

Kiwanis Club of Barbados South
President's Message - January 2021

Happy New Year Fellow Ks. For this year I wish you much love, joy, peace and a year filled with prosperity and goodness.

For this month, I thought it would be a good idea to remind you of the things we were hoping to accomplish for the quarter. At the end of the last quarter, you were challenged to provide, within your groups / teams, devices to be handed out to some of the children who were still unable to follow along with their online classes. We needed ten, we've gotten eight. Not a bad effort at all, and I will probably continue to say thank you for a while - so bear with me. The eight tablets will be presented to Mr. Clarke, principal of the Hilda Skeene Primary School and Ms. Joy Lovell, teacher at the school during this week, in time for the start of the new school term.

We've started the orchard as well. On Saturday 09 January 2021, IPP St. Clair, Director John, and DP Grantley, graciously gave their time and energy to the clearing of the land for the orchard and I am presently in discussion with a company who is interested in partnering with us to provide the fruit trees. They seem excited at the prospect so fingers crossed. If you have any fruit trees you'd like to donate we'd be happy to have them as well - can't have too many. Part of the plan is to mark a bed out along the western perimeter as well and we'd love to have your assistance marking that out. There's a little bit of construction (just a tiny bit) so if you're handy with a hammer and nails please let DP Grantley, Director John or IPP St. Clair know. We should be there on Saturday. For those of you who don't wield hammer, nails or garden forks your company would be very much appreciated - just bring along some snacks or ice and water.

Fellow Ks, we haven't done a YCPO project, with the advent of COVID-19 we had to rethink our reading project for the tiny tots but not to worry, we will be advising you shortly exactly what form this YCPO project will take.

I've had a request over the last few days about working with children to assist them with their reading skills. A fantastic opportunity to give back and to work with some of our young ones directly. We're still trying to work out the kinks, since we can't meet in person but the old issues didn't disappear when the "new normal" became apparent, so we'll just have to figure it out. If there are any of you, Fellow Ks, who would be willing to give up an hour or so out of your schedule to help with this reading initiative, please toss a message to Secretary Trevor and he'll take it from there.

We need to get our visibility as a Club up to mark. Only a few of you have shown an interest in the tee shirts, caps and masks - thanks for your responses. The tee shirts will be purchased at just over \$5.00 as long as we can purchase 24 of them, so please let us know your sizes.

Fellow Ks, have a fabulous day and remember to wear your mask, social distance, wash those hands and sanitize. Stay safe!

President Sandra