
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 13-March-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 MARCH 13, 2025

Pam MacDonald, Master Gardener

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Pam MacDonald and her husband Tony, Funmaster Randy MacKenzie, Introducer Bob Saunders, Thanker Joanne Murray

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Thursday, March 27 – TBD

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, April 3 – Anne Marie Peirce, Brantford Community Foundation, Vital Signs Report

Thursday, April 10 – Aktion Club (Interclub Meeting)

Thursday, April 17 – Brian Wood, Bell Homestead

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

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

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

August 9th: Family potluck/picnic

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

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

Ivone DeMarchi – Birthday – May 9

Bob Ritchie – Birthday – March 12

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

None

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

The first name suggested for the organization that became Kiwanis was "Benevolent Order Brothers." But Oattie Robertson, a charter member of the Detroit No. 1 club, didn't like it. "It seems to me," he said, "that Benevolent Order Brothers is a mighty peculiar name for an organization of businessmen. Who wants to be a BOB?".

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny." – Frank James

**To view the highlights of last week's meeting,
please page down.**

Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 06 March, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy, welcomed all members and Guests Joyce Morris and her Daughter Sue Morris, Jim Turnbull Past President from Sault Ste. Marie, Harold and Margit Offenhammer to this weeks meeting and Awards Ceremony.



Phil Hoekstra organized the 50/50 draw, with Alex Morris and Nancy Thompson holding the potential winning tickets, but unfortunately they did not draw the Joker. The pot continues to grow.



Funmaster/Education – Funmaster: Ken McNaughton

Ken McNaughton greeted everyone and launched into a somewhat unknown version of the history of our club starting in 1919 on 08 March. Following is an excerpt from Ken's presentation.

It was 1919, the world was suffering through Purple Death as the Spanish flu was called. Similarly, we are currently suffering through the Orange Menace as our freaky friend down south is called. World War 1 had just come to an end. People were healing. On March 8, 1919 specifically. A bunch of well meaning, if slightly naïve gentlemen met for the first time. They were: Bob Johnson, Bob Lefebvre, Bob McIntosh, Bob Ritchie, Bob McLean, Bob Wade and Doug Delaronde. The history books reveal that Doug was invited along, as the group understood that Doug's

middle name was really Robert.....

If you would like to see Ken's full presentation, go to our website and look in the menu, "Weekly Bulletin".

Ken moved on to Birthdays, Anniversaries' and Happy Dollars noting the following:

Peter Liberati – Birthday – March 2

Alex Morris – Birthday – March 4, Alex donated a significant cheque celebrating his Birthday.

Eardly Judah – Joined – March 4

Judy Jones – Joined – March 8

Happy Stories and dollars were offered up by Melanie, Alex, Randy, Harold with a sound round of applause for everyone.

President Nancy thanked Ken for his informative, wonderful and alternative walk down memory-lane of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Nancy started off our 106th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Program as follows.

She said, “Today, we celebrate the 106th anniversary of our club. Our club has a long successful history, thanks to the contributions and dedication of an impressive list of Past Presidents. It is my honour to read the list of Past Presidents currently serving as members of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford”.

She asked that the Past Presidents, when they hear their names, remained standing until everyone had been introduced.

There were 11 of the 19 Past presidents in attendance at this meeting from the period 1988 to 2021.

President Nancy then asked all in attendance to join her in expressing thanks to our Past Presidents for their ongoing dedication to Kiwanis, to our community and to the children we serve.



President Nancy moved on, to the Presentation of Kiwanis Appreciation Award – to Harold and Margit Offenhammer and asked them to come to the podium to accept this award regarding the Offenhammer’s outstanding cookie sales and other support to our Club over a number of years.



Past President Judy Jones came to the Podium and gave us somewhat more factual History of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford starting with 61 members, 08-March-1919. She reviewed several of the significant projects and activities that the Club has presented always in the pursuit of improving the lives of youth in our community.

- Kiwanis Camp for Girls in Port Dover Ontario
- The Kiwanis Music Festival
- Key Clubs
- Great Men of Sports Dinner
- Kiwanis Apps Mill Park
- Young Children: Priority One and three Builders Clubs
- Weekly bingos
- Christmas cookie sales
- Trip of the Month draws
- Children's safety village
- Kiwanis Field at Pauline Johnson Collegiate



One hundred and six years have passed since the Kiwanis Club of Brantford was chartered on March 8, 1919. Throughout those years, the club has produced a long list of Kiwanis leaders - a Kiwanis International Vice President, a Kiwanis International Trustee, 4 District Governors, a District Secretary Treasurer, 16 Lieutenant Governors and 99 different members who have served as the President of our club.

We continue to attract talented, skilled and caring members, committed to supporting our long list of projects that now include The Kiwanis Aktion Club of Brantford, Kiwanis Kindness Day, the annual Back to School Food Drive and financial support to the, Children's Safety Village of Brant – all supported by the funds we raise from our "Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World Draw," the Christmas Cookie Campaign and trivia nights.

Our current membership of 43 members, is made up of a diverse group of men and women representing a cross section of professions and backgrounds. There are two things all members of our club have in common – a desire to serve their community and the opportunity to do it with like-minded others, in the spirit of friendship.

There is something special happening in a service club that continues to evolve and remain relevant in its community after 106 years of service. That "something special" is happening here in this room today ... and it happens every time we come together as members of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Kiwanis Club of Brantford!

President Nancy thanked PP Judy and moved on to the Presentation of the Legion of Honour Awards

President Nancy called, Past President David Neumann and Past Governor Joanne Murray to please come forward.

The Legion of Honour is a Kiwanis International Award presented to Kiwanians who have been members of the organization for 25 years or more. They are honoured with a certificate in the year of their 25th anniversary of membership and every five years after that, in recognition of their continuing service to their communities and the children who need Kiwanis.

Today, I am pleased to present Past President Dave Neumann and Past Governor Joanne Murray with the Legion of Honour Award in recognition of 35 years of service to Kiwanis. President Nancy read the inscription on each plaque for the members.



Past President Dave Neumann and Past Governor Joanne Murray were greeted with a heart-felt round of applause in appreciation for all they have done for our community and our club.

President Nancy said It is now the time we have been waiting for – the cutting of the 106th Anniversary Cake. President-elect Maureen Henry and Vice Pallo, would you please come up and help me with this task, while the photographers get a good picture that will look good on social media.



The Cake was served and President Nancy called for any Announcements or Committee Reports

- 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://lighthousetheatre.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.

- Dave Lewis mentioned that the Trivia Challenge event at the Dunsdon Legion is on Thursday 03-April which is just over a month away and suggested you get your Teams in and registered as soon as possible. We currently have 15 teams, with only three weeks to register.
- Leo Vos asked that anyone wishing to help out at the Trivia Challenge should contact him, as we can always use help setting up and managing the event.
- Melanie reminded us that as part of the Kiwanis Kindness Day we are starting next week Thursday 13-March collecting Food and Personal Care items, to be collected weekly at our meeting from now until **Friday 18-April. Kiwanis Kindness Day is Friday 25 April-2025.**

President Nancy thanked all members and Guests and wished everyone well.

Final thought of the day: "Throw yourself into some work you believe in with all your heart, live for it, die for it, and you will find happiness that you had thought could never be yours." Dale Carnegie

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 candid pictures from this meeting.





OFFENHAMMER
 Harold and Margit
 Fleetline Products Ltd.
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Harold and his wife Margit live at 9 Fieldstone Circle in Brantford, they have two children, Angela and Mark. Harold enjoys gardening, sailing, swimming, table tennis, curling and skiing. He is a member of the Brantford Chamber of Commerce and the German Club *Brantford Curling Club*.
 Fleetline Products Ltd. are producers of Brantford and bake ovens.