

*Kiwanis Club of Barbados South*  
*President's Message - April 2021*

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in St. Vincent, they are at the mercy of the Soufriere volcano. We pray for their safety and speedy return to normalcy.

This month I want to say how proud I am to be a member of this Kiwanis Club!! We tried over the last two months to take a look at the Club as a whole and see which areas we needed to grow in. Kiwanis South is a strong Club, we all know this, it's a strong Club because of the leadership of all the Presidents who sat in the chair before me. I have been lucky enough to be able to stand on all of their shoulders, hence a different view. Therefore, it stands to reason that now it is my turn and my responsibility to lay the foundation for the President who follows me.

At the beginning of the year, I was asked for clarification on my theme "A Way Forward"; let me admit I wasn't happy about the question at the time, but in hind sight I'm glad it was asked. It meant that while I thought the meaning was clear, it obviously was not. It meant that I had to not only explain the theme verbally, I had to ensure that it was evident in everything that the Team did. This year, I felt a need to enhance the Service Leadership Program, we had K-Kids programs in our Primary Schools, a Builders Club, and Key Clubs - but were we doing enough for these children?

We had to take a look at where they were, where they needed to go and how we, in our capacity as Kiwanians could build a path to get them there. We needed to be proactive when it came to our Service Leadership Program and not reactive as we see with so many entities. But to get there we needed to have a "connection" so to speak, with the children in these programs. That connection would be our Kiwanis Advisors. We felt we needed to support or present team of Advisors, we needed to identify additional persons and have them trained. I'm happy to report that with the hard work of DP Zelma and PP Cidgred, ably assisted by Secretary Destini of Christ Church Foundation Key Club and Key Club Governor

Joshua, we were able to host the first ever training workshop entitled, "The Way Forward With Our SLP Brand" and which was a resounding success. Impressive work Team!

I was honored to have been asked to be one of the presenters for the CKI Caribbean District - Career Networking Event held on March 20, where a group of professional Kiwanians spoke to CKI members about their varying professions in an effort to assist them with making their career choices. I was also privileged to be asked to present the Desmond Willett Award of Excellence at the just concluded Operation DCON 2021 entitled "Agents of Service". Congratulations to the winner, Key Clubber Kaya Hinds of Harrison College.

Our Key Club at Christ Church Foundation School cleaned up quite a few of the Officer's Awards. Special congratulations to PP Cidgred, we all knew she was an outstanding advisor, now she has the award to prove it! Special congratulation also to DP Sophie who now has "The Sophia R.L Chase Distinguished Club President Award" named in her honor, we at Kiwanis Club of Barbados South are so proud of you and your work with the Key Club. DP Sophie was also awarded the Key of Honor Award.

So, fellow Ks, we are at the middle of this Administrative Year, there are plans in place to move forward and items yet to be planned. We are still working on the orchard at Hilda Skeene, obviously with the volcanic ash, we have again had to put that project on hold but we will get there. We will also be involved in the collection of items for St. Vincent. The relevant committee chairperson will be contacting you soon so please listen out.

Fellow Ks, we are in interesting times and I beseech you, please continue to stay safe!

*President Sandra*