
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter October 31, 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 31, 2024

Get ready for Halloween fun and games conducted by fellow Kiwanians Faye Prince and Paul Simon. Be sure to get in the spirit of things by dressing up to suit the occasion!

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speakers Faye Prince and Paul Simon, Randy MacKenzie

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

Thursday, November 28 – Membership Committee Business
meeting

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

David Neumann – Joined – November 1, 1990 ~ 34 Years



EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Iceland has the highest per capita Kiwanis membership among the Kiwanis nations. About one in every 200 Icelanders is a Kiwanian, compared with about one in every 1,000 North Americans

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn, or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.” –Denis Waitley

**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, 24 October, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting started at 12:30 pm with President Nancy welcoming all members and Guest Speaker Lori Dawn Cavin and Guest Kimberly Wyskiel to the Thursday 17 October weekly meeting.

President Nancy called on Kiwanian Phil to manage the 50/50 Draw. Two Tickets were drawn by potential winners, Faye Prince and Linda Moyer. The Joker was not drawn and the pot continues to grow.



President Nancy thanked Kiwanian Phil and called for Funmaster Ken MacNaughton to come to the mic.

Kiwanian Ken just back from a two-week jaunt around the world was pressed to find any interesting and fun subject for today, but finally settled on a topic that we can all relate. Money jokes.

- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- If you think no one cares about you, try missing a couple of car payments.
- They say money talks, but mine just waves goodbye.
- I won \$3 million on the lottery this weekend so I decided to donate a quarter of it to charity. Now I have \$2,999,999.75.



Funmaster Ken moved on to Birthdays and anniversaries;

- Anniversaries of Joining the Club ~ Bob Ritchie October 25 39 years
- Birthday Crystal Godwaldt October 24

Congratulations to both, were made by applause by the members

Happy Stories were received from:

- Ken fined Dave, because the speakers went on before the Funmaster, and the President can't be fined. Dave paid-up.

- President Nancy paid Happy Dollars because Dave paid her fine.
- Phil and Mary have just returned from LA and Phil said that one of his favorite pictures they took was of Mary *pretending* to go into Tiffany & Co with her hand on the door handle.
- Len paid Phil's \$1 as Phil was short on cash today.
- Melanie reminded everyone that this Saturday was Halloween at the Village and that the volunteers should plan to arrive sometime between 9:15 - 9:30AM at the Children's Safety Village.
- Lori-Dawn had Happy Dollars for the fact that the Bell Homestead has recently received two original Bell family portraits. A painting of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's mother, Eliza Grace Bell, painted in the 1850s. These add to the authenticity of the Homestead.

President Nancy thanked Funmaster Ken and called on Kiwanian Dave to introduce today's Guest Speaker Lori Dawn Cavin ~ Manager of Community Recreation & Events for the City of Brantford and welcomed Guest Kimberly Wyskiel ~ Manager Facilities Operations and Maintenance City of Brantford.

Kiwanian Dave Introduced Lori Dawn saying that she has been the Manager of Community Recreation & Events for the City of Brantford for the past 13 years.

Earlier this year she applied to our Club for a donation to support a Summer Camp activity called "Can We Help" which is a variety of day-camps for children with differing needs from qualified families. The funds were approved and she is here today, to receive the cheque for the event and to give us a brief outline about this program and how it helps the children in our community. Lori Dawn was warmly welcomed.

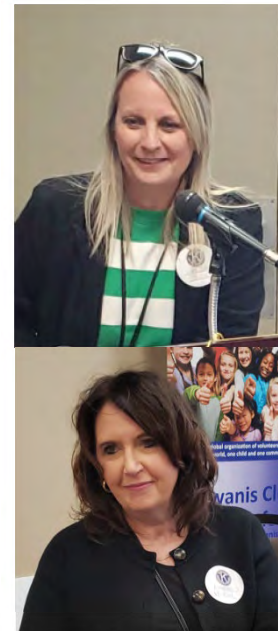
Lori Dawn opened by thanking us for asking her to come and speak at the meeting. She said she always felt so at home whenever she came to our meetings enjoying the people, the food and desserts.

She explained the "Can we Help" program as follows:

The "Can We Help" program provides qualifying families in need with day camp, for their children. Our Summer Day Camp not only provides much needed childcare for working families but also, provides opportunities for children in need to participate in fun, safe and inclusive summer activities. No child should be left out due to an inability to pay.

Unfortunately, many families in our community face financial barriers that prevent their children from accessing these programs. Recognizing the importance of ensuring equal opportunities for all children, we have a subsidy program to provide financial assistance to families who cannot afford the full cost of summer camp – but there is a great demand on our limited funding.

To make this program a reality and support as many children as possible, we seek funding support from compassionate donors like Kiwanis. Your contribution will directly impact the lives of children and families in our community. The family needs for these children vary widely. The camp cost, start at \$40/



day to \$180/week, with other activities, such as swimming that can cost \$65 per session. Only Qualified families are considered for assistance to get the most effective use of the funds that are available. It is a pleasure to work together with Kiwanis to make a positive impact in the lives of children in our community.

Lori-Dawn finished her presentation by answering a number of questions from the members, followed by a cheque presentation with a real cheque, from President Nancy to Lori Dawn.



This was followed by a Photo Opportunity Big Cheque Presentation for media use. The cheque was held up by:

(Left to Right) Kimberly Wyskiel, Nancy Thompson, Jim Steele and Lori Dawn Cavin.



President Nancy called for any Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Maureen Henry said that the Youth Writers Fest Contest had proceeded well and had received 127 registrants, Junior 63, Intermediate 51 and Senior 13. The Awards will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 3:00 pm at the Brantford Public Library
- Leo noted that we have confirmed 10 Trivia Challenge teams registered.
- Leo also reminded all volunteers that Halloween in the Village is on Oct 26, this Saturday at the CSV and they should arrive about 9:15 AM to 9:30 AM

President Nancy thanked all members and Guests Lori Dawn Cavin and Kimberly Wyskiel and wished them all a good weekend.

Final Thought for the day: "Be yourself; everyone else is taken." Oscar Wilde

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