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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:

Happy Fall, Kiwanians! Kiwanians continue to shine in the community! A highlight this month was our combined dinner with the KW Rotary Clubs at the Granite Club. Everyone enjoyed an Oktoberfest themed

dinner and hearing about this year's exciting plans for Oktoberfest with special guest speaker Tracy Van Kalsbeek, Executive Director of Oktoberfest and Allie Steffler, 2023-2024 Oktoberfest Ambassador! It was an enjoyable evening with like-minded community members who are passionate about community service. We also enjoyed having two Circle K students from the University of Waterloo! They loved getting to know Allie Steffler who graduated from

Toronto Metropolitan University with a Masters of Arts in Media Production.

The new Circle K Club members are very excited to build their club and are even willing to volunteer at the Oct. 5th Winter Coat Sale. You should come too! The Winter Coat Sale is on Saturday, Oct. 5th from 8:00am to 4:00pm at 59 Cedar St. N, only one block from the Kitchener Farmer's Market. Enjoy each other's company and you might just find your new fave coat!

### **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.

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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).

**September 3** The monthly Board meeting was held at the Westmount Golf & Country Club.

**September 12** Bingo Night was run by our dedicated Kiwanis volunteers at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener.

**September 15** The Chatham Kiwanis club reserved a bus to Detroit's Comerica Park for the baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Detroit Tigers. Tickets were \$90 and included game admission and round trip coach fare. The bus departed Chatham Centre at 9 am and returned in the evening. A good time was had by all.

**September 17** The President's annual planning meeting was replaced in part by a special meeting to vote on a dues increase. Membership fees have not changed for the last decade and a response was needed to accommodate increased surcharges from

Kiwanis International. The measure to increase dues to \$280 passed by a majority vote of those in attendance.

**September 21** The Marketing Committee was out in force at the Kitchener farmer's market from 9 am to noon to raise awareness about our upcoming Kiwanis Coat Sale Oct. 5. Members held a prime spot on the upper level and not only handed out 250 notices of the sale but met briefly with Member of Parliament Mike Morrice.



Marketing the Coat Sale at the Kitchener Farmer's Market. L-R: Paula Rand, Angela Vieth Kevin Twomey, Mike Morrice, Steve Rand



**September 23** The Fundraising Committee met to finalize plans for next year's events

**September 24** A joint meeting of K-W Kiwanis and the regional Rotary Clubs was held at the Granite Club at 99 Seagram Drive in Waterloo. It began with "meet & greet" at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm.

The speaker for the evening was Tracey Van Kalsbeek. Tracey is the executive director of Oktoberfest in the Waterloo Region.



K-W Kiwanians at the Joint meeting with Rotary. L-R: Carol Dixon, Joan Richardson-Horsey, Marilyn Motz, Alan Chalmers, Shelley DesCotes, Lou Gere.



K-W Kiwanians at the joint meeting. L-R: President Daisy Arseneault, Greg Moore, Keri Cameron, & Kevin Twomey.



Daisy Arseneault and Angela Vieth with Circle K representatives at the joint meeting with Kitchener-Waterloo Rotary Clubs.



Guests included some of our Circle K members, who enjoyed an Oktoberfest themed dinner for \$25/person while networking with Rotarians from several local clubs. The Affordable Housing Committee also met in the morning to discuss capital improvements at our apartment complexes.



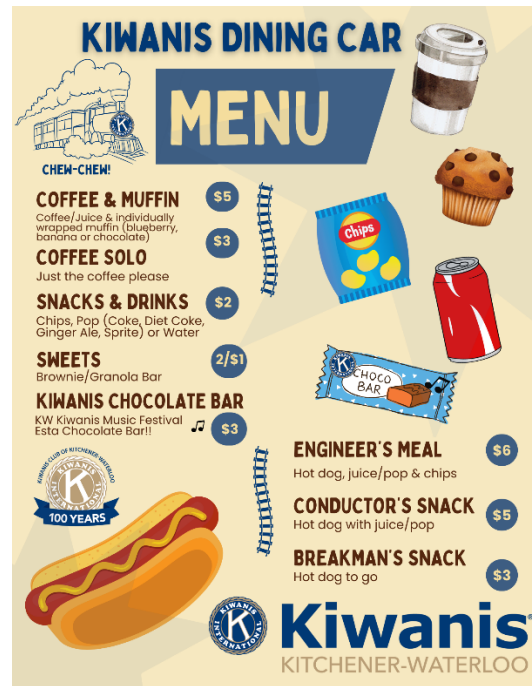
Far right: Daisy Arseneault poses with Rotarians at the joint meeting held with regional Rotary clubs at the Granite Club.

**September 25** Today was the deadline for annual dues payments.

**September 28** Thank you Kiwanis volunteers for helping to promote the upcoming coat sale at Kitchener Farmer's Market this morning. Another 250 flyers were distributed to market patrons to raise awareness of the Oct. 5 sale at Cedar Court Apartments.

**September 29** A Model Train Show was held throughout the day at the Breslau Community Centre (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

The show offered lots of fun and interest for children, teens and adults and the KW Kiwanis Club was there! Thank you to all the K-W Kiwanians who volunteered to serve food and beverages to make friends and help support our community projects. Your participation was greatly appreciated!



The Model Train Show featured a large, operating LEGO train layout plus a display of trains built with LEGO parts. There were six operating train layouts and children had a chance to operate a switching system. Vendors were selling new and used model train equipment in N, HO and O scales. Nearby, free seminars took place on topics like tree building for model trains, hand painting of railroad scenes and the construction of decal models. The show was sponsored by the Western Ontario Division of the NMRA.

**September 30** Fall is here! World's largest tomato reported in Waterloo. Keep Ontario growing !



*World's largest tomato reported on Dunbar Road North in Waterloo by K-W Kiwanian Steve Rand.*

### 3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

For a complete listing of past and future events and volunteer opportunities, see our Event Calendar at [www.kwkiwanis.org](http://www.kwkiwanis.org).

#### ***October Fundraiser: \*Coats for Kiwanis\****



*Paula Rand shows off a donation box and some of the donated coats on a rolling display rack. The arduous job of cleaning, selecting, sizing, pricing, and selling is underway !*

The “Coats for Kiwanis” K-W fundraiser has been launched and promises to be a very successful coat sale. Staples has stepped up to sponsor the event. Gently-used, high-garments are being collected around the Waterloo Region and will be sold to the public on Oct.5, 2024 at Cedar Court. Family and friends will be able to buy Kiwanis coats at irresistible prices too. All types and sizes of coats will be available, from kids jackets to adult parkas for \$5-\$30. The club is holding the sale to run our projects and clothe the community at rock bottom prices.

We still need a **few volunteers** to help run the sale itself. There will be 2 cashiers, 2-4 merchandizers to keep garments on the racks, and volunteers at the entrance and exit to ensure a safe shopping experience while keeping the number of customers in the space itself to a manageable level. Contact organizer Paula Rand before Oct. 4 if you have coats of any kind to offer, or hangers, or you wish to volunteer. Help address a community need while raising service funds for our organization. Go Kiwanis !

**September 30** Our Kiwanis membership celebrated National Truth & Reconciliation Day and at all our meetings continues to recognize the challenge of good stewardship of the indigenous territories bordering on the Grand River and other regions of Canada.

### 4. Service Leadership Clubs

K-W Kiwanis runs Leadership clubs to engage young adults:

*Circle K International for college students:* The University of Waterloo Circle K club was re-launched by Cesar Arriojas and Shradhaa Srikanth in 2024. The club already has dozens of members who have been active in developing their own club initiatives and helping K-W Kiwanis run some of its volunteer opportunities. For example, Circle K joined forces last month

to help make Kids Day a big success. We are so pleased with the young aspiring leaders in our Kiwanis Circle K club.

Circle K International (CKI) is the largest student-run volunteer organization of its kind, with over 12,600 members on 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:*

Key Club members joined our volunteers to run Kids Day at Kiwanis Park on the Grand River back in August. Also, with Kiwanis support, past Key Club president Heeva Torabi represented Eastern Canada at the 2024 Key Club International Convention that was held in Atlanta Georgia from July 10-14.



*Key Club participants representing Eastern Canada pose at the 2024 International Convention in Atlanta. Key Club president Heeva Torabi who received travel sponsorship from K-W Kiwanis is in the middle.*

## **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, Roy Weber

(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, Roy

### ***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