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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter November 2, 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 – 48



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#### 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 2, 2023**

Greg Evans, Business Development Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce, will talk to us about the role of the Chamber in the local community. He will also speak to how a service club can maximize the benefits of membership in the Chamber and upcoming Chamber activities and events.

#### **HEAD TABLE**

President Elect Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Greg Evans, Funmaster Leo Vos, Introducer Ken McNaughton, Thanker Alex Morris and his wife Joyce.

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

Thursday, November 16: Sara Wardell, Program Manager of CICE at Conestoga

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!

## **DIVISION 5 DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

All members are invited to attend the DCM on Saturday, November 4th.

Avondale United Church, [194 Avondale Avenue, Stratford](#)

Coffee 9:00 a.m; meeting start time 9:30 a.m.; lunch at 12:00 p.m.

\$5.00 for coffee only – \$20.00 for coffee and lunch

If you plan to attend, please contact Joanne Murray by Wednesday, November 1st.

[joanne.murray@rogers.com](mailto:joanne.murray@rogers.com) 519-752-7941

## **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**

Eardly Judah will celebrate his birthday on November 3rd, Andy Gould on November 8th and Graham Schram on November 9th . Happy Birthday Kiwanians!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Angee & Jim Turnbull will celebrate their wedding anniversary on November 2nd. Congratulations!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Joel Balberman will mark 14 years as a member of this club on November 5th, Judy Lillico and Heather Wyatt 21 years

on November 7th, and Pallo Sahota 11 years on November 8th!

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## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

Our Club is part of a Kiwanis District made up of the six Eastern Provinces of Canada and fifteen nations in the Caribbean including Jamaica, Bahamas, Barbados, Aruba and Trinidad and Tobago. We are called Eastern Canada & the Caribbean (E.C. & C.) District.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.  
~Doug Larson ~

**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, 26 October, 2023 Weekly Meeting

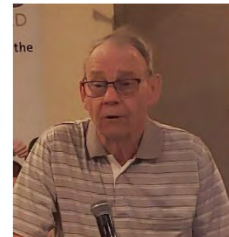
Presiding VP Maureen called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m, welcoming all members and Guests: Joyce Morris, Hug, Abhishek Thodeti and Veronica Webb.



After the opening thought for the day, VP Maureen called on Kiwanian Phil to control the 50/50 Draw. Phil reminded us that the draw-deck was starting over today. This week we have 53 cards in the deck, it including the Joker. The two ticket holders for this week were Maureen and Alex, but neither found the joker.



Kiwanian Bob Saunders was this week's funmaster and had a few humorous anecdotes and a interesting film clip about a man calling 911, asking for help in finding his wife whom he had lost. Bob helped us celebrate Crystal Godwaldt's Birthday on 24<sup>th</sup> October and Alex Morris's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of joining our Club on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Bob called up a number members with Happy stories and dollars.



VP Maureen thanked Bob for his Funmaster presentation and called DST Jim to come to the microphone.

DST Jim had two special presentations to make.

The first presentation was to Crystal Godwaldt, who has had it delayed for almost 3 years due to the effect of Covid demanding her presence at the BGH. It has only been the past few months that she has been able to attend our meetings more often. Today DST Jim presented Crystal with a long overdue award indicating that for the year 2018-2019 she has been formally designated as: **Distinguished President Crystal Godwaldt.**



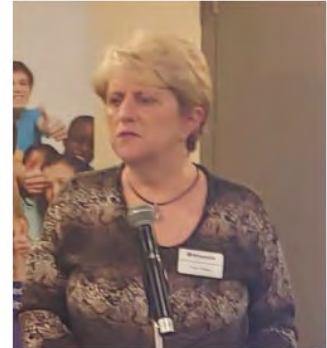
The Second presentation was to Alex Morris who was presented with the Legion of Honour as member since October 20, 1988 (35 years)

DST Jim passed the microphone over to VP Maureen who introduced herself as one of two Guest Speakers today, who will be telling some spooky stories in keeping with the Halloween Theme of our meeting.

Maureen's Story was about a "Tinkerer" name Pat Diver, in old Ireland, who went from town to town repairing pots and pans for a living. During his travels late one evening, he found himself asking for shelter in the last home he saw as he was leaving a small village. The owner of the home asked if he had a story to tell. Pat laughed and said that stories were for women and children not men. With that said, the door was slammed in his face and Pat was force to find refuge in an old barn near by. The story proceeded with Pat being forced through some harrowing experiences by three large men throughout the night, but fortunately escaped next morning. Several weeks later he was found by one of the three

large men who whispered to him, "So Pat, the next time someone asked if you have a story to tell, you will surely have one."

Faye Prince was up next with a true story loosely relating to a movie called the "Changeling" (1980). In it, someone had died and the new owner of his house had experienced some spooky activity. Every morning about 1:00 AM in the movie, the owner of the house heard four very distinct bumps and at one point had a red, white and blue child's sponge ball bounce down the staircase towards him when he was the only person in the house.



Faye had mentioned this movie and the spooky effects to a friend of hers and how creepy the movie was. Not long after that, the friend was house-sitting for Faye and one night about 1:00 AM she heard four very distinct bumps. Recalling Faye's movie description, she was frightened enough that she was about to leave. Fortunately, the friend also recalled that Faye had mentioned that the house had a water-softener that sometimes randomly made 3 or 4 bumping noises. That information calmed her panic enough that she did stay to relate this story to Faye the next day.

Kiwanian Leo thanked both Story Tellers for their spooky enjoyable tales and passed the microphone back to VP Maureen.

VP Maureen called for announcements and reports

- Leo Vos - CSV Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th. Volunteers welcome. Also - Trivia Night is two weeks away - still need a couple of volunteers
- Joanne Murray - as Secretary announced Divisional Council on Saturday, November 4th. Focus on Membership therefore would like as many to attend as possible. Let Joanne know if you will attend.
- Pallo Sahota - Social Committee has arranged an event to happen on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00 pm at the Duke on the Square in the back room that holds 16-18. Fish and Chips dinner. Please let Pallo know if you will be attending - space is limited.

VP Maureen wished everyone a good fall weekend and thanked all members and Guests: Joyce Morris, Hug (Artist), Abhishek Thodeti (Conestoga Business Student) and Veronica Webb (Lunar Webb Candles).

After the final thought for the day, the Bell was struck and the meeting adjourned.



Candid pictures of our meeting follow.

