
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter October 10, 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**

Current Membership – 43



E.C. & C. District

Governor

Pamela Rodney White
KC of Constant Spring

Governor Elect

Cynthina Blackman
KC of Pride of Barbados

Immediate Past Governor

John Chave
KC of Barrie

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele

PROGRAM FOR October 10, 2024

Derek Ritschel, Manager of the Lighthouse Theatre will speak about the Port Dover theatre and its many offerings for Brantford an surrounding communities.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Derek Ritschel, Introducer Bob Saunders, Thanker Jim Steele, Funmaster Ken McNaughton and whoever else the House Committee invites.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor
Angel Vieth
KC of Kitchener-Waterloo

Club Officers

President
Nancy Thompson

Past President
Alfred Hauk

President-Elect
Maureen Henry

Treasurer
Jim Steele

Secretary
Dave Lewis

Club Directors
2 Year Term
Ross Pope
Joanne Murray

1 Year Term
Randy MacKenzie
Leo Vos
Bob Wade

Thursday, October 10 – Derek Ritschel, Manager of
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

None

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Alfred Hauk – Joined – October 7, 2019
Faye Prince – Joined – October 7, 2019
Paul Simon – Joined – October 7, 2019

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Our Club is part of a Kiwanis District made up of the 6 eastern provinces of Canada and 15 nations in the Caribbean including Jamaica, Bahamas, Barbados, Aruba and Trinidad and Tobago. We are called Eastern Canada and the Caribbean. (EC & C) District.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." – Will Rogers

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Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 03 October, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting started at 12:30 pm with President Nancy welcoming everyone to this, the 1st meeting of the New Kiwanis Year 2024-2025.



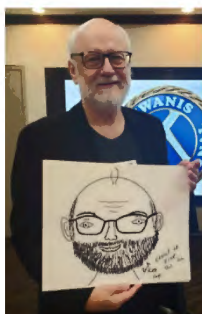
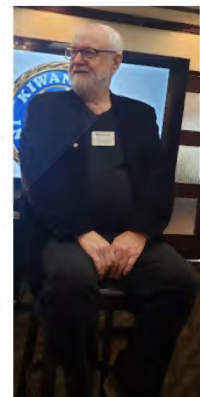
President Nancy called Phil Hoekstra to organize the 50/50 Draw. Two Tickets were drawn by Judy Jones and Bob Saunders. It was ensured that the “Joker” was in the new deck but unfortunately neither Judy nor Bob found it today.



President Nancy thanked Kiwanian Phil and called our Funmaster Joanne Murray to the mic.

Kiwanian Joanne, put a different twist on the Funmaster’s presentation today by calling Past President Alfred to sit on a stool at the front of the room as a model.

The purpose of this was to have a contest, where the members at each table collectively would create an image of PP Alfred to be hung in a place of prominence in his home in memory of his Presidency. The process was that, as Joanne identified a part on Alfred’s head one member at each table was to draw that part. When Joanne called out the second part the person to the left of the previous artist would draw the second part and so on.



When Alfred’s head was completely drawn, the results were evaluated by a couple of our in-house Art experts. The winning version was presented to our out-going President as well as a more formal plaque commemorating his position as the President for the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year.



Funmaster Joanne moved on to Happy Stories

- Karen Adams confirmed that she has now moved into her new Home.
- Leo Vos said his Grand Kids and their parents were coming in from out west for a visit this weekend.
- Maureen Henry thanked everyone for their contribution to the 50/50 draw last week that she won.
- Bob Ritchie indicated that his family were in to visit and celebrated, he and Dorathy’s Wedding anniversary last weekend.

- President Nancy thanked PP Alfred for all his help and direction last year;
- Paulette announced that she was proud and please to see Sean Hauk's performance in the Rocky Horror picture show and was looking forward to his upcoming performance in Queen;
- Randy announced that Doug hunt could use some help again this year at Brantwood Farms - Halloween Event, Call Randy if you wish to help.
- Several members mentioned what a great time they had at the Bell Homestead Social event last weekend.

President Nancy thanked Funmaster Joanne and moved on to the Speaker's portion of the program.

She addressed the Members at this meeting with the following comments:

I would like to start with a thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the 2024/2025 Kiwanis year. It is an honour to stand at the podium and serve our community along with each and every one of you.

My goals for this year I believe are quite simple. I would like to lead out Club to Distinguished Club Recognition. I say this is simple as many of the criteria set out for us are things that our club continues to do year after year as part of our planning, service work and support of our community. We are good at these things and through the hard work of our committees and board members we already accomplish so much.

We have two areas that we need to focus on to attain this goal.

Membership – Over the past couple of years our membership has declined for many reasons. We need to focus on growing our numbers as we know we will always encounter circumstances that see members leave our club. My goal is a Net Plus 3 for the 2024/25 year to increase our membership from the current 43 members to 46. My hope is this goal is too low and we will blow this out of the water. For this to happen we all have to keep Membership top of mind and always be thinking of who we could invite to a meeting, social event or service project and immerse them into the wonderful world of Kiwanis. Many new members say they got into Kiwanis because someone asked them. Remember sometimes it really is that easy.

Marketing - Our Brand & Image is the second area we need to focus on. We are currently seeking a chair for this committee. We need to do more to promote our club and the good work that we do. Our community needs to see us and hear about us. We have a lot to be proud of and we need to blow our own horn much more frequently and much louder. Please consider joining this committee and voicing your ideas. Together we can make it happen.

Conclusion:

I plan to seek the Board's approval to hold one meeting per quarter as a dinner meeting with a short business meeting with the focus on an evening of fellowship. I am hoping this will encourage members to have their family join us, and give an opportunity for our members who cannot attend our regular lunch meeting an opportunity to come out.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve you.

President Nancy

President Nancy called for any Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Maureen Henry said that the Youth Writers Fest Contest is progressing well with a number registrants submission received with the Dead Line of Friday October 18, 2024 Midnight. Award will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 3:00 pm at the BPL
- Karen Adams Indicated that she needed another adjudicator for the Junior Category of the Youth Writers' Contest.
- Leo reminded everyone that 14 Nov was Trivia Challenge at a new location, Dunsdon Legion.
- Leo reminded everyone that Halloween in the Village was on Oct 26 and if you wish to volunteer let him know.

President Nancy thanked all members for their attendance.

Final Thought for the day: "Stop being afraid of what could go wrong, and start being excited of what could go right." Tony Robbins

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.

