

## Highlights of the Thursday, 19 March, 2026 Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone including our Guest Sean Hauk and speaker today, Kiwanian Faye Prince to this Thursday 19, March 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.



President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Graham Schram, Pallo Sahota and Nelson McClinchey holding potential winning tickets. Graham Schram had two draw tickets and won on one of them by drawing the Joker. **Congratulations Graham, you won the pot for today.** The pot starts over next week.



President Maureen asked Len Makkreel to come to the podium for the presentation of his Legion of Honour Plaque for 40 years of Service with the Kiwanis Club of Brantford. President Maureen read off the Inscription of Len's Legion of Honour" plaque emphasizing the 40 years of commitment to this Club.

This was met with a moving round of applause for Len.



President Maureen called Joanne Murray to come forward as Funmaster.

Joanne Murray announce that her presentation was an interactive challenge to find out from a child's picture, who has grown to be one of our current members. Each table was to work as a group to come up with the answer to who this current member is after seeing a picture on screen.



Joanne said she would call on each table's spokesperson for their answer. After polling all tables, she would reveal the person's name. The image shown was that of a young Bob Saunders.

Funmaster Joanne helped us to celebrate the Birthday's and Anniversary dates of members joining our club shown below.

<b>Birthdays (March)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)</b>	
Judy Lillico	19	Jim Steele	43
Paul Simon	19	Eardly Judah	16
Philip Hoekstra	24		

### Happy Stories

- Paulette Hauk said that they had a wonderful time in Asia but she was definitely glad to be back in Canada to have clean washrooms and toilet paper.
- Graham Schram said he was very Happy to have won the 50/50 Pot
- Phil Hoekstra was Happy to be celebrating his Birthday on 24-March and received a round of the Happy Birthday song by all in attendance.
- Sean Hauk, announced that he and his Queen's Court, returns to Brantford Friday April 10th 2026 at the Polish Community Centre 126 Albion Street. Brantford, ON N3T 3M6 Friday, Apr 10 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Paul Simon announced that he would be celebrating his birthday on 19 March and it was significant for two reasons. One was that he would be 64 and the second reason is that H8 is the last black square notation on a chess board (which is the 64th square).
- Joanne Murray mentioned that Judy Jones was the President in 2020 the Covid year and that we were doing "in-person" meetings before the Covid shut down and a week later, thanks to the technical skills of Jim Steele and Dave Lewis we were using Zoom, for our regular weekly meetings.

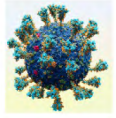
President Maureen thanked Funmaster Joanne Murray and called Faye Prince to come to the podium as today's speaker.

Kiwanian Faye Prince welcomed everyone and indicated that she was going to do a short review of the Theme: "Covid 19 Pandemic, Looking back 6 years."

Faye outlined the basic history saying that, the global COVID-19 pandemic (also known as the coronavirus pandemic), caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), began with an outbreak in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. It spread to other parts of Asia and then worldwide in early 2020.



World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a public health emergency of international concern on 30 January 2020, and assessed it as having become a pandemic on 11-March-2020.



COVID-19 vaccines were developed rapidly and deployed to the general public in Canada beginning in December 14, 2020.

The, WHO declared the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 had ended in May 2023.

Faye then talked about some Initial consequences of the pandemic.

- The pandemic caused severe social and economic disruption around the world, including the largest global recession since the Great Depression. Widespread supply shortages, including food shortages, were caused by supply chain disruptions and panic buying.
- Reduced human activity led to an unprecedented temporary decrease in pollution. Educational institutions and public areas were partially or fully closed in many jurisdictions, and many events were cancelled or postponed during 2020 and 2021.
- Telework became much more common for white-collar workers as the pandemic evolved.
- Misinformation circulated through social media and occasionally through mass media, and political tensions intensified.

Faye then reviewed some, “Pre Vaccine factors”.

- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for medical Staff and the general public.
- N95, KN95, or KF94 respirators provide the highest level of protection.
- Families could not visit one another
- People could not attend the funeral of a loved one to say good by.
- Social distancing established (2 metres)
- Limited number of patrons allow in establishments that remained open
- Closure of small and large establishments
- No personal services, everyone had long hair.
- Everything had Zoom or other telecommuting devises.
- Most people worked from home
- School class were taught on line.

Faye highlighted to supply chain issues.

- Many shortages (Toilette paper, Hand towels, Covid 19 testing kits, N95 respirators)
- Limited direct contact with people. (Stay at home)
- Restricted movement of travel. (Very restricted Air or rail travel)

Faye reviewed how it effected the Kiwanis Club of Brantford

- Initially our Club held our last in-person Bulletin at the Best Western was on 26-March 2020.
- Our next meeting was held on 02 April-2020. It was our 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom Virtual meeting.

- Our 1<sup>st</sup> return to In-Person meeting was held on 17-March-2022
- What did the red dot on our name tag mean? **Answer:** That you had the correct N95 mask and that your vaccines were current.
- You had Covid test kits at home
- Many things “pivoted”, quiet a few for the better.

Faye had a brief note about the USA.

When the first case of Covid19 was detected in the USA Trump said it would just go away. He forced his country to ignore the facts, and they ended up with 103,436,829 **confirmed** cases.

Faye Prince selected two videos that were made during the early years of the Covid 19 pandemic that were shown world-wide to bolster people's spirits in isolation and assuage false information about vaccine injections.

Click on the links below and recall what you were going through at that time.

[The First was by Phoenix Chair Choir of Vancouver BC April 2020](#)

[The Second was a song called, “Have the New Job - Hallelujah adapted by the Marsh Family”, Jan 2021.](#)

PP Alfred Hauk thanked Faye Prince for a wonderful trip back 6 years through the unknowns we all experienced due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Members and guests gave a resounding round of applause for her informative and engaging presentation.



President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

Nelson McClinchey reminded everyone to register for the Paris-Brant Kiwanis Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 11, 2026, at the Walter Gretzky Municipal Golf Course at 320 Balmoral Dr. Brantford. Doors open at 5:30 for cocktails and fellowship, and the evening events and dinner commence at 6:30. The cost is \$50 and there will be a cash bar. Please register before the 30-March-2026

Karen Adams told us about the Quarter Auction we have at the Dunsdon Legion as a fund raiser on Thursday March 26 2026. We will need about 10 donations and 6 volunteers to help on site.

Leo Vos reminded everyone that the Trivia Challenge registration is open for the event at the Dunsdon Legion, Thursday 23-April.2026. Be sure to get your team in early.

President Maureen, thanked all members and guest speaker Sean Hauk for joining us today.

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.

[Club Officers 2025-2026](#)

Following are some candid pictures relating to this meeting

Below is an image of the 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom Virtual meeting our club held on 02 April-2020.



**For the longest time!**



**Have the new job**

