



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 17-July-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 JULY 17, 2025

What is your TRUE COLOUR? This week's program will provide a fun opportunity for you to learn more your personality type and the personality types of your fellow Kiwanians. We need everyone's participation to fully appreciate the strengths of the team members that make up the Kiwanis Club of Brantford!

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Funmaster Bob Saunders,
Presenter Joanne Murray and others as invited by the House
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, July 17 – What is your True Colour?

Thursday, July 24 – Stephanie Sharp, Glenridge Hazelnuts

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

Thursday, August 7 – Angelo Ciardella, Service Leader Programs

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

August 9th @3:00PM: Family picnic @ Adelaide Hunter-Hoodless Homestead National Historic Site, Blue Lake Road.

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

None

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."

The Kiwanis Club of Brantford does not have an attendance requirement. Members are encouraged to attend a minimum of one meeting a month. On average, members currently attend 3 meetings per month.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Positive anything is better than negative nothing. – From The Road to Success is Always Under Construction

**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, 10 July, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Elect Maureen Henry, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker- Amber Kane of Tourism Brantford.



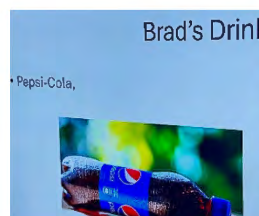
Phil Hoekstra was called to present the 50/50 Draw with Faye Prince and Linda Moyer holding potential winning tickets, but neither were able to find the Joker.



Today's Funmaster was Jim Steele who presented an interactive Quiz about Original Company Names and what their Names are to today.

Following are a few samples:

Campbell's Soup Company > Campbell's
BackRub > "Google"
Sound of Music > Best Buy
Research in Motion > Blackberry
Brad's Drink > Pepsi-Cola
Blue Ribbon Sports > Nike



Jim called for Happy Stories next:

- Karen Adams told us how proud she was at the recent Wedding for one of her daughters.
- Leo Vos recounted an incident at the Children's Safety Village where he was trimming weeds and inadvertently ran into a nest of Bald-faced hornets, but fortunately, he only got stung a couple of times. These hornets can be very dangerous.
- Paul Simon thanked Randy MacKenzie for introducing him to watching the Blue Jays. He has become a new fan.
- Ken McNaughton told us that he was busy doing yard-work last Sunday when he realized that he was the Guest Speaker on "Risk Management" to a large Kiwanis Group, and rushed into his house in time to join the Zoom Link. Ken also noted that we as a Club, are very fortunate to have prominent and widely respected members in the Kiwanis International organization, namely Joanne Murray and Jim Steele.

Maureen thanked Funmaster Jim and Introduced our Guest Speaker, Amber Kane of the City of Brantford Tourism Development Coordinator.

Maureen indicated that part of Ambers duties, include working with bus tour operators to develop itineraries and host group tours in Brantford of various tourism attractions and sites. She enjoys being a hop-on guide for bus tours throughout the city and having the opportunity to talk about the unique history of Brantford and her personal experiences and favourite local destinations, some of which you will hear about today. Amber also works to bring large meetings and conventions into the community. In 2025,

Amber won the bid for the Southern Ontario Tourism Conference, which took place in March and resulted in \$116,000.00 economic impact in the community.

Amber Kane took the microphone and gave us brief background indicating that she was born and raised in Brantford and is very familiar with the various cultural and historic sites we have that she will highlight during her presentation. She was please to be asked to present her information today. Amber suggested that many of the things she would talk about today and much more can be found on the, “Discover Brantford” website.



Following are some highlighted facts she gave us:

- Brantford Ontario, located in southwestern Ontario along HWY 403 between London and Toronto
- Known as The Telephone City
- Daffodil – official flower of Brantford
- Home of Wayne Gretzky “the Great One” hockey player
- Grand River – Exceptional Waters
- 2024 – awarded four Blooms (out of a possible 5 Blooms) for the Communities in Bloom competition
- Lorne Park – Brantford’s top horticultural park
- His Majesty’s Royal Chapel of the Mohawks – final resting place of Captain “Thayandanegea” Joseph Brant



Following are the Economic Development, Tourism & Cultural Initiatives Departments

- Economic Development
- BRC – Business Resource Centre
- Tourism
- Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts
- Farmers’ Market
- Real Estate



Discover Brantford Services

- Visitor Services - Brochures & Maps, Merchandise, New Resident Packages
- Meetings & Conventions Assistance - Bid Development, Event Promotion, Welcome Bags, Site Tours, Local Connections
- Group Travel Assistance - Itinerary Assistance, Hop-on Guide, Narratives, Local connections, Welcome Bags
- Travel Media Services - Social Media, Marketing, Contests and Prizes
- Sport Tourism Services - Bid Development, Event Promotion, Welcome Bags, Site Inspections, Image Library
- Arts & Culture Services - Event Promotion, Partnerships, Grant Reviews, Operating and Capital Grants, Letters of Support



Discover Brantford – What's New and hidden Gems

- Public Art - Take Your Shot, 2023 – tribute to Walter Gretzky
- Murals - Brantford Farmers' Market Mural, 2023 - depicts historic agricultural practices and plants that are significant to the Haudenosaunee people.
- The Pages of the Grand River, 2024 – honours the beauty and significance of the Grand River and celebrates the importance of libraries, learning and education
- Community Peace Mural, 2024 – unity through our differences
- A star over Brantford: A tribute to Phil Hartman, 2024
- Bell Homestead – Life on the Line - new exhibit, 2024
- Trail Mix Live! at the Brantford Farmers' Market
- 2nd Annual Culture Days on the Trails - September 20, 2025
- Canadian Military Heritage Museum
- Le Chocolat du Savoie
- Bell Homestead National Historic Site





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Amber wrapped up her presentation with a Q & A session, and was given the Clubs official thanks by Joanne Murray, in recognition of Amber's presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation. Amber was thanked with a warm round of applause by all members.



The podium was passed back to PE Maureen who called for Announcements or Committee Reports.

Pallo Sahota Social committee announce - August 9th @3:00PM: Family picnic @ Adelaide Hunter-Hoodless Homestead National Historic Site, Blue Lake Road.

Dave Lewis announced that the DCM at the North Dumfries Club will be hosting a Pig Roast at the home of Richard & Caroline Lee on July 19. The price hasn't been set yet and will depend on the number of attendees, but payment can be made by cash, debit, or credit card! Remember to BYOC & BYOB (Chairs & Beverages)! Address is: 867327 Township Road 10 Bright, ON N0J1B0. An email will be sent out to all members later today with the contact information to confirm your attendance.

Dave Lewis also mentioned that last week we had distributed 2480 of the 3740 Dinner for Two tickets to our members. The Draw date is on Thursday August 28-2025.

Seeing no other announcements, PE Maureen thanked all members and Guest Amber Kane.

The final thought of the Day:

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." Albert Switzer.

If there is nothing else for the good of Kiwanis, we will adjourn this meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

Meeting adjourned.

Following are candid picture of members and guests that this meeting.

