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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 – 55



E.C. & C. District

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Anthony Haile

KC of Curaçao

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John Chave

KC of Barrie

Vice Governor

Pamela Rodney White

KC of Constant Spring

Immediate Past Governor

Jim Scott

PROGRAM FOR JULY 27

Kelly Bryant, Child & Youth Worker at Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services will speak to us on what we can do to help youth in our lives struggling with mental health issues.

HEAD TABLE

President Dave Lewis, Funmaster Ken McNaughton, Guest Speaker Kelly Bryant, Introducer Linda Moyer, and Thanker Jim Steele

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, August 3: Kick-off for Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World

Thursday, August 10: Anthony Horwath – Medicinal &

KC of Forest City, London

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele

KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

Nelson McClinchey

KC of Brantford

Club Officers

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David Lewis

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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

Recreational Uses of Cannabis

Thursday, August 17: TBD

Thursday, August 24: TBD

Thursday, August 31: The Community Awareness & Marketing Committee on How to Use Social Media

Thursday, September 7: Recognition Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, September 23, 2023 – Kiwanis Club of Stratford's 75th Anniversary Gala – Tickets \$75.00 per person – RSVP by September 5, 2023 to manor@cyg.net

BIRTHDAYS

Melanie Mackay will celebrate her birthday on August 5.
Happy Birthday Kiwanian Melanie!

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Gayle Wade will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 5. Congratulations!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Nothing to report this week!

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

In accordance with club bylaws, by October 15 of each year, the club's board will adopt separate budgets of estimated income and expenses for the Administrative Fund and the Service Fund of the club.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Handle them carefully, for words have more power than atom bombs. ~ Pearl Strachan Hurd ~

To view what happened at last week's meeting, please page down



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Highlights of the Thursday, 20 July, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President David brought the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., welcoming all members. There were no guests today.

After the thought of the day Kiwanian Phil officiated the 50/50 Draw. We had 51 cards including the Joker. The ticket holders for today were PE Alfred and David Neumann, unfortunately neither found the Joker.



The Funmaster today was Joel Balberman, who had many members snickering or eye-rolling at the various random offerings.

Following are a couple is samples:

- Two artists had an art contest. -- It ended in a draw.
- Two silk worms got in a fight. It ended in a tie.

You get the idea?

Next, Joel tested our members literacy and memory skills by asking them to read the Birthday's and Wedding Anniversaries shown on the PowerPoint presentation on the TV or recall the details when they read this week's Newsletter. All members congratulated and celebrated the anniversaries appropriately.

Kiwanian Joel next called for Happy Stories which were given by Randy, David Neumann, Alfred Hauk and Melanie Mackay.

President Dave thanked Joel for an interesting and clever Funmaster presentation.

Kiwanian Paul Simon was up next Introducing our Guest Speaker: Kiwanian Faye Prince

Kiwanian Faye gave us a brief outline on the origin and history of chess and demonstrated the naming convention used to describe the location of squares on a chess board. She also detailed the correct location and placement of each of the chess men based on their colour, relative to the squares on the chess board. Note: although the chess men and squares may be quite varied in colour, they are **always** considered to be either Black or White.



Faye started with a story that an ancient Indian Brahmin mathematician, Sissa, a mythical character from India, known for the invention of "Chaturanga", the Indian predecessor of chess.

A problem arose when Sissa presented his invention to the King who asked what reward he'd like in payment for his invention. Sissa was quite cunning and suggested that the King give him 1 grain of rice for the 1st square on the board, 2 grains of rice for the 2nd square, 4 grains of rice for the 3rd square, etc. This became known as, "the wheat and chessboard Problem".

The problem may be solved using simple addition. With 64 squares on a chessboard, if the number of grains doubles on successive squares, then the sum of grains on all 64 squares is: $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots$ and so forth for the 64 squares. The total number of grains can be shown to be $2^{64} - 1$ or 18,446,744,073,709,551,615. This number would be over 1.4 trillion metric tons, which is over 2,000 times the annual world production of wheat. There is a version of this story that indicates that Sissa, may have been executed for being too smart for his own good.

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	
8	a8	b8	c8	d8	e8	f8	g8	h8	8
7	a7	b7	c7	d7	e7	f7	g7	h7	7
6	a6	b6	c6	d6	e6	f6	g6	h6	6
5	a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	f5	g5	h5	5
4	a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	f4	g4	h4	4
3	a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	f3	g3	h3	3
2	a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	f2	g2	h2	2
1	a1	b1	c1	d1	e1	f1	g1	h1	1
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	



Faye then moved on to detail how the Chess board is set up with letters and numbers for each square to indicate the location of a Chess man on the board. There are 8 columns lettered (left to right) A through H and, 8 rows running bottom to top with the bottom row be 1 and the top row 8.

The vertical lines on the chessboard are called files. The horizontal lines are called ranks.

With the chess board set up Faye ended this basic overview, and found that many of our members had questions.

Secretary Joanne thanked Faye for the interesting and excellent presentation, and felt that she would like to learn how to play chess now. As well, Joanne thanked Faye for her inventiveness and care in decorating the tables for each of the occasions for the past year and how much it improves the atmosphere in the room.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

- President Dave Announced that there is a District Council Meeting Saturday 29 July at Lakeside Church Guelph, starting at 9:00 AM – 12:00PM Noon. \$20.00 for lunch or Morning coffee \$5.00. Please let Secretary Joanne know by Friday 21-July

- Maureen Henry reminded everyone that the Dinner for two Draw was being held on Thursday 28 September and that in preparation for it, there would be a Kick-off celebration / event on Thursday 03-August, at our Weekly meeting. We would like any members with a few travel-pictures with themselves / family in the pictures, to send copies with some text explanation of the date and location to Jim Steele at: district@kiwanisecc.org as soon as possible. They will be presented as part of the PowerPoint presentation for that day. If you have a Hawaiian Shirt, or other foreign clothing that you may have picked up in your travels and would like to wear them on Thursday 03-August that would be great.
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- We have received a request from a member of the Grand River Club asking if we have anyone available to drive a past member from Brantford to a Hamilton Hospital. The individual's name is Cliff Hutchison. If any one is able to help, please email President Dave who will forward you the contact phone number so you can arrange the travel plans directly.

After the final thought for the day, President Dave thanked all members

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

