
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter November 21, 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 November 21, 2024

Sina Ahmadi, Acting Director, Glenhyrst Art Gallery Topic: Origin of
Glenhyrst Christmas Light Show

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Sina Ahmadi,
Introducer Maureen Henry, Funmaster Joel Balberman, and
any others invited by the House Committee

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, November 21 – Origin Story of Glenhyrst Light
Show

KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

Angel Vieth

KC of Kitchener–Waterloo

Thursday, November 28 – Membership Committee Business meeting

Thursday, December 5 – Jennifer Stebbing on Wills

Thursday, December 12 – Kiwanis/Staples project

Thursday, December 19 – Kiwanis Christmas Luncheon

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

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

February 7 and 8, 2025: Save the date for a planned weekend away in the Niagara Region. Details to follow.

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

Maureen Henry – Birthday – November 13

Nelson McClinchey – Birthday – November 24

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Roxanne Bond – Joined – November 13, 2019

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Builders Club is a Kiwanis-sponsored service club for students in junior high and middle schools. Each Builders Club is a local project of its sponsoring Kiwanis club, and there is no district or International Builders Club structure. More than 1,000 Builders Clubs currently are sponsored by Kiwanis clubs to provide service and leadership experiences to junior high and middle school students.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus." —Alexander Graham Bell

**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, 14 November, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting started at 12:30PM with President Nancy, welcoming all members and Guest Speakers Roslyn van Patter and Nicole Schween of Woodview.

President Nancy opened the meeting by presenting a Donation Cheque for \$2,000 to the Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services in support of their initiative called, "Kids Social Network". This was also used as a photo opportunity to get an image that will be sent to the Expositor and other Media outlets.



Nicole Schween - Nancy Thompson - Jim Steele - Roslyn van Patter

Opening thought for the day: Kiwanis will 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.

At the 50/50 Draw - Phil Hoekstra directed the Draw. Kiwanian Alfred and Kiwanian Crystal were the potential ticket holders but neither were successful in finding the joker.



Kiwanis Bob Saunders came to the podium as Funmaster for today. Following was a sample of his humorous offering.

A blonde gets a job as a physical education teacher of 14-year-olds. On her first day, she comes to watch the kids play soccer. She watches as they all get together and start playing. However, she quickly notices a boy at the end of the field standing alone, while all the other kids are running around having fun. She takes pity on him and decides to speak to him. "You ok?" she says kindly. "Yes." he says. "You can go and play with the other kids you know." she says encouragingly. "It's best I stay here."



he says. "Why's that sweetie?" asks the compassionate teacher. The boy gives her a weird look and says, "Because I'm the Goalie."

Kiwanian Bob moved on announcing the Birthdays and Anniversaries of joining our Club, which were:

- Anniversaries of Joining the Club: Roxanne Bond – Joined - November 13
- Birthdays:
 - Graham Schram – Birthday – November 09
 - Maureen Henry – Birthday – November 13

Congratulations to all of you and many happy returns!

Kiwanian Dave welcomed and introduced our speakers this week who where, Nicole Schween - Manager Woodview and Roslyn Van Patter who supports fundraising efforts, and community partnerships for Woodview.



Our Guest speakers opened with an overview stating that they have been in operation for over 60 years. Their organization (Woodview) was instrumental in running the Kiwanis Chiefswood Kamp after we sold it several years ago, under the name Camp Unity for about ten years where it gradually developed into what it is today.



It is a Charitable organization named: Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services. Woodview's mission today is: To provide high quality mental health and autism services and support to individuals and families within an inclusive environment that inspires hope and strengthens lives.

Nicole Schween and Roslyn van Patter share details of their presentation, supplying detailed information based on their areas of expertise as various slides were presented.

Following is an overview of key points that Nichole and Roslyn spoke to us about in detail.

Woodview has grown to serve the areas of Brantford, Halton and Hamilton.

At the heart of Woodview

5,000 + Kids, Youth & Adult Clients

200+ Staff

11 Board Members

30 Programs

22 Sites

3 Regions

Who We Serve

- children and youth facing mental health challenges

- individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
The following slides highlight some of the details about their overall programming

Presenting profile of children & youth:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Traumas
- Suicidal Thoughts
- Anger, Aggression
- Social Functioning
- School Concerns
- Family Dynamics

Child & Youth Mental Health Programs:

- Day Treatment
- Intensive Treatment
- School-Based Supports
- Early Intervention
- Small Group Therapy
- Counselling
- Outreach
- Youth Engagement

Brantford Autism Services - Child & Youth

- Customized ABA Therapy for children with autism 18 years and under
- Family Skill Development
- Social Skills Groups
- Community Sessions
- Youth Community Connection

Our Multi-Disciplinary Team

- Child and Youth Counselors
- Youth Justice Worker
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Instructor Therapists
- Board Certified Behaviour Analysts/Registered Behaviour Analysts
- Consulting Child Psychiatrist

Partnerships

- Families
- Schools
- Social Service Agencies

Funding

60%

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services

40%

- Grants
- Fee-for-Service
- Donations

The following slides present some details about the “Kids Social Network” that is a programming gap within the community, post - Covid. This is the area where our Funds from our Kiwanias Donation will be utilized.

Kids Social Network

Kids Social Network was created to fill a programming gap within the community post-COVID

- 2 instructors to 6-8 children/youth per group
- 2 groups run each week
- Each group runs for 1.5 hours for 8 weeks

Kids Social Network

Group 1 – Science Experiments

7-10 year olds

- Focusing on hands on opportunities to create science experiments while fostering opportunities for gaining social skills



Kids Social Network

Group 2 – Master Chef

11-17 year olds

- Creating recipes together with interactive opportunities to practice social interactions with peers



Kids Social Network

- Kids Social Network has been run intermittently since 2022 providing service to 50 children/youth
- Programming received overwhelmingly positive feedback
- New families were reaching out to join the groups
- Groups often had waitlists
- Themes rotated to include arts & crafts, science, friendship, Little Chefs, and Master Chefs



Kids Social Network

- Funding is the largest barrier to offering ongoing services
- Kids Social Network is entirely funded by grants received
- Families continue to request for Kids Social Network groups to be run

Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services

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Charitable Registration Number 119303923RR0001



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Burlington, ON L7P 0T3

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Halton Mental Health Services

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Burlington, ON L7L 046
New co-location with Halton Children's Aid Society



Brantford

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Brantford, ON N3T 5L8

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Woodview in the Square

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Brantford, ON N3T 2G6



Hamilton Autism Services

435 York Boulevard -
Second Floor
Hamilton, ON L8R 3K3

Let's Connect!



@WoodviewMHAS



Nichole and Roslyn ended their presentation and were asked a number of questions that they handled very well.

President Nancy thanked Nichole and Roslyn warmly, with heart-felt appreciation for their presentations and the work they do in our community.

President Nancy called for Committee Reports and Announcements

- Bob Saunder kicked-off this year's Christmas Campaign with Flyers and a slide presentation about the program and offered sample packages of the products for this year prepackaged and available at the rear of the room at the end of this meeting.
- The Kiwanis Club of Brantford, offer our congratulations to Past President Randy Mackenzie as our Lieutenant Governor Elect for Division 5, 2024-25.
- Maureen Henry reported that the Youth Writers Fest was all ready to go for Saturday, November 16th and invited all members to join us on that day.
- Leo Vos reminded everyone that tonight, Thursday was Trivia Night at the Dunsdon Legion.



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 Kiwanis events that have occurred in the past week or so.

The Aktion Club Wednesday 06 November – Everybody's Birthday celebration





Below are some pictures of the Thursday 14-November Trivia Challenge



KIWANIS TRIVIA NIGHT CHALLENGE Thursday - 14 November 2024

Round	Team Number							
	28	13	3	15	7	21	12	
4	9	8	7	9	9	9	9	
5	10	8	8	9	9	6	7	
6	10	10	9	10	9	9	9	
7	9	10	9	7	8	8	8	
8	9	9	10	10	10	8	8	
9	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	
10	6	7	9	7	7	7	6	
TOTAL SCORE	85	84	83	82	80	80	79	
Ranking:	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	

Team # 28 ~ 85 of 100 questions ~ Correct!

**Below are pictures from the 1st Annual Youth Writer's Contest/Fest 2023-2024
Kiwanis Club of Brantford and the Brantford Public Library Partnership**



Three top winners of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Young Writer's Categories

