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## June 2024 Newsletter

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### Message from Our President



**President**  
**Frederica Joseph**

The Kiwanis Club of Scarborough is definitely growing and developing! We have several small successes to celebrate!

#### Together we:

- Are making progress towards establishing our first Key Club
- Made donations of almost one hundred packages of feminine hygiene products to the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities
- Raised over \$4000 at our Pink Brunch
- Are gaining recognition in the community with our involvement in community activities

Our new members are engaged in helping our club grow in many directions and making the workload lighter and more enjoyable.

May we continue to inspire each other and everyone we serve!

# June Updates from Our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough

## Mitzie Hunter as the New President and CEO of the Canadian Women's Foundation by Michelle Nguyen



We've got some fantastic news to share! Mitzie Hunter – Kiwanis Club of Scarborough's SLP Chair and Director – has recently been appointed as the new President and CEO of the Canadian Women's Foundation.

Mitzie brings with her not only exceptional leadership skills but also an unwavering commitment to gender equality. Her dedication to advocacy and her impressive track record in advancing social justice make her the perfect fit to lead the foundation in creating positive change in our communities.

With her vision and strategic insights, we have no doubt that the Canadian Women's Foundation can make an even greater impact in advancing equity, justice and economic progress for girls, women and gender-diverse people across Canada.

Please join us in congratulating Mitzie Hunter on this well-deserved appointment.

To read more about this, please check out this link:  
<https://canadianwomen.org/blog/ceo-mitzie-hunter/>

## May 25<sup>th</sup> – Our Community Comes Together for the Danzig Walk by Frederica Joseph

An annual walk is held to remember two young people who were shot during a block party on Danzig Street in Scarborough on July 16, 2012. Shyanne Charles was 14 years old, and Joshua Yasay was 23 years old.

In May, police escorted 50 people who showed their support for the families and friends of the victims of gun violence in the Danzig community. This was a walk to remember and honour the individuals whose lives were cut short. Participants walked 4.5 km from Danzig Street and Morningside to Port Union and Waterfront Park where a ceremony, and the release of peace doves took place.

Joshua's mother organized the event. As May 25<sup>th</sup> was Joshua's birthday, she felt this would be an appropriate way to remember Joshua and other victims of violence in the community.

Two heartfelt themes of the event were increasing awareness of gun violence issues, and building hope for the restoration of peace.

Rainy weather was no deterrent for the participants, including our City Councillor Paul Ainslie, a representative from our MPP Andrea Hazel's office, and members from many community agencies and groups, such as our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough.



Photo Above: Releasing of the Peace Doves



## June 1<sup>st</sup> - Kiwanis Club of Scarborough Participates in Guildwood Day by Mary McDermott

We enjoyed beautiful weather on June 1st as we celebrated the 50th anniversary for Guildwood Day! This was the second year that our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough members participated in the Community Marketplace on Guildwood Day and the first year that our members carried our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough banner in the Guildwood Parade on the Parkway.

The theme for this year's Guildwood Day was "Guildwood Day - 50 Years Strong"! Three of our members - Frederica, Mitzie, and Giovanni - participated in the parade. Members were also at our Community Marketplace table to engage with anyone who was curious to know more about our relatively new Kiwanis Club. We had many interesting conversations about our club's plans to help the Scarborough community "one child at a time". This included sharing our plans to introduce a Kiwanis Service Leadership Program (SLP) in a local secondary school in September, and our plans to introduce our Kiwanis' Bring Up Grades (BUG) program in a local elementary school.

We were honoured to be part of Guildwood Day's 50th Anniversary and look forward to participating many more years to come.

For more information on Guildwood Day and the Guildwood Village Community Association, see <https://www.facebook.com/GVCA123/> and <https://www.instagram.com/guildwoodvillage/>



## A Recollection and History of Kiwanis Clubs in Scarborough by Barry Hitchcock

During Guildwood Day's 50th Anniversary, one long-time resident of our community and the local Rotarian Club Secretary, Gerard Baribeau, connected us with another long-time community resident.

Barry Hitchcock has shared with us his recollections of earlier Kiwanis Club activities in Scarborough and has given his permission for us to share his recollections in our newsletter. We are very grateful to learn how the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District of Kiwanis International came to be. Below are Barry's recollections and history of Kiwanis Clubs in Scarborough.

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*I joined the Kiwanis Club of the Golden Mile in December 1961. The club, founded in 1953, had about 40 members. There were 5 Kiwanis Clubs in Scarborough - Scarborough the mother club (with about 60 members), which sponsored the other four clubs, Golden Mile, Cedarbrae, West Hill, and Agincourt (each with about 35 to 40 members). Kiwanis was a big presence in Scarborough, with their many community projects.*

*A significant presence was that together the five clubs sponsored the Kiwanis Football Association of Scarborough, with ten teams for pre-high-school boys, five junior and five senior teams. Each team played once a week in parks all over Scarborough. Kiwanians filled the roles of managers, coaches, handlers of the yardsticks, and as the association executive members, including president, secretary, registrar and two members at large. Scarborough Firefighters served as referees. For my involvement, as registrar, I received a Recognition Award from the Municipality of Scarborough.*

*The Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto was another project jointly run by all the Toronto region clubs. The festival was featured as a daily article with pictures in the Toronto Star. The Golden Mile Club provided two presidents to the festival. I served as Director, and at different times as Chairman of the Scholarships and Awards Committee and The Stars of the Festival Concert Committee. Initially, one end-of-festival concert was held in Massey Hall, Ford Theatre, O'Keefe Centre, or Roy Thomson Hall. Later, the single concert was replaced by three end-of-festival concerts, held at Martingrove Collegiate, Edward Gardens, and University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, spaced at one-week intervals.*

*Kiwanians thought big. The Golden Mile's inaugural project in 1953 was a horse show. Scarborough was then a rural community. The show was a newsworthy event.*

*The Golden Mile Club had Bill White, a black man, as a member. I believe he may have been the only black Kiwanian Worldwide - certainly so, in North America. Bill came from a distinguished Nova Scotia family, and his sister was world-renowned contralto Portia White. He was a musician (piano performer and composer) and had a choir called the "Bill White Singers". Bill could take a room full of people and have them singing in four-part harmony in minutes. He was an inspirational speaker and activist. In 1970, Bill was inducted into the Order of Canada for his record as a social worker, activist, and musician.*

*In the mid 1950's, the Kiwanis International convention was held in San Francisco. The Golden Mile Club, along with members of the other Scarborough clubs, traveled to the*

*convention as a group in a private rail car. When they checked in at the convention hotel, Bill White was denied a room, because of their policy regarding skin colour. The Golden Mile Club, with support from other Canadian clubs, threatened to boycott the convention if Bill White was not admitted.*

*When the first Caribbean club was founded, the American clubs would not accept it in any of their divisions. Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes stepped up and welcomed the club, thus creating "Eastern Canada and the Caribbean".*

*In 1991, I received a congratulatory letter acknowledging 30 years as a Kiwanian. Shortly afterwards, the Golden Mile Club turned in its charter. The club was unable to replace its aging members with young people. The only club left in Scarborough was the Scarborough Club, then reduced to fewer than ten members. Likewise, the North York Club, which traditionally had a close relationship with the Golden Mile Club. I attended both clubs as a guest, but did not join either of them, as it was obvious that their time before turning in their charters was limited.*

*These are my recollections about Kiwanis in Scarborough during the 1960s through to the 1990s, that I thought might be of interest to you. Kiwanis was a big part of my life, and that of my family.*

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We are very grateful to Barry Hitchcock for sharing his recollections and are proud about how we became part of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District of Kiwanis International.

## **June 6th - Kiwanis Club of Riverdale's 98th Golf Tournament and Dinner by Mary McDermott and Allen Pollard**



Allen Pollard DLG\* and IPP\* of the Kiwanis Club of Riverdale, and founding member of Kiwanis Club of Scarborough has organized this very successful fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club of Riverdale for several years! This fundraiser enables the Riverdale Club to qualify for significant additional funds for volunteering with C-Gaming. Funds are used for high school scholarships and several donations to other organizations.

Hugh Simmonds, a Kiwanis Club of Scarborough member, and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Toronto Caribbean co-hosted the dinner.



Our President Frederica Joseph, Giovanni Sollazzo and Mary McDermott also attended the prime rib dinner following the golf tournament. Dinner was delicious and included bread, salad and a delicious dessert. Raffle tickets at each table held opportunities to win valuable prizes.

*Definition of Kiwanian designations used:*

*\*DLG - Distinguished Lieutenant General*

*\*IPP - Immediate Past President*



## June 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> - SLP Meeting at Woburn Collegiate Institute by Mary McDermott and Mitzie Hunter

On June 9th, President Frederica and SLP Chair Mitzie Hunter met with Kathi Silke, who provided invaluable information and advice in preparation for their meeting with Woburn Collegiate Institute.

Kathi Silke has been a great resource and is helping Kiwanis Club of Scarborough start their first Key Club. We extend our sincerest gratitude to Kathi!

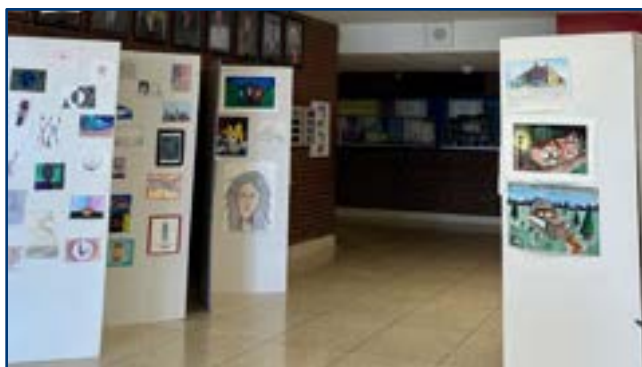
Equipped with thorough preparation, President Frederica and Mitzie Hunter visited Woburn CI on June 12th to discuss the next steps toward establishing the Key Club.

During their visit, they had the pleasure of running into Kari Peters, ACL Student Success/SHSM Lead.

Everyone was very impressed by the lovely artwork that Woburn CI students had on display at the school.

Kiwanis Club of Scarborough is very excited to be preparing to launch our new Key Club at Woburn CI this upcoming September when the school reopens.

Stay tuned to hear about all the great work the students will be doing in the Scarborough community!



## June 21st - Summer Solstice on the Grounds of the Aga Khan Museum by Mary McDermott

On June 21st, three members of our club visited the grounds of the Aga Khan Museum to celebrate the Summer Solstice. Several colourful Teepees were erected on the grounds and a variety of activities were held over a 2-day period by the Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre. For more information, please see: [Summer Solstice and National Indigenous People's Day Celebration](#) .

As we explored the grounds further, we came across very interesting outdoor art installations, which are photographs by Almagul Menlibayeva. Her outdoor installations are part of an exhibit the Aga Khan Museum is hosting until September 2nd. For more information, please see: [Almagul Menlibayeva: My Silk Road to You and Nomadized Suprematism](#)



**The 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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