



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter February 22, 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



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 FEBRUARY 22, 2024

Be present when President Alfred Hauk presents a cheque for \$20,000 to BCHS Foundation. The money will be used for a much-needed new birthing bed..

HEAD TABLE

President Alf Hauk, Guest Speakers Kari Wilson & Sara Kirkwood, Crystal Godwaltdt, Funmaster Alex Morris, Introducer Dave Lewis and Thanker Bob Saunders.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KC of Curacao

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele

KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

David MacLennan

KC of Stratford

Club Officers

President

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, February 29: Faye Prince, How to Play Chess Part 2

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

Kirby Brown will celebrate his birthday on February 23rd and Peter Liberati on March 2nd. Happy Birthday Kiwanians!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Bob Saunders will mark 21 years as a member of Kiwanis on February 26th.

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Kiwanis dues cannot be claimed as a personal tax deduction. As nonprofit corporations, Kiwanis clubs do not pay taxes on income. But Kiwanis clubs do not qualify as deductible charities for members or donors who provide the club's income. This is why some clubs, districts, and Kiwanis International have established charitable foundations to receive tax-deductible donations for service purposes. .

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change. ~

Queen Elizabeth II ~

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Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 15 February, 2024 Weekly Meeting

President Alfred Hauk called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guest Speaker Murray Angus

President Alfred opened the meeting with the thought for the day which was the 5th Object of Kiwanis, "To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities."

President Alf called on Kiwanian Graham to preside over the 50/50 Draw. Graham indicated that there were 29 cards in today's deck. Four tickets were drawn, and the potential winners were Kiwanian Faye and Kiwanian Ken (3 times). The Joker still did not show itself, thus the Pot continues to grow.



The Funmaster today was DST Jim, who gave the nod to the fact that, 15 February is not only Valentine's Day but also National Flag Day. On Feb. 15, 1967, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill. DST Jim opened his funmaster presentation by asking some fun questions to test our knowledge about our country.

Following are a few examples:

What is the Population of Canada? Answer: census 2021 - 36,991,981

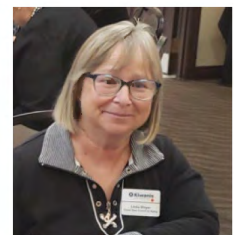
Who invented the pager? Answer: Alfred J. Gross, a Toronto-based wireless communications pioneer, in 1949.

Jim moved on to help us celebrate Kirby Brown's Birthday, followed with Happy Dollars from Kiwanian Leo, Kiwanian Karen and Bob MacLean.



President Alfred thanked Funmaster Jim for an educational, timely and fun presentation and called on Kiwanian Linda Moyer to introduce our Guest Speaker, Murray Angus.

Kiwanian Linda Moyer welcomed Murray Angus warmly and presented a brief bio. His topic for today was historic family businesses in downtown Brantford that lasted over multiple family generations.



Murray Angus thanked us for having him back to present a subject that he called "the Living History" of families and businesses that have thrived and persevered over multiple generations here in Brantford. Following are some of the high points.



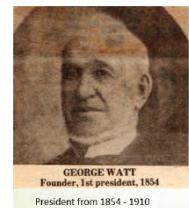
- Stedman Brothers (Sam, Ted and George). In 1890, 9 year old Samuel started selling newspapers on the street and within a few years convinced his younger brothers Edward and George to join him. They turned those humble beginnings into a multi million dollar business that encompassed 350 stores, in small towns and big cities, from coast to coast. Two of their local businesses were the Expositor and Stedman's Book Store. Chairman of Stedman's, Samuel also served as an alderman on City Council for three years. He passed away in 1965 at age 84. His daughters Mary, Ruth and Margaret followed in their father's footsteps. Mary worked for McClelland-Stewart in Toronto for a number of years and returned to Brantford to manage the Brantford store from 1950 to 1974. (Two Generations)



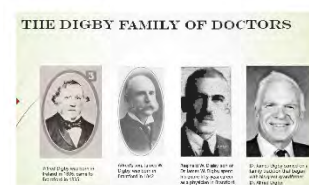
- James G. Cockshutt began the Brantford Plow Works in 1877 in a small plant at the canal on South Market Street. He started with five employees. Cockshutt Plow Co. became one of the largest agricultural implement producers in the world. The company remained under the family's control until the 1960's when it was purchased by American interests and renamed White Farm Equipment. The Cockshutt family were presidents from 1877 to 1960. They were James, W.F, Frank, Harry and C.Gordon. (Three Generations)



- George Watt was born in Ireland in 1824 and in 1947 moved to Brantford. In 1854 he decided to open a grocery store. His first store was on the corner of Colborne St and Market St. In 1878 George built a huge Grocery distribution warehouse there. William A. Watt was Thomas Watt's grandson and the fourth generation of the family to preside over the company. George worked right up to the time of his death in 1910 at 86 years of age. (Four Generations)



- Alfred Digby was born in Ireland in 1806, came to Brantford in 1835. This family became the Digby Family Doctors. Dr. James Digby carried on a family tradition that began with his great grandfather until he died in 2021. (Three Generations)

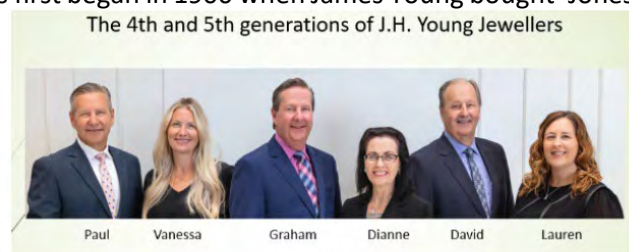


- Ludlow Brothers Clothing was started in 1911 by Austin Ludlow, known as Ott, and his brother Charles. They out grew their first store and in 1930, Greg the great grandson of Ott, who at age 12 started working in the store after school, joined the business full time in 2000 becoming the fourth generation of the family to be involved in the business. In 2002 Ludlows moved out of the downtown and built a new store on Lynden Rd. (Four Generations)



Austin 'Ott' Ludlow 1911

- What we know today as J.H Young Fine Jewellers first began in 1900 when James Young bought 'Jones & Co. Opticians' that was located at 86 Colborne St. Today J.H Young have family members David, Dianne, Paul, Vanessa and Graham Young as the fifth generation to own and operate the family business. (Five Generations)



- Forbes Brothers - Russ & Stan Forbes opened a Ford dealership in Brantford in December 1921. After moving to several locations and years of Family control, Jim and Bob, Great Grandsons of Russ and Stan, sold the business in 2011. (Four Generations)



- Bartle's - Jessie Bartle was born in Norfolk England and emigrated to Brantford as a child in 1863. His two sons, Art and Ken, operated Bartle's Confectionary on St. Paul Ave. Another son, Syd, bought a small confectionary store in 1935 located on St Paul Ave, across the street from the hospital. Great Grandson Paul ran the store until 1991 when he got an offer to sell it to Dell's Pharmacy. (Five generations)



Murray answered questions from the members and Joanne officially thanked Murray for his engaging and relatable presentation and handed the microphone back to President Alfred.

President Alfred's final thought for the day was: What is the difference between belonging and fitting in.

"Belonging gives us a sense of security because we feel known and valued, while trying to fit in, on the other hand, makes us feel anxious and constantly on edge because we sense that if we slip up, we're out."
Author, Unknown

President Alf said, "he has felt like he belonged since he has joined this Club".

President Alf made the following announcements.

It is with sincere regret that I advise you of the passing of Kiwanian Nancy Sherritt. Nancy was a bright light in our club. She enjoyed the opportunity to serve her community in many additional ways through her membership in Kiwanis and sincerely enjoyed the fellowship of the members. We will truly miss her.

We have received notice that Linda Wellwood has decided to retire as our Administrative Secretary in a few months after 37 years.

President Alfred thanked the members and Guest Speaker Murray for attending and wished them a good weekend and adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.