



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 02-October-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

Cynthina Blackman
KC of Pride of Barbados

Governor Elect

Sharon Williams Smith
KC New Kingston

Immediate Past Governor

Pamela Rodney White
KC of Constant Spring

Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Steele

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 02, 2025

Please join us as Lieutenant Governor Randy MacKenzie inducts the 2025-26 Executive and Board of Directors into their positions for Kiwanis' new fiscal year.

HEAD TABLE

LG Randy MacKenzie, Past President Nancy Thompson, President Designate Maureen Henry, President Elect Pallo Sahota, Vice President Karen Adams, Treasurer Jim Steele, Secretary Funmaster Dave Lewis.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KC of Brantford

Division Lt. Governor

Randy MacKenzie

KC of Brantford

Club Officers

President

Maureen Henry

Past President

Nancy Thompson

President-Elect

Pallo Sahota

Vice President

Karen Adams

Treasurer

Jim Steele

Secretary

Dave Lewis

Club Directors

2 Year Term

Linda Moyer

Bob Saunders

1 Year Term

Ross Pope

Joanne Murray

Judy Jones

Thursday, October 9 – A Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, October 16 – Becca McLellan, Dolly Parton's
Imagination Library

Tuesday, October 21 – Jack Jackowetz, Finding the
Extraordinary in Things Commonplace

Thursday, October 23 – "Getting to Know You"

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

None

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

Stuart Parkinson – Birthday – September 30

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Ross Pope – Joined our Club – September 30, 1994

EDUCATIONAL SPOT

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers with close to 600,000 adult and youth members. Worldwide, there are 8600 adult clubs and 7700 youth clubs.

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage approximately 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. By working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. On average, one Kiwanian positively impacts the lives of 206 children every year.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If we did all the things we are capable of doing we would literally astound ourselves. – Thomas

**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, 25 September, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy, welcomed everyone to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford meeting for Tuesday. She welcomed all members and Guest Logan Hill.

President Nancy called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Randy MacKenzie, Paul Simon, Ken McNaughton and Joan Griffin all holding potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, even with four members picking cards, no one was able to find the “Joker”.



President Nancy called Joanne Murray forward as the Funmaster.

Joanne helped us celebrate; Linda Moyer – Birthday – September 22: Stuart Parkinson – Birthday – September 30 and Ross Pope – Joined our Club – September 30, 1994.

Joanne then moved on to Happy Stories that were celebrated by: Ken McNaughton, Phil Hoekstra, David Neumann Grand Fete du Vin Feb 21, 2026, Randy MacKenzie, hello from Stratford Club, Joanne Murray 3 New Members in Expositor this week, Leo Vos reacquainted with Logan Hill, Karen Adams, Grand Parade raised +\$36.000, Nancy Thompson thanked all members for an enjoyable and quick year's Presidency.



Joanne Murray carried on as Funmaster by indicated that we would be participating in a, **Kiwanis Tradition**, which was started last year. She proceeded by calling Past President Nancy Thompson to sit on a stool at the front of the room as a model.

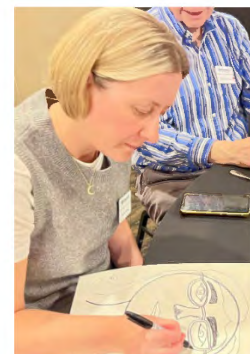


She further explained that, the purpose of this was to have a contest, where the members at each table collectively would create an image of PP Nancy to be hung in a place of prominence in her home in memory of her Presidency.

The process was simple. Joanne would identify a part on Nancy's head for each member at each table to draw on their blank image.

When Joanne called out the second part, the person to the left of the previous artist would draw the second part and so on.

When Nancy's head was completely drawn, the results were evaluated from the three tables by our Guest Logan Hill, our temporary in-house Art expert, as to the winning representation.



The winning selection was presented to out-going President Nancy to be given to her husband, Jim Thompson, for appropriate framing to be displayed in Nancy's home as a reminder of her wonderful experience as President for 2024-2025.



Winning creation chosen by Guest, Logan Hill - temporary in-house Art expert

Much merriment and applause followed, with congratulation of PP Nancy on a successful year and wished her well in her new role as Past President.

Nancy Thompson was asked to take the podium for her overview of her 2024-2025 year's Presidential activities and achievements.

Fellow Kiwanians It has truly been an honour to serve as your President this year. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such devoted and caring individuals who embody the true spirit of Kiwanis. Your dedication to service, fellowship, and community building is inspiring, and I am proud of all we have achieved together.



As we complete the 2024-2025 Kiwanis administrative year, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our numerous service and fundraising efforts. The success of our club and our well-respected standing in the Brantford Community only exists because of all of you. A special thank you to the following Kiwanians: Secretary Dave Lewis for taking care of all the administrative tasks during my year, to Past Governor, Joanne Murray for all of your support throughout the year answering all my questions when I didn't know the answer. DST Jim Steele for his never-ending guidance, Past President Alfred for sharing his experience & cheering me on, President Elect Maureen & Vice President Palla for always being there to help and support me. To the Board, thank you for your commitment to the club and making the year go by as smoothly & I might add as quickly as it did. A very special thank you to Graham Schram for showcasing his amazing woodworking skills, spending many hours to create a special Kiwanis K which included my Dogs to make the K uniquely mine.

My sincere thanks to the House and Reception Committee for greeting us warmly every week, making our guests feel welcome, arranging the set up for our weekly meetings with the Best Western, managing our name badges so we know who we are and running the 50-50 draws and agreeing to work with me to have our Tuesday night meeting pilot launch in August.

Thank you to Kiwanian Faye Prince for making all of our special occasion meetings extra special with her beautiful table decorations. I am envious of your creativity and thank you for sharing your talents and putting a smile on everyone's face.

I would like to take a moment and highlight some of the wonderful things we accomplished throughout the year. The year was off to an amazing start.

Partnering with the Brantford Public Library, we sponsored the first Youth Writer's Fest with over 100 entries. The 3 award winning essays from different grade levels were presented at the festival. We found out just how amazing our local youth are when they joined us for a lunch meeting and shared their outstanding stories with us. Our 2nd annual event is just around the corner.

The highlights of our annual Christmas lunch included a visit from the Grinch and the wonderful Christmas Music presented by Sean Hauk.

The Social Committee kept us busy with a variety of social activities. These are times when we can simply relax and enjoy the company of our fellow Kiwanians. The weekend at Niagara-on-the Lake and the St. Patrick's Day gathering at the Piper Arms, the Summer Picnic, Lighthouse Theatre Show & Dinner, were all great successes Thank you to our wonderful social committee for their hard work.

The Program Committee has been one of the hardest working committees of the club. They meet every other week, to ensure that we have an informative and engaging meeting every Thursday. We added extra work for them with the Pilot of our Evening Meetings. They are doing an outstanding job, including the management of the comedy team of Funmasters. Thank you for keeping us engaged throughout the year with a line up of amazing speakers.

The Care Committee continues to be there to assist us during difficult times of sickness and loss. Their ongoing support for all of us is sincerely appreciated as we continue to keep Past Lieutenant Governor Bob Johnson & Bob Ritchie in our thoughts. The Bob's were outstanding Kiwanians who we truly miss.

We are kept well informed with all that is happening in the Club and Division 5, thanks to the efforts of Secretary Dave Lewis. I am pleased to advise that the Kiwanis Club of Brantford has an outstanding record submitting our monthly club reports to Kiwanis International on time, every time, thanks to Dave's efforts.

Throughout the year we continued to support our community and many children with our fundraising efforts; the Christmas Cookie Campaign, Trivia Nights, Ploughman's Lunch and Dinner for Two. All ran successfully to help fund our donations and service projects to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

Hands-on projects are what make our Kiwanis Club immeasurably impactful in our community. On the last Saturday in October, there were a number of Halloween characters at the Children's Safety Village. Bunny ears were the order of the day on Easter Saturday, when the Kiwanians returned to be part of the Safety Village's "Easter Egg Hunt". As you are aware, the Children's Safety Village of Brant is the largest beneficiary of the funds raised by our club.

The Market Committee continues the Saturday morning collection of vegetables donated by the market vendors. The produce is picked up by the committee members and delivered every week to various service agencies in the city that provide meals to those in need.

The Aktion Club with its 10 members, is currently seeking new members to increase the impact they make in their service to others. Their presentation at our, Division 5 Interclub meeting this year gave us all a greater appreciation of all that they do as part of the Kiwanis Family.

Kiwanis Kindness Day, was a great success touching the lives of people in our community with our acts of kindness on that special day.

The Staples project just wrapped up with another successful year. Our community was very generous with donations exceeding \$8000.

Our Food Drive will be held this coming Saturday at No Frills on Colbourne Street East. Our community has a food crisis and our donations and efforts will assist many families in need.

We have been well represented at the District Council Meetings as well as many of the Inter-Clubs that have been held throughout the year. A testimony to the great involvement our club has within the district.

When the new year started on October 1, 2024 we had 43 members on the roster. We have been joined by several new members. We warmly welcome Kiwanians Jessica, Susan and Roger to our club. Our final roster will be released in early October once we have completed our membership renewal process.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the Kiwanis Club of Brantford was represented by twelve of our members at the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, May 29th to 31st in Niagara Falls. We were joined by over 600 Kiwanis friends from the six eastern provinces of Canada and 18 Caribbean nations. It was a great learning experience with a splash of fun for all that attended. Jim Steele & Joanne Murray represented our club at the International Convention in Pittsburgh, where once again the learning opportunities, connection with new & old friends and fun times were had by all.

My year is now over and I would like to thank each and everyone of you once again, for making my job as president an easy and enjoyable experience. Most importantly I want to sincerely thank you for your participation in all that we do to make our community a better place to live, work and play. Please remember - KIDS NEED KIWANIS. As I become the Past President, I hand the reins to President Maureen Henry, who I know will do an exceptional job for our club.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Thompson



President Nancy called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Karen Adams informed us that we have received the 1st Youth Writers Registration for this year's Contest. The Closing date for the contest is 15-November-2025
- Randy MacKenzie noted that the wife of Bob Lefebvre had just passed away and the appropriate contact by the Care Committee had been made.
- Randy Mackenzie reminded us that the next DCM is at the CSV on Saturday 01 Nov 8:00 AM- ~ noon followed by lunch at the Piper Arms. (attendees to pay their own bill)
- Dave Lewis mention that a sign-up sheet for Halloween at the Village was circulating and reminded us that they need our support at the event again this year. Date Saturday 25 -2025 Start 10:00AM to 1:00PM 407 Elgin st. Any one wishing to sign-up Email Leo Vos at vos97@rogers.com or Dave Lewis at DaveGSLewis@gmail.com.

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.

President Nancy, thanked all members and our guest speaker for joining us today.

Following are candid pictures from this meeting



Following are images from the Grand Parade Saturday 20-September-2025 @ Kiwanis Field

