

	<p>Kitchener-Waterloo          Kiwanis Club          P.O. Box 38046          Bridgeport P.O., Waterloo, ON N2J 4T9</p> <p><a href="http://www.KwKiwanis.org">www.KwKiwanis.org</a></p>
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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:

Happy Spring KW Kiwanians! I can't believe it's only March and our club members have already hosted TWO successful fundraisers! The first raised over six thousand dollars for the Music Education

Fund that will sponsor children and youth music lessons or instruments for the coming year. The past weekend was the Kiwanis Celtic Cabaret that also raised significant funds - over two thousand dollars for Food4Kids Waterloo Region. Our club members are fierce! We work hard to make our community a great place to grow up, thank you! For April, please consider signing up to volunteer at the K-W Kiwanis

**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

Music Festival. It is one of our signature projects that supports music education for local youth. You won't regret hearing the young, vibrant musical talent in Waterloo Region. We need you! Click the link [www.kwkiwanismusicfestival.com/volunteers](http://www.kwkiwanismusicfestival.com/volunteers) to sign up or email our volunteer coordinator, Rosalind Keith, to help out: [volunteers@kwkiwanismusicfestival.com](mailto:volunteers@kwkiwanismusicfestival.com)

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.

events and volunteer opportunities, see our complete calendar at [kwkiwanis.org](http://kwkiwanis.org).

- March 3** The K-W Kiwanis Board met at Westmount Golf & Country Club.
- March 17** This month a special meeting of Board and Housing Cte members considered tenders received from potential contractors for the Cedar Court renovation project.
- 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 was held from 5-8 pm at the Jazz Room, 59 King St. N, Waterloo. This exciting night out on the town with local music is an important fundraiser for K-W Kiwanis. All proceeds go to Food4Kids in the Waterloo Region. This year we were able to send Food4Kids our biggest cheque ever !



Our second Kiwanis Celtic Cabaret was a lively Sunday evening event filled with toe-tapping, hand-clapping, foot-stomping entertainment. With about 80 people in attendance at the Jazz Room, the Traditional Celtic Music Group from Elmira area got us in the mood playing lively Celtic tunes as guests arrived. Irish dancers from Intensely Irish and Kaleidoscope Studios, the Celtic Crossing Trio, comedians Vinny Vinelli and Tyler Little kept the energy high. Jazz artist Mary Catherine Pazzano, and award-winning Canadian Fiddler Shane Guse and friends rocked the house with vibrant energy - lively reels, spirited jigs, and soulful airs that captured our hearts. Three lucky people went home with "pot of gold" prizes from our draw. Our own Alan Chalmers handled MC duties in true Celtic style.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Harbour Concepts (property manager in K-W) who sponsored this event. In all, we made almost \$3500 to support Food 4 Kids!



The Traditional Celtic Music Group of Elmira played lively music as guests arrived at the Jazz Room.



The Intensely Irish Dance and Kaleidoscope Irish Dance & Movement troupes performed a full program of traditional dances.



Shane Guse fiddled on the green for our second Celtic Cabaret Night, to the delight of all. This is the second year Shane has been our headliner for the event.



K-W Kiwanis club members and volunteers pose during Celtic Cabaret at the Jazz Room with Waterloo mayor Dorothy McCabe (centre front). Photo by Tracey Lee Photography.

Gold Sponsor **HARBOUR concepts** In support of **food4kids WATERLOO REGION**

**Lucky Sunday!** Event Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm  
**March 29th!**

**KIWANIS CELTIC CABARET!**  
**Dance! Music! Comedy!**

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

**Rusty Nail Comedy**

**JAZZ ROOM**

**Vinny Vinelli, Comedian** **Shane Guse, CCMA 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**

### 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).

**April 11** Paris-Brant Interclub meeting (see details on the poster below).

**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

You're  
**INVITED**

 **Kiwaniis**  
Club of Paris - Brant

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!**  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FESTIVITIES!

**APRIL** | || | **2026**

DOORS OPEN & COCKTAILS: 5:30 PM  
EVENING EVENTS & DINNER: 6:30 PM

WALTER GRETZKY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE  
320 BALMORAL DR. BRANTFORD, ON

 **TICKETS: \$50**

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT**

EMAIL RESERVATION REQUEST TO: [SHEILA.MOORE@ROGERS.COM](mailto:SHEILA.MOORE@ROGERS.COM)  
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 RSVP & PAYMENT FOR TICKETS DUE BY: MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>.  
 NOTE: REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER APRIL 3RD.

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](http://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. Last month Circle K helped out with our Pack Night at Food 4 Kids! Way to go Circle K !



*In February members of the Circle K Club hosted Anishinaabe Elder Henry to talk about indigenous history in Waterloo Region .*



*During our February meeting, Circle K members coordinated a wonderful presentation at the University of Waterloo by Elder Henry who explained Ojibway history, artifacts and culture.*

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.

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 K-W Kiwanis is especially proud of our local up-and-coming group of civic leaders.

#### *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