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

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**This next issue of The Kiwordian will be**  
**04<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

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

**PARKING IS FREE AT THE KIWANIS CENTRE**

**The next meeting of Middlesex Kiwanis will be Thursday,**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 @ 10 am at the Kiwanis Centre.**

**Members & Spouses December Birthdays**

**07 Gary Duncan, 15 Carrie Turnbull, 23 Carol Jellous, 24 Andre**  
**Cote**

**December Anniversaries**

**28 Karen and Anthony Mazereeuw**

**Future Programs**

**04 December – Ed Jambor 'Bit coin 101'**

**11 December - Carol Turnbull 'The real estate market in London'**

**18 December to 01 January there will be no Kiwanis meetings at**  
**the Kiwanis Seniors Centre.**

**05 January, 2026 Middlesex Kiwanis and Forest City Kiwanis will**  
**meet jointly at the Carling Heights Optimist Community Centre.**

**50/50 Draw Winner: Jim Scott from Forest City Kiwanis**

**Program 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025**



**Betsy Wall Executive Director of Foundation for International Development Assistance (FIDA-pch) was introduced by Carol Turnbull. Betsy told us this organization is a productive cooperative established in Haiti in 1980. It is a registered charity in both**

**Canada and the USA. They have cooperative models based on agriculture. FIDA-pch is helping farmers achieve productivity and self-reliance in Haiti through the co-operative model. This includes providing resources to communities who are motivated to advance themselves economically by forming productive agriculture cooperatives. Betsy said the people of Haiti are becoming aware that they must be "the change within". In little pockets of the countryside, in the villages and communes, FIDA-pch sees an unprecedented mobilization and motivation for men and women to equip themselves with the knowledge and resources to provide for themselves and their families. It has taken time. But the time has come. Since 1984, FIDA-pch has been committed to providing resources to men and women who are motivated to become invested shareholders in their own productive agricultural cooperative as governed by the Seven International Principles of Cooperative. The founding principles were guided by a vision of addressing the root issues of poverty, namely, to foster an environment of economic productivity appropriate to rural communities. Inherent in the mission is to promote the elements of self-respect, which is understood to be rooted in productivity, ownership, and self-reliance. FIDA-pch believe in the inherent right for every person to own self-respect and to know self-worth and that dignity is achieved through a cultivated ability to provide and care for our family, our community, and ourselves. FIDA-pch endeavors to work at the grassroots to introduce appropriate technology and training to bring hope, encouragement, and resources to help communities work out solutions to their adversities. This includes literacy training as many people in the rural areas cannot read. A person must be 18 yrs. old to be a member of the cooperative. Carol Turnbull thanked Betsy for her presentation.**

## Directors Reports & Club Activities Jamaica

The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada (KFC) is raising money to purchase items Jamaicans need after the island experienced a Hurricane five in October. KFC will match \$1 for every \$3 donated up to a maximum of \$200,000. You can donate directly to the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada at <https://kfcdn.org> . This will take you to the main screen and the link to donate is right there in blue letters (at the top of the website). Also the local Jamaican community of London is collecting items needed in Jamaica after the hurricane to ship to Jamaica. Bring in items to our meeting to be shipped to Jamaica. For list of needed items: <https://supportjamaica.gov.jm/needs>

### Holiday Celebration

For the past few years we had become so dependent on being able to attend the Turkey luncheon at the Kiwanis Centre put on for the satellite clubs that it became too late to find a suitable venue for our Christmas luncheon when we found out the satellite luncheon was not being held this year.

However Our club is invited to:

#### Forest City Kiwanis Christmas Luncheon

When Monday 15 December, 2025

Where Carling Heights Community Centre, 656 Elizabeth St.

Time 12 Noon **Cost \$35.00 per person.** Turkey dinner put on by Growing Chefs. Entertainment is: vocalist, DJ Wizard Gord Bell. Middlesex members are welcome to invite friends and relatives to attend this luncheon. **Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> deadline for telling Forest City if you plan to attend this luncheon and if you are bringing guests.** If you wish to attend this luncheon, we accept names at our meeting on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**We will not meet the following Thursday 18 December at the Kiwanis Centre.**

### **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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 has drawn up a shift calendar and passed out copies to those people who have signed up for kettle shifts.**

### **Interclub**

**The following Middlesex Kiwanis members attended Forest City's meeting at the Marriott Residences 383 Colborne St London on Wednesday 26 November: Carol Turnbull, Millie Norry, Bizerka Mrzljak. Carol Turnbull and Bizerka Mrzljak attended a Fundraising Gala for Ark Aid Missions on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November where Immediate Past President of Forest City Kiwanis Paul Garrett and the Kiwanis Club of Forest City were honoured.**

### **Pictures from November 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 meeting**



### **Kiwanis Education November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, USA, in 1914. The group received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915—the day that is regarded as the birth date of**

**Kiwanis. The club's name is Detroit Kiwanis Club No. 1 in recognition of its heritage.**

### **Sunshine Report**

**John Longworth visited Andre Cote on November 28<sup>th</sup> for about an hour. He is no longer using a feeding tube and is eating by mouth now. Andre is ready to receive visitors. John also reported he talked to Tim Mayo who is fine and keeing busy with the Fanshawe Yacht Club and Karen Mazereeuw who returned yesterday from a trip to northern Quebec. Sandra Collier talked to Paul Fish who still likes it at Royalcliffe retirement residences and said he has had several inquiries from other residents asking if we are selling Christmas cakes this year. We are not selling Christmas cakes this year.**

### **MIDDLESEX (LONDON) INC. 2025-26**

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