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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.

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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? We are welcoming new members to the club all the time 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 Board and club 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. Board meetings are currently held at 5:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Westmount Golf Club in Waterloo. Check our calendar for other (evening) meeting times or contact our membership chair to confirm time and place at kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com.

President Daisy and Secretary Shelley were there to take notes (pardon the pun).



Music Bursary Fundraisers

Our monthly dinner meeting ordinarily includes renowned speakers who cover a wide range of topics. In March a luncheon meeting was held instead since the meeting with Mayor Vrbanovic pre-empted our activities on the third Tuesday of the month.

March 5 K-W Kiwanis Board met.
March 12 An Interclub meeting took place with the Paris-Brantford club. Also the Meetings & Program Committee met.
March 17 A Cool Jazz fundraiser at the Jazz Room in Waterloo benefited K-W Kiwanis Music Bursary. Musicians were trumpeter Guy Few and pianist Stephanie Mara.

2. Activities & Events

For a complete listing of past and future events and volunteer opportunities, see our complete calendar at kwkiwanis.org.



March 3 A gala benefit concert was held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 54 Queen St. N in Kitchener. This was the first fundraiser for a new K-W Kiwanis Music Bursary, organized by It was organized by: Rebekah Jordan-Miller from Wilfred Laurier University, Marnie Van Weelden and executive committee members from ORMTA (Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association). K-W Kiwanis

Numerous young musicians had a chance to showcase their skills in preparation for the Kiwanis Music Festival. A silent auction also took place.



More photos *courtesy of Susan Cressman.*

March 19 City Councillor Stephanie Stretch and Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbanovic met K-W Kiwanians at Cedar Street apartments to discuss affordable housing. Regional efforts by Kiwanis were showcased.



K-W Kiwanis meet with the mayor Vrbanovic and councillor Stretch.

March 26 Affordable Housing Committee met in person at Cedar Court and via Teams. The Music Festival committee also held an organizational meeting.

March 28 As an exception to our usual calendar, occasioned by our meeting with the mayor on March 19, the March dinner meeting with speaker was replaced by a noon luncheon. The monthly Bingo fundraiser was also held today at the K-W Gaming Centre.

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.

April 19 Academic Bursary application deadline

April 25 Bingo Night fundraiser

4. Service Leadership Clubs

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

Circle K International for college students: On March 16 Kiwanians Angela Vieth and Kevin Twomey accompanied students Cesar Arriojas and Shradhaa Srikanth to the District conference in Sarnia to announce the post-COVID re-launch of the UW Circle K club. Cesar and Shradhaa are first year University of Waterloo students (previous members of the Kiwanis Key Club) who wish to launch leadership activities at the next level. The K-W Kiwanis club has already approved the re-launch.

Circle K International (CKI) is the largest student-run volunteer organization of its kind, with over 12,600 members on over 500 campuses in 17 countries. CKI mirrors the mandate of Kiwanis at the university level in making our community a better

place to live, through service, with a special emphasis on helping children.



Cesar Arriojas & Shradhaa Srikanth at DCON

Key Club for students age 14-18:



The November 2023 meeting of the Key Club with Member of Parliament Mike Morrice and leadership club president Heeva Melaia.

The Division 2/3, Great Lakes and Grand River, Key Club Spring Rally, was held on Saturday, March 9 where a new Lieutenant Governor was elected for the 2025-2026 school year. Congratulations to Krupa on your election. Thank you to Cameron Heights student, Heeva, for your leadership and service as Lieutenant Governor over this past year.



Krupa at the Key Club Spring Rally

Builders Club for students age 11-14
 Kiwanis Kids for students age 6-12
 Aktion Club for adults with disabilities

5. Membership

Interested in joining us? Let us know at kwkiwanismembership@gmail.com or contact 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 by the K-W Kiwanis Club Directors. 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.

Chair: Greg Wood

Members: Daisy Arseneault, Lou Gere, Ian Inglis, Stephen Rand, Angela Vieth, Andrew David Wilkin, Greg Moore

Fundraising

(a) New Ideas (Receive & evaluate proposals for new fundraising activities.

Chair: Maureen Farkouh

Members: Daisy Arseneault, Paula Rand, Jean Stacey, Angela Vieth

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

Chair: Lou Gere

Members: Maureen Farkouh, Alexander Feltis, Gary Keller, John Vieth, Mike Wolf, Greg Wood

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

Chair: Marilyn Motz

Members: Alan Chalmers, Raymond Corsini, Shelley Des Cotes, Ian Inglis, Joan Richardson-Horsey, Alison Sproule, Andrew David Wilkin, Mike Wolf

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

Members: Jan Alexanian, Gary Keller, Stephen Rand, 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.

Chair: Ashley Close, Saima Khan

Members: Daisy Arseneault, Alan Chalmers, Maureen Farkouh, Ian Inglis, Marilyn Motz, Kevin Twomey, Angela Vieth, Andrew David Wilkin

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.

Chair: Shelley des Cotes

Members: Danielle Beck, Keri Cameron, Jaime Downey, Maureen Farkouh, Ian Inglis, Angela Vieth, Mike Wolf

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 groups. Help out with Key Service Leadership training events.

Chair: Shelley des Cotes

Members: Jaime Downey, Saima Khan

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

Members: Keri Cameron, Alan Chalmers, Alexander Feltis, Jean Stacey, Kevin Twomey

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: Stephen Rand

Members: Daisy Arseneault, Kevin Twomey

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