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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter October 03, 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 – 44**



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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 October 03, 2024**

Join us as the incoming President, Nancy Thompson out lines her plans for the coming 2024-25 year.

**HEAD TABLE**

President Nancy Thompson, Funmaster Joanne Murray, and whoever the House Committee assigns

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, October 3 – Incoming President’s Plans for Coming Year

Thursday, October 10 – Derek Ritschel, Manager of

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

Lighthouse Theatre

Thursday, October 17 – Show and Tell

Thursday, October 24 – Lori Dawn Cavin for the City of Brantford

Thursday, October 31 – Halloween Fun and Games

## **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

## **KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

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

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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

David Neumann – Birthday – October 5

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob & Elaine Johnson – Anniversary – October 5

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Stuart Parkinson – Joined – October 2, 2008

## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage approximately 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. By working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. On average, one Kiwanian positively impacts the lives of 206 children every year.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition." – Steve Jobs

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**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, 26 September, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting started at 12:30 pm with President Alfred welcoming all members and Guests Mary Hoekstra and Sean Hauk.

Opening Thought of the day was: "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me." ~ Fred Rogers.

President Alf call Phil Hoekstra to coordinate the 50/50 Draw. Tickets were drawn by Nelson McClinchey and Maureen Henry. Maureen with great stealth found the "Joker" and won the pot for today. Congratulations!



Kiwanian Leo as Funmaster took the mic and in keeping with this week's theme, "Retrospective of our President Alfred", he gave us several words describing the wonderful year of Presidency navigated by President Alfred.

He began with:

- committed, devoted, enthusiastic, faithful.
- accommodating, amiable, attentive, charitable, compassionate, discreet, generous, magnanimous, mindful, polite, solicitous, sympathetic, thoughtful, unselfish, warmhearted.



To reduce the amount of time to elucidate the list that Leo had come up with he used the following succinct words to describe President Alfred's many attributes.

Considerate, erudite, humble, perseverant, philosophical, altruistic, perspicacious, etc.

Leo then moved on to the announcement of Bob and Dorathy Ritchie's Wedding anniversary on Thursday 26-September. Congratulations.

Leo followed up by asking for Happy Stories

- Linda Moyer thanked all members for their participation again this year in the Grand Parade and noted that they had achieved the GRCOA goal of \$30,000.
- David Neumann invited everyone to come to the "Discover Performing Arts in Brantford", in the coming months. Specifically, David mentioned November 03 @ 3:00PM Grand River Chorus at St Andrews Church. See Card Flyer left on the tables. Web discoverbrantford.ca
- Jim Steele thanked everyone for the participation in the Grand Parade and offer 2025 Calendars to all present. He noted that the Kiwanis Advertisement is on the Month of April page.
- Several other contributed Happy Stories including Joanne Murray, Sean Hauk, Leo Vos ~ Halloween in the Village 26-October.

President Alf thanked Leo for his many wonderful words and moved on to his portion of the Program which was a retrospective of the past year of his presidency.

President Alf thanked everyone for the great support throughout the year.

He mentioned that when he joined Kiwanis in - October 2019, there was no Covid and Nelson McClinchey was just finishing his year as President.

In March 2020 everything was turned on its head because of the lock-down caused by Covid and Judy Jones became President. This slowed the Club down but we adapted with Zoom and carried on Food Drives, Board and committee meeting via zoom and the Staples project.

In October 2021 Randy MacKenzie stepped in as President and as Covid restriction changed we adapted and began the job of reinventing existing projects and coming up with new ones.

In 2022 we were just easing our way out of Covid and starting to come back to our new normal.

In 2023 President Alfred stepped up to the podium with the Board of Director Zoom meeting. President Alf had been part of and observed many of the changes that had happened since he joined the Club in October 2019. Two items that became apparent were the need for Membership Growth and Leadership. A significant item that illustrated the purpose and direction of this club was the Aktion Club, and the number of members involved with this project. The number of Service/Fundraising and Administrative activities that make up the plan for each year to effectively engage our membership gainfully is amazing.

It took me a while to understand the meaning of an, "Over-Sight Board" and the Working committees. This is an important working relationship that I have seen throughout the year. Occasionally things fall apart in an area, and immediately other members of that committee or other committees move to correct the problem.

The committees are the driving force that allowed me to help as the President to Guide the committees with our original plans, without interfering with a well-oiled process.

The reinstating of the House & Reception committee and the redevelopment of the social Committee have been two very positive events. Well done Phil and Pallo. Kudos to Nelson for getting the InterClub Committee back on track.

Thanks, to everyone, for your help and support in every way to make this a very successful year.

Graham Scham was next up with a special thanks that he has been giving to each President as they complete their year.





Thank you to all Members and Guests

Final Thought for the day: "There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness." ~ Dalai Lama

If there is nothing else for the good of Kiwanis, we will adjourn this meeting with the ringing of the bell. Have a great weekend.

Meeting Adjourned

Following are candid pictures of our members at this meeting.

