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"Serving the Children of the World, one child, one community, at a time"

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**Written and photos by Sandra Collier.
This next issue of The Kiwordian will be
30 October 2025.**

**We meet Thursday mornings at 10 am @ the
Kiwaniis Seniors Centre, 78 Riverside Dr. London
ON**

PARKING IS FREE AT THE KIWANIS CENTRE

**The next meeting of Middlesex Kiwanis will be Thursday,
October 30th 2025 @ 10 am at the Kiwanis Centre.**

**Members & Spouses October Birthdays
03 Sandra Collier, Grant Knox, 13 Millie Norry**

**October Anniversaries
09 Andre and Carol Cote (60th)**

Future Programs

**30 October – President Carol Turnbull, Club Board Monthly
meeting**

06 November – John Longworth 'Remembrance Day;

13 November – Bizerka Mrzljak 'Trip home to Croatia'

Program 23rd October, 2025



Andrew Fleet Executive Director and Co-Founder of Growing Chefs who was introduced by Carol Turnbull told us because of lack of food literacy about 40% of the food we produce is wasted. More kids go to bed hungry in London ON than anywhere else in Canada. There are 11 groups of things kids should know about food literacy and things about

food can be tied in with other school subjects e.g. fractions can be used to help produce something good to eat. Growing Chefs' program is tied to the Ontario Elementary School Curriculum and groups e.g. nutrition, Food Safety and Food origins have separate areas for children and youth from 2 yrs to 18 yrs. Growing Chefs have their own gardens and heated greenhouses so they can grow items in the winter. All things are sourced in Ontario including meat, eggs and fish. From June 1, 2025 to September 30 2025, 3295 lbs of food grown in their gardens/greenhouses to produce 550 boxes of food for families experiencing food insecurity. There are many participants in Food and Agriculture Education including 72 school and community partners. Social Enterprises include healthy school lunch programs. For information of how you can help Growing Chefs visit their website at

www.growingchefsontario.ca Carol Turnbull thanked Andrew for his presentation.

Eating Disorders Fundraiser

What: The Harbour, a clinic for Eating Disorders

When: Thursday, October 30th 2025

Where: London Music Hall, 182 Dundas St London ON

Cost: \$45.00 per person. Both Millie Norry and Carol Turnbull have tickets for sale.

50/50 Winner: Graham Laing

Directors Reports & Club Activities

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Grant Knox was contacted by the Salvation Army to ask us if we will manage Christmas kettles this year. Grant has signed us up for two days: Friday, Dec 19 and Saturday Dec

20th. The hours are 9:30 am to 7:30 pm at the Superstore, Oxford and Hyde Park. The shifts are usually 2 hours each and Grant will draw up a schedule soon. Contact Grant if you are able to look after a shift at a kettle.

2025 Summer Camp at Rotholme Family Shelter

Kelley Thomson, Senior Development officer at Mission Services forwarded this report about the camp. The summer months are a lively time at Rotholme Family Shelter, as children are eager to stay just as active as they were during the school year. Summer camp offers a welcome outlet, filled with daily activities that help them stay energized, motivated, and connected during what could otherwise be a challenging season. There were 320 experiences, 17 children, 35 days. Children got to do many things in the community including swimming at Gibbons Park, including a bouncy castle, visit to the London Children's Museum. The parents had positive things to say about the children's camp including their children made new friends and looked forward to the camp. For several years Middlesex Kiwanis has made a cash donation to this camp.

Fines and Happy Bucks

Happy Bucks are a way our club members sharing with other members happy events in their lives. We all have a club badge and we are supposed to wear it at all meetings which is a way for new members and guests to get to know our names. The small fine for not wearing your badge is just a token and another way along with happy bucks of raising money to off set club administration costs.

Thank you

Over the past few years many of the winners of the 50/50 have turned their winnings or a portion of their winnings back to the club. This has kept a healthy balance in our administration account.

Pictures from October 23rd 2025 meeting



Kiwanis Education October 23rd, 2025

As of this year our Kiwanis District of Eastern Canada & the Caribbean has more women members than men members. From the beginning of Kiwanis in Detroit in 1915 to 1987 only men could be members of Kiwanis. At the 1987 Kiwanis International Convention in Washington DC the convention delegates voted to remove men only rule and hence allowing women to join the organization. The first woman to serve as Kiwanis International President was Sue Petrisin from Michigan who served in 2016. In 2027 the first woman from our District to serve as Kiwanis International President will be Hope Markes from Jamaica.

Sunshine Report

Sandra Collier contacted Jean Keith who is fine and said she had a wonderful summer at her cottage. She hopes our club will have a Christmas social as she enjoys seeing everyone.

MIDDLESEX (LONDON) INC. 2025-26

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