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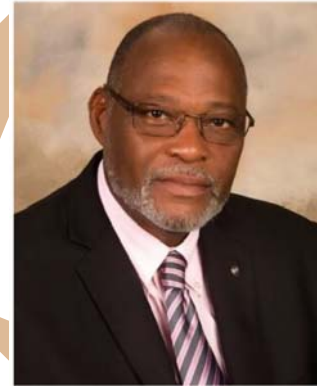
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# Governor's Message

## Melford "Mel" Clarke



**W**elcome to a new Kiwanis Year. The administrative Year 2018-2019 promises to be exciting and full of fun. Our efforts will be centered around you, the members of this great Eastern Canada and Caribbean District. We will be inspiring you to commit, serve and grow your Club, Division and District with the ultimate goal of moving Kiwanis from a Good organization to a Great Organization.

My first message to you is about our Theme: "Inspire to Commit, Serve and Grow".

You are a Kiwanian because you were invited to our organization by someone who felt you could add value to what we were currently doing. That was perhaps a year, five years or thirty-plus years ago.

Let us examine ourselves. Are we satisfied with the organization as it is? Does Kiwanis still meet our expectations? The record shows that our membership is declining. How do these statistics affect our organization, clubs and communities? Why do our members leave? The answers to all these questions are rooted in our desire to be inspired to do more and assist our fellow Kiwanians to grow personally.

As leaders, we have one primary responsibility that if properly executed, can shut the backdoors of our clubs and increase community service.

One definition of the word inspire is "to fill someone with the urge or ability to do or feel something" (oxforddictionaries.com). I would like all of you divisional and district leaders to ask yourselves... "What can I do to fill Kiwanians with the urge to serve in Kiwanis? How can I INSPIRE Kiwanians to Commit, Serve and Grow?"

As leaders, we sometimes get lost in the doing and fall short in inspiring others to do. Leadership is not about a designation, it is about influence, inspiration and im-

We need to be committed to the objects and purpose of Kiwanis, which will in-turn motivate us to serve the children of the world. This motivation and commitment would then move us to seek the assistance of family, friends, and colleagues.

While this would result in additional service hours within the community, the greater goal is that, it inspires us to lead those who want to be a part of us and our purpose-driven attitude to the organization. This will lead to an overall growth of the organization. Like in all business, money is needed to service the projects.

We must be able to work this theme **"INSPIRE TO COMMIT, SERVE and GROW"** to help meet our expectations. When choosing a project, club members must be committed to ensure its success. Others in the community will see what we are doing and want to be a part of the activity. Those seeing and wanting, is the trigger for you to inspire them to serve. Eventually you will invite them to your meeting. One new member is a plus growth for the organization. The domino effect is that we now have one more hand to do service. One more member to contribute to the financial pot, which would help at least four more needy persons or assist with the children we are mandated to help.

I encourage you to inspire others to commit to Kiwanis, serve to achieve our objectives and grow our District. This is my goal for 2018-2019. Wishing each of you a healthy and successful year. **#KidsNeedsKiwanis, #InspiretoCommitServeGrow.**

In Service,  
**Governor Mel**  
**Kiwanis EC&C Governor**

# MEET YOUR 2018/2019 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

## Florencia “Poly” Lat

Florencio “Poly” Lat of the Philippines was elected as president at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is a charter Walter Zeller Fellow and a Diamond-level George F. Hixon Fellow.

Poly has been a Kiwanis member for 30 years. He became president of the Kiwanis Club of Inter City Homes, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila, in 1991, Lieutenant Governor in 2000, District Governor in 2011-12 and Kiwanis International trustee from 2013 to 2016. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis clubs of Inter City Homes, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila; Manila Bay and Fort Bonifacio Global City.

He is one of the Distinguished District Governors honored at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. He was also a recipient of the Presidential Inspiration Award and Legion of Honor. Kiwanis ASPAC conferred him the awards as Champion in New Kiwanis and SLP Club Building in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and completed the grand slam when the Philippine Luzon District also won ASPAC’s Best Service Project Award during his term as District Governor.

In addition to these recognitions under his leadership, Kiwanis received The Outstanding Philippine Leadership Excellence Award in Philanthropy (TOPLEAP Award) for Environment from a joint project of the Rotary Club



Convention, he was presented the Centennial Award, the first for members of Kiwanis Asia-Pacific. Poly spends his non-Kiwanis time having fun with his family and friends.

He is married to Susan and blessed with three professional children (Ms. Diane, Dr. Dan and Dra. Geline) who all graduated from the University of the Philippines.

He derives great joy as grandpa playing with his three grandchildren, Iñigo, Nica and Lia.

After 35 years of outstanding service with the Philippine National Bank, he retired as senior vice presi-





## A portrait of a middle-aged man with short, graying hair, wearing glasses, a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The portrait is centered within a white square frame. Surrounding this central frame are four large, solid green triangles pointing outwards towards the corners of the slide. In the top right corner, the word 'Role' is partially visible in a blue font.

## A portrait of Dr. Robert M. Anderson, President of the American College of Sports Medicine. He is an older man with short grey hair, wearing glasses, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is smiling at the camera against a plain white background.

**"Leadership is the art of getting others to do something you want done and with the inspiration and motivation they are convinced and want to do"**

My vision is building leaders and that is what we need in Kiwanis, "LEADERS"

I would like to work diligently to engage and motivate members so they learn, read, think critically, create, collaborate, and ultimately become life-long learners and leaders which I know is not an easy task.

This vision and purpose must be driven through a mission by establishing mutual respect, trust, and a safe environment for all to lead by example.

Leadership is about forging relationships and perpetuating centered on and around a common values.

Yours in service,

Robert "Bob" Spellens  
Governor Elect

Send your story to: [callu78@hotmail.com](mailto:callu78@hotmail.com)



# Campaign provides 20 schools with new supplies

A long-running program, jointly operated by the Sarnia-Lambton Golden K Kiwanis Club and Sarnia's Staples Business Depot, has provided students in 20 schools across Lambton County with over \$8,000 of school supplies.

The Kiwanis-Staples Back to School Supply Drive was founded in 2003 and since then has provided thousands of local students who are in need with everything from backpacks and headsets to pencils and calculators.

Staples employees hold summer barbecues and ask customers for donations to the program while Kiwanians host a two-day barbecue over the September Labour Day weekend in front of Sarnia's Staples to raise funds.

School principals from across the county are sent letters every year, asking what supplies are most needed by children in their facilities and every September, members of Kiwanis and Staples drop off the requested supplies.

This year the annual school supply drive was the biggest one yet, said Kiwanis organizer Sheila Donald, reaching 20 schools from Sarnia to Brigiden to Kettle Point and Forest.

"It's a wonderful achievement and it's rewarding to know that the people in the community are so supportive," she said. "Especially when we tell them that the money raised for this joint project goes right back into the community, helping our kids."

Staples Business Centre general manager Lynn Faubert, who is also a Kiwanis member, said the annual supply drive is intended to make all students feel equal.

"Sheila and I have been doing this for 12 years and it's pretty exciting," she said. "We've gone from about eight schools to 19 schools and we're going and growing. It's really important because it gives kids in need



Colonel Cameron Public School students Marley, Blaine and Colton hold up new school supplies donated to the school by the Sarnia-Lambton Golden K Kiwanis Club, Staples and a donation from Sombra's Sunset Produce facility. Carl Hnatyshyn/Sarnia This Week.

"And it's very rewarding to be a part of it," Faubert added. "It makes you appreciate partners like Kiwanis and our school partners. The money we raise adds up to us being able to help out so many students. It's simply awesome." New this year to the program was a \$690 donation from employees at Sombra's Sunset Produce facility, earmarked for supplies at Corunna's Colonel Cameron School.

The idea to contribute to the Back to School Supply Drive was an easy sell for all employees at the facility said Sunset human resource

generalist Louise Pryla.

"Honestly, the more we heard about it, it just sounded like such a fantastic opportunity to give back to the kids themselves. We liked the fact that the money was going to be based on the kids' needs," she said. "We were very fortunate that our company was very generous, they gave us some swag and we sold some of that to raise the money. But mostly it was just employee donations and we were really proud how much we raised."

Donald said she expects the program to reach even more schools next year.

"We're not going to stop this ball rolling for any reason," she said, smiling. "So beware for next year."

Carl Hnatyshyn



Golden K Kiwanis member/Back to School Supply Drive organizer Sheila Donald, Sunset Produce's Louise Pryla and Leanna James and General Manager of Sarnia's Staples Business Depot Lynn Faubert presented Colonel Cameron students with their new supplies on Sept. 21. Carl Hnatyshyn/Sarnia This Week.



# Governor Melford Clarke conducts Changing of the Guard at Division 23 East



Governor Mel and Distinguished Governor Hope Markes.



Governor Mel, second right with IPG Bobby pose with a member of the disability community and staff/family member.

From left, Governor Mel, Immediate Past Governor Bobby and Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Sharon at the changing of the guard on the eve of the new Kiwanis year.



Governor Mel pins newly installed Lieutenant Governor Pamela Rodney White.

Standing from left, Governor Mel, DLGE Lloyd Distant Snr and PG Bobby. Seated from left are DG Trevor Dunn, Lady Josephine and DLGE Winsome Levy.



Hassanah Al-Saba, Key Club Jamaica District Governor pins Governor Mel during Division 23 changing of the guard.



At left is Governor Mel and DLG Gerthlyn Holman from Kiwanis Club of New Kingston.

At right Lieutenant Governor Pamela presents Governor Mel who was the guest speaker at her changing of the





# THE BAHAMAS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED ASSOCIATION THREE MILE HIKE



drive of the disabled individuals the team went on a real nature hike in the knee deep water, to climbing over four foot fallen trees, ducking under overhanging dead trees, and making path through the bushes, being mindful to stay away from poisonous trees en-route to the finish point. It was a very humbling experience as the disabled were moving with confidence, faith, and without hesitation, when given the instructions as to how to maneuver around, over, and through the various obstacles.

**W**ith the assistance of six of our club members, our K-Kids advisor Ms. Monique Thompson and two of the K-Kids members from Yellow Elder Primary school, a team of Royal Bahamas Defense Force Officers and Marines, some of the team leaders of the Pathfinders Association and members of Squires of the Square Table Lodge #201, the Kiwanis Club of Over the Hill completed its three (3) mile hike with a group of blind and severely impaired individuals.

Initially we expected a slow pace, but as the pace was near a blistering speed, we had to alter from the initial route due to after just over an hour and a half we had almost reached the

The conversations with each individual left an indelible mark etched in the minds of every volunteer. Some individuals were reminiscing as to the things they remembered seeing before they were blind, and different places they went. Some even knew where they were going as they travelled the same route at their previous places of employment, before losing their sight. Then there were some individuals that were born blind and were never able to see the different sights in nature, and for those individuals the volunteers were describing certain key features around them. From the types of trees, to the billboards in the roundabout, to the canal and the types of fish living there. There was no end to the variety of things to describe, as the diversity of our surroundings were rich with fauna and flora.

At the end of the hike about three and a half miles were covered in just under 4 hours. The looks of satisfaction on each individual's face was one unrivaled by any other. To hear the utterance, and exclamations of the visually impaired and blind individuals... 'We have completed! Yes we are finished the hike! I have never done anything like this before and can't wait for the next time'. Each person was reminded never to take for granted the little things that we have and appreciate that which we don't have. This is the start of a long lasting relationship between the Kiwanis Club of Over the Hill and the Blind and Visually Impaired community in the Bahamas.



# KCMF Investment in Student Development

**I**n a community analysis carried out by the Community Service and Young Children Priority One committees of the Kiwanis Club of Montego Freeport, it was discovered that a need existed for a play area at the Providence Heights Infant School. This was one of the requirements to accomplishing the Early Childhood Commission's twelve (12) operating standards for accreditation for Early Childhood Institution. The school which is built in a hexagonal shape plant is in good physical condition and houses ten (10) classrooms with an enrolment of 225 students.

The Club took the decision to ensure that the school was on track for this very important accreditation, by preparing a 420 sq. ft. space as specified by the Commission. One that was:

- aesthetically pleasing and fenced
- bereft of poisonous & hazardous material
- developmentally appropriate so that children can be monitored by sight and sound at all times
- built with close access to drinking water
- designed that child toilet area is adjacent to it
- bordered so that different age groups could have different play area, and
- allowing for telephone and other electronic contact to be available from the playground to the main building



Principal Carolyn Brown Clarke 3rd from left, Governor Bobby and fellow members of the Kiwanis Club of Montego Freeport at the site of the play



(L-R) Kiwanis Governor Robert Moo-Young, Principal Carolyn Clarke-Brown and K.C Montego Freeport President Rupert Hodges cuts the ribbon to the play field while

A synergy existed between the Providence Heights Infant School and the Kiwanis Club of Montego Freeport prior to this project and is aware of the potential for youth empowerment at this institution. The student population has demonstrated its prowess and athleticism by winning basic school champs, achieving a certificate of merit in 2011 and winning Basic School Champs in Kingston in 2018.



May 16-18, 2019



# Kiwanis provides vital equipment to

On Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Kiwanis Club of New Kingston provided the Oncology Paediatric Centre of the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) with Ambulatory Infusion Pumps, Bed Screens, & Accessories. The Oncology Paediatric Centre provides specialised care to children diagnosed with cancer. The donation of the Ambulatory infusion pumps will help to safely deliver medication to the children in the paediatric centre and will be used to deliver medication while allowing the patient to be mobile. They are capable of delivering fluids in large or small amounts, and can be used to deliver nutrients or medications such as insulin or other hormones, antibiotics, chemotherapy drugs, and pain relievers.

This handing over of the equipment and accessories was the culmination of the club's major project for the period September



2015-2016 Kiwanis Club of New Kingston Distinguished President Audrey Brown explaining the various equipment being donated to from left Ralston Nunes, Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District Trustee; Pam Rodney White, Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis Division 23 East; Dianne O'Brien Harris, president Kiwanis Club of New Kingston Dianne O'Brien Harris; Dr. Michelle Reece Mills, Paediatric Hematologist/Oncologist UHWI; David Walker Director, Business Development UHWI; Yulit Gordon, Executive Director Jamaica Cancer Society, and the Honourable Fayval Wil-

## THIS, KIWANIANS BELIEVE

*Kiwanis believes in the free man.*

*The free man is a free citizen. He is free to think, to learn, to speak, to worship, to meet with other free men, to elect his representatives and to limit their power. He may be accused and tried only by the due and historic process of the law.*

*The free man is responsible. As he prizes his own freedom, he jealously guards them for his fellow-citizens. He studies the issues of his day and his community. He decides them on merit. He utters and votes these decisions. He is loyal to his country. He is loyal to the ideal of freedom for men in all countries.*

*The free man is a gentleman. He knows that democratic government operates by resolving controversies within the limits of law and mutual respect. He debates issues and not personalities. He respects the rights, customs, beliefs and institutions of other men—requiring only the same of them.*



*The free man is a spiritual man. He ascribes all wisdom to the Creator and not to men. He believes he can earn his spiritual way only by service to others. He seeks blessings for all, and not credits for himself.*

*He is the man we Kiwanians pledge ourselves to try to be. He is the man, who, one day, with God's help, will set our world firmly upon its spiritual axis.*

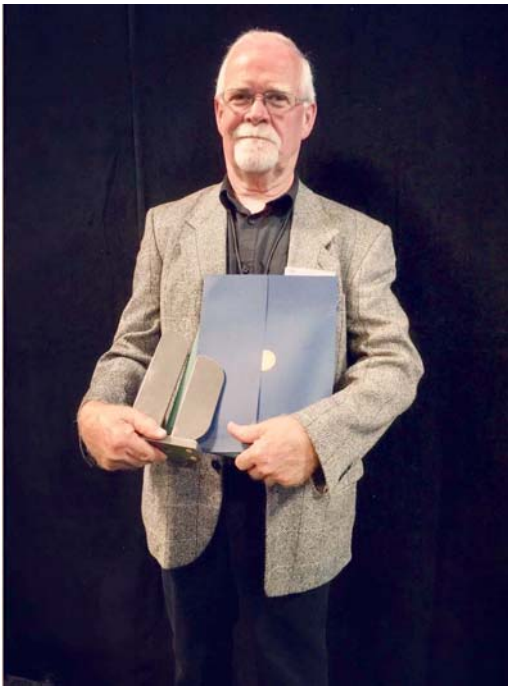
**He is the free man.**

"This, Kiwanians Believe" plaque was found by Erna Taylor-Curl, past president and archivist of the Kiwanis Club of Westmount (Oshawa) some-time ago while she was conducting a research on the club's history.

Anyone knowing the origin or any other information on this plaque is being asked to contact Erna Taylor-Curl at [taylorcurl@rogers.com](mailto:taylorcurl@rogers.com).

Photo: Glenn Genge, Westmount Kiwanis

# HONOURING COMMUNITY SERVICE



Members of Kiwanis Paris-Brant were present to cheer as President Pat Doherty accepted the "Community Influencer Award" on behalf of the club, at the Salute to Brant Business 2018 awards



## The Kiwanis Golden Oldies

The Kiwanis Club of Festival City in Stratford, Ontario, Canada promotes fun, fellowship and happiness by using its signature program of The Kiwanis Golden Oldies to entertain in area Nursing Homes twice per month, and having weekly meetings. On November 9<sup>th</sup> they performed before over 50 residents at the Kingsway nursing home in St. Marys.

The Golden Oldies are in their 26<sup>th</sup> year of performing - obviously not all the same members, but our founder, leader and accordionist, Chuck Ryde is still going strong.

On November 30, they will perform the same program at McCarthy Place in Stratford.

The Kiwanis Trio



The Golden Oldies



# Camp Arden

In the fall of 2017, Kiwanis International passed on to Kiwanians of Eastern Canada & the Caribbean the responsibility to administer our Kiwanis Key Leader program. We have so many Kiwanians, Faculty Advisors and friends of Kiwanis to thank for the success of this first year of our independence.

## ADMINISTRATION

Thanks to Past Key Leader Chair of Eastern Canada Darren Creamer - Kiwanis Club of Charlestown and Past Governor Phil Rosy - Kiwanis Club of Ottawa, who head up our Key Leader Committee to bring us to the success we experienced weekend of November 2nd to 4th, 2018. Thanks to Austina Creamer, uncommonly known as Austina, for her introduction to the Google tracking & Registration system that they have been using for a few years in our Eastern Canada Provinces. Thanks to our Past Vice- Chair & newly appointed Chair Glenn Pushman for his continuous support in helping our site-coordinators to ensure that policy is followed. Thanks to our ECC DST Jim Steele who is our "talk to you soon" guy who stays on top of things with respect.

## MARKETING

Thanks to our Lieutenant Governors for supporting & educating their Kiwanis Club Presidents & passing on all pertinent information for me. You are my leaders as well.

To our Kiwanis Club Presidents for you had to believe in our Key Leader Program, convince your members, make sure there was money in your budget & in some cases, you had to do the searching for students. If you didn't have students then some of you offered funds to other clubs who had the students. You stood up for TEAM; and all Kiwanis members for doing the talk & the walk to get the program well know to the schools & the community services & also within your families, thank you.

## IMPLEMENTATION

For the past 10 years, we've had successful camps but this year was special because WE DID IT & WE DID IT WELL.

The team "Key Leader Camp Arden" comprised of a very active, enthusiastic, fast acting, happy, loving, adults who devoted their weekend to our 61 students. They pitched in when asked & most stayed in the background so our Canadian Lead Facilitator, Tracey Devereaux could instruct & enjoy our students. He was a gift to all of us.

Our reward as adults, was to enjoy the eagerness, attentiveness, joy & tidiness of all these students. It was a pleasure.



## Our Adult Team were:

Tracey Devereaux - Kiwanis Lead Facilitator & Kiwanian from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.  
 Glenn Pushman - Kiwanis Club of Manotick & Eastern Canada Chair of Key Leader - Power Point presentation.  
 Camille Beaufort - Kiwanis Club of Ottawa West - Treasurer.  
 Marie Shaw - Kiwanis Club of Perth on Tay - Quartermaster.  
 Buck Madden - Kiwanis Club of Ottawa - Registration. Always looking to help.  
 Steve Georgopoulos - Kiwanis Club of Ottawa - Registration - photography - having fun doing some of the exercises as the students were assigned to.  
 Sandra Wilson - Kiwanis Of Peterborough - quiet spoken lady who had so much fun with the students.  
 Roger Lavictoire - Kiwanis Club of Rideau - gentle, soft spoken man. He took it all in.  
 Patti Dean - Kiwanis Club of Norwood New York. - our America Key Club Faculty Adviser who is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Norwood & a Lieutenant Governor of her Division in New York.  
 Firma French - Kiwanis Club of Ottawa West - Site Coordinator.

"Amazing, Inspiring, Life-changing"

To all Kiwanians whom I exchanged continuous emails with at all hours of the day. It wasn't easy learning a new process but we did it and we became friends. Your patience and support for our Key Leader Program is obvious. Thank you.

Firma