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**Newsletter**

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## What is the Kiwanis club and what is the impact of our members?

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:

This month I'd like to send some LOVE to our BINGO volunteers. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who have a passion for numbers, excitement and kindness with the patrons. Everyone seems to have such a

great time and then the funds we raise support youth scholarships and bursaries to support their post secondary education. Everyone's a winner! Do you have some extra love to share once a month? The

**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

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**1. Regular Meetings**

Kiwanis is an Ojibway word that means “We share our talents”. At our Board and club meetings we get together for fellowship and to plan community service projects. 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](mailto:kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com).

**2. Activities & Events**

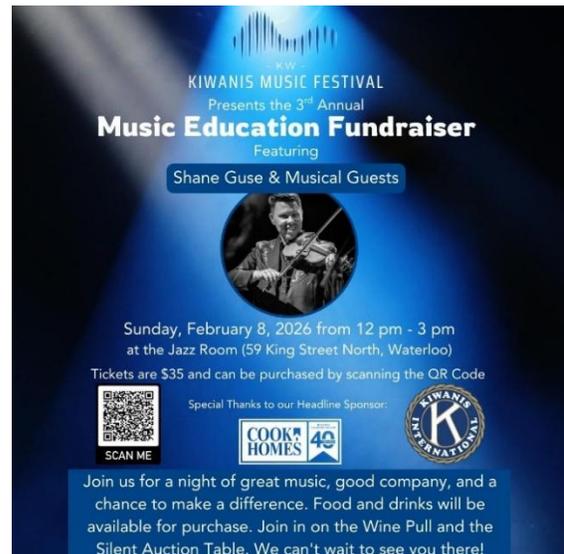
For a complete listing of past and future events and volunteer opportunities, see our complete calendar at [kwkiwanis.org](http://kwkiwanis.org).

**February 3** The monthly Board meeting was held at Westmount Golf & Country Club.  
**February 8** Fiddle Night was rescheduled at

BINGO team might be for you! Connect with Lou Gere who can be reached at [kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com](mailto:kwkiwanisclub@gmail.com) and he will match you with the right role and time so you can be a winner too.

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.

the Jazz Club for tonight! Shane Guse and his many guest musicians entertained royally as part of a fundraiser for the Music Education Program affiliated with our signature project, the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival.



**February 17** Our regular monthly club meeting with outside speaker was held in hybrid format this round. Our speaker was Myeengun Henry (Univ. of Waterloo).



*Elder Myeengun Henry was the February speaker.*

Mr. Henry is a former Ojibway chief and current Knowledge Keeper for the Anishinaabe in the Grand River basin.



Elder Myeengun Henry responds to questions from Kiwanis club members and Circle K Service Leadership Club attendees.

Mr. Henry oversees the Healing Forest and talked about indigenous history and activities in the Waterloo Region.

The meeting was held jointly with Kiwanis Circle K Club members in room EXP 1686 of the School of Public Health at the University of Waterloo. CK president Jordan Kaye said “It was a great night, I'm so glad I could get our club involved!” See the club calendar at [kwkiwanis.org](http://kwkiwanis.org) or upcoming newsletters for updates on our plans for a spring tree planting session or river walk with Elder Henry. Circle K members will be invited back, as well as volunteers from the online portal MeetUp.com. See you then!

**February 26** Our regular bingo night took place at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener.

### 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).

**March 3** K-W Kiwanis Board meeting.

**March 26** Bingo night at the K-W Gaming Centre. Kiwanis volunteers run the evening as a fundraiser for our academic scholarship program.

**March 28** Registration deadline for Eastern Canada & Caribbean convention in Toronto. For details see the convention website at <https://ecc2026.org/>.

To register you will need our club number which is K00425 and your personal member number. The Convention Hotel is the Toronto Hilton. The number of rooms at the Toronto Hilton hotel is limited and will book quickly, so be sure to reserve yours early. You will be asked for the 1<sup>st</sup> night's deposit. If you cancel within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival, the deposit will be refunded. You can book online at the link above.

**March 29** Kiwanis Cabaret Night (5-8 pm at Jazz Room, 59 King St. N, Waterloo)

Gold Sponsor

Lucky Sunday!  
March 29th!

Event Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

In support of

food4kids WATERLOO REGION

**KIWANIS CELTIC CABARET!**

Dance! Music! Comedy!

Intensely Irish Dance Studio!  
Kaleidoscope Irish Dance & Movement!  
Celtic Crossing!

Rusty Nail Comedy

**THE JAZZ ROOM**

Vinny Vinelli, Comedian

Shane Guse, CMMA Award Winning Musician

Mary-Catherine Pazzano, Singer

Eventbrite Tickets: \$35.00  
Tickets at the Door: \$38.00  
\*\*Full Jazz Room Menu Available\*\*

Kiwanis KITCHENER-WATERLOO

**April 11** Paris-Brant Interclub meeting (see kwkiwanis.org calendar for details).

**April 21** Our speaker in April will be Peter Rasberry (Outdoor Photography: See <http://peterrasberry.zenfolio.com> ). Mr. Rasberry will present some of his photography celebrating the beauty, complexity and diversity of the many species we share the planet with here in southern Ontario. Peter Rasberry had a 38 year career in Outdoor and Environmental Education. Now, as a hobby photographer, he is excited to share his deep connection to Nature through some of his images and experiences. Peter's photographs have appeared in the Canadian Wildlife Federation's Canadian Wildlife, and children's Wild magazines. They have also been on exhibit at Environment and Climate Change Canada's Biosphere Museum in Montreal for the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity.

**April 30** ECC convention in Toronto. For details or registration see Apr. 30 calendar entry at kwkiwanis.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. This month Circle K helped out with our Pack Night at Food 4 Kids! 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.



Members of the Circle K Club hosted Anishinaabe Elder Henry in his presentation on indigenous history of the Waterloo Region .

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) Kiwanis president Daisy Arseneault, Elder Henry, and Circle K president Jordan Kaye pose together after the meeting.*

Circle K participation in the Food 4 Kids Pack Night service project resulted in a donation of 750 meals to the hungry and participation in the presentation of a \$6000 cheque from K-W Kiwanis to this charity.

**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.

### **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

#### ***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

### ***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: Stephen Rand  
Members: Daisy Arseneault, Kevin Twomey

### ***Financial Review Committee***

Charter: Perform an annual review of the financial reports of the treasurer and Property Management.

Chair: TBD  
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