



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 21-August-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 AUGUST 21, 2025

District Secretary Jim Steele will be the Program Speaker for this week's important meeting. It will be a "hands-on" learning opportunity on how to access Kiwanis Club of Brantford information and your own member information in the Kiwanis International's new database called **ENGAGE**. Members are invited to bring their own personal device – cell phones, tablets or laptops to get the most out of this presentation. Ideally, Jim is asking everyone who will be using a device at the presentation, to log on to Engage at home before the session. You can do this by simply going to Kiwanis Connect as usual. If you have forgotten your previous password, simply request a new one through the system.

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

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest speaker Jim Steele,
Introducer Nancy Thompson, Thanker Leo Vos, others as
invited by the House and Reception Ctte.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 19 – Murray Angus, Historic Intersections
(special evening meeting) @ Sherwood Restaurant 6:00PM.
Thursday, August 28 – Peter Brown, Senior VP, Tax, Fidelity
Investments on Tax and
Retirement Planning

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

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 name "Kiwanis" was coined from an expression of the American Indians in the Detroit area, which was found in Bishop Baraga's dictionary of the Otchipew language. The expression "Nunc Kee-wan-nis" meant, broadly, "we trade" or "we share our talents." As a coined word, however, "Kiwanis" has no meaning except as the name of a leading international service club

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"There is no sense being pessimistic. It probably wouldn't work anyway." Anon.

**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, 14 August, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy Thompson, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker ~ Janice Vilaca of Tasty Road Trips and New Member, Jessica Jackson.



Graham Schram was called upon to present the 50/50 Draw with Joanne Murray and Maureen Henry holding potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, neither were able to find the “Joker”.



Today’s Funmaster was Bob Saunders who pulled stories and puns from his, “Magic-Hat-of-Tricks” to brighten the day with smiles and the occasional groaner, which was followed by Happy Stories by a few of our members.



President Nancy thanked Funmaster Bob and asked PE Maureen to introduce our Guest speaker.

PE Maureen Introduced our speaker today, Janice Vilaca of Tasty Road Trips. Following is an excerpt from her Website outlining her food touring experience.

Jan wrote that: “I am creating my niche in culinary tourism. From my global food touring experience I built an idea in my mind about bringing people together through food, in small town Ontario. And by golly, with persistence, passion and working with incredible people, Tasty Road Trips was born and flourishes in new directions of community success, today.

In September of 2019, Tasty Road Trips won the Community Influencer Award at the Salute to Brant Business Awards. It was a proud day when a global idea gone small town, was recognized and awarded.

Join in the food tour phenomenon. Trust the itineraries I build to bring you incredibly delicious experience adventures in small towns with big bold beautiful tastes!”



Jan Vilaca thanked us for inviting her to speak at our meeting and offered an energetic, fun and interesting glimps of the various events she has coordinated. Jan detailed many of the functions she has created in Norfolk County and Port Dover, Dundas and Ancaster, Paris, Ontario, Picton and Punta Cana: Luxury Adults-Only Retreat in the Dominican Republic.

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TASTY ROAD TRIPS

Award-winning Community Influencer

Instagram: [tastyroadtrips](#)
LinkedIn: [Jan Vilaca](#)

Google - 27+ million map contribution views
Google - Top 10% restaurant & cafe reviews
Tico Certified Travel Advisor
Designer of Corporate Incentive Travel
Tourism Experience Designer
Content Creator/Influence Marketing
Tourism Project Consultant | Certified Coach

Jan Vilaca is shown holding a brown tote bag with the 'Paris Brantford' logo.

LG Randy Mackenzie thanked Jan Vilaca, for her interesting, informative and entertaining presentation.

LG Randy past the podium back to President Nancy.

President Nancy called for Committee Reports or Announcements.

- President Nancy reminded everyone that we have a Kiwanis Club of Brantford evening meeting on Tuesday 19, August @ 6:00PM at the Sherwood Restaurant. The Speaker will be Murray Angus. Topic: Brantford's Historical Intersections.
- Joanne Murray presented the following information.
Thursday, August 21st - **ENGAGE has finally arrived!**

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- Dave Lewis requests that Dinner for two tickets sellers, that have Stubs with Buyers names completed, bring them to the meeting at the Best Western this Thursday 21 and give them to Dave Lewis for recording.

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.

