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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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President's Message:

Happy Spring, K-W Kiwanis! I visited the BINGO hall in April to watch our dedicated and kind volunteers as they managed an evening of special BINGO cards, hundreds of dollars and hopeful winners. I want to thank everyone for the hard work you do each month. Every BINGO night supports the future dreams of deserving youth in our community. Special thanks to Lou Gere for coordinating two teams of volunteers throughout the entire year and to the volunteers for doing your part each month to fulfill the vision of Kiwanis "so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that

believe in them, nurture them and provide the

support they need to thrive.”

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 Waterloo Park Wonders of Winter (Festival of Lights), have some fun at Bingo night, or support our Food4Kids volunteer 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.

2. Activities & Events

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

March 26 Affordable Housing Committee held a hybrid meeting at Cedar Court and online via Teams.

March 28 In March the regular club meeting was replaced by a luncheon held at Korner Kitchen in Waterloo.



Housing Committee left to right: Greg Wood, Ian Inglis, Daisy Arseneault, Angela Vieth, Lou Gere. From Satellite Homes: Lyndon Pearson, Frank Prospero. Online: Andrew Wilkin & Steve Rand.



Luncheon Attendees left to right: Daisy Arseneault, Nancy Wallace (Cedar Ct superintendent), Angela Vieth, Maureen Farkouh, Mike Wolf & Gary Keller

April 2 The monthly meeting of the K-W Kiwanis Board of Directors took place at Westmount Golf & Country Club. Also the first week of the Kiwanis Music Festival began, featuring band & choir performances.

April 4 The Marketing Committee met via Zoom online.

April 6 An interclub meeting was held in Elmira, giving members an opportunity to enjoy the annual Elmira Maple Syrup Festival.

April 8 A total solar eclipse took place in Waterloo during the afternoon, inspiring all who observed the 360 degree “dawn”.

April 9 The Meetings & Program Committee met to organize upcoming events.

April 11 An interclub activity was organized at the Best Western in Brantford by the Paris-Brantford club. Teams of participants competed in a trivia night to raise funds.



Kiwanis Trivia Challenge in Brantford. The KW Kiwanis Trivia team took a field trip to Brantford to research a trivia fundraiser by experiencing the Brantford Kiwanis Club fundraiser. From left to right, Jan Alexanian, Angela Vieth, Daisy Arseneault and Jean Stacey

April 16 Monthly dinner meeting with speaker took place at Westmount Golf & Country Club.



The K-W Kiwanis Club dinner for April was hosted at the Westmount Golf and Country Club.



Kiwanian Joan Richardson enthralled attendees with a classy Classification presentation.



Greg Moore was officially inducted into the K-W Kiwanis Club by Lieutenant Governor-Elect, Angela Vieth and welcomed by president Daisy Arseneault.

April 19 Today was the deadline for receipt of applications for academic bursaries funded by our bingo fundraising effort.

April 20-27 National Kindness Week. This was an opportunity to a personal act of kindness to serve the Kitchener-Waterloo community. Some of the ideas we shared:

- Volunteer at the KW Kiwanis Music Festival during the week of April 22nd - April 26th
- Donate to our Service funds via info@kwkiwanis.org
- Help a friend/family member in need
- Hand out \$5.00 Tim's cards to someone in need

April 22 Week 2 of the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival began. The second round of competition features solo performances.



Soloist performing at the Kiwanis Music Festival.

April 23 Fundraising Committee meeting met to discuss the possibility of a June fundraiser at the Jazz Club in Waterloo.

April 25 Bingo Night was held at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener. Thanks to our dedicated Bingo volunteers who raise funds monthly to support our bursary program for youth in the Waterloo region.

April 27 Division 5 Council meeting was held at 26 Pepler St., Waterloo, Ontario N2J 3C4. Kiwanis LG MacLennan announced that the K-W Kiwanis club won the overall activity award for the past quarter.

April 30 A joint meeting was held with the Rotary clubs of Waterloo Region at the Waterloo Granite Club. Special Speakers were invited from the Smart Waterloo Region Innovation Lab (SWRIL). The Music Festival Committee also held a meeting to review the outcomes of this year's competition.



Lou Gere, committed BINGO coordinator for the past 25 years at the K-W Gaming Centre, pictured with K-W Kiwanian Maureen Farkouh.



Kiwanian Gary Keller, BINGO volunteer for over 30 years and "specialty card" expert pictured with Michelle Morissetti, wife of Kiwanian Greg Wood.

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.

May 1 Deadline to register for the 100th anniversary celebration of camp KI-Wa-Y in Clements Ontario (to be held June 15). See club calendar for details.

May 7 Annual General Meeting will take place at Westmount Golf & Country Club. An election will be held to fill the club officer positions for 2024-2025 as well as four directorships.

June 15 Morning leadership training at Karis in Waterloo. Also alumni and friends invited to visit YMCA camp Ki-Wa-Y for its 100th anniversary.

June 18 K-W Kiwanis trivia night fundraiser will be held at the Jazz Room in Waterloo. The Club is seeking \$500 SPONSORS whose logo will be highlighted at the event and who wish to submit one trivia question. Members mark your calendars and PLEASE DONATE wine (\$15-30) for the blind auction in advance.



4. Service Leadership Clubs

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

Circle K International for college students: On March 16, 2024 Kiwanians Angela Vieth and Kevin Twomey accompanied students Cesar Arriojas and Shradhaa Srikanth to the District conference in Sarnia. Subsequently

they announced the 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 are pursuing 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.

Key Club for students age 14-18:

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.

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. 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