



Kiwanis®

EASTERN CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT
L'EST DU CANADA ET DES CARAÏBES



Governor's Final Report

September 28, 2026

Cynthia I. Blackman

Governor, 2025-2026



2025-2026 Theme & Logo ECC District



Cynthia Blackman
Governor

Our Logo, Decoded



Green Figure

Our members — the
lifeblood



The Hand

Service — the
heartbeat of Kiwanis



Upward Arrow

Leadership — lifting as
we climb



The Star

Recognition —
appreciation sustains us

Powered by the heart — because what we do must come from within.



Theme

Fuel the Passion

Rediscover the “why” behind our service. Reignite the spark that first drew us to Kiwanis.

Change the Game

Courage over the status quo. Bold thinking, new pathways, greater impact.

We cannot do the same thing, the same way, with the same people and expect different results.



Theme Song

Hall of Fame

The Script ft. will.i.am

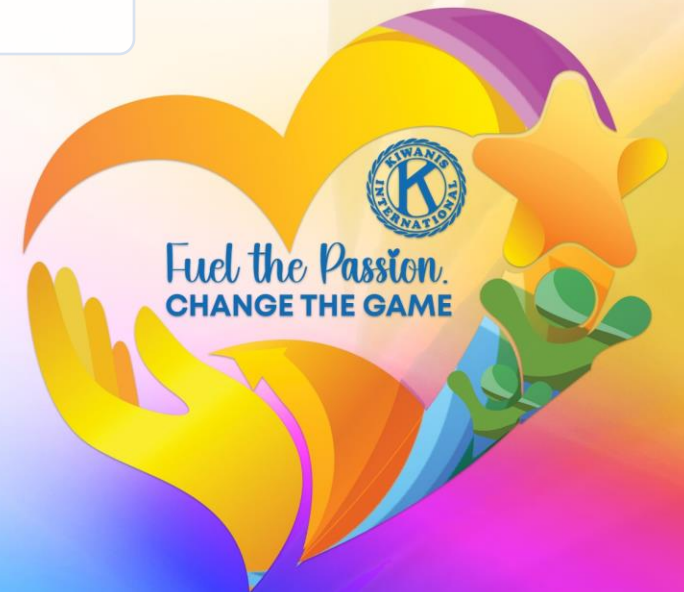
Resilience

Passion

Courage

Drive

An anthem for pushing past limits and making a lasting impact.



Membership Dashboard



As at September 22, 2026

284

Clubs

7,734

Members

+177

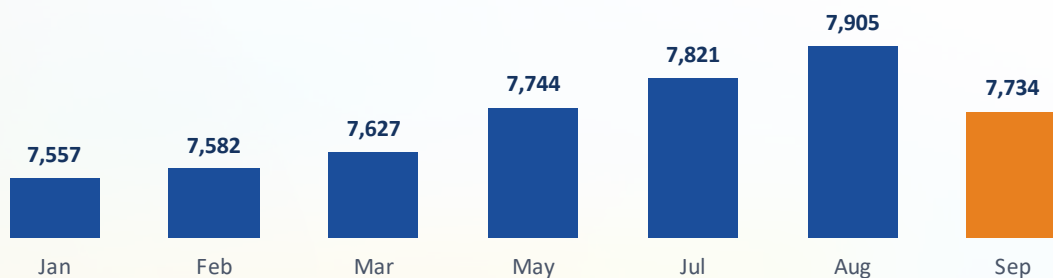
Net member gain

699

New members



Members through the year



Where growth came from

New clubs	313
Existing clubs	386
Members lost	522

**5 Kiwanis Voices Clubs
organized**

**5 charters revoked — 81
members**

Net gain +177

Chair: Past Kiwanis International Trustee Gary Levine



New Clubs — Eastern Canada

3

23 new clubs district-wide

Eastern Canada contributed three.

Div 2 · Kiwanis Club of Elliot Lake

Div 6 · Kiwanis Club of Thorold

Div 12 · Kiwanis Club of Ottawa Caribbean



New Clubs — Division 22



5

New clubs, Division 22

Bahamas organized 5 new clubs

First Voices Club in the District,
October 1, 2025

Kiwanis Voices Club of Nova Bahamas

Kiwanis Club of South Andros

Kiwanis Club of Educators of New Providence

Kiwanis Club of Bimini

Kiwanis Club of Bahamian Law Enforcers



New Clubs — Jamaica



4

New clubs

Online clubs open new doors

Divisions 23 East and 23 West went digital.

Div 23 East • Kiwanis Club of Dynamic Leaders Jamaica Online

Div 23 East • Kiwanis Club of Jamaica Diaspora Online

Div 23 West • Kiwanis Club of Legacy Leaders 23 West Online Jamaica

Div 23 West • Kiwanis Club of Global Hearts 23 West Jamaica



New Clubs — Division 24, Jamaica



5

New clubs, Division 24

Division 24 organized 5 new clubs

Including two new Kiwanis Voices Clubs.

Kiwanis Club of Brighter Futures

Kiwanis Club of Oracabessa

Kiwanis Club of Claremont

Kiwanis Voices Club of Rising Stars

Kiwanis Voices Club of The People, Jamaica



All five (5) clubs were sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Drax Hall

New Clubs — Curacao, Barbados & the French Caribbean



6

New clubs across 3 divisions

Growth across the eastern Caribbean

Divisions 26, 27 Caribbean, 27A and 27C
(Curacao, Barbados, Martinique and Guadeloupe)

Div 26 · Kiwanis Club of Pontoon Bridge

Div 27 Caribbean · Kiwanis Voices Club of Unity Barbados

Div 27 Caribbean · Kiwanis Voices Club of Hope Barbados

Div 27 Caribbean · Kiwanis Club of Harvest Barbados

Div 27 A · Kiwanis Club of Le Tombolo

Div 27 C · Kiwanis Club of Des Cent Moulins



MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Charters Surrendered



As at September 30, 2026

2

Clubs surrendered

8

Members affected

Div 8 · South Georgian Bay

Div 12 · Nepean



MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Charters Revoked



As at September 22, 2026

5

Clubs revoked

81

Members affected

Div 23 East · Kiwanis Club of Eastern St Andrew Professionals

Div 23 West · Kiwanis Club of Diverse Professionals Portmore

Div 23 West · Kiwanis Club of Whitewater St Catherine

Div 24 · Kiwanis Club of Annotto Bay

Div 25 · Kiwanis Club of Ramble Hanover



MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Resilience of the Jamaica Clubs



As at September 22, 2026

3,146

Jamaica members

+171

Overall growth

Membership by division



Division 23 East: Audrey Browne

Division 23 West: Dione Chambers

Division 23 Central: Michael Powell

Division 24: Joshua Dwyer

Division 25: Garce Lee

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Clubs Under Charter Strength



As at September 22, 2026

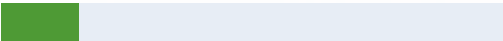
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Clubs under charter strength

52

Where we started

8 clubs recovered



15% improvement on the year



Clubs needing the most support

Flower City Brampton — 5

Hamilton — 6

Cole Harbour — 6

La Jacques-Cartier — 3

Thetford Mines — 6

North Spanish Town — 6

Cornwall — 6

Chair: DT Marj Buck

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Nurture & Retain



Chair: DP Nicola Yard

Engagement Month

Wellness & engagement tips
Throwback Thursdays
Kiwaniis Superpower Contest
Memorabilia Contest
Wear the Brand Contest

Twinning Programme

54

clubs participated

Education & Training

Member engagement strategies
Conflict resolution



"Twinning reminded us that while we serve in different places, our passion for Kiwanis connects us."

Tamara David — Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados

"I strongly believe that this program should continue, as it has open doors for Kiwanians to meet (sometimes face to face), engage and fellowship (even online). I believe it is a very good programme. It is excellent. We have learnt so much about each other's culture since our twin club was from another country. There is a lot to be learnt from it."

President Anthonette, Kiwanis Club of Greater Portmore Jamaica





To do list:

- ☒ Post
- ☒ Story
- ☒ Reels
- ☐ Engage

A hand-drawn mind map on a spiral notebook page with the central theme "SOCIAL MEDIA".

- Central Node:** "SOCIAL MEDIA" in large, bold, black capital letters.
- Top Branches:**
 - "SHARE" in a pink speech bubble.
 - A speech bubble containing a blue envelope icon.
- Right Branches:**
 - A red speech bubble with a white heart and the number "1".
 - A share icon (three connected dots).
- Bottom Right Branches:**
 - FOLLOW in yellow.
 - LIKE
 - SHARE
 - COMM (partially visible)
- Bottom Center Branches:**
 - CONTENT with a downward arrow pointing to a blue person icon with the number "1".
 - # HASHTAG in blue.
- Bottom Left Branches:**
 - CONNECT in blue.
 - GOOD IDEA in blue, with a lightbulb icon and a downward arrow.
- Other Icons:** A thumbs up icon, a paper airplane, and a person icon are scattered around the central text.

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Social Media Growth



Instagram

535

followers today

+217 since the year began (318)



Facebook

778

followers today

+628 since the year began (150)



Follow us — @Kiwanis ECC on Facebook and Instagram



PR Coordinator: Tannecia James

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

The Catalyst



The District Magazine

Member stories, club spotlights and district news, published through the year. So impressive was the magazine, that other Districts enquired about the tools used to produce it.

February March Issue



The June/July Catalyst



Magazine Views

7,000+

From over 5,000 members

Chair: DS Michelle Giles-Leacock

Add a Member Contest



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Add A Member
CONTEST 2025-2026



For each new member you sponsor during this period (excluding charter members for newly formed clubs), you will receive one entry into the District's Add a Member Contest!

A DISTRICT CONVENTION GETAWAY IN THE BAHAMAS VALUED AT \$3,500 US / \$5,000 C!

One lucky winner will receive:

- ✦ Four nights' accommodation at the Paradise Island Atlantis Resort during convention
- ✦ Full registration for two at the 2027 District Convention in Nassau, Bahamas
- ✦ US \$1,000.00 towards travel

Prize cannot be redeemed for cash



SERVICE

33

New SLP clubs opened

Service hours

Division and region totals awaiting Kiwanis International data.

12 Key Clubs

12 K Kids

3 Circle K

6 Builders Clubs



Chair: Governor Designate Sharon Williams Smith

District Administrators

Youth Protection Manager: DLG Beverley Thompson

SERVICE

Signature Project



157

Entries — our highest
ever

57%

Of clubs participated

75%

Our target



57% of clubs ran a branded signature project against a 75% target

Gold winner — Group II

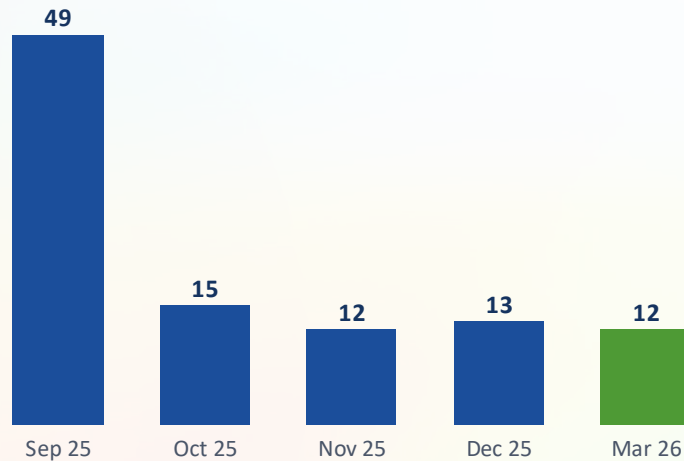
**Kiwanis Club of Providence—Montego Bay · Breast Cancer Awareness 5K
Run/Walk/Wheelchair**

Chair: DP Merdina Callum

Club Reporting & Officers

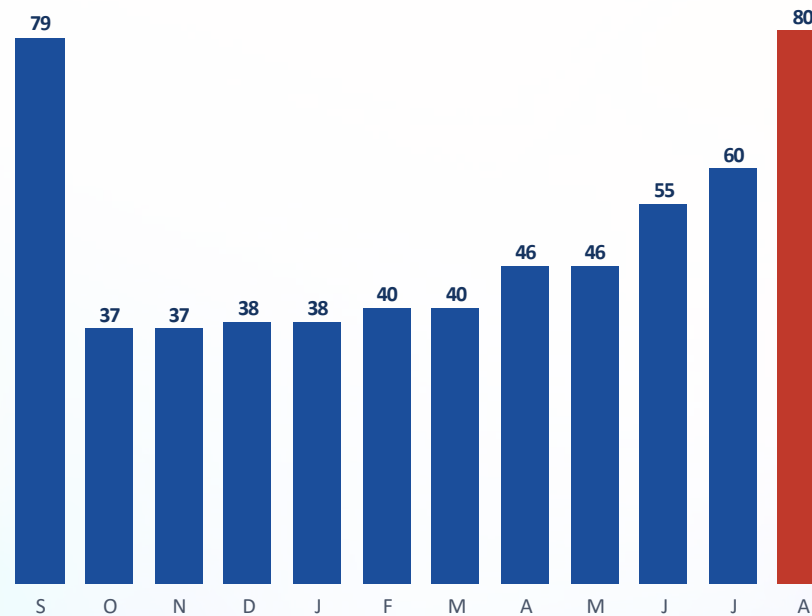


Clubs with no officers on the dashboard



Down from 49 to 12

Clubs with no monthly reports



Rising again — back to 80 in August

Clubs are encouraged to submit their monthly reports on time.

LEADERSHIP Leadership Month

425+

At the opening session

250+

At each Tuesday session

70

At the French session



Presenters

PDT

Leighton McKnight

LGD

Zelma Daisley

LG

Rothmar Coenraad

DP

Marcel Gibson

DG

Paul Toussaint

Five weekly webinars. A resounding success.

Chair: DP Dora Henry

LEADERSHIP

Long Range Planning — Exit Survey

Outside our control

Employment demands

Health and age

Relocation

Migration

Within our influence

Time expected of members

Cost of dues and meals

New-member engagement

Using members' skills

Inclusion and communication

Members also told us they felt engaged and valued — three would recommend Kiwanis outright.



Chair: Governor-Elect Designate: Christine King-Wallen

Cost Saving Measures

1

Governor's Visits

10 divisions → 5 regions

The single largest saving of the year.

2

LGD Training

2 nights → 1 night

Shared rooms also built relationships.

3

Board Retreat

Format reviewed

New location and format delivered overall savings.



LEADERSHIP

Succession Planning



1

Notice given
DST Jim
announced his
retirement.

2

Search opened
Process began
during the year.

3

RFP issued
A further request
for proposal
circulates shortly.

4

Jan 2027
New DST in
place, working
with DST Jim to
Sept 2027.



LEADERSHIP

Rebuilding Jamaica Fund

CAN\$276,379

Or

J\$30,835,241

Raised

CAN\$268,350

Or

J\$29,937,126

Approved & disbursed

61

Application Approved

CAN\$10,000+

Raised at DCON



97% of funds already disbursed



Supporting Kiwanians and Aktion club members in Divisions 24 and 25.

We thank the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada (PGs Chuck, Greg, and Chris), GED Christine (District Coordinator), DST Jim, and DLG Kingsley Henry for ensuring this project was managed effectively.

LEADERSHIP

DCON 2026

Chair: DLG Jennifer Hinkson

Host Committee Co-chairs: DT Mary Ellen Trimble & VGD Francesco Coccimiglio

450+

Members in attendance

Opening speaker

Jully Black

Host Night — Go Red team 😊

Engaging forums

Disco-themed party

Kiwanis Aruba Band

YAPP convention app

Governor's Reception —
Barbados theme

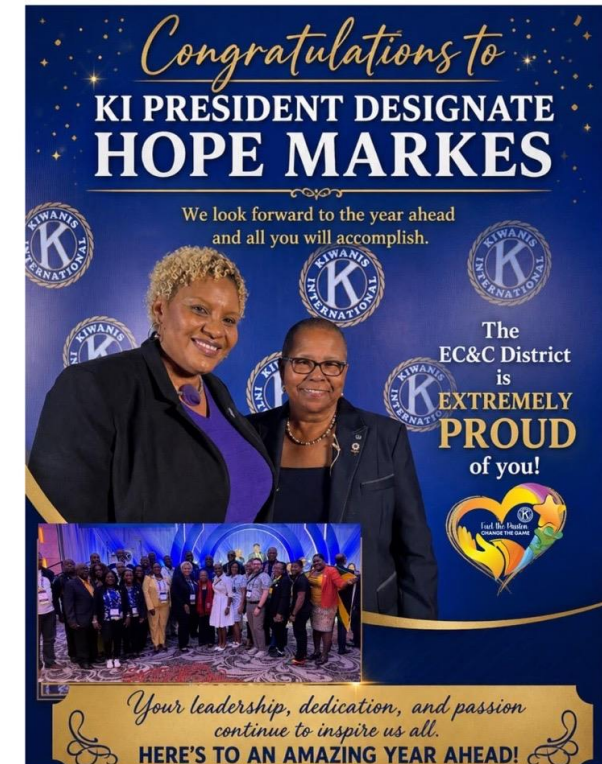


LEADERSHIP ICON

56+

ECC members in the Philippines

A historic first — the first woman of colour and first Caribbean national installed as Kiwanis International President.



Chair:
PDT Edwin Thompson

LEADERSHIP Inclusivity

11 of 17

Countries represented on the district
committees

Every member could apply to serve. So many
first-timers stepped forward — the highlight of
the year.

Represented

Aruba

Bahamas

Martinique

Barbados

Suriname

St. Lucia

Antigua

Jamaica

Canada

Trinidad

Curaçao



Governor's Visits

All official visits completed for the year.



Region A
Trustee: Louise MacPhee



Region C
Trustee: Marj Buck



Region E
Trustee: Darren Creamer



Region F
Trustee: Christopher Rahming



Region G
Trustee: Lloyd Distant



Plus special visits to Divisions 24 and 25. Division 24's visit was at the expense of the Governor to participate in the Charter Ceremony of the two (2) Voices Clubs.

Thank You

**A challenging, successful and deeply enjoyable year —
thank you to the entire Board.**

With special thanks to our outgoing Trustees

Louise MacPhee

Alain Bertrand

Marlon der Meer

Joseph Maignan

Distinguished Governor Pam

Thank you for your guidance and presence.

Governor Sharon, 2026–2027

Our district is in good hands.

This is not goodbye — one more year on the Board, and the journey continues.





Kiwaniis

EASTERN CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT
DIVISION 27 CARIBBEAN

2025 - 2026 GAME CHANGERS

**CYNTHIA
BLACKMAN**



Governor Eastern Canada &
The Caribbean District

SUSAN JULES



2 Cambrian

**ANGELO
CIARDELLA**



3 St. Clair Blue Water

**JAMES
PATTERSON**



4 Colonel Talbot

**RANDY
MACKENZIE**



5 Black Wianut

MIKE FIRMIN



6 Golden Horseshoe

TRACEY CRAIG



8 Huronia

LAURIE LYLE



9 Maple Leaf

DAVE POST



11 Loyalist

GLYNN KNEEBONE



12 Golden Triangle

CATHERINE DUNN



15 Boreal

**STEPHANIE
RENARD**



16 Alouette

MICHEL CANTIN



17 Laurentides

**RUSSELL
MCKNIGHT**



18 Fundy

BASIL HAMBLY



20 Bluenose

**JANICE
CONNORS**



21 Caribou

JOAN KNOWLES



22 Sunshine

AUDREY BROWN



23 East Surry South

DIONE CHAMBERS



23 West Middlesex South

MICHAEL POWELL



23C Jamaica Centra

JOSHUA DWYER



24 Jamaica

GRACE LEE



25 Cornwall

**ROTHMAR
COENRAAD**



26 Trade Winds

**CLOYETTE
GRANT**



27 Caribbean

**JEAN MICHEL
PAJANIANDY**



27A Creole Caribbean Amazonie

VENISE MALINUR



27c Guadeloupe



*Thank
You*

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Kiwanis Club of Pride of Barbados
&
Kiwanis Club of Barbados Benevolence

Thank
You





Let's Continue to

FUEL THE PASSION
CHANGE THE GAME

