



**Kiwaniis®**  
KINGSWAY HUMBER

Serving the Children  
of the World

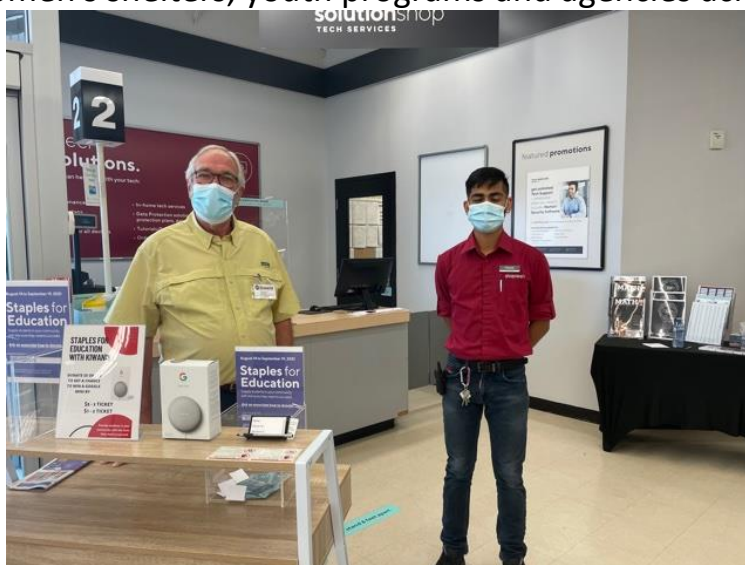
## Summer 2021 Newsletter

---

### *Staples Stores Partner with Kiwanis*

---

We are thrilled that Staples Stores in Etobicoke have once again been campaigning to raise awareness of the need to support youngsters returning to school. Kiwanis Kingsway Humber has a partnership with Staples and together for several years we have been providing Chrome books, laptops and filled student backpacks to women's shelters, youth programs and agencies across Etobicoke.



Staples Liaison and Kiwanis Kingsway Humber Former President Bo Fleischman spent three days visiting Staples Stores in Rexdale, Queensway and Dundas. Along with all the amazing Staples Managers and staff, Bo was able to thank customers for their donations to our programs to support youngsters and to explain how together with are all helping students across Etobicoke.

**Thank you to Staples for always being there to support kids and families.**

Below, Gillian is presenting Let's Get Together and Somali Women's and Children's Support Network with backpacks. Thanks to Alison Canning, Executive Director of Let's Get Together and Farhia Warsame Executive Director of Somali Women's and Children's Support Network.



In August, our Club had a small amount of funding remaining from our backpack project and we also had some school supplies which we donated to Division 22 for their 'backpack campaign'.



---

## *25 Food Hampers to Women's Habitat*

---

On Friday, October 1st, Kiwanians from Kingsway Humber delivered 25 Thanksgiving Food Hampers to Women's Habitat Shelter for their Outreach Food Program which supports over 60 women led families on their priority list.



Food security is a major concern for the majority of the women who are part of Women's Habitat Outreach Program. These women are young moms, grandmothers caring for grandchildren, women starting over after leaving the shelter, and women who are preparing to leave a dangerous household and need food security to alleviate a buildup of stress.

Thank you to **President Stuart** for shopping for and packing 10 hampers, and to **Gill & Andre, and Samantha & Lincoln** who shopped for and packed 15 hampers, personally donated 5 hampers, and delivered everything the Women's Habitat.





Liked by maddithemagnificent and 3 others

khkiwanis Repost from  
[@womenshabitat](#)

•

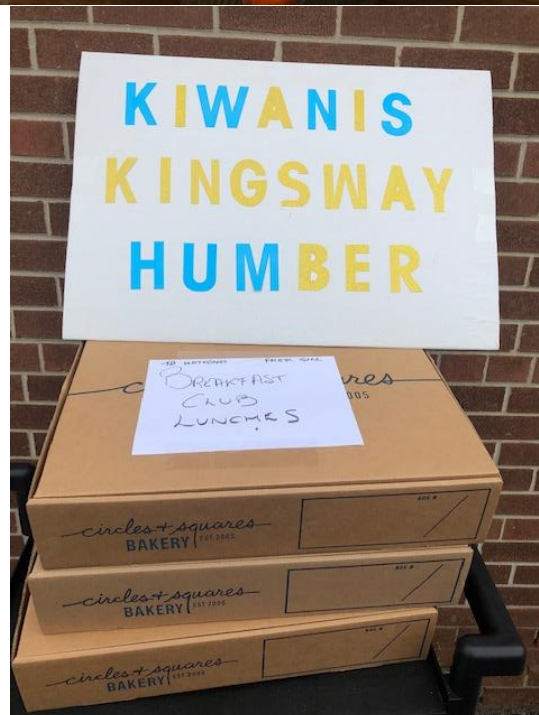
An amazing donation today of over 25 incredibly thoughtful Thanksgiving food baskets from Kingsway-Humber Kiwanis Club. We are so grateful to our community for always coming through when we are in need. ❤️

---

## *29 lunches for hungry kids in Rexdale*

---

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Gill and Andre provided 29 lunches for Rexdale Albion Neighbourhood Services Youth Program which includes the Rexdale Boys and Girls Club. We are supporting youngsters from the five local North Etobicoke schools who are in need of extra food support, and each lunch bag included thick chicken and cheese sandwiches, and orange, and a chocolate roll.



---

## *Community Partner Chef Keith Hoare Raising Funds in the Community*

---

Our amazing and generous community partner, Chef Keith Hoare of Thistletown Collegiate Institute, has helped with two important youth fundraisers in the community. On Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Keith hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Thistletown Chef's Harvest Party to send culinary grade 11 and 12 students to Italy for a rich culinary and cultural tour. Keith brought together 19 professional chefs and 28 students who whipped up fabulous foods. It was a delicious and delightful day, raising money for a great cause!



Chef Keith and Lincoln (left), and the 19 food stations (right)

On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Chef Keith also joined Lincoln in the Longo's Leaside Kitchen for the 5<sup>th</sup> Cooking for Kids fundraiser for Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. Together they made Sticky Toffee Pudding and raised funds (\$8000 so far) for the hospital!



---

## *\$4000 to Michael Powers Drum Line*

---

Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber provided Michael Power Drum Line with \$4,000 funding to purchase 8 Tenor Drums with Carrier Stands. Our club has provided funding regularly from the start up of the Drum Line.

A message of thanks....



Thank you for the support that the Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber have shown the Michael Power/ St Joseph drum line (MPSJ). We have placed the order for the 8 tenor drums and carriers and we are currently awaiting delivery. Once the drums arrive I will provide a photo of the students with the drums. I did attach some photos that may be a substitute in the mean while.

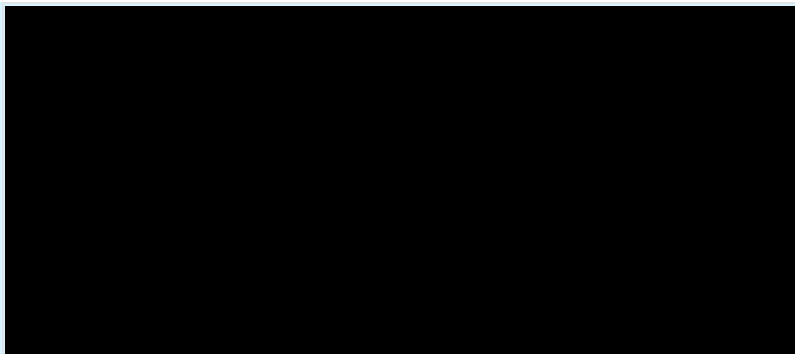
The MPSJ drum line was restarted in 2016 after disbanding in 1969. After disbanding in 1969 the Michael Power drummers moved into the Etobicoke community and went on to become one of the most respected drum line programs in world before folding in the mid 1990's. As the MPSJ drum line program restarted in 2016, the Kingsway Humber Kiwanis Club was involved almost immediately to support the drummers. The program started with 25 drummers and the number of drummers has been increasing every year. Hundreds of students have been positively impacted by the MPSJ drum line, a

program which would not been possible without the generous support given by the Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber.

The MPSJ drum line is having it's first meeting today after school. Toronto Public Health had placed a hold on all extra curricular programs in schools until they could see how back to school was going to impact covid case counts. We are expecting a strong turn out today as the drum line has been an ever growing program and with students not having the option to participate in extra curricular programs they are eager to get going again. I will provide some photos of today's meeting later today.

At MPSJ, and because of covid, we haven't been playing wind instruments in school. Currently all the band classes are being conducted with the drum line instruments. Here is a video of one of those classes.

[Drum Line Class @ MPSJ](#)



**Drum Line Class @ MPSJ**

We are moving towards starting a drum line course at MPSJ next year and finalizing meetings are happening later this month. None of this would have been possible without the support of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber.

Normally at this time of year the MPSJ drum line performs in Santa Claus parades around Southern Ontario. This year many communities are not having parades. This leads to an decrease in funding for the MPSJ drum line. We are hoping that in the new year as we return to normalcy, that the drum line will increase in it's public performances. The drum line continues to grow during this time with your support.

Thank you again for the support you have given the MPSJ drum line. We are extremely thankful for the relationship we have and we look forward to carrying the Kiwanis Kingsway Humber banner in parades and spreading the good word of the Kingsway Humber Kiwanis Club.

Mike Fanning

---

## *Passing of Peter Clarkson*

---

In Celebration of

# **Peter Bruce Archibald Clarkson, FCPA, FCA**

**June 19, 1932 -  
September 13, 2021**

With aching hearts we announce the death of our beloved Peter who died at home surrounded by his family on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Born in London, England on June 19, 1932, to Geoffrey and Ess Clarkson, Peter grew up in southwest England with his brothers, Alan (Monica) and Robert, dec'd 2016 (Jean). As was the custom, Peter and his brothers attended boarding school, including Sherbourne, where the memories made lasted a lifetime.



At nineteen, Peter was conscripted into the British Army and served as Captain in the Royal Artillery from 1951-1953. In 1956 he was stationed in Trieste and Malta in the Suez war. From there he became a chartered accountant working in the UK, Canada, Australia, and Rhodesia.

After working for a year in Canada, Peter decided to visit his cousins in Australia. On the voyage to Australia, he met his beautiful bride and love of 58 years, Sue (herself a transplanted Brit in Canada). Peter and Sue went on to make their home in Toronto. They had 4 children – Lisa (Gordie), Julie (Jon), Robert, and James (Victoria) along with 7 beloved grandchildren Ashley, Christopher, Katrina, Lucy, Henry, Emma, and Cooper - and an 8th grandchild to be born this November.

In 1965, after settling in Toronto, Peter founded the accounting firm Clarkson, Rouble LLP. He went on to lead a distinguished career in chartered accountancy, including sitting on various disciplinary tribunals for the Institute of Chartered Accountants. In 2002, Peter was made a lifetime member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario. In 2021, he was awarded the prestigious 'Fellows Designation' 2021, which recognizes exceptional service to the C.A. profession and volunteer work.

While accounting was his profession, music and family were his passions. Peter was an avid lifelong musician. He played in many bands, orchestras, and choirs throughout his life. As a child, he played weekly local shows on clarinet and piano, in a family quartet with his father and brothers. As an adult, he played for over 50 years in the 'Vansickle Ensemble', which delighted residents in old age homes. He performed in a Gilbert and Sullivan Orchestra for many years and joined the Royal St. George's Alumni Orchestra at the age of 84. For fifty years, Peter sang in the choirs of All Saints Church, Kingsway, and St. Peter's Church, Erindale, with his beloved friend and choirmaster Clem. These years featured many choir tours and performances in the UK (and tours of some pubs!). On Sunday afternoons the family and Neighbours were always treated to some fortissimo Opera floating from the Clarkson house.

Peter volunteered with the Kiwanis Music Festival of GTA for over 40 years. There he also served as treasurer, board member, and president. He received numerous awards through the Kiwanis Club. In 2020 - the 'Diamond Mel Osbourne Award' from Kiwanis Worldwide. In 2020 - the 'Province of Ontario Award' for 35 plus years of volunteering. In 2021 - the 'Outstanding Volunteer Service Award' from the House of Commons.

Peter loved to spend time at his family cottage in Bancroft Ontario. He busied himself there cutting down trees, building cabins, reading, driving the boat on tours of Lake Baptiste, playing lots of mahjong with the family, and having a sunset glass of wine.

Our family will miss, forever, Peter's keen mind, quick dry wit, but mostly his love, kindness, optimism, and strength.

The family is indebted to Dorothy Ley Hospice for the tender care provided over the past 10 months especially from Dr. Haq and our witty and encouraging Primary RN nurse Veronica. You are shining examples of what loving and compassionate care looks like.

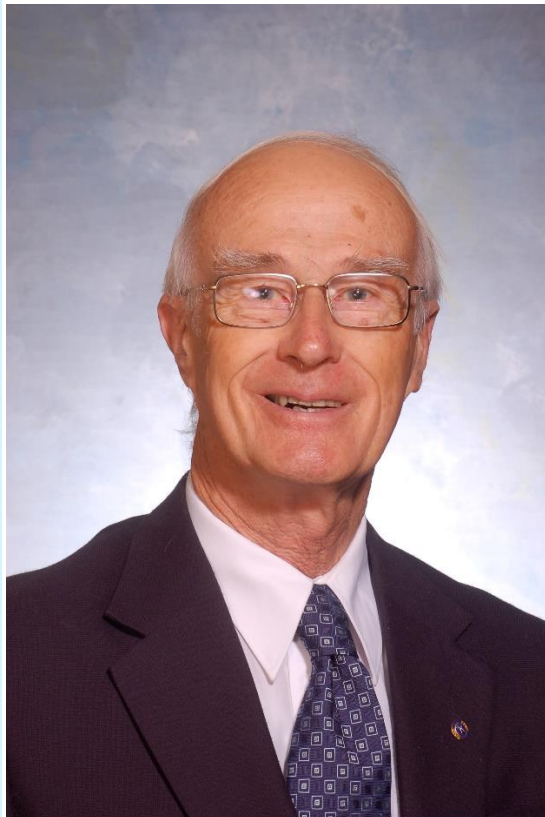
We would also like to thank the staff and doctors at Sunnybrook ALS Clinic, who contributed so much to Peter's care.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 1st at 11 am at St. Peter's, Erindale Anglican Church. Sadly, due to Covid restrictions of 40 guests, only a few close friends and family are invited to attend.

A live streaming link will be available at:  
<https://youtu.be/-wa3qjJHwBs>

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Dorothy Ley Hospice or to the Kiwanis Music Festival.

Peter was a dear friend and champion of both the Kiwanis Music Festival and the Kingway Humber Kiwanis Club. Over the past year alone, Peter received an award by Ivan Baker, M.P. for Etobicoke Centre, for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Community, as well as the Mel Osborne Medal with diamond pin, for his outstanding 40 years of service to the Kiwanis Music Festival! This prestigious award is presented to those who have contributed to the growth and work of Kiwanis, with their service and dedication remembered and honoured by being named to this society. We are all very saddened by the passing of Peter and send our sincere condolences to his family. The Club has donated \$100 to the Kiwanis Music festival, \$100 to ALS clinic at Sunnybrook, and \$100 to the Dorothy Ley Hospice.



---

## *Passing of Clarke Mills*

---



Clarke (right) helping raise funds for our Club.

### **A personal reflection by Robert (Bo) Fleischman**

Clarke joined Kiwanis in 2009 following his retirement from Kilgore Engineering.

His father had been a member of the Humber Valley club for many years and as a teenager Clarke had attended many Kiwanis functions. He was club secretary for one year but settled into his best role as club greeter when he collected the lunchtime funds.

Clarke was active in the sale of Christmas goodies at both the Rendezvous club and at his retirement residence assisted by Joe Polito.

Clarke was an only child and spent almost sixty years living in the family home in Sunnylea. His move from there was into a retirement complex in Mississauga which he quite enjoyed until the residents were restricted to their rooms....something he likened to being jailed.

He took up residence at the Marriott Suites for a year and loved it before deciding to move to Windsor to be closer to his U.S. cousins. There he found a beautiful condominium overlooking the river and Detroit and loved watching the ships pass by day and night.

Sadly, he only had three months there before passing away. I am sure they were three wonderful months. He was advocating for the club members to come for a visit and to hold a meeting in his new home.

His only family other than his Kiwanis family and some childhood friends are some cousins living in Pittsburgh.

Clarke's funeral took place on September 25th, three weeks before his 78th birthday, where he was laid to rest at Sanctuary Park cemetery next to his mother. I was one of the eulogist.

His ever-cheerful persona will be missed.

Kingsway Humber Kiwanis has made a donation to the Kiwanis Music Festival in memory of Clarke.

---

## Upcoming Events

---

**\*Saturday, October 23rd:** Kiwanis One Day at Global Medics.

**\*Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Club Meeting with Speaker from Arts Etobicoke – topic on the EDGE Youth Art Show

You can stay up to date on all the important work we are doing in the community!

Please visit our social media pages for the Kingsway Humber Kiwanis Club

@KHKiwanis

on  and 



### Officers / Committees

**President:** Stuart Roberts

**Treasurer:** Joseph Polito

**Directors:** Bo Fleischman, Andre Dugas, Barnaby Ross, Gillian Dugas, Horace Knight, George Rowell, Paul Collings, Gabe Rucchetto, and Samantha Dugas

**Club Newsletter:** Samantha Dugas, Lincoln Dugas-Nishisato, & Gillian Dugas