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Governor's Message

Melford "Mel" Clarke Governor Easter Canada & the Caribbean



Fellow Presidents and members of Eastern Canada & Caribbean District, The BUS stops on 30th September 2019. Our Kiwanis journey and jobs for this administrative year will be complete, and we will be analyzed, criticized and judged as to what we have done. You have done your best given your current environment and situation. You have done it your way. I say congratulations for staying the course and best wishes for your future activities in Kiwanis.

Our District goals were few. We have added eleven (11) new Clubs to the District. The District currently has a net growth of 382 members with a grand total of 7187 members (9/27/2019). These figures will change based on additions and deletion at the end of the administrative year.

Many thanks to all Trustees, Lieutenant Governors, Committee Chairpersons, District Administrators and District Executives for playing your part. The Board of Trustees has accomplished much. Two new divisions were formed, and amendments to the Policies and Procedures were numerous. The Lieutenant Governors have encouraged clubs to complete monthly reports, add new members and create signature projects. During the year, Clubs build security booths to protect our young children, while others either refurbished or created playgrounds in schools or communities. We witness clubs dealing with disability persons by way of projects, food banks or visitation.

A national day of service for persons with disability was proclaimed in a Division. Another Divisions focused on blind persons and yet other concentrate on persons with AIDS. Our Service Leadership Program has grown. Today there are more Circle K clubs, Key clubs, Builders clubs, K-Kids clubs and Aktion clubs for the children and disable persons to join.

This year like other years we had our challenges. Kiwanis International President Poly lost his battle with cancer approximately two weeks short of completing his administrative year. Two of our Lieutenant Governors had limited duties due to illness, a few of our senior Kiwanians from the Golden K Club died. Hurricane Dorian left devastation in its wake on the Bahamian islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama, temporarily displacing three of our Kiwanis Clubs members.

As we take leave of our positions, we extend Best Wishes to Governor Robert Spellman and his 2019-2020 administrative TEAM. The District focus remains the children of the world. We encourage all clubs to support the goals of our Governor Spellman as he leads us.

Each Club in Eastern Canada & Caribbean is autonomous. We all did it our way. Again, thank you for all you have done to **inspired** members to **commit, serve and grow** our clubs, divisions and district providing us with more persons and hands to helped.

Finally, you are asked to ready yourselves to apply for the various awards at the International, District and Division Levels. It should be noted that each club must make application for the Distinguished Club Award. It means that if you don't make application, Kiwanis International will not consider your club for the award. Presidents we encourage you to award your members and notify Kiwanis International if they qualify for the Distinguish member award. The Award Committee will be sending out communication on the various awards and their due dates.

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Governor visit to Division 16

Top Left: President presenting an award during the Air Cadet Final Parade.

Top Right: While visiting Division 12 with Lieutenant Governor Bill Cowperthwaite we attend Connaught School reading program. The Mayor of the city also participated in the reading project. Two pictures at the Right middle and bottom was visit to a Builders Club in Quebec City.

Remembering our President Florencio “Poly” Lat



I had the privilege of meeting President Poly at our Governor's training, Governor's reception and again at the International convention in Orlando. He was a servant leader who was dedicated to the principles of Kiwanis International. He had a plan to move Kiwanis from a good company to a great organization. At the International convention in Orlando many delegates wanted to take pictures with our President. Here are three Kiwanis moments with President Poly. Top left with Lieutenant Governor Pam Rodney-White of Division 23E, Top Right with EC&C District Governor Melford Clarke and bottom right with EC&C District Governor Designate Robert Spellen. May his soul rest in peace.

Melford Clarke
2018-2019 District Governor
Eastern Canada & Caribbean District



for \$2000.00 for the Bahamas Hurricane Relief on Wednesday, 25th September. Governor Mel looks on.



Kiwanis International President Poly's September message written weeks before he passed. May his soul rest in peace and light perpetually shines on him.

GIVE IT YOUR ALL!

To my Governors,
We have just days left in our year. Work hard for a big finish! Your transition plan sets up the continuity for the governors-elect to get off to a strong start to the 2019-20 year.

To you and your governor-designate, any new clubs opened during September and October count for both of you regarding distinguished criteria.

Reach out to presidents of new clubs opened during your year in office. Let them know you will be checking in with them periodically over the next few years to make sure they remain engaged and viable. You nurtured these clubs and they are an important part of your leadership legacy.

I celebrate our team and what we have accomplished. We have new members, new clubs and a bright future for Kiwanis and kids.



I believe in President-elect Daniel Vigneron's motto of *Res, non verba*. Actions speak louder than words. Please show your faith in our new president and his team.

Thank you for your leadership, dedication and support. It has meant a great deal to me. I believe we have been successful in our efforts to help move Kiwanis from good to great!

Your brother in Kiwanis,

Florencio "Poly" Lat
2018-19 President
Kiwanis International



Delivering Smiles with Toys

Division 23 East under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Pamela Rodney White has adopted the theme “Championing the cause for service, growth and persons living with disabilities” which supports the Government of Jamaica’s (GOJ’s) commitment to increase accessibility and upliftment of persons with disabilities (Vision 2030 – Persons with Disabilities Sector Plan). To raise awareness and build partnerships to advance the creation of inclusive space and opportunities for persons with disabilities the Kiwanis Clubs in the Division were charged to create projects and seek opportunities that are beneficial to persons living with disabilities. This has led to several projects within the Division over the 2018-2019 year.

In keeping with this theme, LG Pamela was able to source over 300 toys for persons living with disabilities from **Basic Fun, Inc.**, a dynamic global marketer of classic and innovative children’s entertainment products for today’s kids located in Florida, with the objective of using these toys for play to improve the skills of persons with disabilities. Kiwanis, in collaboration with Food For The Poor offices in Jamaica and Florida were able to ship the toys into the island. The toys provided by Basic Fun allow individuals with disabilities to interact with the world in a way that makes sense and will also help loved ones to join in on the play and learn about different viewpoints.



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The 19 Kiwanis Clubs in Division 23 East that participated were placed in groups, and 6 Institutions serving persons living with disabilities were assigned/identified, namely Mustard Seeds My Father’s House, Promise Learning Centre, Adonijah Group of Schools, Jamaica Association of Children with Learning Disabilities, Stimulation Plus, and Bethlehem Children’s Home. The toys, valued at over US\$4,000, were sorted and distributed to these institutions in June and July, 2019, resulting in 324 students with disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy, autism and learning disabilities, benefitting from the toy donations.

The toys provided by Basic Fun, Inc were well needed and will help in the therapeutic process of these children.

A special donation of toys was also made to Division 24 for them to distribute to a school of their choice.



Jamaica Association of Children with Learning Disability – June 20

Promise Learning Centre – June 28

Adonijah Group of Schools – June 21

Mustard Seed My Father’s House – June 20



ARUBA HANDS-ON PROJECT

During the month of July, Kiwanis Club of Aruba held its second Hands-On project for the Kiwanistic Year 2018-2019.

The project was at Anglo Kindergarten, which is located in Oranjestad has 168 students. The school got a complete make-over; walls of the school building and gym were fixed and painted. The playground and sandbox were repaired, painted and new play equipment and a new playhouse were installed. In addition, several plants and flowers were planted.



The school also got a new airbrushed logo.

A total of 65 volunteers participated in this Hands-On Project dedicating a total of 465 service hours. It was a fun filled Saturday morning with lots of laughter, fellowship and of course a lot of helping hands.

After a hard day's work, the result was more than satisfying. Giving service

is best when more hands come together working towards a single goal.

Kiwanis Club of Aruba is proud to improve the world one child and one community at a time.



Before and after picture





On Emancipation Day, August 1, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of St. Andrew engaged the services of the National Works Agency (NWA) in repainting a pedestrian crossing in front of the St. Peter's Clavers Primary School, located along the busy corridor off Waltham Park. The service is offered by the NWA, however, it was made easier by the President who is an employee of the Agency.

President Susan was overjoyed to experience a new appreciation for what her company does, up close and personal as it relates to service.



Kiwanis Club of Nipissing "shovels in the ground" announcement of Kiwanis support for the replacement of the playground equipment at Lee Park. Left to right: Peter O'Toole, Justin Wigelius, Caleb O'Connor, Chris Mayne, Laurie Marcella, Jim Cluff, Ralph Celentano.

Back to School Treat



As most communities are now treated to back-to-school treats for the myriad of needy students, the Kiwanis Club of Westmoreland in Division 25 also played its part in the Parish of Westmoreland in their service to the needy.

For the third consecutive year, it was very rewarding to partner with Smartiz Jerk Centre and Whitehead Family in treating over 150 children including approximately 25 adults. A fun filled day of activities on the grounds of Smartiz Jerk Centre enabled the children to enjoy bounce-about, face painting as well as egg and spoon, sack and other flat races. The participants got the opportunity to win various prizes and gift items.

There was also a dancing contest which was met with lots of excitement as each participant tried to prove he/she was the best. The excitement continued into the late afternoon but not before everyone attending enjoyed a scrumptious lunch.

Each child received a bag pack with school supplies ready for school opening in September.

As one parent commented, "This is really a treat because it saved me buying some of the things I could not even afford for my little girl, come September school morning".

The Community showed their gratefulness by the many "thank you's" that were expressed throughout the day to the club members. The Club has pledged to making this event an on-going one, bigger and better each year.



Empowerment through Literacy Development

“Literacy is....the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child realize his or her full potential.” Kofi Annan

It is against this background that the Kiwanis Club of New Falmouth embarked on a new project to increase the literacy rate of girls living in the State Child Care Facility located in the community. The Literacy programme was launched on August 7, 2019 where members of the team who are Literacy Specialist conducted assessments to determine the reading and comprehension levels of the programme participants. The coordinators of the programme were President Rhonda Walker Walters and Secretary Designate Lecia Gordon. The initiative was well received by the management of the facility as they expressed the need for the girls to develop their literacy skills.

The programme will be paired with a group mentorship component which will see the involvement of other club members as mentors. To date members of Kiwanis of Falmouth have participated in a games evening geared towards the development of mentor-mentee relationships which was organized by the management of the Child Care facility. The Club also engaged the programme participants in a vision boarding session entitled “Vision to Reality” in preparation of the new school year.



From left mentors - President Designate Yanique Quest, Membership Chair Designate Beverly Scott, Secretary Designate Lecia Gordon, Kiwanian Claudette Hines, Director Designate Chavelle Green Faulknor and President Rhonda Walker Walters



From left are: Kiwanian Claudette Hines, Membership Chair Designate Beverly Scott, members of the newly chartered K-Kids and President Rhonda Walker Walters.

President Designate Ms. Yanique Quest is passionate about reading and will ensure the success of this new programme in the upcoming year. Her intention is to add a reading competition component to the programme to encourage the development of reading as a habit among the children.

The club also observed International Literacy Day by making a donation of literacy material to The Hague Primary and Infant Schools' Literacy Department. The package was handed over to a staff representative by President Rhonda Walker Walters on behalf of the club.

The Kiwanis Club of New Falmouth knows that knowledge is power and is one of the greatest gift a person can receive and will teach the children to read with understanding as well as the value of the skill.

out & about with Governor Mel



The Inauguration Ceremony of Division 23 Central

At right is incoming Lieutenant Governor Keith Byfield and President Latoya Latibeaudiere of Constant Spring Club accepting the home club banner from Immediate Past President Sandra McPherson and Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Pamela Rodney-White of Stony Hill club.

Mission accomplished...



From these smiles you can see we have a very pleased Governor (Mel) and outgoing Lieutenant Governor (Glenda). The event was the recent handover ceremony of the 2019-2020 Division 25 team.



Governor Mel posed with children from Lalyce Gray and Sunrise K-Kids, chairman Yvette and Distinguished President Desrine at the presentation of five (5) television sets to Stimulation Plus Early Childhood Development Center; a school for children with varying disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Down Syndrome. This project took place at the launch of Kiwanis for Disability Day on September 12, 2019.



Governor Mel ties the lace of a student at the Simulation Plus presentation.

Kiwanis Club pitches in to help families in need after Hurricane Dorian



Hurricane Dorian has had a lasting impact on Bahamas residents who lost everything but the clothes on their backs.

A local service club is hoping to help.

"It can be really difficult when it's

out of the country. People have trouble visualizing it and understanding it," said Chuck McIlravey, president designate of the Kiwanis Club of Barrie.

"We have to find ways of getting people to understand that it's real and these people are in need."

An estimated 70,000 people lost almost everything they had due to the hurricane.

Among them are close to 100 Kiwanians and their families living on the Island of Abaco and Grand Bahama in the Bahamas.

"The island was totally destroyed. They have nothing. Basically, they had the clothes on their backs and that's it," McIlravey told *BarrieToday*. "We immediately had a teleconference call from the directors from across Canada.

"We decided we had to do something."

Right away, the clubs sprung into action, canvassing local donors and their membership. "We decided we had to do something."

In merely 10 days, the Barrie branch has already raised \$33,000 and that number is climbing.

The money goes into a foundation, which then purchases items the families in the Bahamas require. So far, there's been a need for new clothes, furniture and help with deposits on new apartments for those whose former residences have been completely destroyed.

"We wanted to make sure we could check to see what they were getting from other organizations, so we could fill in the gaps," McIlravey said.

Funding is through the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada who have agreed to handle the administration free of charge for all money received. Tax receipts will be provided.

Barrie service club has already raised \$33,000 and counting, with more fundraising plans in the works

The generosity of local donors is almost overwhelming for McIlravey. He said further fundraising efforts in Barrie will be announced in the coming

days.

"It's exceptional," he said. "And this is just the start."

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15 Early Childhood Institutions Equipped with State of the Art Playgrounds



Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis Division 25 (Cornwall), Glenda Miller, speaking at the Division's 'Playground Effect Project' culmination and thanksgiving ceremony at Hard Rock Café in Montego Bay, St James on Thursday (August 29).

Fifteen (15) early childhood institutions (ECIs) across western Jamaica have been equipped with state-of-the-art playgrounds, under the Kiwanis Club- Division 25 (Cornwall) 2018/2019 'Play Ground Effect' Project.

Beneficiary schools include Hague Infant School in Trelawny; Providence Heights Infant School, Hill Top Basic School, Rose Hall Basic School, and Anchovy Basic School in St James; Hopewell Basic School, St. Simon Basic School and Axe'n'Adge Basic School in Hanover; St Elizabeth Early Childhood Institution; and the Junction Women Centre in St Elizabeth.

The project, which was launched in November 2018, consisted of three components done in partnership with the Early Childhood Commission (ECC).

In addition to developing the playgrounds, approximately 1000 parents were engaged in parenting workshops, while 15 at risk early childhood students, identified by the Victim Services Division of the Ministry of Justice, received psycho-social care.

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Kiwanis Play Ground effect

Speaking at the project's culmination and thanksgiving ceremony at Hard Rock Café in Montego Bay, St James on Thursday (August 29), Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis Division 25 (Cornwall) , Glenda Miller, said the installation of the playgrounds have resulted in some schools becoming certified by the ECC, while others have inched closer to certification.



State-of-the-art playground developed under the Kiwanis Division 25's (Cornwall) 'The Playground Effect Project' at the St. Simon Basic School in Hanover.

She said the project also formed part of the Club's effort to assist Jamaica in achieving its Vision 2030 goals, which involves improving the lives of the vulnerable in the society.

"It was the vision of Kiwanis Club Division 25...to enhance early childhood institutions in the county of Cornwall. The division is happy to have accomplished and surpassed the targets set at the onset," Mrs. Miller informed.

She further noted that the smiles on the faces of the almost 1000 students who benefited from the project "cemented the mission of Kiwanis, (as) that of serving the children of the world."

"We were sometimes moved to tears of joy to see how happy the children were as most of them got the opportunity for the first time to enjoy a formal playground," she stated.



Early Childhood Commission (ECC) Development Supervisor for Region Four, Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Kimberly Martin-Hamilton, speaking at the Kiwanis Division 25 (Cornwall) 'Playground Effect Project' culmination and thanksgiving ceremony at Hard Rock Café in Montego Bay, St James on Thursday (August 29).

For her part, ECC Development Supervisor for Region Four of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Kimberly Martin-Hamilton, says the 'Playground Effect Project' is in keeping with the commission's 12 operating standards. She lauded the Kiwanis Division 25 (Cornwall) for initiating the project, noting that it will help to develop the children's cognitive and gross motor skills.

The National Health Fund (NHF), Jamaica Money Market Brokers (JMMB), Kiwanis Children's Fund, Hanover Charities, Spanish-Jamaican Foundation and Hard Rock Café were sponsors of the project.

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