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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 JUNE 8

Various Kiwanians will speak to upcoming and ended projects. **Stuart Parkinson** will give us an update and encouragement for the Ploughman's Lunch project on Thursday, June 15. **Karen Towler** will give a presentation on the Grand Parade. **Maureen Henry** will give a wrap up of the Literacy Festival.

HEAD TABLE

President Dave Lewis, Funmaster Bob Saunders, Stuart Parkinson, Karen Towler, Maureen Henry, and Joanne Murray.

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

Thursday, June 22: Brian Wood, Bell Homestead Director

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

Thursday, July 6: Rick Mannen (tentative)

Thursday, July 13: Mayor David Bailey

MESSAGE FROM BOB MACLEAN



Reporting today following a four-month travel assignment to compare eating places in Southwest Ontario was Newsletter Editor Bob MacLean who is having difficulty writing the assigned report. He was able to update us on the medical habits of 15 of Brantford's finest, however, and assured us he has tested almost all the various pieces of machinery, none of which are known for offering a comfortable place to rest. Sometimes he noticed a quick but puzzling change. As an example one day two bags of blood were delivered, but then every morning for the rest of the visit, charming ladies visited each morning with sharp needles to take some of it back!

On a serious note, it is great to be home for a month or so, then back for a replacement hip from Costco. Both Gwen and I learned first hand that it isn't only kids that need Kiwanis. I don't know how we could have done this without Len and Roma getting groceries weekly for Gwen as well as helping in many other ways. 5 Candlewood finally sold at a time when the market was down and Joan found an ideal family that wanted an early close. Leo and Sandy did a great job with helping clear the house of all our priceless furniture to see it went to where it was needed. Bob Wade and Bob Ritchie kept close tabs on me and I looked forward to visits or phone calls. Randy and Penny helped add many good books to the annual sale, and Randy's phone calls to each of us helped. Dave Lewis was another who helped out with things that needed to be done for us who now own no house or vehicle but have never had so much to be grateful

for. Stuart Parkinson helped me rake leaves before we moved, and with Leo, helped bring me home after my six-day visit in December following crashing my SUV.

Thank you, Joanne, for adding secretary to your resume, probably not for the first time, and Linda who thought a prayer or two would help and all who sent cards, or brought Gwen to see me in the hospital. The folks at Seasons have been fantastic as well as the many Probians who got in line to help. I can never say enough about the BGH Nurses and PSWs. Their concern was real and they were amazed when I told them how kind this community had been to us. A big challenge for all was finding things we needed as we were far from finished unpacking when we realized 2023 might not be a great year but it wasn't as bad as it could have been. The only thing to be different when I go back is I will take my meals with me.

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

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

BIRTHDAYS

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy & Jim Thompson will celebrate their wedding anniversary on June 13. Congratulations!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

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

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

The defining statement of Kiwanis International is "Kiwanis is a worldwide organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time".

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Unless we think of others and do something for them, we miss one of the greatest sources of happiness. ~ Ray Lymon Wilbur ~

Last Week's Meeting Highlights follow

Highlights of the Thursday, 01 June, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President Dave called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., welcoming Fellow Kiwanians. We had a warm welcome for one of our members in particular, Bob MacLean, who was in attendance after a four month hiatus.

As this was the 1st meeting of the month President Dave presented a “Land Acknowledgement” statement to the Nations Host People.

After the Opening Thought for the Day, President Dave handed the microphone over to Bob MacLean who had asked to say a few words to our members.



Bob MacLean gave us a quick overview of the four-month stay at, Chez BGH, and told us that his health was definitely improving. He recounted the many hours he spent watching his only form of entertainment, which was the second-hand on the wall clock in his room. Bob thanked the many nurses and doctors at the BGH and said that he had no idea how he and Gwen would have made out, without the help and support of the many members from Kiwanis. He brought his trusty camera and took some photos. Bob was welcomed enthusiastically by the members and President Dave said he trusted that Bob would have a quick recovery.



Kiwanian Phil was asked to take control of the 50/50 draw which was at \$550 with 27 card left in the deck. After a brief drum-roll, the two lucky ticket holder for the week were once again not able to find the Joker.

President Dave announce that, this week we would be having a report from the delegates to the EC & C District Kiwanis Convention. The delegates would review their experiences at some of the educational workshops as well as their general perspective about the character and make up of the many different Clubs and members attending.

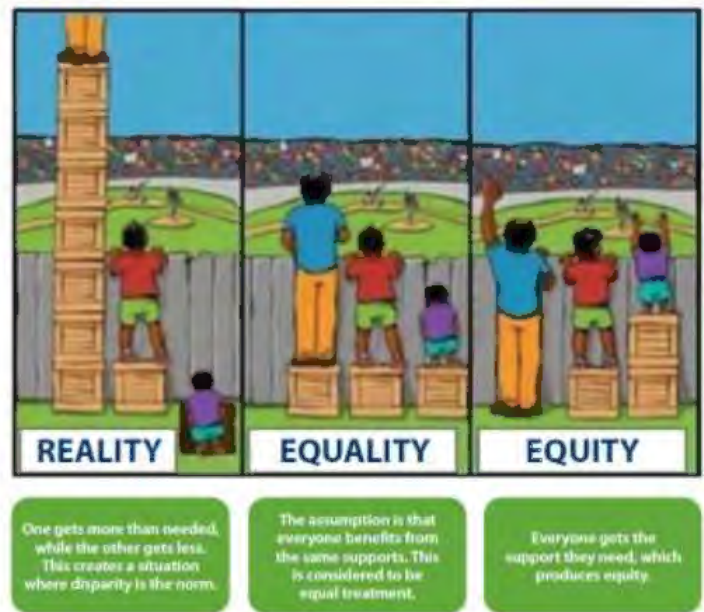
Randy was call to the podium and reviewed two Educational workshops. The first related to **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**.

Randy talked about his disability and how he was treated not only by the members of our club, but how many members at the convention, from the various clubs that had helped him so readily.



Randy also spoke about the Equity, which was a component of this workshop.

“What is the difference between equity and equality?” People often believe the two words carry the same meaning, but they are not interchangeable. Equity is about fair opportunity rather than equal treatment.



Randy’s second topic was about **Succession Planning**. He related information about how we can encourage members to step-up to senior roles initially, by having them involved in the planning and organization of committees. This allows members to learn and grow as they work towards the success of a project. As they develop knowledge and confidence they can move to more complex projects and activities and if they wish, let their name stand for possible election to further help our club by being a member on the club’s board.



Alfred Hauk took over the microphone and spoke enthusiastically as a first-time Kiwanis conference member about his impressions and observations about the convention as well as the other clubs and their members. He indicated that the fun and enthusiasm was evident in all activities. He noted as well that the committees and members of the other clubs appeared to be the engines of our Clubs. He found that across the clubs in EC&C, they operate in a similar manner to our club. We have an oversight Board of Directors, but the ideas, processes and organizational mechanics occur at the committee level, after the Board has approved the project. He indicated that he likes this idea better than orders coming down from the top to the worker bees. Alfred attended several of the workshops and mentioned that he was very pleased with the, “Sugar-Shack” evening and entertainment.

President Dave retrieved the microphone and indicated the he enjoyed the entire convention. He attended a number of workshops, one of which was called, “Getting Back to Service 2023”, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Toronto.

The significance of this project was that the Toronto Club felt that, through the pandemic period, they had lost contact with **their** community. In early 2022, they started making practical plans and goals, that were measureable and focused their efforts in finding out what **their community** felt they needed. They planned to have broadly diverse groups of service events, one planned for each month of the year. The name of the overall project was called , “Kiwanis Cares”, with each month having a unique project. The effect of this planning and commitment is shown in the image following. They planned, tracked, adjusted and executed several service projects since the start of the 2022-23 year, and are on track for a banner year. The current stats are as of this conference date. 17 May-2023.

The slides that were presented today following this image, were images of the various events held each month since the start of this Kiwanis year.

Kiwanis Cares Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 500 volunteer hours for the Administrative Year 2022-2023• 12 Kiwanis Cares Volunteer Events• 20 Registered non-members/Potential Member volunteers	Current stats: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 301 volunteer hours• 9 Kiwanis Cares Events• 6 volunteer recruited
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Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Stuart Parkinson reminded everyone that the Ploughman’s Lunch is only two weeks away and urged member to call or email if they had any additional hands to help with the Ploughman’s Lunch.

President Dave thanked all Members and wished everyone a safe and sunny weekend.

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