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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



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Anthony Haile

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 08, 2024

Nichole Fogerty, Service Canada invites us to join in an engaging session focused on the Canadian Dental Care Plan. This informative discussion will cover topics such as coverage, benefits, eligibility criteria, and strategies to make the most of this essential dental care support.

HEAD TABLE

President Alf Hauk, Guest Speaker Nichole Fogerty, Introducer Linda Moyer, Thanker Bob Saunders, Funmaster Jim Steele and others as chosen by the House Committee

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Jim Steele

Secretary

Bob MacLean

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2 Year Term

Randy MacKenzie

Leo Vos

Bob Wade

1 Year Term

Stuart Parkinson

Graham Schram

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, August 8 – Nicole Fogarty on Navigating the Canadian dental Plan for Seniors

Thursday, August 15 – Tom Bentley, Brantford Public Library

Thursday, August 22 – Jennifer Stebbings, Power of Attorney

Thursday, August 29 – Craig Mann – Summer Cocktails

Thursday, September 12 – Angela Vieth, Division 5 LG Designate

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Kiwanis "BURGER BONANZA" Potluck BBQ, Saturday August 10, 2024 at 4:00 PM at Ken and Robin's

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

Note: Date Change:

Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention – Niagara Falls, May 29 to 31, 2025

Kiwanis International Convention – Pittsburgh, June 25 to 28-2025

BIRTHDAYS

Roxanne Bond – Birthday – August 10 Congratulations!

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Gayle Wade – Anniversary – August 5

Joel & Lorraine Balberman – Anniversary – August 6
Congratulations!

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

None

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Club bylaws prevent the club from being used for any political purpose or, as a club, from actively participating in the political candidacy of any person. But this does not mean that the club cannot take an interest in public affairs. Article XIV, Section 1, of the Standard Form for Club Bylaws states, "This club shall seek, by fair discussions at its meetings and in other ways, to keep its members informed on all questions of public importance and any proposed legislation affecting the community, state, province, or nation in which this club is located." Equal time is normally given to opposing political candidates or supporters on each side of controversial issues.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes. Mark Twain.

**To view the highlights of last week's meeting,
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Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 01 August, 2024 Weekly Meeting

President Alfred called the meeting to order at 12:30PM and welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Meghan Josling and Guests, Meghan's Mother - Leslie Josling, Anna Maria Romano Petite, Pat Lenz and Anna Cook.

The opening thought for the day: "Whatever you put around yourself, you will be the mirror of it." Marcel Wanders



President Alf called on Kiwanian Phil to organize the 50/50 draw.

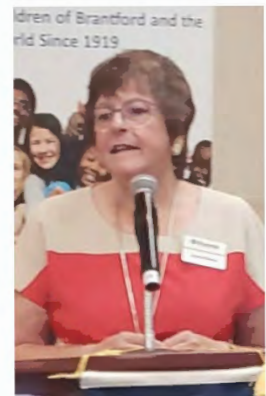
DST Jim and Kiwanian Randy were the lucky ticket holders, but the "Joker" eluded them. Only 37 tickets left in the Deck.



President Alf called Funmaster PG Joanne to the microphone.

Joanne asked that we celebrate Melanie Mackay's birthday August 5 Congratulation! No other Anniversaries occurred in this week.

Joanne explained that her presentation was to be based on a recent tour she had taken during the International Convention in Denver. Joanne and Jim toured the Denver Home of Mary Brown, better known as the "Unsinkable Molly Brown". There have been Movies and live Theatre performances of the stories about Molly Brown and her husband, JJ Brown.



Joanne gave us a wonderful and fun rendition, of one of the monologs attributed to the Molly Brown characters, in a 1960 Broadway version of the ***The Unsinkable Molly Brown***.

Following is a short version of the plot.

In the early 20th century, feisty tomboy Molly Tobin wrestles with her three younger brothers and tells them and her father that she wants to learn to read and write and to find a rich husband ("I Ain't Down Yet"). Molly makes her way to the Saddle Rock saloon in Leadville, Colorado and applies for a job. On the way to Leadville, Colorado she meets J.J. "Leadville" Johnny Brown, who falls in love with her and promises to give her whatever she wants ("I'll Never Say No"). After they marry, Johnny sells a claim and provides Molly with the money she wants, enough to enter the high social life in Denver ("Beautiful People of Denver"). Molly and Johnny, now dressed in gaudy finery, are made fun of by the Denver society people she wants to impress, and they travel to Europe, against Johnny's better instincts.

The couple, and especially Molly, are welcomed and accepted by European royalty, but the attentions of Prince DeLong towards Molly upset Johnny and he returns to Leadville alone. Molly realizes that Johnny is her true love, and she sails for home on the RMS Titanic ("Dolce Far Niente"). As the Titanic sinks and the tragedy unfolds, Molly survives in one of the lifeboats. She finally is reunited with Johnny, who has built Molly her own "castle", a beautiful home in the Rocky Mountains.

Everyone enthusiastically applauded Joanne's performance.

PG Joanne called for anyone with Happy Stories:

DST Jim said he would be attending his, Mother's, 100th Birthday this weekend along with 43 friends and family, Bob Wade said he was celebrating his birthday this weekend, Len and Randy also had Happy Stories.

PG Joanne handed the Microphone back to President Alf. President Alf called on Kiwanian Paulette to introduce our Guest Speaker.

Kiwanian Paulette introduced Meghan Josling who will tell us her Life Story as a successful Para-Athlete.



Meghan Josling took the podium and thanked Kiwanis for asking her to speak.

Meghan said at an early age she was diagnosed with epilepsy. She couldn't walk even holding someone's hand without constantly falling, or tripping. Prior to that she had been walking and talking, but once the seizures started, could not walk or form sentences.

At the age of 10, she underwent brain surgery to pinpoint where the seizures were coming from. She was only the 50th person in Ontario to have that type of brain surgery. After that the seizures stopped. She then had to re-learn how to walk and talk. None of the doctors thought she would ever be able to do either.

She explained how through elementary school she was excluded from doing almost anything the other children were doing and she was very frustrated and demoralized.

In 2013 - as a teenager, she had her jaw broken and rewired to align her chin so she would be able to pronounce words and even be able to chew properly. Again, she had to re-learn how to talk.

She indicated that initially as a teen, she was excluded in school activities, until one day things changed. She wanted to run with the other young girls in an athletic event but was refused to try-out by the Coach. She was frustrated and angry and went to one of the councilors, who convinced the Coach to let her participate. She went to the trials that day and was accepted as part of the squad. She also attended dances at the school which was a great moral boost for her. This was when the Coaches, School Teachers and her family and friends grew into a very strong support group for Meghan to allow her to grow and mature, as **she wanted**. There was still exclusion and abuse but Meghan over-came these actions and grew to stand-up for herself.

For the past 10 years since joining the Special Olympics, Meghan has become an athlete. She has found the power of her voice and made lots of amazing friends. She trains six times each week, come rain or shine. She said she is proud of her determination and how well she can run. Some of the support group's mentors and cheer-leaders from her youth are here today, continuing their support.

She said, "When I was 10, I couldn't walk down the driveway. Now I run half marathons and I placed 2nd at the Ontario Cup last year."

When asked, "What does Special Olympics and attending World Games mean to you?"

She responded, "Everything! I have trained six times a week for the past four years to become a very good distance runner. I am ready for this."

Meghan thanked everyone for listening and was greeted with a hearty round of applause. She was asked a number of questions and responded strong and clearly.



PG Joanne thanked Meghan officially on behalf of our Club, letting her know that, in recognition of her presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Health Care System Foundation.

PG Joanne passed the microphone back to President Alf who called for Announcements and Committee Reports.

Kiwanian Linda Moyer Reminded us that the Grand Parade is being held again this year at Kiwanis Field on Sept-21-2024 Saturday. She said that many people had already signed up for the event but, if there was anyone who wanted to volunteer but has not yet, they could call or email her and she would be glad to add you to the list. Linda indicated that last year this event results in \$28,000 donated to the Grand River Council on Aging. Linda also mentioned that Jim Steele has registered a Team to walk in this event in order to raise funds. If you would like join in this walk let him know, by email him at jsteele@kiwanisec.org.



PP Dave said that if anyone needed more Dinner for Two tickets, to call him, and he would be glad to deliver them. He asked everyone to return their tickets stubs as early as possible directly to him. He noted that if anyone wishes to use e-transfer (Interac), to pay for their tickets, to Email Dave Lewis, and he will forward the process and email address that must be used for the, "Dinner for Two" tickets only.

Kiwanian Pallo confirmed that the Kiwanis "Burger Bonanza" Potluck BBQ will be held at Ken and Robin McNaughton's on Saturday August 10-2024 and had sign-up sheets on the tables again today for the member registrations.

President Alf gave the final thought for the day: "Success is a Team Sport" ~ Simon Sinek

President Alf thanked all members and guest saying, if there is nothing else for the good of Kiwanis, we will adjourn this meeting with Meghan, ringing of the bell.

Meeting Adjourned.



Following are photos of the members and guests at this meeting:

Leslie Josling
(Mother)

Anna Cook

Teachers and long-time supporters of Meghan

Pat Lenz

Anna Maria Romano Petite

