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"Who" is Kiwanis and what is our Impact?

Kiwanis clubs and members conduct service projects. They hold fundraisers. They donate to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. They change children's lives in their own communities and through international initiatives — helping young people develop mentally, physically and emotionally

Every year, Kiwanis members stage more than 150,000 service projects, devote more than six million hours of service and raise nearly US\$100 million for children, families and communities around the world. Kiwanis club projects are based on the community's needs — we build playgrounds, purchase medical equipment, stuff backpacks with school supplies, restock libraries and much more.

Join us:

Chartered in 1921, we are the oldest service club in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. We are always looking for new members to serve the community ! Interested in donating a little time, money, or elbow grease to serve the needy, the deserving, and kids throughout the Waterloo Region? This summer we welcomed 5 new members to the club who want to help do exactly that. They have stepped up to help and we need still more volunteers and members to socialize and serve with integrity. Join us in our efforts to provide scholarships to deserving students, run the Kiwanis Music Festival or the Waterloo Park Wonders of Winter (Festival of Lights), have some fun at Bingo night, or support our Food4Kids and Food Bank teams. Pick some of our activities and let the good times roll. Reward yourself with service. Become a leader. We are celebrating over 100 years of community service.



1. Regular Meetings:

At our regular lunch meetings we get together for fellowship and planning. Prospective members are welcome to attend. The meetings are free (except there is no free lunch !) and once a month we host expert guest speakers to discuss a wide range of topics that give us insight and inspiration to carry over into our activities and projects. Lunch meetings are currently held at noon on Tuesdays throughout the month at the Westmount Golf Club in Waterloo. Check our calendar for other (evening) meeting times or contact our membership chair at kwkiwanismembership@gmail.com to confirm time and place.



Our 2023 Summer speaker program included:

- Alyssa McKeown General Manager - Managing Partner of Forbes GM Auto-IQ May 23

Alyssa was introduced by Alan Chalmers as a new manager of Forbes GM in Waterloo who was hired because of her ability to think "outside the box". Alyssa

hails from northern Ontario and came to the business with experience as a loan officer. She ascribed her success at Forbes to a personal touch that surprises and delights her staff and recommended the adoption of new ideas that can encourage people to think differently about the organization and do a better job. A recent innovation of hers is to offer free Yoga classes in the dealership when it is closed on Sundays, which gets employees to think about the space as more personal and receptive to their needs.

- Henry Walsler, Director of the Walsler Funeral Home Kitchener June 20

Henry delivered a fascinating and very humorous account of the family business he runs, celebrating the lives of clientele from every walk of life and every belief system imaginable. Henry explained that he got a very early introduction to funerary services as the result of a burning marshmallow, an unfortunate duck, and a shallow grave (well, you had to be there !). The Walsler business focuses on addressing the need to grieve by individuals with very different expectations covering a broad spectrum of religious and non-religious beliefs. The business is treated as a deeply personal undertaking (if you will pardon the pun) by the family while navigating the technical challenges of services as varied as cremation, interment, and contemporary "green" burials which must meet very exacting new standards.

2. Activities & Events:

For a complete listing of past and future events and volunteer opportunities, see the K-W Kiwanis Calendar.

May 18-21 Kiwanis Eastern Canada & Caribbean Convention in Quebec City. 500 people attended, including our own Marilyn Motz, Joan Richardson-Horsey, and Daisy Arseneault

June 6 K-W Kiwanis Board Meeting

June 21-24 Kiwanis International Convention, Minneapolis. Our President-Elect Daisy Arseneault attended. Speaker was Clint Pulver.

July 4 Board Meeting

July 8 Club officer training

July 29 District Clubs Meeting was held in Guelph

August 22 Satellite Housing hosted a noonhour barbeque at the Cedar Court apartment building. Sunshine and the perfect August temperature. Three dozen Kiwanians and residents made for a festive gathering. Hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, cold drinks, and good cheer. Thanks to the Cedar Court "super", the servers, and the cook, it was a super party.



August 28 The K-W Kiwanis pizza dinner (below) hosted by Satellite Housing was held at 55 Valley View Road, Kitchener, ON N2E 3J1 condominium complex from 4:30-5:30 pm. The turnout was very gratifying.





Lots of members were in attendance, knowing there would be plenty of socializing, good food, and feedback from the residents about the Kiwanis housing effort. Kids from the complex were everywhere and the Kiwanis playground was finally getting a workout. The weather was good, and residents were very happy with the current management team under Frank Prospero as well as the Kiwanis Club itself.



3. Upcoming Events & Opportunities

September 11, 2023 there will be a Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Waterloo at the Knights of Columbus Council Building, 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo, ON N2J 4N5. Members are enthusiastic about this unprecedented joint meeting between Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of the Kitchener-Waterloo region. The meeting will feature Professor Donna Strickland of the University of Waterloo, winner of the 2018 **Nobel Prize in Physics**. You can learn more about the speaker at <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/2018/strickland/facts/>. The cost of the dinner meeting will be \$35/person, a low price for an evening of inspiration !

4. Service Leadership Clubs:

- Circle K International for university students
- Key Club for students age 14-18
- Builders Club for students age 11-14
- Kiwanis Kids for students age 6-12
- Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities

5. Membership:

Interested in joining us? Please contact our membership chair at kwkiwanismembership@gmail.com or a member of K-W Kiwanis whom you may know.

In summer 2023 we welcomed several new members:
Ashley Close, Maureen Farkouh, Saima Kahn, Steve Rand, Paula Rand

6. Committee Meetings & Reports:

Committee reports were received at the June 6, 2023 meeting of the Club Officers and Board Members at Westmount Golf Club. Committee work is essential to smooth functioning of the Club and all members are encouraged to participate in at least one of our thirteen committees. Typically, assignments require an average of only 1-2 hours per month. Current committees have the charters and compositions outlined below.

Affordable Housing

Charter: Work with Property Management to oversee the operations of the Cedar Court and Valley View housing units owned by Kiwanis. Report to the Board.

Chair: Greg Wood

Committee members: Lou Gere, Andrew Wilkin, Daisy Arseneault, Angela Vieth, Steve Rand, Ian Inglis.

Fundraising

(a) New Ideas (Receive & evaluate proposals for new fundraising activities. Interface with the Board to approve new initiatives.) Committee

Members: Maureen Farkouh, Daisy Arseneault, Angela Vieth, Jean Stacey
(b) Bingo (Organize and recruit volunteers for bingos run by K-W Kiwanis. Train volunteers.)

Committee Members: Lou Gere, Mike Wolf, Maureen Farkouh, AJ Feltis, Gary Keller, John Vieth, Greg & Michelle Wood

(c) Calendar Sales (Organize the calendar created by K-W Kiwanis for fundraising. Recruit advertisers, determine winners of cash draws and allocate prizes.)

Committee Members: Marilyn Motz, Alan Chalmers, Ian Inglis, Mike Wolf, Shelley Des Cotes, Andrew Wilkin, Alison Sproule, Joan Horsey, Ray Corsini

Scholarships & Bursaries

Charter: Determine criteria for the evaluation of scholarship and bursary applications. Receive and review applications. Select recipients and personally communicate/deliver the awards.

Chair: Lou Gere
Committee Members: Steve Rand, Jan Alexanian, Gary Keller, Paula Rand, Jean Stacey

Membership

Charter:

Advise members on how to introduce prospective members to Kiwanis and provide welcome packets for new members. Meet once a quarter to plan recruitment and retention. Approve new member applications and forward them to the Board. Review honorary memberships annually. Check on absentee or delinquent members.

Co-Chairs: Saima Khan & Ashley Close
Committee Members: Angela Vieth, Kevin Twomey, Daisy Arseneault, Maureen Farkouh, Alan Chalmers, Ian Inglis, Marilyn Motz, Andrew Wilkin

Music Festival

Charter:

Continue to refine and improve all aspects of the festival's operation. Develop and utilize permanent check lists for all aspects of the festival so nothing is missed and we continually learn from mistakes and maintain improvements. Create fundraising vehicles specifically for the music festival with the goal of being financially self-sufficient.

Chair: Shelley Des Cotes
Committee Members: Angela Vieth, Mike Wolf, Jaime Downey, Danielle Beck, Ian Inglis, Maureen Farkouh

Service Leadership Programs

Charter:

Provide liaison between Kiwanis student organizations and our membership. Look for every opportunity to initiate Kiwanis student organizations and activities. Provide necessary support to all sponsored Kiwanis student organizations. Help out with Key Leader training events.

Chair Shelley Des Cotes
Committee Members: Saima Khan, Jaime Downey

Program & Club Meetings

Charter:

Plan and improve the regular club meetings to keep them interactive, fun and informative. Make everyone feel that time spent at meetings is "time well spent". Maintain sociability among members as a top priority by planning outside activities that foster good fellowship.

Chair: Daisy Arseneault
Committee Members: Kevin Twomey, Alan Chalmers, Jean Stacey, Keri Cameron, AJ Feltis

Financial Investment - Vacant

Marketing & Public Relations

Charter:

Raise awareness of Kiwanis in our community. Publicize events. Maintain the club website and social media outlets. Distribute a regular newsletter to keep members up to date and assist with community outreach and recruitment.

Chair Saima Khan
Committee members: Kevin Twomey, Daisy Arseneault, Shelley Des Cotes, Steve Rand

New/Existing Projects

Charter: Assess all requests for funds submitted to the club with respect to how well they meet our criteria and make their recommendations to the membership. Manage existing projects, recommend their continuance or discontinuance. Search for new club service projects, making sure they meet our criteria, and present them as options to the membership.

Criteria:

- (a) regional effect, not national
- (b) involves children and youth
- (c) Improves quality of life in some way
- (d) Involves as many of our members as possible

Chair: Daisy Arseneault
Committee Members: All