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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter April 18, 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

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**Current Membership – 47**



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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 APRIL 18, 2024**

As a Kick-off for KIWANIS KINDNESS DAY, some fellow Kiwanians will offer their stories of times when they were touched by the kindness of strangers.

**HEAD TABLE**

President Alf Hauk, Speaker Linda Moyer, Funmaster Paul Simon, Faye Prince and others invited by the House & Reception Committee.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, April 25: Heather George, Executive Director,

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

Woodland Cultural Centre

Thursday, May 2: AGM/The Debbie Miller Classic

Thursday, May 9: Grand River Grannies (tentative)

Thursday, May 16: Ted Talk: How Childhood Trauma Affects Health of Children for a Lifetime

Thursday, May 23: Lillia Dockree, Program Outreach for Brant County Museum

Thursday, May 30: Report from District Convention attendees

Thursday, June 6: TBA

Thursday, June 13: Michael Jacques, author (Interclub Meeting)

## **DIVISION 5 COUNCIL MEETING**

Saturday, April 27th

Coffee at 9:00 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Kitchener-Waterloo

Location: Karis Disability Services, [26 Pepler Street, Waterloo, ON](#)

## **KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANTFORD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre

Lunch served at 12:00 noon

Annual General Meeting to be called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members are requested to make every effort to attend.

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Members interested in seeking a two-year term as a Director of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford Board are requested to forward their name to Dave Lewis at [davegslewis@gmail.com](mailto:davegslewis@gmail.com) by April 18th. This is a two-year term.

## **KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

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

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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Nancy Thompson will celebrate her birthday on April 19th. Happy Birthday Kiwanian Nancy!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Eardly & Natalie Judah will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 22nd. Best Wishes!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Phil Hoekstra will mark 22 years as a Kiwanian on April 25th.

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## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

Kiwanis Asia-Pacific is composed of the seven districts and nondistricted areas of Asia and the Western Pacific: the Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Philippine Luzon, Philippine South, Malaysia, New Zealand South Pacific, and Australia districts, and areas from Sri Lanka to Tahiti. Kiwanis Asia-Pacific has 700 clubs and conducts an annual conference to elect regional officers and promote Kiwanis goals and training.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world! How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution toward introducing justice straightaway... And you can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness!" ~ Anne Frank ~

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

### **Last Week's Meeting Highlights**



## Highlights of the Thursday, 11 April, 2024 Weekly Meeting

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

President Alf opened with the thought for the day: “Are you as happy as your dog?” Check out this book by Alan Cohen.

President Alf asked Kiwanis Phil to direct the 50/50 draw. Because the 50/50 was won previously we start anew, with 53 cards in the deck including the “Joker” and a new pot. There were two tickets drawn, and the potential winners were Kiwanian Joel and Kiwanian Leo. The Joker was not found and the “Pot” continues to grow.



President Alf called on Funmaster Joel Balberman for his portion of the program. Joel made note, to thank Kiwanis Maureen for her persistence to get him to the podium. Joel indicated he would be telling some potential, “Dad” jokes.

He was right, there were a few groaners. Here are a couple samples. 1) I hate my job — all I do is crush cans all day. It’s soda pressing. 2) If a pig loses its voice, does it become disgruntled? 3) I only know 25 letters of the alphabet — I just don't know y. Although many were groaners, they still brought smiles to many faces.



Joel moved on to celebrate the Month of Ken McNaughton’s birthday, and Ken and Robin’s Wedding anniversary and then called for Happy Stories/Dollars.

Several Stories and contributions were made by Ken, Kirby, Leo, Randy and Joel. Joel commented that one of the reasons he does not often make it to our weekly meetings is that, he is volunteering for an organization called “Wheels of Hope” which is organized by the Canadian Cancer Society. Joel said he is driving people to their cancer appointments 3 to 5 days a week.

President Alf thanked Joel warmly and called on Kiwanian Bob Saunders, to introduce our Guest Speaker.



Kiwanian Bob Saunders introduce Mackenzie Sheppard, Coordinator of Brant County Forestry and Horticulture which is part of the Parks Capital Planning and Forestry Department. Mackenzie was born, raised and schooled in Brantford, and graduated from Trent University with a degree in Environmental Studies and Resources and Indigenous Environmental Science. She is responsible for garden design and the control and eradication of invasive species in Brant County as well as assisting in tree and forest maintenance. Her topic for discussion today was Brant County’s new Initiative “Bee City”, as well as some other ongoing projects.

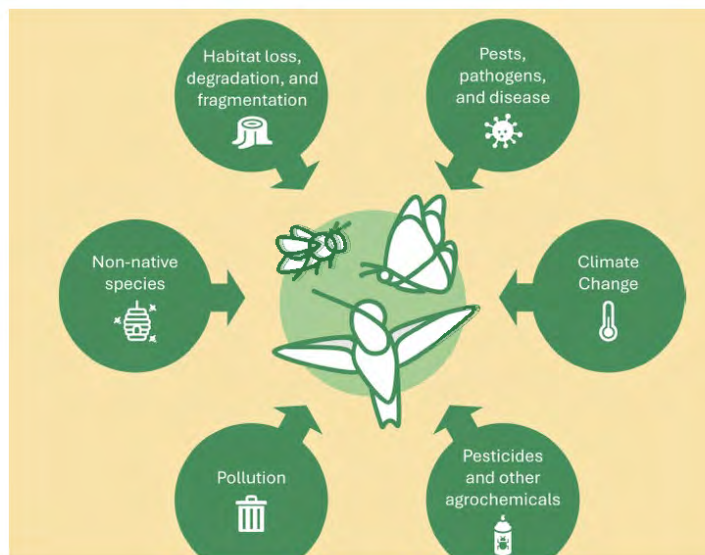
Mackenzie opened her program with information about the importance of pollinators. She got our attention, using a quote from Albert Einstein: “If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe, then man would have only four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man.”

- She indicated that Pollination occurs in many ways and we must assist in re-establishing all methods of pollination. Following are six means we may not know about.



<p><b>Bees</b> pollinate many of the fruits and vegetables we like to eat.</p>			<p><b>Hummingbirds</b> transfer pollen with their beaks and on their heads as they feed on nectar.</p>
<p><b>Butterflies</b> are dusted with pollen while sipping nectar from flowers.</p>			<p><b>Moths</b> get covered in pollen while using their tongues like straws to sip nectar.</p>
<p><b>Beetles</b>, pollen sticks to the beetles bodies and are carried from plant to plant.</p>			<p><b>Flies</b> are often considered pests, but some species are valuable pollinators.</p>

- Mackenzie said that the County of Brant has become our 82<sup>nd</sup> Bee City in Canada. Bee City Canada is a national organization that promotes pollinator conservation in Canada by collaborating with municipalities, schools, and businesses to encourage the establishment of pollinator gardens, reduction of pesticide uses and raise awareness about the importance of pollinators. Bee City Canada also provides resources and recognition to communities that commit to their program. Their work contributes to biodiversity preservation and the well-being of both pollinators and humans.



- The use of Native plants and elimination of invasive plants is another step in rejuvenating our environment.



## What are Native Plants?

Native plants refers to a species of plant that naturally occurs and has evolved in a particular geographic region or ecosystem. These plants have adapted over time to the specific environmental conditions, climate, and interactions with local wildlife in their native habitat. Native plants play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance of their respective ecosystems and are often well-suited to the local soil, climate, and wildlife, making them an essential component of biodiversity conservation efforts.

- What is the County doing to bring back pollinators?

### What is the County Doing to Bring Back Pollinators ?

- Garden Redesign to incorporate Native Plants
- Decreasing Herbicides and Pesticides
- Invasive Species Removals
- Decreasing Emissions
- Adding Pollinator Corridors
- Retiring Grass Areas
- Pollinators Week --> June 17-23, 2024



- What are the Benefits of these actions.



## Benefits

- Support for Pollinators
- Enhanced Environmental Awareness
- Education and Outreach
- Bee-Friendly Landscaping
- Improved Food Security
- Positive Environmental Impact
- Enhanced Urban Biodiversity
- Long-Term Sustainability

- How can a community participate?

## How can the community participate



- 1.Plant:** Create bee-friendly habitats by planting a variety of native flowers, herbs, and flowering plants in your garden or on your balcony. Choose plants that bloom at different times of the year to provide a continuous source of nectar and pollen
- 2.Avoid Pesticides and Herbicides:** Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides in your garden and yard.
- 3.Provide Nesting Sites:** Create nesting sites for native bees and other pollinators by incorporating natural materials and habitats into your landscape design. Build bee hotels or nesting boxes, and provide sheltered areas for pollinators to rest and raise their young.
- 4.Leave the Leaves:** leaving fallen leaves in your garden can benefit pollinators and other wildlife by providing habitat, food sources, and essential nutrients.
- 5.Support Bee-Friendly Policies:** Advocate for policies and initiatives that protect pollinators and their habitats at the local, regional, and national levels.

- You can get seeds free and use them to reseed your own garden, year after year.




## Did You Know The County of Brant has a Seed Library?

**Location:** Scotland Oakland Library (281 Oakland Road)


- Invasive Species

**What are Invasive Species?**

Invasive species are non-native organisms that cause harm to the environment, economy, or human health when they establish and spread in new habitats.



Giant Hogweed





Japanese Knotweed

- What can we do to help?

**#InvSpWk**

**What can you do to help?**

- Learn to recognize the invasive species and report any sightings
- Before leaving a natural area, clean your shoes, clothes and gear to avoid transportation
- Choose native plants when gardening and dispose of invasive plants responsibly
- Get involved in local conservation efforts

**COUNTY OF Brant** [brant.ca/InvasiveSpecies](https://brant.ca/InvasiveSpecies)

- Check Out Invasive Species Centers Best Management Practices
- Use EDD MapS and iNaturalist to map and identify invasive species
- Volunteer with local clubs and municipalities to remove invasive species

- Forestry

**Our Objectives**

- 01 Develop a Forest Management Strategy
- 02 Increase canopy coverage on private and public property
- 03 Enhance County forestry practices and policies
- 04 Achieve Bee City Canada initiatives
- 05 Conduct Invasive Species Management

- Upcoming Events

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>April 20</b>	<b>Earth Day Tree Planting</b> Jacobs Woods 10:00-1:00	<b>May 25</b>	<b>St George Garden Club Plant Sale</b> Gaukel Memorial 9:00 - They Sell Out
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Paris Horticulture Society Plant Sale</b> Syl Apps 8:00 - 11:00	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Glen Morris Horticulture Society Plant Sale</b> Glen Morris United Church 8:00 - They Sell Out

**June 17-23 National Pollinator Week**

Mackenzie closed her presentation and asked if anyone had any questions, which resulted in a flurry of queries which she handled very well.

Kiwanis Phil officially thanked Mackenzie on behalf of our Club, and said that he had planted a Native flower garden and thoroughly enjoyed the fragrance and appearance but really appreciated that they were the home to so much life.



President Alf called for announcements and Committee Reports.

- Kiwanian Leo reminded everyone of Trivia Challenge Thursday night at the Best Western, start 7:30PM
- Kiwanian Linda reminded everyone next Friday was Kiwanis Kindness Day
- Kiwanian Paulette reminded everyone that Freddie Mercury (Sean Hawk) will be at the Polish Hall on April 20 and to be sure you get your tickets.

President Alf thanked the members and guest speaker and adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.