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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:

Happy Summer, K-W Kiwanians!

July has been a monumental month for the K-W Kiwanis Club. We've invested in new social media marketing strategies that have

increased our online profile and public reach to thousands of people. In July we had new members joining us and helping us share Kiwanis Kids' Day to more families throughout Kitchener-Waterloo. We also have our enthusiastic fundraising committee working hard behind the scenes to ensure

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

every detail is in order for our August 1st event. Thank you to our members for believing that children and youth deserve the best community to live in by supporting our club initiatives. None of this is possible without willing volunteers. You make the summer happy, 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

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.

June 24-27 At the end of last month the

2026 Kiwanis International Convention was held at the Marriott Hotel in Manila, Philippines. Richard Kleri, LG-elect for 2027, attended on behalf of Division 5.



Lobby of the Marriott Hotel Manila, New port World Resorts

For more details visit the website <https://convention.kiwanis.org/>.

July 7 The Board meeting for July was replaced by a pizza social hosted by Kiwanis members. Everyone was asked to bring a small dish, so of course there was plenty of food. Ten pizzas were added to a spread of salads, fresh fruit skewers, fresh-baked

pastries, service berry pie, every conceivable juice, soft drink, flavoured water, and ginger beer.



Jean and Jeff Stacey pose under the patio umbrella as visitors arrive for the pizza social.



(L-R) John Vieth, Andre Arseneault, Sandy & Lou Gere, Malcolm Shantz, Cheryl Martin-Gray, Maureen Farkouh, Mike Wolf, Jeff Stacey, Ann Shantz, Deidre Wilson, and Angela Vieth



Neighbours Chris, Mike & Stephanie chat at the pizza social.



Kiwanians and neighbours attended the social in the shadow of the Barrelyard apartments (in the background). (L-R foreground) Andre Arseneault, Deidre Wilson, Kyle and Anna Meksavanh.

July 16 Bingo night was held at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener. Proceeds support our academic bursary program.

July 18 The North Dumfries Kiwanis Club held its second Texas-style Pig Roast on the farm of Richard and Caroline Lee.



ND-Kiwanian Richard Lee prepares to pull pork from "Oinker" after 3 hours in "The Beast" barbecue shown in the background.

Lieutenant-Governor Randy MacKenzie remarked that, with more than 60 attendees, all five Kiwanis clubs in the Black Watch division were represented at the BBQ. To the Lees - thanks for hosting us all!



Kim Le (centre) and Joan Richardson-Horsey (right) joined the serving line as chef Richard prepares to serve beans.



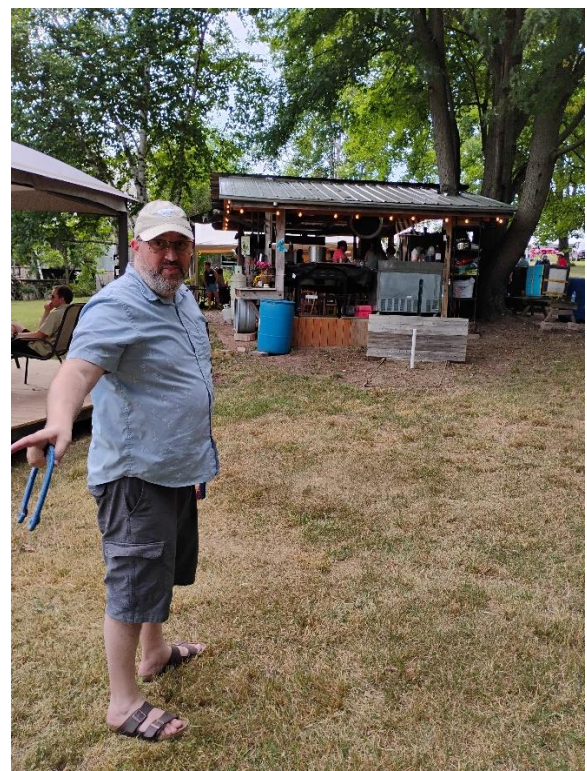
After roasting, Oinker was allowed to cool for twenty minutes before meat was stripped from the bones.



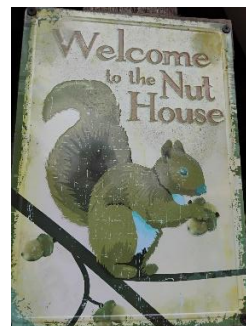
Some attendees were chauffeured from the parking lot to the BBQ site by a breezy "taxi" ride!



The corn hole game was popular with the young set.



Andre Arseneault indicates the (disadvantaged) position from which opposing team players were obliged to throw at the horseshoe pit.





One of the treasures scattered around the site of the BBQ was this snowplow. In the old days a team of horses drew the wagon while the plow cleared the long driveway to Township Road 10.



(L-R) Joan Richardson-Horsey, Kim Le, Daisy & Andre Arseneault look on as the master pork peeler begins the job of providing meat for the table.



(L-R) Andre & Daisy Arseneault, Joan Horsey-Richardson, Kim Le, and Tammie Deubry gather under a tent to enjoy BBQ lunch.

Some guests at the Lee's farm brought their own favourite wine, which helped to keep the fun going when a hasty retreat from an

afternoon thunderstorm became necessary. Fortunately the Lees had plenty of tents.



(L-R) Caroline Lee, Peter Tedesco, and Manu'a have a light moment under a tent at the North Dumfries barbeque.

July 21 There was no club meeting in July. Instead members enjoyed the July 18 BBQ and made preparations for Kids' Day scheduled for August 1, 2026.

July 25 The K-W Kiwanis Club launched a Meetup group this month called the K-W Social & Community Service Event Group. The Meetup site online posted two events in July to attract volunteers for various events in the region – particularly Kiwanis events.



Lunch stop at the celestial clock on the Geo Time trail. With no moving parts this beautiful clock has kept perfect time since 2007 !

In July, advertised events included the North Dumfries Pig Roast and a Bike & Learn hike on the Geo Time Trail in Waterloo.

The Bike Hike started off in good weather

at the Sundew Drive parking lot and headed east to follow the geological chronology of the trail markers. The ride through the woods covered 4.4 billion years from the Proterozoic, to the Paleozoic, to the Cenozoic and modern eras. Highlights included a “kettle lake” formation and a solar clock (see photo below).

Update from the Housing Committee:



Exterior scaffolding and repairs at 59 Cedar Street North

Harbour Concepts is overseeing renovations at Cedar Court. An inspection by the Labour Ministry has found that some asbestos abatement may be necessary at the site.

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.

August 1 Kiwanis Kids Day will take place in Kiwanis Park, Kitchener. Volunteers should plan to start at 11:00 am. This year,

musical entertainment will be provided by Ronno.



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

August 13 Bingo night at the Gaming Centre in Kitchener. Proceeds support our academic bursary program..

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

September 9 Elmira will host an Interclub. Please RSVP by August 31 (details below).

KIWANIS CLUB OF ELMIRA DIVISIONAL INTERCLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

G2G TRAIL, KISSING BRIDGE TRAIL – PAST & PRESENT

Dave Conlon, Director of Operations for the G2G (Guelph to Goderich) Rail Trail, will help us relive history as he describes with words and pictures the various communities along the 132 km multi-use trail that repurposes a former Canadian Pacific Railway line.



Dave says the trail route no longer poses some of the risks of the distant past. Dinosaur sightings may have been frequent many years ago but are rare today.

Elmira Legion's famous "Delicious" chicken, schnitzel, potatoes, coleslaw, sauerkraut, vegetables, coffee and dessert. Served Mennonite-country-style.

Cash bar.

Elmira Legion, 11 First St. East, Elmira, ON
Doors open at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00
\$40.00 per person

Reserve or e-transfer to jhmpem@gmail.com by August 31, 2026

September 10 Bingo night at the Kitchener Gaming Centre. Proceeds support our academic bursary program.

September 19 A fall visit to the Healing Forest has been scheduled which will include a presentation on medicinal plants and herbs in the new indigenous lodge at Columbia Lake in Waterloo.

Ojibway chief Myeengun Henry will be our host. Mr. Henry is the official Knowledge Keeper for the First Nations in Waterloo Region. This event will replace the regular September club meeting and will be held jointly with our Circle K and Key Club service leadership members. Start time will be 11:00 am at the new indigenous lodge on Columbia Lake (north campus of the University of Waterloo). This event will take about 2 hours.



(L-R) Daisy Arseneault, Myeengun Henry, and Jordan Kaye meet to talk about future presentations involving the Knowledge Keeper, K-W Kiwanis and the Circle K service leadership club.

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, Deidre Wilson, 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