

Highlights of the Thursday, 22 January, 2026 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone including our speaker(s) for today, President Caroline Lee and Past President Richard Lee from the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries, to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford's meeting for Thursday, 22-January, 2026.



President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Bob Wade and Joan Griffin holding potential winning tickets, but neither were able to find the "Joker".

President Maureen called Pallo Sahota to come forward as this week's Funmaster.

Funmaster Pallo Sahota welcomed everyone and opened her Funmaster presentation referencing some humorous differences in responses, from women and men in various situations, from a document from the 60's.



Here is one example.

- When a **man** is out for lunch with other **men**, how is it decided how the bill is paid?
 - **Answer:** The Battle for the Bill: It is common for men to fight over the check to show dominance, generosity, or to establish a "you get it next time" pattern.
- When a **woman** is out for lunch with other **women**, how is it decided how the bill is paid?
 - **Answer:** The "Calculated" Split: Women are more likely to split the bill, often down to the exact item, to ensure fairness, especially if there is a wide range of budget options ordered (e.g., one person had only salads, another had wine and steak).

Pallo presented a few of these, all generating smiles and smirks.

Pallo moved on to the Birthday's and Anniversaries of joining the Club.

January Birthday's

None

Anniversaries of Joining the Club

Bob Wade 37 Years

Pallo called for any Happy Stories.

- Bob Wade was Happy that he has been retired for 30 years and been a Kiwanian for 37 years
- Len Makkreel was proud being a Canadian after hearing Prime Minister Mark Carney Speech.
- Paulette Hauk was:
 - Thankful for President Caroline Lee and Past President Richard Lee and the presentation today.
 - Proud to be a Canadian after hearing Prime Minister Mark Carney Speech.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Pallo and called Graham Schram to introduce our guest speakers: President Caroline Lee and Past President Richard Lee from the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries

Graham Schram came to the podium and gave the following introduction.

Graham welcome everyone and started the introduction of our guest speakers as follows;

Today, we are sincerely pleased to welcome to our meeting the President of the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries Caroline Lee and the Immediate Past President and Charter President of North Dumfries Club, Richard Lee.

Caroline Campbell and Richard Lee were married in 1995. They lived in Brant County until 1999 when they made the decision to move to the United States. There, they eventually joined the Kiwanis Club of North Abilene, Texas. They returned to Canada after Caroline's mom died in 2016, to be with her dad and help with the family farm and maple syrup production.

Today, Caroline Lee embodies a continuing legacy, upholding a heritage rooted in community service, family history, and cherished traditions.

Through Caroline and Richard's work, the Campbell family story continues to inspire, reminding all who hear it, of the power of tradition, community, and adventure.

Graham asked that we welcome Caroline and Richard to the Podium.

Kiwanians gave a hearty welcome to President Caroline Lee and PP Richard Lee from the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries.

Caroline opened by saying that they appreciated being invited to make their presentation to our Club, and that it feels that she and Richard are here with friends and her extended Kiwanis Family. She indicated the She was the Speaker and Richard was her tech support and backup.

Caroline, using a slide presentation gave us a brief background of her family history starting with her Grandfather George E. Buchanan who was a Kiwanian who Organized and conducted the, "On to Alaska" trip, a character-building trip for boys from 1922 to approximately 1936.



When Caroline and Richard moved to the US in 1999, they eventually joined the Kiwanis Club of North Abilene, Texas and were members until 2009 (Lost Charter)

Caroline and Richard moved back to Canada in 2016, to be with her dad and help with the family farm and maple syrup production.

Today, Caroline Lee embodies a continuing legacy, upholding a heritage rooted in community service, family history, and cherished traditions. Both President Caroline Lee and Past President Richard Lee are now Active members of the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries. Through Caroline and Richard's work, the Campbell family story continues to inspire, reminding all who hear it, of the power of tradition, community, and adventure.

For the past few years Caroline and Richard have worked steadily with the development of their Sugar-Bush. Starting with the basics they have grown to the point that last years they were able to sell locally branded Maple Syrup.



**Texnadian Sugar Bush Roots:
A Story of Maple, Service, and Adventure**

Richard and Caroline Lee



Caroline and Richard now described several of the key points in turning Maple tree sap into Maple Syrup showing images of past processing equipment up to where they are now.

Following are some past images



Collecting Buckets



Old and more Current-boiling-off



The Sugar Shack

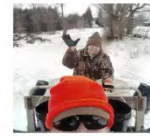


Following is the more current way of transferring the Maple tree sap through plastic tubes to holding tanks and on to the reducing tanks to remove most of the water from the sap.



Carrying Legacy Forward

The spirit of "On to Alaska with Buchanan" lives on in every endeavor, every act of service, and every bottle of syrup shared with friends, family, and neighbors. It is a legacy to be celebrated, cherished, and passed on for generations to come.



Thank You!



Caroline and Richard gave us a great deal of information about how much sap had to be collected to produce 1 litre of syrup, how the colours are graded and what they mean, how the markets work for sale of the Syrup, Government legislation and many other items about the process.

Caroline and Richard closed-off their presentation and spend time answering questions for interested members. President Caroline and PP Richard were thanked on behalf of the Club by Paulette Hauk who noted that, in recognition of their presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation.



Caroline and Richard were given a sound round of applause for their very informative and interesting presentation.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Nancy Thompson reminded everyone that: Saturday, February 7, 2026, was the Kiwanis Club of Guelph Music Festival Gala. Rsvp By: January 26, 2026. Sign Up Sheet Available at our Lunch Meetings or Email to: thompson834@icloud.com .
Nelson McClinchey mentioned that Chris Bisson is having a Pre-cocktail Social at his home. Contact Nelson if you are interested. nelsonmcclinchey@gmail.com
- Nancy also mentioned that March 6-8 is the 2nd Annual OBAN Inn Weekend Getaway. Please let Nancy know that you have made your own registrations for the Friday and/or Saturday, so evening meals as a group can be made.

President Maureen, thanked all members and guest speakers Caroline and Richard Lee and wished everyone well.

Closing Thought for the Day: “The responsibility does not lie with the maples alone. The other half belongs to you: you participate in its transformation. It is your work, and your gratitude, that distills the sweetness.” ~ Robin Wall Kimmerer

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.