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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 28, 2025

Please help us welcome Peter Bowen, Vice-President, Tax and Retirement Research for Fidelity Investments Canada. Mr. Bowen also leads Fidelity's research into issues regarding planning for and living in retirement. He is frequently interviewed by the media and speaks about both tax and retirement to investors and financial advisors across Canada.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Peter Bowen, Introducer Ken McNaughton, Thanker Karen Adams and others as invited by Ken McNaughton

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, September 4 – Simran Shoker (tent) – What it means to be a Paralegal

Thursday, September 11 – Induction of new Members

Tuesday, September 16 – Jennifer Stebbing (tent)

Thursday, September 18 – Giselle Bulgar, Food for Thought

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

A "service project" is defined by Kiwanis International as "an activity, consistent with the Objects, objectives, and policies of Kiwanis International, which is devised or planned by a Kiwanis club or a club committee and performed by members of the club for the benefit of others."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You can't change the whole world, and you certainly can't change other people, but you do have the ability to change yourself. You can have a positive impact in your job, the people with whom you work, and the entire organization...the choice is up to you. – Cherie Carter-Scott

**To view the highlights of last weeks meeting,
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Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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Highlights of the Thursday, 21 August, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker - Jim Steele



Randy Mackenzie was called to be the Funmaster for this week and due to the Topic for this week decided to offer up a few computer jokes.

- Our computers went down at work today, so we had to do everything manually. It took me 20 minutes to shuffle the cards for Solitaire.
- Do you know the oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve? It was an apple, with very limited memory, one byte and everything crashed!

Randy moved on to Happy Stories from Joanne Murray, Dave Lewis and Bob Saunders.

President Nancy thanked Randy and called up our speaker for today, Jim Steele

DST Jim Steele instructed our members how to use our new Kiwanis website for members, called "**Engage**".

Jim had indicated in earlier messages this week we would have 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 were invited to bring their own personal device – cell phones, tablets or laptops to get the most out of this presentation.



Jim had asked everyone who planned to bring their devices, 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.

Jim welcomed everyone to connect to the Best Western Wi-Fi using the password, **rewards**. He logged into his own version and displayed the results on the TV screen to allow members to see live information in the Engage Data base.

Jim played an Engage demo presentation, that you can view by [clicking here](#).

Jim Steele displayed various screens and functions that allow each member to update their own email address, home address, phone numbers, contact information, etc. as their information changes to ensure that Kiwanis and your fellow members can send and receive information as quickly as possible. Members in various position will have access to view, update, print and extract information, based on their position and related authorization in our organization.

Jim distributed a copy of the roster of our members to all in attendance that was extracted from the Engage Data base. He suggested that we each check our details and correct any missing or incorrect information the first time you access your Engage ID.

Jim thanked everyone for their attention and passed the Podium back to President Nancy

FYI

Engage Address: <https://engage.kiwanis.org/> (Members Database)

Kiwanis Club of Brantford: <https://k00016.site.kiwanis.org/> Public Kiwanis Brantford Website

President Nancy thanked Jim for his help in kicking off the Engage data base for us.

President Nancy thanked all Members

Final Thought for the day:

"Everything we retain we practically apply" - (Paraphrase) Edmund Burke

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.