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Energize
the dream



Governor Phil Rossy



Editor's Note

And then it was time for Governor Phil and Lady Dianne to visit the rock we call home, Jamaica. It was a highly anticipated trip and Kiwanians in Jamaica could not get enough of them as there were so many places to visit and so many things to do.



The trip although short, met its expectation and I am sure gave Governor Phil an insight of how passionate Jamaicans are about energizing the dream to serve the children of the World.

Photos of Governor Phil and Lady Dianne are the highlight of this newsletter and I hope you will enjoy.

You too can share the Governor's visit to your neck of the wood by emailing me at callu8@hotmail.com.

In Kiwanis service,

Merdina Callum

Governor's Message

My Fellow Kiwanians,

For every past, present and future Governor of our District, the visit to Jamaica is a moving experience. For "Lady D" and myself, this was certainly no different. In January, our visit to Montego Bay and deep into the surrounding countryside of Western Jamaica gave us the opportunity to see firsthand the amazing work of Kiwanis as "We Build". Dianne and I attended many club meetings to touch and experience how Kiwanis is an important part of the fabric of Jamaican society in service to "one child and one community at a time".



We visited schools in need of Kiwanis everywhere, where we provide resources such as Water Tanks to bring children a consistent means of water for drinking, handwashing and toilets. In addition, our clubs provide breakfast and lunch programs, books and reading materials, school supplies and much more to meet the needs of children. We saw firsthand how Kiwanis members paint schools, build kitchens, install plumbing and do whatever is needed for the children.



Many of these underfunded schools rely on Kiwanis to meet these basic needs. I am sure there are many more opportunities that

clubs in our District can contribute towards future projects such as "Raising The Roof" for a school? Can you help?

Dianne and I also travelled to Kingston to meet with members of Divisions 23 East and West and again we saw firsthand the great work of Young Children Priority One as Kiwanis supports the Pediatric Centre for mothers and babies at the UWI Hospital in Kingston. What a Kiwanis moment that was!!



We wish to thank all the tremendous efforts of the organizers and hosts who made our visit so memorable. I am so honoured and privileged to say "I am a Kiwanian!!"

*Phil Rossy
Governor 2016-17*

A little girl having fun as Lady Dianne swings her.



"Energize The Dream.....that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved."



#KidsNeedKiwanis

Santa Claus Event - Palm Beach Club in Aruba

On Saturday, December 17, 2016, Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach held their Santa Claus Event in the main street of the capital of Aruba, Oranjestad. It was a joint project with the Social Affairs Department of government of Aruba and 76 needy kids were identified and invited to participate. It being Christmas and Santa Claus time, the club decided to provide a unique experience to those children. This included picking up the kids by bus and giving them the chance to ride on the Street Cars that the Main Street is popular for, led by our own Santa Claus. At the end of the main street, the kids together with Santa Claus stepped down at the Plaza Niki Habibe stopped where the members of Palm Beach Club had converted the Plaza into an entertainment area and arranged for the Christmas gifts to be presented to them. Snack boxes, olliebollen, a Dutch Christmas snack, and juices were enjoyed by the kids while Santa Claus handed out gifts to each child and allowed them to sit next to him. Santa was ably assisted by an amicable clown who also entertained the children.



This project could not have been possible without the help of the private sector who sponsored the decorations at the event, the olliebollen, the chairs and table and the taking and printing of the pictures..

Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach Aruba forms part of **Kiwanis International**, which is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. For more information about Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach,

please visit our website at www.kiwanisclubpalmbeach.com or our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/kiwanispalmbeach>.



Governor Phil Rossy and Lady Dianne visit to Jamaica



From second left, Lieutenant Governor Allan Causwell, Governor Elect, Robert Mooyoung and Regional Trustee Veviene McDonald -Calder were on hand to welcome Governor Phil and his wife, Lady Dianne upon their arrival at the Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay, Jamaica on January 17, 2017.



Welcome reception for Governor Phil and Lady Dianne at the Grandiosa Hotel in Montego Bay, Jamaica, January 18, 2017.



Governor Phil pins Inlen Johnson during the Anniversary meeting at Ramble



Lady Dianne and Governor Phil with kids from the New Falmouth Basic School



Division 25 K-Kids Charter Ceremony at New Hprizon Prep School in Westmoreland The members pose with Governor Phil, Lady Dianne and members of Division 25 team.



The Negril Point team including SLP



Kiwanis Club of Ramble celebrates Kiwanis International 102 Anniversary with Governor Phil, (centre) Lady Dianne and President Kaydeen Miles

Jamaica Visit...



Soon it was party time at Ramble Club in Hanover to celebrate Kiwanis 102. At right Governor Phil and Distinguished Governor Hope “getting down” as we say in Jamaica.

DIVISIONS 23 EAST and WEST WELCOME GOVERNOR PHIL AND LADY DIANNE



DLG Willie Reeson, President of Kingston Club greets Lady Dianne



DP Arlene, presented Governor Phil with a Jamaican scarf.



Governor Phil even had his own water, courtesy of Region G



Governor Phil was delighted to receive his bottle of Wray & Nephew.

Governor Phil and Lady Dianne visited the Paediatric Ward at the University Hospital of the West Indies



It was a Division 23 East Young Children Priority One project and Governor Phil and wife, Lady Dianne visited with the babies, their parents, nurses and doctors. Gift items were presented to the babies, courtesy of CARIMED. Governor Phil also presented Kiwanis pins to the Doctor and the Matron on the Ward.



Courtesy Call - Canadian High Commission



From left, Lady Dianne, Sylvain Fabi, Canadian High Commissioner and Governor Phil



From right, PLG Ralston, District Trustee; LG Christine, Division 23 West; Sylvain Fabi, Canadian High Commissioner; Lady Dianne, Governor Phil; LG Eileen, Division 23 East, GE Bobby and DBE Merdina

Luncheon



Luncheon hosted by Divisions 23 East and 23 West at the NCB Atrium



The launch of the "Don't Text and Drive" by Liguanea Club.

Profile

Daniel Vigneron – KI VP Candidate

Biography

A member of the Vielsalm Kiwanis Club since 1985, I served as distinguished governor of the Belgium-Luxembourg District. Currently trustee of the Kiwanis International Board, I also served as president of the European Federation and trustee of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. I speak seven languages and have an international business background. Married to Kiwanian Faby Grégoire.

Why did you decide to run for office?

Kids need Kiwanis. To accomplish its mission of "Serving the Children of the World" Kiwanis needs strong leaders with global skills. I want to continue to use my international experience to provide children all over the world with a better future.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?

My Kiwanis experience and professional background have prepared me for serving as vice president. As KI-EF president, I successfully led growth efforts in Europe. As Children's Fund trustee, I greatly increased financial support from European Kiwanians. As Kiwanis International trustee, my passion, skills and experience continue to help build Kiwanis.

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?

I will continue to be a voice for making Kiwanis, a truly international organization that provides tools, resources and training for its members so they can engage effectively in their commitment to children. Increasing and keeping members, securing financial pledges and delivery on our mission will be my primary goals.

Contact Daniel at fb804718@skynet.be. Connect with him on [Facebook](#).

Daniel Vigneron, Candidate
Kiwanis International Vice President



Kiwanis of Fredericton celebrates recent successes



Left to right: Fredericton Kiwanis President Bill Cockburn, Vice President Burt Green, Secretary Murielle Lordon, Treasurer Peter Curtis, Past President Noella LeBrun with the Distinguished Club Award from the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District..

Governor Phil and Lady Diana visit Negril Point - Jamaica



A 400 gallon water tank was donated to the Kiwanis Club of Negril Point by Lieutenant Governor Allan Causwell of Division 25, Cornwall for the Ketto Early Childhood Institution. The water tank was installed at the Institution in the parish of Westmoreland and unveiled by Governor Phil on January 19, 2017 during his visit official visit to Jamaica.

The Ketto Early Childhood Institution has 29 students between the ages of 3 and 6 years enrolled and serves the community of Ketto which is located approximately 15 minutes drive from Negril.



The Kiwanis Club of Negril Point later hosted Governor Phil and Lady Dianna at its Club meeting in the evening. Governor Phil presented each Club member with his Governor's pin.

The highlight of the evening was a cultural presentation by the Green Island High School Drama Department and gave the Governor and Lady Dianna an insight into the Jamaican culture. Refreshment consisting of local dishes including the National Dish - Ackee and Saffish, prepared by members of the club were served.

Giving the gift of Life

It has become a tradition during January of each year for Kiwanis Club of Curacao for members to donate blood at the blood bank of Curacao for the benefit of our community. The club has been doing this for over 25 years and the members are very proud to be in a position to "give" to save a life.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Curacao with the staff of the blood bank.

GREAT PROJECT FOR THE KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT-DE-FRANCE

Reminder :

- April 2013 - 1st defibrillator : Primary school Batelière de Schœlcher
- October 2013 - 2nd defibrillator: City Hall of Schœlcher
- January 2015 - 3rd defibrillator: EPHAD de Bethléem à Schœlcher
- April 2015 - 4th defibrillator: EHPAD MOANCET à Ducos
- November 2015 - 5th defibrillator : Lycée ACAJOU 2

This is the 6th defibrillator that the Kiwanis club of Fort-de-France offered to a school of a Commune du Morne des Esses at Sainte Marie. This Commune is located North Atlantic.



The cardiologist and Kiwanian Dr. Bernard LAVATER, Past Président and Walter Zeller Fellow, explained the program when the Club presented the cardiac defibrillator on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 at 10 am.



The members of the Fort-de-France club, the firefighter, the school management and elected representatives.



The Principal and President Etienne ZIDEE.

Profile

Arthur Riley – KI VP Candidate

As a candidate for Vice President of Kiwanis International, it is important for me to share with you how my personal and professional experiences have contributed to my vision for a bold Kiwanis future of increased partnerships, expanded service, and vigorous growth.

My involvement with Kiwanis was nurtured from a very young age in my Kiwanis family. I worked on service projects and fundraisers at my father's side, and attended many international conventions. These experiences instilled in me the importance of leadership and service to others and led to my membership in Key Club and eventually Kiwanis. Within my home club of Westminster, Maryland, and membership in the Centennial Internet Club I have successfully filled numerous club positions in growth, fundraising, service, and administration. District leadership has also included a variety of positions including Capital District Governor in 2007-2008.



As a Kiwanis International Trustee, I have served as Board Counselor to nine districts and a variety of committee assignments and responsibilities. This experience has provided me with a comprehensive overview of Kiwanis and an appreciation of the potential of Kiwanis while recognizing the opportunities and needs of Kiwanis districts throughout the world.

Outside of Kiwanis, as a pharmacist I have built and successfully managed pharmacy practices for over 45 years. My wife Vickie is a retired elementary school teacher and during our 44 years together we have raised three wonderful children to adulthood and successful careers and have three terrific grandchildren. My family continues the Kiwanis tradition. Vickie is a Past President of the Westminster, MD Kiwanis Club and my three children have been involved in the Kiwanis family as have members of my extended family.

These Kiwanis, professional, and personal experiences are the basis of my bold vision for Kiwanis which includes membership growth, expanded service, and increased recognition of Kiwanis worldwide.

Space does not permit further discussion of my ideas for the future of Kiwanis. Therefore, I invite you to do further investigation by visiting my campaign website, rxarthur.com and introducing yourself to me during the convention in Paris. I look forward to listening to you and working with you in the future. Please cast a vote for Art Riley for Vice President.

Arthur N. "Art" Riley, Candidate
Kiwanis International Vice President



Congratulations to Ralph Celentano and Roy Mezas on their appointment to the new position of Leadership Development Coordinator (LDC), effective March 1, 2017.

- ◆ Reporting to the Governor, LDC Ralph will serve the Eastern Canada area of EC&C and LDC Roy will serve the Caribbean area for the District.
- ◆ The Leadership Development Coordinator (LDC) effectively replaces the Master Trainer position as established by Kiwanis International. The Leadership Development Coordinator provides strategic direction of classroom education programs within the District on behalf of Kiwanis International.