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**Newsletter**

January 31/2025

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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.



### **Message from Lieutenant Governor Angela Vieth:**

Dear KW Kiwanis Club Members,

I am pleased to share an update from our recent Divisional Caucus meeting, held on Saturday, January 25, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Waterloo. This was the second meeting of my term as Lieutenant Governor for Division 5, and I'm happy to report that seven of our eight clubs were represented. These meetings, which are required by the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District, serve as a vital opportunity for clubs 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

come together to network, learn from one another, and support the goals set by our Governor. I would especially like to thank the members of my home club who attended: Joan, Shelley, Kevin, Marilyn, Daisy, and Jean—your support means a great deal to me.

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).

*Dec. 17* A festive K-W Kiwanis holiday dinner was held at Concordia Club in Kitchener.



**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).



**Dec. 24** Kiwanians were out in force at holiday time to deliver Meals on Wheels.



*Meals on Wheels volunteers . L-R: Kevin Twomey, Andre Arseneault, and Shelley DesCotes*

**Jan. 7** The K-W Kiwanis Board held its monthly meeting at the Westmount Golf Club.

Also on Jan. 7, the North Dumfries Kiwanis Club held an Interclub meeting at the Ridge Social Eatery in Roseville. Dinner was available and the speaker was Roz

Gunn of the YMCA Cambridge Women’s Shelter. Richard Lee, president of the North Dumfries club, asked for donations of winter clothing for kids to be brought to the meeting: hats, mitts, and boots of all sizes.

**Jan. 2, 30 Two Bingo Nights** were held this month. This rare occurrence doubled the monthly revenue from this service project for our academic bursary program. Thank you Lou Gere and bingo volunteers.

**Jan. 6-15** After ringing in the new year, Kitchener-Waterloo Kiwanis club members joined in cleaning up the delightful displays of Wonders of Winter in Waterloo Park.



*The tradition continues at the entrance to Wonders of Winter in Waterloo Park.*



*K-W Kiwanian Maureen Farkouh volunteers to untangle one of the light strings during the Wonders of Winter cleanup.*

The annual Festival of lights draws enormous crowds of evening strollers to view dozens of imaginative displays sponsored by local businesses and organizations. When it is all over though, there is work to be done! Thanks to all our Kiwanis volunteers who helped clean up.

**Jan. 14** The fundraising Committee met to plan project scheduling for 2025.

**Jan. 21** The monthly club meeting was held on the premises of Esta Chocolates at 1421 Victoria St., S., Kitchener. Owners Ebru and Abe were on hand to welcome members, offer samples, and lead a short tour of their facility at 6 pm.



*The tour started with snacks in the reception area of Esta Chocolates.*



*Kiwanians tour the manufacturing space at Esta Chocolates*

Kiwanians got to see firsthand how it is all done. (Note: Esta chocolates can be ordered directly using the form available under “Forms” on our website [kwkiwanis.org](http://kwkiwanis.org).)

Proceeds support Kiwanis community projects).

**Jan. 24** The Affordable Housing Committee met this morning. Changes within the project management company we partner with have created challenges that needed to be discussed. Also, while our capital building project at Cedar Court went out for tenders before the new year, no construction company contract has been signed as yet nor project manager hired to get work started. Procedural steps and legal documentation are being reviewed by the Committee.

**Jan. 25** The first Division Council Meeting of the year was held at Adventure4Change.



*Attendees mingle at the DCM meeting*

Doors opened at 9 am and the meeting ran from 10:00-12:00 am. Tim Horton coffee was provided in the morning and a lunch of salad, rice, samosas and chicken was prepared by Naheed and her team at Adventure for Change.



*Naheed and her team of moms provided food for the DCM meeting from the kitchen at Adventure4Change*

For more information about the venue at 465 Phillip St., Unit 206 in Waterloo, see the website at <https://adventure4change.org/>.

Breakout sessions rounded out the activities at the District Caucus meeting to bring everyone up to date on the latest guidelines from Kiwanis International.



*Breakout session at the DCM meeting*

**Jan. 28** The City of Waterloo offered Equity Literacy Training to housing providers in The Den 1880 from 8:30am – 4:00pm. A light breakfast and lunch were provided. Then program included guided learning facilitated by Vanessa Allen. Vanessa is the city Supervisor of Housing Equity & Stability. A panel discussion was held in the afternoon with inspiring speakers on this topic and opportunities were provided to network with Board Members, Executive Directors, and city staff. A raffle draw capped off the day with a bit of fun and prizes.

**Jan. 31** The Eat-to-Give program is alive and well at Kiwanis. Participants use gift certificates to buy groceries at their favourite produce store and generate club revenue by doing so ! K-W Kiwanis receives a cheque from Community Charity Services for a percentage of the sales made with their cards. This month K-W Kiwanis received \$570 this way to support our general fund. Thank you, Kiwanian shoppers! If you haven't signed up to help yet, call or write Community Charity Services:

Tel: 519-669-1081

Fax: 519-669-2573

Toll Free: 1-866-669-2276

Email: [service@charityservices.ca](mailto:service@charityservices.ca)

### **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).

**Feb. 4** Monthly Board meeting

**Feb. 18** Regular club meeting

**Feb. 27** Bingo Night at the K-W Gaming Centre, 501 Krug St #101, Kitchener.

Volunteers needed to assist Gaming Centre personnel in running bingo for the benefit of K-W Kiwanis, starting with setup around 5:15 pm and cleanup at 9:15 pm. Proceeds benefit our academic scholarship program. For more information, contact Lou Gere.

**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. Comedy by Rusty Nail. 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 includes 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 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.rotarykiwanisttogether.ca](http://www.rotarykiwanisttogether.ca)

**TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW:**  
 ROTARY & KIWANIS ADVANCING  
 LOCAL HEALTHCARE

## Mr. David Johnston

Right-honourable David Johnston, a name that resonates with leadership and dedication, is known for his distinguished career in public service and academia. Born in Sudbury, Ontario, Mr. Johnston's journey has been marked by a commitment to education, exemplified by his tenure as the principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University and his role as president of the University of Waterloo from 1999 to 2010. He later served as the 28th Governor General of Canada from 2010 to 2017. Mr. Johnston's contributions extend beyond his formal roles, as he has authored numerous books and articles, sharing his insights on leadership, law, and public policy.

On March 31, 2025, you will have the chance to hear him speak and reflect on his distinguished career and insights into Canadian leadership. In a unique and special occurrence, Mr. Johnston has graciously agreed to be part of this fundraiser for a health system close to his heart.

VIP sponsors will also enjoy an exclusive pre-dinner gathering, featuring a personal book signing with Mr. Johnston. Do not miss this incredible opportunity to engage with one of Canada's most respected figures while supporting an essential cause.



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MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025  
 MEET & GREET: 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
 DINNER: 5:00 P.M. 425 BINGEMAN'S CENTRE DR, KITCHENER

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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). For more information visit <https://kwkiwanismusicfestival.com/volunteers>. Lots of volunteers needed !

**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 usual 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 go to: <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 directly at [angelo.kiwaniswindsor@gmail.com](mailto:angelo.kiwaniswindsor@gmail.com)

### 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 for supporting local business Circle K.



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

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 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](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, 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