



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter November 16 , 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 – 48



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 NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Sara Wardell will speak to us about Conestoga's Community Integration through Cooperative Education program. As a direct service provider and leader, Sara's work has focused on delivering person-centered supports to people using services and supporting teams to thrive.

HEAD TABLE

Presiding President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Sara Wardell, Funmaster Joanne Murray, Introducer Karen Adams, Thanker Bob Saunders.

KC of Curacao

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Jim Steele
KC of Brantford

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KC of Stratford

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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, November 23: Results of Staples Fundraising Effort

Thursday, November 30: Erica James, Hope's Closet

Thursday, December 7: Glenn Brown, Manager of Sanderson Centre

Thursday, December 14: Natalie Michlewicz, Big Brothers & Big Sisters

Thursday, December 21: KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of Natalie Michalchuk who passed away on Thursday, November 9th. Natalie was the wife of past Kiwanian Dr. Andy Michalchuk who passed away in April of 2019. Natalie was very instrumental in the Kiwanis Brant County Lifeline project.

BIRTHDAYS

Nelson McClinchey will celebrate his birthday on November 24th. Happy Birthday Kiwanian Nelson!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Nothing to report this week!

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Article XI of the International Bylaws states: "After their election and before their assumption of office, all officers of Kiwanis International and of the districts thereof shall be known and designated by the title of the offices to which they have respectively been elected followed by the term 'designate.'" Kiwanis International has formal offices titled Governor-Elect and President-Elect. To avoid confusion prior to October 1, successful candidates for Governor and President are referred to as Governor-designate and President-designate.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Some people come into your life as Blessings! Others come in your life as Lessons!.

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

Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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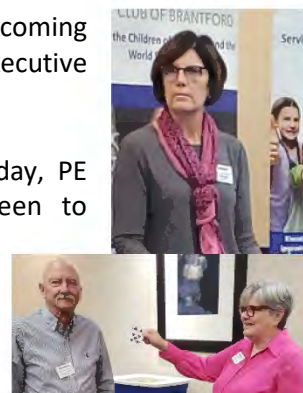
Highlights of the Thursday, 09 November, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President Elect Nancy Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guests: Hug, Veronica Webb, Christina Dero Senior Executive Assistant GEDSB and Guest Speaker Dr. JoAnna Roberto



Following the opening thought for the day, PE Nancy called on Vice President Maureen to coordinate the 50/50 Draw. VP Maureen indicated that there were 49 Cards in today's Deck. The two lucky ticket holders

for this week were Leo Vos and Graham Schram. The Joker was not drawn so the pot continues to rise for next week.



DST Jim was this weeks funmaster and presented some interesting images as to what the majority of us were doing each Sunday evening in the late 1960's. We were watching the Ed Sullivan Show with many of the upcoming musical artists we know to today. DST Jim had some samples such as; The Animals, The Supremes, The Beatles, The Beach Boys etc.

DST Jim moved us on to a film clip titled, "What They Won't Tell You" an acknowledgment the upcoming Remembrance Day. This film was about the men and women who return after the war and their silence relating to their experiences during the war.



DST Jim called up Birthdays and anniversaries which we celebrated and Happy Stories from some members. He then handed the podium back to VP Maureen to introduce our Guest Speaker.

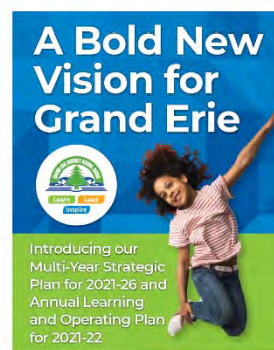
VP Maureen introduced Dr. JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education, GEDSB, Her topic was: the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan.



Dr. Roberto began with a brief background about the area covered by the GEDSB and the demographics of the students within its boundaries. In 2020-21 GEDSB had 72 Schools. 58 Elementary Schools, 14 Secondary Schools with a Budget \$333.7 million. These figures have increased significantly in 2022-2023.

Grand Erie District School Board represents more than 26,000 students in 58 elementary schools and 14 secondary schools within the City of Brantford and the counties of Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk as well as secondary students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Dr. Roberta said they have a Bold New Vision for Grand Erie, a Vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire ...and a Mission to build a culture of Learning, Well-Being and Belonging.



She indicated that the 2016-20 Multi-Year Plan provided a focused direction for growth and improvement throughout our schools and all levels of our organization. Coming out of one of the most challenging times in the history of education, now is the right time to chart our new path and vision for the future. Setting up students for success must include a bigger focus on access to learning, equity and inclusiveness, and a culture of well-being.

The Grand Erie District School Board had a consultation process where they listened to the voices inside and outside Grand Erie.

They invited students, staff, families and community partners to submit their input on how the board is doing, what could be improved and key priorities for the future. They collected feedback between April and June 2023 through virtual community consultation sessions, ThoughtExchange, surveys and email. Through “ThoughtExchange”, we had over 650 participants contribute over 330 ideas and over 7,400 engagements with those ideas.

What we heard were key items such as:



These were translated into three key element of our Vision

Our Vision
Learn Lead Inspire

Why these three words?

1) They are active. 2) They are optimistic and hopeful 3) They build a culture of leaders.

Our Mission

Together, we build a culture of learning, well-being and belonging to inspire each learner.

Our Collective Priorities

We build a culture with these priorities:

- **Learning**
To nurture curiosity and opportunity for each learner.
- **Well-being**
To support the cognitive, social emotional and physical needs of each learner.
- **Belonging**
To support an equitable, inclusive and responsive environment for each learner



Dr. Roberto closed by answering several questions from our members and distributed GEDSB Carry-Bags to them, which included a hard copy of the “Annual Learning and Operating Plan 2022-23” with a Card image Graphic Plan for 2023-24, plus a GEDSB Pin. She also distributed sample cards and label rolls with Booster Messages for students who did something outstanding.



She indicated their website, has the current, **Long-Term Accommodation Plan** and the **Bold New Vision plan** available.

The details of these plans can be found by clicking on the following links: [Latest Annual Learning and Operating Plan](#) and [Learn, Lead, Inspire](#).

DST Jim gave Dr. JoAnna Roberto our Club Official thanks for a very informative and enlightening presentation and passed the Podium back to PE Nancy Thompson.

PE Nancy thanked the members and Guests: Hug, Veronica Webb, Christina Dero Senior Executive Assistant GEDSB and Guest Speaker Dr. JoAnna Roberto for joining us today.

After presenting the final thought for the day, PE Nancy adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

Candid pictures of our meeting follow.

