



# WAVES NEWSLETTER

WOMENS' ASSOCIATION FOR VITAL EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (Serving since 1961)

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## Memories

As another year has come to a close at Great Lakes Christian High School, memories have been created again. Friends, classes, sports events, devotionals, banquets, Commencement and Graduation. Over 70 years of memories have been created

at the school that so many have come to love. For 63 of those years, the WAVES have been involved and helped to make the memories a reality for students who have attended the school. Without your dedication and support, this



would not have been possible for these students. Many of you have memories of attending Great Lakes, and this is partly why you continue to support the WAVES and Great Lakes. We have the desire to keep the school as a place where memories can be created and our children, grandchildren, and other students can attend and see the life of Christ in action.

Many of the staff at the school are now in "summer" mode and having a well-deserved break. However, there are also staff at work getting ready for the next year so that another year of memories can begin! It is an endless cycle, and the WAVES is part of this cycle. We may be in summer mode as well, but I know that many of you are also preparing for another year of supporting the school as you have done for so many years.



Thank you for all your work and dedication over this past year as you have worked to attain our goals to support the staff and students at Great Lakes Christian High School.

If you are on Facebook send a request to join the WAVES Facebook page. Information regarding WAVES Newsletters, events and catering will be posted there. You may also email [WAVES@glchs.ca](mailto:WAVES@glchs.ca) to receive information.

WAVES annual dues  
\$12  
Please pay to your local  
chapter

The Executive encourages WAVES chapters to send articles/information/pictures that you would like included, please email them to: [waves@glchs.ca](mailto:waves@glchs.ca). The next newsletter will be sent out in the Fall

Thank you to **ALL** WAVES members for your continued support!

## WAVES NEWS

### **SWOT MEETING MARCH 23, 2024**

Heather Johnson joined us as a guest presenter, leading us through a comprehensive SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) in March. This presentation was well attended and many ideas and thoughts about the WAVES was shared and explored. We will be reviewing the report that Heather Johnson has completed for us. If you would like a copy of the report, please send a request to [waves@glchs.ca](mailto:waves@glchs.ca)

**FundScrip** WAVES continues to use Fundscrip (<https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/RXYN5T>) as a way to raise money. For each card ordered WAVES receives a percentage. Gift cards can be ordered at any time and for an occasion, not just for Christmas. You can order gift cards for birthdays, showers or just because. There are all kinds of gift cards available. Shopping malls, restaurants, gas, grocery stores just to name a few. It doesn't matter where you are in Ontario, you can order the cards online and have them delivered to your home. To check out what's available go to: <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/RXYN5T>. We appreciate your support. If you require more information on ordering gift cards, please contact Margaret for assistance ([gm.ayala5@gmail.com](mailto:gm.ayala5@gmail.com)). If you need help or would like Margaret to order gift cards on your behalf, please contact her directly. Orders should be sent to her by the 5th of the month.

### **Membership Fees**

Paying your membership fees each year helps us in achieving our goals . You can remit your membership dues to your local treasurer, or contact Beth Whitehead at [bwcookie10@gmail.com](mailto:bwcookie10@gmail.com). Membership fees are \$1.00 per month or \$200.00 for a Lifetime Membership. Your support, no matter how small, makes a significant impact!

### **Executive Offices**

If you have an interest in contributing to the WAVES in an executive position, we invite you to send a message to [waves@glchs.ca](mailto:waves@glchs.ca) . Executive positions, as outlined in the bylaws, have a duration of 2 years. The current open positions are detailed below. We kindly request that you carefully consider the possibility of serving on the Executive in any capacity to support the effective functioning of the WAVES.

1. President - Open
2. Vice President— Open
3. Program officer—Open
4. Ways and Means Officer—Open
5. Membership Officer— Open
6. Recording Secretary—Dianne Gardner
7. Correspondence Secretary—Dianne Gardner
8. Treasurer—Beth Whitehead
9. Catering Coordinator—Sherry Lee

### **By-laws**

If you would like a copy of the WAVES by-laws, please email Dianne Gardner at [waves@glchs.ca](mailto:waves@glchs.ca)

# Chapter News

## **Beamsville Area WAVES**

The WAVES in this area continue to be busy with catering. They were quite busy in the fall with several dinners, including the Alumni Dinner. Some funerals have been catered to as well. The BGT WAVES served the luncheon after the Commencement on June 14. Thank you to all that helped out with this event.



## **St. Catharines WAVES**

The St. Catharines WAVES is small in numbers, but they continue to meet to create quilts to sell. They have a quilt and some jewelry that can be auctioned off at an event at the school that will raise money.

## **Georgian Bay WAVES**

Even though we are small in number, we continue to press ahead with our activities. Unfortunately, due to poor health, two of our active members are not able to be as active as they have been in the past, but we have had one new member join our group and another lady who has expressed interest in helping us with our activities.

We started the year off with our Beef/Turkey on a Bun. We are now coming up to our Spring Garage/Bake Sale on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We have also made plans to make and sell Apple Pies during the October Craft Show held each year here in Meaford. We have scheduled our Winter White Elephant/Bake Sale for early December.

Our past year's activities enabled us to send approximately \$4,000.00 in support of Great Lakes. With God's help, we will continue to do what we can to help support Christian education at Great Lakes. May all of you be as richly blessed as we have been. Submitted by Joan Cramp

## **Niagara Frontier WAVES**

The women of the Niagara Frontier chapter continue in their efforts to generate funds whenever possible. Every contribution, no matter how small, plays a crucial role in advancing our commitment to uphold Christian Education.



# Hospitality and Tourism Class

## Honour the WAVES

It was a pleasure to have the Hospitality and Tourism class host the WAVES for a Lunch at the school. This was a final Summative for this class. They were marked on the place settings, cooking, serving and the overall experience. We were pleased to be able to join the school and the class in this event. So nice to be served! They did an amazing job.



## In Remembrance of our Members

### Care Alexander



Care Alexander lost her battle with cancer on May 18, 2024. Care truly lived up to her name as she hosted many students with her husband and daughters and served the school and WAVES in many ways. Care will be missed by all in the Great Lakes community.

### Edythe Williams

We are sorry to report that Edythe Williams of Meaford WAVES Chapter, passed away to her heavenly home on June 22, 2024. She was a WAVES Member since the 1960s, first in the Toronto Chapter and later in the Meaford Chapter. Edythe was known for the Easter Egg project in Toronto. She tirelessly solicited large companies to donate ingredients and then organized Toronto WAVES ladies, into making thousands of Easter Eggs every year. Upon moving to Meaford in midlife, she continued to work with the WAVES in that location. She was famous for her fruit pies and would often make 5 or 10 pies, for WAVES bake sales or fund-raising dinners. She was famous for her cabbage salad and frequently was requested to make cabbage salad for 100 or more, for dinners the Meaford WAVES were catering. We are going to miss her for her beautiful smile cheery greetings, enthusiastic attitude towards life, and last but not least her undying love for God and Great Lakes Christian High School.



Submitted by Fran Groves