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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:

In May we held our Annual General Meeting, attended by sixteen of our members plus Jordan Kaye, President of the University of Waterloo Circle K club, and Kim Le from Imersa Booths, our newest

corporate member. We also heard special messages from past Key Club President Heeva Torabi and current Key Club member, Esther. I'm always inspired by the ideas, talents and energy of our youth clubs and our new members. Thank you! Of course, it was sad to say goodbye to a long time faithful member and distinguished past

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

treasurer of K-W Kiwanis, Ross Gray. Ross has left quite the hole in our Kiwanis family. I was very touched to see and hear from all the Kiwanians, past and present, who showed up strong to support his family. As Kiwanians we form a family and it really showed during the month of May. Thank you to all our K-W Kiwanian members!

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

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.

2. Activities & Events

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

May 3 The ECC Kiwanis Convention in Toronto ended today.

May 5 The Board of Directors and regular members of K-W Kiwanis held a joint Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Westmount Golf & Country Club.



(L-R) Joan Richardson-Horsey, Herb Hoegler, Daisy Arseneault, and Maureen Farkouh chat after the Annual General Meeting.

Past president and honorary member Herb Hoegler attended the AGM this year. Herb

was the president of Twin Cities Kiwanis Club (which later became the K-W Kiwanis Club) in 1975. He is pictured below in a clipping from the Kitchener-Waterloo Record on the day the city of Kitchener made a presentation of keys to Kiwanis for the affordable housing complex at 55 Cedar Street to the Kiwanis Club. K-W Kiwanis manages this apartment block to this day.



Kit-Wat Record, September 22nd, 1975
Picture submitted by Past President, Herb Hoegler, who's on the left!

Harold Freure, builder of the apartment complex at 55 Cedar Street presents keys on behalf of the City of Kitchener, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the provincial housing ministry. The K-W Kiwanis Club still manages the property today through its housing foundation.



Gary Keller (L) and Board member Kevin Twomey (R) in discussion at the Annual General Meeting



New club member Kim Le (Left) and Mike Wolf (Centre) have an offline discussion after the Annual General Meeting.

May 7 Adventure 4Change held a cultural event comprising dinner, fashion show, and a keynote speaker at RIM Park in Forbes Hall. The festivities began at 6 pm.



Attendees at the Cultural Event hosted by Adventure4 Change: (L-R) Angela Vieth, Joan Richardson-Horsey, Jane, and Jean Stacey.



May 8 The Finale Concert of the 2026 K-W Kiwanis Music Festival took place at Knox Presbyterian Church 50 Erb Street West, Waterloo from 7-10 pm.



(L) The finale concert of Kiwanis Music Festival, held in Knox Presbyterian, Waterloo. (R) Maureen Farkouh greets attendees.



(L-R) Andre Arseneault and John Vieth at the finale concert.



Mike Wolf officiates at the Music Festival finale.

May 11 Stratford Interclub meeting was held. Guest speaker was David MacLennan.

Kiwanis Club of Stratford Interclub



Monday, May 11 2026

Army, Navy, & Air Force
151 Lorne Avenue East Stratford

Guest Speaker:

David MacLennan:
the Computer Tutor

Tips on email scams, passwords, shortcuts, extending battery life, & the dreaded "frozen" computer

Social at 5:30 pm. Roast Beef Dinner at 6:15 pm.
\$20 per person, prepaid by e-transfer to
kiwanisstat@gmail.com
or pay by cash at the door.



Please RSVP by May 6th to: wilf.smyth@gmail.com

May 18 District Caucus Meeting (DCM)

May 19 The monthly meeting was replaced by a well-attended luncheon for new and returning members of K-W Kiwanis at Fireside Deli in Kitchener. Cali Dubois from Food4Kids received a cheque from the proceeds of the Kiwanis Celtic Cabaret Night for \$3,500 to support her organization.



(L-R) Steve Rand, Paula Rand, Joan Richardson-Horsey, Daisy Arseneault, Cali Dubois from Food4Kids, Maureen Farkouh, Kim Le, and Jean Stacey join in presenting a donation cheque for \$3500 to Food4Kids from the K-W Kiwanis Club.

Food4Kids will serve meals to over 1400 hungry kids in 131 schools every week this year. Eight members of K-W Kiwanis attended the luncheon.



(L-R) Kim Le, Paula Rand, Joan Horsey, Daisy Arseneault, Maureen Farkouh, Jean Stacey, Malcolm Shantz, and Cali Dubois who is serving her seventh year as director of the Food4Kids organization in Kitchener.



The Fireside Deli lunch crowd enjoyed everything from waffles to lasagna (a Deli favourite), Souvlaki, bruschetta, Caesar salad, and the prospect of steak or ribs at our next visit!

May 21 Bingo Night at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener once again brought in funds to support the Academic Bursary

Program of K-W Kiwanis. This program supplies bursaries amounting to \$2000 annually to financially-challenged students in the Waterloo Region who wish to pursue advanced degrees.

May 26 The St. Mary's Key Club held their last meeting of the school year – a pizza party! (See Section 4).

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.

June 2 K-W Kiwanis Board meeting at Westmount Golf & Country Club. Also, a leadership webinar will be held on Zoom (see below).

Kiwanis EASTERN CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN DISTRICT L'EST DU CANADA ET DES CARAÏBES

LEADERSHIP MONTH 2026 ★ WEBINAR SERIES ★

Level Up: Leadership in Action

WEEK 1 WEBINAR

The Leadership Edge: Developing Qualities that Inspire Success

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THEME SEGMENT: **Effective Leadership Qualities**

PRESENTER: **DLGE Leighton Mc Knight**

DATE: Tuesday, 2nd June 2026

TIME: 7:00 p.m. AST

PLATFORM: Zoom Meetings Platform

Join Kiwanians across the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District for an engaging and empowering leadership experience!

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633472479?pwd=IEGI3baeeThSMvIRZFyEQeE2Zmxst6.1>

MEETING ID: 826 3347 2479 | PASSCODE: Kiwanis

WEBINAR FOCUS

- Effective Communication
- Visionary Leadership
- Integrity & Accountability
- Team Motivation
- Leading with Purpose

“ Great leaders don't set out to be a leader... they set out to make a difference. Be the difference. Lead with purpose. ”

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#LevelUpLeadership #LeadershipInAction #KiwanisECC #KiwanisLeadershipMonth #KiwanisLeads

TOGETHER, WE LEAD. WE IMPACT.

June 4 A Brantford Interclub will take place at the Best Western Hotel, 19 Holiday Drive, in Brantford. Start time is 11:45 am.

A buffet lunch costing \$25/person will be served at noon. Three 50/50 tickets are included in the price of admission. Following lunch, the guest speaker will be Doug Hunt, a Guinness World Record holder, at the nearby Wayne Gretsky Sports Complex.

June 6 Benefit concert to support the K-W Kiwanis music bursary program at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

June 18 Bingo night at the K-W Gaming Centre. Proceeds support our academic bursary program.

June 24 Kiwanis International Convention begins in Manila.

July 18 North Dumfries Interclub meeting

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 (CKI) club is a Kiwanis-sponsored youth group that runs its own community service projects. Currently CKI has a roster of over two dozen members and is actively involved in community events.



(Left) At DCON 2026, President Daisy Arseneault of K-W Kiwanis holds an immigrant welcome package and poses with Daria at Reception House. (Right) Shradhaa Srikanth, former president of the UW Circle K Club, and Caesar Arriojas, both now district officers for Circle K International, lead discussions at DCON 2026 in March.

Circle K International (CKI) mirrors the mandate of Kiwanis at the university level to

make our community a better place to live, through service, with a special emphasis on helping children.

Back in March, Circle K officers and Daria, director of Fundraising & Communications at Reception House in Kitchener, helped organize the DCON 2026 conference for the Waterloo Region and its project to support immigrants to Canada.

CKI is the largest student-run volunteer organization of its kind, with over 12,600 members on over 500 campuses in 17 countries. However, more locally, K-W Kiwanis is especially proud of our up-and-coming group of civic leaders at the University of Waterloo.

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.



Faculty advisor Melanie (far left) gathers members of the St. Mary's Key Club for a pizza party and the last club photo-op of the year. Daisy Arseneault and Angela Vieth from K-W Kiwanis joined in the fun.

On May 26 the St. Mary's Key Club held their last meeting for the school year – a pizza party ! Angela Vieth and Daisy Arseneault from K-W Kiwanis joined in the fun. The club currently has 24 members.

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

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: 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