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CLUB OF GRAND CAYMAN

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## A HEARTFELT MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT



Dear Kiwanis Family and Friends,

As I reflect on my tenure as President of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman, my heart is full of gratitude for the remarkable individuals who have contributed to our shared mission. To the Florida District and the Lieutenant Governor of Division 26, your guidance and unwavering support have been invaluable. To our Board Members, Kiwanians, Friends of Kiwanis, Sponsors, and Volunteers, your dedication and passion have made an indelible impact on our community.

This year has been filled with meaningful projects, particularly those benefiting our children. One highlight is the Key Club grant, presented to schools across Grand Cayman for having the highest service hours. This accolade underscores what we stand for—service and the impact each person, no matter how young, can make.

Looking ahead, next year marks a monumental milestone for our Club as we celebrate our Golden Anniversary. What an achievement! In addition to our 50th Anniversary logo, a special new pin has been designed to commemorate this occasion. The pin features a turtle, symbolizing the wonderful Cayman Islands, with blue representing Kiwanis and gold marking our 50th year. Gold signifies excellence, achievement, and a legacy of dedication—qualities that reflect our Club’s enduring spirit.

A special note of appreciation goes out to those who have gone above and beyond, pouring their time and effort into our cause. You have been the driving force behind our accomplishments, and I am deeply grateful for your tireless work. It is because of your commitment that we have achieved so much together, and I urge each of you to continue being a beacon of hope, compassion, and service within our community.

Though my time as President comes to an end, the work of Kiwanis lives on in all of us. Our collective efforts, passion, and dedication ensure that the spirit of service will thrive. Let us remain motivated and united as we continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your incredible support and commitment. God bless you!

In service,

Ibimitomi Asher Ogbe  
President, Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman 2023-2024



# KIWANIS GRAND CAYMAN SHINES AT FLORIDA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman shone brightly at the 2024 Florida District Kiwanis Convention, earning top honours for its dedication to community service.

### President Ibimitomi Asher Ogbe Honoured

President Ibimitomi Asher Ogbe received the prestigious **Robert "Bob" Moore Outstanding Club President Award**, one of the highest honours for Kiwanis leadership. His commitment has elevated the Club and inspired members to greater service.

### Lieutenant Governor Winsome Radcliffe Recognized

Lt. Governor Winsome Radcliffe was awarded the **Distinguished Lt. Governor Award**, recognizing her exceptional leadership in Division 26, including Grand Cayman and several Florida clubs.

### District Leadership Transition

Governor Elect Jeremy Riehl will assume the role of District Governor in October 2024, ushering in a new era of leadership.

Here are some highlights of the event!

*Save The Date for next year's event: August 7 - 10, 2025 at PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida!*



## WELL DONE KIWANIS CLUB OF GRAND CAYMAN!

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## EXPANSIVE FUNDRAISING AND EMPOWERING YOUNG LEADERS

### Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman Receives \$15,000 Donation from Island Heritage Insurance

We are excited to announce that the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman was selected as one of three charities for Island Heritage Insurance's Charity Drive held in May. Thanks to the incredible support from our volunteers and community, not only did we receive a generous \$10,000 donation, but we also earned an additional \$5,000 for having the highest social media engagement during the event!

We extend our deepest gratitude to Island Heritage Insurance, our dedicated volunteers, and everyone who honked their horns or engaged with our posts online. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without your amazing support! Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community.



### Our Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast: A Tasty Success!

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman's Annual Pancake Breakfast, held in May at the Seaharvest Restaurant at Sunset House, was a resounding success! The event brought together many participants, all enjoying delicious pancakes while supporting a worthy cause.

Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards our Service Leadership Programme, which empowers and supports the youth arm of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended, donated, and helped make this fundraiser such a success. Your support is helping to nurture the next generation of leaders in our community!



### Kiwanis "Breakfast for Dinner" Delights in Pajama-Packed Event!

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman's biennial Breakfast for Dinner event, held in June at the Grand Cayman Marriott Resort, was a huge hit! Guests embraced the fun by arriving in their pajamas and enjoying a delightful breakfast-themed dinner. This unique twist has made the event a highly anticipated staple in the community.

As the club's major fundraiser, Breakfast for Dinner plays a critical role in supporting many of our key initiatives. The funds raised from this event will directly benefit several important projects, including our youth programs, literacy initiatives, and community outreach efforts.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and made this night so memorable. Your support helps us continue our mission of serving and improving the lives of those in our community!



### Staying Vigilant During Hurricane Season

As hurricane season continues, it's essential to remain vigilant and prepared. In June, the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman took proactive steps by distributing sandbags to the community in anticipation of Hurricane Berly. While we have made significant efforts, the season is not over yet. Let's keep up our preparedness, stay informed, and support one another. Together, we will navigate this season safely and effectively.



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman Supports Summer Feeding Programme

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman is proud to continue its longstanding commitment to community support by issuing grocery gift cards to the Ministry of Education and Cayman Academy as part of our Summer Feeding Program. This initiative ensures that children receiving meals during the school year do not go without while on summer break.

This programme, which has been a cornerstone of our community outreach efforts, plays a crucial role in providing nutritious food to children who might otherwise face food insecurity during the summer months. By supporting the Ministry of Education and Cayman Academy with grocery gift cards, we are helping to ensure that these children continue to receive the nourishment they need.

We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile program and for the ongoing support of our community. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children we serve.



## Continued Commitment to the Crisis Center

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman is proud to continue its longstanding support for the Cayman Islands Crisis Center with our recent clothes drive. Club members not only gathered clothing donations but also spent time sorting and packing items at the center.

The Cayman Islands Crisis Center plays a crucial role in supporting survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence, providing a safe refuge and essential services. Our ongoing efforts highlight our commitment to this vital cause and reflect the generosity of our community. Thank you to everyone who contributed and volunteered—your support makes a real difference.



## Gear Up for School: A Successful "Stuff the Bus" Drive

The recent "Stuff the Bus" initiative, organized by Caribbean Alliance Insurance, was a great success. Essential school supplies, including books and school bags, were distributed to support local children as they gear up for the new school year. This community effort underscores our dedication to ensuring every student has the tools they need for a successful start.



## Congratulations to Gerry Robinson on New Toastmasters Role!

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman extends warm congratulations to Director and Vice President-Elect Gerry Robinson on her recent installation as President of the Civil Service Toastmasters of Grand Cayman. We celebrate your achievement and are excited to see the leadership and success you will bring to Toastmasters.

Way to go, Gerry!



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## Title: Joint Service Clubs Unite for Tree Planting at Prospect Community Park

On Saturday, September 14, the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman joined forces with Rotary, Lions, and Optimist Clubs for a tree planting event at Eddie Sanchez Prospect Community Park, marking this year's International Joint Service Week. The Honourable Sabrina Turner, Minister of Health and Home Affairs and area MP, was in attendance to lend her support to the initiative.

Though each club has its own mission, this collaborative effort highlights our shared dedication to community improvement. Together, we've contributed to enhancing the park's environment for the enjoyment of all.

A special thanks to our sponsors—ProPlus, Dart, the Cayman Islands Government Public Works Department, and Earthworks Landscaping and Farm—for their generous support in making this project a success.

Enjoy photos of the event below!



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## Open House Welcomes New Faces to Learn About Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman recently hosted a successful Open House, inviting the public to learn more about the club's mission and meet its members. The event saw a great turnout, with attendees gaining valuable insight into the club's mandate and the impact of its community service projects. Guests left with a deeper understanding of how they, too, can get involved and make a difference in our community.

## New Members Installed and Orientation Held for Kiwanis

We recently welcomed new members into the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman, bringing our total for the 2023/2024 year to 21. Following their installation, an orientation was held, open to both new and existing members, to deepen their understanding of the club's mission and mandate. We are already seeing the positive impact of their service and encourage them to stay the course. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in our community.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, please contact [info@kiwanis.ky](mailto:info@kiwanis.ky).



## Grand Cayman Kiwanians Honoured with Ruby K Awards

We are proud to announce that President Asher Ogbe, Lt. Governor Winsome Radcliffe, and Director Gerry Robinson have each received the Ruby K Award for sponsoring five or more new members into the club this year. Secretary Linda Chapman-Keys recently presented President Ogbe with his recognition pin.

Congratulations to our award recipients and to all the new members and their sponsors. Your dedication and efforts continue to strengthen our club and its impact on the community.



## When One Celebrates, We All Do

We are delighted to announce that our Immediate Past President, Donna Scott, has embraced a new and cherished role as Grandma to baby Hailey! Congratulations to IPP Donna on this wonderful milestone.

We wish you all the best as you embark on this special journey with your granddaughter. We're eagerly anticipating the day Hailey joins the Builders Club in a few short years. Enjoy this joyous time!



## ABOUT KIWANIS CLUB OF GRAND CAYMAN

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman is dedicated to improving the lives of children and young adults through service and leadership. Active in the Cayman Islands for many years, the Club continues to be a beacon of hope and action, working tirelessly to create opportunities for personal and community advancement. By investing in our youth and engaging the community, the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman is helping to shape a brighter, more inclusive future.

For more information, to participate in upcoming events, or to join our efforts, please visit our website or contact us via email. Email: [president@kiwanis.ky](mailto:president@kiwanis.ky) | [info@kiwanis.ky](mailto:info@kiwanis.ky) Website: [www.kiwanis.ky](http://www.kiwanis.ky)

# REFLECTING ON OUR 2023/2024 PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

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As we look back on the 2023/2024 year, we are proud of the impactful projects and initiatives we've undertaken.

Here's a recap of our key efforts:

## **Projects/Events:**

### **October 2023**

Installation of Officers

### **November 2023**

Cayman Islands Crisis Center Toiletries Initiatives

### **December 2023**

Santa Landing Event

Holiday Feeding Programme

Kiwanis Christmas Social at Sunset House

### **January 2024**

Cayman Islands Crisis Center Clothing Drive and Warehouse Cleaning

### **February 2024**

#### **K-Weekend:**

Clean Up at Barkers Beach in West Bay

Cayman Academy Charter Ceremony for Key Club and Builders Club

### **March 2024**

KiwanisBike (Bike-A-Thon)

### **April 2024**

Autism Awareness Month Activities

### **May 2024**

Island Heritage Charity Drive

Pancake Breakfast

### **June 2024**

Holiday Feeding Programme

Hurricane Season Preparedness

Breakfast for Dinner Event

Membership Orientation

### **July 2024**

Kiwanis International Convention

Cayman Islands Crisis Center Clothing Sorting

Open House

### **August 2024**

Caribbean Alliance Insurance "Stuff the Bus" Initiative

Florida District Convention

Cayman Islands Crisis Center Clothing Drive and Food Donations Relocation

Membership Orientation

### **September 2024**

Joint Service Project Tree Planting at Eddie Sanchez Community Park

Key Club Kick Off Conference

## **Monthly New Member Installations**

**In addition to these we facilitated several sponsorship requests and issued scholarships grants for our community!**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these initiatives. Your dedication and hard work have made a significant difference in our community.

**Here's to continuing our positive impact in the year ahead!**