



Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District



# Newsletter

September 2016

## Governor's Message

September is upon us, the children are back in school and Kiwanis Clubs that have taken the summer off begin the month preparing to finalize the current Kiwanis year and begin the new administrative year.

I want to thank the 217 clubs that have already reported at least their president and secretary on the Kiwanis website. It is very important that the rest of the clubs complete this task immediately. Clubs should also ensure that they have reported both a Public Relations representative and a Membership Committee Member on the website. Most clubs already have these positions in place but, by entering the names on the website, these members will receive the information from the District and International that relates to these important committees.



It is also a great time to plan a membership drive to attract members. This is when people plan their agendas for the upcoming months so we need to catch them early. All clubs need to ensure that current members intend to renew their memberships at October 1. Secretaries should be looking on line for the club member list that should come out about the end of September. There is a time sensitive date to make changes to prevent paying for members that will not be continuing with your club in the new Kiwanis year. I am pleased to say that as of September 7, EC&C shows a net increase of 144 members compared to the total at September 30, 2015. Thank you to everyone for your efforts to increase membership. Thank you also to those club openers who have formed new clubs during this administrative year.

Your incoming LG will be speaking to each club about the Kiwanis International Strategic Plan either directly or at Divisional Caucus Meetings. The IPlan is the International Plan that is very similar to the EC&C 4 Pillars that were developed about 4 years ago by the District. Your clubs will be receiving more information as we move forward.

We do not know what the exchange rate on the US portion of your Kiwanis dues is at this time. It is normally set closer to September 30 each year by Kiwanis International. I also anticipate that your EC&C Board will be approving a reduction in District dues for this year. The Long Range Planning Committee, Past Lieutenant Governors' Committee and the Past Governors' Committee have all been involved in these discussions and I thank them for their input and recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Working to Serve the Children of the World, I remain

**Allen Ure Governor**

## From the Editor's Desk



So we are almost at the end of another wonderful Kiwanis year. The administrations are now 'wrapping up', trying to complete outstanding projects and some persons may even be thinking of taking a rest. However, we all know that there is no rest from Kiwanis work since we serve the children of the world and #KidsneedKiwanis.

While watching the Olympics recently, the value of endurance was reinforced when I saw Mo Farah fell, got up, ran the race and won the gold medal in the 10,000M. He later said that while he was down he thought about how he could not let down his stepdaughter and that prodded him to get up and go.

As Kiwanians we cannot afford to disappoint those we serve so we must therefore, hold fast to our belief and to that which we have committed and find the strength to get up and go when and if we fall.

Let us re-ignite, re-connect and re-energize the dream going forward into 2016/2017.

In Kiwanis Service  
Merdina Callum

Greetings Fellow Kiwanians

*Eliminate Campaign Update, 2016*

The Eliminate Campaign Progress Report for September has just been released. Please take a moment to study it.

We are pleased to report that our District of EC&C is only 7% away from fulfilling our goal of \$2,903,554 pledges made.

We now can see the finish line just ahead in the near future. However, if your club has not fulfilled its pledge, **NOW IS THE TIME TO CONSIDER MAKING A FINAL CONTRIBUTION TO SAVE MOTHERS AND BABIES FROM THE SCOURGE OF MATERNAL NEO-NATAL TETANUS!**

Why, do you ask? Well, in early 2015, our own Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button along with UNICEF Canada received the support of the Federal Government of Canada with a matching commitment up to \$2.5 million dollars. This matching formula will expire on December 31, 2016. Every dollar contributed to the Eliminate Project through to the end of this year will be matched by Canada.



For our Caribbean Brothers and Sisters, you too can contribute by sending in your donation to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada who will ensure that these funds will be matched by Canada and sent to UNICEF. Please consider making one last push to save the lives of mothers and babies in the 19 countries still ravaged by this terrible disease.

***"ENERGIZE THE DREAM"!!***  
***Phil Rossy, Governor Designate***

**A Charitable Reward**

Burt Green, Past President Fredericton Kiwanis, being welcomed to the Lincoln Road Irving Big Stop Charity Table by Restaurant Receptionist Emma Lynn Farrow.

Every month a different charity is selected to be Charity of the Month and thus receives a portion of the receipts for all sales at that particular table.

Kiwanis Fredericton was pleased to be the charity chosen for the month of August and part of September 2016.

This helps to support the ongoing work of Kiwanis and the signage provides excellent visibility in the community.



# Youth Protection Week, September 11-17, 2016

Nothing is more important than the safety of those we serve. That's what Youth Protection Week is all about. September 11-17 is a great time for clubs to review the Youth Protection guidelines and complete the training.

## Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines

Kiwanis youth protection guidelines are reviewed each year by the Kiwanis International Board. Each member of your Kiwanis

club needs to be provided with a copy—and Youth Protection Week is a great time to share this important document. This training is offered by the club, district, or the online tool at <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/risk-management/youth-protection-guidelines#.V9NTt3xTHr>.

**Protect yourself...  
and those you serve.**  
Kiwanis Youth Protection Week is September 11–17

**Has your club reviewed the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines—and completed the annual youth protection training?** Youth Protection Week is the perfect time! Remember to discuss our new policy: On October 1, all Kiwanis advisors to a Service Leadership Program must have a criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

Get ready. Get informed.  
[kiwanis.org/youthprotection](http://kiwanis.org/youthprotection)

**Kiwanis**

## **An update from John Shertzer, Chief Programs Officer Kiwanis International on the new policy of SLP advisor background checks as it relates to Eastern Canada and the Caribbean**

September 9, 2016

*We are still working on the best process for SLP Kiwanis Advisors in Canada to have background checks verified by Kiwanis International. Because of that, we will delay the implementation (originally set for October 1) of the policy for these advisors in Canada indefinitely. Once a solution is developed, we will provide notice 30 days before it's implemented.*

*Because the Caribbean nations are connected to the ECC district, they will also be included in this delay.*

*This delay only affects background checks for Kiwanis Advisors to an SLP in Canada and Caribbean. The background check process remains the same for all other programs such as Key Leader and the Key Club International convention in which background checks are included in the registration costs.*

*John Shertzer  
Chief Programs Officer  
Kiwanis International*

Your club's efforts during Youth Protection Week are important to the commitment that all Kiwanians must share. Thank you for strengthening the Kiwanis family's continuing status as a leader in building the next generation of service.

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## THE ELIMINATE PROJECT'S FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

**ELIMINATE**  
maternal/neonatal tetanus  
K **Kiwanis** | unicef

August 8, 2016

Robert Johnston  
President  
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Dear Robert,

Congratulations and thank you!

Your club achieved a very distinct honor. Barrie has earned the President's Award for raising the highest per-member average amount of money for The Eliminate Project in all of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District. We determined this honor based on our records as of December 31, 2015—the end of the active fundraising campaign for The Eliminate Project.

Thanks to your leadership, many clubs have made commitments to Kiwanis' goal of eliminating MNT. In fact, more than 88 percent of clubs have contributed to the campaign. This truly reflects our world-wide commitment to serving children.

We encourage you to share this news with your club members, and we hope you will pass along the eternal gratitude of us personally and of all the mothers all over the world whose lives and families will be spared the tragedy of MNT.

With gratitude,

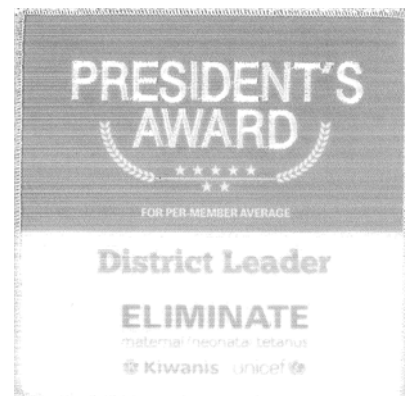


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## Canada – America (CAN-AM) Interclub Tradition Continues

Since the mid 1970's the Kiwanis Club of Manotick in Division 13 – Ottawa Valley of EC&C District has been exchanging interclub gatherings with the Kiwanis Club of Norwood in St. Lawrence Division of the New York District. In the early days the numbers attending were larger with a bus load going to an interclub. However, the numbers going now days are smaller but the fellowship, friendship and fun still continues.

On August 22, 2016, there was a very successful **CAN-AM inter-club** with the **KC of Norwood** and several other clubs from the St Lawrence Division in Norwood, NY. After a 2 hour drive from Manotick and Ottawa, the Manotick Kiwanians and guests arrived about 5 pm in the Village of Norwood, NY. In attendance from the Kiwanis Club of Manotick were RT Glenn Pushman, Lucie Sauvageau, LGD Ralph Tweedie, Claude Laperrière, PLG Gary Coulombe, Elaine Arseneault, Colin and Flo Crosbie, and Rich and Sylvia McDonald. PLG Firma French from the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa West also attended.

We were greeted by longtime member of the Norwood Kiwanis Club **Joe Swan** who passed along good wishes to both Greg Newton and Dale Davidson of the KC of Manotick. President **Patti Dean**, Treasurer **Gabby Martineau**, Secretary **Joan Eurto** and the other members of the Norwood Kiwanis Club also welcomed us to this special meeting. The meeting took place in the arena located on Norwood Beach in the Village of Norwood. The tables set up were adorned with colourful balloons and both American and Canadian flags.



After an hour of socializing the dinner meeting started with both National Anthems being sung and led by our own Sheila McDonald from Manotick. We then enjoyed BBQ Ribs, Chicken and salads and followed by a special **CAN-AM decorated cake** which had been made by President Patti Dean herself. The meal and dessert were scrumptious. The members of the head table each took a turn speaking. Both LGD Ralph Tweedie and Regional Trustee Glenn Pushman thanked our hosts for the lovely evening, talked about the tradition of these CAN-AM events and made a point to invite the members of the Norwood Kiwanis club to attend our Manotick Kiwanis Charter night event on November 5.

Speakers also included President **Patti Dean**, St. Lawrence Division Lt. Governor **Marylee Ballou**, and State Assembly-women **Russell** who talked about the need for meal

programs for children in the area especially during the summer months when the need is greatest.

The evening closed with the 50/50 draw and the draw for gift baskets. Flo Crosbie went away happy after she won one of two gift baskets.

We all left around 8 pm after many goodbyes and wishes to see each other again soon.

*Submitted by RT Glenn Pushman, Interclub Chair for the Kiwanis Club of Manotick*





President of Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica, Llewelyn Allen, presents book on Kiwanis History in Jamaica to Maura Barry-Boyle Mission Director USAID. She was the guest speaker at the All-island Convention held at Moneague on Sunday, August 28, 2016.

  
**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEPEAN PUSH FOR CHANGE RALLY**  
 CENTREPOINTE THEATRE, 101 CENTREPOINTE DRIVE  
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 FROM 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
  
 THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEPEAN WELCOMES JOE ROBERTS  
 AND HIS PUSH FOR CHANGE PROJECT TO OTTAWA.  
 JOE IS PUSHING A SPECIALLY DESIGNED SHOPPING CART  
 ACROSS CANADA TO DRAW AWARENESS TO THE ISSUE  
 OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN CANADA.  
[www.thepushforchange.com](http://www.thepushforchange.com)  
  
 MATT SKUBE OF CTV OTTAWA WILL BE THE MC FOR THE EVENT  
 FEATURING PERFORMERS FROM THE KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL,  
 DEPUTY MAYOR MARK TAYLOR AND A CIVIC PROCLAMATION OF  
**"JOE ROBERTS – PUSH FOR CHANGE DAY"** IN OTTAWA AS WELL  
 AS FUNDRAISING PRESENTATIONS FROM VARIOUS YOUTH GROUPS.  
  
 PLEASE JOIN US TO WELCOME JOE ROBERTS  
 AND ENJOY A FREE "MEET AND GREET BBQ"  
 TO FOLLOW IN THE ATRIUM



Hon. Robert Montague MP., Minister of National Security, Jamaica accepts a token of appreciation from Lieutenant Governor Designate Eileen Donaldson of Division 23 East on Sunday, August 28, 2016.



The minister who is a former Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, in his address urged the movement to play a greater role in the fight against crime and violence in the country. This, he said can be done, by reaching out to more young people and instill in them a culture of service and respect for law and order.



## Faith and volunteerism drive Brampton's Citizen of the Year

Faith and volunteerism are twin principles that have guided Marjorie Taylor's life.

Whether it was helping out at her church (Christ Church Brampton) or at United Achievers' Club (UAC), a non-profit that runs programs and services for Canadians of black as well as Caribbean heritage, Taylor serves the community with the same devoted sense of duty she uses to tackle everything else.

Taylor was recognized as the 2016 Brampton Citizen of the Year award at a ceremony at The Rose Theatre, Wednesday (May 24).

"My philosophy is to live each day as if were my last," Taylor told The Guardian. "Growing up in a financially challenged home and later as a single-mom, many people helped me during many critical moments. So, it's incumbent on me that I give back..."

A case in point: two decades ago, Taylor's son, who was 11 then, was diagnosed with leukemia. It was a stressful time for Taylor and her three children. As the sole breadwinner in the family, the young mother juggled work and the duties of caregiving with stoicism.

One day, she recalled, she was completely overwhelmed by it all and disheartened. However, when she arrived home from work, there in the middle of the living room was a huge care basket filled with food, chocolates, crayons and other goodies along with a heart warming note from her children's school.

"How could I have not given back," asks Taylor who has been a door-to-door canvasser for the Canadian Cancer Society for more than 22 years. "I have always had an attitude of gratitude and my volunteerism comes from the fact that more I gave, (the) more I got..."

Taylor, who has called Brampton home for more than three decades, arrived in Canada from Jamaica in 1969. Her professional life included stints in administration with Metropolitan Toronto Library, Women's College, and Peel Memorial Hospital. After her retirement in 2007, volunteering became a calling.



*Marjorie Taylor, the Brampton Guardian 2015 Citizen of the Year, with Patricia Lonergan, editor in chief of the Brampton Guardian, at Brampton's Rose Theatre.  
Photo by Bryon Johnson*



Over the past decade and more, Taylor has served as the president of the Kiwanis Club of Brampton and UAC. She continues to be involved in several fundraisers such as the Celebrity Chef-Men Who Cook, scholarship programs for students, Kiwanis's Celebrity Clown, and others.

Tom Allain, Brampton businessman and fellow member of the Kiwanis Club of Brampton, has witnessed Taylor's giving and says she exemplifies the power of volunteerism.

"Marjorie is a doer and then some," Allain said. "Although giving is in her nature, I have to tell you, Marjorie has a rather unassuming demeanour about her volunteer commitments and contributions to our community. She's never one to seek the limelight but rather quietly takes pride and pleasure in those fleeting moments knowing she has done well. More importantly, she inspires the people around her to do well in striving to make a difference for so many in the community."

**Brampton Guardian**  
By Radhika Panjwani

# Reading Around The World

## *Reading Project (Ecole maternelle de Morne Calebasse)*

The Kiwanis Club of Cœur-de-Créole organized a reading program under the theme **Read Around The World** at the kindergarten «Morne Calebasse».

The book selected, «**The wolf who wanted to change his colour**» is a French book that has been translated in creole by writer Mr BOOKMAN.

Mr BOUKMAN told the story to the kids in creole while Françoise, member of the KC of Cœur-de-Créole, was translating in French.

This interactive presentation allowed the children to answer questions, make comments and actively participate.

After having heard the story told by Mr BOOKMAN and our Kiwanian Françoise, each child has received a book.



Immediately, the children opened their book and searched the images of the story. This has been a wonderful moment for the kids.





## New Aktion Club Formed



PLG Robert Pilot and his committee at the **Kiwanis Club of Pembroke** in Division 13 – Ottawa Valley have worked hard to form an Aktion Club in Pembroke, Ontario over this past year.

They were successful and the inaugural meeting of the **Pembroke Aktion Club** was held in the latter part of August, 2016.

*Submitted by Glenn Pushman, Trustee for Region C*

## Woodlawn Youth Service Project

The Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia held its annual Picnic BBQ for the Day Camp children of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Halifax on Tuesday August 23 at the Kiwanis Center Beach & Park Morris Lake.

The event team comprised 9 members and 2 friends. There were 160 persons in attendance and 336 hot dogs and 144 bottles of water were served.

The Kiwanis Center Beach & Park Morris Lake is owned and operated by the Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour-Westphal.

From Ron. Burbidge, Secretary, Kiwanis Club of Woodlawn



# Génipa



This year's KIWANIS ONE DAY project was done in partnership with AMEDAV and called «Bouchons d'amour». We greeted seven deaf-mute children accompanied by their educators and the psychologist in June.

All the guests were touched and the club members attending appreciated this wonderful moment of exchange.

The boys and girls explained how they spend their time at the Center and showed some of the pieces they recognised. All the explanations were done, thanks to the sign language, their only means of communication.

One of them helped with simultaneous interpretation as he mastered a little more the language.

We received a life lesson with the «joie de vivre» of those youth despite their disability.



Each child received a token of appreciation and expressed their thanks as we shared friendship while doing our utmost to exchange with them.

Madeleine CIVATON  
President 2015/2016