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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 Summer, K-W Kiwanians!

The kids are officially out of school and before several high school students left, they received post-secondary school scholarships from K-W Kiwanis. I'm so grateful for the

BINGO volunteers and scholarship committee who worked hard with the Waterloo Region District school board teachers to identify high achieving students with financial need. Hours of Kiwanis volunteer time and full hearts are put into

### **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

this process so that local students and families can find hope in their future careers by receiving financial assistance from our club. Thank you K-W Kiwanians for all that you do to help our community, one student at a time.

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.

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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).

**June 3** Planning & Fundraising Committee members met with Bob Farlow, supervisor of aquatics for the city of Kitchener to plan

the August 2, 2025 Kids' Day at Kiwanis Park in Kitchener.

**June 7** The Cambridge Kiwanis Club hosted a summer Inter Club event at Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre in Puslinch starting at 11:00 am. For more information on Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre, 6920 Concession 1, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0, visit their website <https://sunrise-therapeutic.ca/> or call Tel:519-837-0558

**June 8** The Paris-Brant Kiwanis club held a teddy bear picnic today. See the Paris-Brant website link under "Contact Us" on the K-W Kiwanis website [kwkiwanis.org](http://kwkiwanis.org).

**June 10** Board meeting at Westmount Golf & Country Club

**June 23** As a follow-up to the March 31 hospital fundraiser, Trevor Eaton sent us a congratulatory communication which is copied below together with some photos of the event.

“From: **Trevor Eaton** <[trevor@wrhnf.ca](mailto:trevor@wrhnf.ca)>  
Date: Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 11:33 AM

## Subject: **Together, We Raised Over \$1 Million for Our New Hospital!**

Good morning!

We are thrilled to share some truly inspiring news, together, through your generous support before, during, and after Together for Tomorrow with The Right Honourable David Johnston, we have raised over \$1 million in support of the new hospital in Waterloo Region.



This incredible milestone reflects not only your generosity, but the strength of a community united in purpose. We are deeply grateful for your belief in this bold vision and for the role you've played in bringing it to life.

We want to extend a special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Jeff Stacey of Stacey Muirhead Capital Management. Jeff's leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment were instrumental in bringing this event to life. Without him, *Together for Tomorrow* simply wouldn't have happened. We're also incredibly thankful for the

support of our community partners, especially our local Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. Their passion and dedication to building a healthier future for all has been vital in helping to make this vision a reality.

As we look ahead, we're excited to introduce you to the Waterloo Regional Health Network Foundation — a new, united foundation created to support the health care needs of our entire region. Through this partnership, we are committed to connecting care to our community and building a stronger, more innovative health system for all.



*(L-R) Presenting Sponsor Jeff Stacey, David Johnston, Diamond Sponsor Priya Mehta (Fairfax Financial), & Trevor Eaton*



*(L-R) David Johnston joins President Daisy Arseneault and Andre Arseneault at the gala dinner.*

This momentum is just the beginning. If you'd like to stay involved, learn more, or continue supporting this exciting journey, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you again for standing with us, together, we're building the future of care in Waterloo Region.



With heartfelt thanks,  
Trevor Eaton  
Director of Philanthropy  
CWRH Network Foundation”



*The Right Honourable David Johnston joins Sponsors Jean & Jeff Stacey of K-W Kiwanis*

The fundraising evening featured a variety of performances by talented musicians from the Waterloo Region.



**June 25-28** ICON 2025: Leadership training was a highlight of the Kiwanis International Conference in Pittsburgh this year.

### **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).

**July 1** There will be no Board meeting at Westmount Golf & Country Club in July

**July 15** The regular club meeting will be replaced by a Divisional Caucus Meeting on the third Saturday of the month. See July 19.

**July 17** Bingo night at the Kitchener Gaming Center.

**July 19** The regular monthly meeting of K-W Kiwanis will be replaced by the Divisional Caucus Meeting hosted by the North Dumfries Kiwanis Club. This event will include a pig roast for attendees (price TBD). Bring your own chairs, favourite beverage, and make your way to Bright Ontario for the event start at noon on Saturday. For more info: see flyer below.



**August 2** Save the date for Kids's Day !!  
We shall need volunteers !



#### 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 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.

Back in March 2025, CKI club officers Ginny and Cesar helped organize the Grand River Hospital Fundraiser. We received more pictures from the event this month, so we have included a few shots of the Circle K club in action at the gala dinner with the Right Honourable David Johnston.

Also back in March, the newly elected Circle K District Governor Shradhaa Srikanth launched a newsletter for Eastern Canada CKI members – the Governor's Gazette. The first issue is available on our website [kwkiwanis.org](http://kwkiwanis.org) under "What We Do – Leadership Clubs".



*Circle K members Ginny and Cesar pose with the Right Honourable David Johnston at the Region of Waterloo hospital fundraiser*

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.





*(L-R) Ginny (Circle K), David Johnston, President Daisy Arseneault, Cesar (Circle K), & Angela Vieth (lieutenant-Governor of Division 5 Kiwanis at the March gala dinner in Waterloo*

### **Key Club for students aged 14-18:**

High school students 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 to develop leadership skills.

Key Clubbers were represented in the spring at the hospital fundraiser to advance healthcare in the Waterloo Region by President Heeva. Heeva is on the right in the front row of the photo below at the gala dinner held in March.



*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 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](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 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: 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: 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