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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter December 26, 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**

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**Current Membership – 43**



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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 December 26, 2024**

No Meeting

**HEAD TABLE**

None

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, December 26 – NO MEETING

Thursday, January 2 – Round Table Discussion

Thursday, January 9 – TBD

Thursday, January 16 – Tim Phelps – AI and Assisted Living

Thursday, January 23 – Peter Tudisco – Wine Business

KC of Brantford

## **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

*Division Lt. Governor*  
Angel Vieth  
KC of Kitchener–Waterloo

Kiwanis social getaway event to the Oban Inn February 7th and 8th. Carpooling available. Please confirm that you have your reservation to Pallo.

### Club Officers

*President*  
Nancy Thompson

## **KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

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

*Past President*  
Alfred Hauk

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

*President–Elect*  
Maureen Henry

## **BIRTHDAYS**

None

*Treasurer*  
Jim Steele

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

None

*Secretary*  
Dave Lewis

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

None

Club Directors  
*2 Year Term*  
Ross Pope  
Joanne Murray

*1 Year Term*  
Randy MacKenzie  
Leo Vos  
Bob Wade

## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

The name “Kiwanis” was coined from an expression of the American Indians in the Detroit area, which was found in Bishop Baraga's dictionary of the Otchipew language. The expression “Nunc Kee–wan–nis” meant, broadly, “we trade” or “we share our talents.” As a coined word, however, “Kiwanis” has no meaning except as the name of a leading international service club.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.” –Walt Disney

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**To view the highlights of last week's meeting,  
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## Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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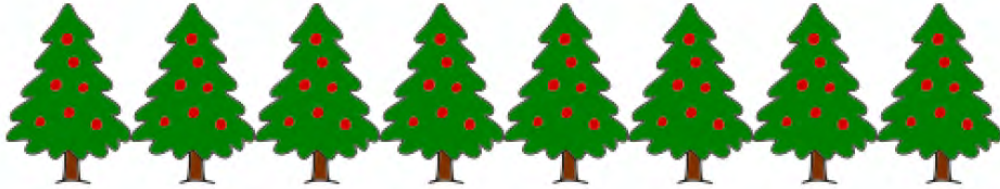
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# Kiwanis Club of Brantford Christmas Meeting Program

## Thursday, December 19, 2024



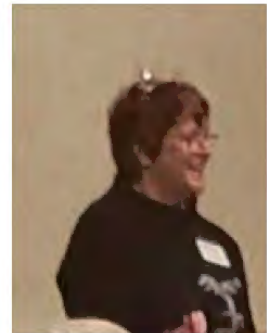
### Christmas Background Music

11:45 a.m. (Call to be seated )

### Video “Carol of the Bells” performed by Kings Return

Past Governor Joanne Murray, called the meeting to order with the ringing of the gong.

President Nancy opened the ceremonies by welcoming Fellow Kiwanians and our guests. She said, it is wonderful to see everyone, and that we are so happy you were able to join us today for our Christmas celebrations. We are very fortunate to be able to gather and enjoy this time together, when many in the world and our community are struggling.



President Nancy thanked everyone who generously gave this holiday season, to the Child & Youth Services, “Season-Of-Giving” campaign to ensure that children in our community received a gift. We also donated socks to the Salvation Army to provide warmth to those in our community that need our assistance. Your thoughtfulness makes you shine as a Kiwanian and will bring a smile to faces this Christmas Season. **“it is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”**

We would like to take a moment to recognize a very special person in our Club as she celebrates her birthday today. Past Governor Joanne Murray, we wish you a very Happy Birthday with many more to come. All joined together to sing Happy Birthday to Joanne.

PG Joanne asked all Guests to stand and be recognized.

Following the recognition of Guests, Lunch was served at 12:00PM (noon)

After the lunch was completed, Vice President Maureen Henry recalled a “**Christmas Memory**” about a secret that she and her sisters kept without letting each other know, until years later. She received a warm and appreciative round of applause.



Next Up was Paulette Hauk, introducing Sean Hauk (Son) with the musical portion of the program.

Sean Hauk entertained us with several songs and vocal impersonations from greats such as Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, with the songs White Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock and his mother’s favourite O Holy Night. All of which were received gratefully and with joy, adding to our celebration.



President Nancy thanked Sean for his moving performance and presented him with our thanks from the Kiwanis Club of Brantford Members.



Past President Phil Hoekstra made his offering of a “**Christmas Memory**”, by telling his experience as a young lad with his Dutch uncles, from whom positive encouragement was sparse, and around Christmas time, could result in a lump of coal as his only present.

Kiwanian Bob Saunders with his golden "Radio Voice" regaled us with the tale – “**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**” and how the Grinch’s heart may have been two sizes too small and how he found that: "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" And what happened then? Well...in WhoVille they say, That the Grinch's small heart Grew three sizes that day!"



Immediately following Kiwanian Bob's presentation, we were treated with a visit from two, WhoVille characters come to life in the form of the Grinch and CindyLou Who. Each handed out Grinch bags of candy and wished all a Merry Christmas.



President Nancy – Thanked Kiwanian Bob Saunders and the Special Guests from WhoVille. (Paul Simon and Linda Moyer)

PG Joanne called on children Rakesh, Reya and Anna to receive a gift from President Nancy

Closing Comments from President Nancy:

I would like to thank everyone for coming today. I hope you enjoyed the program as much as I did. A special thank you to our Program Committee for their time to plan today and making it possible for us to spend this time together. Thank you to Joanne Murray for being our Emcee and sharing her birthday with all of us. Thanks to Kiwanian's Maureen Henry & Phil Hoekstra for sharing your memories. Rakesh and Anna, we thank you for coming today and adding your sparkle to our day.

I wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season spent with family and friends. Take a few moments to pause and reflect on the important things all around you and savor each moment. May the New Year bring new happiness, new goals and new achievements to each of you. Merry Christmas!

Following are Candid Pictures for members and Guest at the Kiwanis Christmas Party











Grinch Candy Hand-outs



Sean Hauk