



Kiwanis

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Calling all K-W Kiwanians! Please send photos/stories about your activities to our newsletter editor Steve Rand at waterloorands@gmail.com at least two days before the end of each month.

"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.



President's Message:

Happy Fall to the KW Kiwanis Community! It is such an honour to be the President for the 2023-2024 year. I would like to begin my term by giving thanks to President Marilyn Motz for her stalwart service to our club and the community. President Motz served for two unique years as she navigated this club out of the uncertainty of the pandemic by being a constant voice of assurance and leading us back to regular in-person meetings each month. Her care for individual Kiwanians during their personal challenges, welcoming many new members into the club as well as championing the Kiwanis calendar fundraiser, along with the community beneficiaries, is a leadership style that I desire to embrace. I also appreciate President Motz taking Truth and Reconciliation to heart by incorporating a land acknowledgement into our regular meetings. This action embraces who we are as Kiwanians and I'm proud of how KW Kiwanis serves and leads within this community.

I look forward to working with our dedicated board, each committee Chair, our energized new members, our long-term members and our members that prefer to stay behind the scenes. Each Kiwanian is of value and you're appreciated for your desire to be part of serving the Kitchener-Waterloo community.

Daisy Arseneault

2023-2024 Goals of our New President:

For 2023-2024 our new President Daisy Arseneault has identified club goals that all members can strive to attain.

- Increase club membership by net growth of five new members
- Market K-W Kiwanis Club to the local community by publishing an article in a local newspaper
- Develop a marketing strategy for our Signature Project and fundraiser
- Highlight K-W Kiwanis projects each month on social media, including our efforts on affordable housing, the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival, fundraising, Service Leadership Clubs, scholarships & bursaries

- Develop and activate a Club Strengthening & Retention Plan by October 31, 2023
- Schedule Committee Chairs to report monthly to the K-W Kiwanis Board

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 2023 October speaker was:

David MacLennan - Teaching & Learning Institute, Conestoga College

Mr. MacLennan is one of the teachers of teachers at Coestoga and described efforts by the College to bring vitality and engagement to online and in-person coursework. Dave is also the Lieutenant-Governor of K-W Kiwanis and installed the new Board for the 2023-2024 season.



Guests and members assembled for the evening meeting were treated to the music of Sierra Olsthoorn and Yvon Arseneault, advanced students of performance at Wilfred Laurier University and alumni of the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival.

2. Activities & Events:

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

Staples Donation Project

K-W Kiwanis partnered with Staples again this year to collect donations which become a Staples Gift Card from Kiwanis for school supplies at a chosen local school. Past President Marilyn Motz is pictured below with Principal Melissa Stacey of Forest Hills Public School (on the left) who was thrilled to receive \$791.63 in September to spend on her students.





Urban Native Transitional Housing Story

Two years ago our current President Daisy Arseneault helped to organize a K-W Kiwanis fundraiser event for the Kitchener-Waterloo Urban Native Wigwam Project (KWUNWP), a local affordable housing organization for indigenous people. We raised \$3100.00 with the help of wonderful sponsors. The event can be found on YouTube. Paste the following link address into your browser and wait for the sponsor slides to end to catch Past President Angela Vieth describing this event on YouTube.

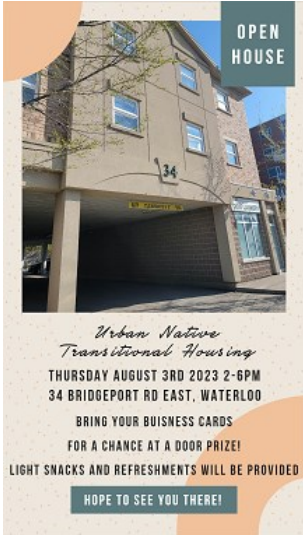
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Because the K-W Kiwanis donation was unexpected for the KWUNWP project organizers, they wanted to take time to find the right use for this money. This summer, KWUNWP opened Native Transitional Housing facility in Uptown Waterloo which supports indigenous people in need of emergency housing. Members of the indigenous community who have been living on the streets receive a safe place to live, with cultural support to help them make the transition to long term affordable housing. The housing project already includes a couple of families who are living there.

After settling into their new space, the Executive Director of KWUNWP determined that a large fridge was needed to store fresh food donations they were receiving from the community. Having flexible funds available from the K-W Kiwanis Club gave them the confidence to purchase an industrial size fridge. Thus, moving forward, they will be able to provide fresh meals for their community members twice a week.

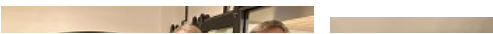


A beautiful fridge was purchased at the beginning of September and our treasurer John Vieth was able to process the Kiwanis cheque to KWUNWP on Sept. 26 for delivery by Daisy Arseneault. Daisy is pictured in the photo above with the Executive Director of KWUNWP Lee Ann Hundt. Also shown below is an invitation from summer 2023 that Daisy used to visit the new facility in Kitchener-Waterloo.



October 1 The passing of the guard took place officially this month. Marilyn Motz, who guided the club through two difficult years of the COVID-19 pandemic, stepped down as president of KW-Kiwanis this month and we shall miss her leadership. We are all so thankful for her dedication and personal efforts during a trying period in which many service clubs including our own faced severe challenges. The Kiwanis bell was handed over to Daisy Arseneault who will now organize club activities for 2023-2024 in close cooperation with the Board.

October 3 The October Board Meeting was held at Westmount Golf Club. Also, members attended the Charter meeting of the North Dumfries Kiwanis Club.





October 9-13 Youth Protection Week. Each year Kiwanis International dedicates a week to youth protection. The objective is to educate and help members ensure the safety of our youth.

October 10 Regular Club meeting. Meeting of the Meeting & Programs Committee.

October 12 Bingo night took place from 5:30-9:30 pm. The Marketing & Public Relations Committee also met at 6:00 pm.

October 16-21 Circle K International Week. Our Service Leadership Club for university students was active on volunteer projects around the community. During CKI Week, October 16-21, CKI members highlighted the power of leadership, fellowship and the service they do on college campuses and in communities around the world. Of all the Kiwanis family programs, CKI members perform the most community service hours per member !

October 16 Interview with Danielle Beck, coordinator of the Kiwanis Music Festival posted on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/3Q2CVAabYI8?feature=shared>

October 17 Our October evening meeting took place at Westmount Golf Club from 5:30-7:30 pm. The new Board was officially recognized by the Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor David MacLennan who also addressed members as our speaker of the month. LG MacLennan's presentation focused on educational initiatives being undertaken by Conestoga College. President Daisy Arseneault also inducted new member Tanner Bergsma.

October 19 Meeting of the Key Club took place at 11:00 am. The Committee for Fundraising - New Ideas met at 1:00 pm.

October 22 K-W Kiwanis volunteered at the FoodBank. Donations from member families and friends were packed in bins by an enthusiastic team of Kiwanis volunteers. We were able to prepare meals for delivery to 100 families in Waterloo Region. Join the fun next year to serve the community !

October 24 Regular club meeting took place at noon. The Music Festival Committee met at 7:00 pm.

October 28 A Halloween Activities/Party took place at Cedar Court for all Kiwanians from 11:00-1:00 pm. Thank you Membership Committee organizers !

October 30 A Zoom meeting was held at 7:00 pm to formulate the 2023-2024 K-W Kiwanis budget.

October 30 Members of the KW Kiwanis Club enjoyed putting together treat bags and handing out [Good Family Pumpkins](#) to residents at Cedar Court and Valleyview Villas Kiwanis housing in Kitchener. Fall felt extra festive this weekend in these wonderful communities. 30 treat bags and 85 pumpkins were handed out along with a recipe for how to roast their Autumn frost pumpkin. There was a festive community spirit with seniors enjoying receiving pumpkins for themselves, their neighbour or saving them for their grandchildren. Residents at Valleyview were also very grateful and enjoyed receiving a treat & pumpkins at their doors.





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3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

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

November 4 9:00-12:00 noon Division 5 Council Meeting at Avondale United Church in Stratford Ontario.

November 6-10 Key Club Week

The Waterloo Wonders of Winter (Festival of Lights) is rapidly approaching and K-W Kiwanis will be there ! Waterloo Park will be decked out with more dynamic light shows and holiday scenes than ever from dozens of sponsors. Stroll through the park and cultivate that holiday spirit - in the Kiwanis way.

November 7 Board Meeting 5:00 pm at Westmount Golf Club

November 9 Bingo Night at the K-W Gaming Centre 5:30-9:30 pm

November 14 Regular club meeting at noon. 7:00 pm meeting of the Meetings & Programs Committee.

November 15 Meeting of the Fundraising & New Ideas Committee on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

November 18 Volunteer opportunity to help our Key Club members set up the Wonder of Winter displays in Waterloo Park starting at 8:30 am

November 21 5:30 pm dinner meeting with speaker.

November 23 7:00 pm Meeting of the Marketing Committee on Zoom

November 25 The Wonders of Winter with its Festival of Light officially opens in Waterloo Park.

November 28 Regular club meeting at noon. Meeting of the Music Festival Committee at 7:00 pm. Meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee in person at Cedar Court or online by Zoom

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

6. Committees & Reports:

Committee reports were received at the Oct. 3, 2023 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. Report to the Board.

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.)

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 Leader 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