



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter March 30, 2023

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**A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from and about
THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANTFORD**

**Meeting at the Best Western Brantford Hotel & Conference Centre:
Every Thursday at 12:00 noon**

Current Membership – 52



E.C. & C. District

Governor

Anthony Haile
KC of Curaçao

Governor Elect

John Chave
KC of Barrie

Vice Governor

Pamela Rodney White
KC of Constant Spring

Immediate Past Governor

Jim Scott

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 30TH

Today's speakers will be **Ela Stypa Jones**, Sport Tourism Coordinator for the City of Brantford, and **Donna Clements**, Tourism Coordinator for the County of Brant. They will be speaking about Ontario 55+ Summer Games, a wonderful opportunity for older adults from across the province to come together to volunteer or compete in a sport or activity they love. The Games promote healthy and active living.

At the end of their presentation, Kiwanian **Linda Moyer** will present a powerpoint presentation on Kiwanis Kindness Day.

HEAD TABLE

President Dave Lewis, Funmaster Leo Vos, Ela Stypa Jones, Donna Clements, Matt Cuthbert, Joanne Murray, Linda Moyer, Maureen Henry

KC of Forest City, London

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele
KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

Nelson McClinchey
KC of Brantford

Club Officers

President

David Lewis

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Randy MacKenzie

President-Elect

Alfred Hauk

Treasurer

Jim Steele

Secretary

Joanne Murray

Club Directors

2 Year Term

Maureen Henry
Stuart Parkinson
Nancy Sherritt

1 Year Term

Phil Hoekstra
Graham Schram

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, April 6: TBD

Thursday, April 13: Chuck Beach – The Tree Planting Initiative 2023

Thursday, April 20: Steve Richardson, Camp Manager – Circle Square Ranch

Thursday, April 27: Sheila Donald, Past District Trustee – What Key Leaders Do at Leadership Camp

Thursday, May 4: TBD

Thursday, May 11: **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, May 18: Dr. David McNeil, Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Social Committee – Join fellow Kiwanis members, guests and friends for Pub Night at Sammy's Rec Room, [10 Mt. Pleasant Street](#) on Friday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. Evening of Dinner, Refreshments and good friends.

Children's Safety Village Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8, 2023. Please let **Leo Vos** know if you can help.

Kiwanis Trivia Challenge – Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Divisional Council Meeting & Governor's Luncheon – Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre.

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

E. C. & C. District Convention – May 18 through May 21, 2023 in Quebec City.

Kiwanis International Convention – June 21 through June 24, 2023 in Minneapolis. Virtually or In-Person

AMPLIFY 2023

This year, the course will begin in April and conclude at an interactive, in-person event during the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. (Those who don't attend the convention in person will still be able to attend an online capstone event). The participation fee is US\$200 for members of Kiwanis International and US\$600 for nonmembers.

[Click here to download Amplify Flyer](#)

[Click here for Registration Link](#)

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Ken McNaughton** on April 8!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Todd Glaves will mark 28 years as a member of this Club on March 31, **Joan Griffin** 27 years on April 1, and **Leo Vos** 24 years on April 8!

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

In accordance with club bylaws, the club must hold an Annual General Meeting. It must be held no earlier than January 1st and no later than May 15. Our Annual General Meeting for 2023 will be held on May 11th.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.

To view what happened at last week's meeting, please click on the button below

Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 23 March, 2023 Weekly Meeting

This week's meeting was called to order by President Dave at 12:30PM. He welcomed fellow Kiwanians and Guests, Anmol Sangha ~ Simran Kaur and Sadeki Simpson ~ Joanne Murray.



With several House and Reception committee members on vacation, DST Jim ran the weekly 50/50 draw. Bob Wade and Alfred Hawk were the lucky ticket holders but unfortunately the Joker was not drawn by either and the 50/50 pot continues to grow.



DST Jim was also our Funmaster today and had an interesting twist for the members. He supplied well-known "Quotations" and asked members to guess which famous person said it. Example: **"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."** Of course, we all knew that was Albert Einstein!



DST Jim announced three Anniversaries of Joining our Club. PP Joan Griffin who joined the Club 27 years ago on 01 April, was in attendance and given a round of applause. Congratulations Joan!



DST Jim was thanked by President Dave for his ingenious and fun presentation.

PG Joanne was called to the lectern to introduce our Guest Speaker, LG Nelson McClinchey. She indicated that Nelson needs no introduction to our members, and the purpose of his presentation is to update us on the achievements as he is now half-way through his term, and to advise us of the objectives for the balance of his term in office.



LG Nelson was warmly welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance. He opened with the statement, "It was unbelievable to me that two years ago I said yes and agreed to accept the position of L.G. It is now the end of March which marks the half way point of the 2022-2023 administrative year as your L.G. As they say, time flies when you're having fun."



These past 6 months have been very busy for him. He has visited every club in the division at least twice. He highlighted examples where Kiwanis actions have left young children with awe-inspiring and attitude-changing experiences that they will remember and hopefully pass on.

Most of the goals that he set up at the first of the year have been accomplished but there are a couple of items that are still upcoming. These items are:

- To be titled as a Distinguished LG, it requires that at least one of the Clubs in Division 5 achieve a status of Distinguished Club for 2022-23
- All Kiwanis Clubs in Division 5 came together in a spirit of caring and fun to participate in Kiwanis Kindness Weekend beginning April 21, 2023.
- Another significant event for LG Nelson and our Club is that on Friday May 5th., EC & C Governor Anthony Haile and his wife Ingrid will be arriving from Montreal; On Saturday May 6th, Governor Haile will attend the DCM at the Best Western; On Sunday May 7th, Governor Anthony and his wife Ingrid will be guests at the Aktion Club of Brantford's May Meeting; and a tour of the Children's Safety Village will follow.

Further details relating to Governor Haile's visit will be made available as the date approaches.

LG Nelson extended his sincere thanks to President Dave, the Board of Directors and Brantford Kiwanis Members for all the generous support and positive encouragement they have given him as LG over these past 6 months. Not being a journalist or a major in English, and not having time to go to the dictionary this week to find more descriptive and appropriate words, all he could say is, **Thank you!**

President Dave thanked LG Nelson for his effective use of his talents and skills in listening and assisting as needed. His Insight and demeanor allow him to be a valuable asset, not only to our Club but other clubs in our division as well.

Following are some candid pictures of our Members and Guests enjoying an interesting, informative and fun lunch meeting.



The following Members requested time for Committee Reports and Announcements:

President Dave read a Thank-You card received from the Members of the Branford Aktion Club. The Aktion Club members signed the card and thanked our Club for inviting them to have their meeting at the Best Western Thursday 02-February-2023. They indicated that they really enjoyed their time with us and had a great lunch.

PG/Secretary Joanne, presented a brief PowerPoint overview about the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's Board of Directors. She gave details relating to each of the slides listed below. This is the 1st of a series of educational presentation for this year, relating to the operations of our club to inform new and prior members with details about how our club works and is managed. If you would like a copy of this presentation, please contact Secretary Joanne or President Dave.

1. Structure of the Board
2. The Board's Purpose
3. Duties and Responsibilities
4. Commitment
5. What's in it for me?



PP Leo Vos confirmed that work is progressing at the Children' Safety Village for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 08 April. Approximately 15 of our members have agreed to help out on that day but if any others would like to volunteer, please contact Leo.

PP Leo Vos also confirmed that Trivia Thursday 13-April now has about 15 tables. We can handle about double this number so please register your teams.

President Dave thanked all Members and our Guest Speaker LG Nelson and Guests, Anmol Sangha and Sadeki Simpson.

Kiwanian Graham announced that there was a flyer on the table asking members to bring specific types of donations to each of the meetings from now until Kiwanis Kindness Day Friday 21-April. These requested items will be used to create small gift bags of personal items to be passed on to those in need on Kiwanis Kindness Day.

After the final Thought for the Day, the Bell was struck and the meeting Adjourned.