

Newsletter: September 2025



Registration **OPEN**

Upcoming Meetups & Events

- **September**
 - **10:** Madmash Brewery & Restaurant (Stratford Area BC)
 - **11:** Kelsey's Original Roadhouse (Guelph BC)
 - **16:** The Canadian Brewhouse (KW BC)
 - **22:** Four Fathers Brewing (Cambridge BC)
 - **29:** Schooner Street Brewery (Eastbridge BC)
- **October**
 - **8:** Decew Falls Brewing Company (Niagara Region BC)
 - **21:** Rural Roots Brewing Company (Woolwich BC)
 - **27:** The Chill Bar & Grill (Eastbridge BC)
- **November**
 - **3:** Farm League Brewing (Cambridge BC)
 - **11:** The Bollywood Bistro (Guelph BC)
 - **12:** Bentley's Barr Inn & Restaurant (Stratford BC)
- **December 8:** Maxwell's Concerts & Events (**A Locally Connected Festive Meetup**)
- **January 26:** Morty's Pub (**9th Anniversary Meetup**)

Feeding Connections: Thanks to Our Happy Hour Meetup Sponsors!

- **September 10:** Madmash Brewery & Restaurant – Tavistock
 - *Wright Wealth (Guelph) Inc.*
- **September 11:** Kelsey's Original Roadhouse – Guelph
 - *Wright Wealth (Guelph) Inc.*
- **September 16:** The Canadian Brewhouse – Kitchener
 - [The Canadian Brewhouse](#)
 - [Crown to Ground](#)
- **September 22:** Four Fathers Brewing – Cambridge
 - 2 x sponsorship opportunities available
- **October 8:** Decew Falls Brewing Company – St. Catharines
 - [Kelly Sauriol](#), Mission35 Mortgages
- **October 21:** Rural Roots Brewing Company – Elmira
 - [Co-operators Elmira](#)
- **October 27:** The Chill Bar & Grill – Waterloo
 - 2 x sponsorship opportunities available
- **November 3:** Farm League Brewing – Cambridge
 - 1 x sponsorship opportunity available
- **November 11:** The Bollywood Bistro – Guelph
 - 1 x sponsorship opportunity available
- **November 12:** Bentley's Barr Inn & Restaurant – Stratford
 - 1 x sponsorship opportunity available
- **December 8:** Maxwell's Concerts & Events (Regional Festive Connections)
 - [Co-operators Elmira](#)
 - 3 x sponsorship opportunities available
- **January 26:** Morty's Pub (9th Anniversary Meetup)
 - 4 x sponsorship opportunities available

Sponsor an upcoming meetup (\$200) and help create an unforgettable experience! Your support not only enhances the event but also puts your business in the spotlight, connecting you with a diverse and engaged community. [Click here](#) for full sponsorship details.





Your Community Is Looking – Are You Showing Up?

On Canada Day, the Locally Connected Community Hub celebrated something truly local – the launch of its ConnectSWO community engagement app!

Now's the time to make sure your profile is working for you. Take a few minutes to review and update your listing so potential customers, collaborators, and community members can find you easily. The app connects thousands of users across South and Southwestern Ontario – make sure your info is current, complete, and compelling. Don't miss your chance to be seen!

- [Listen](#) to our launch podcast for a behind-the-scenes look of the ConnectSWO app.
- Download the ConnectSWO app for [Android](#) / [iOS](#).
- [Add](#) your business or personal profile.

More Member Perks Just Added!

Locally Connected [Shop Local Discounts](#) continue to expand — bringing you even more exclusive offers from our members, for our members! It's our way of saying thank you for being part of this thriving, ever-growing community.

Our three exclusive discounts include:

- 30% OFF any studio portrait package with Garrett Peck Visuals – [Click here](#) to contact Garrett Peck
- 25% OFF at [The Tree Coffee House](#) – Use discount code LOCALCOFFEE at checkout
- 15% OFF from [Grill Hero](#) – Contact Sandy Kligman at 647-614-4376 or sandy.kligman@grillhero.com

These perks are available to anyone who follows the Locally Connected Community Hub on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#), or who has a completed profile in the [ConnectSWO app](#). More discounts are coming soon — stay tuned and keep supporting local!

Testimonial

I was a little nervous to attend my first Meetup, but everyone was so warm and welcoming that those nerves quickly disappeared. I had such a great time at the networking event — I left feeling energized and full of fresh ideas! I truly appreciate all the support I received last night. The atmosphere was so positive and fun, and it's all thanks to you and your amazing volunteers. I'm incredibly grateful to have found this group and am already looking forward to the next event!

– Stacy Bergen, Founder and CEO
End to End Financial Services Inc.



Online Resources

- [ConnectSWO](#) - Southwestern Ontario's largest and most freely accessible shop local business directory
- [Photo Gallery](#)
- [Meetup Feedback Form](#)
- [Community Outreach](#)
- [Milestones & Achievements](#)
- [Sponsors](#)
- [RSVP to your next Meetup](#)

New Members

Eastbridge Chapter

- Deborah Shewell - Clearwater Bookkeeping Solutions
- Eric Hoshoooley - Thunderstorm Productions
- Eric Hoshoooley - Thunderstorm Snacks
- Jason McKenty - Region of Waterloo
- Jodi Armit - Jodi Armit Photography
- Saed Khraim - First Choice Car Care & Detailing
- Shawn Kavanaugh - RBC Dominion Securities
- Valentine Ohalebo

Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter

- Angela Widdicombe - Dialpad
- April Patterson - Financial Harmony
- Brennan O'Connor - Dialpad
- Berleine Marin - Intelso IT Solutions
- Denise Young - Hope & Grace for Grieving Moms
- Dylan Spencer - The Canadian Brewhouse
- Emily Tell - IdeaTilt Inc.
- Faith Igbinedion - 3DLifestylew Kitchener
- Farah Ateeq
- Hillary Salvian - The Club at Northfield
- Kevin Litwiller - Schooley Mitchell of Kitchener-Waterloo
- Mario Mihaljev - Dialpad
- Melanie Thomas - MelanieThomas.ca
- Mohamad Alsharea - Hadi Barbershop
- Nadwa Alsharea - Hadi Barbershop
- Olivia Verbit - AJF Studio
- Rajan Thomas - Plutoplanet
- Roberto Bazan - Lovbot Marketing
- Tessa Kohler - Saje Natural Wellness

Cambridge Chapter

- Ashley Griffin - GRIFFCOMM Inc
- Runo Eto - Rec.Corner

Guelph Chapter

- John Wills

Niagara Region Chapter

- Cameron Steer - MagnolQ
- Carolyn Fish - Expanded Living Coaching
- Clare Pajot
- Dale Myrie - Bespoke
- Debi Katsmar - Prowl Communications
- Diana Myrie - Royalty Consulting Services
- Eleanor Pineau - Myco Pet
- Emily Doucette

- Erin McKinnon - Rock Capital Mortgage
- Gio Aldrin Decrepito - World Financial Group
- Heather Housser
- Jason Campbell
- Karen Robson - Discover Your Colour
- Ken Bridgman - The Super Patch Company
- Kevin - Lounge Six Parkway Sky Bar
- Mark Epp - Eppcon Electrical Solutions
- Mark Wood - Tradebank
- Matthew Gamble - MagnolIQ
- Naranjan Nota
- Patricia Tudor
- Ron Huard - The Millron Group
- Stephanie Carido - Money Map Niagara - WFG

Stratford Area Chapter

- Nathan Ropp - Sprucewood Tack Shop

Woolwich Chapter

- Adil Rauf - Redmount Canada
- Carlene Hawley
- Donna Arseneau
- Edward Denyer - Eco Cafe St. Jacobs
- Ryan Meghdies - Tastic Marketing
- Vanessa Rusu - Vanessa Rusu Digital

Member at Large

- Chaenel Mattis
 - Jai Jerom - Plutoplanet Inc.
 - Joanne Sparrow - Joanne Sparrow Consulting
 - Sharon Dalari - Konscious Unapologetic Nitid Thoughts
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Annual Meetup Door Prize Sponsors

- ALL Corporate Print & Branding
- Andy's Custom Contracting
- Bailey's Local Foods
- bookmytherapy.ca
- Brentwood Custom Lasering
- Caudle's Catch Seafood
- Cellular Phoenix
- Chef On Call
- Classic Indian Restaurant
- Creekside Hearing
- Cross Heating & Air Conditioning
- Ctrl V - Cambridge
- Ctrl V - Guelph
- Ctrl V - Waterloo
- Dairy Queen Grill & Chill (King Street North)
- DT Shawarma (Bridge Street West)
- Eby Manor Golden Guernsey Dairy Market
- Enspire Dental Opportunities
- Expedia Cruises (Fairway Road South)
- Expedia Cruises (Waterloo)
- Freshco (University & Bridge)
- Garrett Peck Visuals
- HiWay Flowers
- irisHR
- Jackie Lauer, Leadership Consulting & Coaching
- KW Siskins
- Lavish Nails & Beauty Spa
- Les trois lys herbal clinic
- Levetto
- Like A Son Handyman Services
- Meal in a Jar
- Morty's Pub
- OUR Community Dollar
- Pennzoil 10 Minute Oil Change
- Pharmasave - Carriage Crossing Pharmacy
- Red Swan Pizza (Northfield Drive)
- Regal Nails Cambridge
- Renu Coaching
- ShineCo Cleaning
- St. Louis Bar & Grill
- Sugar Savvy Beauty Boutique
- The Poop Valet
- The Pickle Barrel (Conestoga Mall)
- Trevello
- Ultimate Vision Web & IT Solutions

- Gecko Websites
 - Grand River Tanning Salon
 - Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce
 - Hand & Stone - Guelph
 - Hand & Stone - The Boardwalk
 - Ultra Plumbing & HVAC
 - Vasco Real Estate
 - Wally Parr Foods
 - Waterloo Bike Shop
 - YUMMY Burgers
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We look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming Meetups! [Click here](#) to confirm your spot (if you haven't already)!

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