



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter April 6, 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 APRIL 6TH

Please mark Thursday, April 6th in your calendar as "**A Special Day for the Kiwanis Club of Brantford**". At our meeting, three new members will be inducted into the club. We know that new members bring new ideas, skills, experience and energy to all that we do to provide service to children who need Kiwanis. Please come to this meeting, ready to meet and greet the new members of our club.

HEAD TABLE

President Dave Lewis, Funmaster Bob Lefebvre, LG Nelson McClinchey, and the three new members of our Club

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Past President

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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](#)

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BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Robin McNaughton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 13 and **Bob & Anne Saunders** on April 15. Congratulations!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Leo Vos will mark 24 years as a member of this club on April 8!

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Kiwanis dues cannot be claimed as a personal tax deduction. As nonprofit corporations, Kiwanis clubs do not pay taxes on income. But Kiwanis clubs do not qualify as deductible charities for members or donors who provide the club's income. This is why some clubs, districts, and Kiwanis International have established charitable foundations to receive tax-deductible donations for service purposes.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A really contented person has his yesterdays all filed away, his present in order, and his tomorrows subject to instant revision. – Charles M Dwelley

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, 30 March, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President Dave started the meeting at 12:30PM. He welcomed fellow Kiwanians and Guest Ela Stypa-Jones who would be more appropriately introduced later in the program. President Dave called a special one-item Board Meeting immediately following this current meeting, to address an issue that could not wait until our regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday 12-April.

After the opening Thought-for-the-day, DST Jim carried out the weekly 50/50 draw. Two member's tickets were selected however neither were able to find the winning card (The Joker). The pool continues to grow.



PP Leo was the Funmaster today and had some fun and funny stories for us. He also reminded us of two significant dates of members joining the club. Todd Glaves 28 years on March 31, and Joan Griffin 27 years on April 1. Some members had Happy Stories and donated appropriately to the Kiwanis Collection "K".



PP Leo was thanked by President Dave for his humorous, and as always punny phrases.

Kiwanian Maureen was asked to the microphone to introduce our Guest Speaker, Ela Stypa-Jones, Sport Tourism Coordinator Brantford. Maureen indicated that Ela would be giving us details about the odyssey that was required to get the Ontario 55+ Summer Games to Brantford in 2023. These Games are a wonderful opportunity for older adults from across the province to come together to volunteer or compete in a sport or activity they love.



Ela started her presentation with the Slide showing the plan for the 2023 Ontario +55 Summer Games. But before proceeding with the current plans, she told us that the Games were originally planned in 2020 as the Winter Games but due to COVID-19 pandemic, they had to be canceled. Since 2020 the work continued, until this year the timing has been changed to the Ontario +55 Summer Games. Ela enthusiastically presented the events and details which are planned as a Three-Day event August 9-11, 2023 in Brantford and Brant County.



August 9 – 11, 2023

3 Days

1,400 Athletes

300 Volunteers

20 Competitions

17 Venues

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Following are some examples of the Activities

Sports at the Games



5 Pin Bowling
Beach Volleyball
Bid Euchre
Euchre
Bocce
Carpet Bowling
Contract Bridge
Cribbage
Cycling
Darts

Sports at the Games



Floor Shuffleboard
Golf
Lawn Bowling
Pickleball
Billiards (pool)
Running
Slo Pitch
Swimming
Tennis
Prediction Walking

Overview of purpose of the Games and locations where the activities will be held.

Overview



The Games are delivered in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Ontario Games Program and the Ontario Senior Games Association.

Athletes qualify to participate in the Brantford/County of Brant Games through their local District Games.

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Ontario Senior Games Association

District 25 Qualifying Competitions in May:

- Bowling - Echo Bowl - Brantford
- Carpet Bowling - Beckett Recreation Centre - Brantford
- Contract Bridge - Beckett Recreation Centre - Brantford
- Darts - Delhi Royal Canadian Legion
- Golf - Port Dover Golf Club
- Lawn Bowling - St. George Lawn Bowling Club
- Pickleball - Dajoh - Ohsweken
- Shuffleboard - Scotland Community Centre - Scotland
- Walking - Fairgrounds - Ohsweken



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Opening Ceremonies

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City of Brantford
Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre
Wednesday, August 9, 2023

The Pride of Districts welcomes competitors to the Games and unifies all in competition and respect.

The Torch announces the Games and spreads the message of peace and friendship, lighting of the Cauldron allows the Games to begin.

Ela indicated that this is a very large event and ask that anyone who would like to be involved and help with this project are welcome. They need approximately 300 volunteers for Logistics, Food Services, Medical, Registration, Special Events, Sports Technical and many other areas.

Become Involved

Volunteer

- 300 volunteers
- Online Volunteer Registration Form
- Deadline: Monday, July 10, 2023

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At the end of Ela's presentation, she answered several questions from our members and was thanked by Secretary Joanne for an interesting and informative report.

The following Members requested time for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Linda Moyer presented a brief PowerPoint and gave details about the upcoming Kiwanis Kindness Day on Friday 21-April-2023. She also mentioned various donations that can be brought to the weekly meetings between now and the 21-April date. These items will be accumulated by specific members for distribution on Kiwanis Kindness Day. She also mentioned that this will be the first time that the Kiwanis Kindness event has been approved to be a three-day event for the other Clubs in our division to be held Friday 21- to Sunday 20-April, as other Club's time is available.



**Be part of the
April 21, 22 & 23
Division 5 Kiwanis
Kindness Weekend!**



- Leo Vos reminded us of the Trivia Challenge occurring on Thursday 13-April at the Best Western, players are still required.
- Leo Vos also reminded us of the Easter Egg hunt at the Childrens Safety Village Saturday 08-April-2023 10:30AM – 1:30PM
- President Dave reminded everyone of a planned social event at **Sammy's Rec Room, Pub Night**, Friday 31-March-2023 @ 6:00PM. 10 Mount Pleasant St.

President Dave thanked all Members and our Guest Speaker Ela Stypa-Jones and wished everyone a safe weekend.

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

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 Pictured below at Sammy's Rec Room are those gathered for the Pub Night Social. Members, Spouses and New Members and Friends enjoyed a lively evening with friends and good food.

