

Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter November 23, 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 23, 2023

Various representatives from schools benefiting from the Kiwanis Staples Back to School project will be on hand to let us know how their school is using the money this year.

HEAD TABLE

Presiding President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speakers Jill Hughes, Kristan Yanover, Jen Pizzey, Allie Cole, Derek Cherriere, Introducer Dave Lewis, Funmaster Alex Morris, Thanker Leo Vos..

KC of Curacao

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Steele KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor David MacLennan KC of Stratford

<u>Club Officers</u> *President* Alfred Hauk

Past President David Lewis

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Treasurer Jim Steele

Secretary Bob MacLean

<u>Club Directors</u> 2 Year Term Randy MacKenzie Leo Vos Bob Wade

1 Year Term Stuart Parkinson Graham Schram Nancy Sherritt

UPCOMING MEETINGS

<u>Thursday, November 30</u>: Erica James, Hope's Closet <u>Thursday, December 7</u>: Glenn Brown, Manager of Sanderson Centre <u>Thursday, December 14</u>: Natalie Michlewicz, Big Brothers & Big Sisters <u>Thursday, December 21</u>: KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

The 2023 Kiwanis Christmas Cookie Sale is now underway! Product can be picked up a regular meetings by contacting Maureen Henry or Dave Lewis beforehand. You may also pick up product to sell at the office of Judy Lillico, Re/max, 515 Park Road North. Refer to email sent to you on November 18th by Dave Lewis for further details. Kiwanians, let's work together for a great sale year!

BIRTHDAYS

Nelson McClinchey will celebrate his birthday on November 24th and Len Makkreel on November 29th. Happy Birthday Kiwanians!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

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EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Whether they're getting ready to learn or getting ready to lead, kids need Kiwanis. A gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund is one of the most effective ways to reach them — and to support the Kiwanis causes:

<u>Health and nutrition.</u> The Children's Fund provides grants to clubs, districts and global partners to provide healthy food to children around the world. From prenatal to age 5, a child's brain grows at an astounding rate. But that development depends on access to key nutrients, including iodine.

<u>Education and literacy</u>. The Children's Fund provides grants to support club and district literacy and education projects. Worldwide, 250 million children lack basic literacy skills. In the U.S., 88% of students who fail to earn a high school diploma were struggling readers in third grade. When we help someone to acquire literacy skills, we empower them with better opportunities. Youth leadership development. The Children's Fund helps young people evolve into community leaders by supporting Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs with grants and scholarships. With access to leadership and volunteer opportunities, youth learn responsibility, self-discipline and respect. These are key factors in overcoming challenges and achieving academic success.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Rivers never go in reverse. So try to live like a river. Forget your past and focus on your future. Always be positive!

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

Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 16 November, 2023 Weekly Meeting

Vice President Maureen Henry called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guest Speaker Sara Wardell, Program Manager, Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE), Conestoga





Following the opening thought for the day, VP Maureen asked Kiwanian Phil to manage the 50/50 Draw. Kiwanian Phil indicated

that there were 51 Cards in todays' Deck. The two lucky ticket holders for this week were Bob Wade and VP Maureen. Unfortunately neither of these ticket holders drew the Joker, so the pot continues to rise for next week.

Kiwanian Leo was this week's Funmaster and entertained us with a bit of humour about three people's experience when arriving at the Pearly Gates each with one thing in common, a refrigerator.

Kiwanian Leo noted that PLG Nelson's Birthday was coming up on 29-November on today's slide and next week it would likely be there again. PLG Nelson suggested we could defer the celebration until next week when we can all sing together. We had Happy Stories from some members after which Kiwanian Leo handed the podium back to VP Maureen.





She asked Kiwanian Karen to introduce our Guest Speaker Sara Wardell. Kiwanian Karen gave a thorough and interesting review of Sara's educational background and past 7 years experience at the Kitchener Conestoga Campus.

Sara Wardell has worked for the past 7 years at the Conestoga Kitchener-Doon facility in the Community Integration/Co-op Education program (CICE) where she was the Manager, Human Services.

Sara is now being brought to the Conestoga Brantford facility on 274 Colborne St and 50 Wellington St to head up the Community Integration/Co-op Education program here in the coming year. Sara explained that CICE is a 2-year college certificate specifically designed for students with exceptionalities to increase their academic and vocational skills while experiencing college life.

Following are some screen presentation points that Sara used to explain this Program

There are three formal parts of the program

- CICE Core Course
- Area of Specialization courses
- Field Placements



Conestoga also likes to recognize the informal learning that takes place when someone is a college student

- Time management
- Social skills
- Responsibility

Support in CICE

- A unique part of CICE is the support students receive
- Students are supported in class by learning strategists
- Assignments are modified to student's learning needs
- Students get 5 hours of time outside of class with a learning strategist to work on assignments and study.

Areas of Specialization

Field Placements



Examples of Field Placements



Graduate Outcomes

- Student goals vary, so do outcomes
- Workforce, continued education, volunteerism
- Increase confidence, independence, life experience, academics



Sara wrapped up her presentation by answering a number of questions from our members and leaving us with her Email address should we have any others that arise.

Sara Wardell ~~~ swardell@conestogac.on.ca

Kiwanian Phil officially thanked Sara for her interesting and exciting upcoming year at the Brantford Campus and passed the microphone back to VP Maureen.

VP Maureen ask PP Dave for an update on the Christmas Campaign kickoff.

PP Dave gave a short update that Bob Saunders was unavailable at present due to some health issues but was expected back next week.

In his absence the Sample Bags had been set up at the rear of the meeting room with the usual Order forms. Members were asked to be sure to fill-out the forms and to give the white copy to Maureen and keep the yellow copy for themselves. They were advised that an Email with instructions and the Christmas flyer would be sent to them very shortly so they could forward them to their potential customers.



VP Maureen thanked the members and Guest Speaker Sara Wardell for joining us today.

After presenting the final thought for the day, VP Maureen adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.



Candid pictures of our meeting follow.