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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 – 55**



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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 29**

Delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota will report back on their experiences. Also, in honour of Canada on Saturday, July 1st, everyone is requested to wear something red.

**HEAD TABLE**

President Dave Lewis, Funmaster Faye Prince, Paul Simon,  
Nancy Thompson, Joanne Murray, Jim Steele

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

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KC of Forest City, London

*Secretary/Treasurer*

Jim Steele

KC of Brantford

*Division Lt. Governor*

Nelson McClinchey

KC of Brantford

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David Lewis

*Past President*

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*President-Elect*

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Jim Steele

*Secretary*

Joanne Murray

Club Directors

*2 Year Term*

Maureen Henry

Stuart Parkinson

Nancy Sherritt

*1 Year Term*

Phil Hoekstra

Graham Schram

Thursday, July 13: Mayor David Bailey – Land Development in the County

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

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

Thursday, August 3: TBA

Thursday, August 10: Anthony Horwath – Medicinal & Recreational Uses of Cannabis

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Leo Vos who will celebrate on June 30!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Dave & Elfrieda Neumann will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 1, and Bob & Gwen MacLean on July 5. Congratulations!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Graham Schram first became a member of Kiwanis 45 years on July 4, and Dave Lewis will mark 12 years on July 7!

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## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

Only chartered Kiwanis clubs are members of Kiwanis International. Each Kiwanian is a member of his or her club; no individual is a member of Kiwanis International.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The person who gets along with others believes in the true worth of people, knowing that we are all children of God, and as his creations deserving of each other's respect and understanding. ~ Norman Vincent Peale ~

# To view what happened at last week's meeting, see pages below

## Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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## Highlights of the Thursday, 22 June, 2023 Weekly Meeting



President Elect Alfred, presided over this meeting and called it to order at 12:30PM, welcoming those in attendance.

After the Opening Thought for the Day, PE Alfred called Kiwanian Phil to conduct the 50/50 draw. He had our Guest Speaker Brian Wood draw two possible winning tickets to the eventual dismay of most of the crowd.

Maureen tried her hand at finding the Joker to win \$654 – but came away with a looney. Christine then made an uneventful try.



Paul Simon was called upon to act as Fun Master. Using Paul's experience of playing and teaching chess, he selected to inform us about the science of "The Art of Resignation", which is the term used to end a chess game. There are several categories through which this "Resignation" can be accomplished.

Following are some examples:

- **Bad Behavior**

A major player in the 1920s seemed to start this as a notoriously bad loser. He grabbed three pieces and threw them against a wall – in effect resigning his position.

Before the end of a game, a major player was heard to yell ... "Why must I lose to this idiot?"

- **Improper resignation**

To Nod – to some it means a 'Draw'; to others it means 'I Resign'

- **Excuse resignation**

I was feeling 'Not Well'

At the end of a career, one loser even claimed he was not able to beat a well man.

- **Conditional Surrender**

Start talking to the other player providing optional moves to help himself be beat – perhaps in the hopes of a mistake or a suggested one.

- **The right way to resign**

Dr. Lasker – when he lost – extended his hand & would say "you played well"

## Happy Dollars

Len – Roma was called to the hospital – dropped in the morning and at the end of that day had a new shoulder.

Stuart – Thank-you, to all for work on the Ploughman's Lunch

Ken – his daughter graduated from her University program

President Elect Alfred Hauk, as his wife's birthday was upon him, had a tip for every husband in the room, remember the day, not the age.

Kiwanian Linda Moyer introduced our Guest speaker Brian Wood, curator of the Bell Homestead. Brian completed an Honors B.A. in Sociology and German before taking on the Assistant Curator's position in 1990. He was promoted to Curator in 1995.



**Brian Wood** provided an interesting and informative presentation, with the focus on the Bell ladies in Alexander Graham Bell's life.



His mother was **Elize Grace Symonds**, who after 25 years of age, was considered a spinster. After her Father died she supported herself and her mother with what had been left to them. She suffered hearing loss but became an amazing piano player.



She met Alexander Melville Bell through mutual friends and married in 1824. Although not anticipating any children, she had three sons 1845-Melville Jr.; 1847-Alexander; and 1848-Edward - the youngest who died with TB at age 18. The eldest Melville Jr. died with TB in 1870. In 1870, the family came to Canada to protect Alexander Graham Bell from the living environment. Alexander's dreaming place in Canada was below the hill near the river when he thought of the phone. They sold the home in Tutela Heights in 1881 to move to Washington to be with Alexander. She lived to be 87.

Alexander's **wife**, was **Mabel Gardiner Hubbard**. She was the daughter of Boston lawyer Gardiner Green Hubbard. She contracted Scarlet Fever at a young age, which affected her hearing. Since no institution worked with the Deaf in North America, at 8 years of age she was sent to Germany. When she came home, she had learned English and was also fluent in German. Alexander Bell was hired to work with her and they eventually married and had two daughters.



The inventor faced a nearly 20-year legal battle with other scientists, including Gray and Meucci, who claimed they created telephone prototypes prior to Bell's patent. In 1887, the U.S. government moved to withdraw the patent issued to Bell, but after a series of rulings, the Bell company won in a Supreme Court decision.

In 1917 Alexander return to Brantford for Bell Memorial dedication and in 1882 he became an American citizen.

PE Alfred Hauk appropriately thanked our guest speaker Brian Wood.

#### **Committee reports:**

Ploughman's Lunch – Stuart reported 49 volunteers had been directly involved and the event had raised at least \$7,500.

Grand River Council on Aging - Parade – Linda Moyer reminded us it was coming September 16 and encouraged people to sign up for a volunteer position if they haven't already.



#### **Following are some members in attendance**

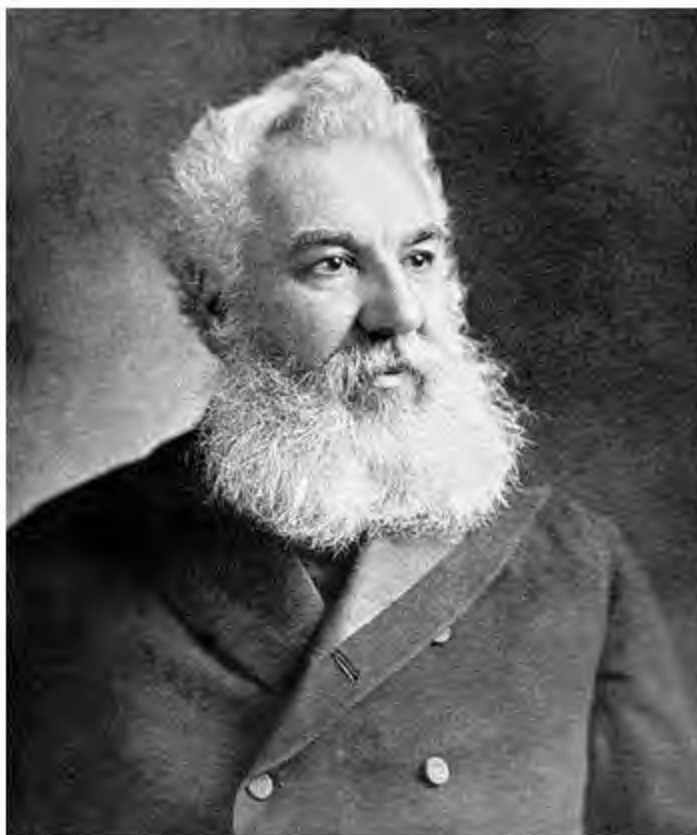




**Final Thought for the Day:** "It becomes your concern when your neighbour's wall is on fire."  
*Quintus Horatius Flaccus (Horace)*

If there is nothing else for the good of Kiwanis, we will adjourn this meeting with the ringing of the bell. Have a great weekend.

Meeting Adjourned:



Alexander Graham Bell was a Scottish-born inventor, scientist and engineer who is credited with patenting the first practical telephone. He also co-founded the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) in 1885.

Bell's father, grandfather, and brother had all been associated with work on elocution and speech, and both his mother and wife were deaf; profoundly.