

Kiwanis Club of Sardis

Serving Children of the World



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Community Update

We Recognize Community-Minded Students



One of our cherished programs is called “Student of the Month” under which we recognize students who not only maintain good academic grades but also find the time to contribute to their school or the community at large. This program has been embraced by GW Graham and Sardis Secondary Schools as well as by Mount Slesse and Vedder Middle Schools. Students are selected by school staff and receive an engraved pen set from our Club. Ordinarily, we would be delighted to recognize the students at a breakfast meeting but, sadly, because of the pandemic, we have had to give up our face to face meetings until the situation is brought under control. We, nevertheless, decided to continue the program and in February we arranged to have our awards presented to 30 very deserving students by their vice-principal. The staff at the four schools gave us a brief summary of the students’ achievements and photos of the presentations, which we were pleased to be able to include in our member newsletter. Another example of Kiwanis serving children of the world!!

Kiwanis Reading Project Still Thriving



The Sardis Kiwanis Super Reader Program, in existence for almost 30 years, provides incentives for children in elementary schools to read at home. We are pleased to report that despite the pandemic it is alive and well in 9 schools in Chilliwack, with over 2,600 children participating. The virus is continuing to prevent our members from presenting awards to the children but teaching staff have very kindly taken over that role for the time being. Based on the most recent reports from the schools, over 1,100 students have received awards for having read for at least 15 minutes a day for 100 days in the school year. The awards, which vary depending on the age of the student, include t-shirts, books, clipboards and McDonald meal certificates. Our thanks to the local McDonalds restaurants for partnering with us on this important program.

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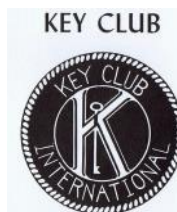
Kiwanians Help With The Soup Kitchen



Thirteen members of the Sardis Kiwanis Club are on a roster to help out in the soup kitchen on the second Saturday of each month at Cheam View United Church in downtown Chilliwack. Our volunteers help with the food preparation and we then hand over to our friends in the Chilliwack Kiwanis Club who serve the food to those in need. We would much prefer to be able to host our clients for a sit-down meal in the church hall but, for the time being at least, COVID protocols prevent us from doing that. Hopefully, the pandemic will be controlled in the not too distant future and our normal soup kitchen program can be resumed.



Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs



Kiwanis International has developed **service leadership programs** that empower people at every stage of life to become competent, capable and compassionate leaders by learning to help others. One of these programs operates through student-led **Kiwanis Key Clubs** in high schools all over North America. Their aim is to make the world a better place through service.

Our Club is proud to sponsor a Key Club at GW Graham and Sardis Secondary. We provide advice, support and financial help when needed and watch them go to work. The Sardis Club has over 70 members and recently raised about \$7,000 for the Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Program. It seems our future is in safe and compassionate hands.