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## Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Kiwanians;

In light of the developments around the world regarding the Coronavirus, we are currently in a situation that none of us could ever have imagined, but now have to face.

It is not a pleasant experience, but we need to accept the responsibility and take care of ourselves, our loved ones, our partners, our children, the rest of our family and all those we care about. Above all, we all want to look after the future of the children whose lives we touch, with encouragement, reassurance and well thought out words of caution. This pandemic "Covid-19" is not something to take lightly.

I urge you all to follow the instructions given by the your government, WHO, and your local medical organizations. Remain isolated in either your home, or at work. Practice safe distancing. Knowing the difficulties we now have to face, we can all help prevent this situation from spreading and becoming even more disastrous.

Let us use these days to reflect and strengthen our ability to improve our own lives, and those of others in this difficult time. Perhaps the great almighty has created this opportunity for a reason, causing us to slow-down, communicate more with each other, to show



more appreciation and love towards one another and to help us to understand the value of humility. Let us use this moment to better recognize how we can help our communities where the outbreak is hurting all.

It's upon us, as Kiwanians, to show our love and Appreciation towards the world and one another.

This year has been touched for a reason, let us make that reason truly resound by making this Kiwanis year one of our most rewarding yet.

I wish you my Kiwanian family all the strength and that you stay positive. Let us pray that this pandemic ends soon and that we will be back to a normal standard of life, taking care of our communities and the children of the world

**#KidsNeedKiwanis**

Yours in service,

Governor Bob & FL Mary  
Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District  
2019/2020

***Building Leaders to Lead...***



The way we celebrate Easter may be different this year, but the occasion won't be blotted out.

If Jesus conquered the grave, surely he can conquer an earthly sickness. Not only will Easter be a celebration to ground us in what is most important, but it deserves our attention, no matter what is going on around us. As long as we are intentional, this season can still be one of deep transformation and praise. Let's heed Colossians 3:2, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things," and not let COVID-19 take our eyes off our amazing saviour Jesus Christ.

Happy and safe Easter all



Governor Robert Spellen was recognized by the members and Advisors of the Aktion Club Sonrisa, as a role model to the members and someone who is always willing to support Aktion Club Aruba.

The members made him a beautiful painting and named him the "father" to all members.



April 2020

Dear EC&C Kiwanians,

As you are aware, the Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19. At one point, the EC&C Board of Trustees thought a postponement to August would be possible but after reviewing all the concerns including travel restrictions, the financial impact the crisis may have on members' incomes, visa issues and financial contract risks, it was decided that postponement would not allow the type of convention ECC members are accustomed to attending.

The impacts of the COVID-19 virus are affecting our lives in unprecedented ways including our ability to come together as a Kiwanis family. The health and safety of the members were paramount in every discussion.

Our Host Committee is disappointed, but certainly understand and accept the Board's decision. It was an honour to be chosen to host 2020 and our Committee had worked hard at planning a successful and fun Convention for our District Kiwanians.

We have been asked to consider hosting in 2022, but that is a decision for the club and the Host Committee to review in the future. At the moment, we are presently busy with cancelling contractors, tying up loose ends and preparing financial reports for the District Office.

Be safe, be well in these uncertain times so we can all get back to what we do well, helping children in our respective communities.

Noëlla J. LeBrun  
Chair  
on behalf of the EC&C District Convention Host Committee

## Editor's Note

When the year 2020 started, there was controversy as to whether it was the end or the beginning of the decade. However, what everyone seems to have had in common was being happy to be alive to see it and



some called it "the year of twenty-plenty", as great things were expected. However by the second month most of us were willing the year away or wanted to rewind. Little did we know that our plans - Kiwanis Conventions, vacations amongst other things may now never be realised for the year 2020.

The world has changed as we know it and we are now consumed with washing of hands and keeping social and physical distances in order to stay alive. Covid-19 has disrupted the orderly flow of business, closed schools, church, restaurants and bars; cancelled sports events and even small gatherings of friends. and except for essential services it's a work from home rule. Covid-19 does not discriminate and she knows no boundary, no social class, no gender, no race - it strikes wherever whomever, whenever - from the king to the pauper. She has brought the world to its knees.

The most devastating reality is the loneliness, mental and emotional effect on those affected and have to be hospitalised as well as the non-covid sick persons as their loved ones are unable to visit or even get an opportunity to speak with them. It is even worse for the persons who have lost family members as most are not able to see them off due to the closure of borders and number restriction at funerals.

We must, however, be hopeful and take heart that this catastrophe will result in a kinder, gentler society and that the curve of the social inequality will be flattened too as we fight this worldwide pandemic together.

Kiwanis has been playing its part as members have found creative ways to join the Covid-19 fight in assisting their countries and communities while continuing to serve the children of the world. Kiwanis have also joined the virtual world keeping the communication flowing with great meetings, using available platforms such as whatsapp, zoom gotomeeting, etc.

The turnouts at these meetings have been large and they make for great interclub opportunities. Other clubs throughout the District should share their meeting links so persons who wish can join them virtually. Incidentally a chairman for a corporate entity told me that at his virtual board meeting, there was a 95% attendance, the first time ever. This is an indication of what the future is going to be.

It is a time for introspection because when this is all over, there will be no going back to where we were at the start 2020. Budgets are now being re-crafted, the economic and financial fall out is expected to be huge according to analysts and it is going to be a new world order. This means that Kiwanis will be facing greater social needs from the communities and will have to find a way to meet those needs where possible.

We are however, a resilient people and our focus should be on keeping safe and abiding by the rules and regulations of WHO and our governments as we work towards levelling the curve and facilitate the healing of mother earth.

We continue to pray for the sick among us - families and friends, the health care workers and their families, our forgotten essential workers - the garbage collectors and janitors and all those working in the respective countries' interest to ensure a safe and healthy environment. Sincere sympathy to the families of Kiwanians who we have lost and to persons who have lost loved ones at this time.

Let us also use this opportunity to reach out to our own Kiwanians who have not been seen or heard from in a while. They may be going through challenging times right now as well. Remember we are our brothers keeper.

On a lighter note, as we sit out 'Miss Rona' as she is called, let us do something that we always wanted to do - as long as it can be done virtually. I have a number of things on my to do list - learning sign language being one of them; so over the past week I learned my ABC, although I do not get to work from home.

Stay home and keep safe all as we continue to pray for each other - together we will win this war.

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# Signature Project Report



Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

Every year, Kiwanis International recognizes the best signature projects from around the world. Each district selects its top signature project for judging. For the 2020 competition, two contest tiers were established. Clubs with 27 members or fewer were judged in Tier I while clubs with 28 members or more were judged in Tier II.

The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District Committee signature project contest closed with a successful eighty three (83) submissions. Kiwanis International received 378 project submissions from 43 district, with ECC submitting the greatest amount. A special thanks to all of the clubs that submitted. The projects were exciting and it was a difficult task selecting our winners.

There were three top winners in each category. These clubs will be awarded at the District Convention date to be announced.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Tier 1 winner; [The Kiwanis Club of Brampton](#) and Tier 11 Winner; [The Kiwanis Club of Brantford](#). *Their projects* were submitted in the Kiwanis International contest; however, we were not successful in making the top 10 finalists.

The gold, silver and bronze winners for each tier will be announced at the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention. This year's finalist has been listed on [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org). On behalf of our District Governor Robert Spellen we extend congratulations to the International finalists. We cannot wait to attend Kiwanis International Convention to learn much more about the winning projects. We invite clubs to read about the selected project as it will assist you in support- ing your presentation next year.

## Signature Project

### CATEGORY Tier 1 (CLUBS WITH 27 or LESS MEMBERS)

	PRESIDENT	CLUB	Club Number	PROJECT NAME
1st.	Karla MacInnis	Brampton	K04817	Brampton Celebrity Clowns
2nd.	Nordia Campbell	Greater Portmore	K16610	Caring for The Homeless
3rd.	Glynn Kneebone	Kanata-Stittsville	K19397	Sustainable Vegetation Garden

### CATEGORY Tier 2 (CLUBS WITH 28 or MORE MEMBERS)

	PRESIDENT	CLUB	Club Number	PROJECT NAME
1st.	Nelson McClinchey	Bantford	K00016	Kiwanis Ploughman's Lunch
2nd.	Chuck Scott	Chatham Kent	K01949	Chatham Music Festival
3rd.	Edalitz Weller	Aruba	K05964	Help provide Meal for a Child in Need

We acknowledge the many projects submitted and again congratulate the clubs on a great effort. After some assessment we also recognize that the signature projects were high impact, included membership growth, member participation, benefits children. We believe we can only enhance our projects if we put a little more effort in the following:

#### 1. Proof of Marketing:

- More Kiwanis branding required in photos
- Submit higher quality photos
- All project attendees should wear Kiwanis gear as much as possible (service projects especially)
- Include one (1) short video clips as one of the five attachments
- Include links to facebook page, website, online newspapers, etc that highlights the project

Use action photos, showing membership engagement (try to not just stand and pose for photos)

#### 2. Participation and Partnership:

- Invite other neighbouring clubs to join in project
- Include SLP as much as possible( use the project opportunity to recruit SLP clubs)
- Involve community Partnership

#### 3. Reporting:

- Reporting is very important and so is grammar and spelling
- Clearer description of the project



# TWEED KIWANIS AND MUNICIPALITY PARTNER ON ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND PROJECT



The Kiwanis Club of Tweed and the Municipality of Tweed are excited about their partnership on a significant project to upgrade and add new equipment to the playground in Memorial Park. The plan includes a variety of equipment that specializes in engaging sensory, motor, cognitive and social skills, including spinners, swings, panels, slides, ladders and a zipline. Improvements will be made to general playground equipment, and rubber surfaces will be used in various locations within the playground.

Kiwanian Jim Hanna, who chairs the Playground Committee, says "Every child should be able to access a playground and not have to watch from the sidelines as others play. This playground is designed to do just that – children and others of all ages will be able to come to the park to relax and enjoy the playground on the water in the heart of Tweed." Mayor Jo-Anne Albert added "The Municipality welcomes the opportunity to work together with Kiwanis on the playground project, which will be a great asset for our residents and visitors. I am confident we will be able to make this project a reality – we have a very generous community". Kiwanis Club of Tweed President Chris Foran concluded "We are excited as a Club, and for the community, but especially for kids using wheelchairs or other mobility devices".

The upgraded playground is targeted for completion in 2020/21. A campaign to raise funds for this project, estimated at a cost of approximately \$400,000, was kicked off at the annual Christmas party fundraiser at the home of Kiwanian Don DeGenova and Dr. Charles Mustard. Over \$20,000 was donated that November evening, including \$5,000

contributions from both the Kiwanis Club of Tweed and from DeGenova/Mustard. Since that time, a total of over \$86,000 has been donated or committed by community members, businesses, service clubs and the Municipality to this important project. Most recently, the 'Family Feud', a community group that runs annual hockey and slo-pitch tournaments, made a generous donation of \$5,000. Government and public grant opportunities are being sought, and community groups, businesses, and individuals are invited to support this worthwhile cause. While this special project is underway, the Kiwanis Club of Tweed will continue to fund other community initiatives.

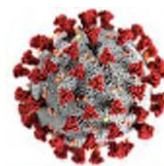
Cheques payable to the 'Municipality of Tweed', noting 'Kiwanis Playground' in the memo, can be dropped off to the Municipal office at 255 Metcalf St., or mailed to Postal Bag 729, Tweed ON, K0K 3J0. 'Donation certificates' are now available for purchase at the Municipal office to make a contribution in any amount in that special someone's name. All businesses, organizations and individuals who make donations will be acknowledged on signage at the playground, and receive a tax receipt for contributions over \$10. In the case of donation certificates, the recipients name will be included on the signage; the purchaser will receive a tax receipt.



Club members at the November 27 Fundraiser at the annual Christmas party fundraiser at the home of Kiwanian Don DeGenova and Dr. Charles Mustard.



# Kiwanis in the fight against Covid-19



Bernardston Kiwanis Club member, Mike Swain serves two chicken pot pie dinners

In light of advisories set forth by the state to limit the spread of COVID-19, Bernardston Kiwanis Club converted its monthly dinner into a drive-thru format at the United Church of Bernardston. The idea was to allow Kiwanis Club members to comply with limitations on gatherings and heed advisories for social distancing, while also doing something nice for the community.

"It's been pretty awesome," Kiwanis member Brian Hervieux said of the community's reaction to the new format, as he handed out dinners Saturday evening. "We have this dinner every month. So we said, 'Let's do something nice.'"

Hervieux said the club prepared 270 dinners for the event.

Several of Glendale's Little Free Libraries have been converted into free food pantries to help those in need during the coronavirus emergency that has left scores of residents jobless and struggling financially.

Partners in this initiative are Kiwanis-Glendale Club, Glendale Latino Assn., Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club, and Salvation Army.

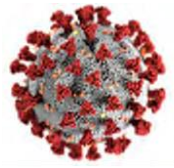


Kiwanis Club of South St Catherine provided 36 meals, sanitizers, bleach, disinfectant and tissue to the less fortunate, and most vulnerable while maintaining the COVID-19 rules.



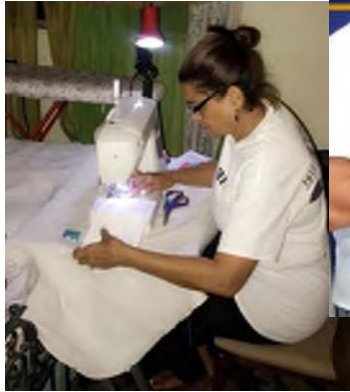


# Kiwanis in the fight against Covid-19



Kiwanis Jamaica has committed to manufacturing 6,000 masks to the health sector. Here they are seen presenting the Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (left) with the first 500 masks and another 500 were presented to the Southern Regional Health Authority the following day. The Jamaica Aids Society and other institutions have also been presented with masks since.

From right are Barry Whyte - Lieutenant Governor 23 East; Stephan Rampair, President - Downtown Kingston and conceptualiser of the idea and Karen Lym - Divisional Secretary, Division 23 Central. At the machine is Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Eileen.



Barbara Walters from Kiwanis Club of Easton, PA has personally made over 200 masks since last Wednesday in one week. Over 3500+ masks have gone to both St. Luke's University Health Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network via a network of some 30+ local sewers.



Kiwanis International Division 7 and 8 in the Philippines in partnership with Quota Intl of Davao City and GSIS Davao Branch manufactured face shield masks for Covid19 Frontliners.





# Universal Children's Day Celebration

Kiwanis Club of Aruba celebrated Universal Children's Day on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's theme was "Meet our Local Heroes", a total of 90 children from different neighborhoods of Aruba were invited for a day filled with fun and excitement.



The day started early where the children enjoyed a delicious breakfast followed with a presentation by local heroes. We invited our local heroes; Aruba Police Officers, Motor Unit, K9 Unit, Fire Department, Ambulance, Coast Guard and Prison Officers to give a small presentation and demonstration of their daily work to the children. They showed their trucks, cars, shark boat, work equipment and even dogs. The children were so excited listening and asking questions.

After the presentation the children went in a small parade with the Kiwanians and local heroes in the streets of San Nicolas. The goal of this project was to inspire the kids to stay in



school, study and to learn about the different opportunities available to them in the future. Our goals were not only met, but exceeded our expectations.

The children danced and did some coloring. At the end of the day the children were surprised a goody bag filled with fruits, juices, corn flakes, sweets, cookies, cookies, pen, Aruba's pencil, crayon, toys and block notes.





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# Official Visit unass



# Philanthropist donates land to Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica



From left, Sharon Usim of Stony Hill Club, Lorraine Bailey, LG Division 25; Lloyd Distant, Snr; Dwight Lawrence; Godfrey Dyer; Abdon Campbell, President - Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica; Kermit McGann; Giuseppe Maffessanti; Barrington Watson, President of Kiwansi Club of Montego Bay; Teisha Pinnock; Trevor Dunn; Veviene McDonald-Calder and Ainsworth Palmer.

It was a momentous day in the life of the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay, the Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica (KFJ) and by extension, the Kiwanis movement in Jamaica, as long-standing member and Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay, Giusseppe (Pino) Maffessanti, presented President of the KFJ, Abdon Campbell, with the title for a piece of land he donated to the Foundation.

The land, which is in Unity Hall, St. James, is to be developed into the KFJ Western Regional Kiwanis Service Centre.

A developer and builder, Giuseppe is known for his philanthropist endeavours as in the past he sub-divided a parcel of his land and distributed to 32 families.

Maffessanti was bestowed with the Order of Jamaica (OJ) in 2018 for his contribution to the construction sector, social development and welfare and philanthropy.

Migrated to Jamaica from Bergamo, Italy in the early 50s with his mother and joined his father a former World War 11 prisoner of war who had settled in the island and started a construction business which he later inherited.



## Land to Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica cont'd

President of the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay, Teisha-Ann Pinnock along with President of the KFJ, Abdon Campbell and some Kiwanian stalwarts, who were instrumental in driving the process, were on hand to witness the official hand-over of the title.

Sharing in the moment were Past Kiwanis International Foundation President, Godfrey Dyer; Distinguished Governor Trevor Dunn; Lieutenant Governor, Division 25 K. Lorraine Bailey-Wright; Past District Trustee Veviene McDonald Calder; Distinguished Lieutenant Governors of Excellence, Kermitt McGann and Lloyd Distant (Snr.); Distinguished Lieutenant Governors Ainsworth Palmer; Dwight Lawrence, Barrington Watson and Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Stony Hill, Sharon Usim, who was the Attorney at Law instrumental in the process of getting the title issued.

The land which is now worth millions of dollars was offered by DP Pino to the KFJ in 2007. It was Pino's dream to put this piece of land to use through the KFJ and the board accepted with the intention to establish the KFJ Western Regional Kiwanis Service Centre with facilities for clubs to hold meetings, functions, training and Kiwanis sponsored community activities.

The centre would be required to generate income to ensure viability with the primary proceeds benefiting Kiwanis and Community efforts.



Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Montego Bay, Giusseppe (Pino) Maffessanti (centre) presented with a certificate of appreciation,



President Sheila Moore (right) welcomes new corporate member, Coffee News Brantford-Bant County to the Kiwanis Paris-Brant Club. The company was represented by Karen Guse (left).



### ▲ Legacy of Play deadlines

The Legacy of Play contest is coming up! Beginning April 10, Kiwanis-family clubs can start submitting their proposals. Sponsored by Kiwanis partner Landscape Structures, the contest will award US\$25,000 in playground equipment to the winning club.

And this year, there's something new: All clubs that enter the contest and collaborate with Landscape Structures to build a playground worth US\$35,000 or more will receive a free OmniSpinner — a playground feature that provides freestanding spinning activity

to kids of all abilities. The accessible height makes it easier for all kids to get in and enjoy a fun and comfortable space for interactive play.

#### Contest deadlines:

**April 10:** First day to enter projects.

**May 10:** Last day to enter projects.

**May 13:** Voting begins.

**May 17:** Voting ends.

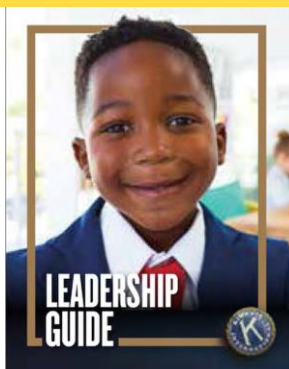
**June 4:** Judges choose winner.

**June 5:** Winner announced.



## New leadership guide for Kiwanis club members in key roles

An updated leadership guide is now available from Kiwanis International. The new guide is designed for convenience. Rather than separate guides for the president, secretary and treasurer, it contains a section for each — with position-specific information, tips and more. The leadership guide also has a section for a Kiwanis club's membership committee. Duties and qualifications for committee members are provided, and tips for committee activities are included — from inviting people to join the club to making membership flexible. Regardless of their position, every



position, every club leader will find useful information.

For instance, Kiwanis 101 provides an overview of the organization's strategic plan, Service Leadership Programs, the Kiwanis Children's Fund and more — including ways a club benefits from engaging with each one. In addition, the Resources section details the tools Kiwanis International provides for recognizing achievements, raising funds and more. To see the guide online and download a copy, go to [kiwanis.org/leadership-guide](http://kiwanis.org/leadership-guide).



# Grow what you Eat

Recently, the Kiwanis Club of Pinewood along with Mr Jared Darville of the Pinewood Community Garden Organization visited the Buttonwood Pinewood Gardens where they did a project which includes Reading and Gardening/beautification hands-on with the preschoolers and teachers at the school.

The project was to teach the kids the importance of how to make a garden and plant seeds to get fruits and vegetables. Mr. Darville who showed the kids how to plant seeds and water them supplied the school with many packages with different seeds of fruits and vegetables

The members of Kiwanis Club of Pinewood and Mr. Darville spent an hour reading to the kids before taking them outside to help plant beautiful plants on the school grounds. The children and faculty enjoyed the exercise very much.

This project is expected to be done annually.





# EKPR fetes over 100 Children at Back to School Treat



Annually, the role played by Mrs. Enid McClaughin – sister of Past Director Rainford Harding is very special and could be characterized as central to the event's staging and success.

For many years now, Mrs. McClaughin, who resides in Canada has been selflessly packing barrels and sending to Jamaica. Through a partnership forged with EKPR, the contents of these barrels are made available to children at this treat.

This year, Mrs. McClaughin packed and sent 2 barrels, and although the club extended its appreciation to her when she was a guest at the Christmas concert held in December. We again would like to take extend a huge thank you to Mrs. McClaughin for her commitment, dedication and continued support throughout the years. And for making the PRT a success yet another year.

In addition, EKPR members also reached out to several entities and individuals who came on board. Namely, the Kingston Bookshop and the E&M Express Car Rental Services whom provided sponsorship in a number of areas. These contributions tallied up and assisted in making the PRT an unforgettable event.

The Port Royal treat (PRT) not only has the enviable distinction of being the project that kick starts the Kiwanis Club of Eastern Kingston and Port Royal's (EKPR) annual calendar of events but it is also the signature project. It is the club's biggest event, in terms of budget, scope, the number of beneficiaries and sponsorship; and certainly, for the Young Children Priority Committee, it is the most prominent project for the year.

This year, as they have in past, members of the East Kingston & Port Royal Kiwanis Club joined hands with a number of individuals, sponsors and volunteers to stage the Port Royal Treat.

Over a 6 hour period, over 100 children from ages 3 to 11 years were feted and provided with a wide variety of fun activities, goodies, treats, presented with toys and back to school supplies.



President Tadmar Moore with a future K-Kid



# A LOVE STORY

## Christine and Gary - THE UNION

Christine and Gary found each other while they were immersed in a life of service. Both Kiwanians, they had seen one another at District Kiwanis events and when their connection grew from acquaintances to friends to partners, it simply seemed like the ideal fit.

They first met around 2011 in Collingwood, Canada. According to Gary, "I saw her and thought she was interesting to know but she look nuff and me na bother." Christine said, she saw him too and felt the same way.

She says, 'he looked full of himself.' However, it was on Prince Edward Island, in Canada, at another District Kiwanis Convention, in 2014, that they had the kind of interaction that left them each wanting a deeper connection. For this re-acquaintance, Gary said he has to thank Bahamian Kiwanian, Edwin Thompson, a mutual friend.

Christine says of Gary, "I always wanted someone who was service-oriented. I don't think it could have gotten any closer than what I wanted. He had the characteristics of a good partner."

Gary says of her, "I love her. She's a complete package."

Christine likes the fact that Gary enjoys cooking. Gary describes her as being "fun" and admires the way she dresses.

"She's a beautiful girl when she puts on her clothes. This woman always looks like she's all that...but I like a challenge, so I pursued her."

However, Christine describes being with Gary as any-



thing but challenging. "He's a good communicator and he likes to make peace," she said. "I haven't had a sad moment in my life since meeting him."

What a declaration!

She particularly appreciates his honesty. "He's real, and he's really loving and helpful. We gel well together."

Christine and Gary have taken turns spending time in each other's native land. She draws a parallel between his rural home and the island habitat of her childhood.

"As I watch him and his family in the country, and see people coming by and hailing them, it takes me back to Cat Island," she remarked. "The connection is so real, no fluff, no pretense, I often think it's our destiny."

These two have found each other in the annals of service to humanity. They are looking forward to the union between them as both have served as Distinguished Lieutenant Governors in Kiwanis, with Christine being bestowed the coveted: Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Excellence.

Gary says ironically, he joined Kiwanis to serve other people and by meeting Christine, ended up helping himself. "It's not only helping the less fortunate – it's helping us too."

Gary, who is poised to spend much of his time in the Bahamas, finds comfort in one thing fact: "It's still Jamaica cause us to meet."

These two distinguished individuals who have fallen deeply in love, will officially sanctify their union 2020 in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

We wish them much happiness as they continue to serve the children on the world together.

# A Song for Road Safety

Over the years a concerning trend has been noticed amongst children while using the roads in Barbados. In an effort to curb this trend, Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados hosted a Road Safety Competition for Primary Schools running from October 21, 2019 to November 29, 2019. The aim of the competition was to educate the children on proper road usage while allowing them to use their talents to express themselves.

It was hoped that at the end of the campaign the island's children would be better able to use the roads safely and in addition would all know the:

- Road signs and their meanings
- The proper use of sidewalks and pedestrian crossings
- How to safely cross the road
- How to safely travel in a vehicle
- Not to play on the road

The competition allowed children to contribute entries in the form of song, drama, art, dance and poetry. The entries received were song, poetry and rhythm poetry.

St. Luke's Brighton Primary won the competition with a song entitled "Road Safety". Four young ladies (Jalann Dear and Letonya Rowe of Class 3 and Arielle Rawlins and Reneisha Roberts of Class 4) sang the winning entry.



From left is Mikey of Team Mikey Charity; Nicola Yard, President of Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados and Beverley Piggott, Principal of St. Luke's Brighton.

The winning school received a laptop and a printer while the four young girls each received a tablet and vouchers for The Atlantic Submarine. The school in the past, experienced the effects of road related injuries and even fatalities.

This song will be used as part of a campaign to increase awareness of road safety as Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados seeks to protect the children on the road.



A gift awaits you at the next District Convention if you can identify this individual. **Persons on social media are not qualified.**







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[Kiwanis.org/TheEliminateProject](http://Kiwanis.org/TheEliminateProject)



# Eye and Sight Day at the Homestead Place of Safety

The Eye Education and Screening Day was the first of several monthly planned activities for the Homestead Place of Safety, a state care housing 70 girls and which has been adopted by the Kiwanis Club of New Kingston for the administrative year.

The eye sight day was to:

- Educate the girls on proper care of the eye
- Perform diagnostic eye testing
- Provide reading glasses where required
- Conduct blood pressure and sugar test

Dr Renae Badroe Ophthalmologist, the guest speaker, delivered a very instructive and engaging presentation which included:

1. The role of the eye
2. The parts of the eye and their function
3. Some of the common conditions that affect the eyes

The project was done in collaboration with The Lions Club of Mona, who provided vision screening, blood pressure and sugar testing. Over sixty-five (65) girls were tested and thirty-six (36) received reading glasses. Referrals were also done for elevated blood sugar and visual acuity.

In attendance were Lieutenant Governor (LG) Barrington Whyte, approximately nineteen (19) Kiwanians, seven (7) Edna Manley Circle K members and four (4) guests. LG Barry thanked the group of girls for the privilege to speak with them in this fashion and congratulated President Adella Campbell and the KCNK team for organizing the project.

There was a question and answer session where the girls were presented with token for answering questions correctly.

The girls were also presented with Certificate of Participation for attending the educational session on eye care and this was followed by serving of refreshment.

LG Barry presenting Certificate of Participation to one of the young lady at the home.



Dr Renae making her presentation



Members of the Lions Club demonstrating how the machine is used to Edna Manley Circle Kers.





# Richmond public safety heroes: Brandon Hodges

The Richmond Standard



Brandon Hodges speaks at the Kiwanis Club of Richmond Public Safety Awards celebration on Friday, March 6, 2020. (Photo: Mike Kinney)

*Day and night our public safety heroes answer the call, working tirelessly to prevent crime and save lives. When they're not doing that, they're working with at-risk local youth or neighborhood councils. For them it's all part of the job. In early March, before the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order went into effect, the Kiwanis Club of Richmond in partnership with Chevron Richmond honored some of the people who are keeping the city safe at its annual Public Safety Awards Dinner. Amid the COVID-19 public health crisis, the Standard will highlight each of the honorees as a reminder of the sacrifices made by frontline responders.*

**Brandon Hodges, Police Officer of the Year**  
If LeBron James, winner of three NBA titles, is considered the G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time) in basketball, then Brandon Hodges may be in the running for the same distinction in policing.

For a third year in a row, Officer Hodges has been named Police Officer of the Year by his peers. Like LeBron James, the officer has plenty of numbers to back him up.

Last year, Officer Hodges recovered 23 firearms, made 75 arrests and handled multiple important cases that made the community safer. With help from his canine partner Gunnar, Hodges also apprehended more than 40 suspects. Thirty-two of them surrendered just knowing that the dog was present. In 2018, Hodges was recognized for recovering 30 firearms and making 61 arrests.

That's not all. Officer Hodges has also made the city safer by addressing many quality of life issues in his beat, providing homeless outreach services and tackling some of the blight issues in neighborhoods. He arranged for the towing of over 100 abandoned vehicles in 2019.

Despite these achievements, Officer Hodges remains humble. In accepting his trifecta award, "he made it a point to recognize his wife, who stays home and takes care of their two little ones," said recently retired Richmond police Capt. Joey Schlemmer, who remains active in the community.

"It can be tough at times balancing a career and family life, and they seem to be doing it pretty well," Schlemmer said.





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