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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:

Kiwanis Kids' Day was a huge success for our Club and I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make this happen. Your efforts helped to bring in over \$7000 between Forbes GM sponsorship and ticket

sales. Wow!! These funds will support Kiwanis programs like the Music Education Fund, KW Kiwanis Music Festival and our youth leadership programs, Key Club & Circle K. mThis Fall we'll be raising more money at the Model Train Show in Breslau

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

and at our annual Kiwanis Coat Sale! When we fundraise, kids & youth benefit but we, as Kiwanians, have such a great time together too. Cheers to volunteers who enrich our community all year round, thank you!

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 Kitchener. 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.

August 2 Our second annual K-W Kiwanis Kids Day was held in Kiwanis Park Kitchener. This year the event was

sponsored by Forbes GMC, the City of Kitchener, and Westmount Signs.



The popcorn team readied bags of free popcorn for 930 customers. There was no waiting in line all day because of their hard work!

The weather was superb and by 10:30 am families were arriving in droves. The smell of freshly popped corn wafted through the park as the first swimmers took to the waves. The bouncy castle was as popular as ever, under the watchful eyes of Roy Weber, Maureen Farkouh, Jean Stacey, and Angela Vieth. The availability of freebies made a lot of friends.



(L) Alan Chalmers and Malcolm Shantz join the morning scoop team at the popcorn machine. Some of the initial bags were filled from bags of already-popped corn but most were freshly popped as the day wore on. (R) Angela Vieth, Roy Weber, and Jean Stacey supervised activities at the bouncy castle.



(L-R) Fo' Cheezy, MegaCone, and Heaton on the Grill settle into their spots to take care of hungry customers.



Lou Gere makes a friend at the freezie station.



Jan Alexanian displays some of the output from the artists' corner where kids could scribble their way to stardom.



Erick Traplin shares a laugh with Angela Vieth.

Heaton on the Grill, MegaCone, and Fo' Cheezy food trucks were on site to provide lunch and snacks. And this year Erick Traplin entertained the crowd at mid-afternoon with his unique program for kids.

City of Kitchener firemen gave tours of their vehicles to Kids Day attendees.



Our very own Key Club volunteers helped make everything run smoothly.



Circle K and Key Club volunteers helped with face and hand-painting under the pavilion roof while Greg Wood manned the freezie station nearby.



Steve Rand hands out the schedule of events at the main gate as Erick Traplin cranks up his entertainment program.

This year Waterloo Central Railway handed out free train whistles and the popcorn just kept coming until closing time. Sandeep

Shroff filled bags steadily at a rate of five per minute until we finally ran out of popping corn packages and freezies at 5 pm. What a day !



Yard games were popular both with the kids and our own members. However popcorn was the biggest draw throughout the day. Over a thousand bags were handed out – some to repeat customers.



(L) A completed Jenga tower stands erect for a few seconds before being toppled by impatient players in the wings. (R) Angela Vieth and Anne Shantz start at the ankles to work their way up to face painting.



Lou Gere takes his best shot at corn toss and plays connect six alone – thereby assuring victory.



The afternoon volunteer team poses at the bouncy castle with Erick Traplin.



Bandology ran drumming instruction and kept the beat going all afternoon. Jean Stacey tried her hand at it.

August 7 Angela Vieth and Jean Stacey went shopping with the gift certificate from last year's fundraising to support the Staples Back to School Drive. This year school supplies made available by the Kiwanis Club were donated to the staff at Adventure4Change in Waterloo. After shopping at Staples, Jean Stacey and Angela Vieth posed with the recipients.



Erick Traplin concludes with the Ballad of Popped Corn as Sandeep Schroff looks on ("Pop, pop, pop, can you dig it?").



Jean Stacey and Angela Vieth met with Naheed and her associates at Adventure4Change to deliver and sort Back-to-School supplies



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.

September 2 The K-W Kiwanis Board will meet as usual at Westmount Golf & Country Club.

September 11 K-W Kiwanis will host Bingo Night from 5:30-9:00 pm at the Gaming Center (501 Krug Street, Kitchener).

September 16 The regular monthly meeting will take place at Westmount G&C Club from 5:30-7:30 pm. The general public is welcome to attend. Dinner will be available from the G&C club for a fee.

October 4 The Coats for Kiwanis fall sale will take place inside the Kitchener Market this year. The location will be in the rentable boutique space on the upper level from 8 am – 4 pm.

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.



(L) Circle K club president and (R) former Key Club president Heeva volunteering at Kids Day face-painting & art tables

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.

Key Clubbers were represented at the K-W Grand River hospital fundraiser in the spring by the club President. 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 Vieth (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: Angela Vieth

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