



# Monthly Newsletter

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November 2025



First Lunch meeting October 2, 2024

## Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

In this newsletter you can expect:

### Welcome to Kiwanis Connection.

We are thrilled to share with you the latest news about our mission to make a positive impact for the children in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our donors and volunteers. . Your support truly makes a difference!

In October, we proudly launched the *Plant-Project* with our Kiwanis 1 Day. This initiative aimed to promote environmental stewardship and provide hands-on learning opportunities for our youth. The enthusiasm and participation from our members were remarkable, laying a strong foundation for future projects including expansion into *Groboxes* this month..

These planting projects will enable us to engage more community members in sustainable gardening practices and agricultural education, fostering a deeper connection with nature and promoting healthy living.

### Upcoming Events

*Annual Christmas Dinner and Social*

Mark your calendars! Our much-anticipated Annual Christmas Dinner and Social is scheduled for Wednesday December 18th. Join us for an evening of festive celebration, "Masquerade theme" delicious food, and wonderful company as we come together to celebrate the season .

We are delighted to welcome our new board members and our newly elected President Dr. Grant Davis. Dr. Grant-Davis is an Obstetrician and Gynecologist with a passion for her profession. She brings that passion to Kiwanis International and to the children of the Cayman Islands through her presidency of our club. With her history of getting things done, we are in for an exciting year! Looking ahead to the New Year, the theme for 2025 is : **THE TEAM**. Under the guidance of this new board , we will continue to achieve great milestones in serving our community.

Enjoy the installation pictures and highlights from our recent events included in this newsletter.

Our charitable work relies on the kindness and support of our community. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can continue to nurture growth, foster education, and build a stronger, more inclusive community. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

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**October 19 - Installation of Officers: The club celebrated the installation of new officers at the Saltwater Grill on Seven Mile Beach, marking an exciting start to the Kiwanis year.**

**IPP Ibimitomi “Asher” Ogbe presented awards to well-deserving Kiwanians after which PLG Winsome Radcliffe and DPP Paul de Freitas inducted the new Board of Directors under incoming President Tanikya Grant-Davis.**

**Thank you to Kiwanian Paul Persaud for acting as Master of Ceremonies and to all who attended. And congratulations to all of the award-winners.**



## Community News

### INSTALLATION OF THE NEW BOARD

*Our President's vision for the year*

Thank you for having me as your president . My vision for this year is to strengthen the connections that bring us together as Kiwanians, as families, and as a community. Connections are the foundation of growth—not just personal growth, but the growth of our club and the people we serve. And with this present board and senior members I am well poised to achieve this by focusing on three key areas:

1. **Service** -Service is at the core of Kiwanis, but this year I want us to approach it in a way that deepens our connections. Let's focus on service projects that bring us face-to-face with the people we're helping—projects that allow us to interact, engage, and build relationships. Service isn't just something we do for others; it's something that transforms us. Through service, we can connect with our community in meaningful ways, nurture our sense of purpose, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a team.

2. **Membership Engagement** - Our members are the heartbeat of this club. This year, I want us to focus on building stronger connections within our membership. Let's get to know each other beyond meetings. What inspires us? What are our shared interests? We are our past members let's bring them back , let's hear their stories.

When we connect with our fellow Kiwanians on a deeper level, we create a sense of belonging that keeps members engaged and motivated. This extends to our SLPs—our Key Clubs, Circle K, advisors, parents and schools. By investing in these relationships, we can create a stronger and more vibrant Kiwanis family , who can become new Kiwanians and bring other Kiwanians to the club,

3. **The Wider Community** - Finally, I want us to reach beyond our borders and connect with other organizations and service clubs. Partnering with others brings fresh ideas, new energy, and greater opportunities for impact. By building these bridges, we can extend our reach and inspire even more people to join us in service.

The Vision Fulfilled

At the end of this year, I want us to look back and see a club of individuals who are deeply grounded in why they serve. I want us to embody all the Objects of Kiwanis, especially the first: “To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.”

I see a group of recharged members—recharged for service, recharged with love for others, and recharged with understanding. This energy will attract others like us, creating a ripple effect of kindness and connection. When we have members who are passionate, inclusive, and committed to growth, our work becomes unstoppable. We create a club where leadership thrives, where service inspires, and where the love for others continues to grow. At that point, my work will have been done

### Club Project Leadership Our 2024/25 Committee chairs

**Community – DPP Kadi Merren**  
**Finance – Director Hanna Walerjanczyk**  
**Governance – PE Opal Henry**  
**Grants – PP Tonicia Williams**  
**PR and Fundraising – PP Daniella McGowan**  
**Service Leadership – Dr. Chris Wedderburn**

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# Installation Highlights



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# October Highlights



## First Lunch Meeting

**October 2**

Our Guest speaker spoke on an aspect of compassionate leadership -- **"A different way of listening"**

Dr. Chantal Basson is a Clinical Psychologist .Executive Board Member of the Cayman Islands Psychological Association and the Clinical and Education Committee Lead for the Alex Panton Foundation

## Anti Bullying Brunch for SLPs

**October 6**

United against Bullying : Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman sponsors the SLPs to a brunch and educational session on techniques to address 'Bullying' and fostering good self esteem,

## ONE2ONE bag packs presentation

**October 11**

Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman Partnership with the ONE2ONE programme to give backpacks to those kids in need.

30 high quality bag packs donated

# GRANTS AWARDS



**October 2nd**

Awarded to Key Clubber Jancarlos Hernandez John Gray High School and presented by Past President Donna Scott .



**October 10th**

Awarded to Key Clubber Thalia Clarke Clifton Hunter High School and presented by Kiwanians Paul Persaud and Andrew Lodge.



**October 17th**

Awarded to Circle K member Jaeda-Lee Pindling and presented by Director Winsome Radcliffe, past Distinguished Lieutenant Governor

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## More October Highlights

**October 24-** Joint Service Project (JSP) in celebration of Kiwanian 1 day

**October 26-** Key Club DCM: Club members attended the divisional council meeting for Key Club at Dart Park, further strengthening our partnership.

**October 31-** Bookmobile, Member Show Up Boost Event: We wrapped up October with the Bookmobile event, engaging members and fostering community involvement.



## Announcements

### **CELEBRATIONS**

*November Happy Birthdays*

PP Nicola - 1st  
PP Martin - 2nd  
K-Hal - 3rd  
PP Donna - 5th  
K-Judy - 5th  
K-Tedrick- 13th

### **CONDOLENCES**

Special condolences to Kiwanian Sherry and Kiwanian James for their losses. The whole family of Kiwanis have you in our thoughts

## Upcoming Events

### ***Kiwanis BookMobile***

-- Marie Martin Primary – every Thursday 12 noon

***November 30 - Saturday*** – Growbox service project.

***December 4th*** - Wednesday - Lunch meeting/election

-- nominee for treasurer- director Hanna

-- nominee for director PP Donna

***December 7th*** - Saturday – Santa landing

-- Signature project. Giving back to the community

***December 10th*** - Tuesday - Board meeting

-- In person at Cayman Insurance Centre

***December 18th*** - Wednesday Christmas dinner

-- Replacing regular evening meeting

-- Venue to be determined

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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



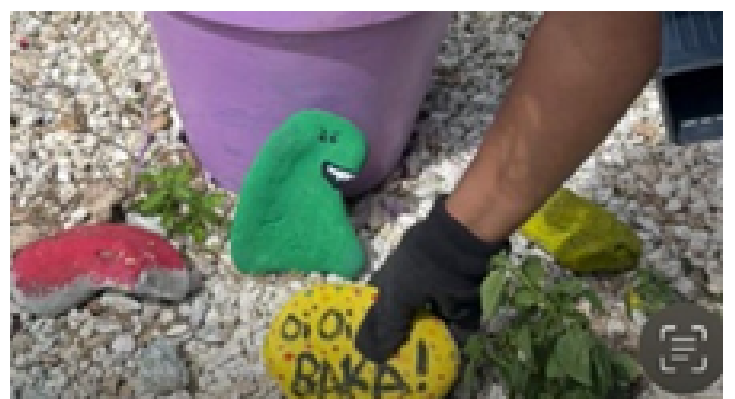
## Joint Service Project at Lighthouse School

In honor of Kiwanis One Day, we teamed up with four Key Clubs, Lighthouse School, and Roots of the Garden for a memorable service project. Kiwanians and Key Clubbers joined forces to support the school's initiatives Brightening the Garden.

This service project at the Special Needs School was a vibrant success! The principal was absolutely delighted to welcome our dedicated Kiwanians and Clubbers, who brought bursts of color and beautiful flowers to the school garden. It was inspiring to see the artistic and gardening talents of many members shine as we transformed the space into a lively and welcoming environment for the students. This collaborative effort not only enhanced the garden but also fostered a sense of community and creativity among all participants.



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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

- A Month of Exciting Bookmobile Events
- For an entire month, our Bookmobile has been a weekly highlight every Thursday, drawing enthusiastic crowds eager to embrace the joy of reading. The reopening of the school saw an excellent turnout, with our passionate Kiwanian Bookmobile supporters buzzing with excitement. Their unwavering enthusiasm and commitment have made each Bookmobile event a wonderful success, providing students and community members alike with access to a diverse range of books and fostering a love for reading. We are thrilled to see such positive engagement and look forward to continuing these enriching experiences in the future.



## Member Highlights

Congratulations: Kiwanian of the Year for 2023/24 was past member Kiwanian Gerry Robinson and Kiwanis Advisor of the Year was PP Linda Key for her work mentoring Triple C School Key Club and Rookie of the year Dr. Wedderburn





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## Member Highlights



### Kiwanian Vanessa

Cayman Marl Road: Vanessa Burke, Cayman Islands' Female CARICOM Youth Ambassador, has made history as the first Caymanian to be appointed Dean of the CARICOM Youth Ambassador Program (CYAP), positioning her to lead youth initiatives across the Caribbean community.



### Kiwanian Shilpa

Director Shilpa has been honored with the prestigious "Most Committed Woman in the Community" award by the Indian Cayman Community



### Kiwanian Tedrick

As the founder of @tedgreenfrances, Tedrick has built a thriving brand that embodies Cayman's elegance and beauty. Tedrick will always share his insights on brand building, entrepreneurship and the power of following your passion.



### Kiwanian Alya

## Welcome November's new member--

Kiwanian Alya Kay is a pharmacist with the health service authority. She has a long history of service in her community and the church, We are happy to have her



### Kiwanian Winsome

Our Distinguished Lieutenant Governor (DLG) Winsome takes on new roles as Florida District chair for Partnership, CKI district advisor and a director position in the club of KCGC as we say farewell to her as our DLG

## KIWANIS OBJECT OF THE MONTH

- Object #1: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

### For our words and actions employ the 4-Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
    - Honesty and Transparency:
  2. Is it fair to all concerned?
    - Equity and Justice:
  3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
    - Positive Relationships:
  4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
    - Mutual Benefit and Welfare:
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# Stories of impact: this month's story is our president's experience with service

Good my fellow Kiwanians,

It is an honor to be your President . As I take on this role, I want to share with you not just my vision for the year, but also the inspiration behind it—a legacy of kindness, love, inclusivity and service that has been a part of my family for generations.

Service has always been central to my life, thanks to the example set by my mom, my sisters, my father, my grandparents—my whole family. If there's one thing people could always say about my family, it's that we are kind, and we believe in helping others. Service wasn't something we did—it was simply who we were.

Among all these remarkable influences, my sister stands out as someone who embodied the true spirit of service. One story comes to mind, though it's just one of many examples of her kindness. She saw incredible potential in one of her students, a young woman who lived in poverty whose family didn't believe in her. My sister didn't stop at encouragement—she went all the way. She took this young woman under her wing, enrolled her in 6th form paid for her exams, and helped her reach medical school.

What's amazing is that my sister never asked for recognition, never cared if her kindness went unacknowledged. For her, helping others was simply what she did. She didn't even mention this story to me—I only found out later, when that same young woman, now a doctor, worked in my hospital. That's who my sister was. She was always busy helping someone else, and her generosity was limitless.

But it wasn't just my sister who taught me these lessons. My mother showed me, too, that kindness has the power to transform.

I remember growing up, vagrants would often come to our home asking for food or help. As children, we were scared of them—these were people others called “crazy” or “violent,” people who others avoided in the streets. But when they came to our house, they were different. They even came with gifts of fruits and vegetables .

My mom treated them with dignity and kindness, and in return, their defenses came down. The anger, the hostility, the walls they built to protect themselves—those walls melted away because they knew they would be treated with compassion. I learned something profound from those moments: how we treat people can change people and there is good in everyone. Sometimes it's not the person who is broken—it's their circumstances. And when we choose kindness, when we choose to help, we have the power to make a difference, no matter how small it seems.

These experiences shaped who I am today and are the reason I am so passionate about service to the individual. This year, I've dedicated my presidency to my mother and sister's memory and adopted my sister's theme as my own. My theme is “The Team is the theme” not just those who actively serve ,but everyone, because we are all part of the team. Whether we recognize it or not, we are all connected, and together we can accomplish incredible thing

*Thank you for reading!*

## NOVEMBER THEME : FAMILY MONTH

KIWANIS OBJECT#1 ALIGNS WELL WITH FAMILY, BY EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIPS, LOVE, AND SUPPORT OVER MATERIAL THINGS. IT ENCOURAGES US TO FOCUS ON THE QUALITY TIME WE SPEND WITH OUR FAMILIES, NURTURING BONDS, AND VALUING EACH OTHER'S PRESENCE, WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF FAMILY MONTH AND KIWANIS.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
GRAND CAYMAN**

**MEETS FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

[www.kiwanis.ky](http://www.kiwanis.ky)

First Weds, 12:30pm at Sunset House  
3rd Weds, 6:00pm at Governor's Square board room