

## Highlights of the Thursday, 02 April, 2026 Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone and Guest Gayle Wade to this Thursday 26, March 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen read an Easter Thank you note from the Aktion Club Brantford members, wishing all the Aktion Club Advisers a happy Easter and thanking them for their ongoing support and help as drivers and at the various events held through out the year.



President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Faye Prince and Gayle Wade holding potential winning tickets. Neither member found the "Joker" today, so the "Pot" continues to grow for next week.



President Maureen called Bob Saunders to come forward as Funmaster.

Bob Saunders opened with a note about the Obituary of Pillsbury Dough Boy.

**Cause of Death:** The joke claims he died at age 71 from a "yeast infection and complications from repeated pokes in the belly".

**The Funeral:** The service is described as being held at "3:50"

**Burial:** He is reportedly buried in a "lightly greased coffin".

**Survivors:** The note often mentions his wife, Play Dough, and his children, John Dough, Jane Dough, and "one in the oven".

**Eulogy:** His long-time friend, Aunt Jemima, is sometimes cited as giving a eulogy, calling him a man who "never knew how much he was kneaded".



Bob Saunders helped us celebrate the following

### Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Birthdays (April)		Date		
Joan Griffin	30		Ken McNaughton	8
Leo Vos	27		Nancy Thompson	19
Phil Hoekstra	24			
Paulette Hauk	4			
Melanie Mackay	4			
Bonnie Little	4			

## Happy Stories

Karen Adams noted that her daughter had her 1<sup>st</sup> baby in April, and that the Quarter Auctions was a great success at the Dunsdon Legion. Karen thanked everyone for the support and donations. As we were the Named Charity for this Auction we received, \$2,800.

Dave Lewis made a donation noting that his son after more than a year of walking with crutch, has had knee surgery last week and is starting physiotherapy to put pressure on his leg tomorrow morning.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Bob Saunders and called the first of our three Member Speakers to come to the podium. They were asked to present stories about interesting things/artifacts with special meaning to them.

## Speaker #1



Alfred Hauk presented a picture of himself in 1953 when he was 3 years old living in East Germany with his family. His family made their way to Western Canada.

Alfred said that he had joined the Sea Cadets when he was about 15 years old in Canada.



He graduated from Highschool when he was about 17 years old.



When he was 21 years old, he was working on Rigs in Northern Alberta and working for a company that crushed used cars to be recycled and worked on reclaiming aluminum car frames. IT WAS A TOUGH JOB.

**Alfred said somewhere around this time he met Paulette.**

Speaker #2



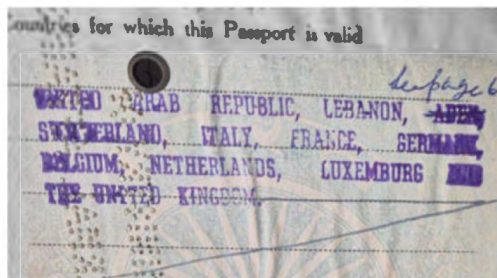
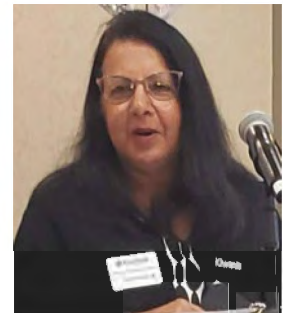
Joanne Murray related information about her youth growing up in Brantford. She spoke about her family Grand-father Papa Joe and the Neighbours that were friends. One of her Grand-father's good friend was Mr. Gazar, who was a Russian Jew and lived on their street. Papa Joe and Mr. Gazar would talk for hours enjoying each others company. On the Sabath Papa Joe on Friday would go to Mr. Gazar at sundown and turn Mrs. Gazar's oven on and a Saturday at sundown turn Papa Joe would turn the over off. They treated their neighbours as family.

When Mr. Gazar passed away, they gave Papa Joe's family a gift of the Gazar family Samovar.



Speaker #3

Pallo Sahota had a story prompted, by the finding of her Grandmother's Passport which led her to recall many memories of her grandmother's story telling and various event during Pallo's Childhood. Her grandmother was from Punjab India. By reviewing her passport, we could see she travelled to the United Arab Republic, Lebanon, Switzerland, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and the United Kingdom. She was a world traveler and may have honed her story telling, due to her vast experience. She had a good sense of humour and once recalled tying two rambunctious grand kids to a chair to settle them down. Pallo had many stories about her relative and the travel with her grandmother a central character throughout her presentation.



Phil Hoekstra thanked all three members for their interesting and warm recollections about interesting things/artifacts with special meaning to each of them. Thank you for sharing.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

Dave Lewis announced that the Dinner for Two Tickets Anywhere in the World started distribution Thursday 26-March. The details about this year's instructions were Email to all members last Thursday as well. The official kick-off with details about tracking, returns and fund collection will be held within the next few weeks.

Melanie MacKay had a sign-up sheet of the table today for any one who wished to help at the Kiwanis Kindness Day event.

Karen Adams reminded us that Volunteer Recognition Night is Monday 20 April, at the Sanderson Centre and the free tickets were available for all members and family. Just Contact Karen Adams.

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 registered early. Leo said they could also use a few more door prizes.

President Maureen, thanked all members and Gayle Wade 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.

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