

**Profile of a Life Member
Fitzroy O. Ramsay
Distinguished Lt. Governor – Division 23**

Fitz Ramsay joined the Kiwanis Movement in 1969 at the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kingston when it was being organized. In that club he held the following positions:-

- Chairman of Youth Services
- Club Director
- Vice President

In 1984, when the opportunity arose to form a new club in the Liguanea area, Fitz took up the offer made by North St. Andrew to spearhead its formation.

The Kiwanis Club of Liguanea was officially launched in May 1984 with Fitz as the Charter President, a position he held for over two terms until September 1986.

The new club, under the leadership of Fitz, achieved the following:-

- The start of the "Meals-on-Wheels Programme" for residents in the Standpipe Area, a project which continues today;
- The "Distinguished Club" Award;
- The first Building Project (indigent housing)
- The Breakfast Feeding Programme at Papine Secondary School.

The Club undertook a diversity of smaller meaningful projects aimed directly at benefiting the young and old in the community. Fitz continued to serve his Club and the Kiwanis movement at the District level in 1987/88 when he served as Lt. Governor, achieving the distinguished status. He ensured that Division 23 continued the

tradition of excellence in the Kiwanis Movement and was advisor to the Lt. Governor in 1998/1999.

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In 1993, the Kiwanis Club of Liguanea honoured Fitz by inaugurating a football competition among the under 12 boys in the primary schools and youth clubs in the Liguanea area which was named the Fitz Ramsay Football competition. The competition is now being run by the Kingston and St. Andrew Football Association.

When Fitz was asked the question – *What motivated you to become a Kiwanian? And how did you happen to join the Downtown Kingston Kiwanis Club?* His response was that he was introduced to the club by Jervais Little and was motivated to serve by a desire to assist young people in their development, as Kiwanis was primarily involved in youth activities, his membership in this club served to fulfill his desire. In fact, he served as Circle K Administrator in 1990-1995.

When asked, "What do you consider to be the challenges faced by Kiwanians since then and now?" he responded, "As a new club, the challenges then were to familiarize the members in the Kiwanis method of service and now the difficulty is maintaining membership.

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