
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter February 29, 2024

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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

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Pamela Rodney White

KC of Constant Spring

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Cynthina Blackman

KC of Pride of Barbados

Immediate Past Governor

Anthony Haile

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 29, 2024

This week fellow Kiwanian Faye Prince will continue with her introduction to the game of chess. You may remember the last time she introduced us to the chess board and algebraic notation. This week's lesson will take us further into the game.

HEAD TABLE

President Alf Hauk, Guest Speaker/Funmaster Faye Prince, Introducer Paul Simon, Thanker Randy MacKenzie and anyone else the House & Reception Committee invites (up to four)

KC of Curacao

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele
KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

David MacLennan
KC of Stratford

Club Officers

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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

Thursday, March 7: 105th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford

Thursday, March 14: St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Thursday, March 21: Melissa Siegel, Dietician, Healthy Eating from the Pantry

Thursday, March 28: Ontario Health Network, Dementia Awareness

BIRTHDAYS

Peter Liberati will celebrate his birthday on March 2nd and Alex Morris on March 4th. Happy Birthday Kiwanians!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Eardly Judah will mark 14 years as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford on March 4th.

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

The Kiwanis general liability insurance covers fund-raising and service activities involving the public as well as club activities confined to the membership. Because a high percentage of public liability exposure is the result of a club's fund-raising and service activities, clubs are permitted to allocate from revenue of fund-raising projects, as a legitimate expense, all premium charges over and above a basic sum of 25 cents (US) per member per year. The 25 cents must be paid from the club's administrative account.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Volunteerism is the manifestation of an attitude that breathes selfless activity into certain lives.
~ Mary Lawrence ~

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



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Highlights of the Thursday, 22 February, 2024 Weekly Meeting

President Alfred Hauk called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guest speakers Kari Wilson and Heather Wilson of the BCHS Foundation and Joyce Morris

President Alfred opened the meeting with the thought for the day: Success is a Team Sport. ~ by Simon Sinek

President Alf called on Kiwanian Graham to lead the 50/50 Draw. Graham indicated that there were 27 cards in today's deck. Four tickets were drawn, and this week, Crystal Godwaldt found the Joker and won the pot, Congratulations! Next week we start over again with a new Deck of cards including an new Joker. The pot once again will start to grow.



The Funmaster today was Alex Morris, who opened with a story that had us wondering where he was going. It was about a very strong man at the local ploughing match who after ploughing a furrow by hand, put out a challenge to the crowd. He took a lemon and cut it in half, then proceeded to squeeze it for about a minute until he could no longer get any juice from the lemon. He then challenged anyone in the crowd, saying he would donate \$200 for every drop they could get out of the lemon. With that, our Guest Speaker Kari Wilson walked up to the man, took the lemon, and squeezed two more drops out of the lemon and collected \$400. Kari's job, you see, is to squeeze the most out of every opportunity at the BCHS Foundation.

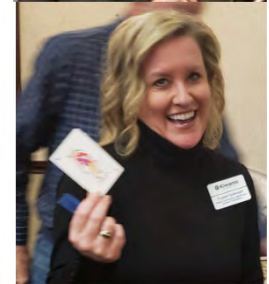
Funmaster Alex also levied a few Dress-code fines, to a number of members who were still wearing black even though Spring is upon us. Happy Stories were also offered by Kirby Brown, Crystal Godwaldt, Paul and Faye.

Alex moved on to help us celebrate Kirby Brown's birthday on February 23rd and Peter Liberati on March 2nd. Happy Birthday Kiwanians! He also confirmed that Bob Saunders will mark 21 years as a member of Kiwanis on February 26th.

President Alfred thanked Funmaster Alex for his interesting and fun presentation and called on PP Dave to introduce our Guest Speaker Kari Wilson.

PP Dave briefly reviewed the recent series of events that have led to today's presentation. He recounted that in October and November 2023 our Club was approached to help raise funds to replace aging Birthing Beds at the BGH. After information was presented and considered by the Kiwanis Club of Brantford Board and the Kiwanis Club of Brantford Charitable Corporation, it was approved that we would be able to donate \$25,000 to purchase one Birthing bed. The cheque was given to Kari Wilson, the Executive Director, BCHS Foundation, who took the microphone to give us some details about how these funds will be used and a bit of history about past funds we have donated.

Kari started by thanking our Club generously for our donation and went on to explain that, due to another sponsor who had agreed to donate matching



funds for the Birthing Bed initiative, that enough funds were received to actually allow them to buy three (3) Birthing beds.

She then referred back to our donation of \$10,000 in 2021 for creation of the (PARS), Paediatric Acute Referral Services area, that just had the grand opening in November 2023. At this event the BCHS Foundation set up a donation table to allow previous donors who were in attendance, to contribute to the Birthing Bed initiative.



Dr. Dooley, Chief and Medical Director of Paediatrics at BGH and Kiwanian Stuart

This activity was a another source that helped increase the matching funds total that enabled the BCHSF to buy the three Birthing beds.

Keri then reviewed her powerpoint slides and pointed out items she had referenced earlier relating to the Pars treatment area, the Birthing beds, Gifting Highlights.

Giving Highlights

GIFT DATE	FUND DESCRIPTION	GIFT AMOUNT
1988	Lifeline Campaign – Pledge	\$10,000
1999	Caring for Health - Pledge	\$25,000
2011	CT Scanner – Donation	\$50,000
2021	PARS Clinic - Donation	\$10,000

- The remaining donations total \$5,776 and include annual donations that have benefitted various areas of the healthcare system.
- In addition, nearly \$92,000 was donated through the Kiwanis Brant County Lifeline.
- PARS ~ PAEDIATRIC ACUTE REFERRAL SERVICE

Kari, then answer several questions for a number of members and handed the floor over to Heather Wilson, past chair of the BCHS Foundation.

Heather indicated that, since leaving the position as BCHS Foundation chair, that Life has been busy! She is still working on her Masters Degree, running the Montessori Children's Academy, working for Conestoga as a Field Placement Associate and keeping up with her volunteer work with the hospital foundation.



Heather is continuing her relationship with the BCHSF, and told us that she is excited about being part of the continuing awareness and fundraising campaign for paediatrics at Brant Community Healthcare System.

Kiwanian Bob Saunders thanked Kari and Heather for the informative and sincere overview of the past and possible future relationship between the BCHCF and our Club.



President Alfred also thanked Kari and Heather for filling in some of the historic blanks and related Governmental details.

President Alf called for the following Announcements and Committee Reports:

PP Dave mentioned that the Children's Safety Village Eastern Egg Hunt will be held again this year on Saturday 30-March-2024. A sign-up sheet will be available on the tables at our meeting next week for anyone to help out as they did last year to make it a great success.

PP Dave also mentioned that an Email had been sent out last week for the Trivia Challenge that will be held on Thursday April 11, 2024 @ 7:30PM. Members can register on line by clicking the link on the Email which will take them directly to the on-line registration form. You are given a choice of paying by Credit Card or Paying Cash-at-the-door.

Final Thought for the Day: "Having first rate people on the team is more important than designing hierarchies and clarifying who reports to whom." ~ by Warren Buffet

President Alfred thanked the members and Guest Speakers Kari Wilson and Heather Wilson, and Joyce Morris for attending and wished them a good weekend and adjourned the meeting with Alex Morris ringing of the Bell.

Following are some candid photos from this meeting.

