

Kiwanis Club of Sardis

Serving Children of the World



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Community Update

Our Food Trailer is Dusted Off and Working Again

We are delighted that COVID is less of an issue and we can be out and about again. We have been able to take our food trailer to five different events in recent weeks, including the downtown car show on June 26 and the Canada Day celebrations at Townsend Park. It has enabled us to earn a few dollars to support our community initiatives and, equally important, to enjoy the fellowship and friendship that always comes about when our trailer crew get together. We look forward to participating in other events over the summer. Keep a look out for us and sample what we have on offer. All of the profits are used to support local registered charities and non-profit organizations.



Recent Donations to Community Organizations

We contribute to a variety of community organizations. The entities we have supported over the past three months include Chilliwack Special Olympics, the Chilliwack YMCA, the Family Place Network operated by Chilliwack Community Services and the Chilliwack Community Cupboard Society. We try to arrange for representatives of these and other community organizations to join us at our breakfast meetings from time to time, so that we can be updated on their charitable activities.

If you would like to learn more about what we do, please take a look at our Facebook Page (Kiwanis Clubs of Sardis and Chilliwack) or our webpage (www.chwksardiskiwanis.org) or send us an email (chwksardiskiwanis@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

Our Focus is on Children



Kiwanis is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children, one community at a time. In our Club, we like to think we do more than our fair share in this regard by spending almost \$25,000 each year on three cherished programs — Super Readers, Students of the Month and High School Bursaries. This spending is supplemented by several donations to local charities and non-profits which have as their focus the support of families with young children.

Our Super Reader Program, designed to encourage children to read at home, is being used in eight elementary schools in the Sardis area. Almost 1,400 students have received awards for having read for 100 nights over the past school year and almost 900 have been awarded for 250 nights.

Our Student of the Month Program has been embraced by two High Schools and two Middle Schools in Sardis and we have had the pleasure of presenting engraved pen sets to approximately 60 students at these four schools during the 2021-22 school year.

Finally, we have again awarded 13 bursaries of \$1,000 each to graduating students at the three High Schools in Chilliwack.

We are Growing & We Are Busy!!

We are delighted to have welcomed seven new members in recent weeks and look forward to them bringing forward new ideas for community service. While many of us meet at our weekly breakfast meetings at the 9th End Café at the Chilliwack Curling Club, we are experimenting with a satellite group for our busier members that will seek out ways in which to serve the community and only meet as and when necessary.

The growth in our membership has come at a great time. With the return of good weather and the relaxation of health protocols we know we will be busy this summer.

Find us! Follow us! Grow With us!