

## Highlights of the Thursday, 04 December, 2025 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone including our Guest Speakers, from several Local Elementary schools, to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's meeting for Thursday, 04-December, 2025.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Maureen Henry, Faye Prince and Leo Vos, holding potential winning tickets. Leo Vos did find the Joker and took home the Pot.



President Maureen called Leo Vos to the podium as Funmaster, who entertained us with a memory challenge, for each table to recall the original name of ten historic patents. Leo distributed a list of 10 questions to each with the objective to see which table got the most correct.

Example: **Question #1:** This name for a solid carbon dioxide was first copyrighted in 1925. **Answer:** Dry Ice.

The winning table got an O'Henry Chocolate Bar with the runner-up getting a Reese Nougat Candy bar.

Leo called for Happy Stories.

We had a few Happy Stories with Leo happy he drew the Joker.

We then celebrated:

Birthdays in December:

Joanne Murray

Jim Steele

Recognizing Years of Service in November

Ivone DeMarchi 47 Years

Roxanne Bond 6 Years

President Maureen Introduced our Guest Speakers today. The Kiwanis/Staples Project garnered more donations this year than any before. We will be dispersing the money in the form of Staples Gift Cards to the principals of eight local schools today. The principal or representative of each of these schools will be asked to come forward and receive their Gift Card portion from these funds collected.

Following are the representatives from the schools listed for this year’s Kiwanis/Staples Project Fundraiser.



School	Contact Sept 2025
Bellevue 800	Jill Hughes
Major Ballachey 800	Ali Cole
King George	Stephanie Slaman
Woodman - Cainsville.	David Mcgaghran
Central 800	Tamara Ahlberg
Princess Elizabeth 829 (7.25x4)	Cora Hammond
Graham Bell Victoria	KaVe Terpstra
Centennial Grand Woodland	Derek Cherriere

Each of the above representative were very grateful for receiving this year’s Kiwanis/Staples funding support. They highlighted where the funds would be used by each of the school. The general impression was that funds would be directed to replacing worn out equipment such as: head-phones, mice, Play dough and replenishing materials for re-building or building “Calming areas”.

Joanne Murray thanked all of the speakers for their ongoing efforts and offered our appreciation for their dedication to the youth in our community. A heartfelt round of applause followed by all in attendance.



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 our third shipment of cookies and cakes yesterday. So please let us know what you need ASAP.
- 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

**Closing Thought for the Day:** “Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”– Socrates

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.