

Highlights of the Thursday, 27 November, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone including our Guest Speaker, LG Randy MacKenzie and Guests Michelle and Rob Yuile, to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's meeting for Thursday, 27-November, 2025.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Michelle Yuile, President Maureen, Dave Lewis and Phil Hoekstra, holding potential winning tickets, none were able to find the "Joker".



President Maureen called Funmaster Bob Saunders to pitch-hit as Funmaster who opened with a joke about a young salesman's first day on the job.

His first day on the job was rough, but he got through it. After the store was locked up, the boss came down to the sales floor. "How many customers bought something from you today?" The kid frowns and looks at the floor and mutters, "One". So, the boss asked, "So, how much was your one sale for?" The kid looks up at his boss and says "\$101,237.65." The boss asked how that was possible?

The kid says, "Well, first, I sold him some new fish hooks. Then I sold him a new fishing rod to go with his new hooks. Then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down the coast, so I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the boat department and I sold him a twin engine Chris Craft. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that 4x4 Expedition." The boss said "A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a boat and a TRUCK!?"

The kid said "No, the guy came in here to buy..... You had to be there for the ending.



We then celebrated:

Birthdays in November:

Eardly Judah, Graham Schram, Maureen Henry and Nelson McClinchey.

Recognizing Years of Service in November

David Neumann 35 Years

Heather Wyatt 23 Years

Judy Lillico 23 Years

Pallo Sahota 13 Years
Roxanne Bond 6 Years

Happy Stories were given by:

- Phil Hoekstra gave us notice that the Christmas Tree Sale he is involved with each year in Paris is starting on December 28, with excellent prices for all trees including a selection of, "Charlie Brown's"
- Paul Simon was happy to tell us that He and Faye were recently up in Norwood visiting their new pug "Zelda" that they will be receiving on 15-December.
- LG Randy thanked all members of the Club for their assistance helping him in many ways to allow him to successfully maneuver this 1st month of his position of Lieutenant Governor of our District (5). He made a special mention of the support he has received from Joanne Murray.



President Maureen Introduced our Guest Speaker LG Randy MacKenzie who will outline his plan for our Kiwanis District 5 in 2025-2026.

LG Randy thanked our Club for his support in the new position as Lieutenant Governor of our district (5). He said in his 1st month he has now met with all 7 Clubs and has learned a great deal about the similarities and differences among them. His objective today is to give us a high-level view of the Goal of our Club for 2025-2026, starting at Kiwanis International to the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District to our Division 5 (Black Walnut) District down to our Club within that District. LG Randy used a PowerPoint presentation as he stepped through various topics.



**Kiwanis International
2025-2026 Leadership**

**Kiwanis International President
Michael Mulhaul**

Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany, New Jersey



**Kiwanis International
2025-2026 Leadership**

**Lieutenant Governor
Randy Mackenzie**

Kiwanis Club of Brantford

Division 5 – Eastern Canada and Caribbean District
1 of 27 Lt. Governors in the EC&C District



**Kiwanis International
2025-2026 Leadership**

Governor

Cynthia Blackman

Kiwanis Club of the Pride of Barbados

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District
1 of 51 District Governors



**Kiwanis International
2025-2026 Leadership**

Club President

Maureen Henry

Kiwanis Club of Brantford

1 of 7 Club Presidents of Division 5

LG Randy spoke about the role of the Lieutenant Governor, with the following elements of this position.

- Acting on behalf of the Governor as his or her representative in the Division
- Promoting the achievement of the District Goals and Distinguished Program for the administrative year
- Communicating the mission, vision, and direction of the Kiwanis organization and the District.
- Working closely with club presidents to ensure they feel supported and informed about their responsibilities as outlined in the club leadership training.
- Holding a quarterly discussion with each club president in the division, to recognize accomplishments and develop remedial plans to address identified concerns
- Supporting existing clubs, maintain and increase their membership
- Engaging club coaches to help underperforming or sub-strength clubs achieve their goals
- Taking a lead role identifying at least one potential new sustainable club location in the division
- Being a resource for the new club builder assigned to the division, to open one or more clubs
- Holding a minimum of three Divisional Caucus meetings during the administrative year
- Developing, leading and utilizing a strong and effective divisional leadership team
- Continually mentoring the Division's Lieutenant-Governor-elect
- Holding division elections in accordance with Section 7, Section 5 of the District Bylaws

LG Randy detailed the following Goals by Category, for each Club in 2025-2026 Division 5

Membership and Engagement

- Achievement of a minimum net gain of two (2) new members by September 30, 2026
- Sponsorship of 1 new club in the Division
- Completion of a Membership Satisfaction Survey by clubs whose last survey was prior to September 30, 2022 and create an action plan accordingly by May 2026
- Development and implementation of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Club Policy by January 2026



Service

- Submission by every Club in the Division of their Signature Project information to the Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest by January 31, 2026
- Participation by a minimum of 5 clubs in "Division 5 Kiwanis Kindness Week" April 19th to 25th

Leadership

Attendance of 90% of the required participants in Club Leadership Education - incoming President, President-elect, Vice President - if this position is listed in bylaws, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair (Governor Cynthia's goals and a criterion for Distinguished Recognition)

Education

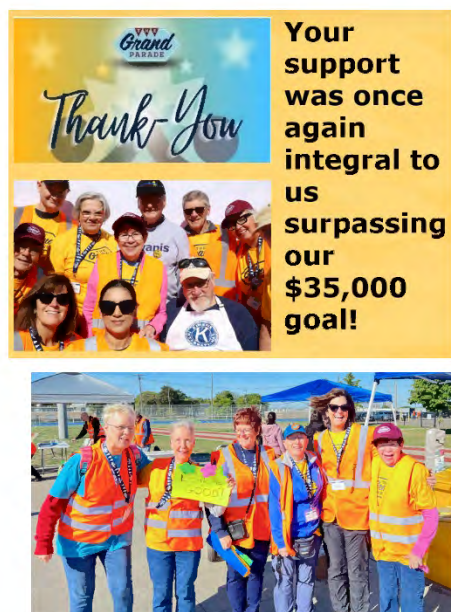
- Delivery of a "How To" education item at each Divisional Council Meeting of the year
- Participation of 3 - delegates in accordance with the District Bylaws, from each Club in the Division at the District Convention in Toronto, Ontario April 30 to May 2, 2026

Recognition

- Lieutenant Governor's 2025-2026 Recognition Program

DST Jim Steele thanked LG Randy, noting that it is sometime difficult to stand up in front of your own Club, but your message was delivered loud and clear and we thank you, and are proud that you have taking the challenge of being the Lieutenant Governor for 2025-26. The members acknowledge their appreciation with a sound round of applause.

Linda Moyer was called to the podium to give us an update on the Grand Parade held on Saturday 20 September-2025. Linda greeted all members and attendees and, thanked everyone for their participation once again in this year's successful event.



26 teams, over 100 walkers, 306 donors and counting!!

Lead Sponsors





Linda, once again thanked everyone and asked if they would help again next year to put on an even better Grand Parade at Kiwanis Field.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Bob Saunders informed us that the Christmas Campaign is going very well and that we have just received more cookies and cakes.
- Leo Vos, reminded people the next Trivia Challenge will be held on Thursday 23 April-2026. Please mark your Calendars.
- Faye Prince mention that the **“Christmas Sock Box”**, for those in need, will be at the back of our meeting room weekly for collection of warm winter socks until Christmas
- On behalf of Nancy Thompson and the Social Committee, Dave mentioned that sign-up sheets were on the tables for the Brunch at the Olde School House and that we need to know if you intend to attend on Sunday 30-November. Please let Dave or Nancy know or fill out the signup sheets which will be picked up at the end of this meeting.

Closing Thought for the Day: “To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan, and not quite enough time.” Leonard Bernstein

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest 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 pictures from this meeting:

