
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 23-January-2025

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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 January 23, 2025

Peter Tudisco - Wine what you need to know.

HEAD TABLE

President Elect Maureen Henry, Guest Speaker Peter Tudisco, Introducer Randy MacKenzie, Thanker Joanne Murray, Funmaster Dave Lewis and others as invited by House Committee.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, January 30 – Daniela Cuesta Figueroa,
Immigration Settlement Services

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

Karen Adams

Joanne Murray

1 Year Term

Randy MacKenzie

Leo Vos

Bob Wade

Thursday, February 6 – TBD

Thursday, February 13 – Valentine's Day Gala

Thursday, February 20 – James Poppin, Criminology

Professor, WLU

Thursday, February 27 – Amy Campbell, Heart Health –
Beating Strong

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

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

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

None

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

In 1998, the Kiwanis International Board adopted the slogan “Serving the Children of the World” for use on Kiwanis letterheads, publications, and literature. In 2005, the House of Delegates at the Honolulu International Convention approved “Serving the Children of the World” as Kiwanis International’s official motto to promote greater public awareness of Kiwanis’ primary service focus and worldwide scope.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

‘Diversity: the art of thinking independently together.’ – Malcolm Forbes

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, 16 January, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy Thompson, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker, Tim Philp and Guest Janet Jordan.



Phil Hoekstra directed the 50/50 draw, with Peter Liberati and Leo Vos having potential winning tickets, however neither one picked the Joker. The pot continues to grow.



Jim Steele was the day's Funmaster and devised an interesting competition that had each group of members at each table, trying to guess that name of various past TV shows by showing images of some actora in the shows.

Following are a few samples:



Left to Right: Doris Day , F Troop, Get Smart, Hawaii Five-O, Julia and Love Boat

Jim called for Happy Stories

- Pallo Sahota told us that at the last Chamber of Commerce event she had won the 50/50 draw and made a donation to the Happy Stories "K".
- Peter Liberati indicated the he and his friends were very please with the cookies funds they received from this year's Christmas Campaign.
- Alfred Hawk announced that there were several opportunities to see Queen's Court in the coming Months. Queen's Court, (Sean Hawk) is coming to St Catherines February 09 , 2025 [Click here](#) for the link.
- Randy Mackenzie welcomed Ross Pope back after last week's trip to the Hospital
- Len Makkreel mentioned that a harmless cleaning of dust under their refrigerator ended in having to buy and new refrigerator.



Jim moved on to Birthdays and Anniversaries that were celebrated:

Birthdays

Simran Shoker – Birthday – January 13

Karen Adams – Birthday – January 13

Anniversaries

Len & Roma Makkreel – Wedding Anniversary – January 17

Anniversaries of Joining the Kiwanis Club of Brantford

Bob Wade – Joined – January 15, 1988

All were warmly celebrated by the members

Jim Steele past the microphone over to Linda Moyer to introduce our Guest Speaker Tim Philp.



Linda welcome Tim Philp back to our meeting, as he had joined us in the past, to present information relating to technological issues current at those times.

Following is a short portion of Tim Philp's Bio that Linda gave us.

Tim Philp has enjoyed science since he was old enough to read. Having worked in technical fields all his life, he shares his love of science with readers weekly. Tim Philp was born in Toronto and went to school, first in Toronto, and then Brantford. He did post-secondary education in Waterloo.

Tim Philp was the owner of Tim Philp & Associates, a computer consulting company in Brantford. He has over 30 year's experience in computer and electronics engineering, working on projects as diverse as computerisation of railway locomotives for CP Rail, electrical control systems for forklift trucks, and classified electronics warfare design for the Canadian Navy. He is also spent much time designing software programs for Internet database management and electronic commerce.

Many years ago, Tim started a movement to form a community network in Brant County that became the Brant FreeNet. This non-profit organisation became the first and one of the largest providers of Internet access in Brant County.



Tim will be speaking on the topic: "How will AI be incorporated into your way of living?" Linda handed the podium over to our Guest Speaker Tim Philp.



Tim thanked the Club for asking him to speak on this topic, as many things have changed quickly since his last presentation.

He opened his presentation with the support of a slide presentation titled, "Artificial Intelligence, Our Silicon Overlords?" by Tim Philp. Most members got the Science Fiction connotation which may becoming less, Science Fiction.

Tim went on to explain What A.I. is. **It was in the past defined as :**

- AI is the ability of a machine to perform tasks that are typically associated with human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, and problem-solving.
- AI is a rapidly developing field, and there are many different definitions of what it means to be "intelligent."
- Some common features of AI systems include the ability to learn from data, to reason about information, and to make decisions.

Tim then gave us a brief History of A.I.:

- The history of AI can be traced back to the early days of computing, when scientists began to explore the possibility of creating machines that could think for themselves.
- Early AI research focused on developing symbolic AI systems, which were based on the idea that intelligence could be represented by symbols and rules.
- In recent years, there has been a shift towards developing statistical AI systems, which are based on the idea that intelligence can be learned from data.

Current state of A.I.

- AI is currently used in a wide variety of applications, including self-driving cars, facial recognition, and natural language processing.
- AI is still a developing field, but there is a lot of potential for AI to have a major impact on our lives in the future.

Benefits of A.I.

- Improved efficiency and productivity
 - AI can be used to automate tasks that are currently performed by humans, which can lead to increased efficiency and productivity.
 - For example, AI can be used to power self-checkout machines in supermarkets, which can free up human employees to focus on other tasks.
- Increased accuracy and decision-making

- AI can be used to make decisions that are more accurate and informed than those that can be made by humans.
- For example, AI can be used to power medical diagnosis systems, which can help doctors to make more accurate diagnoses.
- New products and services
 - AI can be used to create new products and services that would not be possible without AI.
 - For example, AI can be used to power virtual assistants, which can help people with tasks such as scheduling appointments and making travel arrangements.

Benefits of A.I. (con't)

- Improved healthcare and medical care
 - AI can be used to improve healthcare and medical care in a variety of ways.
 - For example, AI can be used to power medical diagnosis systems, to develop new drugs, and to personalize treatment plans.
- Personalization and customization
 - AI can be used to personalize and customize our experiences in a variety of ways.
 - For example, AI can be used to power recommender systems, which can suggest products and services that we are likely to be interested in.

Job displacement

- AI has the potential to displace a significant number of jobs.
- For example, AI is already being used to automate tasks in manufacturing, customer service, and transportation.

Data privacy and security

- AI systems require large amounts of data to train and operate.
- This data can be used to track and profile people, which raises concerns about privacy and security.

Dangers of A. I.

How A. I. Will Affect Our Lives in the Future

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- For example, AI can be used to power recommender systems, which can suggest products and services that we are likely to be interested in.

AI will be used to solve complex problems

- AI will be used to solve complex problems that are currently beyond the capabilities of humans.

Impact on Society

- AI will have a profound impact on society
 - AI has the potential to have a profound impact on society in a variety of ways.
 - For example, AI could be used to improve education, healthcare, and transportation.
 - However, AI also has the potential to create new challenges, such as job displacement and data privacy.
 - Great controversy over A. I. and copyright.

A. I. and Copyright

Who owns their image?

A. I. can create works of fiction including scripts

It can generate 'virtual' actors who look just like popular stars

It can even generate the movie itself

So, who needs actors, writers, set designers, special effects experts

Is it ethical to train A. I. on current works without payment

How did artists learn their craft except by imitating the masterworks?

There are no laws about this at the present time.

The Future of A. I.

- The future of AI is uncertain, and there are many different possibilities.
- Some experts believe that AI could eventually surpass human intelligence, while others believe that AI will always be limited by its programming.
- It is important to be aware of the potential risks and benefits of AI,



What can we do to ensure that AI is used for good?

- There are a number of things that we can do to ensure that AI is used for good. These include:
 - * Developing ethical guidelines for the development and use of AI.
 - * Educating the public about the potential risks and benefits of AI.
 - * Supporting research into the development of responsible AI.
- By taking these steps, we can help to ensure that AI is used for good and not for evil.

Conclusion

- The future of A. I. is uncertain
- There are both potential benefits and dangers
- It is important to be aware of the potential risks and to develop responsible A. I.
- A. I. could become sentient!



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.

Following are some candid pictures from this meeting.

