
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter November 28, 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 28, 2024

Joanne Murray, Chair of Membership Committee

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Speaker Joanne Murray,
Funmaster Pallo Sahota, and others as invited by the House
Committee

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, November 28 – Membership Committee Business
meeting

Thursday, December 5 – Jennifer Stebbing on Wills

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, December 12 – Kiwanis/Staples project

Thursday, December 19 – Kiwanis Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 26 – NO MEETING

Thursday, January 2 – Round Table Discussion

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

Len Makkreel – Birthday – November 29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

None

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Club bylaws prevent the club from being used for any political purpose or, as a club, from actively participating in the political candidacy of any person. But this does not mean that the club cannot take an interest in public affairs. Article XIV, Section 1, of the Standard Form for Club Bylaws states, "This club shall seek, by fair discussions at its meetings and in other ways, to keep its members informed on all questions of public importance and any proposed legislation affecting the community, state, province, or nation in which this club is located." Equal time is normally given to opposing political candidates or supporters on each side of controversial issues.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained." – Marie Curie

**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, 21 November, 2024 Weekly Meeting

The meeting opened with President Nancy, welcoming all members and Guest Speaker Sina Ahmadi ~Acting Director and Michelle Madison ~ Gallery Coordinator of the Glenhyrst Art Gallery.



Phil Hoekstra opened with a very quick 50/50 draw with Kirby Brown winning on his 1st pick with the Joker, and won the pot for today. Kirby said this is the first time in he has ever won the draw. Congratulation Kirby!

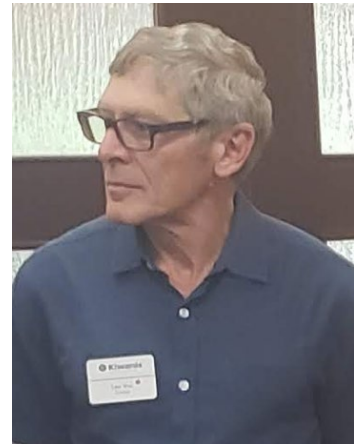


Kiwanis Leo Vos came to the podium as Funmaster for today. Leo had several of his great "Punny" jokes but opened with the following zinger:

An attorney representing a wealthy art collector called his client and said to him, "Paul, I have good news and bad news." The art collector replied, "I've had an awful day; let's hear the good news first."

The attorney said, "Well, I met with your wife today, and she informed me that she invested \$5,000 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum of \$1-2 million. I think she could be right." Paul replied enthusiastically, "Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman! You've just made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?"

The attorney replied, "The pictures are of you with your secretary."



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

- Anniversaries of Joining the Club: Roxanne Bond – Joined - November 13
- Birthdays:
 - Maureen Henry – Birthday – November 13
 - Nelson McClinchey – Birthday – November 24

Congratulations to all of you and many happy returns!

Leo Called for anyone with Happy Stories;

- Kirby Brown made a donation as it was the 1st time he had ever won the 50/50 draw since joining the Club in 1988.



- Bob Ritchie made the announcement that, this would be the last meeting he would be attending as a member of this club as he and his wife are moving to London, nearer to relatives. Bob was instrumental in the start-up of the Children's Safety Village of Brant and many other activities and ventures of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford for the past 40 years. He was given a very warm and heart-felt round of applause and welcomed back to visit any time he wishes.



- Joanne Murray mentioned that Bob Ritchie was instrumental as well in the acquisition of Life-Line which was an incredible asset to our community and an excellent fundraiser for many years.

- Kiwanian Len said that he and Roma have just bought a new dishwasher and confirmed that he did not know how to use the old one to the Sales Person. With that, the Saleslady quickly worked on the instruction pamphlet for the new dish washer for a few moments with a yellow highlighter. She then handed the Pamphlet to Roma with most of the pages highlight in yellow saying, that the highlighted test were the things that Len should be trained on and responsible for.



- President Nancy thank everyone for their efforts involved with the Trivia and Youth Writers' Contest this November, particularly noting VP Maureen's effort over the past 2 years to make the Youth Writers' Contest such a great success.



- Leo made note that the change of the Trivia venue to the Dunsdon Legion was successful and will result in an increase profit to help our service objective and still allow us to maintain the current number of active Trivia Teams.



VP Maureen welcomed and introduced our speaker this week, Sina Ahmadi, Acting Director, Glenhyrst Art Gallery. Sina joined Glenhyrst 2019 and is currently Acting Director.

Sina Ahmadi indicated that he has been working as a volunteer at Glenhyrst for past 5-6 years and is quite familiar with it's operation and has become aware of many activities that occur in Brantford and Brant county throughout the year. Sina thanked our Club for inviting him to speak about Glenhyrst and specifically about the Brantford Lights .



Sina stated that Glenhyrst and Kiwanis share an aligned objective. One of Glenhyrst's roles is to encourage appreciation, enjoyment and education in the arts and provide educational programs for members of the community and children to participate.

Sina said the Brantford Lights at Glenhyrst are a method to draw attention to the Gallery and expose people/children to Art that they may not normally have. This exposure can help make a difference in the memories and lives of Children and Adults.

As Sina started to talk about the Brantford Lights at Glenhyrst, celebrating its 12th year, it struck a chord as many of our members who recalled the origin of these lights.



From the Expositor Nov 30, 2012, "The man behind the synchronized light display is Jeff MacDonald, who agreed to move his massive light display from his Joysey Street home to the gardens. MacDonald faced complaints from some neighbours who objected to the publicity generated by his lights but was willing to transplant his work to a wider canvas. I am honoured to share the gift of Joysey Lights and my passion for the season," MacDonald said in a news release. "Glenhyrst is the perfect backdrop for a new festive tradition for believers in Christmas."

Sina indicated that over the 12 years since the transfer, the event has grown each year from a free Family event, to a free family event with multiple free sub-events.

Sina used a PowerPoint presentation as support to the many details and facts that he gave to us. He brought us up-to-date with the information for this year, when the Brantford Lights at Glenhyrst will lite once again this year on **Friday, November 29th, 2024** to January 1st, 2025 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm nightly.

In addition to the Lights on this evening, will also be the official opening of the **Vibrant Palette Student Exhibition**. Over 400 pieces of art from local students will be on display and will continue until December 22nd, 2024.





20,000+ Visitors each year

20,000+ Pounds of food collected for the Food Bank to date

500+ Community volunteer hours each year



Sponsors

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Who Makes it Happen

City of Brantford (Oct. 21)

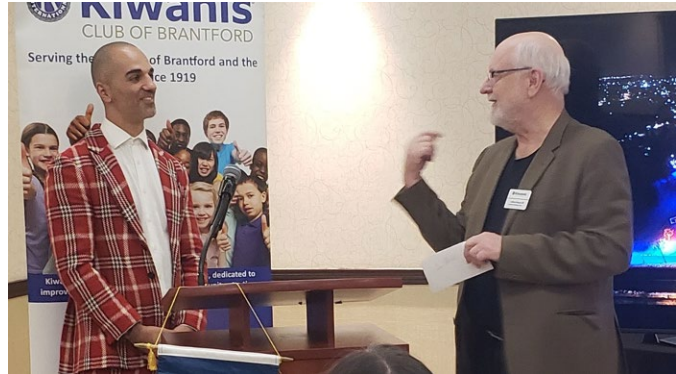
Staff at Glenhyrst



Sina asked for a “show-of- hands from anyone who had been to see the Brantford Lights at Glenhyrst previously and welcome everyone to come and see them again this year.

Sina thanked all members and answered several questions after his presentation.

Past President Alfred Hauk gave the official thank you to Sina, and in recognition of his presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation.



President Nancy called for Committee Reports and Announcements

- Bob Saunder said the Christmas Campaign was well under way and that the product would be packaged and available at the rear of the meeting room next week for any members orders given to Bob Saunders or Maureen Henry through this coming week. This process will be repeated until mid-December
- Faye Prince reminded everyone that the Christmas Sock Collection program is under way and the socks can be dropped-off in the "Big Red Socks" collection Bag at the back of the meeting room each week until Christmas.
- Pallo Sahota advised that the Social Committee had a signup sheet on the table for a Games Night and requested for members to sign-up as Attendees or Presenters.
- Phil Hoekstra asked everyone to Save-the-Date of Thursday 19-December-2024 as our Christmas Luncheon will be held on that date. (Details to come)
- Joanne Murray reminded all Membership Committee members to please attend our meeting, **Membership Meeting 25 Nov 1:00PM - Zoom**

Final Thought of the day:

"Few people know so clearly what they want. Most people can't even think what to hope for when they throw a penny in a fountain." Barbara Kingsolver

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 some candid photos at today's meeting.



