



Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District



# Newsletter

## Governor's Message

June 2016

What an exciting District convention in Hamilton where about 400 Kiwanians, friends and guests celebrated 100 years of Kiwanis in Canada. We had 2 hotly contested elections and some good discussion on the amendments presented. Congratulations to newly elected International Trustee Gary Levine and Vice Governor Melford Clarke on their elections. Thanks to Trustee candidates PG Hazel Brandon and IPG Serge Viau along with VG candidate Ernest Marshall for stepping forward and running for office. Our District is well served by the willingness of all candidates to run for higher offices.



In discussions I had on June 2, I believe that the revised EC&C based Secretary report is now available. Clubs are now encouraged to use this report only. You do not have to use the previous report that was focused on the US clubs and their activities. The Health Card that was developed for EC&C use will not be fully functional for a few more months until some additional history is available.



We are now ready to attend the International Convention in Toronto beginning on June 22 for some of us. Remember if you are not a Canadian citizen you may need to obtain the Electronic Travel document before you leave home. At convention, I urge you to attend as many of the information sessions

as possible. There will be a District Caucus meeting on Friday morning June 24 beginning at 7:30 AM. Please look for the exact location when you arrive. The District will then discuss the various amendments that are to be voted on at convention as well as the candidates for International Vice President. Those are the only elections where we are required to vote. As well, if you have purchased the new District shirt, I ask you to wear it that day for the House of Delegates meeting. There is assigned seating by District so look for the signs for EC&C.

I hope to see many of you in Toronto.

Working to Serve the Children of the World, I remain

**Allen Ure Governor**

## From the Editor's Desk



So we had the grand celebration and many have left Hamilton with fond memories, new friends, revived and renewed, ready to move on to the next 100 years. It is no easy feat holding an organization together for 100 years and commendation is due to the EC&C District.

As I said before, there is no rest day for a Kiwanian and it is now time to gear up for the next big event - KI Convention in Toronto and of course, the celebrations will continue.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers and chairs who will take the baton come October to continue the wonderful work of Kiwanis of improving the world one child one community at a time.

I was not present but I am able to share a few pictures with you, thanks to social media and Regional Trustee Edwin Thompson. Enjoy!

Share your stories. Send them to [callu78@hotmail.com](mailto:callu78@hotmail.com).

In Kiwanis Service  
Merdina Callum

## Lending a Hand... Sharing our K

**L**abour Day in Jamaica is dedicated to community service across the island. This year's team was "For Health Sake...Keep it Clean" and so on May 23, 2016 Kiwanis Club of New Kingston decided to lend a hand to the students of Liberty Academy. The school caters to students with mild to moderate learning challenges as well as a kindergarten, primary and high school departments.

The School's principal, Mrs. Suzanne Williams was thoroughly appreciative of the opportunity to partner with the Club to beautify the school grounds by painting benches, planting trees and flowers in the Meditation Garden and Assembly Area and also building an obstacle course made of tyres in the Playground Area.



For the entire day Kiwanians, K-kids, teachers and friend worked, laughed, ate and told stories. We were a family and a community. This year's Labour Day Project was indeed significant in our lives and the lives of the children at the Liberty Academy.

Our ambitious project which was to enrich the spirit of the students and to create an environment that was bright and cheerful was met.



The Kiwanis Club of Providence in collaboration with Governor Allen Ure and LG Dr. Martin Taylor visited the Cornwall Regional Hospital to present a cheque for \$300,000 to Dr. Gilbert. The donation was made towards the refurbishing of the Isolation Unit at the Hospital which is the major project being undertaken by the club for this administrative year.





## Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District

### To Host

## Kiwanis International Convention

Toronto 2016

June 23 – June 26, 2016



It is an honour to be hosting the **Kiwanis International Convention** in **Toronto** this year. This is our opportunity to show our strong and diverse District to our fellow Kiwanians from around the world. We will need “**all hands on deck**” as we look to have approximately 300 volunteers from our District to ensure that our Convention is a valuable, worthwhile and enjoyable experience for our visitors. Please consider spending some time helping to make the Toronto/EC&C experience one our visitors will never forget.

**Registration for the Convention is now open** on the Kiwanis International website. **Register early to take advantage of the substantial discount for EC&C volunteers.** Once you have registered go to the volunteer website and select the area where you would like to help. You can volunteer at <http://kiwanis.ivolunteer.com/toronto> .

We have many great reasons to be a part of the Convention this year. Please check the Kiwanis International website for details. (Kiwanisone.org). Check out the blog at the bottom of the site. Currently we have featured our Keynote Speaker, **Col. Chris Hadfield**, astronaut, Commander of the International Space Station; author, musician and proud Canadian. Follow the link to his amazing performance of **David Bowie's** song, “Space Oddity”, performed and filmed while on the Space Station. Future blog posts will highlight some of the restaurants, places of interest and things to do while in Toronto, at the Convention. Please look for updates as we get closer to the Convention.

Laura Somerville

George Rowell

Co-Chairs, Host Committee, Toronto 2016

**LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.**

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## The Manotick Kiwanis BBQ

When Mike Mersky decided it was time to sell his Home Hardware store in the village of Manotick, Ontario, members of the local Kiwanis Club began to worry. Mike has been a long time member of the Manotick Club, and although his business has often kept him from making dinner meetings or other service events, Mike has more than made up for his absence. Each November, Mike clears out the Garden Centre beside his store in the Manotick Mews, and the Club sets up to sell about 1,200 Christmas Trees to local residents. Tree sales are one of the two large Club fundraisers, providing over \$20,000 or half its budget for donations back into the community.

However, we needn't have worried, as new owner Adam McCosham immediately understood the importance of helping a service club that helps the community. Living in the area, and former owner of a service station in the nearby Ottawa suburb of Riverside South, he recognizes the benefit of encouraging good citizenship. Not only has Adam committed to continuing the Club's use of the Garden Centre: he has gone one better and submitted an application to join Kiwanis.

So when Adam decided to hold a "Grand Opening" party at the store on the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, Manotick Kiwanis quickly embraced his idea to host a BBQ event outside the store. The response was led by member Deborah and President-Elect Rick Czuba, who quickly found about 16 Kiwanis members who would cook burgers and hot dogs and tend the cash over the two-day event. Many other members joined the public in celebrating the occasion. Also present was BOOM 99.7 Ottawa radio station, doing live broadcasts, and retired Rideau Hall Head Gardener Ed Lawrence, answering gardening questions for local residents.

Adam donated all the food for the event, covered all the costs, and gave the proceeds to the Club, who immediately earmarked the money for relief of the fire-ravaged town of Fort McMurray, Alberta. When combined with a donation the Club had already voted to send in relief, as well as the Federal Government's pledge to match donations, the weekend event raised over \$3,000 to assist the devastated northern community.

Building one community and helping another, attracting one new member who will bring in others, having fun and good fellowship in a service project, that's Kiwanis.

Submitted by Deborah Czuba



# Congratulations Dale Davidson

## Well deserved!

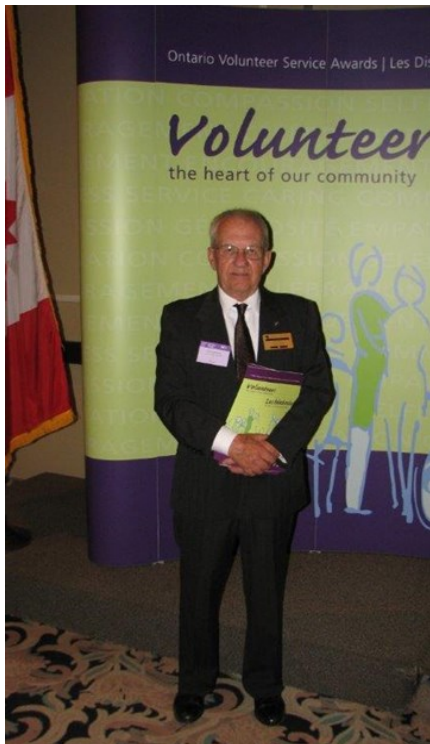
*Dale Davidson of Manotick (Ottawa) is a Charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Manotick which received its charter in 1960. Dale is a Past President of the club and has been very involved in many projects in Manotick and the area over the years.*

*This includes the project to build arena in Manotick, beautifying Manotick through the maintenance of signs, benches and parks, fundraisers for various causes, selling Christmas trees and cakes, and much, much more.*

**Dale Davidson**, was presented with the **Ontario 2016 Volunteer Service Award** for 50+ years of service to the Kiwanis Club of Manotick and the community as a whole.



From L. to R., MPP Madeleine Meilleur (Ottawa-Vanier), Dale Davidson, MPP John Fraser (Ottawa-South) and MPP Marie-France Lalonde (Ottawa-Orleans).



Ontario 2016 Volunteer Service Award Recipient Dale Davidson

Kiwanis Poetry by Margaret Demers  
K.C.Manotick.

Impressive to little grade one'ers,  
White K in a circle of blue,  
The meaning understood slightly,  
A Principal wore one to school.  
Fast forward it's now ten years later,  
In high school again, there it is,  
Only the guys can join this club,  
Proudly displaying their pins.

Looking around in the seventies,  
Festivals, more projects new,  
Setting a standard for children,  
To carry along all life through  
Late 80s and 90s, things changing  
Women have now joined the club.  
Concerts and shows we're arranging,  
And Trivia Nights at the pub.

Publicity becomes more important.  
Does it mean that we're having more fun?  
Key Clubs and Arden and Tree Sales  
It seems like we'll never be done.  
Projects world-wide we have conquered,  
Something we can say with pride.  
Cadets, Cubs, New mothers, and Bingo.  
Small projects that we shouldn't hide.

Kiwanis celebrated One Hundred,  
Now a global volunteer group  
Projects distinct to each country  
From selling to just making soup  
Kiwanis celebrated one hundred  
The same perhaps more work to do.  
The objects, the goals and the reasons  
Still today, the white K wrapped in blue.

## Think on This

Service to others is the rent you pay  
for your room here on earth.

Muhammad Ali





Ottawa will play host to the 100th Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Convention May 18-20, 2017. It will be the biggest and best convention yet. We hope you consider joining us for this great celebration. We will share much more news in the coming months with you. In the meantime, feel free to visit our Facebook page at Kiwanis EC & C Convention Ottawa 2017 for updated info. Also, we just launched our website at [www.ecc2017.org](http://www.ecc2017.org). Check back often for new content. If you have any questions feel free to reach us by email @[ottawaecc2017@gmail.com](mailto:ottawaecc2017@gmail.com)

Alison Hunter and Rachel Kooyman  
Host Committee Co-Chairs

## KIWANIS CLUB DOYEN de la BASSE-TERRE Month of May



Information session on young children's sight problems

During one of many meetings of parents de l'Ecole Maternelle de Trois-Rivières, en Guadeloupe.

Following this operation, over 180 children will benefit from observation and protection preventive measures in that school.

# In Memoriam

## Kiwanian Gail Andrews (nee Stoddart)

**B**orn May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1940, it is with sadness that we share the loss of a dedicated professional and volunteer, Gail Andrews, at Campbell House Hospice (Collingwood, ON) on February 26, 2016. Gail's family says, "Gail was a lifelong volunteer who's dedicated and caring nature touched the lives of so many around the world. Her life ended much sooner than expected, her absence will be felt and she will be deeply missed."

Gail was a life member of the Kiwanis Club of Barrie, a recipient of The Mel Osborne Fellow and the Walter Zeller Fellow. Her Kiwanis career started in Owen Sound in 1992 and later with the Barrie Kiwanis Club where she served as President as well as Secretary for many years. At the time of her death, she was secretary for the club. She served as Chair of the E.C. & C. Convention Committee for several years taking this committee to a new level of administration and accountability. Gail was an active member of her local Sweet Adeline's Chapter.

Outside of Kiwanis, she was involved in municipal government (Owen Sound, Newmarket) and the not for profit world (Red Cross). Gail's heart was in the aquatics sector, where she toured the world participating in various lifeguarding competitions. Gail formalized her work in aquatics through the Association of Aquatics Personnel of Ontario and in municipal work through the Society of Municipal Directors of Recreation Ontario. In Red Cross, Gail held one of the highest volunteer positions as a Swimming and Water Safety Master Instructor Trainer from 1985 until 2002. In this role she taught and mentored new instructors and instructor trainers. In 1997 Gail accepted an international deployment in Lesotho, Africa to conduct a Water Safety Needs Assessment. From 2000 – 2002 she worked as the interim Manager of Safety Services.

**Gail Norris, District Regional Trustee:** "Gail and I first met when she joined the City of Owen Sound staff as the Recreation Director. In 1992, she joined our Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound. Gail and I enjoyed a personal friendship for over 24 years. I will remember her for her sense of humour, commitment to Kiwanis, her family and her friends! I always admired Gail's style in work and the Kiwanis world. She delegated jobs to her staff and then left staff to do the job, without micromanaging them. I will definitely miss her friendship!

**Terry McLaren, 2013 Peterborough District Convention Chair:** "Gail was willing to pitch in where ever we needed her and her guidance was a valuable attribute to the success of our convention. To me, I found that Gail was a model Kiwanian, willing and able to roll up her sleeves and offer a lending hand when called upon. Gail was the type of person that we should aspire all Kiwanians to emulate."

**Jim Steele, District Secretary Treasurer:** "Gail was the District Chair for Conventions for a number of years. In that position she worked very closely with us at the District Office and we spoke often. During Convention she was always on the job, early in the day and late at night, even when she was not feeling all that well. A dedicated Kiwanis member and one I was proud to call my friend. Gail will be missed and I will miss those calls. "

**Gary Levine, Past Governor:** "Gail was a long-time member of our Owen Sound Kiwanis Club. She actively participated in all club activities, but particularly enjoyed working on our Television Auction, Christmas Tree sales, and Whispering Pines campground.

I worked with Gail when she was the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Owen Sound. As a City Councilor myself, I had the opportunity to serve as her committee Chairperson. Gail excelled at planning, strategic thinking and working with difficult people.

When I served as District Governor, our roles were reversed. Gail was my first choice to succeed Germaine Barr as the District's Convention Committee Chair. Under her watchful guidance, Gail took the committee to new heights: revising procedures, enhancing its role and rewriting our guidelines. She mentored all who served with her. Gail was a positive and unflappable leader who will be sorely missed."

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, over 100 members of the family and friends gathered in Creemore to celebrate Gail's life. One of her daughters, Leslie, gave an excellent presentation on the life of her mom and the Sweet Adeline's sang some of her favourite songs.



Chuck and Dorothy McIlravey