
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter October 24, 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 24, 2024

Lori Dawn Cavin, City of Brantford will be receiving a donation cheque, and will explain how the funds will be used to help children in Brantford.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Lori Dawn Cavin,
Introducer Dave Lewis, Funmaster Ken McNaughton

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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 31 – Halloween Fun and Games

Thursday, November 7 – Murray Angus The 7th Canadian
Infantry Brigade, WWI

Thursday, November 14 – Laura Moulton, Woodview Autism
and Mental Health Services

Thursday, November 21 – Origin Story of Glenhyrst Light
Show

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

Crystal Godwaldt– Birthday – October 24

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Bob Ritchie – Joined – October 25

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Kiwanis empowers communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children. Kiwanis strives to be a positive influence in communities worldwide — so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“I learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.” — Henry David Thoreau

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, 17 October, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting started at 12:30 pm with President Nancy welcoming all members and Guest Joyce Morris to the Thursday 17 October weekly meeting.

President Nancy called on Kiwanian Graham to manage the 50/50 Draw. Two Tickets were drawn by potential winners, Len Makkreel and Joanne Murray. The Joker was not found and the pot continues to grow.

President Nancy thanked Kiwanian Graham and called for Funmaster Alex Morris to come to the podium.

Kiwanian Alex Morris recently back from his three-month vacation, “down by the bay”, answered two questions we all had on our minds about his summer vacation.

1. **Did he eat a lot of fish?** Alex informed us that no, they had no fish. The current law prohibits commercial fishing through the summer. Alex told us that Moose was in season, and they had almost every type of moose you could imagine.
2. **No, he did not pick up a “Newfie” accent?** The reason is that there is no such thing. Newfoundland has 5 distinct dialects based on the original nationality that landed in specific geographic regions and the density of the nationalities in a specific area. The five original nationalities were Norse, Irish, English, Scottish, and French.

Alex moved to tell us that while back home he and some of his friends passed the time discussing how some of the young people they were hearing were twisting the English language far more, then the dialects. Those discussions led Alex to recall an interesting Poem which was a take-off on the famous song from the Pirates of Penzance. The song was, “I am the very model of a modern Major-General”. The poem that Alex recited was “He is the very model of a model English Student”. Following are a few lines to give you the idea:

*He is the very model of a model English Student
I didn't think that, at my age, you'd doubt I had ability
To use the monarch's English with acceptable facility.
For I went to school in days of yore when Grammar was compulsory,
And lads who couldn't conjugate faced punishment expulsory.
My teacher pounded in the rules with emphasis definitive,
And made me swear a mighty oath to never split infinitives.
I learned my lessons very well and gained such erudition.
That for forty years I haven't used a final preposition.....*



Funmaster Alex called for Happy Stories which were received from:

- Leo Vos, noted that Halloween in the Village has now confirmed 20 Venders supporting this year's event on Saturday 26-October and that, he has just finish two weeks of his Grand Kids and Family as they have now head back home out west.
- Len Makkreel, who has just returned from a trip to Switzerland said it was a lovely time despite the fact that he spent a couple of days in bed with a bad cold.
- Ken MacNaughton was welcomed back from a couple of weeks globe-trotting, saying it was a great trip and that it was good to be back home.

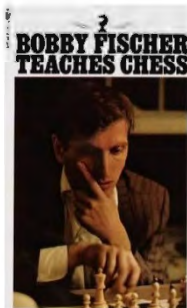
President Nancy thanked Funmaster Alex and called on VP Maureen to introduce today's Topic and speakers.

VP Maureen told us that today we have six members who were asked to present an article or relic they own and, to tell its story. Following are the stories we received.

1. Judy Jones told us of a cocktail shaker (Brandy Alexandre) that her Grandfather, Allen Neil had in 1934 that was passed down to his sons after each had reached their 25th wedding anniversary.



2.



Paul Simon showed us a Chess Book written by Bobby Fischer that Paul received from his uncle in 1973. It was the 1st chess book Paul ever had and he has carried it with him through many years. His uncle signed and dated the book to Paul on the inside front cover.

3. Dave Lewis presented a relic that he acquired a few years ago called an "Admiral Fitzroy Weather Instrument". It was used in 1859 to forewarn British fisherman when there would be storms or fair weather. There is no scientific proof that it is actually able to do this, however from March to July, in 1859 it was confirm that it was accurate 110 of the 152 days. Approximately 70%. Today's weather forecasts can predict accurately 80% of the time.



4. PLG Nelson said he Joined Kiwanis in 2013 and went to the EC&C convention in 2014. At that convention he won a hand painted picture in a silent auction. Nelson found the artists name on the picture and found that it was painted by one of the Key Club members that was at the convention. Nelson found her and asked what the picture meant. She said the black, left side was her life before she joined Key Club, the Rainbow was her time in Key Club and her acceptance without criticism, and the K was for acceptance for who she was by Kiwanis. PLG Nelson was convinced he was in the right organization.



5. Randy Mackenzie to our surprise, said that Baseball was his greatest passion. He said his dad had purchased his and his twin brother's 1st baseball gloves from Canadian Tire. They both took to the game and really enjoyed it. Their father was the Coach of his team and when Randy asked his father's opinion about how well he played he said, "well, you run a little too long in one spot". Randy was hooked on baseball anyway. His Uncle Eric, had played in the Major leagues and made it into the Baseball Hall of Fame and in 1984 he managed the Canadian National Team. Randy still has a ball and glove and made an open offer to any of us to join him, for a little game of catch.



6. Joan Griffin spoke about her family coming from England and living in Brantford at 21 Morrell St. Her father got a job at the local Foundry. She said from a young age her parents felt it was important that she got a lot of natural fresh air, thus she was often on the porch of 21 Morrel St., winter or summer. Her cousin Henry and some of his airmen friends came and stay for a while at the house. Joan recalled that her cousin Henry and her, were at the train station when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth came through and stopped in Brantford. Joan maintained her ties wither family in England and in particular her love for the TV Show, "Downton Abbey". Her show and tell item, was the Butlers Bell which was in use quite often in the series.



President Nancy called for any Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Linda Moyer had a presentation wrapping up the Grand Parade. The GRCOA reached their Goal of \$30,000 . She thanked the more than 20 Kiwanians that attended and noted that it was great to see the leadership that they presented when realizing that where some areas where lacking, the Kiwanians stepped in to fill the gaps. The powerpoint and video she presented was Fun and inviting and she asked us all to join in again next year when the Grand Parade will be held on September 20, 2025.

- Maureen Henry said that the Youth Writers Fest Contest is progressing well and a good number of submissions have been received, with the Dead Line of Friday October 18, 2024 Midnight. Awards will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 3:00 pm at the Brantford Public Library
- Leo reminded everyone that 14 Nov was Trivia Challenge at a new location, Dunsdon Legion and that we have 10 teams registered.
- Leo also reminded everyone that Halloween in the Village was on Oct 26 and we now have enough volunteers.
- Randy reminded everyone that Doug the Great could use some more parking directors at Brantwood Farms and to please give Randy or Doug a call or email.

President Nancy thanked all members and our Guest Joyce Morris, and wished them all a good weekend.

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.

