

Highlights of the Thursday, 23 October, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's meeting for Thursday, 23-October, 2025 and Guest Speaker(s) Members: Paul Simon, Jim Steele and Susan Szczechura.

President Maureen called Faye Prince to present the 50/50 Draw with Jessica Jackson and Dave Lewis holding potential winning tickets. Neither Jessica Jackson nor Dave Lewis were able to find the "Joker". Better luck next week.



President Maureen called Pallo Sahota to come forward as this week's Funmaster.

Funmaster Pallo Sahota who has just returned from a trip to the UK, launched into a series of unknown facts about the land across the great pond.

- Stonehenge is 600 years older than the Pyramid.
- Tea is by far the most popular drink among Brits. It is estimated that they drink on average 165 million cups of tea every day.
- UK has 45,350 Pubs
- UK has 482 festivals each year.
- Their national animal is the Unicorn
- Big Ben is the name of the Bell.



She had a closing joke: Brits loose weight every day. They pay in £ . (Pounds)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

- Crystal Godwaldt
- Dave Neumann

Recognizing Years of Service in October

- Karen Adams – 1
- Stuart Parkinson – 16
- Alfred Hauk – 5
- Faye Prince - 5
- Paul Simon - 5

Pallo called for any Happy Stories.

- Crystal Godwaldt had a happy dollar for her birthday.
- David Neumann had a notice from the Grand River Chorus – on November 02 -2025. They are having a concert at St Andrew's United Church. It is the 1st concert of their season.
- Alfred Hauk noted his 5th Anniversary with the Club. In Addition, Nov 01 his son Sean, is Singing and performing at the Brantford Club. (A tribute to Elvis.)
- Paul Simon thanked the Jays for winning the 7th Game

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Pallo, and called Bob Saunders to introduce our guest Speakers today. He introduced the three members who we are generally aware of, by seeing them at each meeting, but announced that what we will be doing is something we used to do with our new members which was called, "Who am I". This is a little different, in that we may think we know these members pretty well but, may be surprised today. The speakers in order of presentation are: Susan Szczechura, Paul Simon and Jim Steele.



First Speaker was: Susan Szczechura

The Facts:

- Susan was Born and raised in Moncton
- Became a teacher there, at a School for the Deaf
- Came to Brantford and joined W Ross Macdonald
- Worked in the resource department and travelled around the province.
- Met her Husband in St George, settle there. Her Husband trains Horses.
- She travelled and trained in Belarus, Poland, Dubia, Greece, Vietnam, Italy.....
- Recently in Italy she said she enjoyed the Scenery, History and particularly Pompei.
- Coming back though, she enjoyed the familiarity of Home
- She has a hearing aid so if you think she's ignoring you, just ask her again.
- With Halloween coming up she showed us Hand signs for; Halloween, Pumpkin, Witch, Witch Face, Clown, Monster, Zombie and Dracula



Susan signed off with; Thank You

Second Speaker was Paul Simon.

The Facts:

- Born in Sudbury
- Lived in Hungary as a youth in Mieścisko
- Sub Urban area
 - No running water
 - Had Hydro
 - No indoor Plumbing
 - School 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Fed lunch Rice pudding Goulash
 - Roads smelly Bitumen (asphalt + concrete)
- Came back to Canada 1960s
- Got involved in, Chess
- Met Faye
- Faye was Teaching
- Got involve in Teaching Chess up until 1990s

Paul gave a short statement about how he and family got out of Poland as a young boy, which is another story.

Finished by a Thank You.



The Third Speaker was Jim Steele

The Facts:

- Born in Woodstock 1945
- Joined Cubs, Scouts - no sports
- Worked in the Sound booths at Sports event.
- Worked at Harvey Woods Cloth in Woodstock. The "Centre of the Universe".
- Worked at:
 - Crane Co,
 - Northern Electric, -Phone installation
 - Holiday Rental car
 - Mutual Life
 - Ontario Energy Board
 - New Zealand - selling software to Canada
 - 25 years Later
 - Customer Sales and Implementation 15 years at 30 Brant Ave.
 - Worked and Volunteered
 - Junior Achievement
 - Participation Support Services



- Brant Community Health Systems Foundation
- PUC Commission
- Kiwanis
- District Secretary-Treasurer for Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District since 2010
- Wore Women's Red high heeled shoes with David Neumann, Past Mayor
- Jim is Father of 3 Children
- His Father worked at the Job for 35 years and couldn't understand why Jim kept moving around to new jobs.
- Jim's mother is fine and doing well at 101 years of age.

Jim indicated that next year, he would be stepping down from the District Secretary-Treasurer position and would continue as a member at Kiwanis Brantford

Finished with Thank you

The podium was handed back to President Maureen, who asked Phil Hoekstra, to thank the three speakers today.

Phil Hoekstra as thanker from another important "Center of the Universe", Tweed, weaved touch points of his history and background into the journeys described by each one of the above speaker's presentations. He thanked them for sharing their unique journeys, and they were met with an enthusiastic round of applause.



President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Trivia Challenge Thursday November 20 registration is well on it's way. Don't delay getting your team in.

President Maureen, thanked all members and guest Speakers Paul Simon, Jim Steele, Susan Szczechura and wished everyone well.

President Maureen asked If there was anything else for the good of Kiwanis, seeing none, she adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

SIGNS FOR HALLOWEEN



Highlights of the Thursday, 21 October, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's including Guest Speaker Jack Jackowetz to our meeting at the Sherwood Restaurant, Thursday, 21-October, 2025 @ 6:00 PM.

Our evening started with a meal and social time at 6:00PM followed at 6:30pm by our meeting for the week.

President Maureen called Jim Steele to come forward as tonight's Funmaster.

Funmaster Jim had a series of company slogans or tag lines from past year's advertisements which members were asked to match-up with the current name of the product. Most members got several correct, but not all.

Jim Steele helped us celebrate:

October Birthdays

- Crystal Godwaldt
- Dave Neumann

and a couple of Happy Stories.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Jim Steele

President Maureen followed with an introduction of our Guest Speaker Jack Jackowetz and asked for him to come to the podium.

Brief Biography:

Jack Jackowetz is a Brantford-born artist known for his unique "post-impressionism photography," which focuses on capturing the history and culture of the regions he grew up in, including Brantford/Brant, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Sudbury.

Jack Jackowetz thanked the club for inviting him to make this presentation and recognized some of our members as past acquaintances. He opened his presentation with which Jack entitled, "A Little Art and A Little History".

Jack described how he had dug into history and found settlements and images that he has used as the focus of several of items in his photo inventory. Some of the settlement names are:

Jack's presentation covered significant details that required you be present, but following are some images from the past that he spoke about.



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Jack Jackowetz's presentation had a wealth of knowledge and perspective that was obviously, just a glimpse of the subject-matter that he contains.

Alfred Hauk, thanked Jack for his artistic, interesting and educational presentation to a warm round of applause.



President Maureen called for announcements and committee Report and moved on to the Closing hought of the day.

“My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness.” —Maya Angelou

If there is nothing else for the good of Kiwanis, could you ring the bell to adjourn the meeting.