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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 12-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

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**Current Membership – 42**



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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

#### **PROGRAM FOR June 12, 2025**

Delegates Nancy Thompson, Pallo Sahota and Maureen Henry will report back on the Easter Canada and Caribbean convention in Niagara Falls.

#### **HEAD TABLE**

President Nancy Thompson, Presenters Pallo Sahota and Maureen Henry, Leo Vos (TBC) and others as invited by the House Committee

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

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KC of Brantford

## **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

*Division Lt. Governor*  
Angel Vieth  
KC of Kitchener-Waterloo

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

Club Officers  
*President*  
Nancy Thompson

August 9th: Family potluck/picnic

*Past President*  
Alfred Hauk

September 13th: 2:00 PM Port Dover play and dinner ("Here on the flight path" Norm Foster")

## **KIWANIS CONVENTIONS**

*President-Elect*  
Maureen Henry

Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention – Toronto Ontario, April 30 – May 2, 2026

*Treasurer*  
Jim Steele

Kiwanis International Convention – Pittsburgh, June 25 to 28–2025

*Secretary*  
Dave Lewis

## **BIRTHDAYS**

None

Club Directors  
*2 Year Term*  
Ross Pope  
Karen Adams  
Joanne Murray

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

None

*1 Year Term*  
Randy MacKenzie  
Leo Vos  
Bob Wade

## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

The Kiwanis Club of Brantford was organized in 1919. "Something special is happening in a club that has been serving its community for over 106 years."

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Don't speculate on what might happen...imagine what you can actually make happen. Anon.

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**To view the highlights of last week's meeting,  
please page down.**

## Highlights of the Thursday, 05 June, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy Thompson, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker: Bonnie Camm, CEO, Brant Community Health Care System as well as Guests: Sue Satura, Roger Smith and Steve Smith.



President Nancy opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement to the Host Nation Peoples.

Phill Hoekstra presented the Find the "Joker" 50/50 draw with Crystal Godwaldt and Dave Lewis holding the potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, neither member drew the Joker. The pot continues to grow.



Funmaster: Bob Saunders took over the Microphone and challenged the audience with a short humourous Quiz where he posed a Question and Members were to respond with their best answer. Following is one sample in a reduced form.



### **The Crow Mystery**

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

The humour lies in the double meaning of "Cah" and "Truck."

"Cah" sounds like "car," which would warn the crows of an approaching car.

"Truck" doesn't sound like anything a crow would naturally vocalize, so there's no distinct warning for a truck.

Therefore, the crows are warned about cars and can fly away, but they lack a specific warning for trucks, leading to a higher mortality rate from truck impacts.

Funmaster Bob noted that we had one anniversary to celebrate. Nelson McClinchey – Joined – June 6.

He also called for Happy Stories and Dollars which were celebrated by Kirby, Karen, Randy, Leo and Nancy.

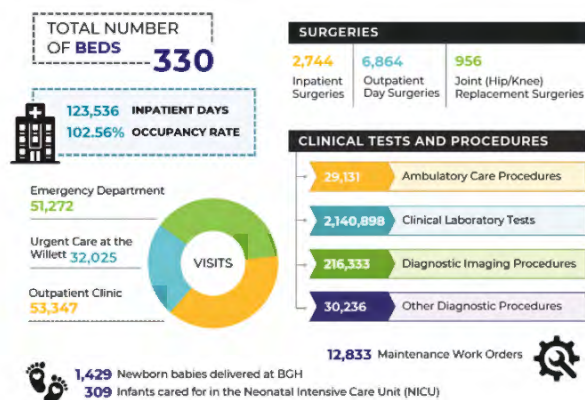
Kiwanian Bob passed the podium over to Dave Lewis who introduced our Guest Speaker, Bonnie Camm, CEO of the Brant Community Health Care System will talk about plans for a new hospital in Brantford/Brant.

Bonnie Camm thanked the Club for asking her to come at this opportune time to speak to us about the current and planned development of a new hospital in Brantford/Brant and was greeted warmly.

Bonnie used a slide presentation to support her comments. She informed us with a Brant Community Healthcare System update and detailed many of the positive factors as shown below.



### Serving Our Patients and Community



The Brant Community Healthcare System's Mission, Vision and Values has four pillars



### Strategic Plan 2025-2030

The Brant Community Healthcare System is Planning for and Supporting Community Growth



Brantford and Brant County's growth and needs are not slowing down, and BCHS is one of the closest hospitals to the largest First Nations population in Canada.



Brant's population will increase by over 40% from 2022 to 2046 according to the Ministry of Finance summer 2023 release.



Between 2016 and 2021, Brantford experienced a 7.4% growth rate, while the County of Brant saw a 10.8% growth rate — both surpassing the provincial and national averages.



Our Hospital has already exceeded our capacity on all fronts.

**BCHS Capital Planning** History has been planning for the redevelopment of its facilities for 16 years. (With little advancement)

A Pre-Capital submission was made 10 years ago in 2014, with resubmission in 2015, 2017, 2020, finally attaining a capital planning grant in March 2022 based on government approval to plan. The Stage 1.2 Proposal was developed and submitted in October 2023.

The March 2022 Planning Grant funding agreement involved planning parameters to redevelop on the existing BGH site and to maximize reuse of the existing facilities. A new greenfield site for BGH was not part of these parameters despite previous proposals and advocacy.

**On May 15, 2025 Additional Planning Grant & Permission to Plan on Greenfield Site.**  
 BCHS will receive an **additional \$12.5 million** planning grant to plan on a greenfield site.

## MOH Capital Planning Process Overview

With BCHS Project Overlay



## Summary of Preferred Option

The **preferred option** calls for the entire hospital to be redeveloped on a greenfield site in packages, minimizes overall project risk substantially by:

- Providing a flexible, cost-effective option for competitive procurement,
- Providing a reduced overall project timeline and costs
- Reducing negative impact to clinical continuity/operations,
- Addressing the constructability, parking and local share issues presented by the BGH site constraints, and
- Offering a superior master plan for future expansion.



The Board endorsed the Greenfield option as the preferred approach. Additionally, a planning grant for a Greenfield site was approved in the 2025 Provincial Budget.

## Looking Ahead



**Committed to Completing Stage 1.3 Functional Planning:** We're aiming to start in Stage 1.3 in June 2025 and targeted to complete in June 2026 – this includes the Local Share Plan.



**Site Selection:** Determining next steps for the Site Selection process.

Bonnie Camm gave us many details that highlight issues that had prevent the dramatic changes we are now experiencing as it as become apparent that Brantford/Brant's recent growth will continue for a number of years and the Brant Community Healthcare System must be prepared for that ongoing growth.

Bonnie Camm answered a number of Questions very effectively and was officially thanks by Joanne Murray letting her know that, in recognition of her presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation.

President Nancy thanked all members and Guest Speaker Bonnie Camm and Guests Sue Satara, Roger Smith and Steve Smith.

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

