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**Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter July 6, 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 – 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 JULY 6**

Rick Mannen, a Chartered Professional Coach with the Coaches of Canada Association, and a lifetime Brantford resident, will talk about track and field activities at Kiwanis Field, as well as his own illustrious career in the sports community of Brantford and beyond.

**HEAD TABLE**

President Dave Lewis, Funmaster Randy MacKenzie, Guest Speaker Rich Mann, Nancy Sherritt, Phil Hoekstra

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

Thursday, August 3: TBA

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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Ross Pope who will celebrate on July 10!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Roxanne & Jim Bond will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 15 Congratulations!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Dave Lewis will mark 12 years as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford on July 7, and Andy Gould 24 years on July 15!

## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, USA, in 1914. The group received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915–the day that is regarded as the birth date of Kiwanis. The club's name is Detroit Kiwanis Club No. 1 in recognition of its heritage.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The person who gets along with others is always constructive when it is necessary to criticize.  
~ Norman Vincent Peale ~

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



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## Highlights of the Thursday, 29 June, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President Dave called the Weekly meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed fellow Kiwanians and Guests. We had one Guest, Richard Kleri from the North Dumfries Kiwanis Club, who asked to speak to our Club later in the meeting.



Following the Opening Thought for the Day, President Dave asked Kiwanian Phil to conduct the 50/50 draw. The Draw today is at more than \$700 with 21 cards left in the deck. LG Nelson and Bob Wade were the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ticket holders but lady-luck did not shine on either Kiwanian.



Kiwanis Phil doing his Vanna White impersonation



No Luck for Nelson or Bob



Our Funmaster today, making her debut as Funmaster, was Kiwanian Faye Prince. She used the Canada Day Theme to ask a number of very tricky questions and present some very interesting facts about Canada to the members in attendance. To the delight of Faye and the collective minds of the members many of the slightly obscure questions were correctly answered.



She informed us that Canada has a national Gem Stone that is only found in Alberta called **Ammolite**.

Ammolite is only found in the Bearpaw Formation, which extends from Alberta to Saskatchewan in Canada.

As part of her Funmaster Canada Day duties she felt it appropriate to give a Butter Tart to DST Jim. Unfortunately, DST Jim was not in attendance and the Butter Tart was given to Joanne to deliver.

Special note: Funmaster Faye made various additions to our meeting room wall with numerous Canada Day Flags, Canada Day Table Centre pieces and gave out Canada and Ontario lapel pins she obtained from our Local MP and MPPs to all members.



## Happy Dollars

Kiwanians: Leo, Len, Randy and Dave Neumann all donated to the Happy Stories at today's meeting.



President Dave thanked Funmaster Faye for an interesting, informative and fun presentation, and the wonderful decorations and atmosphere she had created for this meeting.

President Dave asked our Guest Kiwanian Richard Kleri of the North Dumfries Kiwanis Club to come to the podium to address the members. Kiwanian Richard indicated that he is the President of the new North Dumfries Kiwanis Club near Ayr, and that he was here to thank our Club for support in starting his new Club, in particular LG Nelson, PG Joanne, and Kiwanian Randy and that they had just held their 1<sup>st</sup>, successful Fund Raiser. Richard was warmly welcomed and asked to keep our lines of communication open so we might learn of new projects where we might be able to borrow from his experience and vice versa.



President Dave gave a brief update about the Kiwanis International Convention 2023 in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

**Total Clubs represented - 691; Total Voting Delegates - 972 and Total Delegates -1,336**

### Amendments:

- 1) Motion to approve of the "Modernization Version of the International Bylaws" as circulated was – **APPROVED**
- 2) Motion to increase the Kiwanis International dues by \$30 American – was **DEFEATED**

### Elections:

**Confirmed** - Incoming 2023-2024, President Kristine Baranko, Georgia District

**Confirmed** - Incoming 2023-2024, President elect Lee Kuan Yong, Malaysia District

**Elected** - Incoming 2023-2024, Vice President Michael Mulhall, New Jersey District

President Dave asked Vice President Nancy Thompson to come to the podium to give her impression as a first-time attendee at a Kiwanis International Convention.

She said that it was interesting to see so many people from different countries such as Taiwan, and the enthusiasm they had. She noted that even though they appear very different we all had similar challenges and approached these tasks with the energy and ingenuity, just as we do.



Nancy made note that some of the information sessions were very emotional. She sighted a specific presentation by a US Airman who has spent a great deal of his free time volunteering his help and knowledge in Ukraine, due to the War, and his passionate plea for everyone to help.

Nancy also said it gave her more time to become familiar with our own Club members in a setting quite different from our normal activities. She said that if anyone could attend these conventions, they would find them very worthwhile.

President Dave thanked VP Nancy for her report.

Dave indicated that he would be speaking about an Educational Session that may be of use in this coming year.

He indicated that the Forum was called: **Service Leadership Programs an Investment in the Future. (SLP)**

We currently have one SLP in our Club which is the Aktion Club. Just a few years ago we also had two Key Clubs. One at BCI and a second at PJ. Various factors lead to the disbanding of the Charter at these schools.

The speakers at this forum indicated that KI has been working on setting up structures that will allow Key Clubs and children of high school age, to be chartered without direct support of a high school.

We have made contact with the **Service Leadership Program** Director in Indianapolis at this forum who, once the 2023 Key Club Convention is over in July 2023, has agree to send us information about the new structure and newly elected contacts, to possibly add a Key Club back into our Clubs **Service Leadership Programs**.

President Dave asked if there were any other announcements or committee reports.

Seeing none, he thanked all the Members and Guest Richard Kleri



He then gave the final thought for the day: "Amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic."

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 1:10 p.m.

Following are some candid pictures during this meeting

