



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 17-April-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 APRIL 17, 2025

Brian Wood, Curator, Bell Homestead (Life on the line) Take a sentimental look back at how the telephone has changed through vintage Bell Telephone ads.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Brian Wood, Funmaster Paul Simon, Introducer Maureen Henry, Thanker Karen Adams and those invited by the House and Reception Committee.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, April 24 – National Volunteer Week

Thursday, May 1 – Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 19 2025, Ploughman's Lunch

Thursday, May 8 – 'Invite a Guest'

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

Nancy Thompson – Birthday – April 19

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

None

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

There is no such thing as membership transfer from one Kiwanis club to another. After leaving a Kiwanis club, a former Kiwanian must be elected to membership in another Kiwanis club by that club's board of directors, exactly like any new member. However, if a current member is moving to a new community, the club secretary can send a referral card to the Kiwanis club(s) in the new community, and the Kiwanian who is moving is encouraged to attend meetings of the clubs in the new area and choose one to join. He or she does not need to be sponsored by two members of the new club but can apply for membership directly.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit." –Helen Keller

**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, 10 April, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy, welcomed all members and Guests, from Kiwanis Paris-Brant PLG Stan Hutchinson, Margaret Hutchinson, PE Wendy Eveleigh, DLG & PDT Sheila Moore, Kiwanian Mareesa Moore and Kiwanian Wendy Gallagher; Guests from the Aktion Club of Brantford, Kerry Lane, Heather Moore, Colleen Weeden, Neil MacDonald and Spencer Moore ~ Support Worker, Chris Stewart, Kara Smithers and Guest Mary Hoekstra.

Phil Hoekstra presented the 50/50 draw, with Bob Saunders holding the potential winning ticket, but unfortunately he did not draw the Joker. The pot continues to grow.

Funmaster: Bob Saunders opened with a humorous comment about Spring coming despite the weather. He then moved on with some travel jests such as:



A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water.

As the bartender gives her the drink she says, "I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today..."

The bartender says, "Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me."

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, "I would like to buy you a drink, too."

The old woman says, "Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water." "Coming up," says the bartender.

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, "I would like to buy you one, too."

The old woman says, "Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water." "Coming right up," the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says, "Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity, why the Scotch with only two drops of water?"

The old woman replies, "Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue."

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



Birthday Ken McNaughton – April 8, "The month of Ken"

Anniversary of Joining Club Leo Vos– Joined - April 8 - 26 years ago

All Members help celebrating, with a rousing round of applause.



Bob called for Happy Stories which were received from:

Leo Vos Noted that the Trivia Challenge last Thursday was a great success. All in attendance were energetic and having a lot of fun. It was also quite profitable as we made over \$2,000.

Bob handed the Microphone over to PLG Nelson to Introduce our program for today.

PLG Nelson began the program by welcoming the Kiwanians from the Kiwanis Club of Paris/Brant to our Interclub meeting for today. He asked that each of the Paris/Brant members stand to be recognized as their names were called.

PLG Nelson started today's program by introducing the Aktion Club of Brantford's President Neil MacDonald. Neil will introduce each Aktion Club member as part of the Program a bit later on.



PLG Nelson asked PP Kerry Lane, to come to the Podium to start the Kiwanis Action Club of Brantford's presentation.

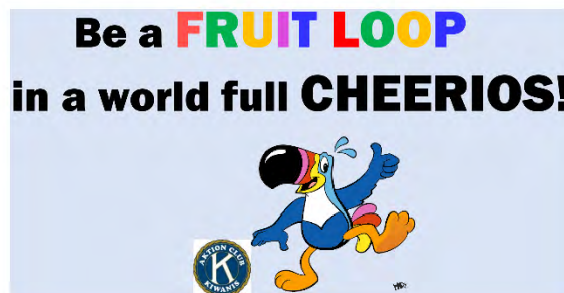


Kerry introduced herself and stated that, this is the Aktion Club 15th year of service to our Community. She further stated the Objects of the Aktion Club, while using a slide show to support her statements.



The Objects of the Aktion Club:

- To live our lives by the Golden Rule
- To make our community a better place to live, work and play AND





“The Early Years”

The Aktion Club in Action

PP Kerry presented several slides of significant activities and past members that have occurred since the Club was started. Following are a few examples.

Charter President Kristie Beckham at our Charter Celebration 16 years ago at Kiwanis Apps Mill Park



Kiwanis Club President Ivone DeMarch presented the Charter Members with their Aktion Club pins



Our First Fundraiser was a Spaghetti Supper.

It was a great success!

In the fall of 2009, the Aktion Club held its first Thanksgiving Food Drive.



We collect an average of 820 pounds of food every year for The Brantford Food Bank.

One of our favourite Service Projects also began in our first year.

We have held a Thanksgiving Food Drive every year since.

Singing carols for seniors at a local retirement home



Kiwanis Club Ploughman's Lunch

In our first year, we helped with the Kiwanis Club's Annual Ploughman's Lunch, by filling relish cups. We have been doing it every year since.



Now we wear hairnets and gloves!

820 pounds of food a year for 15 years is over 12 thousand pounds!

We have used our fundraising money to purchase bed kits for “Sleeping Children Around the World”



Using the funds from our fundraising projects, we buy Christmas gifts for children who may not otherwise receive a present from Santa.



One of our best fundraisers was the “Pesky Penny Campaign”

Between 2011 and 2014 we collected and rolled over 200,000 pennies to support our projects.

We want to thank our family, friends and Kiwanians who continue to save and donate nickels to us.



One nickel alone can do little to help a child. difference!

Developing Leadership Skills is an important part of membership in our Aktion Club



Past President Kerry called PP Colleen to review the Aktion Club in Action.

Colleen noted that there are currently ten members in our club ranging in age from 32 to 85. Over the past 15 and ½ years, together we have performed nearly 1000 hours of service for our community.



Colleen asked the Aktion Club President Neil MacDonald to come to the podium.

President Neil said he would introduce the Members of the Aktion Club of Brantford and asked that Kerry Lane, Heather Moore, Colleen Weeden, Chris Stewart and Kara Smithers each stand for acknowledgement.

President Neil thanks everyone and past the microphone back to PP Colleen.

PP Colleen Recalled our Dear Friends we have lost in the past 15 years.

- Aktion Club Member - Maryanne Drago
- Aktion Club Member - Judy House
- Charter President - Kristie Beckham
- Aktion Club Advisor- Bob Johnson



Maryanne, Judy, Kristie and Bob ... We smile when we think of you.

PP Colleen said that last year, our Aktion Club Advisors supported us at over 33 meetings and events and thanked the Aktion Club Advisors and sincerely appreciate their support!

The Aktion Club Advisors were asked to stand and were recognized.





PP Colleen moved forward, and said that The Aktion Club continues to hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at Thorpe Funeral Home Carriage House.



A visit from District Governor Anthony Haile from Curacao



We spend a great deal of our volunteer time doing service projects and raising funds to support our chosen charities.

We support the “Children’s Safety Village of Brant” so that the children of Brantford, Brant County and The Six Nations of the Grand River, can learn to live, and play safely.

Participating in Kiwanis Kindness Days



This year on Kiwanis Kindness Day, April 25th, we are using our fundraising money to buy baby food for the Food Bank!



Membership in the Kiwanis Aktion Club of Brantford is not all work.

We have a lot of FUN!!!



During the pandemic, the Aktion Club Advisors organized a 5-car convoy, and delivered Halloween Treats to the home of every Aktion Club Member!

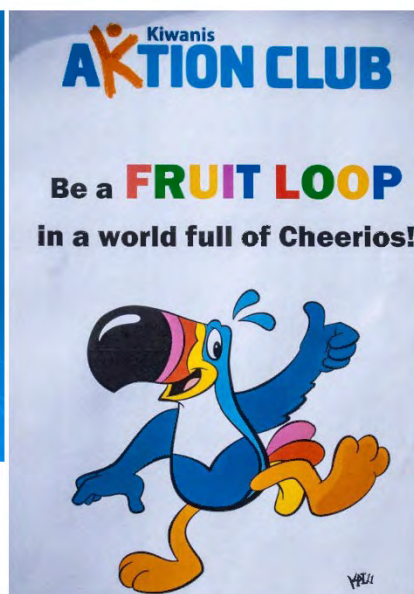


Food Drive Fun

Fun challenge activities that make you try something you haven't done before.



Here's to the Next 15 Years!



PP Randy MacKenzie gave a heart-felt thanks to all members of the Aktion Club for their presentation and past the microphone over to Joanne Murray and Phil Hoekstra for a special Aktion Club Ticket draw for three special prizes.

See the results of the special draw below.



Wendy Gallagher, Phil Hoekstra and Graham Schram, each got a box of Froot Loops

Joanne Murray passed the microphone back to President Nancy, who called for any Announcements or Committee Reports.

- Faye 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.
- Faye also asked anyone who wished to help with the distribution of Bags at Sobeys to contact her.
- Leo Vos reminded everyone that Saturday 19 April is the Easter egg Hunt at the CSV and if you have volunteered, to be there for the 10:00AM Start.
- Karen Adams announced that we are all invited to the BRAVA Volunteer appreciation evening on Thursday 17 April and that you can get your free tickets to the event by contacting Karen .

President Nancy thanked all members and Guest Speakers

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.



