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Message from Our President



President
Frederica Joseph

Kiwanis Club of Scarborough is growing. I first must thank our new members and their sponsors, Hannah, Michelle, and Keisha sponsored by Mitzie, then Anna sponsored by our President Frederica, and Naomi sponsored by Mary, our Secretary.

I am greatly impressed by how quickly our new members have become involved in advancing our projects and missions. Some great talent has been added to our team. Improving Scarborough one child at a time, one community at a time is beginning to look inevitable. And may I dare say that I sincerely believe our club can give the Kiwanis brand the boost that it needs. I have to thank all of our members for the progress we have made this year.

Our first fundraiser has been a success, thank you Sashoy for your leadership on this project, and thank you Mary for your work in so many areas. I am also very grateful for all of our club members for the unique talents that everyone contributes. I thank you all.

May Updates from Our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough

Red Dress Day Community Walk with the Hub – Mid-Scarborough by Mary McDermott and Joan-Mary Spencer

On May 3, four of our Kiwanis Club members joined the Mind and Spirit Youth Leadership Program (MSYL) and community members at The Hub to remember missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, 2S+ people, and men (MMIWG2S+). The youth group had prepared a very thoughtful reflection of many missing or murdered women and girls, which was followed by a smudging ceremony. The Hub's manager Charangit Singh and the students presented the Indigenous community members with a plaque to commemorate the occasion. The member spoke about the injustice and the loss of her young cousin and the pain her family continues to experience by not knowing what happened.

We began our 3 kilometer walk along Eglinton Avenue East in solidarity with all the community members who came out in the rain to show their support. In past years, candles were lit and carried along the walk to raise awareness for the murdered and missing and to support their families.

We concluded our walk by forming a circle in front of The Hub. Our drummer recited a prayer and a song.



Our Pink Brunch Celebrating Mothers Fundraising Event by Sashoy Simpson

It was a wonderful event that presented the club with the opportunity to increase its visibility and impact in the community of Scarborough! We were able to raise money to sponsor a Key Club in a Scarborough high school and we were also able to collect donations of sanitary items to the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities.

The speakers at our event - Mrs. Peggy Jamil from the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities and Miss Samantha Jenkins the Lieutenant Governor for Region Five - shared why donating to these causes is important and most of all inspired us to keep working. Please read Miss Samantha Jenkin's perspective on our event in the next article.

We want to thank everyone who purchased tickets, donated, and shared our event as we acknowledge that without your presence and efforts, we would not be able to accomplish our goals for this event and beyond. Our gratitude also extended to the talented performers Rare, a wonderful poet, and Rea Samples, an RnB soul singer, for bringing life to our brunch. This event also presented the opportunity for women and mothers to be recognized for their hard work, dedication and support to their families and their communities.

We are all able to be, excel, and achieve because of the women standing with us, for us and those who stand behind still.

The Kiwanis Club of Scarborough is proud of what we have accomplished with our first fundraising event and we are looking forward to further partnerships with our community partners and all the wonderful people who have contributed to our cause - helping the children of the world!



A Reflection from Samantha Jenkins, Lieutenant Governor of Maple Leaf Division 5, A.Y. Jackson Key Club



Earlier this month, I had the honor of sharing my experience as a Key Club student at the Pink Brunch, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough, which is working to establish a Key Club in the area.

From the moment I arrived, the warm welcome and cheerful atmosphere stood out. The concept of a brunch celebrating mothers, while also raising awareness for period poverty was brilliant, and I'm thrilled it was brought to life! The presenters, music, and emcee were entertaining, and the delicious indigenous meal added a special touch.

As a member of a Student Leadership Program (SLP), I am thrilled to participate in events like these that support important causes, and I hope more students get this opportunity in the future!

Please Support our Registry for Sanitary Products

Our registry for sanitary products in support of period poverty was a great success at the Pink Brunch!

39 packs of feminine hygiene packs were delivered to Scarborough Centre for Healthy Community's (SCHC) food bank.

We hope to continue the momentum so please check out our registry below and consider donating!

All items will be donated to SCHC!



Have you heard of Food Hall TO?

by Mary McDermott



A friend of ours came across an interesting [blogTO review](#) for Food Hall TO where all 5 restaurant kiosks are run by newcomers and refugees. This food hall 'doubles as an incubator that educates, encourages and supports newcomers as they pursue their goals of entrepreneurship – all while serving great food'. (Phoebe Knight blogTO)

We decided to visit on May 14th and loved our meals.

If you are looking for something great to eat while supporting a great initiative, try it!

Learn more here: [Food Hall TO \(@foodhallto\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

EC & C Kiwanis Convention 2024 in Montego Bay Jamaica

by Frederica Joseph



Great times were had May 16-18, 2024, in Montego Bay Jamaica for the East Canada and Caribbean Kiwanis Annual Convention. Over 400 Kiwanians from many Caribbean Islands and Eastern Canada gathered to network, learn, share Kiwanian experiences, and have a great time while doing it.

There was a wide variety of seminars and workshops which more than amply met the learning needs of most Kiwanians. The air-conditioned rooms of the convention centre were a great relief from the very hot sunny outdoors.

A short five-minute shuttle bus ride between our all-inclusive resorts and the convention centre allowed for stress-free transport between learning and leisure times.

Relaxing in the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea was an energizing way to start or finish our day; and the pools weren't too bad either. There was no trouble finding great eats or drinks.



Goal #1 in our Club's Strategic Plan is to:

Increase awareness of the Kiwanis Brand. We are increasing awareness and learning what our club can do to help by participating in relevant community events.

West Hill Safety Committee Meeting by Frederica Joseph

Representatives from various community organizations assembled at the East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club on May 22nd to talk about safety issues in the West Hill community. Two mothers from the Danzig community were also present. You may recall that in July 2012, a gang-related shooting occurred at a block party on Danzig Street in West Hill. Two people were killed and 24 people were injured including two of the perpetrators. For more background on this incident, see this [link](#).

The main topic of discussion was gun violence in the Danzig community.

A new basketball court has been installed and has engaged some children and youth in basketball. Frederica suggested getting kids to ride bicycles on some of Scarborough's great trails. One of the organizations represented at the meeting stated they have 50 donated bicycles.

Frederica has connected with a therapist counseling youth in the community about the gun violence there to see if there is a role that the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough can play in engaging kids in positive activities this summer.

A walk in honour of Joshua, one of the victims of shooting in the Danzig community, has been planned with hopes to change the gun violence pattern still emerging. This walk has been announced for Saturday, May 25th.

Woburn Cedarbrae Safety Committee Meeting by Mary McDermott

As President Frederica had another commitment on Wednesday, May 29th, I attended the Woburn Cedarbrae Safety Community Meeting in her stead. Representatives from various stakeholder groups including City of Toronto, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, local community police services officers, our city councilor's office, and our MPP's office met with local community leaders to share recent activities and concerns.

The discussion reinforced our understanding as Kiwanians that we must do what we can to help our youth. The pandemic disrupted learning, students have fallen behind, and many need significant help.

Kiwanis International Convention is coming soon!!



For more information visit: <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-convention/>

Our Committees:

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

Please let us know:

- If you would like to join a committee
- If you have ideas on how we can make a difference in Scarborough

Join us:

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

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