



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter October 12, 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

Current Membership – 55



E.C. & C. District

Governor

John Chave
KC of Barrie

Governor Elect

Pamela Rodney White
KC of Constant Spring

Vice Governor

Cynthina Blackman
KC of Pride of Barbados

Immediate Past Governor

Anthony Haile

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 12

Justin Sahota, Sustainability Manager at Compass Group Canada, a leading food service and support services company, will be giving an overview of the company as well as a brief introduction to Canada's Single Use Plastic Ban. He will also talk about sustainability at Compass and Reusable Packaging Innovations/Solutions.

HEAD TABLE

President Alf Hauk, Guest Speaker Justin Sahota, Introducer Palo Sahota, Thanker Bob Saunders, Funmaster Joel Balberman.

KC of Curacao

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele

KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

David MacLennan

KC of Stratford

Club Officers

President

Alfred Hauk

Past President

David Lewis

President-Elect

Nancy Thompson

Treasurer

Jim Steele

Secretary

Bob MacLean

Club Directors

2 Year Term

Randy MacKenzie

Leo Vos

Bob Wade

1 Year Term

Stuart Parkinson

Graham Schram

Nancy Sherritt

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, October 19: Anna Gaston, Wildlife Photographer

Thursday, October 26: Halloween Special!

Thursday, November 2: Greg Evans, Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, November 9: JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education, GEDSB

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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

KIWANIS TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Best Western Brantford Hotel. Entry Fee \$25.00. Hope to see you there!

BIRTHDAYS

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Alex Morris will all mark 35 years as a member of this Club on October 20th.

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District is divided into 27 Divisions. Each Division has an elected Lieutenant Governor who acts as the Governor's representative in the Division. Our current Lieutenant Governor for 2023-2024 is David MacLennan.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Don't find fault. Find a remedy.". ~ Henry Ford ~

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, 05 October, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President Alfred called his 1st meeting of his Kiwanis Year to order at 12:30 p.m welcoming all members and Guests: Amerjeet and Jyotsna Bawa, Michelle St. Aubin, Sean Stewart, Colleen Weeden and Kristie Beckham.

After the thought of the day, Kiwanian Maureen Henry officiated the 50/50 Draw. There were 21 Cards left in the deck today and four potential winning tickets were drawn. The 1st Ticket holder was Bob Saunders, 2nd Graham Schram, 3rd Simran Shoker and 4th Bob MacLean, unfortunately, no one found the Joker. The pot rises again for next week.



Faye Prince was Funmaster today, and introduced us to a new term, "Mondegreen". She proceeded with several examples on on screen which had everyone smiling and in some cases bursting with laughter. Definition of mondegreen, " a misunderstood or misinterpreted word or phrase resulting from a mishearing of the lyrics of a song."

Example:



#1 Actual words by Johnny Nash " I can see clearly now, **the rain is gone.**

What people thought they heard, " I can see clearly now, **Lorraine is gone**"



#2 Actual Words by The Monkees "Then I saw her face, **now I'm a believer**"

What people thought they heard, "Then I saw her face, **now I'm gonna leave her**"



Faye reviewed and helped us celebrate members Birthday and Anniversaries after which she was thanked by President Alfred.

President Alfred then called DST Jim Steele to the podium.

DST Jim was our Emcee for todays Special Awards presentation, which is somewhat like the Academy Awards but with the focus on Service presented by individuals within our community. DST Jim explained that, some of these awards have been delay due to covid restrictions. These Special Awards, occur in four categories.

Category #1 - Legion of Honour Awards

DST Jim opened with the presentation of the Legion of Honour Awards – He provided background information regarding the Legion of Honour Award, indicated the Legion of Honour awards are base on records at Kiwanis International and are issued when a member has 25 years of service in Kiwanis, they are then celebrated every additional 5 years after that. Following are the recipients in the Kiwanis Club of Brantford:



Todd Graves - 25 years (joined March 31,1995 presentation delayed due to COVID



Joan Griffin - 25 years (joined January 4, 1996 – presentation delayed due to COVID



Bob MacLean - 25 years



Kirby Brown - 35 years



Alex Morris - 35 years (Attendance
Regrets ~ Vacation)

Bob Wade - 35 years



Jim Steele - 40 years



Ivone DeMarchi - 45 years (Attendance Regrets ~ Traveling)



All members were warmly welcome with applause and congratulatory remarks.

Category #2 - **Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Community Leadership Awards (Non-Kiwanian)**

Organized Kaos

DST Jim asked IPP Dave Lewis and Executive Director Shawn Stewart Organized Kaos to come forward.

IPP Dave outline the dedication and development that we have seen under Shawn's direction since Shawn first spoke to our Club on January 17 2019. Shawn indicated that, "Organized Kaos plans to offer a safe environment in which young people work and learn alongside trades people. Organized Kaos is not "up-front" teaching, but "side-to-side" mentorship, in which trades people teach youth in a hands-on approach." At that time Organized Kaos, had 15 mentors and 30 students.

Fast forward to today, Organized Kaos following their original goal and under Shawn's direction has 43 mentors with over 86 students attending regularly. In addition their new Organized Kaos Mobile Training Unit(MTU), works in partnership with the GEDSB and the BHNCNSN and has gone to schools through out Brantford teaching students how to use a mitre saw, bandsaw, drills, impact drives, and learn how to read a tape measure. Each student took home their own, hand-built toolbox. Over the past 12 months they have seen over 2,000 Students.



Shawn Stewart, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you into the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Mel Osborne Fellowship.

Thorpe Brothers Funeral Home and Chapel

DST Jim asked Aktion Club President Kristie Beckham and Manager Michelle St. Aubin to come forward.

President Kristie started with a bit of history about how Thorpes Brothers funeral home was originally started by three brothers on Colborne St in 1917 and moved to 96 West Street in 1932. This Victorian house was originally built in 1852 and had a Carriage house next to the main building. Many years ago Thorpe began to offer the use of the Carriage House to non-profit groups whose focus was to make our community a better place.



When the Brantford Aktion Club was chartered in February 2009, it was important that we had a safe, accessible space to hold our meetings. The Aktion Club Advisors made a request to Thorpe Brothers, to use the Carriage House for our monthly meetings.

They granted that request and have provided the space to us free of charge ever since. We have been able to hold meetings, education sessions and special occasion parties in the beautiful facility and we sincerely appreciate it.

Michelle St. Aubin, on behalf of the Members of the Kiwanis Aktion Club of Brantford, I want to thank you, the staff of Thorpe Brothers and Dignity Memorial for supporting our club in such a meaningful way. Thanks to you we have been able to come together with the members of Kiwanis to serve others and make a positive difference in our community. Congratulations to Thorpe Brothers Funeral Home and Chapel on receiving the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada's Community Leadership Award presented by the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

Category #3 - Kiwanis Club of Brantford Kindness Award

DST Jim asked P Governor Joanne to provide background information for this award to Jyotsna and Amerjeet Bawa.

PG Joanne recalled our 1st City wide Back-to-School Food Drive in September 2020. On Wednesday 09 September 2020, we distributed 1,000 bags with information requesting, "Back to School Food" for the Food Bank in all five wards of Brantford. The following Saturday 12-September we collected the Food from each of the Wards and delivered it to the Food bank by noon Saturday.

We thought that we had done well, however Joanne Murray received a phone call from Mr. Amerjeet Bawa who indicated that we had missed picking up their donation. Joanne went to Mr Amerjeet Bawa's home and collected the donations. During a further conversation with Jyotsna and Amerjeet Bawa, Joanne was asked how our food drive worked and what was it that the children needed. Every Month since that date in September 2020, Mr. and Mrs. Bawa have called Joanne to pickup their monthly donation of food to be taken to the Food Bank. Joanne Murray thanked the



volunteer for missing that pickup back in 2020, as it has created a friendship with Joanne and Mr. and Mrs. Bawa and shown that all acts of kindness have far reaching capabilities and help build friendship and communities.

Category #4

Kiwanis Foundation of Canada Mel Osborne Fellowship Award (Member)

DST Jim shared background information regarding the Mel Osborne Award and asked Past Lieutenant Governor to assist him with the presentation for this award. DST Jim gave PLG Nelson some items to hold as Jim explained how and why this years recipient was chosen but it was not apparent to Nelson that he, was the recipient until Jim began to read his name from the plaque.

He was very surprised.

All members are aware of how well PLG Nelson worked with all of the Clubs in our Division as well as helping with the Governor Tour and the Charter of a new Club in North Dumfries (Ayr)



Nelson was given a rousing round of applause and congratulations.

With the Awards Ceremony complete, DST Jim handed the Podium back to President Alfred.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

- President Alfred asked Linda Moyer to take the mic where she reviewed a brief presentation of the Grand Parade, thanking and displaying the various activities that our members help in presenting at this event.
- PP Dave gave an update of the Back-to-School Staples project note that through 100 volunteer hours we have raised, \$8,208.76 for this year.

President Alfred used one of the Objects of Kiwanis to end today meeting which was:

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all

President Alfred thanked everyone wished them all a great weekend and Happy Thanksgiving.

With no further announcements or comments the meeting was adjourn with the ringing of the bell.

Candid pictures at our meeting follow.





Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries Charter Day. Welcome !!!

Location: North Dumfries (Ayr) Thursday 05-October 2023 6:00PM

Several Kiwanis Clubs and dignitaries from near and far were in attendance to wish this new Club well and offer assistance.

This was their Charter Day as well at the Induction of their Board and New members.
The Sponsor for their charter was the Kiwanis Club of Cambridge.



It was an exciting a fun evening and we have already met new friends.