



March 2024 Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Kiwanis name was unknown to many residents in Scarborough. Kiwanians have attended Black History Month, International Women's Day Events; community meetings, luncheons, fundraisers to spread the Kiwanis mission and goals. We are beginning to make headway with your efforts. Thank you Kiwanians for your patience and hard work in spreading the news.



OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER IS CONFIRMED FOR SATURDAY MAY 11TH AT 11AM

Join us for a lovely brunch to celebrate Mothers in the Centennial Events Centre Centennial's School or Hospitality Tourism and Culinary Arts! In addition to a delicious brunch, we will have interesting speakers and performers.

One performer is Rea Samples, a female lyricist and entrepreneur. She is also an R&B soul singer specializing in business and event promotion. Rea's new single - Step It Up is out on all platforms and you can follow her on social media @rea.samples

We will also have a poet! A vibrant and creative writer and poet who is in tune with her community's changes and the needs it has. She will be performing poems for mothers and women at our inaugural event. Rare is a Toronto-born and raised creative focusing on photography, poetry, and storytelling. She is striving for a better life every day while teaching others how to love themselves, sharing her artwork, and developing creative programming in marginalized communities across the GTA. Follow our poet @rares.world

Tickets can be purchased for \$75 each by etransfer to: scarboroughkiwanisclub@gmail.com or <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/861114305067>

For more information on how service leadership programs can help in one of our Scarborough click [here](#).



Women of Courage and Endless Opportunities March 22, 2024

On March 22 Frederica and Joan-Mary attended an “International Woman’s Day” event held by “Women of Courage, and Endless Possibilities”. Inspirational stories told by women who overcame challenges led to successful outcomes, was the main theme of the event. The event was productive and heartwarming even though the inclement weather kept many away. Each woman was supported, encouraged, and respected as she relayed her story. We empathized and offered suggestions. The event was empowering because the common thread of each story was “Courage”.



Andrea Hazell’s International Women’s Day WOMEN INSPIRE WOMEN Celebration March 28, 2024



- Sonia Marville-Carter, Consul General of Barbados (not pictured)
- Florence Edebiri
- Chennai Kadungure
- Michele James
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- Stacey Ann Berry
- MPP Andrea Hazell
- Richa Mandalay

We had a wonderful evening at the Clark Centre for the Arts and heard several inspirational women speak about their journeys. A common thread was gratefulness for those women who preceded them and helped them step up, and a message to ensure we lift up the girls that are coming up behind us.

Key Club Presidents' Dinner - Casa Loma March 20, 2024



Mitzie Hunter and Frederica Joseph were invited to represent the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough at The Key Club Presidents' dinner at Casa Loma on March 20, 2024.

The Presidents of the Kiwanis Key Clubs of GTA were present along with other executives from their clubs, faculty advisors and school representatives. LG Francesco and guest, Kiwanis SLP experts, presidents, delegates and guests of Kiwanis Clubs in the GTA were amongst the attendees.

Each of the 10 Key Club in the GTA presented their projects. It was truly amazing to hear the accomplishments of the leaders of tomorrow. Equally amazing was the confidence and poise in which they showed when presenting to a large group.

Thank you Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma for hosting this event. The elegant setting and meal service in Casa Loma was a most appropriate for this Presidential event; and, congratulations to the success of all the Key Clubs in the GTA. I wish all of your clubs many more successful terms.

Community Safety Conference - March 25, 2024

March 25, CRCP held a community safety meeting for the Woburn, Cedarbrae area. Representatives from Toronto Police, Woburn Collegiate, The Store Front, Andrea Hazels Constituency office, Strides, and other interested organizations and community members were in attendance. Individuals introduced themselves, stated their roles in the community and discussed elements in the community that impacted safety in a positive or negative manner.

Our president, Frederica represented Kiwanis Club of Scarborough and stated our plans to initiate Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) in schools in Scarborough. Frederica explained how these programs are designed to engage students in Community Service projects that can address community safety issues in various ways. Frederica also gave a brief description SLPs, the age groups we serve, and an example of one Kiwanis SLP project carried out in Toronto. Frederica also mentioned Mitzie Hunter is the chair of our SLP programs, and that schools in this area are our priority. It was an enlightening experience sitting at a table and hearing the positive and concerned voices of individuals who are striving to improve safety in this area of Scarborough.

Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC)

SCHC's annual main fundraising event **SCARBOROUGH LOVE AUCTION** is online now! SCHC will also have an in-person evening event on Thursday, April 25th with a live auction at The Guild Inn Estates. We are encouraging our members to support this great organization. Registration information and auction items are available now on their website. Three of our Kiwanis club members actively volunteer now for SCHC, strengthening our relationship with this important community partner!

UPCOMING 2024 KIWANIS CONVENTIONS



<https://www.eccdcon2024.com/>



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Our Committees:

- Executive Committee
- Governance and Nomination Committee
- Budget Committee
- Membership Committee
- Public Relations, Marketing and Programming Committee
- Service Committee
- S.L.P. Committee

If you would like to join a committee, please let us know.

If you have ideas on how we can make a difference in Scarborough, please let us know.

If you have family or friends who would like to help make a difference in Scarborough, please invite them to join us.