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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter September 14, 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

#### **PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 14**

**President Elect Alf Hauk** will go over the results of a planning session for the coming fiscal year beginning October 1st. Some Committee Chairs may also report on their plans for their committees.

#### **HEAD TABLE**

President Dave Lewis, President Elect Alf Hauk, Funmaster Ken McNaughton and Joanne Murray

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, September 21: Robin Mummery, Ontario Health Team, Brain Health & Wellness

Thursday, September 28: A Retrospective of the Past Year

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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

Thursday, October 5: Recognition Meeting

Thursday, October 12: Justin Sahota, Reusable Packing

Innovations/Solutions

Thursday, October 19: Anna Gaston, Wildlife Photographer

## **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](mailto:manor@cyg.net)

The Kiwanis Club of Forest City-London will be hosting a Headliners Speaker series this fall.

September 21: Speaker Win Wahrer, co-founder of Innocence Canada

October 18: Speakers Laura Robinson and Kate Bahen, journalists who broke the Hockey Canada scandal

November 16: Speaker Ron Gosbee, who will share his experiences while living in a residential school in Northern Ontario

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Moyer and Sadeki Simpson will both be celebrating their birthday on September 22nd. Best Wishes Kiwanians!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ivone & Susan DeMarchi will celebrate their wedding anniversary on September 19th. Best Wishes!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Sandra Pauwels will mark 33 years as a member of this club on September 20th!

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## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

The name "Kiwanis" was coined from an expression of the American Indians in the Detroit area, which was found in Bishop Baraga's dictionary of the Otchipew language. The expression "Nunc Kee-wan-nis" meant, broadly, "we trade" or "we share our talents." As a coined word, however, "Kiwanis" has no meaning except as the name of a leading international service club. .

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream . ~ Malala Yousafzai ~

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

### **Last Week's Meeting Highlights**



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## Highlights of the Thursday, 07 September, 2023 Weekly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m with President Dave welcoming all members and our Guest Speaker, Doug “the Great” Hunt.

As this was our First meeting of the month, our Land Acknowledgement Statement was made at the opening of the meeting.



After the thought of the day, Kiwanian Phil oversaw our regular 50/50 Draw. There were 37 Cards left in the deck today and four potential winning tickets were drawn. The 1<sup>st</sup> Ticket holder was Jim Steele, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ken MacNaughton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Henry and 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Lewis. Four strikes and we were definitely out. No one found the Joker. The pot continues to grow for next week. Good Luck.



Leo Vos was Funmaster today opening with some articles giving a nod to our speaker, sort of, with a list of some of the strangest things people do that get recorded in the Guinness World Records each year. As an example, Leo told us of a man who ate a Cessna Airplane in two years. He followed this, with a number of other mind boggling past-times people have. Leo advised us that there were no Birthdays or Anniversaries this week. Amazing, nothing happened?



We had a few Happy Stories, after which Leo handed the Mic over to PP Randy to introduce our guest speaker, Doug Hunt.

We had the pleasure this week to have as our guest speaker, Doug the Great, Doug Hunt as he is known by his mother. Doug decided long ago he would ignore the rungs in the ladder to success by building his own without rungs! “Ridiculous”, we all cried. But Doug heard none of this, as he was tuning in to higher melodies, his head now among the clouds.



Doug Hunt was warmly welcomed by all, and took us through brief review of his history of Stilt Walking, with its purpose of being a fund raiser for organizations such as Participation House.

He then let us know that someone had beaten his past record that has stood for 21 years. He then said that he was going to reclaim the record in October of this year.

He outline the many items and activities that his “Doug The Great Team” has been doing in preparation for this event. He mentioned that Tom Pate even said he could use the 70 foot Silo, so long as he returned it to his Farm when he was finished.

He regularly reminded us that, Doug “The Great”, is not him, but a great number of friends and supporters that have helped him in the past and continue to help him today.

As a very staunch citizen of our community with a focus on those in need, Doug is continuing his efforts to once again attain the World record height for Stilt Walking by adding about 2 feet to his previous record. (He called the additional 2 feet, “his ballet slippers”)

**Following is Doug’s previous record.**

*On September 14, 2002, Doug set a new Guinness world record in Brantford, for tallest stilt-walker. He took 29 independent steps on stilts measuring 50 feet 9 inches tall and weighing a combined weight of 137 pounds.*

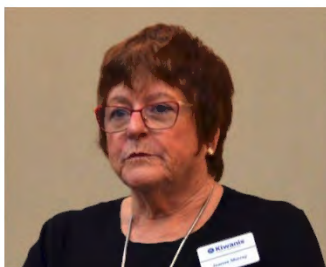
As always, Doug informed and entertained us with many facts and local anecdotes many of which were humorous and a couple the tugged our hearts.



**Picture from World record day**

**Doug presenting his new multi-thousand dollar brace.**

Doug answered a number of questions from several members to close off his presentation and left us all smiling as usual.



Joanne Murray officially thanked Doug for his presentation and reminded everyone about Doug’s long history of Citizenship in Brantford.

- He was nominated Brantford’s Citizen of the year in 1996, 1999, and 2002.
- In 2014, Doug was the recipient of the Brantford Kiwanis Walter

Zeller Fellowship Award.

- Doug was the first recipient of the 2018 Brant Community Foundation “Kindness Award”.
- Brantford Jaycees, Brant Chapter of the Heart & Stroke Foundation, and the Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association have all recognized Doug’s volunteer work.

Following are members, enjoying Doug Hunt's Presentation.



House and reception greeting members



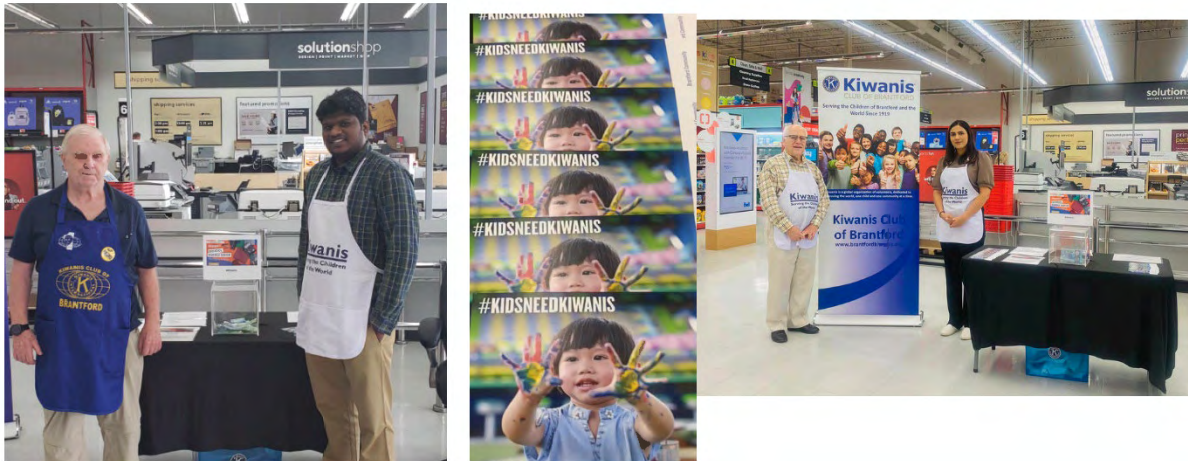
Bob Maclean and members listening to Doug

#### Committee Reports and Announcements:

- President Dave reminded members that this is the last weekend for the Staples Back to School Drive. Members that were present at this meeting were reminded about their volunteer time slots. Any Volunteers for this week that are not at this meeting will be reminded by email later today.

Following are pictures of some of our Volunteers at Staples Back to School campaign this weekend.





President Dave and Friend of Kiwanis Volunteer - Student from Conestoga College - Abhishek Thodeti

Following is a glimpse of an activity held by the Social Committee at the Steel Wheel Brewery this Friday 08-September



A wonderful and relaxing time was had by all

- **“Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World”** Jim Steele reminded everyone that they should hurry up and sell as the Draw is the last Thursday of this month.

After the final thought for the day, President Dave thanked all members and guest Doug Hunt for their attendance and attention.

No further announcements or comments were made therefore the meeting was adjourn with the ringing of the bell. Have a great weekend everyone.

Addendum to this weeks notes from President Dave

Thanks very much to all of the volunteers for your support to the Staple Back to School Drive this year. It was a great effort with significant results. We don't know the final figures yet, today 10 September is our last opportunity, but we have definitely exceeded the \$5,300 that we collected last year.

In addition, thank you to Bob Maclean, Simran, Nancy Sherritt and everyone else that has supplied all the photos this past week, as you will notice some are in this Newsletter as well as being posted to our Facebook and Instagram sites. We are getting very good coverage of our events and activities as many of our members likeing and re-posting the messages and images.

Thanks as well to, the House and Reception and Social Committee for all of their efforts.

Well Done and keep up the good work.

Dave