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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 11th June, 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,
11th June 2026 along with Forest City @ The Kiwanis Seniors
Centre**

Members & Spouses May and June Birthdays

**05 May George Biljan. June 20 Ken Whitby, 24 Crandall Benson,
28 Anthony Mazereew, 30 Biserka Mrzljak.**

Members May and June Anniversaries

**18 May Lauralee Bushan-Jazey and David Jazey. June 25 Gary and
Elaine Duncan.**

Future Programs

**Thursday May 28 – Middlesex Kiwanis AGM at the Kiwanis
Centre @ 10 am**

Monday June 1- Forest City Kiwanis will host this meeting at the Carling Centre @ 12 noon.

Thursday June 11 – Middlesex Kiwanis will host this meeting at the Kiwanis Centre. Guest Speaker: Tom Friezen Topic: "Walking 800 Kilometers to go to Church - The Camino de Santiago"

Program 21 Ma



President Carol Turnbull led a lively discussion among our members about Kiwanis. She began by asking us what Kiwanis is known for in London? There were a large variety of answers e.g. Kiwanis Music Festival, Volunteers in Critical Care Department at the London Health Sciences Victoria Campus, Terrific Kids programs in the Public Schools. Carol showed several thought provoking slides which contained questions such as: If our club disappeared tomorrow what would our community miss most? Are we serving the needs of our community today or the needs twenty years ago? Are our meetings energizing or draining? What do we need to become so that people are excited to join, proud to belong and inspired to stay? These are all thought provoking questions and led to a lively discussion. Carol also gave each of us a survey to complete about what we feel about the future of our club.

Directors Reports & Club Activities

Jukebox Bingo

Thursday May 14 Middlesex Kiwanis hosted this fundraising event in Komoka at Union Pub. Money raised was donated to the Children's Health Foundation. This is a new popular fund raiser for clubs. **Two cards for \$25.** Those attending this event bought whatever food and beverage they wished from the hosting Pub.

Below are some pictures from Juke Box Bingo



66th Annual Festival of the Stars Awards Concert

Wednesday 27 May. This concert featuring the winners from the Kiwanis Music Festival of London 2026 will be held at Metropolitan United Church at 7:30 pm. Featuring: Soloists, Bands, Choirs, Orchestras, Tickets \$15 Adults, Children under 12 Free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Free Parking at Centennial Hall and Canada Life.

Kiwanis Kite Festival

Saturday May 30th, 2026 at Westminster Ponds Centre. Free kites for kids. From 10 am to 2 pm. Also there is a community BBQ. Rain date June 6th.

Sunshine Report

John Longworth reported he talked to Gary Duncan who is feeling better but says the progress is slow and John also talked to Avo Kingu and John Lawrence both are fine. **Sandra Collier** spoke to Mary Jane Mudge who said a few weeks ago there was a fire in the Kitchen at Chesley Park which also affected the dining room so the residents have been having their meals in other rooms in the building. She said she hopes they will be back in their original dining room soon. Mary Jane is fine and once a week she goes over to Cherry Hill Mall to shop.

Some of the Attendees at the 21st May Meeting



50/50 Draw – Sandra Collier **Fines and Happy Bucks**

Happy Bucks are a way our club members can share 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. We are also appreciative when a 50/50 winner donates all or part of his/her winnings back to the club.

Kiwanis Education May 21st , 2026

At the beginning of the Second World War, the Kiwanis Club of London set up what was called the Kiwanis Downtown Soldiers' Club in the YMCA building. Each Sunday afternoon and evening games, sing songs, shows, swimming and reading facilities were arranged for the men in uniform. Each evening an hour's entertainment was given (attendance about five hundred weekly) after which Kiwanians and their ladies served refreshments.

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