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Message from Our President



President
Frederica Joseph

Time is passing quickly, and we're just about ready to celebrate the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough's 1 year anniversary, and the induction of our new members! We would love for you to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion. Details can be found in this newsletter.

Our club has also met to plan for the upcoming year, and the multiple training sessions we have participated in recently have helped our members learn more about Kiwanis.

I am excited that our first service leadership program, a Key Club at Woburn Collegiate Institute has officially started! We have so many bright young minds ready to make a difference in the Scarborough community. I am also excited about starting up at least one service leadership program for younger children. Once we get our branded shirts, we can become more visible participating in community projects. The possibilities are limitless, the Kiwanis vision that all children in Scarborough can wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive will not likely come true this year, but I am certain that, with the talented members on our team, the Kiwanis mission can be achieved. We can improve the world, one child at a time, one community at a time.



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JOIN THE CELEBRATION

1 Year Anniversary and Induction of New Members

Tickets: \$65.00

Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: White Shield Banquet Hall
2300 Lawrence Ave E.,
Scarborough, ON M1P 2R2



Feminine hygiene products for our "Aiming to Solve Period Poverty" campaign can be donated at the event. All products will be collected and distributed by Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities

Tickets for the event can be purchased via **e-transfer to**
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Updates from Our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough

June 28 – MPP Andrea Hazell’s Canada Day Open House by Mary McDermott and Frederica Joseph

Frederica and Mary attended Andrea Hazell’s Canada Day drop-in event at her constituency office on June 28th. 3 Kiwanians participated along with approximately 50 community members.

Community police officers, along with a representative from Toronto Community Housing Corporation and the Toronto Crisis Intervention Team participated along with representatives from local schools and other community interest groups. Discussions covered:

- The Youth In Policing program for youth between 15-21 years old.
- How to sensitize young children about the importance of avoiding drugs and crime.
- How critical it is to engage youth very early on to help them achieve their full potential.



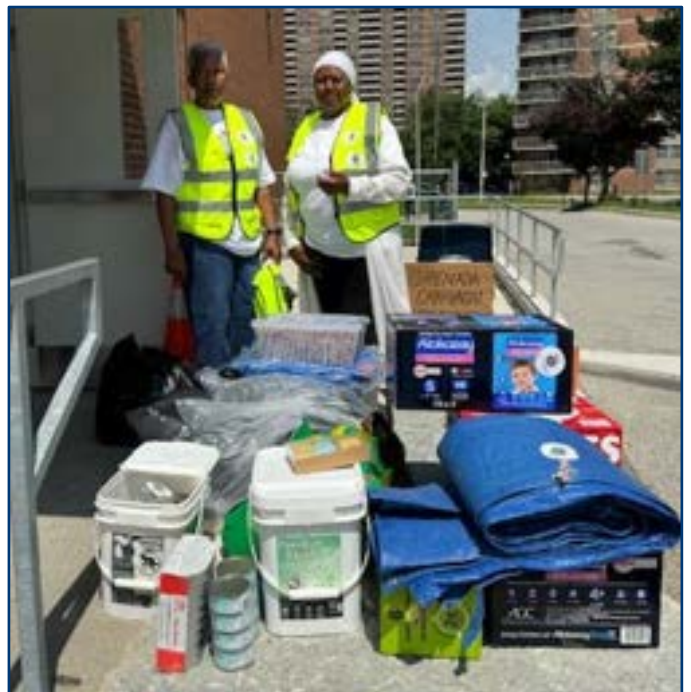
July 13 – Hurricane Beryl Relief Collection by Frederica Joseph

On short notice members of the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough were able to collect goods to be shipped to Grenada and St. Vincent.

President Frederica collected donations from several members (Frederica, Joan-Mary, Mary Ellen, Allen, Mary) and our club delivered these to a church to help Grenada and St. Vincent in the wake of Hurricane Beryl.

Our club delivered canned goods, tarpaulins, ropes, bedding, clothing, baby diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, toiletries and bedding to the Carriacou Association Ontario.

The Carriacou Association Ontario collected goods from many donors. They then packed a shipping container and shipped them to Grenada. The goods are scheduled to reach Carriacou (one of Grenada's three islands) by mid-August.



July 14 – Save the Ontario Science Centre Rally by Mary McDermott



Another “Save Our Ontario Science Centre Rally” was held in Ferrand Drive Park at noon.

The park is close to the Ontario Science Centre and several of the organizers spoke passionately about their families’ experiences visiting the Ontario Science Centre.

One mother, who lives in the neighborhood, had annual family passes when her sons were young. She described how her sons were very engaged in the exhibits and have grown up to be engineers.

Mayor Olivia Chow also spoke and reiterated that the school bus trips from across the GTA and Ontario will not be feasible if the Ontario Science Centre is relocated to Ontario Place.



Kiwanis Club of Scarborough's Outreach at Community Picnics in July by Frederica Joseph

This summer presented great opportunities to introduce our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough to residents of Scarborough. Dr. Cyrus' Picnic and MPP Andrea Hazell's Community BBQ were events where Kiwanians were present.

Dr. Cyrus' picnic at Masaryktown Park on July 14th started with perfect summer sunshine and music. Over 300 people enjoyed chicken and rice meals. Just as the event was winding down, the skies opened up and rain poured down. 5 Kiwanis Club of Scarborough members participated. Masaryktown Park is a beautiful park just off Scarborough Golf Club Road, south of Lawrence Avenue.

The sun came out for MPP Andrea Hazell's Community BBQ on July 24th at Morningside Park after a very rainy day! 250 people enjoyed the atmosphere and food. Our President Frederica spoke about our club to the attendees.

Many parents were interested in having their children participate in a Kiwanis service leadership program. With a lot of hard work and fundraising, we will be able to support more service leadership programs in Scarborough, helping Scarborough's children on a path to becoming tomorrow's great leaders.



July 18 – MPP Andrea Hazell’s Nomination Meeting by Mary McDermott



An enthusiastic group, including 4 Kiwanis Club of Scarborough members, attended MPP Andrea Hazell’s nomination meeting at Wings Knight, a new eatery on Kingston Road and Poplar Road.

40+ people listened as Lawrence Dawkins, our own president Frederica and Andrea herself talked about her journey into politics.

Following the presentations, everyone really enjoyed delicious nachos, wings and fries.



August 9 – Power Plant Museum Tour Reflection by Angelice

This past August, Mitzie Hunter, our SLP Chair, arranged a tour to the Power Plant Museum for a group of Danzig students. Below is a reflection that was sent by one of the students:

“My name is Angelice, I am a fifteen-year-old student from Scarborough and I had the pleasure of visiting the Power Plant Museum in downtown Toronto on August 9th, 2024. The experience was nothing short of delightful, largely due to the wonderful group I accompanied. Together, we explored the museum's offerings, and I found myself captivated by both the scenic waterfront views and the diverse exhibits housed within the museum's walls.

One of the highlights of my visit was the striking artwork by June Clark. Her pieces resonated with me on a profound level, as they not only showcased her unique artistic vision but also served as a powerful medium for sharing her personal experiences. Clark's work is particularly inspiring for Black women, as it encourages us to embrace and express our intelligence and creativity. Even in the relatively short time I spent at the museum, I felt enriched by the insights I gained, and I sincerely hope that future visitors will have the opportunity to experience the same sense of inspiration and connection.

Among the various artworks, my favourite was undoubtedly the "Harlem Quilt." This piece beautifully illustrated themes of resilience and the complexities of life, with its intricate use of lighting adding depth and emotion to the overall composition. The quilt seemed to tell a story, inviting viewers to reflect on their own experiences and the shared narratives of the community.

The final exhibit I explored was titled EMBASSY, created by Terence Gower. This exhibit featured contemporary art alongside an original structure that predates the museum's establishment—a clay wall adorned with rounded squares. It was fascinating to learn that this structure is not part of the designer's collection, and it is set to be removed soon. The contrast of Gower's contemporary pieces with this historical element created a dialogue about the evolution of art and the spaces it occupies.

Overall, I truly valued the opportunity to visit the Power Plant Museum and engage with art that resonates with my own experiences and aspirations. In the past, my visits to other museums have often left me feeling uninspired, but this particular visit was exceptional. I left with a renewed sense of appreciation for the power of art and its ability to connect us to our histories and to one another. I look forward to exploring more exhibits in the future, hoping to uncover treasures that will inspire me in new ways.”



September 25 – Club Day at Woburn Collegiate Institute By Frederica Joseph

On Club Day at Woburn Collegiate Institute, our Kiwanis Club of Scarborough members Keisha and Frederica were present to inform students about Woburn's new Key Club.

They joined Woburn Key Club faculty advisors, Kelsey and Danny to present Key Club to the students.

A display table was set up in a room where about 20 other Woburn clubs also had displays and students club shopped.

There was not a moment our display did not have several interested students visit inquiring what Key Club is all about. It was very inspiring to see so many students who showing interest in caring about the community.

The Woburn Key Club has now launched and their meetings are being held Tuesdays at 11:40 am.

Special thanks to Mitzie, our SLP chair and her team on achieving this milestone.



September 22 – Staples Back-to-School Drive Campaign by Hannah Chan

This summer, our club proudly took part in the Staples Back-to-School Drive Campaign, achieving remarkable success! Some key highlights include:

- **Doubling store participation** across the Scarborough district.
- **Raising over \$4,000** in partnership with Staples, which will go directly to supporting Scarborough schools and students in need.

On September 22nd, we were thrilled to engage with the community at local Staples stores. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the impact of the back-to-school program and raise awareness about the meaningful work Kiwanis is doing to support education in our community.



October 5 – The Next Chapter Festival by Mary McDermott

On October 5th, two of our members participated in The Next Chapter Festival organized by The Reading Partnership at Scarborough Town Centre.

This free family event encourages literacy, books for every age.

Participants were given a book of their choice to keep.

It was truly inspiring to see so many people turn out to show their appreciation and love for literacy.



Our Committees:

- Executive Committee
- Governance and Nomination Committee
- Budget Committee
- Membership Committee
- Public Relations, Marketing and Programming Committee
- Service and Fundraising 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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Articles to add: Women's Courage Wellness Business Conference and Expo (Aug 10), CLE Training Session (Aug 10), MPP Andrea Hazell's fundraiser (<https://ontarioliberal.ca/events/20240817-fundraiser-brunch/>) (Aug 17), Branding training (Aug 24)