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**Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter November 30 , 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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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 30,**  
**2023**

Guest Speaker **Erica James** operates Hope's Closet Boutique, a social enterprise store that sells donated men's and women's clothing. Social enterprises are businesses that sell either goods or services to generate funds to support charities and non-profit organizations.

**HEAD TABLE**

Presiding President Maureen Henry, Guest Speaker Erica James, Introducer Joanne Murray, Thanker Alex Morris and Joyce Morris, and Funmaster Pallo Sahota.

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KC of Brantford

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Club Directors

*2 Year Term*

Randy MacKenzie

Leo Vos

Bob Wade

*1 Year Term*

Stuart Parkinson

Graham Schram

Nancy Sherritt

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

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

Thursday, December 21: **KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

## **KIWANIS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**

The 2023 Kiwanis Christmas Cookie Sale is now underway! Product can be picked up at 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**

Nothing to report this week!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Stuart & Catherine Parkinson will celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 4th. Congratulations!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Nothing to report this week!

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## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

The creation of a Kiwanis International Foundation was proposed in 1937 by International President F. Trafford Taylor. The foundation was publicly launched at Kiwanis International's 25th anniversary celebration in Detroit in 1940. Walter Zeller, past governor of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime District, initiated the foundation's funds by donating 25 US silver dollars. These were used to decorate the anniversary cake, and slices were auctioned for a total of \$625. Today, the Kiwanis International Foundation receives more than \$1 million each year in donations and bequests (plus Worldwide Service Project donations).

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The character of our children tomorrow depends on what is put into their hearts today!

## 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, 23 November, 2023 Weekly Meeting

Vice President Maureen Henry called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guests Kathryn Kissenger, Joyce Morris and Guest Speakers: Jill Hughes, Principal, Bellview; Jen Pizzey, Learning Resource Teacher, Major Ballachey; Allison Cole, Principal, Princess Elizabeth School and Cheryl Bannister, Principal, King George School.



Following the opening thought for the day, VP Maureen asked Kiwanian Graham to present the 50/50 Draw. Kiwanian Graham indicated that there were 49 Cards in today's Deck. The two lucky ticket holders for this week were PP Dave Lewis and Kiwanian Len. Neither member drew the Joker, so the pot continues to rise for next week.



Kiwanian Alex was this week's Funmaster and outlined how a committee decision-process worked in many instances. In summary a committee is composed of people who individually can do nothing, who come together to conclude that nothing can be done." However, there are occasions where a committee will actually produce something, Eg. A camel, is a horse, designed by a committee.



Kiwanian Alex noted and helped us celebrate Birthdays for Nelson McClinchey will celebrate his birthday on November 24th and Len Makkreel on November 29th.

We had Happy Stories from some members after which Kiwanian Alex handed the podium back to VP Maureen.

VP Maureen asked PP Dave to introduce our Guest Speakers.



PP Dave warmly welcomed four members of the Grand Erie District School Board to attend this meeting who had received funds from donations collected in September during the Kiwanis/Staples Back to School Project. The objective of this request, was to give the Kiwanis members a first-hand explanation of who, how and where we are helping children in our community. Each of the following Principals related how the funds were being used in their schools, what was purchased and why. PP Dave made special mention of a Guest at this meeting, past member Katherine Kissinger, who was the Chairperson for the Kiwanis/Staples Project 2021-2022. In addition, she was instrumental in setting up and organizing this September 2023 Project as well.

The Principals were called upon to present their information in the following order. 1) Cheryl Bannister, Principal, King George School, 2) Jen Pizzey, Learning Resource Teacher, Major Ballachey, 3) Allison Cole, Principal, Princess Elizabeth School and 4) Jill Hughes, Principal, Bellview.

Following is a point-form summary of the information presented.

- King George School ~ Cheryl Bannister, Principal, received a 70 Student increase this year over last, many were new comers to Canada. These families and their children had nothing when arriving here.
  - Needed pencils, paper, lunch boxes, used Community Cupboard
  - Needed Mental Health assistance – temporary relief of stress in a new environment. Bought lego and Stem Kits, help with lending Libraries, help with reading, and communication, social interaction
  - Needed One-on-one Instruction and direction, working with communication across multicultural boundaries.



- Major Ballachey School ~ Jen Pizzey, Learning Resource Teacher, received 50 new students
  - Many students needed a Calming Area, Meditation Timer (Timely), time and area for Sensory development and Building, Individual help with material item and understanding new language and culture. Tactile calming, Eg. Kinetic Sand . Kinetic sand is an easy project that allows kids to explore their senses, build fine motor skills and strengthen their imaginative play muscles. Kinetic sand is play sand that is soft and crumbly, but also holds its shape when squeezed or pressed.



- Princess Elizabeth School ~ Allison Cole, Principal, had a unused room last year that they converted to a rudimentary mental calming area. This year with GEDSB boundary changes, the room is now fully occupied with 250 students now at this school. Until we receive these donations there were no funds for fun, calming, teaching social or communication basics. With these funds we can use Kinetic Clay, Oil pastels, Timely and other low cost calming and teaching items thah can be purchased cheaply from Staples.



- Bellview School Jill Hughes, Principal, has been able to setup an area for “Wellness Sensory Reprieve” this area is used by Child Youth Workers (CYW). These members are mental health professionals who work with troubled children who face a variety of emotional, behavioural or physical problems. These fund have been used to buy fidgits, and two laptops that have programs on them to be used by multiple students to record there responses for evaluation of their capability and progress throughout the year.



Kiwanian Leo officially thanked the speakers for their presentation and noted the constructive information we have just received and how effective and creative the schools had been in using these funds.

The microphone was handed back to VP Maureen who called for Announcements or Committee reports.



- The Christmas Campaign update was given with the sales thus far sitting at \$5,300 with sales quite brisk. Sales will continue until the middle of December.
- Cash Calendars are now on Sale and will be available each week until the middle of January.
- Salvation Army Kiwanis Kindness activity with “Winter Stocking Collection”. Bags will be out on the tables at the back of the room, each week up until Christmas

VP Maureen thanked the members and Guest Speakers 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.

