



Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 18-September-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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

This week we will welcome Judy Maidment, Program Director for Brant Food for Thought, who will focus on the issue of food security in Brantford and Brant and how this has directly impacted their universal Student Nutrition Programs.

HEAD TABLE

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Judy Maidment, Introducer Linda Moyer, Thanker Leo Vos, Funmasters Paul Simon and Faye Prince and others as invited by the House and Reception

KC of Brantford

[PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2025](#)

Division Lt. Governor
Angel Vieth
KC of Kitchener–Waterloo

We are again pleased to welcome Jennifer Stebbing, PC, to learn how consent and capacity are crucial for respecting an older adult's rights and ensuring they are able to make their own decisions related to where they live, health treatments, and finances.

Club Officers

President
Nancy Thompson

[HEAD TABLE](#)

Past President
Alfred Hauk

President Nancy Thompson, Guest Speaker Jennifer Stebbing, Funmaster Bob Saunders, Thanker Phil Hoekstra, Introducer Maureen Henry and others as invited by House and Reception

President-Elect
Maureen Henry

[UPCOMING MEETINGS](#)

Treasurer
Jim Steele

Tuesday, September 16 – Jennifer Stebbing, Consent and Elder Law.

Secretary
Dave Lewis

Thursday, September 26 – President Nancy Thompson Farewell

Club Directors

2 Year Term
Ross Pope
Karen Adams
Joanne Murray

Thursday, October 2 – Induction of 2025–26 Executive and Board as well as remarks by new President Maureen Henry
Thursday, October 9 – A Thanksgiving Celebration

[UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS](#)

None

1 Year Term
Randy MacKenzie
Leo Vos
Bob Wade

[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](#)

Linda Moyer – Birthday – September 22

[ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED](#)

None

[EDUCATIONAL SPOT](#)

Club bylaws provide that the club's board of directors shall determine the policies and activities

of the club, elect and discipline members, approve the budget and all bills, and have general management of the club. But the club board cannot bind future boards to a continuing policy or project. Committing the club to a project lasting more than one administrative year requires a two-thirds vote of the members at a designated club meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives. – William James

**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, 11 September, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Nancy welcomed all members and Guest Speaker LGD Randy MacKenzie.

President Nancy called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Faye Prince and Crystal Godwaldt holding potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, neither were able to find the “Joker”.



President Nancy called DST Jim Steele to the podium as today’s Funmaster. Jim started today with an interactive presentation, where each member was given a humorous road-side signs message to read on the TV screen.

Examples:

- I am terrified of elevators and I’m taking steps to avoid them.
- Cows have hooves because they, lactose.
- Double Negatives are a No-No. in English

We had no Birthdays or Anniversaries this week.

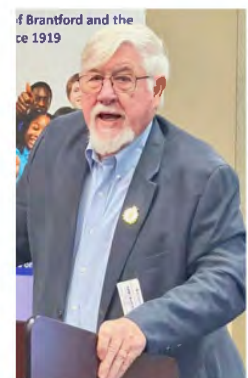
Happy Stories were presented by a few members

President Nancy thanked Jim Steele and called on LGD Randy Mackenzie to come to the podium to officiate the Induction of new members into our Club.

LGD Randy welcomed our new members Inductees, Susan Szczeshura and Jessica Jackson and started the Induction ceremony with the **Kiwanis Defining Statement:** Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Followed by, the **Kiwanis Vision Statement:** Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide.... so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

LGD Randy then led the next part of the ceremony, indicating that, Kiwanians often have what is call Kiwanis moments. The personal Kiwanis moments are defined as a meaningful, impactful, or personal experience often related to a service project, personal growth, or a connection with fellow members, as a result of membership in the organization. Members often have more than one Kiwanis Moment.



LGD Randy said that, today we are going to hear from five of our members regarding one of their Kiwanis Moments.

Randy called each of the following members to relate one of their Kiwanis Moments.

- Past President Dave Lewis
- Kiwanian Linda Moyer
- President Designate Maureen Henry
- Past President Judy Jones
- Past President Phil Hoekstra.

Each of the above members “Moments” were wonderfully different, interesting and sincere.

LGD Randy thanked the members and asked Inductees Susan Szczeshura and Jessica Jackson to come to the podium for the main portion of the induction ceremony.

Susan and Jessica were warmly welcomed by LGD Randy and all members.

LGD Randy declared the Objects of Kiwanis and stated the required Induction protocol script for Susan and Jessica.

Susan Szczeshura and Jessica Jackson were welcomed as New Members of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford by LGD Randy and all members of the Club and were presented membership pins by President Nancy and VP Pallo with a rousing round of applause and congratulation.

President Nancy thanked LGD Randy for his officiating of the Induction of our two newest members and welcomed Susan and Jessica for becoming members.

President Nancy called for any announcements or Committee Reports

- Dave Lewis informed the members that Key Leader information and application forms were on the tables at the back of the room for the Key Leader Camp to be held at the Circle Square Ranch on October 24-26th 2025. Any one needing any information please call or email Dave Lewis. DaveGSLewis@gmail.com Cell (516) 755-9930.
- Dave Lewis reminded everyone on behalf of Leo Vos, that Halloween at the Village will be held again this year on Saturday 25th October-2025. Anyone wishing to Volunteer please contact Leo Vos or Dave Lewis

President Nancy, thanked everyone for joining us today.

Final Thought for the day: “Summer doesn’t last forever, but the feeling brings of freedom, warmth and wide-open possibilities, can live in your heart all year long, if you let it.

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 pictures from this meeting

