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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter September 05, 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 SEPTEMBER 05,  
2024**

Corrinne Psailia and Machel Denison from Strong Start

**HEAD TABLE**

President Alf Hauk, Funmaster Randy MacKenzie, Guest speakers Corrinne Psailia and Machel Denison, Introducer Dave Lewis

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

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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, September 19 – Lauren Moulton on Woodview programs

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

## **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**

**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**

Alfred Hauk – Birthday – September 6

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

None

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

Crystal Godwaldt – Joined – September 6

## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

Kiwanis dues cannot be claimed as a personal tax deduction. As nonprofit corporations, Kiwanis clubs do not pay taxes on income. But Kiwanis clubs do not qualify as deductible charities for members or donors who provide the club's income. This is why some clubs, districts, and Kiwanis International have established charitable foundations to receive tax-deductible donations for service purposes.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." – 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, 29 August, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting started at 12:30 pm with President Alfred welcoming the guest speaker, Craig Mann and all members.

The opening thought of the Day: "It is time to start living the life you've imagined" ~ Henry James.



Kiwanian Phil ran the 50/50 draw. Tickets were drawn by Jim Steele and Dave Lewis. No one found the illusive "Joker", and the Pot increases.



As funmaster, Kiwanian Faye Prince noted that this week we have the Wedding Anniversary of:

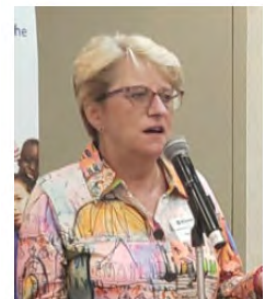
- Alex & Joyce Morris – Anniversary – August 29
- Phil & Mary Hoekstra – Anniversary – August 30

Congratulations!

Anniversaries of date joining our Club

- Ken McNaughton – Joined – August 31, 1994

That was a great day!



Faye called for Happy Stories which were presented by Jim Steele in thanks for a Peach Pie, Phil - celebrating he and Mary's Anniversary, Nelson - for winning the Draw last week and stated he will try to be less enthusiastic the next time, Jim and Joanne for a surprise Pie, Leo for He and Sandy's - Wedding Anniversary - August 23, Leo also confirmed that the Children's Safety Village roofing and restoral process, was progressing well, Dave Lewis also acknowledge a wonderful Pie surprise.



President Alf called on Randy MacKenzie to introduce our speaker Craig Mann of Manns Distillery.

PP Randy gave a brief update about our Guest Speaker, Craig Mann. Randy said that Criag started this business venture, Mann's Botanical Spirits, January 27, 2021. Randy related a bit of Craig's background prior to this opening and indicated that Craig's topic for today would be, How Whisky is produced in his distillery in Brantford.

Craig Mann indicated that he was pleased for the opportunity to speak to our Club again as the last time he was here was in May 2021 during the Covid restrictions. Craig used a visual presentation while supporting each image with a great deal of business, technical, biochemical and botanical information based on his experience and education.



He indicated that Manns Distillery Ltd is a locally owned and operated company located at 581 West Street, Brantford. They focus on creating unique craft spirits and other products to elevate the cocktail experience. Their mission is to focus on using a wide range of Botanicals rather than a single product. Their venue includes Production space, Tasting Bar, Cocktail Lounge, classroom area, and Patio.

Craig gave a short history that got them to where they are today. The concept of Manns Distillery started in 2015. Craig attended college in 2018/19 for Artisan Distilling – was one of the first 16 students in the inaugural class at Niagara College. Sold existing business (Blue Dog Coffee Roasters) in 2019 and began development of distillery. Finally, he found a property that was acceptable to their needs and took they possession in June 2020. Construction and reconfiguration of the building lasted 6 months. Manns Distillery obtained Federal Spirits Manufacturing license in December of 2020. Retail online sales began January 2021. Cocktail lounge and tasting bar opened in March 2021

Craig then addressed the Topic, How is Whisky produced?



## How is Whisky produced?

Whisky (sometimes spelled whiskey) is an amber-colored distilled spirit made out of fermented grain (most often rye, wheat, corn, or barley). Most whiskeys are aged in wooden casks before bottling and have a minimum 40 percent alcohol by volume (ABV).

- Scotch Whisky – must be produced in Scotland – lots of rules on naming (Single Malt, Blended, Single Barrel, Single batch, etc.)
- Irish Whiskey – must be produced in Ireland – not as many rules
- Bourbon Whiskey – must be produced in Continental US and aged in new American Oak barrels
- Canadian Whisky – very few rules and allowed to blend 9.9% of “Other” spirits.
- Japanese, Indian and other countries are all becoming very popular – most copy the Scotch model

Production – Graig explained that they do not use “Malted” Grains in their Whiskies but other manufactures do. He said that Grains are quite often ‘malted’ to kick start the growth of the grain – this produces enzymes for starch conversion and also allows an opportunity to add flavours such as smoke.

1. Manns Distillery Production starts with Grains are then cooked to convert the starch to sugar.



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2. Yeast is added to convert sugar to Alcohol.



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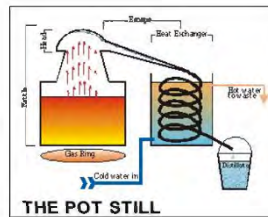


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The distillation separates the Alcohol from the ‘wort’ or ‘beer’ that was produced in Fermentation stage.



4. The Unaged Whisky is transferred to specific type of Wood Barrels (All Canadian Whiskies must be aged for 3 years before they can be sold.



We now have an unaged Whisky (Moonshine, White Dog)

This is then transferred to Barrels for ageing. Typically American, French or Hungarian Oak.

Very popular now to “finish” in other barrels such as used Sherry, Port, or other types of Wood.



5. The unaged Whisky once Aged 3 years or more must be proofed down to legal percentage before being sold.



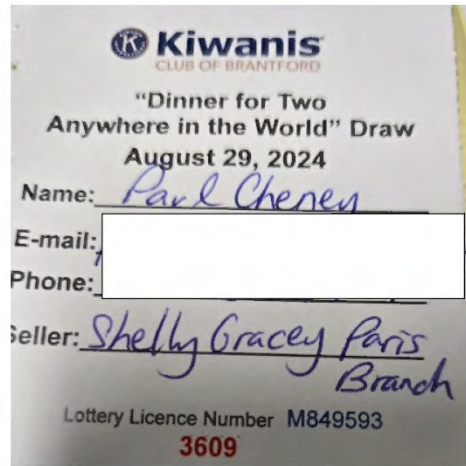
Once aged, the whisky is then proofed down to a lower percentage of Alcohol and bottled.



One of Craig Mann's closing comments was that he should have started whisky making 40 years ago that way he would have, "40-year-old" whisky for sale now at a much more lucrative price.

Craig readily answered a number of questions from the members and was formally thanked by Dave Lewis who in recognition of his presentation, let him know that we had made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Health Care System Foundation.

Our last activity for the day was the draw for the winning ticket for the 2024, **Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World**". The draw took place at our meeting at 1:10 PM. DST Jim spun the ticket-barrel several more times and our Guest Speaker Criag Mann was asked to draw a ticket. The winning ticket was held by Paul Cheney Sold by Shelly Gracey and the Winning Number is **3609. Congratulations!**



President Alf called for any Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Requests were made to remember to signup the appropriate sheet for the
- Back-to-School-Food- Drive  
Staples Back to School event
- Social Committee – 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.

Final thought for the day: "At the end of the day, if I can say I had fun, it was a good day."  
Simone Biles

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

Following are candid pictures of this meeting.

