



# Kiwaniis®

## Eastern Canada & Caribbean District

# Newsletter

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### *Editor's Note*

**S**ome of us were not able to physically make it to the 2017 District Convention but we were there in the spirit and we sure felt as if we were therein body; thanks to those who were sharing the happenings via videos, pictures, etc. Isn't technology a wonderful thing?

Congratulations to Ottawa for hosting a great convention and for 100 years of service to our children. Now it's off to making plans for DCON 2018 in Jamaica. But before we do, we get to meet and fellowship again in Paris.

Congratulations are also in order to all who were elected to serve this great organization as they continue to Inspire, Impact, Invest and "Energize the Kiwanis Dream... that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved".

In Kiwanis Service,

Merdina Callum, JP

# Governor's Message

My Fellow Kiwanians.

For those of you who were unable to attend last month's 100<sup>th</sup> annual District Convention for EC&C in Ottawa, I'm pleased to report we had a very successful convention attended by 400+. The results of the survey have told us that this was regarded as one of the most successful District Conventions held in many years.

As Governor, I wish to give my utmost gratitude and thanks to all those who volunteered to make our Convention the great success that it was. Thank you all! Please mark for the 2018 Convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica May 17-19, 2018!



And now on to Paris, France for the Kiwanis International Convention from July 13-15, 2017 in the City of Lights, with more than 100+ delegates from our great District. Vive la France, et Vive L'Amour!

Here are a few pics from the Ottawa Convention.



**Phil Rossy**  
**Governor 2016-17**

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





# # Think you know your Kiwanis District's History?

## 1920

January 23, 1920 – at the KI Board of Trustees meeting the motto **"We Serve"** was officially changed to **"We Build"** and remains unchanged to this day.

October 29, 1920 – District Convention was held in Ottawa, Ontario. This can be truly stated as the first Convention of the Ontario-Quebec District.

## 1921

Acting as chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Harry E. Karr, at the Cleveland Convention presented to the presiding officer at the convention, Roe Fulkerson, the following resolution –



Harry E. Karr



Roe Fulkerson  
First Kiwanis  
Magazine Editor

"Resolved that every effort be made to foster by all means the continued splendid relations between the United States and Canada and to that end the Kiwanis Club of this continent be requested in Canada to set apart a day to be termed "United States Day" and in United States a day to be termed "Canadian Day", on which occasions appropriate exercises will be held in their respective clubs" The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Thus began the tradition of border districts celebrating by having Canada-US Goodwill banquets. This tradition continues today in Region A of Southern Ontario.

On July 3, 1921, the Kiwanis Club of Montreal chartered the Kiwanis Club of Québec. This was the first «French Speaking» club (bilingual) in Kiwanis International.

Correct Picture

November 15, 1916 Canadian pilot William George Barker flying over Ancre River, spots a concentration of German troops massing for a counter-attack on Beaumont Hamel, he sends an emergency Zone Call to break apart the German infantry. Barker later receives the Military Cross.



On that same day, The Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Inc. was chartered and celebrated with a 15-page spread in the Hamilton Spectator devoted to the purpose of Kiwanis.

## 1922

Annual District dues were 25 cents per member. This was also the first year that the District Governor received any financial help.

During the 1922 District convention held in Windsor, Ontario, the District was divided into 3 divisions – East, Central and West. At the beginning of 1923, 3 Lt. Governors were elected.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> International Convention held outside of the US in Toronto in 1922, a significant paragraph in the report of Secretary Parker was of note – He reported –



The fashionably dressed wives of Kiwanians stroll toward a special "Ladies Program" at the 1922 Toronto Convention.

"Probably the program of greatest public significance was the observance of Canadian-United States Days in accordance with a resolution passed at the Cleveland Convention. The period of the observance was set by the Rush-Bagot Agreement, concluded in April 1918, considered probably the most significant historic event from the standpoint of relations between the two countries because it determined the practical disarmament of the Great Lakes and the unfortified border between the two countries. The values in international good will and friendship resulting from these observances are inestimable. Nothing that Kiwanis ever did has received greater public recognition and commendation"

Key Leadership Education

# "KIDDIE BEE" SPELLING COMPETITION

## KIWANIS CLUB OF PROVIDENCE-MONTEGO BAY

The third staging of the Kiwanis club of Providence-Montego Bay's annual "Kiddie Bee" Spelling competition, got under way on April 27, 2017 at the Calvary Baptist Church Hall, Montego Bay with another overwhelming support from the Early Childhood Education Community of Montego Bay and its environs.

The Kiddie Bee Competition, endorsed by the St. James Early Childhood Education Department, commenced three years ago targeting 3-5 year old children in Infant and Basic Schools., This was the first time that the Community of Montego Bay was experiencing any event of that type and it has taken on well with the Schools in and around Montego Bay, it has now become a "Must-participate - in-Event" each year and a signature project of the Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay.

Kiwanis' focus is on Children --- Improving the World, one Child, one Community at a Time; and with its major target market being 0-5 years, the competition was conceived by the Young Children Priority One committee. The objectives of the competition are to enhance spelling and literacy skills, build confidence from an early age and develop healthy competitive skills to help in building a solid foundation for their future education. The number of participants in the project increased from 14 in 2015 to 24 this year.

First place winner was Daniel Gordon of Bogue Hill All Age Infant Department, Second place to Alayna



Crosdale of Bright Horizon Basic School and Ramon Rose of Montego Bay Prep School. Each participant was rewarded with a mini trophy bearing his/her name and School. First place winner was presented with the Major trophy sponsored by Henderson Book Store, a day pass for his family to Hilton Rose Hall Resort, a bag pack from The Gleaner and a tablet sponsored by Alliance Finance Ltd.

Second and third place winners, along with their mini trophies, were also presented with a tablet sponsored by Alliance Finance Ltd. The winning School was presented with a celebratory cake and the champion speller coach, a gift bag.

The Club thanks spell master Reneka Fowler who her role executed with distinction and the entities and individuals that contributed to the event.



## Road Safety - Club Doyen de la Basse-Terre

On April 21, 2017, the Key Club of the Lycée Faustin Fleret de Morne à l'Eau, in partnership with the other Student's Associations of its Lycée, organised a morning program on Road Safety.

Five stands were operated by different groups, Police Force for simulation – motorcycles, Fire Squad to learn Emergency services, and by Driving School teachers using educational games on table, or series of road signs or driving a vehicle on short track. All these activities were available to the students from three schools.

The participants were paying close attention, their interest was obvious. Very useful program to be repeated.



## Funari Centre gets Facelift

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, Kiwanis Club of Aruba together with its 5 SLP's got together to perform their first "Kiwanis Hands-on Day". A total of 85 Kiwanians participated in this project.

The local foundation Funari was selected for the hands-on-project because it operates a center for persons with physical disabilities and they also offer them recreational and educational activities.

The project entailed fixing the walls of the five rooms at the center, painting, cleaning and hanging brand new curtains.



A logo was specially designed for this signature project. Another local organization will be chosen next year.



# Club Of Negril Point 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**T**he Kiwanis Club of Negril Point celebrated its second anniversary with a week of activities which started on Sunday March 19, 2017 with a Church Service at the Assembly of God Church Westland Mountain Road, Negril.

Members of the Club attending included our Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Grace Lee, Immediate Past President, Verlie James, President Elect Geraldine Arthurs, President Carolyn Wright and other Directors and members.



On Tuesday March 21 Club members made a presentation of school supplies to the Gertie McKenzie Early Childhood Institution in Sheffield.



The Club has a Breakfast Feeding Program at the Apostles and Prophets Early Childhood Institution in Whitehall, Negril and on Wednesday March 22 members prepared and provided a hearty breakfast for approximately 38 children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old.



The Club in collaboration with Dr. Richard Crosse and his team from the Eye Health Institute in Boulder, Colorado, USA, organized an eye screening clinic for adults on March 28, 2017. The clinic was held at the St. Helena's Anglican Church in Sheffield and 35 adults were seen.



The Club has also been active in providing Fire Prevention and Safety Education at five Early Childhood Institutions in and around Negril. This was made possible with the assistance of the Fire Prevention Education Department of the Fire Brigade in Savanna La Mar. Approximately 325 children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old participated in this successful project.







# Fredericton Community Foundation "Philanthropy in Action" Dinner

**K**iwanis of Fredericton President Bill Cockburn & Vice-President Burt Green represented Kiwanis at the May 25 "Philanthropy in Action" Dinner of the Fredericton Community Foundation.

Kiwanis Fredericton acknowledges and appreciates the Fredericton Community Foundation contribution of \$2500. to each of the 3 Kiwanis Key Leader Camp Argonaut, May Camps of 2017, 2016 and 2015.

This has made it possible for local youth 14 to 18 to participate in Kiwanis Key Leader "the best of the best" in terms of current Youth Leadership Training.

Registrations are now being accepted for the next Kiwanis Key Leader Camp Argonaut Training scheduled for September 29, 30, October 1, 2017.



## Kites on a roll at Fond Tirand

**O**n Saturday, June 10, the Saint-François Kiwanis Kahouane Club organized its second kite festival at Fond Tirand in Saint-François, Guadeloupe (FWI). Kite enthusiasts, amateurs, nostalgic or simply curious ones, attended this fun and festive event. Besides activities around kites, booths with books, plants or local delicacies were present to entertain the crowd.



The kite-making workshop attracted many people of all ages, eager to design and to go fly their pieces of work. In the afternoon there was a contest, open to both children and adults accompanied by rewards from generous donors.

Sponsors like the Crédit Mutuel of Moule, a major French bank, and the CEMEA (French : Centre d'Entraînement aux Méthodes d'Education Active, « Active education methods training center »), helped the Kiwanis Club to set up this second kite festival. They demonstrated a great way to promote the motto of Kiwanis International: "Serving the Children of the World".



# POETRY RECITATION



Kiwanis St Augustine congratulates young poets... Lt Governor Kennedy Saunders and President Kenwyne James award, Curepe Presbyterian Primary school Suri Saith (winner holding trophy).

Along with 2nd place - St Joseph TML School Mahnoush Hosein and 3rd place Curepe Fatima RC school - Zahara Whiter.



Kiwanis St Augustine President Kenwyne James- 2017 Poetry Recitation Winner, Suri Saith, Curepe Presbyterian Primary School and Class Teacher, with Kiwanis Project Chairman LeslieAnn Baxam

## Trois-Rivieres Kiwanis Club runs around the World in 7 days

Patrick Charlebois, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Trois-Rivieres was a participant in the last edition of the World Marathon Challenge that took place last January. The 2017 World Marathon Challenge ® is a



logistical and physical challenge to run 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days. Competitors must run the standard 42.2 km marathon distance in Antarctica, South America, North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia within 168 hours, or 7 days. The clock starts when the first marathon in Antarctica begins in January 2017.

Charlebois has amassed funds for the Department of Pediatric Children of a local hospital and for that matter, the fundraiser had an objective of 77,777 \$.

# Nostalgic Eliminate Sixties Party



On a Saturday night in May Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach hosted one of the best oldies party on the island of Aruba. It was the club's first 'Nostalgia Sixties Party'. The Party included four oldies band including the highlight of the night 'The Kiwanis Band'. The bands made sure that people went back in time to enjoy and remember the good old sixties. Even the younger crowd present enjoyed the party and twisted and shouted together with the older folks. The party was so good that nobody wanted to leave and they kept asking for more 'tunes' to dance and sing.

This party was a fundraiser exclusively for the Eliminate Project. Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach has pledged to be a model club and the net proceeds raised at this party will complete the pledge to Kiwanis International.

Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach is proud that the island of Aruba could contribute to the Eliminate Project, which serves to eradicate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus together with Kiwanis International and UNICEF. Although, we serve the children of Aruba most of the times, the club is extremely honored and satisfied to support a worldwide project and live the Kiwanis Slogan.

For more information about Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach, please visit our website at [www.kiwanisclubpalmbeach.com](http://www.kiwanisclubpalmbeach.com) or our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/kiwanispalmbeach>.





# Brown's Town Club Marched for the Children

The protection of our Nation's children cannot be solely the responsibility of the government; we all have a role to play. As such this year the Kiwanis Club of Brown's Town decided to observe May 21 to 27 as Children's Week. During the week awareness was raised about the issues faced by our children as well as the promotion of the safety and protection of our children.

The week started out with a Church Service at the Lower Buxton New Testament Church of God in Lower Buxton. In her sermon, Rev Paulette White stated that we cannot just be concerned about our home but we must be concerned about the entire Nation. We have to instil good values in our children, for example: love your neighbour as yourself. When children learn to love God and love themselves they will learn to love their neighbours. If we do not instil values in our children we will produce a Nation that is unproductive. She said we should watch over our children like a hawk - the Hawk watches over their children so that the prey does not destroy them.

On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the March for the Children started from the Round-a-bout in front of JN Bank to the Taxi Stand (Old Market) in front of Juicy Patties. Participants showcased placards with anti-child abuse slogans.



L-R: President Stephen Morrison, Secretary Annie Stephenson, Rev. Paulette White, DP Beverly Riley, DP Pauline Lewis-Redway



Members of the Servite Primary Cub Scout Troop leading the March



Kiwanian George Fagan leading devotional activities at Brown's Town Infant School



Councillor Kim Brown-Lawrence carries placard with Kiwanian

Other activities for the week were the Labour Day project where the Brown's Town Police Station was the focus of the day, devotion at the Kinloss Primary and Infant, Servite Primary, Brown's Town Infant and Priory Infant and Primary and a Prayer Breakfast under the theme "Protecting our Children...Securing our Future."



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Brown's Town, Police Youth Club and Police Officers working together on the Recreation Room.



Member of Parliament's team working on the front of the Police Station