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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 – 42



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 JULY 03, 2025

Make sure to attend this meeting if you want to be heard on new projects and fundraising ideas. Jim Steele will lead us through a brainstorming session to develop new ideas.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Speaker Jim Steele, Funmaster Joanne Murray,

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, July 3 – Special Brainstorming Session on New Project Ideas and Spending

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, July 10 – Amber Kane, Tourism Brantford

Thursday, July 17 – Induction of New Members

Thursday, July 24 – Stephanie Sharp, Glenridge Hazelnuts

Thursday, July 31 – Chief Jason Saunders, Brantford Police Services (tent)

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

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 – Toronto
Ontario, April 30 – May 2, 2026

Kiwanis International Convention – Manila, Philippines, from
June 25–27 2026

BIRTHDAYS

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Graham Schram – Joined – July 4, 1978

David Lewis – Joined – July 7, 2011

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Our Club is part of a Kiwanis District made up of the 6 eastern provinces of Canada and 15 nations in the Caribbean including Jamaica, Bahamas, Barbados, Aruba and Trinidad and Tobago. We are called Eastern Canada and the Caribbean. (EC & C) District.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Complain less, breathe more. Criticize less, create more. Worry less, laugh more. Fear less, hope more. Anon.

**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, 26 June, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy Thompson, welcomed all members and Guests Susan Szczechura (New Member), Roger Smith (New Member), Mary Hoekstra and Judy Jenkins (Guest of Paulette).

President Nancy opened the meeting indicating that today was our Canada Day Celebration Meeting and that she was please to see that most members were dressed appropriately for the celebration.

President Nancy called Kiwanian Pallo to the microphone as today's Funmaster.



In an acknowledgement of today's Canada Day Celebration, VP Pallo cited some iconic Moments of the Dominion of Canada.



Following are a few examples:

- Creation of the Dominion on July 1, 1867
- The Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917)
- WWII Key Battles
- The Discovery of Insulin (1921-1923)
- Tommy Douglas and Medicare
- The 1972 Summit Series was an eight-game hockey series between Canada and the Soviet Union

Pallo then shifted gears with the following tale, highlighting a bit of Canadian humour.

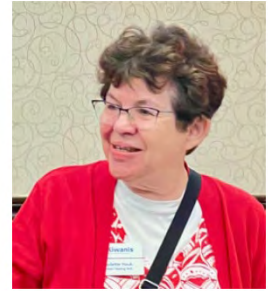
A couple of Canadians fly to Australia in the midst of December to get some heat. They go straight from the airport to the hotel bar, where the locals are surprised to see people wearing heavy coats. One such group of curious Aussies sends a member of their group over to ask where they were from. The Canadians reply "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan". The Aussie nods and walks back to his group. "So? Where are they from?" "Dunno. They don't speak English".

Pallo noted on the Funmaster screen that Dave Lewis had a birthday on Tuesday 24 June and was congratulated by the members

Funmaster Pallo call to Happy Stories and we had quite a few perhaps in support of Canada Day.

- Bob Wade said this was a happy day even though it made him feel a bit older, because his youngest Daughter, was retiring from Teaching.
- Dave Lewis made a donation for not coming with the appropriate attire for Canada Day and confirmed that he would make a second donation to the Happy Dollars fund, corresponding to his Birthday.

- Randy McKenzie told of a generous donation of Blue Jay Tickets from Kiwanian Simran's Family business and how members might support the wonderful offer.
- Paullette said they had a great trip out West, and was glad to be back home after sleeping in (6) different beds during their travel. She had a wonderful time seeing the family members and from her bucket list, seeing the "Ice Fields", and drinking a glass of fresh Glacier water.
- Nancy Thompson said her collection of precious Dogs had increase by one more pup.
- Leo Vos indicated that he had recently attended a Celebration of Life for his Brother with an attendance of more than 200 friends.
- Leo also noted that after a number of year's of negotiating the Lease for the Children's Safety Village, it has been signed and approved for the next 10 Years.
- Pallo thanked everyone for their support in making this year's Ploughman's Lunch such as great success again this year.



VP Pallo passed the Microphone back to President Nancy

President Nancy thanked all members and guests who participated in this year's Ploughman's Lunch for the organization and efficiency with so many volunteers sporting happy faces from a job well done.

President Nancy called on PE Maureen to come to the podium to start the Canada Day Celebration presentation.

PE Maureen, gave a brief introduction indicating that we had three video that we would see relating to Canada Day.

The 1st Video was of Comedian Mike Myers and Prime Minister Mark Carney at a Hockey arena discussing whether Mike Myers was really a Canadian event though he lives in the US.



[To see the video of Mike Myers and Prime Minister Mark Carney, Click here](#)

The 2nd Video was a Punjabi and Celtic Fusion, while paying respect to the Indigenous Peoples.

Maureen mentioned that one of the Dancers in this clip, Gurdeep Pandher was a social media sensation during the Covid-19 pandemic, bringing joy to his thousands of followers with his Bhangra dancing in natural settings. It all started in 2022 in the Yukon Territory which Gurdeep Pandher now calls home.

[To See the Video of various people that now call Canada Home, Click here](#)

The 3rd Video was a version of the National Anthem of Canada, which no one saw because Murphy stepped in and “Froze” the TV screen.

Unperturbed, all Members joined in, and proudly sang O’Canada.

[To See the planned Version of our National Anthem, Click Here](#)

President Nancy thanked Maureen for the Canada Day presentation and called for:

Committee Reports and Announcements.

- Pallo reminded everyone about the BBQ at the Brant Golf and Country Club this Friday 27-June

President Nancy thanked all members and Guests. She also thanked Faye and Paul for the Canada Day Centre pieces.

Final thought for today: It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation. - Herman Melville

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 is a candid picture of members and guests that this meeting.

