
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter January 25, 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 – 49



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Immediate Past Governor

Anthony Haile

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 25, 2024

Have you been wondering what all the fuss is about over Artificial Intelligence? Join us at this Thursday's meeting to hear our speaker, Tim Philp, explain the basics.

HEAD TABLE

President Alf Hauk, Guest Speaker Tim Philp, Funmaster Ken McNaughton, Introducer Dave Lewis, Thanker Phil Hoekstra, and whoever the House & Reception Committee chooses to invite .

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Nancy Sherritt

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, February 1: Glenn Brown, Manager, Sanderson Centre

Thursday, February 8: LG David MacLennan on Kiwanis Goals & Objectives 2023-24

Thursday, February 15: Murray Angus, Family Businesses in Downtown Brantford

Thursday, February 22: TBA

Thursday, February 29: Ontario Health Network, Dementia Awareness

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 27 – Quarterly DCM in Ayr. 9:00 a.m. Here is a change to see democracy in action.

All are welcome but please notify Joanne Murray at brantfordkcsec@gmail.com before Tuesday re attendance and lunch.

February 6 – Kiwanis Club of South Dumfries hosting Interclub at The Ridge Social Eatery in Ayr. 6:00 p.m. – Cost \$35 plus tax

BIRTHDAYS

Doug DeLaronde will celebrate his birthday on February 1st. Happy Birthday Kiwanian Doug!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Nothing to report!

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Eliminating iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) is the objective of Kiwanis International's historic Worldwide Service Project. The easiest way to prevent IDD is by iodization of salt, which has eliminated IDD in most developed countries. The goal of the Worldwide Service Project is to raise US\$75 million to finally eliminate IDD by salt ionization and public education in all the remaining at-risk areas of the world. The project surpassed this goal in contributions and pledges in 2001.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” – Henry David Thoreau.

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, 18 January, 2024 Weekly Meeting

President Alfred Hauk called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guest Heather Vanner from Community Resource Service .

He indicated that he was continuing his opening comments from previous weeks, focusing on our “Objects of Kiwanis”. This week would be, Object #2, which is, “To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all that we do”. President Alfred said that, most of the major religions that he has studied have this particular tenet as a major belief. We should try to consider this Object on a daily basis.



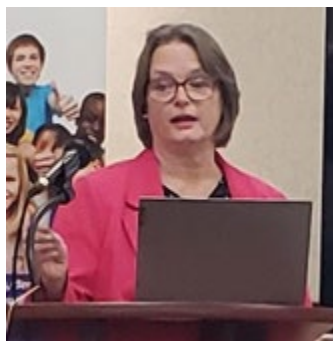
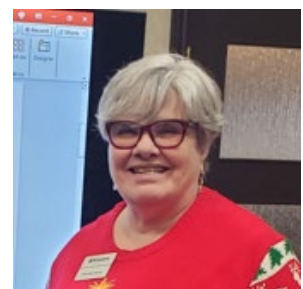
Kiwanian Phil emceed the 50/50 Draw. He indicated that there were 37 cards in today's Deck. The potential winners were, ticket holders PG Joanne and Kiwanian Len. The Joker was not found and the pot continues to grow.



President Alfred thanked Kiwanis Phil and called up our PP Randy as the Funmaster for today. He opened with an amusing story set in 1990 about a young man and ATM machines when they were just coming into use. It was taken from a source called, “Stories with a Twist”. He moved on helping us to celebrate Bonnie Little's Birthday on the 18 January and then opened the floor to Happy Stories and Happy Dollars. These were lead by PG Joanne and how her lost wallet was returned to her home before she got back from the Grocery store, Kiwanian Kirby and his signature on his daughters cheque, PP Randy and his Mother-in-Law mistaking an ATM as a Gambling Machine in Los Vegas and Kiwanian Len donating for his and Roma's Wedding Anniversary last week and the fact that he had won a win-fall of a nice sum in the past week.



President Alfred, thanked Funmaster Randy and called VP Maureen to the podium to introduce our Guest Speaker today. VP Maureen introduced Heather Vanner who is the Executive Director of Community Resource Service, a community based, multi-service, charitable organization dedicated to helping people experiencing economic stress in Brantford and Brant County. Heather's topic for today relates to the increased need of food for people in our community..



Heather opened her presentation with the statement that “Many news sources across Ontario have been sounding the alarm for the last year that Food Banks throughout the province do not have enough food for all the people that need it”. The Brantford Food Bank was established as a temporary measure 35 years ago. Brantford in 2023 had 1 in 12 people who did not have enough food. This translates to 7,700 people, which is an increase of 45% over last year (2022). Statistics are hard to understand sometimes, but of these 7,700 people 33% are children and 10% are seniors. These numbers are similar to what we experienced in Brantford during the Recession in 2008.

Heather outlined many factors that support the reasons for these increases, and Covid is not a direct factor, as in fact Food Bank usage during that two year period actually declined. After covid, several factors have come into play that adversely impact all of our communities in Ontario.

Following are some key points:

1. Canada Emergency Response Benefit , now Cancelled
2. Ontario Basic Income Pilot, now cancelled
3. Food Prices have increased significantly
4. House Cost have risen significantly
5. Rental Costs have risen significantly
6. Single individual (Students) with no residence have increased.
7. Social Assistance Rate have not increased.
8. Wages are not increasing

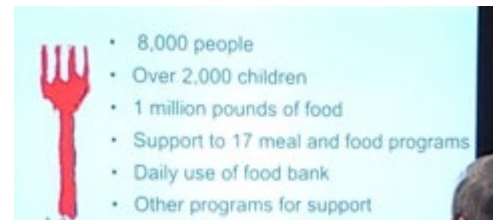


Observations about Food Bank Users:

- Household users do not abuse the Food Bank. 63% of the users go to the Food Bank 1 or 2 times each year.
- New Comers to Canada are not abusing the Food Bank. They represent < 10% of those in need.
- 56% of the users are living alone.
- 52% have a private rental residence
- Food insecurity affects the overall health conditions, particularly in people who have dietary problems such as diabetes.



The Food Bank changed its model in Brantford in 2023: These changes allowed the "food needs" for each family to be adjusted base on the individual needs of the specific family. The model has been configured to be more like a super market, where a family member can select the type of food and quantity, base on their choice for their particular family.



Conclusion: The Food Banks of Ontario were originally set up as a temporary Social Safety Net, but it does not look like they are going away anytime soon.

Heather Vanner then answered a number of questions from our members after which, Kiwanian Paulette officially thanked Heather for her presentation noting that, "in recognition of her presentation, we had made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation.

The microphone was handed back to President Alfred who called for any Committee Reports or announcements.

PLG Nelson announce details about a District Council Meeting (DCM) planned on Saturday, January 27th in Ayr. 9:00 AM Coffee/Social, 9:30AM – Noon Meeting. Venue: Knox United Church, 92 Northumberland St, Ayr NOB 1E0.

Kiwanian Pallo announced that we are having a Social evening out Friday 02-February 6:00PM at the Brantford Club and there are sign up sheets on the table today for registration

President Alfred gave us the Final Thought of the Day and thanked the members wishing them a good weekend and adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

Candid pictures of our meeting follow.

