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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter September 26, 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 – 46**



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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 SEPTEMBER 26,  
2024**

President Alfred Hauk's Retrospective of his 2023-2024 Year

**HEAD TABLE**

President Alf Hauk, others assigned by House and reception

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, September 26 – Alf Hauk, President's  
Retrospective

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

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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

Thursday, October 10 – Derek Ritschel, Manager of  
Lighthouse Theatre

## **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

Saturday 28th September – Bell Homestead Trivia, test your  
60s TV trivia for a chance to win prizes. 60s style finger  
foods and refreshments are included in the cost.

## **KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

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

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

## **BIRTHDAYS**

None

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob & Dorathy Ritchie – Anniversary – September 26

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

None

## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

All solicitations for funds by a Kiwanis club must be confined to the area in which the club functions, except by mutual agreement of clubs in a division, district, or area of solicitation. No member, club, or commercial enterprise may circularize for sale any product or service, solicit funds, or promote any program or project to Kiwanis clubs or members within a district without prior approval of the district board, or outside the district without prior approval of the International Board.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

“We will either find a way or make one.” —Hannibal

**To view the highlights of last week's meeting,  
please page down.**

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



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## Highlights of the Thursday, 19 September, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting started at 12:30 pm with President Alfred welcoming all members.

President Alf call Paulette Hauk to handle the 50/50 Draw. Tickets were drawn by Paul Simon and Joanne Murray. Joanne **finally** found the illusive “Joker” and won the pot for today. Hooray and congratulations!



Kiwanian Pallo as Funmaster was up next and had several challenging questions for the members to answer as a group, by table. Following are a few samples:

- Q: What do the letters NHL mean?  
Ans: National Hockey league
- Q: What colour are McDonalds Arches?  
Ans: Yellow/Gold
- Q: What is the most widely spoken language?  
Ans: Mandarin
- Q: Who invented the Polaroid Camera?  
Ans: Edwin Land -The Polaroid-Land Camera



Pallo had about 20 of these questions, and the winning table had 14 correct.

Pallo helped us celebrate the Birthday of Linda Moyer on September 23. There were no anniversaries of joining the club or members having weddings.

Pallo called-on members for Happy Dollars/Stories. Bob Ritchie mentioned that, this coming Thursday 26-September was his, and Dorathy’s Wedding anniversary. Nancy Thompson thanked all members who participated in the Back-to-School Food drive and said we didn’t have the number of pounds of food collected back yet, but would let everyone know when we find out.

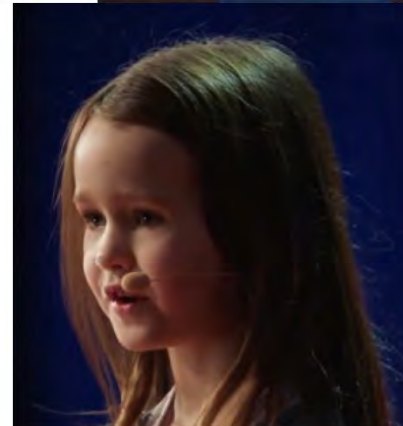
President Alf called DST Jim to introduce our guest speaker today.

Jim said that today's speaker would be a young lady from Australia named Molly Wright. Molly is passionate about wildlife conservation and is a National Trust ambassador, having led various initiatives to raise significant funds and awareness for the conservation of endangered species, founding and leading [Molly's Wildlife Warriors and Conservation Club](#).



The Ted talk we saw was created 3 years ago and is named, "How every child can thrive by five". It is presented by Molly when she was 7 years old in Grade 2.

Molly Wright's inspirational TED Talk went viral. Molly Wright put a question to the audience three years ago when she stepped out on stage to deliver a TED talk. For the next seven minutes, the then, seven-year-old had the audience captivated.



This schoolgirl's inspirational TED talk was viewed nearly 50 million times across 37 languages to date, and is now rubbing shoulders with Hollywood A-listers Sir Ben Kingsley and Aaron Eckhart.

Molly's presentation started with the question, "What if I could tell you that a game of peek-a-boo could change the world?"

She describes how this is possible by demonstrating how the interaction, between her young baby "friend", "Ari" and his father, "Amajut", could shape our children into the adults they will become. How do I know this, because my parents and people around me did them **early and often** to me. I know that all kids are not as lucky, some of my friends and some kids at school and many around the world, and I would really like to help change that.



Scientists have confirmed how important **the first five years** are for health and development, particularly our brains. Even before birth we now know that we start learning. When Ari was born, he was tiny and he cried all the time. He was always hungry. Now he laughs and giggles and makes funny noises, but those are just the changes we hear and see. There is way more going on inside. Let's talk about our brains. We know that at birth, the average baby's brain is **about a quarter of the size of the average adult brain**. Incredibly, it doubles in size in the first year. It keeps growing to about 80% of adult size by age 3 and 90% – nearly full grown – by age 5. Our brains grow faster in our early years, than at any other time in our lives. It can create more than 1 million neural connections every second, but we need adult help.



Our healthy development depends on these **top five things**. All of these, help our brains and help us, reach our full potential.

What can mom's, dad's and others do? They can do what scientist call, **Serve and Return**. It just means connect, talk and play with us.

Here is the really big news:

- Copy-cat games build imagination and empathy.
- Naming games build vocabulary and attention.
- Games like Peek-a-boo build memory and trust.

Each time you talk to us, play with us, make us laugh, it not only strengthens and builds our relationship and mental health. It also teaches us some of the most important life skills, from making friends, to taking a test, to getting a job, to one day starting a family of our own.

**Interactions early and often matter.**

Using baby **Ari** and father "**Amajut**" Molly demonstrate Ari's reactions when Amajut, picks up his tablet and blocks the connection between them. The son, Ari becomes lost and nervous. He tries to regain the "Play" connection and when it does not happen, he becomes frustrated, vocal and physically tries to reestablish the "Game". Kids are hardwired to seek out meaningful connections. Not receiving them causes confusion and stress. When the father Amajut puts the tablet down and picks-up Ari, the smile and giggles and engagement to the "game" is reestablished.

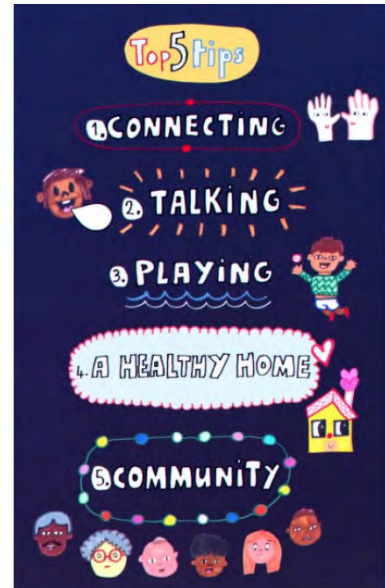
What is the whole childhood was blocked with a tablet, cell phone, phone or other item? How hard it would be for a child to feel calm, to feel safe, to learn to trust anyone and the lifelong impact that would have. Ari only reacted the way he did and recovered so quickly because of the connection between him and his dad usually so strong. The positive relationship with the grownups in our lives, give the kids the confidence we need to try new things, to explore and to be a kid. Every moment together is an opportunity to connect, talk and play.



Imagine the difference we could make, if everyone every where did this.

**To us, to children, this is so much more than just a game. It's our Future!**

[If you wish to see this Video click here.](#)



President Alf thanked DST Jim.

President Alf called for any Committee Reports and Announcements:

- This Thursday 9-Sept was the last shift at Staples for this years project.
- Details about the amount of food collected at the Back to School Food Drive is still outstanding.
- A reminder was made to ensure that everyone that signed up for the Grand Parade Saturday morning remember when and where they will be needed.

The bell was rung to end the meeting at approximately 1:10 pm

Following are candid pictures of our members at this meeting.



Following, are from the Kiwanis Staple School Supply drive and the Kiwanis Back to School Food Drive

