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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:

This month I want each and every Kiwanian to know just how much your efforts are making a difference in our community. The KW Kiwanis Club's Kiwanis Music Festival will host hundreds of kids and youth from

local schools this April and then hundreds more from across the Province of Ontario in June. We govern two affordable housing properties that provide low-income seniors and families with a safe and affordable place to live. We have 103 units with even more thankful tenants! We contribute thousands of dollars to deserving youth who are preparing for post-secondary education, we send thousands of dollars to local food organizations to feed hungry children and families and we support dozens of youth in High School and University who work hard

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

within their schools to build their leadership skills and organize fundraisers to support local and global causes! New to this year, the KW Kiwanis Club is helping to organize an historic fundraiser for the new Regional hospital, which has already brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars so far. Be assured that your contributions to the Kiwanis club, small or big, make an impact that reaches hundreds of children in our community and beyond! I see you and I thank you for your generosity both in time and resources. Thank you, K-W Kiwanians!

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. **Jan. 29** The President Daisy and Cedar Court superintendent Nancy attended the Region of Waterloo Equity training.



Superintendent Nancy was thrilled to win one of the door prizes and appreciated

training that encouraged Housing Providers to consider the unique circumstances of each tenant while making decisions that impact their living circumstances.

Feb. 4 The monthly Board meeting of K-W Kiwanis was held at Westmount Golf & Country Club.

Feb. 8 A Gala dinner and concert were held to raise money for the Guelph Kiwanis Music Festival.



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including some exciting Fantasy Items



Gala Concert & Fundraiser

Saturday February 8, 2025 7:30 pm
Guelph Youth Music Centre
75 Cardigan Street, Guelph

Hors d'Oeuvres & Desserts | Silent Auction | VQA Wine & Craft Beer



Music in the Recital Hall
including pianist, singer, composer and arranger **Brad Halls** and some of the best performers from the 2024 festival!
Come and enjoy an elegant evening in support of the Kiwanis Music Festival.

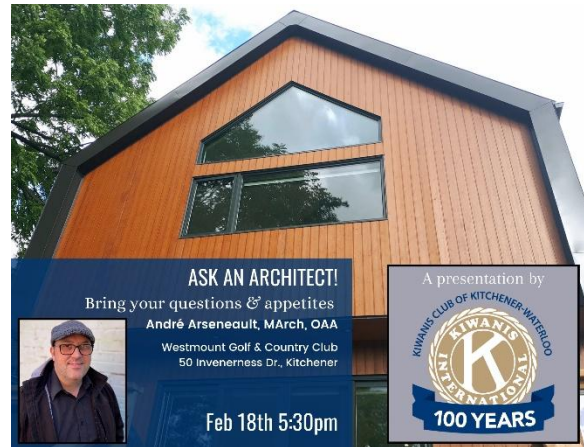
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Brad Halls and performers from the 2024 Festival entertained attendees at the Gala Dinner.

Feb. 18 Our regular club meeting was held at the beautiful Westmount Golf & Country Club in Kitchener. Dinner was followed by a presentation by registered architect Andre Arseneault who fielded questions from the audience after his presentation.

André grew up in Montréal, Québec but moved to Waterloo to study Computer Graphics and Animation at Conestoga College and later enrolled in architecture at the University of Waterloo. After completing his Masters degree he became an Architect of Ontario (OAA) in 2015.



Invited speaker Andre Arseneault gave a presentation entitled "Ask an Architect" at the February meeting

Feb. 19 Trevor Eaton of the Grand River Hospital Foundation gave a sneak preview of the plans for the new Grand River Hospital - the future of health care in Waterloo Region - at the newly renovated Harvest Moon Restaurant in St. Jacobs. Trevor worked as a supervisor during the vaccine rollout for COVID, helping oversee the Vaccine Clinic and Regional Covid Cold and Flu Care Clinic. He is now the Director for Philanthropy and Corporate Partnerships at the Grand River Hospital Foundation and a successful Real Estate Broker in the Waterloo Region.

Feb. 25 Kiwanis and Rotary new hospital fundraiser organizers enjoyed a hospital tour on Feb. 25th with Trevor Eaton from the Grand River Hospital Foundation.



Trevor Eaton chats with Malcolm and Anne Shantz from the K-W Kiwanis Club



Trevor Eaton describes plans for the new hospital to attendees

We learned how much the hospital foundation relies on the community to help provide life saving equipment and services for our community that government funding does not provide.

Feb. 27 Bingo night was run once again by our dedicated volunteers at the K-W Gaming Centre. Proceeds of the bingo events support our academic scholarship program. Also today, our Treasurer collected hundreds of dollars in coins from the St. Jacobs market Wishing Well.

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.

Mar. 16 The March meeting of our Club will be a Kiwanis Celtic Cabaret full of Dance, Music, and Comedy!

Join in the music and fun at the Jazz Room at 59 King Street North in Waterloo in support of Food4Kids (Waterloo Region). Doors open at 5 pm. Food and drinks available for purchase. The Intensely Irish Dance Studio and Kaleidoscope Irish Dance & Movement groups will be there. Onion Honey will be there. Comedy by Rusty Nail. Caleb DeGroot Maggetti and Mary-Catherine Pazzano.

Featured artists include Caleb DeGroot-Maggetti, Onion Honey, Mary-Catherine Pazzano. Tickets available for \$30 at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kiwanis-celtic-cabaret-tickets-1216998267579?aff=oddtcreator> or for \$35 at the door.

Mar. 31 The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Kitchener-Waterloo have jointly undertaken the funding of a new hospital to advance healthcare in the Waterloo Region. A gala dinner is scheduled for March 31, 2025 which will include guest speaker the Right Honourable Mr. David Johnson. There will be a meet and greet from 4:00-5:00 pm at Marshall Hall conference centre, located at 425 Bingemans Ctr. Drive in Kitchener, to support a new Rotary-Kiwanis hospital for the Waterloo Region.

Then, join in the fundraising dinner which will take place from 5:00-7:30 pm to advance healthcare in our area. [Click Here to reserve your ticket](#). For more information please visit www.rotarykiwanistogether.ca

TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW:
 ROTARY & KIWANIS ADVANCING
 LOCAL HEALTHCARE

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CARE TOGETHER



On March 31, 2025, you will have the chance to hear the Right Honourable David Johnston speak and reflect on his distinguished career and insights into Canadian leadership.

Join these change makers, business leaders and innovators as they come together to celebrate the advancement of local healthcare.

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Apr. 7-18 K-W Kiwanis Music Festival. All volunteers must attend one training session (Mar. 26 7:30-8:30 am or Mar. 31 1:00-2:00 pm). More information

<https://kwkiwanismusicfestival.com/volunteers>. Lots of volunteers will be needed for this annual signature event of our club!

Apr. 12 Mark your April calendars well in advance! The Kiwanis Club of Windsor will host the 2025 Can-Am Goodwill Banquet at the Hellenic Cultural Centre in Windsor, Canada from 6-9 pm. Theme: Launching Into Literacy. All Kiwanians are invited.

A chicken buffet dinner will be served with all the fixings. Two Keynote Speakers will attend on behalf of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Jeanne Smitiuch, Senior Regional Director of the Imagination Library in Canada and Lauren Wirt who oversees growth and support in the U.S. Kiwanis International Vice President Hope Markes will also participate. To register for

the event please visit the site:
<https://forms.gle/MWchbaCF3Cicdrst8>
 The cost per person is \$40 USD or \$55CAD
 Accommodation: A block of rooms has been reserved at a local hotel. For additional information contact LG Angelo Ciardella:
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4. Service Leadership Clubs

K-W Kiwanis runs Leadership clubs to engage young students in community service.

Circle K International for college students:
 The University of Waterloo Circle K club runs service projects with the guidance of an approved Kiwanis advisor. Currently it has a roster of over two dozen members, some of whom like chocolate as much as our regular members ! They turned up for the Jan. 21 tour of Esta Chocolates. Thanks to all the Circle K members who supported local business and K-W Kiwanis.

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.



Circle K members gather around the main counter during the January 2025 tour of Esta Chocolates in Kitchener.

Key Club for students aged 14-18:

High schoolers can apply to become members of our K-W Kiwanis Key Clubs. 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 guidance and record-keeping by an approved advisor from 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, recruit and train volunteers for bingo)

Chair: Lou Gere

Members: Maureen Farkouh, Gary Keller, 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 K-W Kiwanis Music Festival. Undertake fundraising, volunteer coordination, and sponsorship.

Chair: Ashley Close

Members: Danielle Beck (Festival Coordinator), Jaime Downey, Ian Inglis, Angela Vieth, Mike Wolf, Rosalind Keith (Volunteer Coordinator), Martin Lacoste Maxine Metzger (Social Media & Marketing), Fiona Stante, Angela Veith (Fundraising Coordinator), Roy Weber

(Sponsorship Coordinator), Mike Wolf
(Treasurer)

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