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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 15 October, 2026.
We meet Thursday mornings at 10 am @ the Kiwanis Seniors Centre, 78 Riverside Dr. London ON
PARKING IS FREE AT THE KIWANIS CENTRE

October Birthdays
03 Sandra Collier, Grant Knox, 13 Millie Norry.

October Anniversaries
09 Andre and Carol Cote

Future Programs
22 October – Sarah Finch - Investing in Children
29 October – President Biserka Mrzljak Club Board meeting
05 November – Hon. Ed Holder -Remembrance Day Service
12 November – Brenda Martin, President Forest City Kiwanis 'Update on the fundraising project of Children's Hospital oncology.

50/50 Winner this week - Grant Knox

Program for 15 October 2026



Lieutenant Governor Paul Garrett who was introduced by Carol Turnbull said On behalf of Governor Sharon Williams-Smith, congratulations to President Biserka and the entire leadership team.

I also want to thank every member of this club for the time, energy and commitment you give to Kiwanis and to our community.

You have built friendships, supported children and families, raised funds, organized events and made a difference. Something to be proud of.

Many of you have served Kiwanis for decades, have seen changes in our communities, in our families and the way people volunteer. Through all those changes, you continue to show up, work together and serve.

That experience is one of this club's greatest strengths.

This year, our focus is on strengthening communication, sharing successful ideas, welcoming new members, developing future leaders and increasing community engagement.

A strong club is one where members feel valued. A welcoming club attracts new people. A growing club gives members meaningful opportunities to serve and lead. A visible club builds stronger relationships with the community and creates more opportunities to make a difference.

Carol and Carrie's Juke Box Bingo is an excellent example of how these priorities can come together. It brings people together, creates fellowship, encourages participation, supports fundraising and gives the wider community an opportunity to experience the energy and purpose of Kiwanis Middlesex London.

I encourage the club to continue developing Juke Box Bingo and other successful activities that reflect your members' interests and abilities. These events do more than raise funds. They help tell your story, strengthen relationships and show people that Kiwanis is active, welcoming and committed to serving children and families.

Look for other opportunities to create activities that combine service, fellowship and community connection. Consider events that allow members to contribute in different ways, invite friends and family, partner with local organizations and introduce potential members to the work of Kiwanis.

Governor Sharon's theme, "Leveraging our diversity to serve humanity," reminds us that our different backgrounds, skills and experiences are strengths.

When we work together, we are better equipped to understand our communities and respond to their needs.

For Kiwanis Middlesex London, that means respecting our traditions while remaining open to new ideas.
It means welcoming people of different ages and backgrounds, recognizing that every member has something valuable to contribute.
Service does not have to look the same for everyone.
Some members may organize an event. Some may help with fundraising. Some may welcome a guest, make a phone call, share an idea or offer encouragement. Some may take on a leadership role, while others may support the work quietly behind the scenes.
All of those contributions matter.
At this stage in life, many of you have valuable experience, strong relationships and a clear understanding of what makes a club work. You also know the importance of pacing ourselves, sharing responsibilities and making sure that no one person carries too much of the load. We need to communicate clearly. We need to support one another. We need to make it easy for members to participate in ways that are comfortable and meaningful for them.
We also need to make sure that our meetings, events and projects remain welcoming and accessible. People should feel comfortable joining us, asking questions and finding a way to help.
People should understand who we are, what we do and why their involvement matters. When we talk about Kiwanis, we should share not only the work we complete, but also the friendships, fellowship and satisfaction that come from serving together.
Every new member brings new skills, relationships and energy. Retaining members is just as important. People remain involved when they feel connected, respected and able to see the impact of their service. A personal invitation can make a real difference. A warm welcome can make someone feel that they belong. A simple conversation can help a potential member understand that Kiwanis is not only an organization, but also a community of people who care.
That is why the work of Carol, Grant, Biserka and the Board is so important. Membership, fundraising, community events and leadership support one another. Together, they define the role of Kiwanis Middlesex London. As your Lieutenant Governor and Co-Chair of the EC&C District Membership Committee, you have my support.
I want to work with Biserka, Carol, Grant and the Board throughout the year. The EC&C District Membership Committee and I can help you turn ideas into practical plans, share examples from other clubs, provide membership resources and help you identify opportunities to connect with community organizations.

We can support you as you plan events, invite guests, follow up with potential members and create meaningful ways for new people to become involved. We can also help you recognize what is already working and build on the strengths that make Kiwanis Middlesex London unique.

Working together will help ensure that growth is not simply about increasing membership numbers. It will be about building a stronger, more connected club that is better able to serve the community.

When the club, the Lieutenant Governor and the District Membership Committee work as partners, you do not have to face the challenges of membership and engagement alone. We can share the work, learn from one another and help create momentum.

This is not about asking you to do more. It is about bringing more people alongside you to share the work, the friendships and the satisfaction that comes from being a Kiwanian.

Biserka, Carol and all of you, I encourage you to make Kiwanis Middlesex London known as a club that welcomes people, supports its members and responds to community needs.

Let it be known as a club where people can contribute according to their abilities, where long-time members are respected for their experience and where new members are given the encouragement and support they need to become involved.

Let it be known as a club that develops leaders, builds partnerships and makes a lasting difference for children and families.

Let it also be known as a club that brings people together through creative and successful initiatives and other activities that combine service, fellowship and community connection.As you begin this new administrative year, take time to celebrate what you have already accomplished. Look around this room and remember that the strength of this club was built over many years by people who cared enough to serve.

Ask yourselves what you want Kiwanis Middlesex London to be known for in the years to come. Ask what traditions should be protected, what new ideas should be explored and who else might benefit from becoming part of this club. You do not have to answer all those questions today. You only need to take the next step together. Support Biserka. Support Carol. Support Grant. Support your Board. Encourage one another, share the work and remember that every successful project begins with members who are willing to help.

I also encourage you to reach out to me and to the EC&C District Membership Committee. Let us know what you are planning, where you need support and what ideas you would like to explore. The more closely we work together, the better we can help your club grow, strengthen its community relationships and increase its impact.

You have built something worth keeping. Now let us invite others to be part of its future.

Congratulations to your new leadership team. Thank you for what you do, for the difference you continue to make and for the example you set through your service. I look forward to working with you throughout the year. Now, it's time to get to work. Biserka Mrzljak thanked Paul for his presentation.

Middlesex Kiwanis 2026-27 Club Executive



Left to right: Sandra Collier, Grant Knox, Carol Jellous, Karen Mazereeuw, Bob Curtis, Carol Turnbull, Biserka Mrzljak, Millie Norry, Andre Cote. Seated Lieutenant Governor Paul Garrett.

Refreshments



Thank you to Millie Norry who provided the Cake today to celebrate the three members who have October birthdays: Millie Norry October 13, Sandra Collier and Grant Knox on October 3rd.

Directors Reports & Club Activities

Chocolate Bars Fundraiser



Millie Norry has chocolate bars for sale as a fund raiser for the Pediatric oncology Department at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario. $6.00 for one bar, $10 for two bars.

Some Attendees at the 15 October 2026 Kiwanis meeting







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 admin account

Kiwanis Education 15 October, 2026

The actions of each club are guided by the needs of its own locality. Kiwanis does not impose programs upon its clubs or members.

Sunshine Report

John Longworth will not be able to contribute to the sunshine report for two weeks because he and his wife Mary are on a cruise in the Greek Islands. Millie Norry talked to Elaine Duncan, Gary's wife who said Gary was in the hospital for three days last week but is home now.

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