

*Kiwanis Club of Barbados South*  
*President's Message - October 2020*

Happy Kiwanis New Year fellow Kiwanians!

It is now the beginning of the new administrative year 2020-2021 and our theme this year is "THE WAY FORWARD."

I wish to thank the members of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South for electing me to serve with you this administrative year as your President. I especially wish to thank the new Board of Directors for agreeing to take on this challenge with me.

Yes, I did say challenge. We've seen the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic and what it has done to our day to day lives and our businesses. We've seen the slowdown of the global economy, with the disruption to world trade. The exponential spread of this virus has caused the lockdown of entire populations, the enforcing of strict quarantines, the restrictions to movement and the general upheaval of our daily lives.

The new administrative team has had to take a long, hard, very serious look at the new normal in order to plan an effective way forward. Like most other organisations, we've had to move to online meetings and that's just not how we Kiwanians do it! We're still devising ways to enjoy each other's company and to have fun together again, while staying true to the protocol procedures our Leaders have put in place to protect us.

Kiwanis is about heart and I have had the fortune to see the hearts of the amazing human beings who I have been privileged to serve alongside, in the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South. I've seen the meticulous planning and the sweat that goes into each and every project.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, myself and the members of Kiwanis Club of Barbados South, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate our Governor, Dr. Delores Lewis and our Lieutenant Governor Mrs. Cynthia Blackman. Two strong individuals who have the passion and are dedicated to Kiwanis. I am honoured to be able to serve as President of Kiwanis South during your year. To my advisors—official and unofficial, thank you in advance, I will be calling—often.

Finally, to Immediate Past President St. Clair and the Board of Directors 2019-2020, Congratulations on a successful year. The road you had to travel was not an easy one. With COVID-19 you had to rethink some of

your strategies. Watching you navigate those waters over the last months has better prepared us for the task at hand. So now, we look ahead.

We have put together innovative programs and projects designed to move our communities forward positively. Today it cannot be business as usual, we have to take into consideration the effect of the fallout from this pandemic on our communities and the children especially. So, again thank you, as we begin our year as the Leadership Team of the Kiwanis Club of Barbados South! We promise you our best effort to forge "A WAY FORWARD!"

*President Sandra*