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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. 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 September speaker was:

Nobel Laureate Donna Strickland, Dept. of Physics, University of Waterloo
Topic: "Generating High-intensity Ultrashort Optical Pulses"



This dinner-with-speaker event was part of the Kiwanis International "Celebrate Community" event. For a description of this initiative see the press release at https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-Celebrate-Community_Template-Press-Release_FINAL.pdf. If you missed the event, you can learn more about the speaker and her research activities by going to <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/2018/strickland/facts/>

2. Activities & Events:

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

September 5 At the Tuesday Board meeting President Motz made the surprise announcement that K-W Kiwanis club has been honoured with the 2023 DCM award from the Waterloo Regional Division Council of Kiwanis for its new members activities.

September 5 At the Board meeting Ashley Close was inducted into the K-W Kiwanis club. Past President Andrew Wilkin briefly reviewed the objectives of Kiwanis, presented our newest member with her membership certificate and Kiwanis pin, and welcomed her to the group. Ashley told all present that she has an agrarian background and currently works in Cambridge as part of a realty firm.

September 11 A joint meeting was held with the Rotary club of Waterloo at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Council building at 145 Dearborn Pl, Waterloo, ON N2J 4N5. 110 guests were in attendance from K-W Kiwanis and the regional Rotary clubs. Mike Morrice, Member of Parliament for the Green party in Kitchener-Waterloo also attended.



Attendees enjoyed chicken supreme and a presentation by 2018 Nobel Prize-winner Prof. Donna Strickland of the University of Waterloo on "Generating High-intensity Ultrashort Optical Pulses".



Professor Strickland's talk was an inspiring explanation of work she performed at the University of Rochester many years ago. As a graduate student she invented an important technique for generating very short, high-intensity pulses of light which became instrumental in enabling applications such as laser surgery. She also shared photos of her once-in-a-lifetime experience attending the award ceremony for the Nobel Prize in Stockholm Sweden - which included dinner with the king and the royal family.





3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

October 3 5:00 pm Board Meeting at Westmount Golf Club

October 9-13 Youth Protection Week. Each year Kiwanis International dedicates a week to youth protection. This year Youth Protection Week is Oct. 9-13. To help ensure the safety of youth we serve you can:

- Educate yourself on Kiwanis International Youth Protection Policies & Procedures (visit <http://ki.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMTIxNTc1OSZwPTEmdT0xMTgzNTM1MzMxJmXPTEwNDE0Njc2NA/index.html>)

October 10 12:00 noon Regular Club Meeting

October 10 6:00pm, Club Meeting/Programs Committee, On Zoom

October 12 5:30 pm Bingo Night

October 12 6:00pm, Public Relations & Marketing Committee, On Zoom

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

October 17 5:30 pm Evening Meeting at Westmount Golf Club with installation of the new K-W Kiwanis Board and our October speaker, Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor David MacLennan describing his work with college and university professors.

October 19 1:00pm, New Fundraising Ideas Committee Meeting

October 24 12:00 noon Regular Club Meeting

October 24 7:00 pm Kiwanis Music Festival Committee Meeting

October 28 11:00 am - 1 pm Halloween Activities/Party - Meet at Cedar Court - All Kiwanians Are Welcome!

October 31 12:00 noon Regular Club Meeting

October Division Council Meeting of Kiwanis for the Waterloo Region

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. Just have questions? Send us email at info@kwkiwanis.org.

6. Committee Meetings & Reports:

Committee chair reports will resume at all K-W Kiwanis meetings starting with 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