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**Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter June 15, 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

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**PROGRAM FOR JUNE 15**

**ANNUAL PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:** Today there is no meeting and all available members are requested to report to the Children's Safety Village at 8:00 a.m. in order to help with the assembly line for the Kiwanis Ploughman's Lunch.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, June 22: Brian Wood, Bell Homestead Director

Thursday, June 29: Report from Delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention

Thursday, July 6: Rick Mannen – Activities at Kiwanis Field

Thursday, July 13: Mayor David Bailey – Land Development

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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

in the County

Thursday, July 20: Faye Prince – The Basics of Chess

Thursday, July 27: Kelly Bryant – Supporting Youth with Mental Health Struggles

## **KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Bob Lefebvre who will celebrate on June 19, Kathryn Kissinger on June 23, and Dave Lewis on June 24!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Crystal & David Godwaldt will celebrate their wedding anniversary on June 22. Congratulations!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Bob Johnson will mark 44 years as a member of this Club on June 15!

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## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

The Kiwanis International Bylaws and Policies are found on the Kiwanis International Website under "Governance: Kiwanis International".

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Happiness is like manna: it is to be gathered in grains and enjoyed everyday. It will not keep; it cannot be accumulated; nor have we got to go out of ourselves or into remote places to gather it, since it is rained down from heaven at our very doors. ~ Tryon Edwards ~

## Last Week's Meeting Highlights Follow



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## Highlights of the Thursday, 06 June, 2023 Weekly Meeting



President Dave called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., welcoming fellow Kiwanians in attendance. We had no guests today.

After the opening Thought for the Day, President Dave asked Kiwanian Phil to Emcee the 50/50 draw.



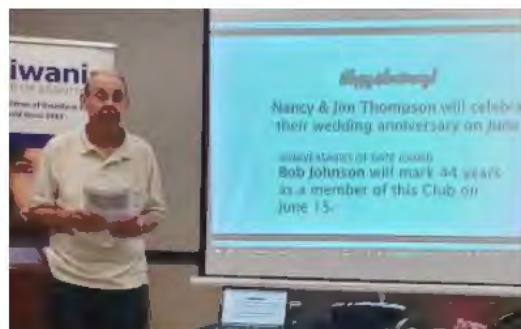
Bob Wade and Bob Saunders were the lucky ticket holders for today's draw, which had 25 cards left and a pot of +\$600. Bob Saunders quickly missed the Joker but received a Loonie for being the first ticket drawn.

Bob Wade threw Lady-Luck a curve, and asked a previous winner, Leo Vos, to pick a card for him. Unfortunately for Bob Wade, Lady-Luck was not fooled and the Joker still laid hidden. With no winner the pot continues to grow.



Bob Saunders was called to the podium as the Funmaster. His theme today was a nod to Leo Vos and his tendency towards "puns". One of the pieces offered by Bob Saunders was:

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murders of Jaun Gonzales. "How was he killed, asked one detective?" The other detective reply, "With a Golf Gun". "A golf gun, what is that" the 1<sup>st</sup> detective asked? The other detective said, "I don't know but it sure made a, **HOLE IN JUAN.**"



Bob Saunders carried on his Funmaster duties celebrating Kiwanian Nancy & Jim Thompson's wedding anniversary on June 13, and Bob Johnson's date of joining this club 44 years ago on June 15. Bob then proceeded with some requests for Happy Stories and Dollars.

Kiwanian Bob Saunders was thanked by President Dave for his expertise as a Funmaster.

President Dave stated that in lieu of a speaker today, we would be having updates on three of our significant projects.

Kiwanis Maureen was asked to present an wrap up report for Literacy Festival committee members. As we were all aware, the LitFest project was cancelled at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour when one of the teams backed-out of the event.

Kiwanian Maureen began the wrap up report with the Statement of Purpose that had been defined for the 2022-23 project and stated that after reviewing it at the end of this process, it is still sound and accurate for next year.

Using a PowerPoint presentation she reviewed some areas to focus on as well as critical times and areas for Marketing and Social Media changes. The activity this year also led to the fact that, by partnering with the Brantford Public Library, the need for an expensive second venue location and related audio support may not be required. Kiwanian Maureen will be asking the Board of Directors at tonight's meeting to approve the project again for 2023-24.



President Dave thanked Kiwanian Maureen, Joanne Murray, Stuart Parkinson and all the members for this committee for the tremendous effort, ingenuity and organizational skills required to get this project to it's current state in such as short timeline. He also thanked all the members and volunteers that had agreed to be part of this years effort.

Kiwanian Karen Towler was asked to take to the floor and ask our members to volunteer and support the Grand Parade in Partnership with the Grand River Council on Aging at the Kiwanis Field on Saturday 16-September-2023. Karen began by thanking all those members that helped last year's Grand Parade, by sighting that the in-person component at Kiwanis Field, was integral to raising over \$27,000 last year.



Karen's presentation showed various aspects that supported the smooth running of a very complex project. Following are some of the comments made with the images presented in Karen's PowerPoint.





- The event last year was a success in large part due to the support of our Kiwanis club, arranging the permits for the field, providing volunteers and logistical support to the event.
- Kiwanis Field is an obvious choice for a number of reasons including great parking, smooth unobstructed track, lots of bleachers for resting and easy access to an electrical source .
- 12 Kiwanis volunteered a total of 50 hours to last year's event. For some, it was their first time at Kiwanis Field!
- Bright and early at 8 a.m. Kiwanians arrived with tents, tables, chairs, blow up promotional materials, the sound system and of course the Kiwanis bell!
- Once the set up the crew was ready for a rest, the event volunteers stepped in, controlling parking, registering and handing out t-shirts, swag bags, organizing team pictures, and providing refreshments.
- As it approached 11 a.m., the team huddled for a quick picture before the kick off began with a welcome message from Lucy Marco, best wishes from the dignitaries and finally, Randy McKenzie rang the Kiwanis bell ...
- Paulette and Alf acted as the cheering squad, hooting it up as walkers completed their laps. This year we are looking at approaching the Aktion club to make signs and attend the event as cheer leaders, stationed all around the track for inspiration.

Kiwanian Karen said, "as the volunteer lead for the Grand Parade 2023, I am inviting you all to sign up on the sheets provided at your table for this fun and inspiring event. We need volunteers, team captains, walkers and sponsors."



President Dave thanked Karen for her presentation and noted that he had seen several names on the sheet at the table he was sitting at.

Kiwanis Stuart was called as the third presenter for the day to update members on the upcoming Ploughman's Lunch on Thursday 15-June 2023.

Stuart opened with a brief history of the 20 plus years for Ploughman's Lunch at various locations and then commented on the obvious developments that have occurred over the years. His clip of pictures show various stages of the the building and delivery of the lunches to Brantford and Brant County customers.



Stuart finish with a further request for the names of any friends or relatives that may be able to help with this event next week.

Following is a view of members at this meeting



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