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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:

Wishing all KW Kiwanians a Happy Canada Day on July 1st! As I reflect on the month of June, I'm most pleased that we have officially welcomed a new business member, Kim Le and her wife & business

partner, Tammie Deubry of Imersa booths. We're very fortunate to have both Kim and Tammie jumping right into community service. We have a couple of other new members coming up the Kiwanis pipeline as well - I'm excited to get to know them better and for them to get to know each of you. Also new is our Wishing Well Sign at the St.

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

Jacobs Market showcasing to the community what the KW Kiwanis Club is all about - Food, Housing & Education! We're thrilled to have new members linking arms with us to help us make our community a better place for kids and families and seniors to grow.

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 8 We have a few photos to show now from the finale of the 2026 K-W Kiwanis Music Festival (see below).



Danielle Beck introduces the director of the K-W Community Orchestra, Daniel Warren, at the finale concert inside Knox Presbyterian church in Waterloo.



The K-W Community Orchestra performed at the finale of the signature event of K-W Kiwanis, the 2026 Kiwanis Music Festival



Numerous awards are made at the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival for best performances by young musicians



Left: Some Festival performers find that bowing comes naturally. (Right) Others are still working on their technique



Regardless of the instrument or group category, the K-W Kiwanis Music Festival boosts the confidence of aspiring musicians

June 2 The monthly meeting of the K-W Kiwanis Board was held at Westmount Golf & Country Club.



Board members met at Westmount GCC. (L-R) Marilyn Motz, Alan Chalmers, Joan Richardson-Horsey, Andre & Daisy Arseneault, Paula Rand, and Lou Gere.

Also, a leadership webinar took place today on Zoom (see below). The webinar theme was the development of effective leadership qualities as outlined by LG Leighton McKnight.

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LEADERSHIP MONTH 2026
WEBINAR SERIES

Level Up: Leadership in Action

WEEK 1 WEBINAR

The Leadership Edge: Developing Qualities that Inspire Success

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

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633472479?pwd=IEQlOjBaeThSMWRRZFhEOeZ2mxst6.1>

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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SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

#LevelUpLeadership #LeadershipInAction #KiwanisGCC #KiwanisLeadershipMonth #KiwanisLeads

TOGETHER, WE LEAD. WE IMPACT.

June 4 A Brantford Interclub took place at the Best Western Hotel, 19 Holiday Drive, in Brantford. A buffet lunch costing \$25/person was arranged at noon. Three 50/50 tickets were included in the price of admission. Following lunch, the guest speaker, Doug Hunt, spoke about his Guinness World Record at the nearby Wayne Gretsky Sports Complex.

June 6 A benefit concert to support the K-W Kiwanis music bursary program was organized at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Also the second concert of the Savon Summer Music series featuring cellist Yvon Arseneault, son of our K-W Kiwanis president, took place with an inspired performance of Rachmaninoff by violin, cello and piano. More concerts are coming up this summer, while Sam Domzella and Yvon Arseneault remain in town.



All Saints' Anglican Church, 400 Northfield Dr
 May 23 — June 6 — June 19
 Aug 8 — Aug 22
All concerts at 2:30PM
 Free admission/pay what you can
 Visit samdomzella.com or scan QR code for details

June 11 The K-W Kiwanis academic bursary program received 14 applications this year, from 8 schools. This year a total of \$9000 was donated by our club to deserving, college-bound students from the Waterloo Region. The graduation ceremony for St. Mary's H.S. — the largest in the region — was held in the K-W auditorium to accommodate all the parents and well-wishers (see photo below). The graduation ceremony began with a drumming chant by the First Nation Singers and closed with a blessing by Deacon Ed MacIntosh.



Graduating seniors from St. Mary's High School gather for the 2026 graduation ceremony held in the Kitchener Auditorium.

Four bursaries were awarded by Kiwanis in 2026. Lou Gere, chair of the Bursary Committee, arranged for the in-person presentations by our members: Lex Seger (from Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate to Brock University), Jessica Cybulski (from Waterloo Collegiate to University of Waterloo), Jennika Saini (from Waterloo Collegiate to University of Waterloo), Allycia Pereira (from St. Mary's H.S. to Conestoga College). The four bursaries of \$2000 each were made possible by proceeds from our regular bingo nights in Kitchener.

Kiwanis International Foundation matched the 2026 allotment by K-W Kiwanis to the St. Mary's Key Club, permitting us to make 3 awards totaling \$1000 to several of its members. The winners were Hailey Russell (who received the Shelley DesCotes KC Award \$400), Shelby Habel (John Wilson KC Award \$400), and Esther Orimoloye (Ross Gray KC Award \$200).

June 12 Our new wishing well sign was installed at the St. Jacob's Market. The wishing well is located in the Peddler's Village building which houses the office of the St. Jacob's Market. Since it has two coin inserts it makes possible some exciting 2-person races and raises significant funds for our K-W Kiwanis programs.



The Kiwanis wishing well has two insertion slots for coins, so it can be used for 2-person races. Coins gather speed rapidly as they spiral into the central black hole

June 13 A leadership education workshop was offered by Lieutenant Governor David MacLennan in Ayr. Attendees convened at Knox United Church, 92 Northumberland Street. Coffee was brewed at 8:00 am and the training session lasted from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. It was followed by lunch at 1:00 pm at Willibald Farm Distillery and Brewery <http://www.drinkwillibald.com>.

June 18 Our monthly Kiwanis bingo night was organized by Lou Gere and his team at the K-W Gaming Centre. Proceeds from this regular fundraiser support our academic bursary program.

June 23 Our regular monthly club meeting and dinner was held at Fresh Ground Café 256 King St. E., Unit A. The meeting was intended to feature Paul Garrett speaking about exciting events & initiatives at the London (Ontario) Kiwanis Club, including an upcoming hospital fundraiser. However, Paul had to postpone for medical reasons. We'll hear from him at a later date.

Our newest corporate member Kim Le, owner of Imersa Booths in Waterloo (see

imersabooths.com), was officially inducted into our Kiwanis Club. Kim came to Canada as a youth and wants to give back to a country that helped her overcome adversity.



(L-R) Daisy Arseneault, Kim Le, and Lieutenant-Governor Randy MacKenzie swore in our latest club member.



Joan Richardson-Horsey addressed K-W Kiwanis at the June meeting. In the foreground, (L-R) Jean Stacey, Paula Rand, Ann Shantz, Andre Arseneault and Malcolm Shantz look on.



Fresh Ground Café carries fruit juices, baked goods, as well as a great variety of coffees and teas

The owner of Fresh Ground Café Erin gave us a summary of the origin of the Working Centre (workingcentre.org) which supports the café, offering teas, specialty coffees, and baked goods to customers. The café is a pleasant new venue housed in the renovated House of Friendship building near the Kitchener Market on King.

June 24-27 The 2026 Kiwanis International Convention was held in Manila, Philippines.



Lobby of the Marriott Hotel Manila, New port World Resorts

This global event, co-located with the Asia-Pacific (ASPAC) convention, took place at the Marriott Hotel Manila. For more details see <https://convention.kiwanis.org/>.

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.

July 7 There will be no Board meeting in July. In its place there will be an evening social at 17 Dunbar Road N, Waterloo. Friends, neighbours and future Kiwanis members are welcome to attend. Soft drinks and pizza will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

July 16 Bingo night at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener

July 18 The North Dumfries summer Interclub meeting will again be a Pig Roast to which five district Kiwanis clubs and our Meetup.com Group have been invited.



Come one! Come All!

Divisional Social



Date: July 18, 2026

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: 867327 Township Rd 10 Eriact, ON

Hosted By: Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries

Bring a chair, bring your favourite beverage

RSVP by: June 19, 2026 to

kiwanisnorthdumfries@gmail.com

Bring a friend or a potential Kiwanian for some fun and comradery with your fellow Kiwanians!

\$35.00 per person



July 21 There will be no club meeting in July as preparations are being made for Kids' Day which is scheduled for August 1, 2026 at Kiwanis Park in Kitchener.

August 1 Kiwanis Kids Day at Kiwanis Park, Kitchener

August 4 There will be no in-person Board meeting in the month of August.

August 13 Bingo night.

August 18 There will be no club meeting in the month of August.

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.

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.

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 the St. Mary teachers (Melanie) has been

designated the club advisor. The St. Mary's Key Club currently has 24 members.

Key Club members are also eligible for Kiwanis awards. This year K-W Kiwanis donated awards totalling \$1000 to three students from St. Mary's. The students received their awards at the St. Mary's High School graduation held in the Kitchener Auditorium on June 11.

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: Daisy Arseneault

Members: Kim Le, 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