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**Newsletter**

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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 and scholarship programs. 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 community needs. We build playgrounds, purchase medical equipment, run foodbanks, develop youth leadership, restock libraries and much more.



### President's Message:

Welcome to Summer, KW Kiwanians! June has been another busy month for Kiwanians. Highschool graduation ceremonies were attended by Kiwanians who proudly presented scholarships to deserving students. Thank you for representing Kiwanis in the community! We also hosted

our first ever Trivia Night with great success. It was a spirited evening! The final tally is in and \$1300 was raised for our service account. Friends, family & colleagues socialized and played alongside Kiwanians and we hope everyone knows a little bit more about what Kiwanians do to serve children and youth of Kitchener-Waterloo. Finally, Camp Ki-Wa-Y, formerly owned by the KW Kiwanis Club, celebrated 100 years of camping in June. It was an honour to

**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

celebrate with former Camp Ki-Way-Y Counsellor and lifeguard (new Kiwanian) Greg Moore! Also, the camp announced a new collaboration with a local indigenous organization, Crow Shield Lodge, which will now host land-based healing for all Nations with programming based on education, healing, reconciliation and land stewardship. The Kiwanis Mission and Values continue to thrive at Camp Ki-Way-Y!

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.

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**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](mailto: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](http://kwkiwanis.org).

**May 27** Four members of K-W Kiwanis attended a tour organized by the Grand River Hospital Foundation to showcase the medical, social, and emotional support provided for patients receiving treatments. Lou, Daisy, Andre, and Kevin were joined by four members from Elmira, namely Jaime, Ron and their spouses, and Richard and Caroline from the North Dumfries club. Reportedly the tour was very inspiring and will be offered again at a later date.

**June 1** The Academy of Music & Art at Sir Wilfred Laurier University held their annual LAMA Paloosa today. Our very own Danielle Beck, Director of the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival and faculty member of the Music school at Laurier was there promoting Kiwanis and our signature event.

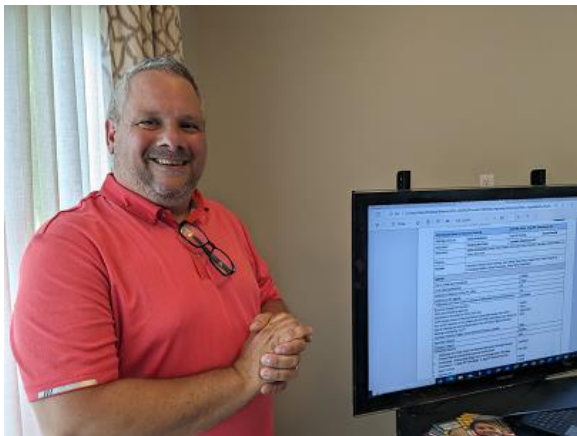


*Honorary Kiwanian Danielle Beck at the LAMA Paloosa at Wilfred Laurier University, Director of the 2025 Kiwanis Music Festival.*

**June 4** The June Board meeting was held at Westmount Golf Club.



*The K-W Kiwanis Board and guests at the Westmount Golf Club*



*Frank Prospero of SCH management group for K-W Kiwanis affordable housing projects.*

Committee reports were received from the chairs and Shelley Des Cotes was appointed by President Daisy Arseneault to serve in 2025. A proposal by the fundraising committee to organize a Kiwanis Family Day in Kiwanis Park on August 3 was approved. Now we need volunteers to help make it a success !

**June 10** The bursary committee met to finalize 2024 awards to local students.



*The Bursary Cte (L-R) Jean Stacey, Jan Alexanian, Lou Gere, Paula Rand, Steve Rand, Gary Keller.*

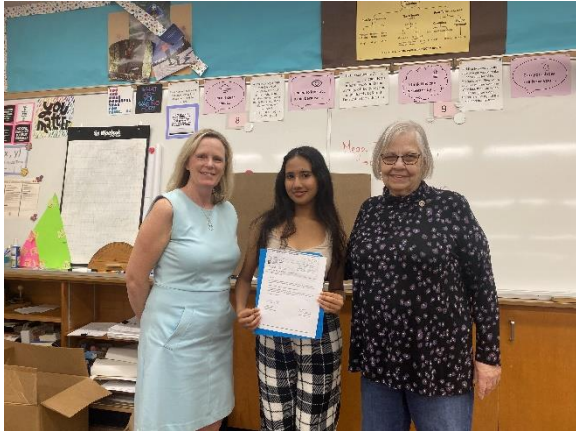
Eight applicants from high schools in the Kitchener-Waterloo region were chosen to receive \$1000 each to support their careers. The awards were presented by Kiwanians to the winners during convocations of their schools.



*Steve and Paula Rand with Kiwanis Bursary recipient Abby May from Bluevale Collegiate.*

**June 13** Brantford Interclub Meeting was held at 6:30 pm at the Legion #29 bar in Brantford (organized by Carol Dixon).

**June 13** For 2024, the Cameron Key Club Award went to Heeva Torabi. Former Key Club president Heeva received a certificate from (left) Jennifer Estoesta and (right) Shelley Des Cotes. The award included \$400 to support the Ojaswi Key Club.



*Jennifer Estoesta and Shelley Des Cotes with Heeva Torabi, winner of the Cameron Key Club Award.*

**June 15** Morning leadership training took place at Karis in Waterloo. In the afternoon, alumni, friends, and K-W Kiwanians visited the YMCA camp Ki-Wa-Y for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Clements Ontario.



*The waterfront at Camp Ki-Wa-Y*



*K-W Kiwanians at the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of camp KI-WA-Y (L-R: Shelley des Cotes, Angela Vieth, Daisy & Andre Arseneault, Greg Moore and Keri Cameron.*



*Celebrants at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of camp KI-WA-Y*

**June 18** K-W Kiwanis trivia night fundraiser was held at the Jazz Room on King Street in Waterloo.



*The Jazz Room Mural and busy wait staff*

Marilyn Motz was our greeter and recorded names for the door prize draw. Door prizes included a number of books donated by Old Goat Bookstore.



*Angela Vieth (L) and Marilyn Motz (R) “manned” the front desk at the Jazz Room entrance on Trivia Night.*

Several challenging rounds of trivia guessing were crafted by “Jeff & Miranda’s Trivia Nights”. Special guests in attendance were district Lieutenant-governor David McLennan and city councillor Hans Roach. Heartfelt thanks to Old Goat Books for door prizes and Uptown Waterloo BIA for prize sponsorship (\$25 gift certificates).

Attendees were treated to multiple rounds of trivia guesswork by “Jeff & Miranda’s Trivia Nights” and a blind wine auction.



*The Trivia Night wine auction organized by Jean Stacey and Angela Vieth resulted in brisk sales.*



*The Jazz Room Venue for Trivia Night was packed. The comprehensive Heather menu was available for dinner with a full bar.*



*The alcove of the Jazz Room was filled with some of the club officers and long service honorees near the stage.*



*Long Service Honorees were recognized by President Daisy Arseneault (left): (L-R) Alan Chalmers, Gary Keller, Jan Alexanian, and John Vieth*

Top scoring team members received \$25 gift cards and certificates for their performances.



*The first place team members*



*Second place team members*



*The long view to the front of the Jazz Room. Trivia rounds started just after dinner.*

### **3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities**

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**July 2** Special AGM meeting at Westmount Golf Club for a vote on bylaw changes.

**July 3-6** Kiwanis International Convention in Denver. Keynote speaker Diana Nyad.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-convention/registration-options/>. Diana is the first swimmer to make the crossing from Cuba to Florida.

**July 16** Mark your calendars for the upcoming barbeque potluck social to be held today from 5:30-8:00 pm. Angela & John Vieth will host all club members at their home in Waterloo. More details will be provided as the date approaches, or you can contact the hostess at [angela@angelavieth.ca](mailto:angela@angelavieth.ca)

**August 3** Mark your calendars. K-W Kiwanis will be hosting a Kiwanis Kids Day at Kiwanis Park in Waterloo. Among the attractions will be free entry to the pool area, a bounce castle, freebies 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:*

At the District conference this year 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 and Circle K members will be invited to participate in the Kiwanis Kids Day Aug. 3.

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 Key Club is directed by new Lieutenant Governor Krupa who was elected to this important position in the spring. In June, the previous LG Heeva Torabi won the Cameron Key Club Award. The K-W Kiwanis club Board approved extra travel support to permit Heeva to attend the annual Key Club conference in western Canada. The Key Club operates under the guidance of K-W Kiwanian Shelley Des Cotes.

## **5. Membership**

Interested in joining us? Let us know at [kwkiwanismembership@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com).

## **6. Committees & Reports**

Committee reports are received at the monthly Board meeting by the K-W Kiwanis Club Board Members. Committee work is essential to smooth functioning of the club and all members are encouraged to participate in at least one of our eleven committees. Typically, assignments require an average of only 1-2 hours per month. K-W Kiwanis committees have the charters outlined below. 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. Report to the Board.

Chair: Lou Gere

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

### ***Fundraising***

(a) New Ideas (Research and develop ideas and activities to raise funds for general club use or for a specific reason as agreed from time to time. Review “New & Existing Service Projects”).

Chair: Maureen Farkouh

Members: Daisy Arseneault, Paula Rand, Jean Stacey, Angela Vieth, Sandeep Shroff, Tanner Bergsma

(b) Bingo (Organize and recruit volunteers for bingo training and supervision by K-W Kiwanis.)

Chair: Lou Gere

Members: Maureen Farkouh, Gary Keller, John Vieth, Mike Wolf, Greg & Michelle Wood

### ***Bursaries***

Charter: Determine criteria for the evaluation of academic bursary applications. Receive and review applications. Select recipients and personally deliver the awards.

Chair: Lou Gere

Members: Jan Alexanian, Gary Keller, Stephen Rand, Paula Rand, Jean Stacey

### ***Membership***

Charter: Provide advice to anyone who may need help in their approach to prospective new members. Meet quarterly to plan membership recruitment and retention. Approve new member applications and bring them to the Board. Review honorary members annually. Check on absentee and delinquent members.

Chair: Keri Cameron

Members: Daisy Arseneault, Maureen Farkouh, Ian Inglis, Kevin Twomey, Angela Vieth, Andrew David Wilkin, Greg Moore

### ***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: Angela Vieth, Kevin Twomey, Sandeep Shroff

### ***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, Kevin Twomey

### ***Financial Review Committee***

Charter: Perform an annual review of the financial reports of the treasurer and Property Management.

Chair: Greg Wood

Members: Andrew Kelly, Andre Arseneault

### ***Marketing & Public Relations***

Charter: Raise awareness of Kiwanis in our community. Publicize events and club news. 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, Andre Arseneault

### ***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

Members: All club members