

## Highlights of the Tuesday, 18 November, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's meeting for Tuesday, 18-November, 2025. We are pleased to welcome a number of guests this evening who will be introduced later in the program.



President Maureen called Funmaster Ken McNaughton to the podium. Ken presented the origin of some words we use daily.

President Maureen called Karen Adams to the microphone to introduce our Guest speakers for today.

Karen Adams thanked, President Maureen and welcomed our guest(s) and Kiwanian members here today that were instrumental in the success of the 2nd annual Youth Writers' competition. She specifically thanked:

- Erica Dudszus- Manager Programming and Partnerships at BPL
- Rae-Lynn Aramburo CEO BPL
- Heather Wyatt- Kiwanis member and instrumental with facilitating the adjudication process and steering committee member
- Dave Lewis- Kiwanis member who was instrumental with the IT and background blind process.

Karen gave an overview of the development of the "Youth Writers' contest" from 3 years ago to the 92 contestant entries, received this year.



We are pleased to have with us this evening:

- Junior in 3rd place Tirenoluwa Ewenkhare and their family.
- Junior in 2nd place Liam Bryson and his family
- Intermediate in 3rd place Olivia Smith and her family
- Intermediate in 2nd place Owerahwistos Doodlittle and her family
- Senior in 2nd place Evelyn Waldron
- Senior in 1st place Eireluwa Olabisi and family

Karen commented to these winners that:

"Your stories, are creative, inspiring and I hope the beginning of a great future for each of you. Congratulations. Keep reading and keep writing."

Now I would like to ask these wonderful writers to come and share their stories with each of you.

The following students came forward and read their story, used in this year's, "Youth Writers' contest".



Paulette Hauk congratulated all the speakers for their engaging and stunning presentation at all levels of the competition, some of which left me breathless. Please, keep on creating your stories.

**Closing Thought for the Day:** “The scariest moment is always just before you start.” - Stephen King

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.

Candid picture of this meeting:

