



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter December 7 , 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 – 49



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 DECEMBER 7, 2023

Plan to be on hand as **Glenn Brown**, Manager of The Sanderson Centre, relates what we can expect in the Centre in the coming year.

Also, **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST** is back! Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater to the meeting on December 7th to win a prize!

HEAD TABLE

President Alf Hauk, Guest Speaker Glenn Brown, Introducer Maureen Henry, Thanker Randy MacKenzie, and Funmaster Bob Lefebvre.

KC of Curacao

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele
KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

David MacLennan
KC of Stratford

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Alfred Hauk

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

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

Thursday, December 28: Round Table

Thursday, January 4: TBD

Thursday, January 11: Membership Committee

Thursday, January 18: Heather Vanner, Executive Director, Community Resource Service

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. Kiwanians, let's work together for a great sale year!

BIRTHDAYS

DST Jim Steele will celebrate his birthday on December 11th. Happy Birthday Kiwanian Jim!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Kiwanian Ivone DeMarchi will mark 45 years as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford on December 14th!

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

The Kiwanis Club of Brantford was organized in 1919. "Something special is happening in a club that has been serving its community for over 104 years."

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life is like a game of tennis; the player who serves well seldom loses!

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, 30 November, 2023 Weekly Meeting

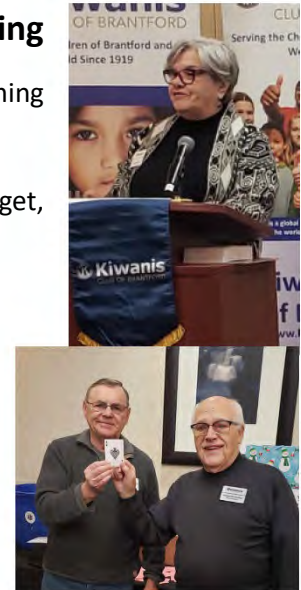
Vice President Maureen Henry called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guest Erica James.

VP Maureen's opening thought for the day was, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill.



Following the opening thought for the day, VP Maureen asked Kiwanian Phil to Emcee the 50/50 Draw. Kiwanian Phil indicated that there were 47 Cards in today's Deck. The two lucky ticket holders for this week were Kiwanian Paul and PLG Nelson. Neither member could find the Joker. The pot continues to rise for next

week.



Kiwanian Pallo, back from vacation, was this week's Funmaster. In an extension of her travels, she reviewed some humorous complaints that the Tourism Department has received from visitors in Spain. Following are some interesting examples:

- A woman complained that, "at a Topless Beach" women should not be allowed to go topless as it was too distracting for her husband.
- There was too much Beach sand at the beach.
- The taxi drivers in Spain only spoke Spanish.
- The beach sand was a different colour than shown in the Brochure.
- They weren't warned that there was fish in the water.

Kiwanian Pallo noted that there were no Birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week.

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

VP Maureen asked PG Joanne to introduce our Guest Speaker.

PG Joanne gave a brief outline about our Guest speaker Erica James.



Erica James has called Brantford home for the past 26 years and has been a resident of the Holmedale Neighbourhood for the past 19 years. She cares about her community and has run as a municipal election candidate in the last two elections. She has volunteered and been a board member of various organizations in town and is currently the Chair of the Holmedale Neighbourhood Association and sits on the Neighbourhood Alliance of Brantford.

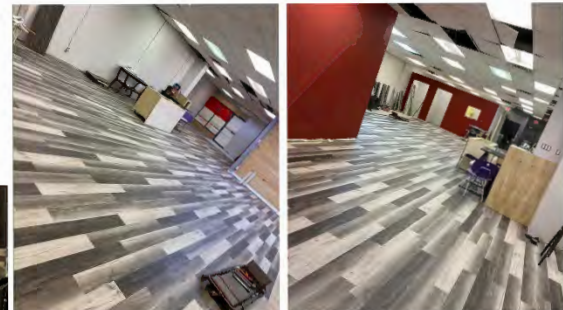
She has been a small business owner of various businesses over 20 years and currently is the operator of Hope's Closet Boutique on Paris Rd.



Erica explained that, prior to the March 2023 opening of Hope's Closet Boutique, that the premises for the Boutique had to have a number of changes and renovations. She had a slide presentation to support the explanation of various steps needed in the process of converting the structure to the desired Boutique appearance and function.



Once the renovations for Hope's Closet Boutique was complete, Erica summarised the implementation of the collection of goods process, ideas for Funds support through the Butterfly Program and Ladies centric focus planning and implementation.



At Hope's Closet Boutique they accept donations, working with volunteers to sell goods to raise money for non-profit organizations and charities in our community.

Erica finished her presentation by answering questions from a number of Members.

Kiwanian Alex, formally thanked Erica for her presentation and noted that, in recognition of her presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Health Care System Foundation.

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

- VP Maureen notified members that next week we would have and Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest with a special prize for the winner.
- Bob Saunders was called upon for the Christmas Campaign update, giving the total sales thus far as \$6,490. 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.
- A reminder that the Salvation Army Kiwanis Kindness "Winter Stocking Collection" was on again. Collection Bags are on the tables at the back of the room, each week up until Christmas

VP Maureen thanked the members and Guest Speaker 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.



