

Kiwanis Club of Sardis

Serving Children of the World



Community Update

September 2021

Settled in our New Home



We have now been in our new home in the 9th End Café for several weeks and are feeling comfortable with our socially distanced tables and the protocols to keep us all safe. We have begun to have guest speakers at our Tuesday morning breakfast meetings and have experimented with the equipment necessary to hold these meetings on a hybrid basis so that members, or guests, can join us on a virtual basis if they are not able to be with us in person. We normally start gathering about 6:30am; open the meeting around 7:00am and usually finish around 8:00am, or shortly thereafter. We are always looking for new folk to join with us. You don't have to attend all of our early morning meetings but if you have the time to help out in any of our projects and you can identify with our overriding goal of serving children of the world—we would love to hear from you. Take a look at our Facebook page ([Kiwanis Clubs of Chilliwack and Sardis](#)) to get a better grasp of what we do.

Super Reader Project went well, despite COVID



The pandemic has reshaped how we do things but, fortunately, has not caused us to pull down the shutters and wait it out. A case in point is our Super Reader Program which has been run in many of the Elementary Schools in Chilliwack for over 25 years. Because of COVID, the schools moved away from large assemblies and our members weren't able to visit the schools to give awards to the children. However, the program continued in 9 schools in 2020-21 and almost 1,500 students received awards from their teachers for reading at least 100 nights and almost 900 were rewarded for 250 nights. We were pleased to supply those awards because we know that children who learn to read early in life usually excel in school and in later life. We acknowledge with thanks the support we receive from our sponsors: Coles, McDonalds Restaurants and Sapphire Creative.

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Recent Service Projects



Many of us have missed not being able to serve on our food trailer over the summer because of the pandemic. However, we were reminded in August of what it is like to serve the public at a food venue when we were given the opportunity to help the Atchelitz Threshermen's Association operate their Granma's Grill during the Chilliwack Fair. We were delighted to help out an organization that has given so much to our community by creating and maintaining their pioneer village, building an antiques museum and restoring and exhibiting steam and gasoline tractors and machinery used in farming.



We continue to help run the soup kitchen at Cheam View United Church on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. At the moment clients are provided bag lunches from the steps leading to the church hall but it is hoped that if COVID can be brought under control we can revert to a sit-down meal.



Our members have been assisting Chilliwack Community Services with their "meals on wheels program" - a valuable way of supporting the folk in our community who are not as mobile as they used to be or, for one reason or another, like to receive a meal delivered to their door

Recent Financial Support to our Community

Over the course of the year, we donate to about a dozen local charities and non-profit organizations as well as fund our own programs such as Super Readers, Students of the Month and High School Bursaries.

Our Club has for many years supported the family place network run by Chilliwack Community Services and recently made a donation to Sardis Family Place that operates out of Sardis Community Church. This facility offers free drop-ins and interactive parent-child programs to some 35 Chilliwack families every year.

We have also recently donated to Sardis Doorway which, for over 35 years, has supported high-risk mothers and their children as they lead them towards health and self-reliance.