
Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter 09-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 – 41



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 09, 2025

A Kiwanian Thanksgiving Celebration.

HEAD TABLE

President Maureen Henry, Introducer Joanne Murray,
Funmaster Alf Hauk and his wife Paulette and whoever is
invited by House and Reception.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, October 21 – Jack Jackowetz, Finding the

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

Extraordinary in Things Commonplace

Thursday, October 23 – "Getting to Know You"

Thursday, October 30 – Halloween! Get Dressed Up

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

David Neumann – Birthday – October 5

ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED

Alfred Hauk – Joined – October 7, 2019

Faye Prince – Joined – October 7, 2019

Paul Simon – Joined – October 7, 2019

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

It must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. It lies in having no goal to reach. It is not a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace not to have any stars to reach. Not failure, but low aim, is the real sin.

– Benjamin Mays via Pablo Eisenberg

To view the highlights of last week' s meeting, please page down.

Last Week's Meeting Highlights



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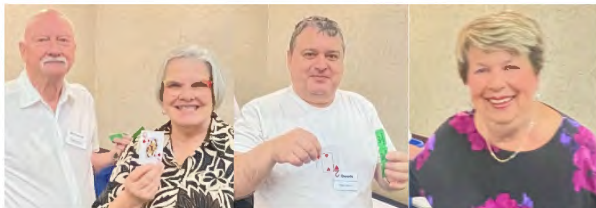
Highlights of the Thursday, 02 October, 2025 Weekly Meeting

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

President Nancy presented the County of Brant Land Acknowledgment.

President Nancy read a greetings message from Kiwanis International President Hope Marks. She wrote:

“ Happy Kiwanis International New Year to my Kiwanis and Aktion Club friends in Brantford. Thank you for all you do to make our world a better place. Your service is more important now than ever, in a world that needs more Kiwanis kindness. Congratulations President Maureen for becoming President of a truly great club and best wishes for a successful Kiwanis year!”



President Nancy called Graham Schram to present the 50/50 Draw with Maureen Henry (X2), Peter Liberati and Judy Jones all holding potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, even with four members picking cards, no one was able to find the “Joker”.

President Nancy called Dave Lewis forward as the Funmaster.

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

Dave presented a tale called the Bricklayers Accident Report, followed by a Video by the MythBusters - a TV show with engineering, that attested the possibility that various myths may not be true.

Happy stories were offered up by Len Makkreel and Linda Moyer.

President Elect Maureen Introduced DLG Nelson McClinchey to install the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 administrative year.

She introduced DLG Nelson with the following message.

“Today is a special day for our club, as we officially install the members of the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 administrative year.

Unfortunately, Lieutenant Governor Randy Mackenzie is unable to attend today’s meeting as planned, to preside over the installation of our Club Executive and Board Members. His 104-year-old aunt died earlier in the week, and he is officiating at her funeral today in Leamington.



Randy sends his best wishes to all the members of the club, at this, the first meeting of the Kiwanis new year. He also extends his special thanks to Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Nelson McClinchey, for agreeing to perform the installation duties today.

Nelson McClinchey joined the Kiwanis Club of Brantford in June of 2013. He served as Club President in the 2019- 2020 administrative year and was awarded distinguished status as Lieutenant Governor of Division 5 for 2022-2023.

Fellow Kiwanians, please welcome Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Nelson McClinchey.”

DLG Nelson McClinchey opened with the following comments.

What if you choose to change the world? Around the world, Kiwanians are attempting to achieve this challenge everyday of the year. We know that happy, healthy children are an important part of creating stronger communities everywhere. We are aware that leadership programs make a difference for todays youth. They in turn have the opportunity do serve as tomorrows leaders. We are also aware that clubs raise money to support service activities to assist the need. What if you could reach children wherever they are? What if you could help where its needed most? What if you could help people to help themselves? WHAT IF YOU COULD GIVE CHILDREN THE TOOLS TO BECOME LIFE LONG READERS? BUT THERES IS GOOD NEWS. BASED ON NANCYS REPORT LAST WEEK, OUR CLUB IS Achieving the answers to many of those questions. We should be proud of the accomplishments our club is achieving for our community. I add – our Aktion Club of Brantford is envied for our achievements by many clubs throughout our district. Be proud.

As we move into this new Kiwanis year, I encourage you to support our President Maureen, her executive and board members and help them to achieve another excellent year of service. Connect with your committee chairs to assist them to achieve their goals. As we connect with each other we can all work together to ensure that our children, and community are happy, healthy, safe and loved.

We are fortunate as a club to have one of our own members – Randy Mackenzie serving as L.G. L.G. Randy is truly sorry he can not be with us today. He asked that I bring you greetings on his behalf for our District Governor, Governor Cynthia Blackman a member of the Kiwanis Club of Pride of Barbados.

And now, this afternoon, we start a new Kiwanis year. I am honoured as past DLG to install your board and executive members for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis administrative year.



DLG Nelson started the Installation ceremony by thanking outgoing members for their time and experience in supporting our club over their term on our Board.

The outgoing members were, Alfred Hauk, Robert Wade and Leo Vos.

The Installation of Incoming Members for 2025-2026 were as follows:

One Year Board Members

Ross Pope
Joanne Murray

Two Year Board Members

Linda Moyer
Bob Saunders



Following are the Executive for this year's Board

Club Secretary - Dave Lewis

Club Treasurer - Jim Steele

Vice President - Karen Adams

President Elect – Pallo Sahota

Past President - Nancy Thompson

President - Maureen Henry



DLG Nelson confirmed that the official installation of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford, Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 administrative year was concluded.

President Maureen Henry thanked DLG Nelson and asked that Past President Nancy Thompson, come forward for the presentation of her Past President's plaque.



President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Karen Adams informed us that we have received 3 Youth Writers Registration for this year's Contest. The Closing date for the contest is 15-November-2025
- Randy Mackenzie asked to remind 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). Nelson mentioned that if anyone wished to Ride-along with LG Randy as he visits various Clubs this year, to call or send an Email to LG Randy to let him know your intent.
- 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 .
- Note we have our next Special weekly meeting at the Sherwood Restaurant Tuesday 21-October-2025.

Final thought for the Day: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." - Sherry Anderson.

President Maureen, thanked all members and our Guest Scott Adams and our Guest Speaker DLG Nelson for joining us today.

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.

Following are candid pictures from this meeting



Following are images from the Kiwanis Food Bank Drive, Saturday 27-September-2025 at No Frills Grocery Well Done! Everyone involved. Thank you.

