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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:

My biggest takeaway from the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention in Jamaica was how diverse Kiwanis Clubs are across our District - not just in culture! In ideas and demographics. Kiwanians are doing everything from running Music Festivals to Fooddrives, supporting Hospice care to Long-term care, painting crosswalks to planting trees. Kiwanians support kids and the communities where kids live and they love doing it! Baby Boomers and Generation X are leading clubs but Millennials and Generation Z are on the rise in Kiwanis and they're equally dedicated to the work of

Kiwanis, they just do it a little differently. I'm grateful for all club members who are supporting the KW Kiwanis Club. Together

we're strong and we make a difference in people's lives every day of the year. Thank you!

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.

Apr 27 The Division 5 Council Meeting in April was marked by the announcement that the K-W Kiwanis club won the service award for the first quarter of 2024. Congratulations everyone ! A donation cheque was made by the division to the K-W service account in recognition of the award.



K-W Kiwanians receiving the first quarter divisional award. L to R: Joan Richardson, Kevin Twomey, Daisy Arseneault, Maureen Farkouh, and Angela Vieth.

May 1 Reservations were due today for the 100th anniversary of KI-Wa-Y (YMCA) camp to be held June 15 from 1:00-8:00 pm in Clements Ontario. Camp alumni and friends and local Kiwanians will celebrate 100 years of camping and outdoor adventure at YMCA camp KI-Wa-Y.

May 4-9 Eastern Canada & Caribbean Conference (DCON 2024) was held in Montego Bay Jamaica. Our very own Daisy Arseneault and Angela Vieth were there

among 700 other attendees to represent Kitchener-Waterloo. Next year the conference will be in Niagara Falls.



Q2 leadership certificates were awarded to members of clubs across the Waterloo Region at the April DCM. Back row L to R: Ron Wagner (Elmira), Don Pavey (Cambridge), Richard Kleri (North Dumfries), Tim Risebrough (Paris Brant), Tom Edge (Stratford) Front row: Heather Fleming (Guelph), Daisy Arseneault (K-W), Alred Hauk (Brantford)

May 7 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at Westmount Golf Club. The district Lieutenant-Governor David LacLennan was in attendance to witness the election of new officers and directors for 2024-2025. Daisy Arseneault was elected President for a second term and Keri Cameron was voted in as the President-Elect. Maureen Farkouh will serve as treasurer starting October 1, 2024. New Directors were nominated and approved by the Board: Jean Stacey, Paula Rand, Joan Richardson, and Kevin Twomey.

May 18 The Academic Scholarship & Bursary Committee finished its review of bursary candidates today and identified eight potential awardees for Kiwanis bursaries in 2024. There was some discussion of the number of awards and the adequacy of the individual awards in meeting rising costs of education in future years.

May 23 Bingo Night was held at the K-W Gaming Centre and brought in more funds for the academic bursary program.

May 28 The Affordable Housing Committee met to consider and approve the draft budgets on Kiwanis Foundation properties. Frank Prospero reported that the auditor were straightforward and positive for both the Cedar Court and Valleyview projects. Also a Letter was received on May 22 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to the effect that “Following your application to the GMF (Green Municipal Fund) Sustainable Affordable Housing program, we are writing to provide you with this non-binding expression of interest which outlines our current understanding of your project...” at Cedar Court apartments in Kitchener.



In the lower frame: Affordable Housing Committee. Left to right: Lou Gere, Angela Vieth, Ian Inglis, Daisy Arseneault, and Paula Rand. From Satellite Homes: Frank Prospero. Online: Greg Moore & Greg Wood.

The letter of interest indicated that K-W Kiwanis now has the attention of FCM to provide a maximum “loan” of \$2,306,804 with a 30 year term and a maximum grant of \$2,045,656 to the Foundation to support the K-W Kiwanis affordable housing project.

May 29 The academic Scholarship and Bursary Committee met at the Kitchen Korner for lunch to discuss the results of the 2024 competition. Lou Gere provided a cost summary from one of the students at Conestoga College of the cost of books and institutional fees for a single term there. The amount was \$2710. Consequently a discussion ensued about whether awards of \$2000 to 4 students might be preferable to the current program of \$1000 to 8 students. Lou suggested that he do some more comparative calculations and bring a recommendation to the next meeting of the committee in the first two weeks of October.



Lunch meeting of the Kiwanis Bursary Committee. Left to right: Jean Stacey, Jan Alexanian, Lou Gere, Paula Rand, Steve Rand, Gary Keller.

May 29 An Elmira interclub event was held at the Harvest Moon in St. Jacob’s at 5:30 pm. A presentation was made after dinner on the role of artificial intelligence in support of children’s mental health. Jean Stacey from K-W Kiwanis attended.

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.

June 15 Morning leadership training will take place at Karis in Waterloo. Also alumni, friends, and Kiwanians are invited to visit YMCA camp Ki-Wa-Y for its 100th anniversary in Clements Ontario.

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.



July 3-6 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver. Keynote speaker Diana Nyad. <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-convention/registration-options/>

August 3 Mark your calendars. K-W Kiwanis will be hosting a Kiwanis Family Day at Kiwanis Park in Waterloo. Among the attractions will be free entry to the pool area, a bounce castle, freezies for the kids, a drumming circle, an exhibition by the Humane Society and food trucks.

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 the District conference took place in Sarnia. Cesar Arriojas and Shradhaa Srikanth announced the re-launch of the University of Waterloo Circle K club. Cesar and Shradhaa are first year UW students (previous members of the Kiwanis Key Club) who are pursuing leadership activities at the college 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:

At the Division 2/3 Great Lakes and Grand River, Key Club Spring Rally a new Lieutenant Governor was elected for the 2025-2026 school year. Congratulations to Krupa on election to this important position. 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 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.

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, 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) Maximize member involvement

Chair: Daisy Arseneault