

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANTFORD

Meeting at the Best Western: Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 12:00 noon

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2 Year Term

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Phil Hoekstra Joanne Murray Graham Schram

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 16TH

The Kiwanis Club of Brantford and the Brantford Public Library are partnering to put on the first annual Story Jam LitFest. **Zile Ozols**, Manager of Programming & Partnership, Brantford Public Library, will speak about the festival, in particular, the Story Jam, which will be an integral part of the festival.

Head Table: President **Dave Lewis**, Guest Speaker **Zile Ozols**, **Jim Steele**, **Maureen Henry**, **Rae-Lynne Aramburo** (CEO/Head Librarian)

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

<u>Thursday, February 23rd</u>: **Curtis Madden**, Paramedic, "Use of Automated External Defibrillators"

<u>Thursday, March 2nd</u>: The Kiwanis Club of Brantford's "Invite a Guest" luncheon meeting

Thursday, March 9th: "To be confirmed"

<u>Thursday, March 16th</u>: **HCOL Paul Williamson** from the 56th Field Artillery Regiment

KIWANIS CONVENTION DATES

<u>E. C. & C. District Convention</u>: May 18 through May 21, 2023 in Quebec City. The cost if you **register before February 24**th is \$260. If you register after that, the cost is \$400. Register at kiwanisecc.org/registration. Please book your accommodation asap as well before rates increase. It is recommended that you book directly at the Delta by Marriott Quebec hotel where the Convention sessions will take place. Book your accommodation at kiwanisecc.org/accommodations.

<u>Kiwanis International Convention</u>: June 21 through June 24, 2023 in Minneapolis – Virtually or In-Person

BIRTHDAYS

Todd Glaves will celebrate his birthday on February 19th and **Kirby Brown** on February 23rd. Happy Birthday Kiwanians!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

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EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District is home to over 284 Kiwanis clubs. These clubs are divided up into Divisions. Each Division is led by a Lieutenant Governor who reports to the Governor.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction ~ George Lorimer ~

Current Membership – 52

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 9TH



The Meeting Bell was rung at 12:30 – As President Dave was ailing and off for the day, President Elect **Alfred Hauk** took over as the Presiding Chair and called the meeting to order.

Kiwanian Phil Hoekstra reported one guest of Alfred Hauk - Kathryn Goodhue.



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Kiwanian **Phil Hoekstra** indicated today's 50/50 Draw pot was \$38.00. **Mayor Kevin Davis** drew Phil's ticket, Past Treasurer **Bob Wade** intervened to take care of drawing the card against Phil's ticket. Unfortunately for Phil, Bob drew the 5 of spades on his behalf. PLG **Joanne Murray** had the next winning ticket, but couldn't do any justice to the pot other than leaving it for someone else



Past President **Randy McKenzie** was today's Funmaster. He considered humour relating to politics using the exceptional opportunity provided by the 'State of the Union' address but opted to focus on Valentine's Day. He presented some one-liners for use as a pick-up line in case anyone in the room had a useful interest—next to providing his own personal example which worked well for him and Penny in leading to a long relationship - one example taken from his text: 'In a room



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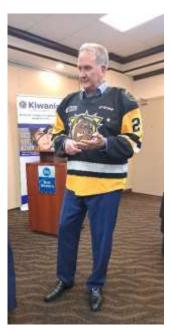
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full of beautiful art, I'd still rather look at you' was one amongst others. He ended with his best considered Poem for Valentines use written by Robert Burns

Happy Dollars were provided by Nelson, Phil, and Paul (who quietly mentioned to the Funmaster he videoed PP Randy's presentation and was sending it to Penny (for Valentines I think).





PP **Bob Ritchie** introduced the guest speaker, **Mayor Kevin Davis**, outlining his active life and involvement in the Community.

Mayor Kevin Davis comments included how much he appreciated Kiwanis as a Community Service Club and knows how much work it is from his involvement in Sunrise Rotary for over 20 years.

He outlined and updated us on the following Community developments which were his preference in importance:

- Brantford Bulldogs (then putting on his #23 sweater being the first one produced.) He added a little more beneficial detail like the improvement to the Civic Centre that was needed and was a facility related to our community pride.
- Costco update should begin construction by summer 2023, in the area behind the Tourism Centre
- BGH could take 5-10 years to have it built City's share being \$200,000 for 10% of property cost plus equipment. The design is a feature to attract people needed to work in there. The current facility appearance is not attracting the people needed. It's an important place everyone in Brantford checks in at some point in their life.
- Introduction of Red-light cameras with fines applied for failure to stop in time being \$325.



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• Green Bins – funding has been set aside and some of the preparatory work is being undertaken to get the Community ready for this program. This development could extend the current landfill for 10-20 years.

Questions were raised:

- around staffing out of the City's jurisdiction
- about the culture of getting things done Mayor Davis gave an example of where an
 extraordinary response from City Hall had beneficial results for the community.



PP **Alex Morris** expressed appreciation on behalf of the Club and noted his appreciation of the work of the Mayor and Aldermen - who by working together - are getting good things done in our community.

President-Elect **Alfred Hauk** had one final quote for the day and adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the bell.