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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 30-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

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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 January 30, 2025**

Daniela Cuesta Figueroa, Immigration Settlement Services.

**HEAD TABLE**

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Daniela Cuesta Figueroa, Randy and Introducer Penny Mackenzie, Thanker Jim Steele, Funmaster Bob Saunders and others as invited by House Committee.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, February 6 – TBD

Thursday, February 13 – Valentine's Day Gala

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 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**

The Children's Fund helps young people evolve into community leaders by supporting Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs with grants and scholarships. With access to leadership and volunteer opportunities, youth learn responsibility, self-discipline and respect. These are key factors in overcoming challenges and achieving academic success.

**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

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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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# Highlights of the Thursday, 23 January, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Elect Maureen Henry , welcomed all members and Guest Janet Jordan, Richard Kleri and Guest Speaker(s), Peter and Chris Tudisco.



Opening Thought for the day: “Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb to agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. “ Martin Luther King. Jr.

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



Dave Lewis was the day’s Funmaster, and in a nod to our speaker and his subject, Buon Vino Mfg. he offered up a few jokes about Wine, then moved on to a short exercise to answer Rebus/Wuzzle questions by the members.

A couple of the wine jokes offered

- I’ve trained my dog to bring me a glass of red wine. It’s a Bordeaux collie.
- I’m a wine enthusiast. The more wine I drink, the more enthusiastic I get.
- What do you call a wine hangover? The grape depression.

One of the four Rebus/Wuzzle question groups is shown below with the answers in the pictures section at the bottom of this newsletter.

Next we asked for any Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries and Anniversaries of Joining the Club and found that we have none for this week. Therefore we celebrated that we had, “None”.

**However, it is the 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Kiwanis International**



## Moving on to Happy Stories

- Joanne Murray announced that Janet Jordan, who has been a recent guest at some of our meetings, has confirmed that she is going to be a new member of our Club and was warmly welcomed by all present.
- Len Makkreel updated us on his last week's sad story, about him sweeping dust from under their refrigerator with the result that it stop working. He said that they were in the process of buying a new one but decided that he would take a closer look at the mechanism. He found that during his dusting , the fan blade had been bent and when he straighthen it out, the refrigerator has been running fine. Len made a generous donation to Happy Stories "K".
- Leo Vos told us about his great time Sking in the Collingwood area this past week. He was only there in the morning to mid afternoon one day . The Temperature was -10 C with gusts to 35 kph, meanin the wind chill was about -18C. Leo said it was very invigorating.



Randy MacKenzie Introduced our Guest Speakers Peter and Chris Tudisco with the Topic: Buon Vino Manufacturing.

Randy said that Buon Vino Mfg. has a long history of serving the needs of the home and small industrial wine makers. The company was founded more than 40 years ago by Peter's father Fred, selling wine filters to small wine makers throughout South Western Ontario, replacing the previously used hand-pumps or gravity feed systems. Peter Tudisco, Fred's son joined the company in 1980 and soon began to expand the company taking it outside of the Ontario borders and across Canada and into the US market. Randy asked Peter and his son, Chris to the podium to give their presentation.



Peter thanked the Club for the invitation and said he would talk about the background of their Family built company Buon Vino Mfg. and the development that has occurred over 40 years, and would hand the details about the current operation of the company over to his son Chris.

Peter said that his father, Fred (Onofrio) Tudisco, was always very mechanically oriented when he arrived in Canada. Fred Tudisco had originally worked on wine press/filtering equipment that would make a better wine in Canada. On a trip back to Italy he met some friends and contacts that lead him to think about how to "process wine" in a very different way. While in Italy he met an oenologist. An oenologist is a wine expert responsible for the entire wine production process, from the vine to the bottle. This gave Fred Tudisco an alternative perspective and a new path.

About this time in 1980 Peter had finished University and soon began to expand the company, taking it outside of the Ontario borders and across Canada and into the US market.

Home wine making began evolving with higher quality juices and with the introduction of the "Wine Kit" which produced a good wine with easy-to-follow instructions. Peter recognised the need for a small cost-effective wine filter to compliment this new trend in wine making.



With the industry changing, Peter and Fred began working on developing the “Mini Jet”, a new and revolutionary compact wine filter, which was perfect for the new wine maker that produced wine from these “Kits”. The Mini Jet was soon added to the production along with the established Super Jet wine filter.



When Anthony, Fred’s younger son joined Buon Vino in 1993, a new era in the company soon developed. With the purchase of plastic injection moulding machines, overseen by Anthony, the manufacturing sector of the company further expanded. More products were developed, redesigned and improved, as Buon Vino continuously strives to enhance the quality and ease of winemaking for the home winemaker.



Fred always strived to improve the quality of home wine making through his ideas and has certainly left a legacy! Peter and Anthony have since been joined by Peter’s sons Michael and Christopher, making this the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to produce quality products for the home wine making market.



Chris Indicated that from 2000, when the original Mini Jet filtration pump was developed, there has been an increased demand for larger capacity for filtration of home-made wine kits and boutique wineries. This is where the demand for larger and smaller filtration system, which was matched with the Injection molding talents that were now available with the younger new family members at Buon Vino. There was a significant change in type of products and accessories that were needed by customer.



Customers were after Grape juice from California, Australia, Africa, France. Buon Vino had to diversify to produce product for distribution around the world. They developed several versions of the Mini Jet as well as the Super Jet, Grape Juice for the Kit, Bottle fillers, table top electric Fill jet, many proprietary filter types, Bungs, Cylinder Air locks, corks, degassing equipment, automatic bottle fillers.



They have continued to innovate how they work and what they produce, base on the public's needs in this industry and it is still growing, as we see Cottage Wineries, small and very large boutique wineries popping up in many smaller towns and large cities.

Joanne Murray gave Peter and Chris our clubs official thanks and in recognition of their presentation, let them know that we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation.

Chris asked if there were any questions which there were, which Peter and Chris handled easily.

President Elect Maureen called for any Announcements or Committee Reports

- Randy MacKenzie announced that Bob Johnson’s mother Ruth Johnson had passed away Friday, January 17, 2025 at Joseph Brant Hospital, Burlington in her 99th year

President Elect Maureen thanked all members Guests and wished them well.

Final thought of the day: "That's what I consider true generosity. You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing." Simone de Beauvoir.

If there is nothing else for the good of Kiwanis, we will adjourn this meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

Have a good Weekend.

Meeting adjourned

Following are some candid pictures from this meeting.

Answer to the Wuzzle:

1. Somewhere Over the Rainbow
2. X Marks the Spot
3. Put two and two Together
4. Just Right
5. I Before E Except After C
6. High Seas







Following, are a few candid photos at the Saturday 25-January 2025, DCM in Waterloo

