



ROW 50th Anniversary Awards Gala

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

APRIL 25, 2026



THE REGION OF WATERLOO SWIM CLUB IS PROUD TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF COMPETITIVE SPIRIT, COMMUNITY, AND EXCELLENCE. JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING HONOURING THE ATHLETES, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS, ALUMNI, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHAPED ROW'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. THIS MILESTONE GALA BRINGS TOGETHER ALUMNI, FAMILIES, PAST SWIMMERS, FORMER COACHES, AND SUPPORTERS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION.



Event Details

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM Cocktail Reception
7:00 PM Dinner
Location: The Walper Hotel,
20 Queen St S,
Kitchener, ON
Dress Code: Semi-formal
Audience: Alumni, Alumni Families,
Past swimmers,
Former coaches
Long time supporters
Community partners

(Ticketing for current ROW Parents will open later, pending availability.)



Ticket Options

Guests may register through our official online registration form.

Ticket Types

- Individual Ticket: \$120
- Reserved Table (8 seats): \$900

Seating

- Reserved tables are available only for groups purchasing a full table of 8.
- All other seating is general admission.
- There is no assigned seating for individual ticket holders.

Confirmation

Your registration is not complete until payment is received.



Registration

Please register using our official online form:

<https://forms.gle/9MiBw1NtonEgLVdV9>

You will receive a confirmation email once payment has been received.

Payment Information

To confirm your tickets, please send an e-transfer to: office@rowswimming.ca Include in the message:

- Your name
- "50th Anniversary Gala Tickets"
- The number of tickets purchased

Registrations without payment cannot be finalized.

50th Anniversary Hall of Fame

For our 50th anniversary, we are proud to introduce a new Hall of Fame category:

The Builders category honours individuals whose leadership, vision, and dedication have had a transformational impact on the club—especially those who helped save our pool and secure ROW's future.



2026 Builder Inductees

- Tracy Bennett
- Peter Baxter
- Tom Fuke
- Dave Hughes



2026 Athlete Inductees

- Jennifer Fretesi
- Keith Beavers
- Takashi Yamamoto
- Jessica Tuomela



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Gala Schedule

6:00 PM – Cocktail Reception
 7:00 PM – Dinner Service
 7:45 PM – Hall of Fame Inductions
 8:15 PM – Silent Auction Feature
 8:30 PM – Late – Social Time & Mingling

Guests will have the opportunity to bid on unique items and experiences.

All proceeds support the ROW High Performance Fund.

Dinner Menu & Entrée Selection
 Entrées must be selected at the time of registration.

Guests may choose from the following:

- Beef Entrée
- Chicken Entrée
- Vegetarian Entrée

Guests may also list:

- Dietary restrictions
- Allergies
- Special accommodations

The Walper Hotel will make every reasonable effort to accommodate dietary needs.



Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship helps elevate the gala experience and directly supports ROW's High Performance Fund, which benefits our competitive swimmers.

Sponsorship Levels

- Platinum – \$5,000+
- Gold – \$2,000
- Silver – \$1,000
- Bronze – \$500
- Legacy Donation Table – \$750
- (A reserved table of 8 dedicated in honour of a family or individual.)

Sponsor Recognition Includes

All sponsors will be recognized:

- In the printed gala program
- On the ROW website
- During the event program



Additional Notes

- ROW is not a registered nonprofit and cannot issue tax receipts.
- Seating is general admission except for reserved tables.
- Dietary needs must be listed at registration to ensure proper accommodation.

Stay Connected

Updates, inductee profiles, auction items, and sponsor announcements will be posted on:

- ROW Website
- ROW Social Media
- Club Newsletter

We look forward to celebrating 50 incredible years with our ROW family.

Here's to the next 50.

Ticket Delivery Options

Guests may choose:

1. Electronic Tickets (default)
 - Sent to the email provided during registration
 - Delivered once payment is confirmed
2. Printed Tickets by Mail (optional)
 - Select "Yes" on the registration form
 - Provide full mailing address
 - Printed tickets will be mailed upon payment

