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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 November, Kiwanians!

As we began a new Kiwanis year in October, there was a significant change to our club. Long-time secretary, Shelley Des Cotes, has

officially retired as the secretary of the KW Kiwanis Club, Chair of the KW Kiwanis Music Festival and Chair of the Service Leadership Program Committee.

Wherever Shelley has served, Kiwanians are noticing just how much Shelley has done over many, many years as a serviceable Kiwanian. I'm so pleased to acknowledge

**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

Shelley's exemplary service and I have no doubt that our new, old and future Kiwanians will be impacted by her many efforts for years to come. Thank you, Shelley! We miss you and appreciate all that you continue to do in striving to serve the children of the world as our sole Key Club Advisor to the St. Mary's and Cameron Heights Key Clubs.

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).

**Nov. 5** The monthly Board meeting was held at the Westmount Golf Club. Past President

and current Board Director Joan Richardson-Horsey officially installed three new members to the club: Andre Arseneault, Roy Weber and Amelia Hadath.



*November meeting of the Board at Westmount Golf Club in Kitchener.*

The objectives of Kiwanis were reviewed by Director Ian Inglis as part of the induction ceremony and club members were able to participate online via Zoom.



*The induction of new members at the November Board meeting. Past president Joan Horsey-Richardson officiated.*

**Nov. 7** The November Bingo night was held at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener. Also, the Division 5 Caucus Meeting took place at the Concordia Club in Kitchener. Concordia is one of the oldest German social clubs in the area and has been a featured site of the annual K-W Oktoberfest for decades. Lieutenant-Governor Angela Vieth, who ran the meeting, represented Division 5 of Kiwanis. She invited Lieutenant-Governor Angelo Ciarbella from the Windsor Club to share some special announcements for the Ontario region.



*LG Angela Vieth introduces speaker Angelo Ciarbella, LG from Windsor, at the Divisional Caucus meeting.*

Attendees enjoyed a schnitzel dinner for \$17-25 served up from the Concordia Club kitchen. K-W Kiwanian Roy Weber also spoke about the Charity Services fundraising development related to the food gift

certificate program involving major grocery chains in Canada.



*Angela Vieth introduces Roy Weber at the Caucus meeting.*



*Dinner consisted of park schnitzel, beans, spaetzle, fries, garlic bread and wine.*



*Division 5 team members heard updates from regional speakers*

**Nov. 10** The annual Music Education Fundraiser was held from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Jazz Room on King Street in Waterloo.

Lou Gere and Kevin Twomey greeted attendees at the door.



*(L-R) Lou Gere and Kevin Twomey at the entrance to the Jazz Room on King Street*

This event showcased local amateur and professional music talent. Similar to last year's program, the evening included performances by past contestants from the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival, together with two headliner groups: The Stillwater Trio and the Blondes on 88 pianists.



*Young musicians from the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival performed for the fundraising evening at the Jazz Room on King Street.*



*Blondes on 88 performed on the grand: Rebekah Jordan-Miller and Marnie Van Weelden*



*The Stillwater Trio: Bruce Skelton, Joanne Bender, and Cathy Anderson at the Jazz Room*



*Donation table at the Jazz Room Music Education fundraiser*

Food and beverages were available from the Jazz Room kitchen and purchases could be made of Kiwanis chocolate bars and collectibles to support music education in the Waterloo Region. Danielle Beck and the music festival organizing team were active in the wings too.



Music Festival Director Danielle Beck (left) and teammates.

**Nov. 14** The Brantford Kiwanis club held a trivia night challenge at Dunsdon Legion, Branch 461, 09 Tollgate Road, Brantford, ON N3R 4Z4. Entry fee was \$25/person (cash at the door). Teams of up to four competed for door prizes and bragging rights.

**Nov. 23** The Paris-Brant Kiwanis club held a breakfast with Santa fundraiser from 8:00-11:30 am at St. James Parish Hall, Paris.

### 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).

- Dec. 3** Monthly Board meeting
- Dec. 5** Bingo night (K-W gaming Centre)
- Dec. 7** Santa Parade

### 4. Service Leadership Clubs

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

*Circle K International for college students:* University of Waterloo students Cesar Arriojas and Shradhaa Srikanth have re-launched the University of Waterloo Circle K club. The club already has a roster of over two dozen members. Most college students leave the Waterloo Region for the summer months, but Circle K volunteers joined our members this month to help make Kids Day a big success. Thank you Circle K !

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 aged 14-18:*

High schoolers can apply to become members of the K-W Kiwanis Key Club. Members run their own meetings and devise service projects in the Waterloo Region. They are also eligible to attend the annual leadership conference that Kiwanis International runs for their age group. Key Clubbers also have the benefit of advice and record-keeping by an approved member of our Kiwanis Club.

### 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 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, Greg Wood

### ***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  
(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

### ***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