

Highlights of the Thursday, 06 November, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone including Guests, Michelle and Rob Yuile, to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's meeting for Thursday, 06-November, 2025. The program today has various Members recounting Kiwanis Stories from the War Years as a nod to Remembrance Day next Tuesday 11-November.



President Maureen opened with our land acknowledgement statement, to the land of the Host Nation Peoples, followed by Our National Anthem.



President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Nancy Thompson and Jessica Johnson holding potential winning tickets. Neither were able to find the "Joker".

President Maureen called LG Randy MacKenzie and Rogers Smith to open our Remembrance Day, theme with LG Randy asking all that where able, to stand for the playing of "Last Post", followed by two minutes of silence. Roger Smith followed with poem called: "For the Fallen" By Laurence Binyon. Its refrain is that, "We will remember them".



LG Randy called Ross Pope to come to the podium who read, "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
.....
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Ross thank everyone and handed the mic over to Joanne Murray.

Joanne Murray came to the podium and introduce Faye Prince, who would address the main topic for today, which was to address Kiwanis Stories from the War Years. Today we are familiar with our current structure we call Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District, that is home to over 284 Kiwanis clubs. The period of time that Faye will be reviewing, is the Kiwanis organization that existed between 1939 and 1945.



Faye Prince thanked Joanne and welcomed everyone, saying that her presentation has been taken from two books written by Kiwanis John Linklater of the Kiwanis Club of Noranda Quebec who served as District Governor in 1944.

In the early years, Kiwanis was known as the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime District and kept that name until 1964 when it became the Eastern Canada & the Caribbean District.

Faye related various milestones changes, that were required at various times through out the war years where the "O Q M" had to Adopt new options such as; members helped with Red Cross work, military camp service, recruiting, training, instruction of many local services that needed support.

In 1940, It appeared that, "The more confused and distressed the times become, the stronger and more certain is the purpose of Kiwanis. In a world where the forces of destruction are now let loose, the task to which Kiwanis is dedicated becomes even more vital to our motto. "We Build"

By 1943 Kiwanis "O Q M" had grown to over 4,000 member and across the three areas a wide variety of projects arose.

- Northern Ontario wooden cases with rope handles used to ship supplies to the troops overseas.
- 15,000 books were collected to ship to soldiers
- Brantford raised fund for the Red Cross and sponsored several blood clinics.
- Timmins collected 17 tons rubber and 21 tons of paper.

In 1944 Kiwanis Clubs in the "O Q M" with intelligence, confidence and courage met the need at the time. Nearly 3,000 boys received training in the Air Cadets Squadrons that were financed, sponsored and supervised by Kiwanis Clubs. The cost of the work was over \$65,000.

In the presentation of the 1945 year in review, it is most gratifying that Kiwanis met so capably the challenge of "Victory and Reconversion" to peace time living and planning, thus making bright the future for constructive service and continued growth for the purpose of altruistic service to others.

We will never forget the over 42,000 Canadian soldiers who gave their lives in World War II.

Faye thanked everyone and passed the Mic to Paulette Hauk, who thanks the presenters for today's program.



President Maureen took the Podium and called for Happy Stories

- Paulette Hauk noted that the Manager of the No Frills was very please and surprised when she gave him the Thank you card from our Club for the recent Food drive.
- Nancy Thompson attended the Brantford Club event last Saturday and really enjoyed the Hunk-a-Hunk of burning Love, performed by Sean Hauk.
- Leo Vos has his, Daughter and 3 grand-kids arriving next week, and his, Mother is planning for her 100th Birthday in December.
- Randy MacKenzie thanked all Kiwanian for the great support we had for the DCM last Saturday.
- Jim Steele announced that our Club will be making a donation to help the many friends we have that are in disastrous condition in Jamaica due to the Hurricane.
- Paul Simon said the little Pug Edger will be getting a Pug sister called Zelda.
- Joanne Murray thanked, Michelle and Rob Yuile, long time attendees at our Trivia Challenge for joining us today for this meeting.

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.
- Nancy Thompson mention that we have a social coming up at the Old School House
- Bob Saunders reminded everyone the Christmas Campaign will be kicking off very shortly.

President Maureen, thanked all members and guests 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.