

**The Kiwanis Club of Barbados South
Tenth Anniversary Awards Presentation and Dinner
Saturday, September 4th, 1999**

In the salubrious setting of the Southern Palms Beach Club, St. Lawrence Gap, members and friends of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South met on Saturday, September 4th, 1999, to celebrate the club's 10th Anniversary.



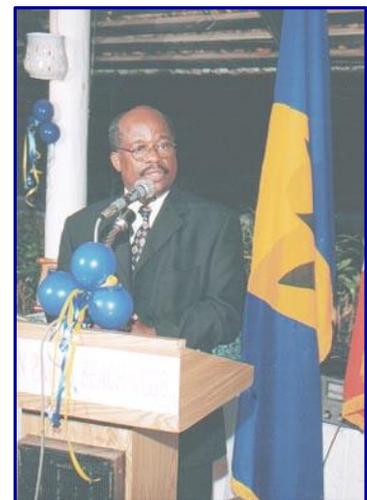
There is no doubt that the stability and success of our club have largely been as a result of having retained half (13) of its original charter membership (26), the dedication of past and present members and our many friends. In looking back at the club's activities over the years, we have made great strides in winning the respect of the community which we serve. In 10 short years, we have transferred the idea of having a club in the south, to building an institution of committed Kiwanians and in so doing, have persons.

We have seen many changes throughout the years and as Mr. Hudson Husbands, our guest speaker at the Awards Presentation said, we have positioned ourselves to respond to the demands of the new millennium. He challenged us to devise programmes to address ills in our society because it is crying out for the type of skills and example which we as Kiwanians have shown. He also urged us neither to retreat from the position we have established nor stand still, otherwise our club will die. Success breeds success and after celebrating our success of the last 10 years with pride, there can be no doubt that our club



Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, Minister of Tourism, Honourable George Payne, in a short presentation, recounted the background to the formation and history of the club. He praised the charter members who were still active members of the club for their dedication and commitment while also acknowledging the contribution of present and past members for the success of the club. He said that Kiwanians have built a reputation for quality and performance and he is happy to be associated with a number of them in his capacity as Minister of Tourism.

President Maurice Clarke in his welcome address commented that as one of the charter members who met in 1989 to plan and formulate the formation and development of the club, he was especially proud



to be part of its growth. He continued, "Ten years is not a long time in the life of a club and when one looks at the rapid development in terms of technology and marketing, it is recognised that it is quality and not quantity which is really important. In the early days we concentrated on small projects and events, now we focus on building the name of Kiwanis, particularly in the community where we operate, through the implementation of marketable projects." He went on to say "Whereas in the past, we had to diligently seek new members, we are now having a number of enquiries from persons who have either seen or heard of the work of Kiwanis. Consequently, we have achieved steady growth in membership. To give you an idea, by the time we have inducted our new members tonight, we would have seen an increase of 33% this year, including for the first time, female members." He concluded his address with the following words. "In doing what we ought, we deserve no praise" and we believe that in the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South we have been doing what we ought and are therefore not here to praise ourselves but to show appreciation for the blessings received over the length of our existence."



Tribute was paid to the 13 Charter members receiving the 10-Year Charter Member awards by Master of Ceremonies, Kiwanian Emerson Smith who said in part "Mr. President, 10 years ago some of colleagues under the guidance of two of our sponsoring Presidents had a vision of what service to the wider community should be and so set about establishing the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South. Tonight ladies and gentlemen we are here to recognise those charter members who following one of the objects which we recited earlier, have formed enduring

friendships, and are continuing to render altruistic service, and contribute to the building of a better Barbados.

These talented persons could have been invited to become members of those clubs which were already in existence, instead they chose to blaze a trail here in the south. These early years were fraught with some frustration, personal sacrifice, and suspicion. These were only topped by the satisfaction of well-conceived and executed projects over time. Was it worth it? To a man, they all said yes, would they do it over? Again, a resounding yes. The South soldiered on amid comments and accusations of elitism, snobbism, perpetuation of class distinction, and cultural penetration.

Today, when we look around at what is happening in our once fair land, the crime and violence, social decay and the lost generations we see the need more than ever for Kiwanis International in general and the South Club right here in Dover in particular. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is meet and right that we should honour these Charter members. These seeds fell on good ground. I now have much pleasure in inviting Kiwanian Douglas Skeete, Past President of the North Club, one of our sponsoring clubs 10 years ago, to recognise the Charter members.

Past President Kiwanian Douglas Skeete, the then sitting president of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados North, one of our joint sponsoring clubs, presented the

awards to these special members, Kiwanians Jeffrey Branch, Owen Branch, James Burnett, Maurice Clarke, Enric Connolly, Seymour Douglas, Basil Jessamy, Cameron Lashley, Oswald Simmons, Trevor Thomas, Trenton Weekes, Desmond Willett and John Wilson.

In a short address, he sketched some of the events leading up to the formation of the club and thanked Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, Minister of Tourism, Honourable George Payne for having the vision to mandate the formation of a club in the south. Past President Floyd Philips of the Kiwanis Club of Bridgetown was our other sponsoring club's President 10 years ago.

Special 10th Anniversary Past President Awards were also presented to Denis Graham 1989-1991, Jeffrey Branch 1991-1992, John Wilson 1992-1993, Enric Connolly 1993-1994, Oswald Simmons 1994-1995, Trevor Thomas 1995-1996, Desmond Willett 1996-1997 And Basil Jessamy 1997-1998, these being in recognition of their service while in the office of President during the club's 10 years.

Master of Ceremonies Kiwanian Emerson Smith heralded the presentations with the following tribute after which President of Kiwanis Club of Bridgetown, Alan Whittaker did the honours.



Mr. President, American football has a saying that clubs, teams need players who can catch the ball and run with it.

Kiwanis Club of Barbados South has members who can catch, run and pass. It is a tribute, not only to Kiwanis International for what it represents, and the South Club, but to these Past Presidents themselves who have just been recognised as Charter Members to return for further acclaim. Each one of these members is still active in our club. Kiwanis by its objects must be filling a need in the lives of these gentlemen.

Ladies and Gentlemen, not many organisations in any sphere of activity, Service or Social can boast of having well over 50% of its Charter members as Past Presidents, and still being active members after 10 years. Tonight, the South Club makes that claim to fame and takes the 'bragging rights' associated with it.

I leave this quote for President Designate James Burnett who assumes office in a few weeks and all incoming Presidents. It is attributed to Harry S. Truman the 33rd President of the USA. He said "All a President is, is a glorified Public Relations man, who spends his time flattering, kissing and kicking people to get them to what they are supposed to do anyway."

Mr. President, someone once said - I think it was a female - that behind every successful man is a woman, and behind every successful businessman are two women, a wife and a secretary.

In our research we could find nothing about a successful club. However, the success of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South over last 10 years has been attributed not to a fairy godmother, but a fairy

godfather. Tonight we in the South Club are pleased to confer on our fairy Godfather, the 10th Anniversary Citizens Award. We are recognizing a friend, a benefactor and a philanthropist.

This Citizens' Award is given to a man who has been there for our club through thick and thin, we have benefited from his years of experience as a businessman, and accepted his wise counsel and tangible assistance. A businessman of over 40 years standing, a family man, a married man, a proud father of 4 and a doting grandfather. From early in his life he had his eyes firmly set on the bottom line, and it is no accident that he became the successful businessman that he is (the ladies in his life are to be credited for this). It is revealed that while his brothers raised chickens, he preferred pigs, as he said that they were more profitable. At a mature age he continues to be the Executive Director of what was once his own company (now being managed by his sons) which specialises in supplying building materials and interior finishes to the construction sector. Looking at him you would not believe it but we are told that he was a keen, and better than average cricketer, with a liking for spin bowling and keeping wicket. Our recipient still finds time to contribute and be an active member of the Rotary Club of Barbados West, has the distinction in Rotary of being a Paul Henry Fellow. This is the equivalent of a 'Knighthood' for services rendered.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is the nature of the man to help. He is described as a humble man, with a heart bigger than himself, who devotes his time and effort to people in need without any desire for compensation or publicity. His humility, we in the South Club can attest to, as his CV runs to the mighty total of 12 lines or just about 1/3 of a sheet of paper. Another description: "His dedication and commitment to community service is something that needs to be emulated" and another- "He is a shining example of a man who lives by the code of 'Service above Self'"



Ladies and Gentlemen, the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South is very pleased to recognise Mr Bruce Glyne Hill as the recipient of its 10th Anniversary Citizens' Award. Please join with me in saluting Mr. Bruce Glyne Hill.

Special Awards Presentation

Distinguished Service Awards

For outstanding service over the span of 10 years, our club recognised the work of Kiwanians James Burnett, Trenton Weekes and conferred on them Distinguished Service Awards

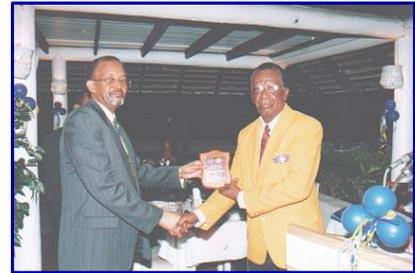
Kiwanian James, President Designate served on the Board of Directors consistently and as committee chairman on numerous occasions. A charter member, he has always been a most willing and outstanding participant in the club's various projects, especially those involving hands on work.

Kiwanian Trenton is a charter member and has been a board member for all the club's 10 years. He served up to the post of Vice President before work commitments lead to a decline in attendance. He has however continued to give immeasurable assistance behind the scenes, particularly on matters relating to Information Technology. Recently he chaired the committee responsible for the development and launch of the club's web page.



Special Awards

Kiwanian Desmond Willett has the distinction of being Charter Secretary and is currently Secretary for the fourth time, thus becoming the longest serving secretary in the club's history. He is a Past President 1996-1997 and is respected for his immense knowledge of Kiwanis history and administration.



Kiwanian Desmond Willett



Kiwanian Cameron Lashley

Kiwanian Cameron Lashley manages to maintain the lowest profile in the club and would be unknown to most of the newer members.

In earlier days, Cammy was well known for his hard work and dedication and served on a number of committees. His guidance, wise counsel and knowledgeable insight formed the basis for a number of projects. Although he now finds himself in circumstances which prevent him from attending club meeting on a regular basis, he continues to

provide valuable support to the work of the club.

Appreciation Award

Southern Palms Beach Club and Kiwanis South have become synonymous in the Kiwanis world. This has been our meeting place for the past 9 years and the hotel has been generous in many respects. We come over as being great hosts when other Kiwanians visit not knowing that this is with the generous hand of the management of the hotel. Earlier this year, in recognition of their support, the South Club honoured the hotel by producing a 10th Anniversary picture postcard featuring the hotel premises. This relationship has been further enhanced with the elevation of Mrs Britta Pollard as Manager. This presentation is being made in recognition of the hotel's generous support and to further consolidate the union between the hotel and the South Club.



Hotel Manager Mrs. Britta Poll

President's Awards

Kiwanis is a voluntary organisation and members give of their services without reward. This year, as in previous years, it is the President's prerogative to recognise the contributions of Kiwanians who have performed with outstanding effect during the year. Three persons met the criteria set by the President whose choices were met with popular acclaim.

KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR award went to Kiwanian Anthony Garner who through his active involvement showed dedication to Kiwanis. He has a record of regular attendance, payment of dues, strong participation in projects and attends interclubs regularly. During the past year, he displayed good interest and participation at the level of the Divisional Council meetings and District Convention. As a relatively new member, this performance was commendable and fully justified the Kiwanian of the Year Award 1998-1999.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR. This award was given to the chairman who by his performance, provided valuable support to the President and the club's work. Kiwanian Ernest Marshall as Community Services Chairman not only exceeded his performance target but also was always a willing participant in other committee projects. He has been especially outstanding with hands on projects and during the execution of the Hastings Rocks Play Park project earned the affectionate nick name "Bobcat" for his outstanding bursts of energy and small turning circle.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD was given to the person who has been of most value to the President during the year. Besides being House Committee Chairman and Advisor to the President, Distinguished President Trevor Thomas always made sure that planning and execution of club meetings and projects was of the highest quality. President Maurice pointed out that his choice of Distinguished President Trevor for these roles was no accident since he wished to emulate his success while in office. His friendship and loyalty to his President is a good example of what the 5th Object of Kiwanis means by enduring friendships and should be a fitting example to others who aspire to be of service to Kiwanis.



Kiwanian Anthony Garner, Distinguished President Trevor Thomas and Kiwanian Ernest Marshall

New Member Inductions

The 10th Anniversary Awards Presentation and Dinner provided just the right forum for the induction of two new persons to membership of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South. With assistance from Kiwanian Philip Alleyne, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, Minister of Tourism, Honourable George Payne presided over the induction of Ruth Cherubin and Robert Lowe. Ruth and Robert took their oath after their formal introduction to the club' standing membership by sponsor, President Maurice Clarke.



Kiwanians Robert Lowe and Ruth Cherubin being inducted by Minister of Tourism Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Honourable George Payne