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

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**The next issue of The Kiwordian will be
Thursday 16 April 2026.**

**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,
16 April 2026 along with Forest City @ The Kiwanis Seniors
Centre**

Members & Spouses April Birthdays

01 Carol Cote, 06 Carman Lamond, 12 Bob Curtis, 26 David Jazey

Members April Anniversaries

07 Ken and Barb Whitby

Future Programs

Week of March 30. –This is scheduled as social event.

**Since both Forest City and Middlesex were involved in the
Trivia night on March 28th, it was decided this will be the March
social event.**

**Monday April 6th Meeting at Forest City is cancelled because
this is Easter Monday.**

**Thursday April 16 Middlesex Kiwanis Meeting at the Kiwanis
Centre. There will be a guest speaker who is unconfirmed yet.**

Program 26 March 2026



Doug Porter* who is Chief Economist for the Bank of Montreal spoke to Kiwanians and friends today. Doug asked the audience how many think we will be in a recession soon. Slightly more of the audience thought we will avoid a recession. He said that the US Supreme Court ruling against Donald Trump's emergency tariffs will not affect Canada very much as these were the tariffs Trump put on without getting approval from US Congress. The import tariffs on steel and aluminum affect Ontario and Quebec the most. North American growth outlook trimmed. Jobless rate high in London: pre Covid 4.9 now 8.8. With respect to inflation trade war impact modest but oil threatens. It is uncertain if the trade outlook will dampen investment long term. US does not grow either bananas or coffee so the tariffs on those items have been removed by Trump. Canada's population growth has slowed by 3% and youth unemployment is about 14%. House prices are going down because of people's income and interest rates. Doug thinks the Bank of Canada should do nothing about interest rates as long as the Iran conflict is on. He said the Canadian dollar reached an all time low of 61 cents against the US dollar in 1961 but mostly the dollar is worth between 71 and 80 cents US. Doug thinks we will avoid a recession this year. Bob Curtis both introduced and thanked Doug for his talk.

- **Doug Porter has spoken to the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex (London) once a year beginning in 2003. His talk was cancelled in 2020 because of the Covid pandemic.**

50/50 Draw & Door Prizes

The 50/50 draw of \$125.00 was won by one of our guests. The door prizes were two bouquets of flowers and a book on self improvement. One bouquet of flowers was won by Middlesex Club member John Longworth and the other bouquet of flowers and the book were won by two of our guests.

Thanks yous

To: Bob Curtis who provided Doug with a bottle of liquor as a token of appreciation for coming to speak to our club members and guests.

Berserka Mrzljak who donated two bouquets of flowers, Lauralee Bushan-Jazey who donated the book on self improvement. Lauralee was unable to be present today because of work commitments.

Thank you to all members of Middlesex Kiwanis who made contributions either monetary and/or in time to make the event a great success.

Non perishable Food Collection

Thank you to Grant Knox who organized and delivered the food to the London Community Chaplaincy. Grant said Kiwanians and guests were very generous and he delivered five boxes and two shopping bags filled with food items to the London Chaplaincy.

Trivia Night

March 28 Forest City Kiwanis hosted this event at the Polish Combatants Club in London. Middlesex Kiwanis entered two tables of players. One table who called themselves Bob's Gang won third prize as a reward for their trivia knowledge. The other team The Brainy Bunch finished further down the winner's list and hence did not live up to their table name! In addition Middlesex Club President Carol Turnbull was host for the evening. The usual host Paul Garrett was attending a Kiwanis event in Indianapolis. This Trivia Night was in support of Children's Health Foundation and raised approximately \$8000 for this Foundation.

Jukebox Bingo

Thursday May 14 Middlesex Kiwanis is hosting this fundraising event in Komoka. Money raised will be donated to the Children's Health Foundation. This is a new popular fund raiser for clubs. More information about this event at a later date.

Kiwanis Education March 26, 2026

The first Kiwanis motto, "We Build," was adopted in 1920. It was proposed by Roe Fulkerson, first editor of the Kiwanis Magazine, who later said, "God inspired me to write those two words—We Build. I am prouder of them than any other accomplishment in my life." It was replaced 85 years later with "Serving the Children of the World".

Directors Reports & Club Activities Some of the Attendees at the 26 March Meeting



Sunshine Report

Sandra Collier talked to Jim and Audrey Walker who still like living at Royalcliffe because they like: the staff, other residents and the food. Their son Harvey who was born deaf lives at the Dearness Home. Recently another deaf resident moved into the Dearness so Harvey now has somebody to 'sign' with.

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