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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:

Although Kiwanians are in their full summer routines and diving into holiday plans, many of you continue to serve by attending training meetings, preparing for Kiwanis Kids' Day, future fundraisers or fulfilling

your committee responsibilities. I'm constantly amazed with how you give of your time and talents to make a difference to kids & youth in our community, thank you!

Kiwanis Kids' Day is here (August 2) but we're not done! The **Staples Back to School Drive** is coming up, Kiwanians will also run the Canteen at the **2025 Breslau Train**

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

Show at the end of September and we've already collected a few coats for our **October Coat Sale**. Thank you to the many volunteers that make this happen! Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities to make a difference in your community. Your impact goes further than you think as you bring hope and support to children/youth by opening doors for their futures.

more volunteers and members to socialize and serve with integrity. Join us in our efforts to provide scholarships to deserving students, help run the Kiwanis Park Kids Day or 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.

July 1 The usual monthly Board meeting was cancelled for July.

July 9 The Marketing Committee met to prepare for Kiwanis Kids Day on August 2. The program and sponsors list has been finalized. Two large A-frame posters were completed and ordered.

July 10 Marketing chair Steve Rand held an interview with Mike Farwell to promote the Aug. 2 Kids Day event on 570 News. The 3-minute segment was accepted to air three or four times in July.

July 15 The customary club meeting for July was moved to Saturday July 19. This permitted the meeting to be held as part of the last Divisional Caucus Meeting for Division 5 of Kiwanis and coincided with the Pig Roast social event hosted by the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries at noon. The potluck was held in Bright Ontario and attendees brought their own chairs & drink.

July 17 Bingo night was held as usual at the K-W Gaming Centre to raise funds for our academic bursary program.

July 19 Our regular meeting was supplanted by a Pig Roast in North Dumfries on Twp Road 10. Five regional Kiwanis clubs participated, enjoying a sunny afternoon at

the farm and a menu that included pulled pork, fresh corn, three salads, hot dogs, and baked beans. The pig was slow-cooked in a giant roaster called “The Beast” and our hosts provided a horseshoe pit for entertainment.

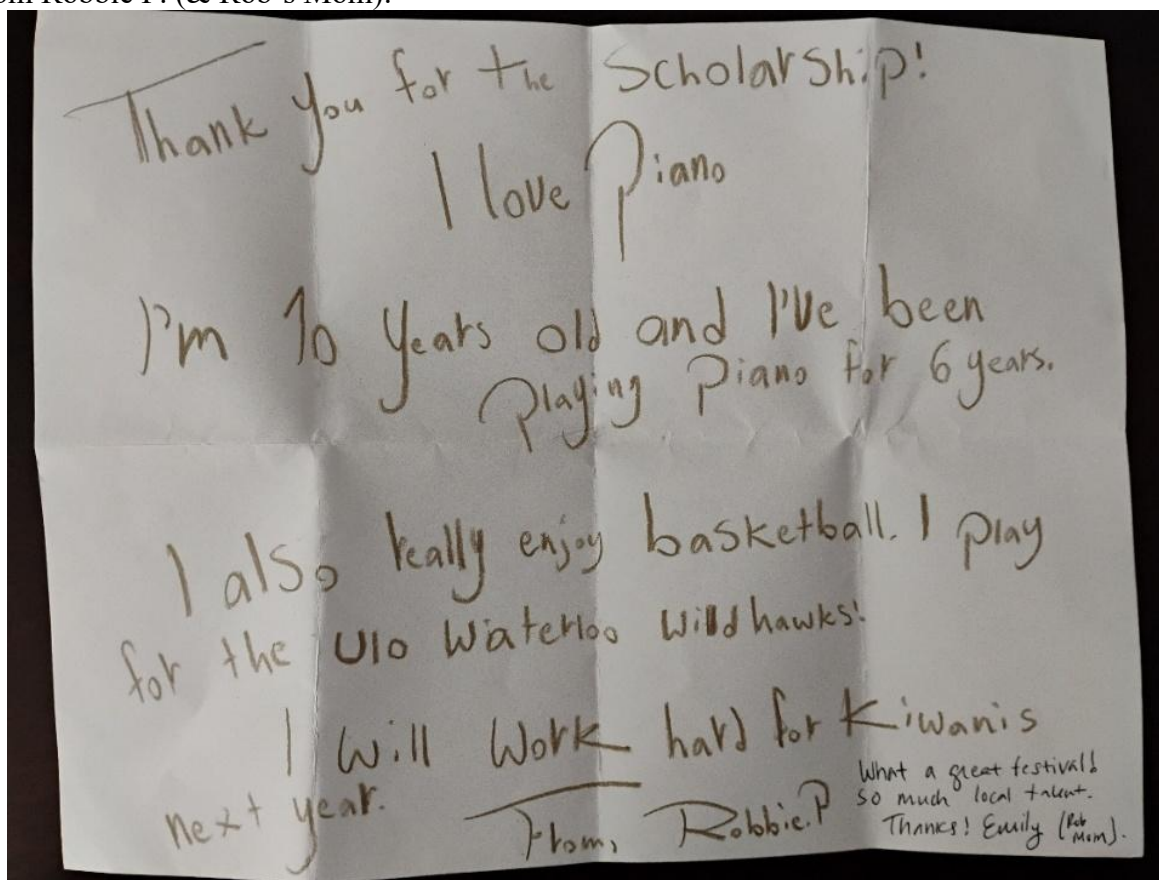




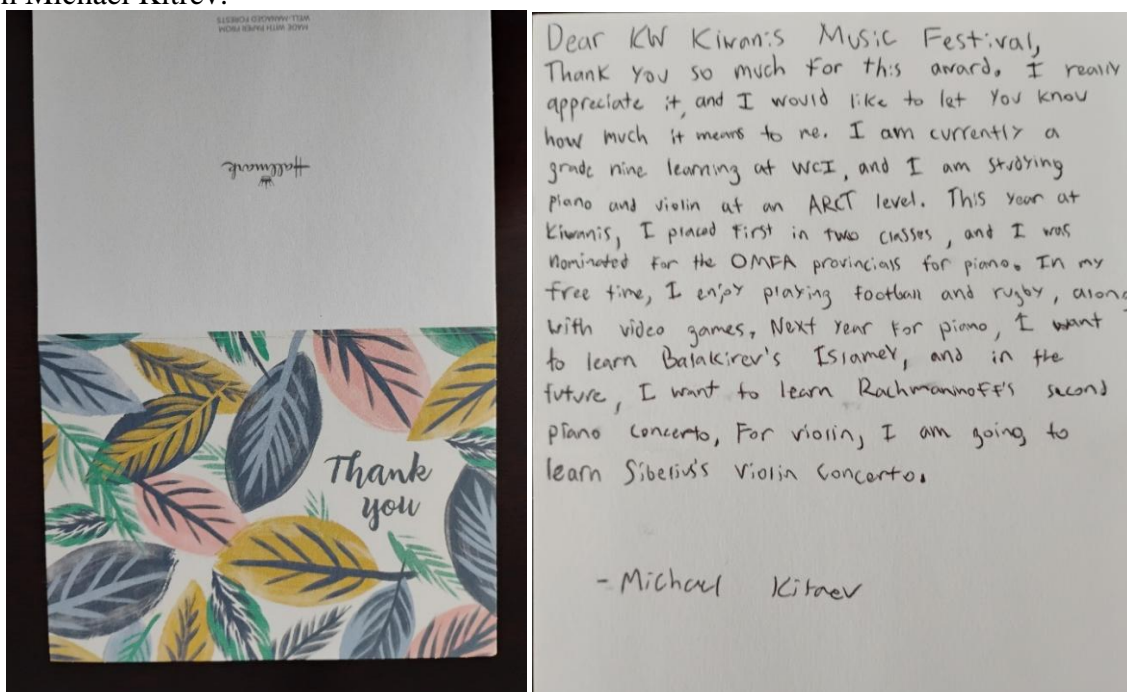
This month our *club mailbox* contained a number of letters sent to us by young musicians who received awards at the 2025 Kiwanis Music Festival. We thought our hard-working members would enjoy reading them, so we have reproduced them in their entirety below.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

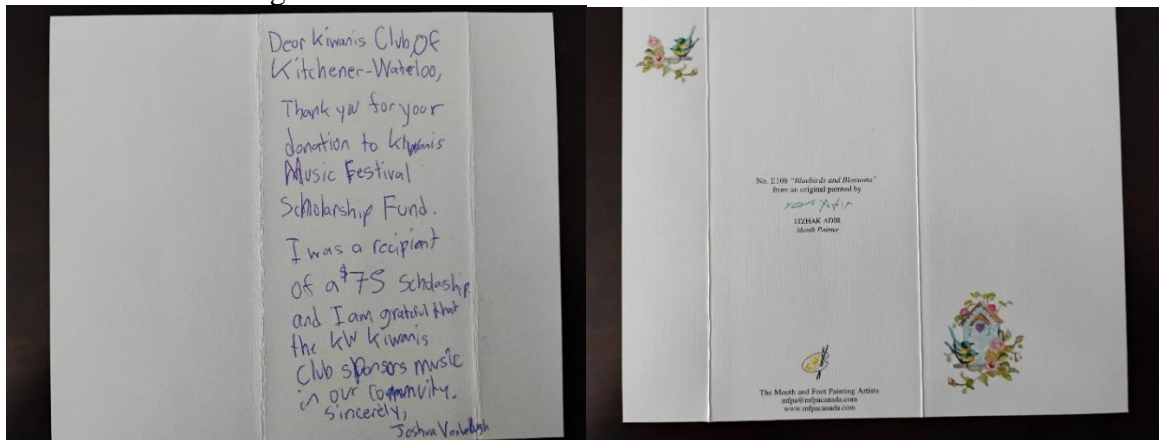
From Robbie P. (& Rob's Mom):



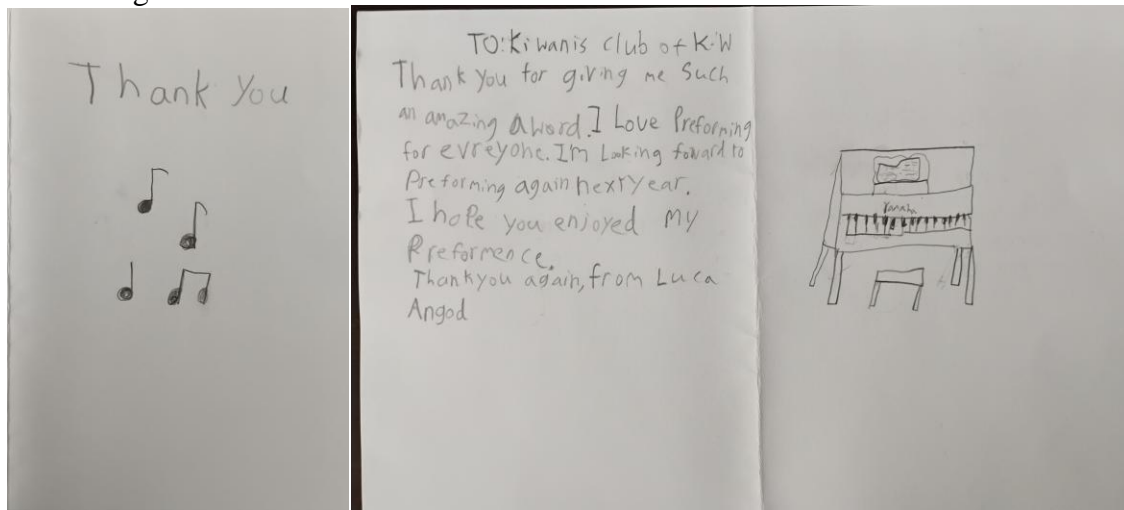
From Michael Kitrev:



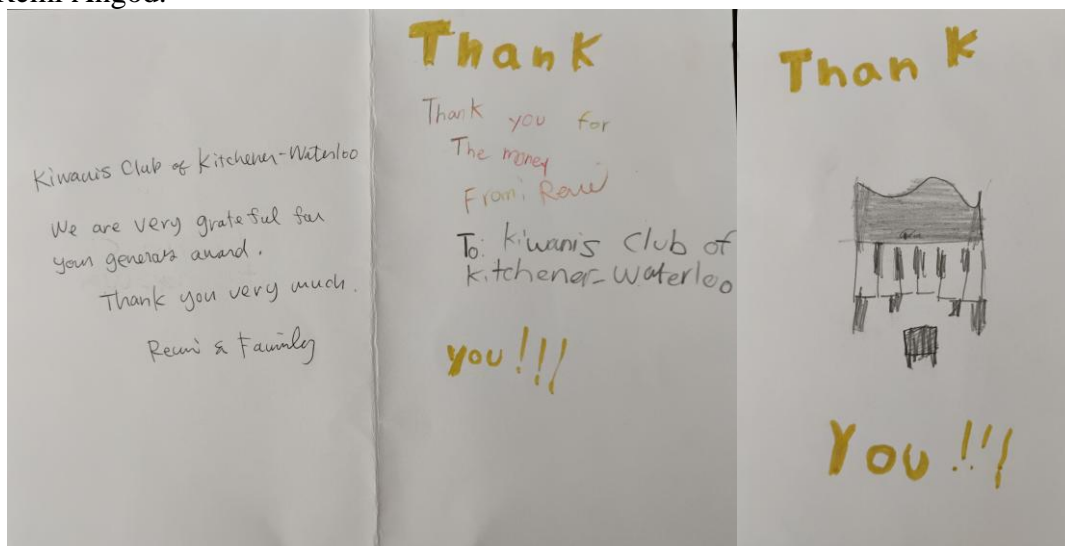
From Joshua Vanderburgh:



From Luca Angod:



From Remi Angod:



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.

August 2 Kiwanis Kids Day will take place in Kiwanis Park Kitchener, weather permitting.



August 9 is the rain date for this event. We need volunteers ! Sign up by emailing kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com.

August 5 The monthly Board meeting will be held today at Westmount Golf & Country Club in Kitchener. All members and the general public are invited to attend (but only Board members vote).

August 14 Bingo night at the Kitchener Gaming Center.

August 19 Our regular club meeting will be held at Westmount Golf & Country Club.

August 21 Reservation deadline for Brantford Interclub. See below.

August 28 The Kiwanis Club of Brantford will host an interclub meeting at the Best

Western Hotel at 11:45 am. Guest speaker will be Peter Brown, VP of Tax and Retirement Research at Fidelity Canada. See kwkiwanis.org calendar for details.

August 28 The Brantford Kiwanis Club will draw the winner of the “Dinner for 2: Anywhere in the world” lottery in the Best Western Brantford Hotel at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by emailing kiwanisbrantford@gmail.com. For more details, visit <https://k00016.site.kiwanis.org/>.

4. Service Leadership Clubs

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

Circle K International for college students:
The University of Waterloo Circle K club runs its own service projects with the guidance of an approved Kiwanis advisor. Currently it has a roster of over two dozen members and is actively involved in community events.

As one of their 2025 activities, CKI club officers Ginny and Cesar helped organize the Grand River Hospital Fundraiser and attended the gala dinner with the Right Honourable David Johnston.

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. However our club is especially proud of our local up-and-coming group of civic leaders. 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 school students can apply to become members of our K-W Kiwanis Key Clubs. Key Club members run their own meetings and devise service projects in the Kitchener-Waterloo Region to develop leadership skills.



K-W Kiwanians were well-represented at the hospital fundraiser. (L-R) John Vieth, Andre & Daisy Arseneault, Cesar (Circle K), Mike Wolf, Ginny (Circle K), Maureen Farkouh, Jean Stacey,, Heeva (Key Club), and Jane & Tom Hendricks from the Elmira Kiwanis Club.

Key Clubbers were represented at the K-W Grand River hospital fundraiser in the spring by President Heeva. The fundraiser featured the Right Honourable David Johnston and was held to advance healthcare in the Waterloo Region.

Key Club members are 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 ensures the smooth functioning of our 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, 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. Proceeds are applied to our academic bursary program.)

Chair: Lou Gere

Members: Maureen Farkouh, Gary Keller, Mike Wolf, Greg & Michelle Wood, Roy Weber

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: Handle planning for member recruitment and retention. Pre-approve new member applications and bring them to the Board. Review honorary members annually. Provide advice to anyone who may need help in their approach to prospective new members. Check on absentee and

delinquent members.

Chair: Marilyn Motz

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 Club and Circle K 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: 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