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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 APRIL 03, 2025

Join us as Anne Marie Peirce, Executive Director of the Brant Community Foundation, reviews Brant's Vital Signs Report 2024 which is a check-up of community well being that uses local data to inform philanthropy, celebrate successes, and address challenges. It's an important resource for community groups, individuals and non-profits that aims to spark conversations and action.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Anne Marie Peirce, Introducer Joanne Murray, Thanker Bob Saunders, Funmaster Jim Steele and others as invited by the House

KC of Brantford

Committee

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, April 10 – Aktion Club (Interclub Meeting)

Thursday, April 17 – Brian Wood, Bell Homestead

Thursday, April 24 – National Volunteer Week

Thursday, May 1 – Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 19 2025, 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

None

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Joan Griffin – Joined – April 1

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Youth leadership development. 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

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort. – Herm Albright

**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, 27 March, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy Thompson, welcomed all members and Guest Speakers, from our Membership Committee.



Phil Hoekstra organized the 50/50 draw, Randy Mackenzie and Linda Moyer (Just back from Florida) were holding the potential winning tickets, but unfortunately they did not draw the Joker. The pot continues to grow.



Funmaster: Joanne Murray opened with a passionate movie clip by Glass Tiger called, "Free to Be Strong and Free". [Click here to hear the Song.](#)



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

Phil Hoekstra – Birthday – March 24

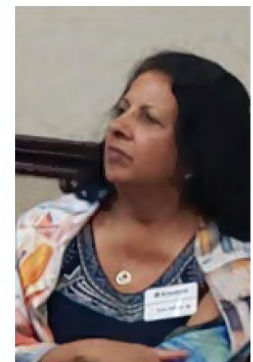
Karen Adams – Joined – 2 years on March 30

Members gave both a moving round of applause.

Joanne Murray then changed hats, and became the Membership Chair for the Presentation part of our meeting today. She gave a brief review of the Club's Membership plan and that we have compiled a list of possible new members by getting lists of Speakers for the past year, Non-Members that regularly help us at events, such as Trivia, the Children's Safety Village, the Ploughman's Lunch, etc. She noted that our current membership number now stands at 43 and that we need all members to help look for new members for our Club.

Joanne then passed the microphone over to VP Pallo Sahota.

Pallo Sahota, gave an overview and highlighted a few items to consider from the Membership Satisfaction Survey results. All members have received an electronic copy of the survey results and will receive a hard copy of the document today before they leave the meeting. Check with PLG Nelson before you leave to get yours.



We would like each of you to review the Membership Satisfaction Survey results, and record any suggestions on the hard copy. Make your insight and feed-back relating to survey questions, to the specific committee related to the question.

If you fill out this Membership Satisfaction Survey Follow-up sheet, put it in a blank envelope and drop it off in a Box that will be at the rear of our meeting room next week, the information will be anonymous.

If you respond to this follow-up sheet on-line by email, it will not be anonymous because you used your email.

Pallo thanked everyone for their help and attention and asked Dave Lewis to come to the podium.

Dave thanked everyone for their help completing the Membership Satisfaction Survey and further helping to review the results and look for further insight and ideas.

He said that with the Membership plan that Joanne spoke of, and now the results of the Membership Satisfaction Survey, we have information to move forward in planning our, "Invite A Guest Meeting" on Thursday May 08, 2025.

The survey results indicate that a strong majority of the members want to strengthen and grow our club, by welcoming new members to join us to do what we do as Kiwanians ... serving the children of our community and the world.

Please think about potential members in your circle of family, friends, neighbours and associates, that would appreciate being invited by you to join an organization with such a great purpose.

Included in this package that you receive today, is a "Professions List" for you to review. All of us have regular, ongoing contacts with numerous people in our community, in a wide variety of professions. This list may help you to think of someone you never thought of, who would make a great Kiwanian

Invite your guest to our "Invite a Guest Meeting" planned for 12:00 p.m. on May 8th, at the Best Western Hotel. This package includes a "Be Our Guest For Lunch" invitation card for you to personalize. The lunch cost for those guests invited as potential members will be paid by the club.

Thank you for helping to make our Good Club a Great Club!!!

The image shows two invitation cards side-by-side. The left card is from the Best Western Hotel, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford. It has fields for Date, Time, Host Kiwanian, and Contact Information. The right card is titled "BE OUR GUEST FOR LUNCH" and features the Kiwanis Club of Brantford logo. It includes a Facebook link (www.facebook.com/brantfordkiwanis), a phone number (519) 753-7442, and the website www.brantfordkiwanis.org. Both cards feature a large, faint Kiwanis International logo in the background.

Dave passed the microphone back to President Nancy.

President Nancy called for any Announcements or Committee Reports.

- Melanie Mackay and Linda Moyer presented information and a slide show confirming that Kiwanis Kindness Day, is on Friday April 25, 2025 and reviewed the results of the activity from last year and the plan for this year 2025.
- Faye Prince reminded everyone to bring their Food donations to the meeting next week in support of the Kiwanis Kindness Day effort for the Brantford Food Bank.
- 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. He also mentioned that we are short of door prizes and if anyone had some to donate, they would be greatly appreciated.

President Nancy thanked all members

Final thought of the day: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle

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.

