

Highlights of the Thursday, 18 December, 2025 Weekly Meeting

The Bell was rung three times to start the ceremonies for the Kiwanis Family Christmas Meeting, followed by a video – Kettle Valley Christmas Train “O Come All Ye Faithful”.

President Maureen welcomed all, to our Annual Family Christmas meeting Program. She asked that Guests stand if they were able, to be recognized with a round of applause from all in attendance.

A special welcome was made to our two newest members
Kiwanian Rob Yuile and Kiwanian Michelle Yuile



President Maureen called on Past Presidents Colleen Weeden and Kerry Lane of the Kiwanis Aktion Club of Brantford to bring greetings. Both Past presidents thanked the Kiwanis Club and advisors for the ongoing commitment and support that has been given to the members and the Aktion Club of Brantford over the past 17 years. This support has allowed the members of the Aktion Club to give back to the community through projects like: the Pesky Pennies, the Annual Food Drive, Beef on a Bun, Kiwanis Kindness Day and many other fun and constructive Service events.

Lunch was served at 12:10 to 12:45 with Fireplace Video and background music during lunch.

Following Lunch, Past President Phil Hoekstra gave us a brief memory of his Christmas's growing up in Holland. One of his memories was, of his two uncles telling him if he didn't behave, "**Sinterklaas**" would stuff him in a bag and beat him and send him back to Spain. He also had a few, more pleasant memories relating to family meal traditions and modest presents.

Paulette Hauk was call up to introduce our favourite "Crooner/ Singing Phenom", **Sean Hauk**, who also happens to be her and Alfred's Son.

Sean Hauk set up his audio system and rendered several Christmas favourites sound very much like the Artists that originally made them famous. Sean gave an impressive, impressions of vocals and mannerisms of the original artist of the following Christmas songs: "Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas", "White Christmas", "Blue Christmas", 'You're a Mean one, Mr. Grinch', "Mele Kalikimaka (Hawaiian Christmas Song)" and others. Members were humming and tapping right along with everyone joining in the applause.

Bob Saunders thanked Sean Hauk for his great presentation and added that he hoped he would be back next year to help entertain us, next Christmas.

President Elect Pallo was called upon to give us her young memories of Christmas growing up in India. As a young girl she did not speak any English, did not understand why you would have a tree inside of a house, but as time and travel took her to England and eventually to Canada she adapted. Geography and traditions changed. Pallo now speaks English fluently, and has her own Christmas Tree, but her original traditions carry on and grow.

LG Randy Mackenzie was called to introduce Song Leader, Sandra Jean Beford to lead the singing of 3 Christmas songs. Sandra Jean Beford played three well known carols on a Keyboard piano and led the members and guests through a boisterous sing-along.

Past President Alfred Hauk was called upon for – “A Christmas Memory”. Alfred recounted a Christmas several years ago, when He and Paulette lived in Alberta. At the time they had three boys, age 8, 10, 12 years old. That years Christmas was very memorable because Paulette was pregnant and on 24 December in the evening, their 4th Son was borne in there home. The new-born’s name is Sean and the memory of that Christmas is enduring.

President Maureen called on children Rakesh, Reya and Anna to come forward to receive a gift.

The winner of the “Chocolate Ball Guess” was, once again this year, Sean Hauk. Congratulations!

President Maureen thanked the following:

- Serving staff and kitchen staff of the Best Western Hotel
- Kiwanian Faye Prince for the Christmas décor on the tables
- DST Jim for the Christmas Video Entertainment
- Kiwanian Linda Moyer for the Christmas Riddles on your tables
- Kiwanians Phil, Pallo and Alf for sharing their Christmas memory
- House and Reception Committee for managing the arrangements with the hotel staff for today’s luncheon
- Program Committee for arranging today’s special program
- Additional thank you to Sean Hauk and Sandra Jean Bedford
- All the guests who joined us today

President Maureen thanked everyone for joining us today and wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

President Maureen reminded all members that our next meeting will be on Thursday January 08-2026

The Meeting was adjourned with the ringing of the Bell.