

## Highlights of the Thursday, 12 February, 2026 Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone including our speaker Lillia Dockree, Community Outreach Coordinator of the Brant Historical Society to the Kiwanis Club of Brantford Weekly meeting Thursday, 12 February, 2026.



President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Joanne Murray, Faye Prince and Lillia Dockree, holding potential winning tickets, but no one found the “Joker”. Good luck next time.



President Maureen called LG Randy MacKenzie to come forward as Funmaster.

Funmaster LG Randy welcomed everyone and referencing a book of seldom used words changed all present, to discern the meaning of the word.

Here are two of the five words and their meaning.

- Cryptophobia ~ intense fear, distrust, or irrational hatred of cryptocurrencies
- Decoction ~ the fluid resulting from concentrating the essence of a substance by heating or boiling.

After mystifying most members with the answers to these five words, LG Randy moved on to the celebrations of members Birthday's and anniversaries of joining the club.



### Birthdays (February)

Kirby Brown, 23

Pallo Sahota, 13

### Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Randy MacKenzie 24

Robert Saunders 23

### Happy Stories

Karen Adams after a terrible accident was glad to be able to Join us at this meeting and just found out that her daughter is going to have her 1<sup>st</sup> Baby.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster LG Randy and called Judy Jones to introduce our guest speaker.

Judy Jones came to the podium saying, fellow Kiwanians and Guests, it is my pleasure to introduced today's speaker, Lillia Dockree

Judy told us that, Lillia Dockree is a lifelong Brantford resident, who graduated in 2021 from Laurier Brantford with an Honours B.A. in History with a minor, in Public History. Hired on at the Brant Museum & Archives as a summer student in July 2017, she continued on as a full-time staff member in the fall of that year and spearheads the Seniors Outreach programming that the museum provides. Additionally, she assists with offering children's programs at Myrtleville House Museum.



Lillia has a passion for local history and museum education and is continually looking for opportunities to add to her experience in those areas. In her spare time, she enjoys crocheting, playing baseball, and spending time at home with her cat.

Judy asked that we welcome Lillia Dockree, as she takes us through the history of the Royal visits to Brantford.



**Lillia Dockree** came to the podium and opened by saying she would start with the British Aristocracy hierarchy and if time allows follow with the Dutch connection to Brant

Lillia said that she had prepared information about the history of the British and Dutch aristocracy and their visits to Brantford. The 1<sup>st</sup> was recorded in 1860. Using a slide-show, Lillia supplied a great deal of detail and background not presented in the images, to give us a better appreciation for the people, transportation methods, dress and time required for travel.

The slide presents the Hierarchy of the British Aristocracy starting with Queen Victoria (1819-1861) indicating husbands and descendants to Queen Elisabeth II.

We saw various pictures of Brantford with the Royals in attendance, that some of the members could readily recall attending as well.

**Following is a list of the Dates that the British Royal's have visited Brantford.**

- September 14, 1860 – Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII)
- October 1, 1869 – Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught
- September 16, 1879 – Her Royal Highness Princess Louise & Lord Dufferin, Marquis of Lorne (Governor General)
- October 14, 1901 – Duke & Duchess of York (later King George V & Queen Mary)
- February 15, 1913 – Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught & Strathearn
- May 9, 1914 – Duke of Connaught & daughter Princess Patricia
- October 20, 1919 – Prince Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII)
- June 7, 1939 – King George VI & Queen Elizabeth (later "The Queen Mother")
- October 14, 1951 – Princess Elizabeth & Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

- July 2, 1959 – Queen Elizabeth II
- June 29, 1973 – Queen Elizabeth II
- October 1, 1984 – Queen Elizabeth II & Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
- June 28, 1997 – Queen Elizabeth II

**Following is a nod to the Dutch Royal's and their visits to Brantford.**

Queen Juliana Lived 1909 – 2004 Reigned 1948 – 1980

- Ascended the throne following her mother's (Queen Wilhemina) abdication  
Juliana was the first Dutch royal baby since Wilhelmina herself was born in 1880.
- Wilhelmina's closest heir was a German prince, leading to concerns that if she died without an heir, he would turn the Netherlands into a puppet state of Germany. Juliana's birth thus assured the royal family's survival.
- Queen Julianna was the only surviving child of Queen Wilhemina
- Juliana and her husband, Prince Bernhard had four daughters: Beatrix (b. 1938), Irene (b. 1939), Margriet (b. 1943) and Marijke Christina (b. 1947).
- Margriet was born in Ottawa, as Juliana and her elder daughters were living here from 1940 – 45 to be safe from the war ravaging the Netherlands.
- The rooms of the hospital where Juliana gave birth was deemed extraterritorial, so that Margriet was born solely a Dutch citizen, and not of dual nationality.
- Juliana visited Brantford on May 20, 1967 for an informal, 90-minute visit to the Theodorus Niemeyer tobacco plant in Cainsville



Lillia handled several questions for the members and was thanked on behalf of the Club by Joanne Murray in recognition of her presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation.

Lillia Dockree was given a rousing round of applause for her very informative and interesting presentation.



President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Joanne Murray noted that there is a **Kiwaniis Kindness Day** Planning Meeting - All Members Invited SATURDAY, February 21st Boardroom, 30 Brant Ave. **Coffee 9:00 a.m. Meeting 9:30 a.m. (approximately 1 hour).**
- Karen Adams mentioned that we have a **Quarter Auction Fundraiser** planned for Thursday March 26 2026 at the Dunsdon Legion and we will need some volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be on the Meeting Table next week.
- Nancy Thompson reminded everyone that March 6-8 is the 2nd Annual OBAN Inn Weekend Getaway. Please let Nancy know that you have made your own reservations for the Friday and/or Saturday, so evening meals as a group can be made.
- President Maureen reminded us that the Paris-Brant Club has its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday 11-April-2026. Please Save the Date.
- President Maureen Henry mentioned that a Christmas Card sale idea was being reviewed and asked that if anyone had nature or some other appropriate Christmas image, to please send them to Graham Schram Email: [grahamschram@rogers.com](mailto:grahamschram@rogers.com)

President Maureen, thanked all members and guest speaker Lillia Dockree.

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.

