

**September 11, 2024**

**Draft Letter to Kiwanis Club of Ottawa Members**

My Fellow Kiwanians,

As your incoming President of the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa, I am looking forward with great anticipation to the start of our new fiscal year, on October 1, 2024. I have too many Kiwanians to thank who have guided, mentored and coached me on my Kiwanis journey.

But I do want to thank our KCO Board of Directors who have shown me what Board governance is all about when it comes to managing our great club of more than 125 members!

However, at this time, I must inform you of some important new information that has been sent to our Club effective with the new fiscal year on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Kiwanis International dues are increasing for the first time in more than 10 years to \$181.00 CAD. This increase of more than 40% year over year since 2023 means that we have had to review all of our membership classifications. After a thorough review by the Membership Committee led by Past Governor Phil Rossy and recommendations made to the Board of Directors, we will be increasing some of our membership dues and reducing others.

The following are the membership dues classifications for 2024-25. All dues quoted include HST (13%).

| <b><u>Member Class</u></b>        | <b><u>2023 Dues</u></b> | <b><u>2024-25 Dues</u></b> | <b><u>2025-26 Dues</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Full Member                       | \$370                   | \$370                      | \$370                      |
| New Member (1yr)                  | \$187.50                | \$225                      | \$225                      |
| Family Member                     | \$125                   | \$195                      | \$195                      |
| Club Chaplain                     | \$25                    | \$0                        | \$0                        |
| Life Member                       | \$45                    | \$75                       | \$75                       |
| Corporate                         | \$1000                  | \$1000                     | \$1000                     |
| **New Member under 30 (after Yr1) |                         | \$225                      | \$225                      |
| **Members over 70                 |                         | \$225                      | \$225                      |

There are 2 new membership categories that were approved by the Board.

1. New Members under 30 years of age dues are \$225/year.
2. Members over 70 years of age are \$225/year.

We believe this new fee structure is both equitable and fair based on current and projected dues increases for the next 2 years at least.

We trust and hope that our members understand and accept the fact that these dues increases are both necessary and required to keep our club fiscally responsible and viable for the future of the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa.

If any members wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Membership Chair/Club Treasurer Phil Rossy

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Jarrold Goldsmith  
President Designate 2024-25