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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 Holidays, K-W Kiwanians! Like many of you, I've been hesitant to welcome winter but seeing the generosity of K-W Kiwanians keeps me warm and full of joy! This month it was particularly inspiring to

hear from three youths at Adventure for Change who attended this Fall's Key Leader program with K-W Kiwanis sponsorship. These youths enjoyed everything from countryside rides with volunteer Kiwanis driver Angela Vieth to camp-style food, outdoor activities, leadership training and evening starry skies. It's an experience they couldn't imagine and now they hope to have it again next year - along with the friends they brought to the Kiwanis information

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

meeting. This is possible because of all you K-W Kiwanians! You support our fundraisers, you volunteer and you donate. Thank you for all that you give as volunteers - YOU are a gift!!!

I hope to see you at our Dec. 7th fundraiser in the Jazz Room, which will be another special evening to remember with all funds raised going to support for our new Music Education Bursary program. 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.

November 1 Division 5 Caucus meeting. Was held at the Children's Safety Village of Brant, 407 Elgin Street, Brantford. The program started with coffee at 8:30 am. Then business was conducted from 9:00-12:00 noon. Adjournment was followed by lunch at the Piper Arms Pub in Brantford.

November 4 Board meeting at the Westmount Golf & Country Club

November 6 Bingo night at the K-W Gaming Center.

November 11 The housing committee met today to consider a number of issues that have arisen regarding our affordable housing complexes. Our new property management group Harbour Concepts hosted the meeting in Waterloo. Jeff Ireland and Cassandra have eliminated the vacancy list at Valleyview and have initiated an approach to handle construction at Cedar Court which

stalled under the previous contractor. The committee members expressed approval of the pro-active approach Harbour Concepts is taking to keep up with repairs and maintenance at our properties.

November 15 The merriest season of the year is almost here. Wonders of Winter started today with the preparation of a new sign recognizing K-W Kiwanis Club sponsorship of the Festival of Lights in Waterloo Park. In addition to the volunteer effort our members make to set up the Festival itself, our club decided to feature a 6-foot tall Santa Claus display this year!



Stringing Christmas lights in preparation for Wonders of Winter, the annual festival of lights in Waterloo Park. (L-R) Maureen Farkouh, Daisy Arseneault, and Kevin Twomey.

November 16 K-W Kiwanis participated in a Coalition for Food event in Ann Arbor,

Michigan today. During the event, in a single hour, eighty volunteers packaged and sealed food for 10,000 meals which the organization Coalition for Food ships around the world for disaster relief. Unlike the more common food banks that support local, unhoused communities in an ongoing way, this organization responds only to emergencies, maintaining a store of pre-packaged meals.



K-W Kiwanian Steve Rand joins eager volunteers from the Ann Arbor Circle K Club and Kiwanis volunteers in the food packing area of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Thrift Shop.



Each pouch sealed in the assembly line feeds six people with rice, vegetables and protein when combined with six cups of water.



Boxes of sealed meals are stored by Coalition for Food staffers, awaiting shipment to meet emergencies worldwide.

November 18 This month an interclub meeting was held at Adventure4Change (465 Phillip Street Waterloo) to review outcomes of the Key Leadership Camp.



Interclub attendees listen to Key Leader Program updates.

Speakers included advisors and alumni from our Key Club Leadership camp which was a big success. 23 people were in attendance.



(L) Staffer Hibatullahi Umar is the Youth Engagement Facilitator at Adventure4Change and described their youth program. (R) Sheila Donald gave an update on the Key Leader Program.

Sheila MacDonald from the Sarnia-Lambton Kiwanis Club - registrar and site coordinator of the Key Leader Program - presented a summary of the new leadership program that has been developed and reported on the success of this year's camp.



(L) Jean Stacey delivered much-needed socks from Kiwanis to the Adventure4Change organization. (R) Hibatullahi Umar accepted the donation on behalf of Adventure4Change and addressed attendees to describe their 2025 activities.



Jean Stacey and Hibatullahi Umar show off the winter socks donated by Kiwanis to Adventure4Change.

November 21 Trivia Night in Brantford



K-W Intelligence Trivia Team at Brantford Fundraiser. (L-R): Jean Stacey, Angela Vieth, Maureen Farkouh, and Gary Keller

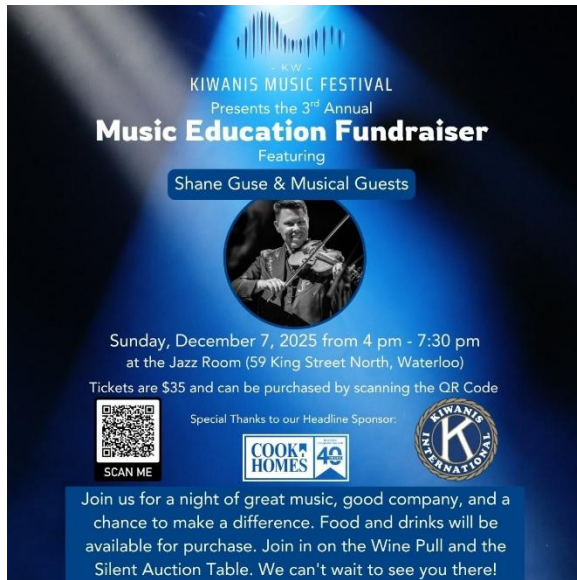
3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

For a complete listing of past and future events and volunteer opportunities, see our Event Calendar at www.kwkiwanis.org.

December 1 Registration for the Kiwanis International Convention begins.

December 2 The monthly Board meeting will be held at the Westmount Golf & Country Club

December 7 Musical Education Fundraiser



December 9 Festive holiday dinner meeting featuring speaker Dorothy McCabe (mayor of Waterloo) and a turkey dinner with all the fixings (Vegetarian option available).

December 16 There will be no regular club meeting on the third Tuesday of December due to the advent of the holiday season.

4. Service Leadership Clubs

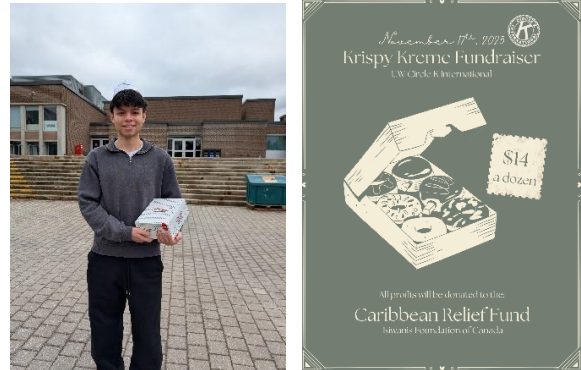
K-W Kiwanis runs Leadership clubs to engage young students in community building and public service.

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.

This November Circle K members ran a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to boost their operating budget. Way to go Circle K !

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.



Cesar, District Secretary Treasurer for Eastern Canada District of Circle K International and UWaterloo Circle K member, delivers donuts for the fundraiser.



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 service projects in the Waterloo Region to develop leadership skills.

Key Club members are eligible to attend the annual leadership conference that Kiwanis International runs for their age group. Key Clubbers are guided by an approved advisor from Kiwanis. St. Mary's Key Club now has new officers and one of their teachers (Melanie) has agreed to be the club advisor.

This month Sheila Donald, who is the Key Leader Administrator and a member of the

Sarnia Kiwanis Club drove up to Waterloo and reviewed efforts Kiwanis International has made to modernize its Key Leader Program.



Sheila Donald, Key Leader Administrator from the Sarnia Kiwanis Club, reviewed how the Key Club Program has changed over the years to better serve youth of the digital generation.

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: Plan approaches to membership recruitment and retention. Pre-approve new member applications and bring them to the Board. Review honorary members annually. Provide advice for approaching prospective new members. Check on absentee and delinquent memberships.

Chair: Stephen Rand

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: Marilyn Motz

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