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the dream



Governor Phil Rossy

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Editor's Note



By now the installations are all over and the 2016-2017 administrators are duly installed and have already begun to energize the dream – the Haiti initiative being one of those dreams.

KeyClub week saw an enthusiastic team of young people hard at work, energizing the dream with their many projects and programmes. Let us continue to support and encourage them as they strive to be the leaders we can be proud of.

It is Kiwanis family month and you are being encouraged to reach out and share the love of the Kiwanis family. Some recommended activities are:

- Invite members of Kiwanis' sponsored leadership programs (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International and Aktion Club) to attend or lead a Kiwanis club meeting.
- Have job-shadowing days with members of a sponsored leadership program (SLP) club.
- Plan a parent-appreciation celebration for those members' parents.
- Write notes of encouragement to those members.
- Thank advisors and officers of an SLP club for their dedication.

For more ideas on how to keep the family ties strong, visit Kiwaniis.org.

Thank you for your service to the children.
#KidsNeedKiwaniis

In Kiwanis service,

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Governor's Message

Greetings Fellow Kiwanians.

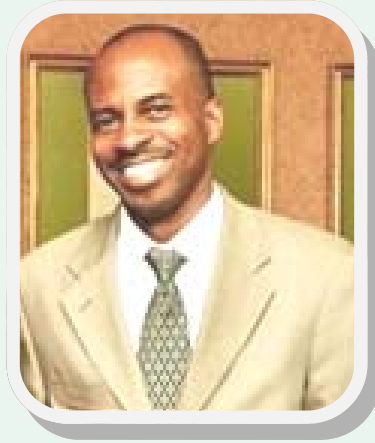
Our 2016-17 Kiwanis year is well under way now, and your "Dream Team 102 LG's and I Plan Teams" are hard at work. I hope you are supporting your Lieutenant-Governors by attending the Divisional Caucus meetings in your Region to learn all you need to know about the I Plan including the Formula goals and objectives for this year.



I want to "feature" two very important Kiwanians who are giving so much of themselves to our District and to you in leading the I Plan/Formula Teams. I Plan/Formula Chair DLG Lloyd Distant, Jr., is based in Kingston, Jamaica and Past Governor Joanne Murray is Vice Chair based in Brantford, ON.



PG Joanne Murray



DLG Lloyd Distant, Jr.

I-PLAN



Together, these outstanding Kiwanians are building and strengthening our Teams and developing SMART goals for all of us to achieve results now and in the coming years as we add new members and clubs, strengthen existing clubs and ensure that member engagement and retention is at the forefront of all we do in EC&C. Here are some of our goals for the 1st quarter for your clubs and members to achieve:

1. Each club to appoint a Membership Chair by October 31, 2016. So far we have 175 out of 245 clubs with a Chair. Has your club met this goal?
2. Conduct a Membership Survey by December 31, 2016. The survey form can be found on the Kiwanis website as well as our District website.
3. Once the survey is completed, sit down with your members and develop a plan to improve member engagement and increase retention.
4. Begin using Kiwanis Approved Logos. These can be found at www.kiwanis.org/brand
5. Appoint a Public Relations Chair to ensure the activities of the Club are recognized in the Community.

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NEPEAN KIWANIS HOSTS JOE ROBERTS AND THE PUSH FOR CHANGE

The Kiwanis Club of Nepean held a rally on September 29th at CentrepoinTE Theatre to welcome Joe Roberts who is pushing a modified shopping cart in his cross-Canada trek to draw awareness and raise funds to combat youth homelessness. The event was well attended by various youth groups and organizations, members of the public and other Kiwanis club members from the Ottawa area.

Gord Clark, President of the Kiwanis Club of Nepean served as Master of Ceremonies for the rally which featured musical presentations by the Spirit of the Streets Choir and classical guitarist Daniel Ramjattan from the Kiwanis Music Festival, a presentation of a civic proclamation by Ottawa City Councillor Keith Egli on behalf of Mayor Jim Watson declaring September 29th "Joe Roberts – Push for Change Day" in Ottawa and an inspiring presentation by Joe Roberts.

Following Joe's presentation, representatives of the 872 Kiwanis Air Cadet Squadron and the Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club made financial presentations to benefit the Push for Change project. The Kiwanis Club of Nepean made a generous \$5,000 pledge to Joe Roberts and his initiative to end youth homelessness in Canada.

A free BBQ followed in the Atrium at CentrepoinTE at which time, attendees had the opportunity to meet and chat with both Joe and his wife Marie who is also his Campaign Manager. Joe expressed his appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Nepean for organizing the event and reiterated his thanks to all Kiwanis members in the Ottawa area for their enthusiastic support of his Push for Change initiative.



Submissions for District Awards for Immediate past Governor Allen's year, 2015-2016, are being accepted until Jan 31, 2017.

Please go to the ECC website under Documents to see which awards your club can submit for.

All submissions should be electronically sent to District Awards Chair, DLG Bob Bogardis at the following email address - robertbogardis@gmail.com.

Don't miss out in getting your club recognized for its achievements.

Thanks,

Bob

Oktoberfest



On Saturday, October 15, 2016, the Kiwanis Club of Elmira hosted the seventh annual Elmira Kiwanis Oktoberfest Haus. Approximately 240 revelers danced, enjoyed kettle fried potato chips, schnitzel or sausage on a bun and drank beer and schnapps. En Prosit and Gemütlichkeit rang throughout the hall.

A live band, Moonshine provided great music for all ages. Twenty-four volunteers and 23 members of Elmira Kiwanis and Waterloo North Satellite pitched in for set-up, worked during the event and had the hall cleaned up by 2:00 AM. As you know, we can't do without the exceptional helping hands of our volunteers. Special thanks is extended to members of the Waterloo Region Male Police Chorus and Elmira Scouts and Ventures.



KC Nipissing Membership Chair and Board member Brandi Venne accompanies one of the participants around the **Kiwanis Mini-triathlon** course then presents her with a Kiwanis Certificate of Participation.

360 children and their families swam, ran and biked throughout the modified course.



Key Leadership Education

Happy New Kiwanis Year! New Club members are our future: treat them well.

Eastern Canada & Caribbean's Education Committee developed and updates a New Member Orientation presentation each year for you to modify for your clubs needs. For not for profit organizations, orientation and training are key elements for member retention. Please feel free to adapt the Member Orientation presentation to highlight your club by adding the following:



- Signature project
- Service projects
- Service Leadership Programs
- Fundraising
- Culture
- Meeting routines
- Communication
- Committees

Find the New Member Orientation at <http://www.kiwanisecc.org/education/>

Submitted by the District Education Committee

Governor's Message cont'd

Our success will be measured in the future by our continued growth and sustainability as an organization. To accomplish this, we will focus on the Four Concepts of the I Plan.

- Inspiration (Members Growth & Retention)
- Impact (Meaningful Service & Signature Projects)
- Image (Enhanced Image in Community)
- Investment (Financial Viability)

I trust and hope that you will support your IPlan/Formula Team leaders and LG's by getting behind the I Plan initiatives and develop your Club's Strategic Plan this year!

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Phil Rossy
Governor 2016-17

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

#KidsNeedKiwanis





If you are planning to invite someone you know to join Kiwanis ...

WHY NOT DO IT NOW?

Any Kiwanis member in North America, including all members of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, who sponsors a new member into a new or existing Kiwanis club between September 25 and November 30, 2016, will automatically receive one entry in a draw to win two round-trip tickets to anywhere in continental North America.

The sponsor's name must be properly recorded in the club secretary dashboard or through Kiwanis International member services.

The draw will take place Friday, December 2, 2016 by an independent party.

Ticket value may not exceed US\$500 per ticket (US\$1,000 total). For official rules, eligibility and terms and conditions, please visit kiwanis.org/kick-start.

SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER AND BE ENTERED TO WIN

THE KIWANIS WAY

In 2011, the Kiwanis Club of Brantford, Ontario began seeking a partnership opportunity to develop a signature project, focusing on the needs of children in the east end of the city. After more than a year of community consultations and meetings, the decision was made to partner with the Grand Erie District School Board and Brantford City Council to build “Kiwanis Field.”

The project, to be located at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, would be a multi-purpose athletic facility and include the city’s first synthetic turf playing surface as well as an eight lane rubberized track. The sports complex would be designed for track and field, football, rugby, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey as well as provide a new home for Special Olympics at an estimated cost of two million Canadian dollars. The project would be supported by a \$400,000 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.



In May 2015, construction got underway. Kiwanians began to visit the site regularly to watch the field take shape and ponder the potential impacts the club’s investment would have on the well being of the children in the community.

The dream finally came true on June 26, 2016 when “Kiwanis Field” was officially opened with thundering applause at a fun filled Grand Opening Event attended by hundreds of children and adults from across of the city.

There was additional cause for celebration that day. In recognition of the Kiwanis Club’s support and dedication to the completion of the project, Brantford’s City Council changed the name of the street on which Kiwanis Field is located. It is now known as “**KIWANIS WAY.**”





**"NO MORE
Names Here"**



From left is Beverley Thompson, Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor; Betty Ann Blaine, founder of Hear the Children's Cry; Joylene Griffiths-Irving, Executive Director of Scotiabank Foundation - sponsor of the event; Senator Dr. Angella Brown-Burke, Mayor of Kingston and St. Andrew and Eileen Hooper, Lieutenant Governor.

There was not a dried eye at the Crying Child Monument at the Secret Gardens as members of Kiwanis Division 23 East partnered with Hear the Children Cry, an advocate group for children for a candle light vigil on Thursday evening, October 13, 2016 in protest and to commemorate the lives of the children lost under tragic and violent circumstances.

The speakers, collectively, urged everyone to become vigilant in the care and protection of our children to listen to them, watch over them and ensure they grow into the persons they can become.

The monument which is situated at Church Street, Kingston was erected in 2008 and is now running out of space to etch names due to the violence being perpetrated against our children. A call to action was for us to go back to the days when "the village raised the child".



The night had Kiwanians, corporate Jamaica, the Mayor of the City, Key Clubbers, Police, media and other well-wishers sharing in the vigil, expressing their thoughts, praying and hoping that no more names will be added to the monument.

Elmira Citizenship Ceremony

The Citizenship Ceremony was originally conceived by John Darling and organized by the Rockway Golden Age club over 25 years ago. When they found the event organization to be too daunting, it was organized by the Kiwanis Club of Waterloo North, (now the Kiwanis Waterloo North Elmira Satellite). It is celebrated during Oktoberfest in Kitchener Waterloo, the largest Oktoberfest festival outside of Munich, Germany.

A.R. Kaufman school opened its' doors for students on February 2, 1973. There were approximately 425 students attending classes from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

A.R. Kaufman is a unique school and well known in this area for its cultural diversity. There are approximately 40 countries represented in the school. Many of the students were welcomed into the gym to be present during the ceremony. The general public was also welcomed.



The principal, Pam Kaur was delighted to sponsor the ceremony. She believes it gives the students a learning opportunity. Many of them have already received their citizenship. The support and enthusiasm of Pam Kaur and A.R. Kaufman is very much appreciated."

Kiwanis Waterloo North, satellite club of the
Kiwanis Club of Elmira.

If you require any more information please
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Ron Wagner
Secretary
Club Kiwanis of Elmira



A WARM BATH AT LAST

On Thursday September 29 at 12:30 p.m., the penultimate day of the 2015-2016 administration, 7 dedicated Kiwanians along with the administrative staff, caregivers and residents of Sophie's Place gathered anxiously for the handing over ceremony of a much needed Solar Water Heater.



Persons who have been to Gordon Town, Jamaica during the year would understand the anxiety as the weather is not the typical warm Jamaican weather so a cold bath, particularly for children is not a welcoming chore in those areas. The staff and wards shared expressions of gratitude on being able to have comfortable warm shower any time of the day now. "We are eternally grateful for this gift" said Mrs. Opal Bailey, Manager of the Home.



Sophie's Place is a child advocacy centre, focused on providing specialized services to physically, mentally or sexually abused children up to age 18 in a child-friendly setting.

The centre provides an opportunity to participate in the safeguarding of the children of Jamaica and in playing a key role in their healing process. Sophie's Place also operates a basic school.



This gift was made possible through a grant from the Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica.

Present at the ceremony were Immediate Lieutenant Governor Beverley Thompson, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Gerthlyn – representing Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica, Immediate Past President Audrey, District Bulletin Editor Merdina, Director Dianne, Co-Chairman Pat Whyte, Chairman Nadia.