



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter March 21, 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 – 47



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 MARCH 21, 2024

Eating well can be done with a budget in mind and some creativity. Melissa Siegel, Registered Dietitian with the Grand River Community Health Centre, will offer some tips for "Healthy Eating from the Pantry". Free recipes to take home will be available.

HEAD TABLE

President Alf Hauk, Speaker Melissa Siegel, Funmaster Dave Lewis, Introducer Maureen Henry, Thanker Paulette Hauk, and others as determined by the House & Reception Committee

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, March 28: Ontario Health Network, Dementia Awareness

Thursday, April 4: Information Meeting & Membership Committee Feedback

Thursday, April 11: Start of Gardening Season

Thursday, April 18: TBD

Thursday, April 25: Heather George, Executive Director, Woodland Cultural Centre

CHILDREN'S SAFETY VILLAGE EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30th.: Children's Safety Village Annual Easter Egg Hunt from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. There will be outdoor games, a colouring contest, BBQ and other fun activities. Kiwanis members are requested to contact Leo Vos if they are able to volunteer some time to assist.

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

E. C. & C. District Convention – May 16 – 18 in Montego Bay, Jamaica

Kiwanis International Convention – July 3 – 6 in Denver, Colorado

BIRTHDAYS

Phil Hoekstra will celebrate his birthday on March 24th.
Happy Birthday Kiwanian Phil!

ANNIVERSARIES

Nothing to report this week!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Bob Lefebvre will mark 45 years as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford on March 29th and Valentina McGrandles and Karen Adams 1 year on March 30th.

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

The organization date, when a new club meets officially to elect officers and adopt its bylaws, is

the official birth date of a Kiwanis club and is celebrated as the anniversary in future years. The charter presentation is conducted a few weeks later, allowing adequate time to plan the event. All members elected before the charter date are considered charter members

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The first gift we can bestow on others is a good example." – Charles Morell

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Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 14 March, 2024 Weekly Meeting

Prior to the meeting as part of the Program plan, LG Nelson played several well known Irish tunes on his accordion to the delight of our members and guests as they arrived.



President Alfred Hauk called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, welcoming all members and Guest Joyce Morris.

President Alfred opened the meeting with the thought for the day which was that: "Irish Coffee has the 4 major food groups we need: alcohol, sugar, caffeine and fat."

President Alf called on Kiwanian Pallo to direct the 50/50 Draw. There were two tickets drawn, and the potential winners were Kiwanian Faye and Joyce Morris. The Joker was not found, thus the "Pot" continues to grow.



The Funmaster today was Kiwanis Randy who open with some short Irish stories. His first was:

Two paddies, Finn and Liam were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in.

They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again. An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it: why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

"Finn the hole digger, wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team, but today the lad who plants the trees, Conor called in sick".

After a couple more stories, which had us all grinning, to finish off his Irish Funmaster presentation we had a Video called, "How to stuff your Father in a Balloon". You had to be there to appreciate it.

President Alfred thanked Funmaster Randy and helped us celebrate Birthdays for Judy Lillico on March 18th and Paul Simon on March 19th, Happy Birthday Kiwanians. Also, Jim Steele will mark 41 years as a member of Kiwanis on March 17th.



Our Guest Irish Quizzmaster was Kiwanian Bob Saunders who posed 13 questions about the Irish as a challenge to each table to see how much Irish history we knew. We did surprisingly well.

Question: What is the Prime Minister of Ireland called?

Answer: Taoiseach, pronounced, "tay-shuh".

President Alf thanked Kiwanis Bob Saunders, and added his own Funmaster contribution which was, "Perfect pitch, was when you threw an accordion and hit a bagpiper."



We were then treated to a video of an Irish Dance Group performing an Irish Step Dance (Riverdance).

Background: The first performance of Riverdance was in 1995 in Dublin. It starred the now famous Irish Dancer and Irish Dance choreographer, Michael Flatley. Although, it predominantly features Irish step dancing, "Riverdance" has a Baroque style that incorporates other dance styles like flamenco and a Russian dervish.



Alex Morris thanked everyone for coming today and those that helped prepared today's festivities.

President Alf thanked Kiwanis Alex for his kind words and also thanked LG Nelson for his musical accompaniment and the funds donated from "his hat" to the Happy Dollars and Kiwanian Faye for the St Pat's Day table decorations.

Closing Thought for the Day is an Irish Toast: "There are good ships and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships and may they always be."

President Alf called for announcements and Committee Reports.

- Kiwanian Leo reminded everyone about the Children's Safety Village Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 30 March Starting at 10:00AM to 1:00PM
- Kiwanian Pallo had the following Social Announcements Reminders
 - March 23rd: Pancake breakfast at 9am Jakemans, Sweaburg Road. Beachville.
 - April 6th: Cooking with Eric. Brantford Club.
 - April 20th: Queens Court with Sean Hauk at the Polish Hall at 7:30pm

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

Candid pictures from this week's meeting



