



Kiwanis

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As of March 1, 2024 K-W Kiwanis will have a new website which you can find at:

<https://www.kwkiwanis.org/>

This address automatically forwards to <https://k00425.site.kiwanis.org/> which is a site hosted for us by Kiwanis International and its IT team. Thanks to all our K-W Kiwanis members who are sending in photos and stories for the newsletter. Please continue to contact our newsletter editor Steve Rand with your input at waterloorands@gmail.com.

"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? Every year we welcome 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.



President's Message:

Congratulations K-W Kiwanians!

We made it through the dark months of winter. How? K-W Kiwanians have been busy! We have been selling calendars, developing a new website, planning a new fundraiser for kids in need of music lessons, developing new ways to raise money for the KW Kiwanis Club (www.loyaltyfunding.ca) and nurturing new community relationships. As a result of all our efforts, community interest in Kiwanis continues to grow. We inducted three new members in a single month and membership applications continue to come in.

Thank you everyone for supporting our vibrant K-W Kiwanis Club. Your service to the Waterloo Region community brings housing, music education, food and so much more to hundreds of children and community members. Our club knows how to fulfill the Kiwanis Mission. We are indeed "improving the world one child and one community at a time".

1. Meetings:

At our regular 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. Late afternoon Board meetings (open to all) are currently held at 5:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Westmount Golf & Country Club in Kitchener. We also regularly hold a dinner meeting (starting at 5:30 pm) with an outside speaker on the third Tuesday of each month. Check our calendar to confirm meeting times and location though. You can also contact our membership chair at kwkiwanismembership@gmail.com or a club representative at kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com.

At our February dinner the speaker was W. Roy Weber, the managing director of Community Charity Services. Roy shared with us how our everyday shopping can help us raise hundreds of dollars for the KW Kiwanis Club in 2024. He described the procedure for using the the Community Charity Services website www.loyaltyfunding.ca to organize automatic charitable donations for shopping at participating local stores of all kinds. The shopper retains full value of pre-purchased gift cards but a percentage of sales go to charities selected by the shopper. Who knew raising money for the Kitchener-Waterloo community could be so easy?



In his presentation, Roy explained that a couple of our K-W Kiwanians (Joan & Angela) have been buying grocery cards for charity for years through the loyalty funding business. By fostering this activity among all our members, we have the potential to make thousands of dollars for our Kiwanis club simply by buying gift cards for groceries and everyday needs. The flowchart for making this happen is reprinted below.

5 Steps to Fundraise While Shopping!

Eat2Give

for the
KW Kiwanis Club!

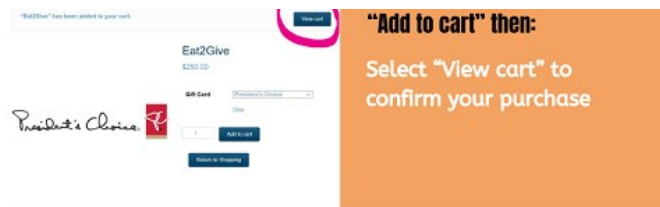


1
Go to this website:
www.loyaltyfundingshop.ca

2
Select:
Eat2Give \$250.00

3
Choose your option:
Select your gift card from
your fave grocery store!

4



5 Proceed to Checkout then:
****Select KW Kiwanis as your Charity** when prompted.**
 Make your payment via Credit card or Bank withdrawal. Your gift card will arrive in the mail!



www.loyaltyfunding.ca

Consider the numbers ! With 30 club members or friends subscribing to purchase a \$250.00 gift card on a monthly basis, our club can receive \$2700.00 in charitable donations in one year. Community Charity Services takes care of all the details and will send every participating member a \$90.00 tax receipt at the end of the year.

2. Activities & Events:

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

January 29 A late photo from the InterClub meeting in Guelph. After appetizers at the home of Chris Bisson, everyone enjoyed a rousing hockey game at Sleeman Arena where the Guelph Storm faced off against Flint.



February 6 The K-W Kiwanis Board held their monthly meeting today. Danielle Beck attended the meeting to give Board members a rundown on the Kiwanis Music Festival and how it ties into the mission of Kiwanis.



Also an InterClub meeting took place in Ayr today. Interclub meetings provide us with a chance to network with Kiwanians in other parts of our district. This meeting started at 6:00 pm at the Ridge Social Eatery in Ayr. Dinner was available for \$35/person +tax at the door. The meeting itself started at 6:30 pm. The speaker was political science professor and North Dumfries Kiwanian Rob Leone whose presentation was entitled "A discussion on the conflict between Israel and Palestine and its possible effects globally".

February 15 The Music Festival Committee met online at 8 pm to discuss arrangements for the March 17 fundraiser at the Jazz Room in Waterloo.

See upcoming events.

February 20 The monthly dinner meeting was held at Westmount Golf & Country Club. Members, volunteers and guests gathered for a meet and greet session at 5:30 pm. Dinner was served at 6:00 pm and was followed by the induction of new members. Welcome Tanner, Mike, and Andrew !



The speaker of the month was W. Roy Weber, the Managing Director of Community Charity Services. He shared how Kiwanians and their friends can use everyday shopping to raise hundreds of dollars for the K-W Kiwanis Club in 2024. Attendees were introduced to the stores participating in a multi-charity internet site (www.loyaltyfunding.ca) where regular shopping can direct a portion of sales at local stores to a charity of their choice - like Kiwanis.

Roy topped off his after dinner presentation by announcing that because his daughter is entering the KW Kiwanis Music Festival for the first time, he will be joining the K-W Kiwanis Club as a new member. In addition his wife plans to join the club. So attendees were inspired to learn not only about forthcoming new members but also to hear Roy's message that automatic fundraising to augment our operating fund via loyaltyfunding.ca is simple to implement.

February 25 Angela Vieth and our President Daisy Arseneault toured Karis Disability Services. They met Senior Vice President Eugene Versteeg and Kim Whetstone who is the Maintenance and Community Engagement Coordinator. Karis Disability Services has generously agreed to donate their meeting space to host the Kiwanis Divisional Council Meeting on Saturday, April 27th.



February 27 Come one come all. Special Event "Kiwans Connects" at Cedar Court Apartments, 59 Cedar Street North in Kitchener.

100 YEARS
KW Kiwanis Connects!
 Kiwanis Meeting

7:00 PM
 Feb 27th,
 2024

FEB 27TH 7:00PM

Meet Fellow Kiwanians!

**CONNECT TO
 KW KIWANIS
 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Light Refreshments Will Be Provided

WHERE?
 KIWANIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING
**CEDAR COURT
 COMMUNITY ROOM
 59 CEDAR ST. N.
 KITCHENER**

Kiwanis
 KITCHENER WATERLOO

3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

For a complete listing of past and future events and volunteer opportunities, see the K-W Kiwanis Calendar at our website www.kwkiwanis.org.

March 3 Benefit concert at 3:00 pm to support the Kiwanis Music Education Program. Location is St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 54 Queen North.

ORMTA **Kiwanis**

BENEFIT CONCERT
 to support the
**KIWANIS MUSIC
 EDUCATION FUND**

SUNDAY,
 MARCH **3rd**
 3:00PM 2024

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 54 Queen St. N, Kitchener

The music teachers of KW-ORMTA are proud to partner with KW Kiwanis to raise funds to support music education opportunities for every child in our community who has the desire to learn from experienced music professionals

There will be an opportunity to donate during the concert

March 12 The Meetings & Programs Committee will meet today. Also there will be a Paris-Brantford Interclub Meeting. Interclub meetings are a chance to network with Kiwanians in other parts of our district. Drinks will be available at the Legion bar at 6:15 pm before the meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Laura Gauthier from Child & Family Services of Grand Erie. Laura will speak about the important role that Child & Family Services plays in our communities and their forward thinking focus. Light food fare will be available for \$10 at the door. PLEASE NOTE: Please RSVP before March 1 to kiwanisparisbrant@gmail.com .(Details below)

Kiwanis
 Club of Paris - Brant

Interclub Meeting

YOU'RE INVITED!

Our guest speaker is Laura Gauthier from Child and Family Services of Grand Erie. Laura is a member of the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries. She will be speaking to us on the important role that Child and Family Services plays in our communities and their forward thinking

focus.

While our club does not usually have dinner at our meetings, we will be serving a light bite, the cost of which will be \$10 cash at the door.

6:30 PM TUESDAY MARCH 12TH, 2024

Plan to arrive by 6:15 to purchase drinks from the bar before the meeting starts.

**Held at the Paris Legion #29, located at 70 William St, Paris.
Parking is available behind the Legion or on adjacent streets.**

RSVP by March 1st to kiwanisparisbrant@gmail.com

March 17 Cool Jazz artists Guy Few and Stephanie Mara will perform at the Jazz Room (50 King Street North) starting at 4 pm to benefit the K-W Kiwanis music education project. A silent auction will also be held. Guy Few is an internationally acclaimed trumpet virtuoso and a local musical treasure. Stephanie Mara is a professional pianist from Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. For your convenience, here is the link to purchase your tickets for the March 17 event (tickets are limited!):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kiwanis-music-education-fundraiser-tickets-807313455277?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



March 19 Meet the Mayor ! Meeting with city councillor Stephanie Stretch and Mayor Berry Vrbanovic is scheduled to take place at 59 Cedar Street North at 9:00 am. This is an opportunity to discuss affordable housing initiatives with the city and to showcase the efforts made by Kiwanis in this sector.

March 26 Meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee. The staff at Satellite C ommunity Housing will be on site at 59 Cedar Street North and will also provide coverage via Teams videoconferencing. The meeting starts at 9:30 am.

March 28 Exceptionally, a club luncheon will be held today at noon to replace the customary dinner with speaker on the third Tuesday of the month. Location is TDB. Bingo Night takes place once again at the K-W Gaming Center tonight. Plan on joining the fun to win and support the community at the same time !

4. Service Leadership Clubs:

K-W Kiwanis runs Leadership clubs to engage young and old.

- 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. Just have questions? Send us email at kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com.

6. Committees & Reports:

Committee reports are received each month at the Board meeting of the Club Officers and Directors 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. K-W Kiwanis committees have the charters outlined below. Please check the club calendar and connect with your committee chair each month to verify when and where your meetings will take place.

Affordable Housing

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

Fundraising

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

(b) Bingo (Organize and recruit volunteers for bingos run by K-W Kiwanis. Train volunteers.)

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

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.

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.

Music Festival

Charter: Continue to refine and improve all aspects of the renowned Kiwanis Music 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.

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 Service Leadership training events.

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.

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.

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