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Thanks to all our K-W Kiwanis members who are sending in photos and stories for the newsletter. Whenever you have input or suggestions please continue to contact our newsletter editor Steve Rand 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:

Happy New Year, KW Kiwanians!

What a great start to the year with our well attended January dinner meeting. It was a pleasure to have our special speaker and newest Kiwanian, Greg Moore, share his inspiring life and remind us how optimism, creativity and hard work can help us grow through adversity. Greg reflected on how far society has come in making everyday living more inclusive of people living with a disability yet how far we have yet to go. We're grateful to Westmount Golf and Country Club for hosting us in accessible spaces and we're equally thankful to Past President, Alan Chalmers, for your behind the scenes coordination that makes each meeting a dining success.

We welcome all members to join us at our Annual General Meeting on Tues., February 20th. We'll have the pleasure of inducting new members and listening to another special guest, Roy Weber, from Community Charity Services. Roy will show Kiwanians how our everyday shopping will help us raise hundreds of dollars for the KW Kiwanis Club in 2024. Check out www.loyaltyfunding.ca for a sneak peek of participating stores. Who knew raising money for the Kitchener-Waterloo community could be so easy? Join us in February to find out !

1. 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 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 2024 January speaker was Disability Advocate Greg Moore.





Our January speaker has lived the majority of his life in Kitchener-Waterloo. He is a father of twin five-year-olds and an adopted 27 year-old. Shortly after leaving high school to find his next adventure he took a motorcycle ride that would be his last. A car turned left in front of him giving him no time to avoid a collision. The result was a broken neck and a year in a rehab hospital learning all about his new body and changed life. In the 36 years since acquiring a disability he has traveled extensively, worked sporadically, advocated aggressively and most of all enjoyed life. He is proudest of his patience, his children, his marriage, and living a full and worthwhile life despite others attitudes about disability. Greg inspired a full room of dinner attendees at Westmount Golf & Country Club

2. Activities & Events:

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

At the start of the New Year, Waterloo Rotary invited KW Kiwanis to a lunch meeting with the Grand River Hospital Foundation to learn about the new hospital that will be built in Waterloo Region. Club reps heard from Paul McIntyre-Royston - CEO of Grand River Hospital Foundation - who shared how Service Clubs have a long history of helping to raise money for the hospital. Architect Cliff Harvey - Joint VP for Redevelopment at Grand River Hospital & St. Mary's General Hospital - gave the hospital redevelopment timeline and all the new modern building research the will be implemented into the redevelopment.

KW Kiwanis Club & KW Rotary Clubs meet Grand River Hospital Foundation, Jan. 2024



January 3 A Music Festival Potluck was held to scope out the needs for another year of Kiwanis-sponsored music in Kitchener-Waterloo.

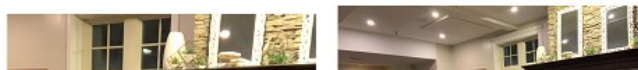
January 9 K-W Kiwanis Board meeting was held at Westmount Golf Club

January 20 Bright and early at 8:30 am our volunteer group was in Waterloo Park to disassemble the "Wonders of Winter" festival of lights. This was a record year for participation. Lots of strollers cam with their families for a little mid-winter cheer.

January 22 The K-W Kiwanis Music Festival Committee met by Zoom at 1:30 pm to organize the new Music Bursary program.

January 23 Dinner meeting with speaker Greg Moore was held at Westmount Golf & Country Club.

KW Kiwanis Club Jan. 2024 Dinner with Special Speaker, Greg Moore





January 25 The January meeting of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee was held online with Dan Snow of Waterloo. Dan's business, called the Snow Collective, is a market consulting business that specializes in streamlining and securing website resources to meet client needs.

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Thank you, Dan Snow, from Snow Collective, for mentoring our Marketing Committee. Your support helps us continue over 100 years of service to kids in Kitchener-Waterloo

KW Kiwanis Club

Piano students perform at the 2019 KW Kiwanis Music Festival

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100 YEARS

January 27 Starting at 9:00 am several of our K-W Kiwanians enjoyed networking with fellow Kiwanians from Brantford, Guelph, Cambridge, Elmira, Stratford, Paris-Brant, KW & North Dumfries at the Division 5 training workshop in Ayr Ontario. Coffee was served and lunch was available for \$20 in the Knox United Church service area.



K-W Kiwanians Daisy, Marilyn, Angela, Joan and Shelley enjoyed the Division 5 training in Ayr, North Dumfries. Over 30 leaders representing 8 Kiwanis Clubs were in attendance to learn more about upgrading our websites and marketing our regional Kiwanis clubs.

January 29 An Interclub Hockey Night was sponsored by the Guelph Kiwanis Club. Participants from regional clubs met at the home of the past president of Guelph Kiwanis (Chris Bisson) for appetizers and then walked to the Sleeman arena for an evening of joy and heartache as the Guelph Storm players faced off against the Flint hockey team.

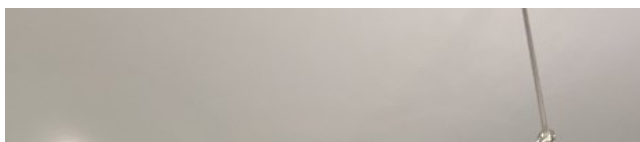




Photo: K-W Kiwanian Angela Vieth joins Chris Bisson for a selfie at the pre-game gathering of Guelph's Interclub meeting.

January 30 The Affordable Housing Committee met to review 2023 developments and plan for vigorous initiatives in 2024. The Kiwanis Music Festival Committee also met a second time for the month to start the 2024 planning cycle for the Festival itself.

3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

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February 6 Interclub meeting with Kiwanians will take place in Ayr Ontario. Interclub meetings are a chance to network with Kiwanians in other parts of our district. This meeting will start at the Ridge Social Eatery in Ayr at 6:00 pm, with dinner available for \$35/person +tax payable at the door (please RSVP to peter@buonvino.com if you want dinner). The speaker will be political science professor and North Dumfries Kiwanian Rob Leone: "A discussion on the conflict between Israel and Palestine and its possible effects globally". Also the February Board meeting of K-W Kiwanis will be held at the Westmount Golf Club at 5:00 pm.



Photo: An interclub meeting took place late last year on December 16, 2023. Kiwanian Peter Tudisco from Cambridge and Angela Vieth from K-W were invited to a Raptors 905 game at the Paramount Centre in Mississauga to investigate the idea of a fundraiser for Division Clubs based on selling tickets to a game. (The Raptors 905 are the farm team players for the Toronto Raptors.) The idea of supporting the KW Titans was also discussed.

February 13 Meeting of the Meetings & Program Committee will take place via Zoom at 7 pm.

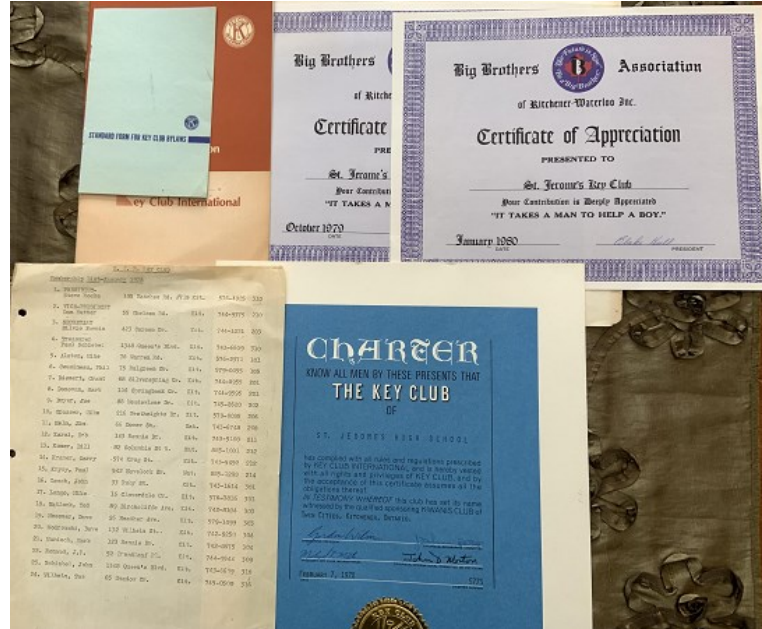
February 20 A special fundraiser will be held for the Kiwanis Music Bursary. The location is to be the Jazz Room on King Street in Waterloo. Then at 5:30 pm the monthly K-W Kiwanis dinner for February will be held. The speaker for the evening will be Roy Weber from Community Charity Services. Also the AGM will take place today.

February 27 Kiwanis meeting TBA

4. Service Leadership Clubs:

From the K-W Kiwanis archives - A 1978-1980 Key Club retrospective

In January 2024 Angela Vieth discovered old documents in our club files which detail some of the history of our Service Leadership Clubs for youth. The writeup below covers the formation of a Key Club in the K-W region from the period prior to amalgamation of the K-W and Twin cities clubs.



On February 7, 1978 a new Key Club was chartered at St. Jerome's School in Kitchener. Key clubs are self-governing clubs run by students between the ages of 14 and 18 to develop leadership skills and serve the community. Club members are also members of Key Clubs International and devise and execute their own service projects with the help of a local Kiwanis advisor. The new club (charter no. 5775) boasted a roster of 24 members and was awarded certificates of recognition by the Big Brothers Association for two years running after its formation. Gordon Wilm was the Kiwanis President in the Waterloo region at the time and his signature can still be seen on the charter document. Former city councillor of Waterloo Blake Hull was also a signatory.

- 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 info@kwkiwanis.org.

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.

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 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