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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 Fall, KW Kiwanians!

This month we hit the ground running to sell food at the Breslau Model Train Show and we collected coats for the October 4th

winter coat sale fundraiser. This is our second year running these fundraisers and both have brought in new revenue to support our youth programs, community projects and general awareness of Kiwanis in Kitchener and Waterloo.

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

I'm grateful for all Kiwanis members and the hard work that you do to serve our community. Please know that your hard work brings hope and joy to hundreds of young people across Kitchener-Waterloo. 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.

September 2 The monthly Board Meeting took place at Westmount Golf & Country Club.

September 10 Kiwanis members Steve and Paula Rand sent us these pictures from Georgian Bay where they toured Flowerpot Island, the wrecks of Tobermory and caught the fall colours during a post-labour-day visit to Manitoulin Island.



The largest "flowerpot" on Flowerpot Island



Boarding for a late season trip to Flowerpot Island



Touring the wrecks of Tobermory aboard the glass-bottomed boat

September 11 Bingo night at the K-W Gaming Centre brought in much needed revenue for our academic bursary program.
September 16 The President's annual planning meeting: Board members met at Westmount Golf & Country Club to socialize, have dinner, and review the club's successes for the year while planning for 2026.

September 23 A club social was organized by club president Daisy Arseneault at Sole restaurant in Waterloo. Club members gathered to order finger food and beverages and exchange stories.

Some of the offerings: seared sea scallops, French onion soup, harvest baked salmon, duck fiorelli, and margherita pizzas (!) Need we go on ?



Kiwanians gather at Sole restaurant in Waterloo. (L-R) Paula Rand, Malcolm and Anne Shantz, Alan Chalmers, Marilyn Motz, Steve Rand, and Lou Gere.



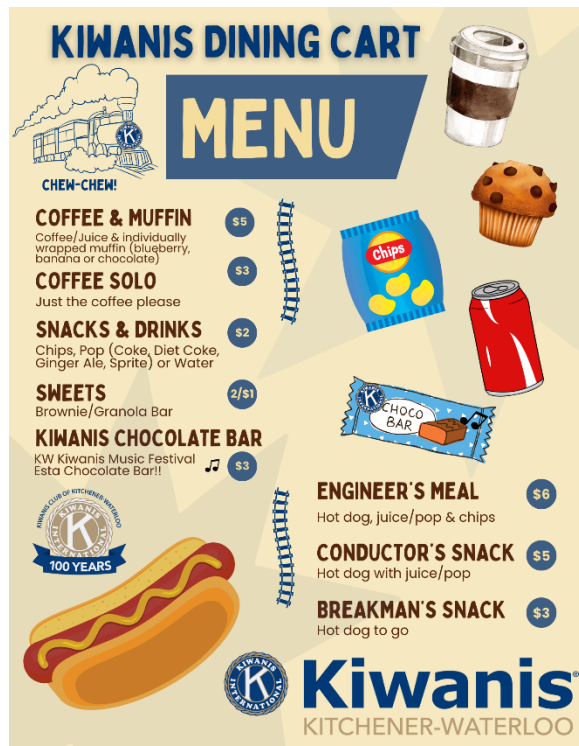
More of the Sole restaurant crowd. (L-R) Gary and Janice Keller, Jean Stacey, Maureen Farkouh, Kevin Twomey, Daisy Arseneault

September 28 The Breslau Train show took place at the Breslau Community Centre, and Kiwanis was there in force!



The kitchen crew at the Breslau train show. (L-R) Malcolm Shantz, Andre Arseneault, and chef John Vieth

The K-W Kiwanis team served up tasty combos to keep the serious hobbyists happy at lunchtime. Note the Engineer's, Conductor's, and Brakeman's platters !



The creative Kiwanis menu at the train show



Andre Arseneault displays the offerings at the Community Centre kitchen in Breslau



Daisy Arseneault and Steve Rand check out a 3-rail DC train system designed to simplify the wiring of model trains.



Paula Rand (L) samples the food offerings while Kevin Twomey (R) mans the Kiwanis membership table at the train show

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.

October 4 The Coats for Kiwanis Sale will take place from 7 am – 2 pm in the mezzanine boutique at the Kitchener Farmer's Market. Over 300 gently-used winter coats will be available this year at prices between \$5 - \$25. Proceeds will support the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival.

October 4 The Guelph Kiwanis Club has issued their annual invitation to an interclub duck dinner.

Location: Belwood Lodge and Camp, 322 Third Street, Belwood, ON (near Fergus)

Schedule:

2:00-4:00 pm Social

4:00-6:00 pm Dinner 55\$/person

Half a roast duck + fries +cole slaw

Important: RSVP to Steve Bond

ssbond@rogers.com by Oct. 1

Bring containers for leftovers !

October 7 Board Meeting at Westmount Golf & Country Club

October 9 Bingo night fundraiser at the Gaming Centre in Kitchener

October 21 Regular meeting with speaker at the Westmount Golf & Country Club, 50 Inverness Drive, Kitchener. Members, guests, and the general public are welcome to attend. Dinner is available for a fee. A little business will be transacted, but for the majority of the evening we shall socialize and enjoy the presentation of the outside speaker.

October 24 Key Club Leadership Camp starts.

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.

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.

The current Circle K president Jordan Kaye volunteered at this year's Kids Day. Her team members also plan to join other volunteers to get coats on the rack and sell

garments at our 2026 Coats for Kiwanis Sale. Thank you Circle K !



Circle K club president Jordan Kaye volunteering at the art table during the 2025 Kids Day event in Kiwanis Park

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.



Former Key Club president Heeva volunteers at the face-painting & art tables during the 2025 Kids Day event

Thank you Key Club for helping out at the 2025 Kids' Day in Kiwanis Park Kitchener!

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

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: 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: Stephen Rand, 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