

Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 21-August-2025 Plus 19 August 1st Pilot

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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.

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KC of Brantford

HEAD TABLE

Division Lt. Governor

Angel Vieth

KC of Kitchener-Waterloo

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

Club Officers

President

Nancy Thompson

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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

President-Elect

Past President

Alfred Hauk

Maureen Henry

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

September 13th: 2:00 PM Port Dover play and dinner

("Here on the flight path" Norm Foster")

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Jim Steele

Treasurer

Secretary

Dave Lewis

KIWANIS CONVENTIONS

Eastern Canada & Caribbean District Convention - Toronto

Ontario, April 30 - May 2, 2026

Club Directors

2 Year Term

Ross Pope

Karen Adams

Joanne Murray

Kiwanis International Convention - Manila, Philippines, from

June 25-27 2026

BIRTHDAYS

1 Year Term

Randy MacKenzie

Leo Vos

Bob Wade

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.

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To view the highlights of August 16 1st Pilot meeting, please page down.

Last Week's Meeting Highlights







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Highlights of the Tuesday, 19 August 2025, 1st Pilot Meeting at the Sherwood Restaurant @ 6:00 pm

President Nancy Thompson, welcomed all members, Guest Speaker Murray Angus and Guests Keith Gloster and his wife Eleanor.



Today's Funmaster was Dr. Alfred Hauk with a good dose of Laughter, pulling up a few interesting and humours anecdotes that created many smiles and chortles.



President Nancy thanked Funmaster Alfred, and asked PE Maureen to introduce

our Guest speaker.

PE Maureen Introduced our speaker for today Murray Angus.

Murray thanked us for asking him to make this presentation today. He confirmed that he has been a guest of our Club over the past few years, and has enjoyed sharing his memories and accumulated knowledge about the history of Brantford and Brant, based on his lived experience here. He said he has always been fascinated by Brantford's history ever since he was a child. At about 13, when he went to work at his dad's jewelry store, his Dad taught him how to fix clocks. Initially he just helped out. He ended up going to



watchmaking school after high school and became a licensed watchmaker and worked in the family business for 20 years." Murray gained a strong fascination with Brantford's history because of his father's business. Today Murray's presentation focuses on "Brantford Downtown Streetcorners through the years. He said members of the Club that have lived in Brantford since their youth will readily recall the original appearance of Buildings and Companies, as most of the Intersection here are highlighted in this presentation.

Following are a few highlights of Streets and Street corners that were prominent in advertising business, banks and companies over the last 150 years. Murray presented some original pictures of these intersections and by contrast, versions of the same area today.

This is a picture of the Brantford Railway Cars on Market St



Murray explained a great deal about the history and various changes that occurred to the buildings/Intersections shown here that can not be related in this condensed report. You had to be there!

Market and Colbourne St Corner



The Bank fo Montreal

Odeon Theatre and Dominion Grocery



<1850 Oriental Restraurant 2025>



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Paulette Hauk thanked Murray Angus for his interesting, informative and entertaining presentation and advised Murray that, in recognition of his presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation.

Paulette past the podium back to President Nancy.

President Nancy called for Committee Reports or Announcements.

 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.

