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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 01-May-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

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## **PROGRAM FOR MAY 01, 2025**

Annual General Meeting / Induction of New Member

## **HEAD TABLE**

President Nancy Thompson, Secretary David Lewis, President  
Elect Maureen Henry, Vice President Pallo Sahota, Past  
President Alf Hauk, LG elect Randy MacKenzie, Treasurer Jim  
Steele

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, May 8 – 'Invite a Guest'

Thursday, May 15 – Sally Johnson, Executive Director, CFSGE

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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, May 22 – Winners from Literacy Festival

Thursday, May 29 – Stan Hutchinson, Local Bike Trails

Thursday, June 5 – Bonnie Camm, CEO Brant Public Health

Thursday, June 12 – Delegates to ECC Convention Report

Thursday, June 19 – NO MEETING, Ploughman's Lunch

### **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

Friday, June 27 2025, Dinner at the Brantford Golf and Country club – details to follow

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**

Peter Liberati – Birthday – March 2

### **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

None

### **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District is home to over 284 Kiwanis clubs. These clubs are divided up into Divisions. Each Division is led by a Lieutenant Governor, who reports to the Governor.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

It's choice—not chance—that determines your destiny. –Jean Nidetch

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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, 24 April, 2025 Weekly Meeting



President Nancy, welcomed all members and Guest speakers from the Kiwanis Kindness Day Committee  
Phil Hoekstra presented the 50/50 draw, with Bob Wade and Jim Steele holding the potential winning tickets, but unfortunately they did not draw the Joker. The pot continues to grow.



Funmaster: Dave Lewis opened by introducing what he suggested was a fun Classical musical presentation of several recognizable song clips. The antics on stage had most members laughing and enjoying the music.



He then presented a video clip about a man who was asking a Police officer to help him find his wife, and about how scant the information was, that he produced describing his wife to the officer. However, when asked for details about his car she had borrowed, he went on in painful detail for quite awhile, to which the officer said, "Don't worry sir, we'll find your car."

Officer, my wife is missing.



Dave moved on to Birthdays and Anniversaries' noting the following:

## **Birthdays:**

Ken McNaughton - April 8, "The month of Ken"

**Anniversary of Joining the Club** - Phil Hoekstra – 23 years - April 25

A rousing round of applause was delivered by all.

Dave asked for Happy Stories, following are those received:

- Phil Hoekstra donated some Happy Dollars for his Birthday
- Len Makkreel was happy to return from a long vacation
- Leo Vos thanked everyone for their part in Volunteering for the recent Trivia Challenge which had generated just over \$2,000
- Melanie MacKay reminded everyone that we would be collecting items for the Kiwanis Kindness day Food Drive and that this Friday was the big event day. She reminded everyone of their volunteer locations and thanked everyone for their support.
- Joanne Murray thanked everyone that attended the BRAVA Volunteer Application Award Event.

Dave passed the microphone over to President Nancy who confirmed, National Volunteer Week is April 27-May 3, 2025, saying the Theme is: "Volunteers Make Waves". This theme highlights the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteers ... which lead directly into our Kiwanis Kindness Day events and brings us to a Ted's Talk video called, "Kindness".

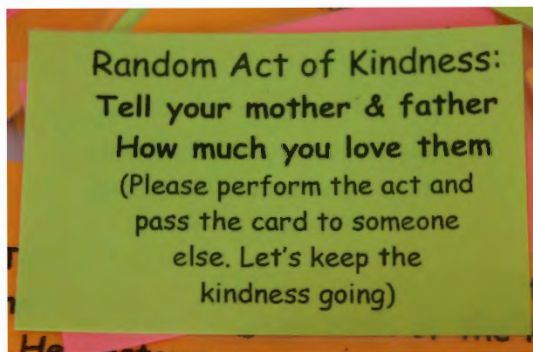


We watched a 10 Minute presentation by Orly Wahba who spoke passionately about her responsibility to let people know about the magic and effect of Kindness, that can occur in the most unexpected ways. She became a middle school teacher to help young people work through their formative years that we all know set us on various paths for the rest of our lives. Her objective was to help children see the beauty in the world, the beauty in others and the beauty in themselves. To help them recognize, who they are and what they do, matters. She started a project call "Act of Kindness Card suggestions". These cards suggested that the person, perform the task and pass the card on to someone else.

By bringing the acts on Kindness down, to something as simple as holding a door open for someone is impactful, and as each small act occurs the over all effect is amazing.

These children started to use the cards and, they started to see the ripple effect their actions caused. Some time you just need a simple push to set you off to do something that you have been putting off for years.

Orly has now grown her Kindness Cards, into an organization helping people and giving hope far beyond her wildest dreams.



She is also working on a mobile app that goes on a phone where people can set their own personal Kindness Goals and track how successful they are.

Kindness is accessible to everyone, and one act of Kindness alone can have unknown and profound consequences that can in fact change this world.



Thanks for listening. Orly Wahba

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

PLG Nelson Mention that the DCM this coming Saturday would be held in Cambridge at the Kiwanis House project with a 9:30AM start time.

President Nancy thanked all members and Guest Speakers

Final Thought of the Day: "The greatest violence is seeing a child go to bed hungry" - Coretta Scott King

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