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Meet Your Governor

Delores Boudreaux Lewis

On October 1, 2020, Delores Boudreaux Lewis was sworn in as Governor of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District of Kiwanis International.

Governor Delores is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central and she is the first person from that club to be elected Governor.



At that time Governor Delores vowed that, as soon as her schedule would allow, she would join a Kiwanis Club when she returned to Barbados. This she did some 24 years ago in April 1996 when she was invited to become a member of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central by a friend and Jamaican medical colleague, Distinguished President Dorothea Golding.

A retired Medical Consultant and mother of two sons, one a Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon (UK) and the other a Computer and Electrical Design Engineer (USA). Dee, as she is affectionately known, enjoys being a grandmother of four. Being an equal-opportunity advocate, she divides her spare time between her two children and their family.

Recipient of numerous awards including the Mel Osbourne Fellowship Award, Kiwanis fellow Award and the George F. Hinkson Fellowship Award for outstanding leadership and service, Governor Delores is a life member of Kiwanis International.

A consummate professional, Delores, an exercise buff, loves walking, spinning and gardening.



Having reached this juncture of her life of "retirement", Dee has, at last, found time to expand her commitment to Kiwanis to which she was introduced by a friend, Distinguished President Yvonne Joy Crawford of the Kiwanis Club of New Kingston, while she was pursuing her studies in Medicine in Jamaica.



To Governor Delores "Dee", Kiwanis is a vocation. She loves serving the children of the world, especially the young children and is determined to leave the world a better place, one child, one community at a time.

Thanks to Yvonne 'Joy' Crawford a friend of Governor Delores who assisted me with the writing of this article.

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CHILDHOOD DOESN'T COME WITH A ROAD MAP.



KIDS NEED KIWANIS



Governor's Message

My Fellow Kiwanians,

Welcome to the new Kiwanis Year 2020-2021. We are still very much in the throes of the Covid-19 Pandemic and it is my sincere hope that you, your families and friends are safe and well.

After several months, we are still facing unprecedented times. Everyday life is still far from normal.

It is no longer business as usual and how we have been forced to carry out the day to day activities of our clubs is also far from normal. Our clubs have had to make decisions they never believed that they would encounter to continue to serve the children of the world.

However, let us concentrate on the opportunities and not just the challenges that this pandemic has presented. The majority of our clubs in the district have adapted to stay active using the virtual platforms. These platforms have afforded the clubs the ability to keep their members engaged.

Clubs are now holding not only virtual meetings, but have held their Installations of their Club Officers and Boards, as well as, Induction of new members using the virtual platforms. Many divisions are holding virtual Divisional Council Meetings and I have had the honor and privilege not only to attend but to address a number of those meetings throughout the district.

Clubs are inter clubbing with other clubs not only in their division but throughout the district and the worldwide Kiwanis family. Guest speakers at Divisional Council Meetings and Club meetings are being sought throughout the Kiwanis Family. What an experience it is for clubs to be given the opportunity to hear Kiwanis leaders from around the world speak at their club meetings and Divisional Council meetings.

The opportunities using the virtual platform for Kiwanis Education are limitless. Each member of a club now has the opportunity to participate in Divisional Council Meetings that may not have been possible during normal times of face to face meetings where travel would have been necessary.

As we are zooming toward, "believe it or not" the end of the first quarter, clubs are busy working toward achieving their goals. Clubs are being creative and innovative in



attracting new members to their clubs and fulfilling their yearly membership goals and opening new clubs to help the district meet its new club goal for the year.

Thanks to the efforts of the clubs in the district, we are not only maintaining our membership status but are steadily increasing in numbers and opening new clubs. No greater dedication to working toward achieving the goals of the district, I have seen, as during this time of crisis.

Lieutenant Governors, Presidents and Kiwanians throughout our district are motivated and inspired and are not letting the pandemic consume their lives but are continuing to take the lead as Kiwanians in their communities to assist the children and help Kiwanis Grow. As Governor of this great district, I applaud your efforts and dedication. We must continue to increase our membership and open new clubs to keep our district healthy.

I emphasized as we began this year, that clubs must be bold, be imaginative, be creative and be innovative in their approach to recruiting new members, opening new clubs, initiating service projects and fund raising and our clubs have answered the call.

Clubs have been actively engaging their members and the general community everyday on social media. Clubs have been creative in mimicking the fellowship activities their members usually enjoyed during face to face meetings and making the meetings fun. Clubs have been creative as well in keeping the spirit of service alive by donations and spreading goodwill with numerous other service projects to help minimize the effects of this pandemic on the lives and livelihood of the children in the communities we serve.

Kiwanians and club leaders are not letting this pandemic define their success and are doing their part to ensure a year of excellence in leadership and service. I thank you for making a difference in the lives of the children in our district and keeping your members engaged and happy.

We care and we will succeed together,

Delores B Lewis, MD
Governor EC&C 2020-2021

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Editor's Note



We ushered in a new Kiwanis year on October 1 and welcomed a new administration in the various Divisions and Clubs under the new normal.

A year ago, we were all dolled up attending the various installations but fast forward 2020-2021 and we are all zooming and social distancing but still playing our part in society.

It takes me back to a very interesting story of the history of 1918 when a Kiwanis club played a super role during another pandemic. I have copied excerpts of the amazing role played by Kiwanis then. The entire story can be read in KI magazine - September 2020.

The submissions from clubs have been great this month. Please keep sharing your stories. Thank you all.

During the flu pandemic of 1918, Kiwanians in Allentown, Pennsylvania, opened a temporary home for children whose lives were affected by the illness.

October 8, 1918, was undoubtedly among the most difficult days of Woodrow Wilson's presidency.

That morning, U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Payton March, a native of Easton, Pennsylvania, came to Wilson with an alarming report. From all over the country, young men in military training camps, men he had called into the military to fight World War I, were sick — and many were dying — from an influenza pandemic. Camp commanders were suggesting that troop deployments be slowed until the crisis had passed.

Wilson admitted to March that he recognized the gravity of the situation. But with a major German offensive underway and American troops fighting valiantly against it, any attempt to slow the troop buildup now would be seen as a sign of weakness both by the Kaiser Wilhelm's Germany and the Allies.

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Perhaps to break the tension and stress at the close of the meeting, March heard Wilson repeat to himself a sobering rhyme then making the rounds of the country: "There was a little bird / its name was Enza / I opened up the window / and in-flu-enza."

What, you might ask, does the great flu pandemic of 1918 — which killed between 50 million and 100 million people (estimated at 3% of the world's population) — have to do with the Allentown Kiwanis Club? As it happens, the club was born that same year. And the historical record shows that when the pandemic hit Allentown, its newest Kiwanians were on the forefront of fighting it.



Kiwanis History - 1918



The former Kiwanis Children's Home still sits at 4th and Walnut, shown in this current photo.

By their quick thinking and willingness to put service to the community first, Kiwanis Club of Allentown members saved the lives of many and rescued innocent local children who might otherwise have died.

No one could have suspected that the Allentown Kiwanis members would be playing this role when they first stepped on the stage on Saturday, January 9, 1918. "Allentown Has Kiwanis Club," read the headline in the Morning Call that day.

The first official meeting of the Allentown Kiwanis Club was held at 11:45 a.m. January 17, 1918, at the Hotel Allen.

Before the flu arrived in Allentown, perhaps the most dramatic thing to happen to the Kiwanis club occurred on March 15, 1918.

Former president William Howard Taft was paying a visit to Allentown to buck up the morale of the U.S. Army Ambulance Corps drivers in training at Camp Crane, the name the Army gave to the quarters they had set up at the Allentown Fairgrounds.

At a Kiwanis lunch meeting that day, the Rev. Simon Sipple, Kiwanis chaplain and pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, presented a motion inviting Taft to become the Allentown Kiwanis Club's first honorary member. It was immediately approved.

"A messenger was dispatched to Mr. Taft at the Hotel Traylor," noted the Morning Call, "and the following acceptance came back. 'I accept the honor you have done me with grateful appreciation. William H. Taft.'"

On October 16, 1918, the Allentown Kiwanis Club decided to take action. Member Charles Kline, a civic-minded merchant, called the club's leadership to a meeting at his home.

At the suggestion of Bruce Traylor, the men pledged US\$500 — not a small sum in 1918 — to aid the city. Two days later, the Morning Call noted that following a meeting at the Hotel Traylor, the club's leaders had reached an agreement with the Army doctors at Camp Crane.

The Army would staff a flu clinic for the public. It would operate between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. "to administer to persons ill with the disease who cannot promptly get the services of their regular physician." The article added that "motor messengers" were available to take the doctors to the homes of those too ill to leave them.

But the Allentown Kiwanis Club decided to do more.

"Kiwanis Establishes Protective Home" read the article in the October 29, 1918, issue of the Morning Call. At the urging of Kiwanis President Bohner and Charles Kline, Mrs. John F. Saeger, a civic-minded member of one of the oldest families in Allentown, offered her former mansion at 4th and Walnut streets — which is still there today — for the establishment of what would be called the Temporary Children's Protective Home.

Rather than let "flu orphans" wander the streets to die as they were doing in Philadelphia, the Allentown Kiwanis Club decided to create a refuge for them. Soon donations of mattresses, sheets, blankets and pillows for the home were piling up at the doors of club members.

The business leaders of the city opened their wallets in support as well. Samuel Traylor gave \$1,000 and General Harry Trexler pledged to give \$500 a month for every month it might be needed. By this estimate, Trexler's total donation was \$2,000.

The home opened on October 31, 1918. That same day, city health officials reported a monthly total of 3,000 recorded cases of influenza for the city, with 996 still active. There had also been more than 200 deaths. The officials admitted that probably only 75% of the cases had been reported. Allentown's working class 6th Ward alone had 476 cases and 33 deaths.

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Kiwanis History - 1918

The home's first occupants were 18 children, most from the working class areas of Allentown. They ranged in age from a week to 13 years. The newborn's mother had died three days before.

The Morning Call noted that "entire families of children from motherless homes" were welcome. Among the cases was one of four children whose father was in the hospital and whose mother, the newspaper noted "had gone insane through worry." "Through fear of influenza, all relatives had abandoned them," it reported.

Upon arrival, the children were greeted by Miss Elizabeth Engleman, the trained nurse who supervised the home. Along with a full-time cook was a staff of female volunteers, many from affluent local families. The Saeger mansion had 26 rooms. Some were transformed into large play areas for the children. Five were transformed into dormitories where they could sleep.

Along with money, which arrived in amounts from 50 cents to \$1,000, blankets and all sorts of clothing flooded in. The Cameron Piano Company donated two large "talking machines" (phonographs) and a large selection of classical music and recorded nursery rhymes.

In early November, the Lehigh Valley was receiving the full brunt of the epidemic.

"Quarantine Ban Continues Indefinitely," headlined the Morning Call. Despite pressure from what the newspaper called "the amusement and liquor interests," the city council refused by a slim majority to defy state and federal health officials and lift the ban.

Churches, schools, saloons and theaters were closed. Factories that were essential to war production, including Traylor Engineering and Manufacturing and Bethlehem Steel, were going full tilt. But they were among the few places where people were allowed to crowd together.

On November 4, 1918, the newspapers reported about 29 children at the Kiwanis home. It listed the donations of money and goods. Members of Kiwanis were giving their time also. Several used their large touring cars to take groups of the children and staff for rides into the country.

It was also beginning to look like the flu was in retreat, but not quite ready to surrender. Theaters had reopened, as had churches, but the schools were still closed. On December 2, the Morning Call ran a large article on the Children's Home. It included a photo of the children in front of the residence. Some of the babies were being held by the volunteers.

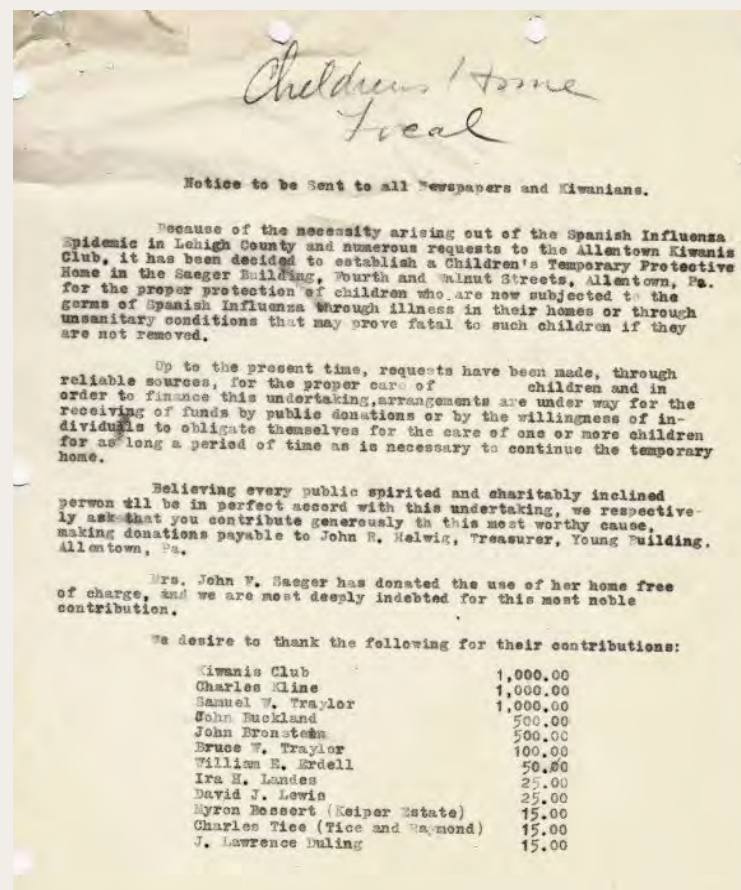
That Christmas, the children received toys and dinner thanks to the Kiwanis members.

The last week of 1918, the Allentown Kiwanis Club voted in a new board. Former president Boehner announced at the meeting that, at the request of the national leadership, he was going to travel to report on the club's activities during the influenza epidemic. Their efforts had attracted national publicity.

At the Allentown Kiwanis Club meeting of January 16, 1919, Vice President Lawrence Rupp announced that the Temporary Children's Protective Home would be closed. Parents who had survived took their children home. The rest had been taken in by other family members.

After a tumultuous history-making first year, the Allentown Kiwanis Club settled down to more "normal" activities. But it is doubtful that those they saved in 1918 ever forgot.

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The deadline for submission District Awards to be presented for the 2019–2020 year is January 30, 2021

Ralph Taylor Memorial Gong

Established in memory of an inspiring leader in Northern Ontario, this award is presented to the club that issued the best weekly/biweekly Bulletin in electronic or paper media.

Laurent Girouard Award (Club Bulletin – runner up)

Established by past Governor Laurent Girouard and is presented to the club that issued the runner up weekly/biweekly Bulletin in electronic or paper media.

Fred McAllister Award

This award is presented to an individual who has performed the most outstanding service to his/her local community through Kiwanis for the 2018–2019 year.

Godfrey Dyer Kiwanis Marketing Award

This award is given to recognize club contributions to Marketing, Publicity and the Promotion of Kiwanis to the community for the 2019–2020 year.

Award of Merit

This award is provided by Past Governor Hedley Ivany, for the club secretary who has been judged to be outstanding (UNsung HERO).

Interclub Award

This award is based on the interclub activity during the year as reported via the club's monthly report.



On Saturday, October 3, 2020, the Kiwanis Club of Schoelcher held its handover ceremony. The PPI Frédéric PONCHATEAU passed the torch to Jean-Michel PAJANIANDY in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Daniel MAIGNAN.

Several Kiwanians were honoured at the ceremony, receiving award for their commitment and dedication. President Jean-Michel PAJANIANDY took advantage of the moment to induct two new members, Nicaise FLORELLA and Jocya MONTABORD. The LG was thus able to give them the insignia of the KCS and the District.

Finally, Schoelcher's Kiwanis Club has 3 decorated members who have been distinguished by the Legion of Honour, Paul TOUSSAINT, 35 (PG), Emile GLISSANT, 35 (PLG) and Frédéric PONCHATEAU 25 years (IPP).



Kiwanis Club of Barbados South Ophthalmology Project with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Barbados



Kiwanis Barbados South initiated the project after they found out that in order for the expansion to be a reality, computers, internet services, camera systems and a storage forum for electronic medical records.

In September 2020 President St. Clair Phillips accompanied by K John Proverbs presented two (2) laptop computers to the Head of the Ophthalmology Department of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Dr. Sherwin Benskin. This was made possible through the assistance of corporate Barbados mainly the Law firm of Pilgrim & Associates and Republic Bank Barbados.

This project provided much visibility for the Kiwanis movement in Barbados and by extension worldwide, as it was featured on numerous television stations and print media.

The Head of the Ophthalmology Department, Dr. Sherwin Benskin, advised that the eye care programme at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Barbados will now be expanded. He said extending the service to the entire country was dependent on the technology that they were able to access.

This expansion was made possible after a lecture project called **"Just Ask"** which was held on the 16 June, 2020 with the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South and delivered by Dr. Nigel Barker Corneal Specialist.

During the question and answer session a club member, Distinguished President Emerson Smith enquired how the club could assist the Hospital as it was noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the movement of persons allowed to visit the Queen Elizabeth Hospital was restricted.

A team from the Club then had discussions with the Hospital eye care team and became aware that their aim was to expand the services of the Eye department where patients would no longer have to visit the eye department directly but rather that patients would be able to be examined from a distant Polyclinic or even overseas.



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Leadership Development - ONE DEBATE AT A TIME

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Debating is about inspiring your audience to agree with and embrace your interpretation of the facts. As a natural consequence of this process, debaters will experience the stretching of their own mind as they seek to understand and successfully counter their worthy opponents' suppositions.

In addition to enhancing their ability to articulate publicly with poise and charisma, it sharpens their critical thinking skills and bolster their self-esteem. Debating is thus really a leadership training arena.

The Kiwanis Club of Kingston is committed to inspiring and nurturing the next generation of leaders and so its **Annual Key Club Debating Competition** has been one of its signature projects over many years.

The objectives of this competition are to identify and expose Key Clubbers with potentially good public speaking skills, encourage the cohort to seek continued educational development through research and application and to impact the self-image of not only the participants but also their peers.

The rivalry amongst these participating schools sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Kingston is friendly but that in no way impacts the intensity of their desire or fervour to be crowned top debaters and so the rounds are quite spirited.



2019 winners, Kingston College joined by DLG William Reason at left and then President Rupert Whittaker at centre.

In 2019, Kingston College was crowned the eventual winners at the end of a very impressive competition.

This all boys school had to deliver a yeoman performance in order to stave off the intensively competitive St. Hugh's High School for Girls who had actually beaten them in their first-round encounter. St.

Hugh's gave notice that they would not make the same mistake come 2020.

Under the guidance of President Elect, Major Richard Reese who was ably assisted by President Desmond Batchelor and the project team, the 2020 Kiwanis Club of Kingston Debating competition had their opening round on February 12. The schools registered to participate were Last year's winners Kingston College, last year's runners up St Hugh's High School for Girls, Dunoon Park Technical High School, Gaynstead High and newcomers Kingston High School.

After viewing the performance of each team in at least one match, the judges concurred that everyone was in "winner mode" and the competition was heading for a photo finish again this year. The presentations were excellent and even the newcomers' boat was lifted by the rising tides. Buoyed by the support of their peers and faculty advisors, you could literally see improvements in their performances and self-confidence as the matches progressed.

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Leadership Development

The hugs and comradery flowed freely after each encounter. Undoubtedly, there were no losers.

The stakeholders were disappointed when concerns arising from the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the suspension of the debates in March 2020. Dismay replaced disappointment in May when, after much consultation, it was agreed to abort the 2020 debating competition. In recognition of the fact that tremendous efforts would have been expended by both faculty and students and that their disappointment would be palpable, the board of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston on May 4 decided to reward their efforts in the following manner:



From right PD Major Reese, President Desmond, DLG William and Chairman Errol with 2020 Debaters



1. There were no 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, but Clubs that won at least one of the matches in the competition, received \$13,000 each. The Key Clubs were Kingston College 2, St Hugh's 1 and Dunoon 1
2. Teams that won none of the matches received \$6,000 each
3. All speakers in the Competition would receive Certificates of Participation

The cash awarded to each Key Club was for the purpose of assisting in executing their service projects

Although derailed by COVID -19, the 2020 Kiwanis Club of Kingston Debating competition facilitated an exciting view of how this signature program has inspired and impacted the self-confidence of our future leaders. It has proven that despite the financial challenges faced by the club due to the impact of the pandemic on our fund raising activities, the debating competition is undoubtedly value for money and we look forward to some scintillating performances in 2021.

Kiwanis Barbados Central Raises Funds to Assist Cancer Student



From left, Kaliyah Small, Pelar Ramsey, Kezia Small, Philip Small Jr., President Sherilyn Cordice and Club's Finance & Fundraising Chairman, Tamara Griffith.

The Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central held its first virtual Gospel Concert to raise funds for Philip Small Jr. a former student of the St. Leonard's Boys School who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer two years ago.

The 18 year-old student became the cause for this year's fundraiser through Club Director Ricardo Mapp who learnt about Small's challenge with medical bills, and shared the information with the Club. In getting to know more about Philip, he shared that he started to realize that something was wrong with him while playing his favorite sport, football. He would be playing for his school and realize that he would be tired and out of breath without exerting much energy.

The second warning symptom was that he dropped over 20 pounds in two weeks, and this prompted his parents to take him to see a doctor. He then received his diagnosis and learnt that the cancer was in his spleen and throughout his body.

He has since done procedures on his stomach and chest – and is awaiting another CT scan to determine how his body is responding to his

chemotherapy; and the state of his cancer now due to the pandemic.

COVID-19 has caused some setback to his treatment as he travels yearly to Miami to have PET scans done, which are not available in Barbados; and his recent medication was only sourced and shipped from India.

The concert which is the Club's Signature Project was initially scheduled for March 28 at the St. Leonard's Boys School Auditorium, and was halted due to the COVID and the strict protocols to manage and avoid community spread. With this new limitation, the Club's President,

Sherilyn Cordice refused to let it hinder this year's fundraiser for a cause.

President Cordice did her research and opportunistically rebranded the concert as a virtual gospel fundraiser and reached out to gospel artistes both locally and regionally. According to online checklists and online guides for virtual events, an event that should be planned over the course of 6 months was able to be coordinated and executed in 2 months.

On July 11 at 7:30 p.m., Miss World Barbados 2019 Ché Greenidge hosted the fundraiser, with patron Reverend Paul Leacock and popular local artistes Neesha Woodz, John Yarde, Trenacia Esseboom, steel panist Mark Forde, and other artistes. The concert not only featured musical talent but also spoken word performer, Albert Parris.

The concert was attended by over 100 patrons; and amidst the closure of businesses and increase unemployment, the Club was still able to raise \$6,000.00 to assist Small with his medical expenses.



Playworld gets thumbs up from first official user

Ralph Celentano, left, and Liam Sangster, right, of the Kiwanis Club of Nipissing check out the Kiwanis Playworld with Joshua Selin and Coun. Johanne Brousseau, Thursday. PJ Wilson/The Nugget

“Oh my God, this is amazing.”

Joshua Selin didn't even try to hide his enthusiasm recently as he was the first person to officially try out Kiwanis Playworld on Memorial Drive.

It was the first time he'd had the chance to check it out, other than a short visit a couple of hours before the official opening ceremony, but Joshua promises it won't be the last.

Joshua used to visit the old playground at Lee Park, but the new playground, a 10-year project by the Kiwanis Club of Nipissing, is far beyond anything he'd seen there before.

But, he admits, it's going to be a long wait until spring when he can check everything out.

The project “took many, many years to accomplish,” and is a “legacy project” of the service club which it hopes will be able to serve children and their families for generations.

“This year will be remembered for a lot of reasons,” Ralph Celentano of the Kiwanis Club of Nipissing admitted. And although children's leagues and activities had to be curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project – which first welcomed children in July – was “worth the cost.”

The playground, which is fully accessible and includes workout stations for older participants, carried a pricetag of about \$525,000.

Two local families each put \$10,000 into the pot through their foundations.

“I wish I was little so I could play on it,” Jayne Stockfish-Irwin, representing the Stockfish Family Foundation, said.



President of Kiwanis Club of Nipissing Liam Sangster and North Bay City Councillor Johanne Brousseau cut the ribbon. Photo: Stu Campaigne

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Playworld gets thumbs up

She was there with her father, George Stockfish, for the official opening, a “very exciting” opportunity for the foundation and the city. “This is far beyond my expectations.”

“It’s absolutely wonderful to see,” Margaret Thomson, speaking for the Thomson Family Foundation, said. “It’s so great the kids will be able to use it. It absolutely warms my heart.” Celentano admitted it was a “sorry-not sorry” situation as the playground was being built.

“We saw the traffic jams, the demands on the parking lot here,” he said. “Since it opened, there has been non-stop activity.”

The playground is designed for kids from two to 12 years of age, but the workout stations are there for older children or adults to get some exercise in while the younger set can take advantage of the fully accessible equipment, including quiet areas and timeout areas for children who need a break.

While erecting a large banner Wednesday, Celentano said he was approached by a couple of kids at the playground who just wanted to say thank you for the playground.

One of the mothers, he said, told him the playground “was one of the highlights of an otherwise challenging summer,” and said there would be “generations of families” who would be able to enjoy the facility.

Opening the playground was almost surreal, Kiwanis Club president Liam Sangster said. “There were times we didn’t think it would come together,” he admitted, but a successful fundraising campaign, support from the city and volunteers put it together.



Multi-generational outdoor fitness equipment, adjacent to Kiwanis Playworld By: [Stu Campaigne](#)

North Bay Nugget
PJ Wilson



The Kiwanis Club of Young Professionals - Kingston kicked off its new admin year by planting new seeds to feed the next generation of Jamaicans. In an effort to promote healthy living, environmental protection and good lifestyle, the club took part in Jamaica’s National Tree Planting Day on October 17th 2020.

For this project the club planted several fruit trees at The Norman Gardens Primary School to help to improve the lives of the students through the provision of food, shade and a more conducive learning environment.

Staples gathers \$10K in community donations for Kiwanis



Staples Manager Chris Legge presented a donation of \$10,009 to Kiwanis President Warren Haist and President-Elect Caroline Zuk. The donation was the proceeds of a Start to Smart campaign run by Staples stores across the province.

This year marked the 17th year that the Kiwanis Club of Sarnia-Lambton Golden K has partnered with the local Staples store in Sarnia, Ontario for their Back to School Supply Drive.

It is also the year when Staples Canada officially partnered with Kiwanis Clubs in Ontario to make a larger impact on youth in the communities who need assistance with starting their school year off with the necessary tools.

Thanks to the generosity of shoppers at Staples and the club's effort, a total of \$9114.00 was raised.

Letters of invitation were sent to 20 schools in the Sarnia-Lambton area with 16 choosing to take part in the project. On, Tuesday, October 20, a crew of dedicated Kiwanis members delivered the supplies to the schools.

Sarnia-Lambton Golden K also raised \$800.00 at its annual Back to School BBQ in front of the local Staples during the Labour Day weekend.

Thanks to all the members who helped with the delivery, Kiwanis member Lynn Faubert, and the General Manager of Staples Sarnia for her dedication and commitment over the years to this project.



COVID-19 AID HANDS-ON FOOD PROJECT KIWANIS CLUB OF ARUBA



In these uncertain times, due to the worldwide pandemic, many persons have lost their jobs in Aruba. For a period of four (4) months, starting in May, the Kiwanis Club of Aruba started a food project to assist families with kids who were affected by the crisis caused by COVID-19 and who were not receiving help from the other foundations or the government.

Each month a club member would adopt a family in need. The members would then come together, prepare and personally distribute the food bags to the families in need in the different neighborhoods.

Each family received 5 bags filled with food, fresh fruit, hygiene products and baby products. It was an emotional project filled with lots of fellowship, care, love and of course a lot of helping hands.

To date the Aruba club has assisted a total of 186 families in need with food bags and contributed over AWG 29,500.00 / USD 16,573.00 in food items

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



KI New Member Incentive for Existing Clubs and New Member Incentive for New Clubs

The following information is being shared with all EC&C Members, Clubs, Divisions and District Officers regarding the New Member Incentives being offered effective October 2020.

1. New Member Incentive for Existing Clubs.

- ♦ Kiwanis International will waive the KI new member fee of \$50USD for any new member who joins an existing club until December 31, 2020.
- ♦ In addition, EC&C District will waive the \$15CAD fee for a new member of an existing club for the fiscal year 2020-2021.
- ♦ Clubs are encouraged to waive their dues where possible for a new member.

2. New Member Incentive for New Kiwanis Clubs

- ♦ The New Member Charter Fee of \$50USD will be paid to Kiwanis International by the District upon confirmation of the new club charter and it's roster of charter members.
- ♦ This incentive is in place for the fiscal year 2020-21.

**NOW IS A GREAT TIME FOR CLUBS TO INVITE FRIENDS,
FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS TO JOIN KIWANIS!!**

District Membership Growth & Engagement Committee

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The Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. donated \$1,400 to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas for breast cancer patients. The funds were raised through the 'Coins for a Cause' initiative developed by the Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M., as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The donation will assist with the cost of housing for 13 patients at the cancer society.

Each year the Club assists the Cancer Society of the Bahamas with its annual bingo fundraiser. However, this year the pandemic interfered with the annual fundraiser, forcing the Club to exercise its creativity by developing new efforts to serve the wider community. The Kiwanis Club of Nassau A.M. introduced the 'Coins for a Cause' initiative to challenge each Kiwanian and prospective members to donate their coins for a worthy cause.



Kiwanis Club of Forest gets Creative in Fund Raising

The Kiwanis Club of Forest has managed to keep busy, raise funds and serve the community in spite of restrictions due to COVID.

The club meets regularly by Zoom with good attendance. Membership is being maintained. Two successful fundraisers were held; a Peach Festival where patrons drove by to pick up a ham dinner featuring peach pie for dessert in August and a weekly drive-in-bingo filled the parking lot at the Optimist Hall in September. This was a joint venture with the Optimist Club.

With so many events being cancelled the membership is determined to bring some holiday spirit to the community. In November the club will host its 37th annual Kiwanis Santa Claus Parade, although with a few changes. Spectators will drive past stationary floats decorated by businesses, organizations and service clubs. Music and commentary will be available through their car radios. Of course Santa and Mrs. Claus and maybe a few elves will be there to wave to the passing cars. The club is grateful for the assistance of Forest Agricultural Society and the use of the fairgrounds to stage the floats.



Pictured from left, Joan Rawlings, (Kiwanis) Brenda Van Bree, Paul Van Bree, PJ Van Bree and Betty Fitchett (Kiwanis)

Members continue to raise funds for the renovation of the 100 plus year old movie theatre. The community has been very supportive and the club looks forward to welcoming them back when the work is finished and as restrictions allow.

The theatre will have a new lobby concession area, accessible washrooms, a community room, an updated kitchen and additional seating area for wheelchairs and walkers. It is also where the club meets when not limited to Zoom.

Kiwanis thanks Pro Drainage for their generous donation to the capital campaign for the Kineto Vision 2020 project.

Youth of Merit Award



With so many negative reports about young people, Kiwanis Club Pride of Barbados wanted to focus on the positive and highlight the young people in the country who are doing good work and good service.

The club developed a "Youth of Merit Award" programme opened to persons in the country to nominate an individual between the ages of 16 -21 who has made significant contribution to the community.

The winner of the award was 17 year old Leandra Durant. She has been a Red Cross member since 2017 and a Barbados Community College ambassador since 2020. In these organizations she passionately gives of her time to help those in need and raise funds for community projects.

CPOB's President Shari Morris (left) handing Leandra Durant her Youth of Merit Award along with a tablet sponsored by D.E. Computers.

Jean Peterson, 104.5 years old of Windsor Court was awarded the Kiwanis Club of Fredericton Silver Headed Cane Award as the oldest local citizen.

Sharing in the moment with her from left were Jane Dick, Burt Green, Murielle Lordon, Kevin Grimes, Mike Ross, Noella LeBrun and Lieutenant Governor Linda Jarvis-Duguay.





Key Clubbers Gifted with Much Needed Tablets



On Saturday October 24, 2020, the official Kiwanis 'One Day' project day for Kiwanis Clubs across the world, Distinguished Governor (DG) Hope Markes, candidate for the position of Kiwanis International Trustee 2021-2024, handed over 100 Wi-Fi 10" Tablets and Type cases to the Key Club Jamaica District.

Kiwanis is dedicated to the continuous development of children and understand that education plays a pivotal role in this regard. As such, this initiative is aimed at providing Key Club students with the required technological resource to participate in online classes, so that they are empowered to become leaders within the society.

Distinguished Governor Hope Markes has a passion for Service Leadership Programme, which allows Kiwanians to mentor and support the development of youth at the kindergarten, primary, preparatory, high school and tertiary levels, as well as persons with disabilities.

Upon learning of the plight of the key clubbers, DG Hope shared her concern with her friends and family members and requested their assistance. This was granted by way of a donation of GBP 10,000.00 along with other smaller personal donations. The Kiwanis Club of Friends Across Border played a key role in the procurement of the tablets. Technical support of streaming the event was provided by the key clubbers who were in attendance.

District Administrator Christopher Humber and Key Club Governor Demario Mews, in their response wholeheartedly thanked DG Hope and her team for taking the need seriously which they hope will pave the way for others follow. DA Christopher also mentioned his history with DG Hope and reminded her with fondness that she was the first Governor, he was aware of to act as Chaperone at a Key Club International Convention.

The event was supported by the Jamaica Observer print media, Key Club District Administrator Christopher Humber, Key Club Governor Demario Mew, Key Club District Bulletin Editor Amelia, Key Club Lieutenant Governor Wendy-Ann Ivey, along with members of the Kiwanis leadership team.

DG Hope expressed thanks to her family, friends and the Kiwanis team for supporting the key clubbers. She shared that they are the future heirs of Kiwanis, and as such should be treasured and supported. The KI Trustee candidate indicated that this will not be the last support for the key clubbers and invited all to continue supporting our youth.

Kiwanis International Mandate: Serving the Children of the World.





YCPO Committee Director Philippe PADERNA and members of his committee: DLGE Claude DAVIDAS, DLG and Immediate Past President Frédéric ROSE-ELIE, Charles NIVOR, Steeve and Jean-Louis TAILAME donated 30 packets of diapers to the Adventist Relief for distribution to needy families for their babies.

The Kiwanis Club in Fort-de-France (Division 27A) thanks the Pharmacy of the Sun for its contribution.

The Kiwanis Club of Arc-en-ciel distributed 500 surgical masks to residents and staff of the EHPAD Sainte Hildegarde of Gros Morne.

This facility which houses the elderly accommodates 36 residents including 6 day care workers and 28 carers.



Operation Sanitize by Kiwanis Club of Meadowvale was conducted at the UHWI Maternity Ward.

The nurses were treated to special care packages that will assist in keeping them safe as they perform their duties.





The Kiwanis Club of Flamboyant Kiwanis One Day was about literacy with the Child Care Centre Les Boutons d'or du Saint-Esprit. There was a book presentation in the presence of Mrs. Fagour Peggy, City Counsellor for the town of Saint-Esprit and appointed to early childhood, the Head of the Center Mrs. Varsovie, the members of the JEP1 committee and the President.

Educational tools were set up for forty (40) children and parents within the nursery and a link with the media library of the city of Saint-Esprit to stimulate a taste for reading was created.



Kiwanis and Key Club members of the Kiwanis Club of Kitchener Waterloo gathered (social distancing protocols in place) on Kiwanis One Day to fill up Halloween buckets with lots of candy and treats to help make Halloween 2020 a little sweeter for families in a low-income housing complex in Kitchener.

Club members delivered the buckets to the front doors of the 30 unit complex on the same day. This was well received by the children and their families.

The Kiwanis Club of Barbados West along with some members of Kiwanis Club of Barbados Central helped students at the Irving Wilson School by adding a splash of color to their play equipment on October 24.

Painting material was donated by Marshal Trading.





Kiwanis club of Kralendijk, Bonaire, One Day Event was 'Muchanan na Palabra' a debate for kids ages 6 to 11 years old, hosted on Zoom due to Covid-19 related restrictions.

After a mini scavenger hunt to loosen up, the kids gave their opinions on different subjects - girls playing football (soccer), placing all donkeys on Klein Bonaire, was the covid-19 related school shut down like a vacation, and more.

It was great to see the kids enjoying the debate and giving their opinions in a very articulate way. Wonderful to see kids be respectful of each other's point of view. They even asked the club to organize more debates in the future. After the debate all the kids received a coupon for free ice cream scoops at Luciano Bonaire.



What a difference a day makes!!! Kiwanis One Day was a little different this year but Kiwanis Club of Toronto/Foundation was determined to continue their support to the community.

COVID-19 may have impacted how they do things, but it couldn't affect what they did. So, in partnership with the team at @globalmedicdmgf and the Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber and some help from the littlest Kiwanians they delivered a cheque, that they hope will make a HUGE difference.

The funds will go towards the FeedtheSix Campaign which is a partnership with Hand Up Toronto that provides nutritious food packages and help feed families across the city who are experiencing food insecurity due to the pandemic. Even though the members of the club can't come together as a large group they still believe that one day can make a lifetime of difference.

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J.T Ambrose Primary School, Antigua gets Handwashing Station

The JT Ambrose Primary school in All Saints Village, Antigua was the recipient of a hand-washing station compliments of the Kiwanis Club of St. John's Antigua as part of the Kiwanis One-Day initiative.

When Chair of the Community Services Committee contacted Headmistress Ms Neta Robinson she was elated. Ms Robinson expressed her gratitude to the Club for the additional hand washing station, as the school only had 4 stations and was in need of more based on the over 300 students attending the school.

Teacher LeVorne Carter was on site to witness the installation and completion of the project.

Past President (PP) Rosemarie, Chairperson of Community Services lauded the efforts of the



Kiwanians who worked to complete the project. "This is what teamwork feels like." PP Rosemarie happily stated.

The completed project was handed over by President Ms. Nieka Bowen who recognized that "in this climate, one cannot sanitize too much or too often" and expressed her hope that the new station will help to make the hand washing process more efficient.

Promoting handwashing is one of several efforts to keep students healthy and in school during these unprecedented times.

During a visit to the school to assess the need, it was also observed that the flower garden located on the school's compound needed some attention. Flowering plants were donated and Kiwanians showed up with gardening tools and beautified the garden as well.



The Kiwanis Club of Nassau community service theme for the month of October 2020 was **"spreading love not germs"** as safety protocols are imperative to successfully fighting the pandemic.

The club donated soap dispensers, hand sanitizers and wipes to one of its club's DLP Schools - Carlton E. Francis Primary as well as to the children emergency hostel, which is a children's home opened by the Kiwanis Club of Nassau in 1969. Both institutions were extremely grateful as they were in need of the items provided.

Division 27 Caribbean



Kiwanis Clubs of Barbados making it easier for children to study at home

Kiwanians, with tools in hand, made twelve (12) workstations to be distributed to the children throughout Barbados. This initiative saw Kiwanians from the Kiwanis Clubs of Barbados (Central, North, South, Bridgetown, Bridgetown Young Professionals and Pride of Barbados) inclusive of our K family (Builders, Key Club and Circle K) join forces on Saturday October 24 for the Kiwanis One Day project.

These workstations are needed because Community Analysis showed that some children are joining virtual classes whilst being slouched on the sofa or laying in their beds. These practices do not foster an environment to pay rapt attention and can also lead to health complications due to bad posture.

One of the District's goals under community impact is to initiate service projects which will improve the lives of the children in the community in the areas of education, health & nutrition and safety. With these goals in mind, and given the fact that October was Education month with a theme of **Adapting to Changes in the 21st Century**, the Division decided to produce the workstations to ensure



that children had greater access to a comfortable designated place to complete their online classes.

This project was well received by the members of the Kiwanis family and the general public.

News coverage was given by the major media houses (both print and television broadcast).

Division 27 members wish to extend appreciation to the sponsors, Ribena and Marshall Trading, Governor of Caribbean-Atlantic District Key Club, Joshua Desir, EC&C District Governor Dr Delores Lewis as well as the parents of our Service Leadership family. [#sharethepassion](#) [#kidsneedkiwanis](#)



Kiwanis Club of Barbados North

Caring for Communities

Barbados, as a small island nation and heavily dependent on tourism, has been severely impacted by the pandemic resulting in loss of jobs and foreign exchange, with many households hard hit.

Despite the drastic changes caused by Covid-19, it has also shown the resilience and innovation of members of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North. Members of this club are still reaching out and caring for people in their communities in St James, St Peter, St Lucy, St Andrew, St Joseph and St Thomas.

The Kiwanis Club North has responded to this situation in meaningful ways by assisting some of those affected living within

Members continue to assist the elderly in the community during the curfew by making calls periodically to those persons who live alone. Banking, bill payment and supermarket shopping assistance were some of the services provided during lockdown and are still being provided to date.

its catchment area.

A walker which was donated by a returning resident was also presented to an elderly person.

In March, a donation of groceries, mainly breakfast items, were presented to two Head Teachers, to assist them as they continue to ensure those children that depended on the schools to provide them with breakfast on a daily basis were not disadvantaged. The items were then distributed accordingly to the parents of the children by the Head Teachers.

In April a 'Hamper Project' was launched with support from the WestGAM - the past students' association of the Grantley Adams Memorial School, and the Lions Club Scotland District which both made generous contributions of money and food items to this initiative. In addition to the hampers, individual donations of cash, food items and games were donated by members to various persons in need.



In February, members visited the Elayne Scantlebury Centre and presented the residents with a food hamper. Members interacted with the residents, shared fellowship in song and offered light refreshments.

The club provided 18 food hampers to families in need. Some of these hampers were given to beneficiaries of the club's Sunday Feeding Programme, which was halted due to the COVID-19 curfew. A contribution of foodstuff and toilet tissues was also presented to the HIV Foodbank.



The North Club teamed up with the South and Bridgetown Clubs to donate face masks to the Albert Cecil Graham Development Centre, which caters to approximately 16 children with disabilities.

Kiwanis Club of the Berry Islands – Back to School

The re-opening of school in the Bahamas was certainly one of a different experience, especially in the lives of the one hundred and forty – two students (142) of the R. N. Gomez Comprehensive school in the Berry Islands. This was the “new normal” that had become a full reality for them on October 5, 2020.

Most of the parents, who have students at the school, normally work on Coca Cay or Big Stirrup Cay as vendors who sell their cultural items to the thousands of visitors who normally flock to those Bahamian shores. A perfect Day on Coca Cay had become a troubling experience in the lives of these young, eager learners whose parents had not worked since February 2020, when the Cays shut down because of the pandemic.

With the mandate of “serving the community – one child at a time”, firmly fixed in the minds of the member of the Kiwanis Club of the Berry Islands, they sprang into action to organize a back-to-school supply give away. This was a project that the club had completed year after year as one of its’ signature projects but now it held a special meaning.

Distinguished Secretary Brooklyn (Saunders), voiced the opinion that it was special because many parents did not have the means to even prepare their children for the reopening of the new school year, however she thanked God that the Kiwanis club was able to step in and take some of the load off of the parents’ shoulders.

The bags contained all of the essential items which the students needed for the new school year. This included, exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers, geometry sets, crayons, glue



sticks, folder leaves, folders, construction paper, and all the materials for safety including masks and hand sanitizers.

President Don, remarked that such a project would not have been possible without the assistance of some of the key partnerships which would have been forged over the years.

He especially thanked the Commonwealth Bank Organization, the M. P. for North Andros & the Berry Islands, Mr. Carlton Bowleg, for their wonderful contributions

to the project, adding that he looked forward to many more years of partnerships such as those that drive the work of Kiwanis in such remote Islands.



Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma Staples Project

Fortunately, Staples' business supplies products, overall, are not too heavy and non-perishable. In the early years of the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma's (KCCL) partnership with Staples Stockyards in 2001 and then, with Midtown Staples in 2005, Kiwanian Ken picked up and packed his trunk with donated supplies which he delivered to elementary schools. As the size of the donations grew, the supplies were delivered to high schools which volunteered storage space. Key Club volunteers distributed the supplies to nearby elementary schools. When the donations mounted to four skids of supplies, Ken graciously offered his garage. Kiwanians would pick up supplies and drive them to elementary schools. When Rajit became the Midtown Manager in 2005, it was the beginning of a 15 year partnership which transformed the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma Staples Project!

In 2014, the money donated by customers during the Staples Back to School Drive was no longer used to "purchase" supplies to be donated to schools, but was turned into Staples gift cards. The Club invited the principals from elementary schools located in disadvantaged areas to receive the gift cards at Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma's Staples Dinner. Schools could now determine what supplies would be most useful to benefit their students. From helping 2 schools at the beginning, KCCL Staples Project grew to helping 14 schools in 2019. In addition, Rajit introduced the University Staples store to the club which provided \$7,000 worth of technology to 7 schools supported by KCCL. Through Rajit's commitment to the Back to School Drive over the past 15 years, the Midtown Staples store managed to raise more than \$130,000 in donations!



From left, TDSB Superintendent Marc Sprack, Kiwanis organizer Kathi Silke, Staples Manager Rajit Kadirgamar, Special Olympics Rep Ryan Colpitts at 2019 Staples Dinner.

In 2020, Staples Ontario partnered with Kiwanis Clubs throughout Ontario. Rajit, now a KCCL member, coordinated 6 Staples stores to partner with KCCL. Together, they raised \$30,600! KCCL invited 25 recipients: elementary and secondary schools, identified with learning opportunities challenges, and community partners, to 3 ZOOM meetings. The Staples managers met the recipients and heard about the needs of the children and how the gift cards would be used.

The KCCL Staples project has evolved into donors and recipients talking about the needs of children, while the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma continues serving their needs.

A promotional graphic for the Kiwanis International Convention 2021. It features a young child with blonde hair, wearing a pink shirt, sitting at a table and playing with a doll. The word "PLAY" is written in large, bold, yellow letters, and "with PURPOSE" is written in smaller, white letters below it. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting.

Kids have to play differently right now — but their spirit is still part of Kiwanis service. And it will be part of the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention as well. Discover new ways to serve your community and develop leadership skills. Save the date for leadership, service project and fundraising training. Find details at [kiwanis.org/convention](https://www.kiwanis.org/convention).

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