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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 AUGUST 07, 2025

Please attend to participate in the induction of new Members into our Kiwanis Club.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Introducer Joanne Murray, LG
Designate Randy MacKenzie, FunMaster Dave Lewis

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, August 14 – TBD

Thursday, August 21 – TBD

Thursday, August 28 – Peter Brown, Senior VP, Tax, Fidelity
Investments on Tax and

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

Retirement Planning

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

Melanie Mackay – Birthday – August 5

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

None

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

A strong, positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug. – Patricia Neal.

**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, 31 July, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy, welcomed all members, Guest Robin Matthews-Osmond and Guest Speaker – Police Chief Jason Saunders ~ Brantford Police Service.



Graham Schram was called upon to present the 50/50 Draw with Judy Jones and Nancy Thompson holding potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, neither were able to find the “Joker”.



Pallo Sahota introduced our Guest Speaker Police Chief Jason Saunders, with a brief Bio and asked Police Chief Jason to come to the podium.



Police Chief Jason Saunders ~ Brantford Police Service, thanked us for the opportunity to come here today. He indicated that he grew up in Norfolk, but for the last 25 years Brantford and Brant county has been his home. The part he enjoys most about his job is the opportunity to share information about our Police Services and our Community impact, that many people may not be aware of. We are considered a medium sized Police Service with just over 200 officers plus 150 civilians. You may have noticed our new facility on Elgin St that is going up quite quickly. What I am going to focus on today is our use of AI. I will review what AI is going to do for our community and how it may harm it. Everything I am going to talk about regarding AI already exists here.



Artificial Intelligence

The problem:

Chief Jason sighted the uses of AI when dealing with Grand Parents Scams.



Through the use of AI you can get an AI generated video version with the relative's **voice** and **image** asking you for money. This is one of the most dangerous frauds we are dealing with today. Note: this is used on parents, grandparents, young women and young men and Organizations with Boards of Directors.



AI is readily available by criminals, to contact people through fraudulent “romance scams”, that can be generated from most Social Media sources with **voice** and **image** also asking you for money.

The Solution:

We have been using, “Predictive Modeling” for Crime Analysis, manually looking for patterns of Break-and-Entry.

For the past two years, we have used AI which gives us the ability to look at much more data resulting in greater accuracy. We can now look at traffic management and collisions. AI is used to project when and where these accidents are going to occur based on weather, time of day locations, speeds, driving experience, etc. This information can be used to predict where and when, accidents will occur with a greater accuracy than we had previously.

Break-and-Enteries now being fed into that same databank with all relevant details, and are now being used to predict location and time of these occurrences.

This allows us to deploy our officers to more selective locations and times, to address potential problems than we have ever been able to in the past.

Camera:

System.

Every Stop light in Brantford has a camera on it, that is used for Traffic control management. Down town Brantford has a lot of CCTV Cameras, that as of September 2025, will feed to the Brantford Police Station. The police will be using a Program that harness AI to tap into every camera in the Community if they agree to it.

CCOC (Community Centres Operation Centre)

A Real-Time Operation Centre working out of the Elgin street Station is being created. It's like a 7/24 Command Post. The will CCOC will have access to the City wide camera system and will review every call that comes in in real time and decides if it is a call for Police, By-Law, not Police related, Mental health and direct them to the appropriate organization. 25% of the calls currently received by the Police Services are not Criminal or police related.

ALPR (Automatic Licence plate Recognition system)

ALPR, which stands for Automated License Plate Recognition, is a technology that uses cameras and image processing to read and identify vehicle license plates. It's a tool used by law enforcement and other agencies to quickly scan and compare plate numbers against databases of stolen vehicles, wanted individuals, or other vehicles of interest.



Body-Worn cameras

(BWCs) are small, wearable video cameras used by police officers to record interactions with the public. They are intended to increase transparency, accountability, and potentially improve community relations by providing an objective record of events. BWCs can also serve as evidence in investigations and court proceedings.



Chief Jason told us that Brantford Police Services at 344 Elgin St has a fully functional Forensic Lab, an Internet Child Exploitation room with a fully functional Faraday Room designed to block electromagnetic radiation, Quiet room for officers and New Gym. The new building is built like a box, which means everyone gets a window and natural light. This new building will have a state of the art Command Centre.

Special Olympics is supported by the Brantford Police Service. The 2025 Provincial Summer Games, presented by the Wayne Gretzky Foundation, are set to be hosted in Brantford from July 10-13, 2025. The Brantford Police Service, in partnership with Six Nations Police and the Ontario Provincial Police, are excited to welcome over 900 athletes from across Ontario to the City of Brantford. Athletes will compete in five diverse and exciting sports: Athletics, Bocce, Golf, Soccer and Softball. These Games are the pinnacle of competition for Special Olympics athletes in Ontario and a celebration of the incredible abilities of individuals with an intellectual disability.

Chief Jason thanked everyone for their attention and questions and indicated that he was always open to answer any further questions by calling him at 344 Elgin St.

Bob Saunders formally thanked Chief Jason for a very detailed and informative presentation.

President Nancy asked If there was anything else for the good of Kiwanis, seeing none, she adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

Following are candid images from this meeting.

