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**Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter April 20, 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

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**Current Membership – 52**



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**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 20TH**

The guest speaker for today's luncheon meeting will be **Steve Richardson**, Camp Manager at **Circle Square Ranch**. The Circle Square Ranch story, 38 years of service to children and youth. The Ranch was established in 1985 and has been serving the children and youth of Brantford and the surrounding area through sleepover, day camp and leadership camp programs.

**HEAD TABLE**

President Dave Lewis, Funmaster Paul Simon, Steve Richardson, Bob Saunders, Faye Prince and Stuart Parkinson

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, April 27: Sheila Donald, Past District Trustee –

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

What Key Leaders Do at Leadership Camp

Thursday, May 4: Karen Towler – Conestoga College

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

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

Thursday, May 25: TBD

Thursday, June 1: Report from Delegates to Kiwanis District Convention

Thursday, June 8: TBD

Thursday, June 15: **NO MEETING DUE TO PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Divisional Council Meeting & Governor's Luncheon** –

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre.

**StoryJam LitFest** – May 26th – May 27th

## **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

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

In accordance with the Kiwanis Club of Brantford Bylaws Article 4 and Mandatory Policy C, the officers of the club are President, Immediate Past President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of each officer is October 1st to September 30th. The election of officers for the next administrative year will be held at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held no later than May 15th. This year, the Annual General Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford will be **Thursday, May 11th**. Members interested in serving in the Position of **Vice President for the 2023-2024 Administrative Year** are requested to contact Immediate Past President Randy MacKenzie by April 20, 2023 for an overview of the duties of the position - [randy\\_mackenzie@hotmail.com](mailto:randy_mackenzie@hotmail.com) or 519-753-9887

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Nothing to report this week!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Eardly & Natalie Judah** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 22. Congratulations!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

**Phil Hoekstra** will mark 21 years as a member of this club on April 25th and **Paulette Hauk** and **Melanie Mackay** 1 year on April 28th!

## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

The first Object of Kiwanis International is "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life".

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it. ~ George Elliston ~

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### Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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## Highlights of the Thursday, 13 April, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President Dave started the meeting at 12:30PM. He welcomed Fellow Kiwanians and Guests: Rupinder (Conestoga), James Dawson and Guest Speaker - Chuck Beech.



After the opening Thought-for-the-day, Kiwanian Phil, ran the weekly 50/50 draw. The Pot this week was at \$308 with the two lucky ticket holders being, Nancy Thompson and Joanne Murray. Unfortunately the illusive "Joker" stayed hidden. With no winners today the pot continues to grow.

Our Funmaster was Kiwanis Bob Saunders, recently back from Portugal. He opened with an interesting story about an old blind Marine who wanders into an all-girl biker bar by mistake. After sitting at the bar for awhile having a drink he yells to the bartender, "Hey, you want to hear a blonde joke?" The punch line caught everyone off guard and resulted in applause and laughter, with the occasional good natured groan throughout the balance of his Funmaster presentation. Bob next called up the Birthdays and Anniversaries and celebrated them with a hearty round of applause and congratulations. Several Happy Stories and donations were made by a number of members, in particular Ken McNaughton donated a cheque for his Birthday plus he and his wife's Wedding Anniversary date.

Kiwanis Bob was thanked by President Dave for a great funmaster presentation.

Kiwanian Linda was asked to come to the microphone to introduce our Guest Speaker Chuck Beech. In talking with Chuck we found that he had previously spoken to us about his topic for today in 2015. Chuck Beech opened with a slide with a Topic: Tree planting initiative 2023. He opened with a history of activities as follows.

The Brant Tree Coalition began as an industry-led venture in 2005 at Apotex Pharmachem in West Brant. Employees began a tree nursery on vacant land across from the factory on Spalding Drive. Since then, more than 200 trees had been transplanted from the nursery to surrounding City parks.

Under the leadership of former Brant Waterways Director Chuck Beech, assisted by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, the Brant Tree Coalition's scope expanded, as did its support base. Today its friends, partners, benefactors and beneficiaries include industry, local government, school boards, other environmental groups and various non-profit agencies.



## New Forest in the City

One of the most impactful projects undertaken by the Coalition was the creation of the **New Forest in the City** within the City of Brantford. This 78-acre (31.6 ha) property, in the middle of an industrial park, has seen the transformation of area farmed since the 1850's into a naturalized site where native species thrive. Since 2012, more than 66,000 native trees and shrubs have been planted by our community at the site.



In the Expositor in April 2019 Chuck Beech was quoted with the following:

"It's a rough estimate, but I figure 85,000 trees have been planted in Brantford and Brant County over the past 12 years. While that's good news, Beach figures even better news is coming.

We've increased participation in tree planting initiatives and we're especially pleased to have so many high school students involved." Beach said he believes close to 500 high school students in Brantford and Brant County have been involved in the tree planting events, which bodes well for the future.

"We're replenishing our native species in a lot of areas and the trees we're planting today will benefit future generations."

The Earth Week Committee includes representatives from both public and Catholic school boards, industry, conservation groups, as well as various community agencies. Formed 12 years ago, the committee helps spearhead local environmental projects, including community cleanups and tree planting.

"It's a collaborative effort and we've been able to accomplish a great deal," Beach said. "There's no way any one of us could do this much on our own."

Chuck Beech ended his presentation and answered questions. He was thanked for an excellent update and presentation by DST Jim Steele and further thanked on behalf of the members by President Dave for a relevant presentation in light of the Climate Change direction we are currently experiencing.

Members requested time for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- President Dave advised the members that we would be asking for a volunteer group of members to greet Governor Anthony Haile and his wife on Friday 05-May-2023. They will be arriving at the Best Western at approximately 6:00PM however the group will be contacted by phone to assemble, once we know the actual departure time from the Pearson Airport.
- Kiwanian Linda Moyer reminded all members to bring the various items requested for Kiwanis Kindness Day, to be collected and accumulated each week between now and Friday 21-April when goods will be taken to the various planned recipients.
- Leo Vos reminded us of the Trivia Challenge occurring on Thursday 13-April at the Best Western and that players are still welcomed.

President Dave thanked all Members and our Guests: Rupinder (Conestoga), James Dawson and Guest Speaker - Chuck Beech and wished everyone a safe and sunny weekend.

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