
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 05-June-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 – 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 June 05, 2025

Thursday, June 5 - Bonnie Camm, CEO of the Brant Community Health Care System will talk about plans for a new hospital in Brantford/Brant.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Bonnie Camm, Introducer Dave Lewis, Thanker (TBD), Funmaster Bob Saunders, Chrystal Godwaldt and others as invited by House and Reception.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

Angel Vieth

KC of Kitchener-Waterloo

Club Officers

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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, June 12 – TBD

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

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday, June 27 2025, Dinner at the Brantford Golf and Country club – Live Music Night –June 27 @ 7:00–9:00 PM featuring Eric Mills

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 – Pittsburgh, June 25 to 28–2025

BIRTHDAYS

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Nelson McClinchey – Joined – June 6

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Kiwanis Defining Statement: "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A cynical young person is almost the saddest sight to see, because it means that he or she has gone from knowing nothing to believing in nothing. –Maya Angelou

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, 29 May, 2025 Weekly Meeting

Acting Chair Ken McNaughton, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Stan Hutchinson from the Kiwanis Paris-Brant Club.



Ken opened the meeting with Funmistress, Faye Prince



Faye Prince outlined how the song "My Way", came to be, with an outstanding video presentation of the song after Faye's description.

Following is a summary of her introduction.

This is a story about the creation of "My Way," a song that has indeed touched countless lives. It's clear that it is one of the most beautiful songs of our time.

Paul Anka, despite his own string of hits, was initially "terrified" to write for Sinatra, a testament to Sinatra's immense stature and influence. This fear, and the way it was overcome, adds another layer to the song's legend.

The detailed account of Sinatra's "retirement" announcement, Anka's late-night inspiration, and the rapid composition (four hours!) truly highlights the extraordinary creative spark that led to the song. The image of Anka hearing the melody from France and then channeling Sinatra's persona to write the lyrics is particularly vivid.

Paul Anka recalled a story about a Chinese colleague in Beijing singing "My Way" with perfect English and Sinatra's inflections, is a powerful testament to the song's ability to transcend cultural and language barriers and evoke deep personal meaning. It showcases how universally resonant the song's message of living life on one's own terms is.

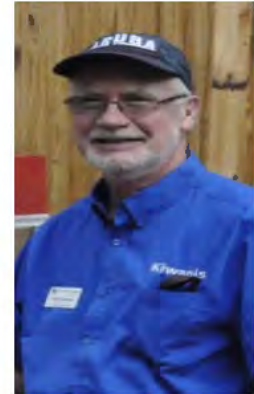
The video presented, is an excellent setting for anyone to appreciate "My Way", not just as a song, but as a significant cultural artifact born from a unique collaboration and a moment of pure inspiration. It truly encourages the listener to approach the music with a deeper understanding and appreciation.

[Click here to play the video we saw at this meeting](#)

After the Video Faye passed the microphone back to Ken MacNaughton.

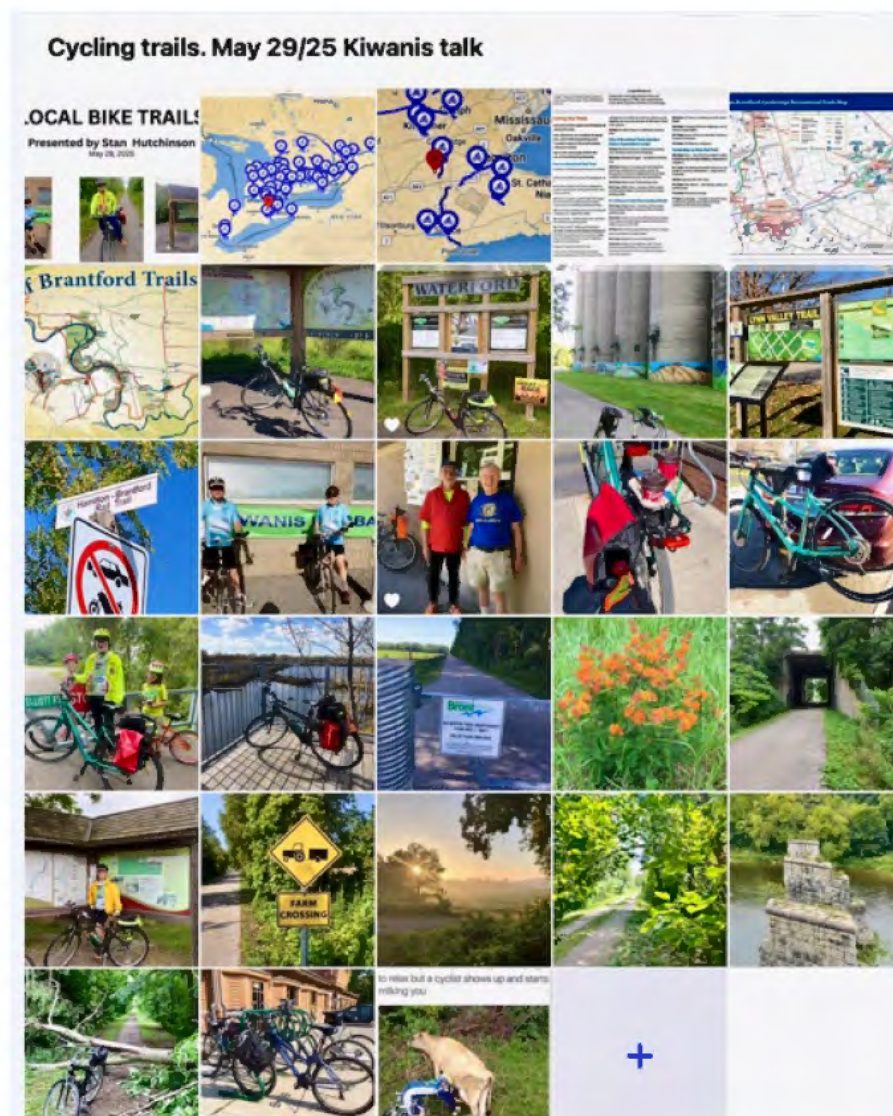
Ken McNaughton introduced our speaker Stan Hutchinson from the Paris-Brant Club who will talk about local bike trails and all they have to offer.

Stan Hutchinson opened his presentation using personal safety and his experience, energetically describing the benefits and freedom of using the many kilometers of trails offered freely in our area. He used his experience and a powerpoint presentation to provide visual and spoken emphasis.



The SC Johnson Trail, a popular 9-mile (14 km) path, connects Brantford and Paris, offering scenic views and cycling opportunities. This trail follows an old railway bed and features stone dust surfacing, making it suitable for both cycling and hiking. The trail passes through farm fields, prairie grasslands, and provides views of the Grand River. Stan covered many details and presented information that may get some of us out and about to enjoy the community we live in with the possibility of improving our own health.

Following is a collection of pictures from Stan's presentation.



Phil Hoekstra thanked Stan for an interesting, lively and educational presentation .

The Podium was passed back to Ken MacNaughton, who thanked all members and Guest speaker Stan Hutchinson for attending the meeting and wished everyone well.



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