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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 FEBRUARY 20, 2025

James Poppin, Cybercrime and prevention tips, Professor, WLU

HEAD TABLE

Past President Alf Hauk, Guest Speaker James Popham,
Introducer Dave Lewis, Thanker Phil Hoekstra, Funmaster
Joanne Murray

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Thursday, March 6 – Anniversary of Club Founding

KC of Brantford

Thursday, March 13 – Pam MacDonald, Master Gardener

Thursday, March 20 – Bob Saunders on the 50th Anniversary of Metric System

Division Lt. Governor

Angel Vieth

KC of Kitchener–Waterloo

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Club Officers

President

Nancy Thompson

March 17th: Pasta night at Piper Arms. Details and sign up sheet to follow.

Past President

Alfred Hauk

June: Dinner and music night at Brantford Golf and Country club (date to be confirmed)

August 9th: Family potluck/picnic

President-Elect

Maureen Henry

September 13th: 2:00 PM Port Dover play and dinner ("Here on the flight path" Norm Foster")

Treasurer

Jim Steele

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

Secretary

Dave Lewis

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

Club Directors

2 Year Term

Ross Pope

Karen Adams

Joanne Murray

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

BIRTHDAYS

Kirby Brown – Birthday – February 23,

1 Year Term

Randy MacKenzie

Leo Vos

Bob Wade

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Bob Saunders – Joined – February 26

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Below are a few ways that volunteering can change your life for the better:

Connection. Volunteering gives you the chance to meet new people and can improve your social and relationship skills. Volunteering with family members or friends can provide an opportunity to spend meaningful time with those people, thereby strengthening those relationships.

A sense of meaning. A lot of research has been done on the link between altruism and happiness. The happiness that many people feel as a result of volunteering may be related in part to the increased sense of purpose and self-confidence experienced when people are generous with their time and energy.

A longer lifespan. In addition to its emotional and mental benefits, volunteering can improve your physical health. Volunteering can lower stress levels and enhance peoples' overall sense of

well-being, both of which can have positive effects on physical health. Many volunteering opportunities also entail physical labor, which can be a great source of exercise.

Kiwanis club members look at the needs of children in their community and decide on projects that will benefit local kids the most. By coming together with others in your area, you can begin to make your community a better place for everyone in it.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The ability to walk away signifies that you respect and value yourself more than the person who failed in his or her attempts to do you harm." ~ Anonymous

**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, 13 February, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy , welcomed all members and Guests Gayle Wade, Joyce Morris and Joanne Lewis.



Graham Schram organized the 50/50 draw, with Faye Prince and Peter Liberati holding potential winning tickets, neither member found the Joker this week and the pot continues to grow.



The Funmasters today were Faye Prince and Paul Simon, with the help of **Trivia Master Leo Vos**, who created a 14 Valentine Questions, Trivia Challenge, to mark the Valentines's day date.

Paul Simon opened with an introduction to the origin of Valentines Day.



Saint Valentines is connected to February 14, including an account of his imprisonment in Rome, for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the **third century**. An 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims, he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution. Happy times and more positive emotions have arisen since then.



Faye Prince stepped in and explain the process and rules to the Valentine Trivia challenge that members were about to play, while Paul distributed the questions sheets.

Each member was to try to fill in the answers to 14 Valentine trivia questions.

There were four chocolate prizes for the four members with the highest number of correct answers.

Once the answers were presented it was confirmed that, in general, we were not that well versed in the matters relating to Valentine's Day but we all had fun and some good laughs.

PLG Nelson presented Paul and Faye with a Valentine Rose in appreciation of their presentation.



PLG Nelson presented President Nancy a Rose in appreciation of her performance of duties as this year's President.



Valentine Roses were given out to President Nancy, our three Guests, Gayle Wade, Joyce Morris and Joanne Lewis and our ever-helpful-and-able Cayla from the Best Western.

President Nancy helped us celebrate: Robert Saunders – Birthday – February 10 and the Anniversary of Joining the Club by: Maureen Henry – Joined – February 10 and Nancy Thompson Joined February 19.

Happy Stories were up next.

Joanne Murray recalled a Happy Valentines memory of a very good Kiwanis friend, who presented Roses to several Kiwanian ladies he had worked with that year as a token of his appreciation. As it turned out the Roses were **not** roses but a piece of apparel.

Paul Simon thanked Joanne for pinning a “Red broach” on his shirt as he had missed the memo about wearing red today.

Nelson thanked Faye and Paul (Read Faye) for the wonderful centre pieces today and through out the year.



President Nancy returned to the podium and called for any Announcements or Committee Reports

- Dave reminded all Board members of the Board meeting this afternoon at 5:30PM by Zoom
- President Nancy announced a social event at the Lighthouse Theatre, Saturday 13th September, 2025. It is a Norm Foster's Play "Here on the Flight Path". Note it is the 2:00 PM, matinee. Tickets can be purchase by Credit card. Following is the link to the website. <https://lighthouse theatre.com/>. Once you have purchased your tickets, please be sure to let Pallo Sahota and Nancy Thompson know by email as they will be attempting to organize a Dinner after the Theatre presentation.
- PLG Nelson announce that the Kiwanis Club of Paris-Brant is holding an Interclub Saturday March 30 at the Paris Curling Club starting at 11:30AM. Please let PLG Nelson know if you are interested in attending.

President Nancy thanked all members and Guests and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Final thought of the day: "Love isn't love 'til you give it away!" Oscar Hammerstein and a song by Reba McEntire.

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

Have a safe Weekend.

Meeting adjourned

Following are some pictures from this meeting.



