees, despite her initial uncertainty about the organization.

Christine's projects with Kiwanis became an extension of her dedication to the boys. From sponsoring their first summer camp trip to providing ongoing support with school supplies and employment opportunities, she remained steadfast in her commitment to their well-being. Tragedy struck, leaving the mother alone when the children's father died. Empathetic to the family's plight, Christine could not let the lives of the innocent children be negatively impacted further. So, she adopted the family, providing them with groceries and meals and ensuring they were prepared for the school year. After more than 20 years of consistent service to the family, tragedy returned in 2021 when the boys' mother passed away. Her last words were for Christine to continue to look out for her boys. And that she did.

Today, the three boys Christine once assisted have grown into young men, a testament to the enduring impact of her service and the support of Kiwanis. Through her unwavering dedication, Christine exemplifies the spirit of Kiwanis and the profound difference one person can make in the lives of others.

Christine says, "For me, what matters most is the joy of knowing that I have made a difference, especially when it is manifested in the lives of children, whom you watch grow up to become purposeful young people leading productive lives."

The boys have all graduated and are gainfully employed alongside DLGE Christine in different departments at The Paint Place, Nassau, The Bahamas, raising their own children and making positive contributions to society. Christine says, "This is my why."

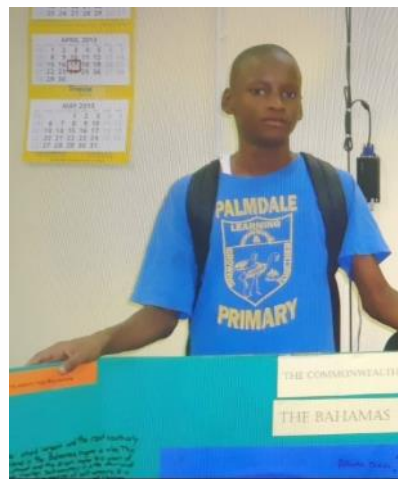


From L-R : Spencer Archer 23 yrs, Masko Archer 20 yrs, DLGE Christine, and Stefano Archer 21 yrs, in work uniform.

Hear from these vibrant young men once known as the "Bilney lane Boys" and now The Archer Brothers. They tell their story of how one powerful act of kindness can change the world, forever.

Click the YouTube link:

https://youtu.be/R-cYs0_T18?si=cG-mdrCs5raHZF12



Mascko Archer
(at 7rs old)



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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS 2024 - 2025



**Service Leadership
Program Administrators**

Position

Member Name

CANADA	Aktion Club	John Chave
	Builders Club	Victoria Rode
	Circle K	Angelo Ciardella
	Key Club	Firma French
	Key Leader	Sheila Donald
	Kiwanis Kids	Susan Davey
JAMAICA	Builders Club	Odense Rose
	Circle K	Leo Williams
	Key Club	Christopher Humber
	Kiwanis Kids	Odense Rose
CARIBBEAN	Builders Club	Zelma Daisley
	Circle K	Leo Williams
	Key Club	Jennifer Hinkson
	Kiwanis Kids	Zelma Daisley
BAHAMAS	Aktion Club	Aldeka Thompson
	Builders Club	Dominique Rolle
	Circle K	Leo Williams
	Key Club	Aldeka Thompson
	Key Leader	Sheila Donald
	Kiwanis Kids	D'Andrea Davis



CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL

Circle K International (CKI) is the premier collegiate and university community service, leadership development, and friendship organization in the world. Circle K clubs are organized and sponsored by a Kiwanis club, on a college or university campus. CKI is a self-governing organization that elects its own officers, conducts its own meetings, and determines its own service activities. CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to meet other college students around the world.

A Brief History of Circle K International

How it all began

In 1936 the Kiwanis Club of Pullman, Washington, sponsored the Circle K House for young men in need of help at Washington State University. In 1947 Donald T. Forsythe, a Kiwanis International trustee, helped Circle K transform itself into a service-oriented organization. The first Circle K club was chartered that same year at Carthage College in Carthage, Illinois. In 1954, a meeting of 35 Circle K clubs was held to elect officers and seek recognition by Kiwanis International, and in 1955 Kiwanis International officially recognized Circle K International as a sponsored youth affiliate. 1957 Texas-Oklahoma is recognized as the first CKI district.

In 1971 Circle K House of Delegates voted overwhelmingly to allow women to join the organization. It was in 1973 that the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees approved the resolution for the acceptance of female members into Circle K. **CKI is the first member of the Kiwanis family to accept female members.**

Motto - Live to Serve, Love to Serve.

Mission - Developing college and university students into a global network of responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to service.

Vision - To be the leading global community service organization on college and university campuses that enriches the world one member, one child, and one community at a time.

Tenets - Service, leadership, and fellowship.

One thing that sets CKI apart from other collegiate organizations is that students lead the organization at all four levels: **club, division, district, and international.**

Clubs

CKI clubs are established in colleges and universities. Elected officers can include president, one or more vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, and editors. Committees also offer leadership opportunities.

Divisions

Clusters of clubs create divisions. Each division has a lieutenant governor (a student leader) who carries out the district's policies and provides support to the clubs.

[At the divisional level, the CKI Eastern Canada District operates without lieutenant governors and uses a Council of Presidents instead. This change was made years ago to allow clubs to represent themselves and give them a stronger voice at the district level. The Council of Presidents serves primarily as an advisory body to the District Executive Team. The CKI Caribbean District operates with lieutenant governors].

Districts

Districts are divided into divisions. The district, which is either a state, a combination of states, provinces, and/or countries, is led by a governor, who is elected by delegates at the annual district convention. Other district officers include the executive board and committee chairs.

[**Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District has two CKI Districts:** CKI Eastern Canada District, and CKI Caribbean District].

International

CKI is an international organization led by a board of trustees that sets the direction for the organization. The CKI International Board is composed of the president, the vice president, and international trustees.

[Meet the International Board](#)



EASTERN CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT, CKI

Circle K Governor - Eastern Canada District 2024-2025



HASAN GHAFOOR

Hello everyone, I'm **Hasan Ghafoor**, the 2024-2025 Governor for Eastern Canada District CKI.

I'm currently a 4th year student studying neuroscience at the University of Windsor. My main goals for my term include chartering three additional clubs and hosting an extra district convention to foster greater engagement and collaboration within our district.

As Governor, I am committed to empowering our members to make a meaningful impact in their communities while providing valuable opportunities for personal and professional growth. With my passion for service and strong leadership skills, I am excited to lead us toward new heights of success.

Feel free to reach out to me at governor.eccirclek@gmail.com for any inquiries or to discuss district initiatives. Let's embark on this exciting journey together as we continue to make a difference in the lives of others and the world around us!

CKI
Eastern Canada District

**District Board
2024-2025**



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Hasan Ghafoor

University of Windsor



Secretary-Treasurer

Diya Budhiraja

University of Western Ontario



Administrator

Angelo Ciardella

Kiwanis Club of Windsor



Editor

Owen Qu

University of Western Ontario



EASTERN CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT, CKI

Circle K Governor - Caribbean District 2024-2025



DEMARRIE BROWN

Title: Governor of The Caribbean District of Circle K International

Education: Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Logistics and Supply Chain Management at the Caribbean Maritime University, Jamaica.

Governor Goals 2024-25: My goals for the 2024-25 term are focused on fostering community engagement, promoting service initiatives, and enhancing leadership development among members. I aim to cultivate a supportive and inclusive environment where members can collaborate on meaningful projects, develop essential skills, and make a positive impact in their communities. Through strategic planning, effective communication, and proactive outreach, I seek to empower CKI members to lead with passion, integrity, and compassion, embodying the core values of service, leadership, and fellowship.

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CKI
CARIBBEAN DISTRICT

MEET THE CKI CARIBBEAN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR 2024/25

Leo Williams Sr.
Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston

CKI
CARIBBEAN DISTRICT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



LEADERS DISCUSS KIWANIS DUES

During the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention, delegates will make important decisions regarding Kiwanis' growing budget deficit. To deal with the rising cost of doing business, the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees is proposing a dues increase. Recently, 2023-24 Kiwanis International President Katrina Baranko, President-elect Lee Kuan Yong and Vice President Michael Mulhaul sat down to discuss Kiwanis' current position and what needs to be done.

[Watch the recording.](#)

2024 SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST GROUP II FINALISTS ANNOUNCED (Clubs with 28 or more members)

Congratulations to Group II finalist
Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay, Jamaica.
Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District
Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk/Wheelchair

[Learn more](#)

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

THE EC&C NEWSLETTER is published Every Two (2) Months. The next publication of the Newsletter is July 2024. **(Please submit your articles before June 28th).**

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.**

ORDER NOW AND SAVE ON SHIPPING

Does your club love to save money? You can avoid shipping fees by purchasing Kiwanis supplies online — and then picking up your order at the convention! Take stock of what your club needs and place your **order by June 1, 2024**. When paying for your order at online checkout, select the option to pick up your order in the Kiwanis Family Store at the Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S.



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

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

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

DCON2024 SHUTTLE SERVICES

For more information contact: Sheila Heaven (Host Country Chair)
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Edwin C. Thompson
 Chairman: District Convention Committee

Welcomes You

On behalf our District Convention Committee, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm greeting to all of you, fellow Kiwanians guests and friends, to our Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica, themed "One Luv, One Vybz, One Passion."




Sheila J Heaven
 Host Country Chair – EC&C DCON2024

Welcomes You

As Host Country Chair I feel very proud, privileged, yet humbled, to welcome you all to our EC&C District Convention 2024 and to our beautiful island -Jamaica.




His Worship, The Mayor of Montego Bay, and Chairman of the St. James Municipal Corporation
Councillor Leroy Williams

Welcomes You

As Mayor of Montego Bay and Chairman of the St. James Municipal Corporation, it is with immense pleasure that I welcome all Kiwanians in the USA, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District to Montego Bay, the Friendly City and the tourist mecca of the Caribbean.



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

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 Atlanta, Georgia



[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.



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](#)

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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](https://www.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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