

Highlights of the Thursday, 16 April, 2026 Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone and Guest Speaker Mandy Samwell, to this Thursday 16, April 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.



President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Crystal Godwaldt and Susan Szczechura holding potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, no one found the “Joker” today, so the “Pot” continues to grow for next week.



President Maureen helped us celebrate the following anniversaries and Birthdays:

Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Joan Griffin	30
Leo Vos	27
Phil Hoekstra	24
Paulette Hauk	4
Melanie Mackay	4
Bonnie Little	4

Birthdays (April)

Birthdays (April)	Date
Ken McNaughton	8
Nancy Thompson	19

Happy Stories

Karen Adams was please to confirm that we had great support for the Bravo Volunteer Awards coming up and that Leo Vos had been chosen as this year’s Brava Volunteer of the Year.

Karen Adams had another positive story saying she would have to leave a bit early because she was being interviewed on Rogers TV for questions about the Brant Regional Association of Volunteer Administrators (BRAVA) where she would be sure to detail the importance of Kiwanis and it’s Volunteers in promoting service in Brantford as a member of Brava.

Leo Vos had some Happy dollars for the happy story that he had been selected as Bravo Volunteer Award for the Year 2026.

Leo also had a Happy Story about the fact that, Leo's Family had just held a Celebration-of-Life for his mother who passed away 12 days after her 100th Birthday.

Ken McNaughton had Happy Dollars for his Birthday and the fact that he and his wife had an anniversary of the marriage this month as well.

Jim Steele had a Happy Story saying Sandy Vos has received the, 2026 Ladies Who Lead, "Women of Impact Award".

President Maureen called David Nuemann to the podium to introduce our Guest Speaker today, Mandy Samwell – Councillor Brantford.

David Neumann greeted Fellow Kiwanians saying it was his pleasure to introduce today's guest speaker, Councilor Mandy Samwell.

Mandy Samwell is the City Councillor for Ward 5 in Brantford; a community she has always called home. Her work has been shaped by more than two decades in public health, community leadership, and local governance, bringing a strong commitment to accountability, collaboration, and thoughtful decision-making. Mandy currently serves as Chair of the Brantford Police Services Board and has a long history of volunteer leadership, including the Eagle Place Community Association and the Neighbourhood Alliance of Brantford.

Deeply rooted in her community, Mandy is passionate about building connections, supporting residents, and working toward a stronger, more inclusive Brantford for everyone.



Please Welcome Mandy Samwell, City of Brantford Councillor Ward 5.

Mandy Samwell came to the podium and quickly took a "selfie", with our Kiwanis members as background.

Mandy said that she had never been invited to speak at Kiwanis and wanted to have an image of the meeting.

Mandy noted that it was David Neumann who initially nudged her in the direction to become a Councillor. She said she had always had a strong drive to bringing a strong commitment to accountability, collaboration, and thoughtful decision-making, and decided to do it by, showing-up in the community by running for Council.



Before entering elected office, I held leadership roles that continue to inform how I lead today, including serving as President of the Eagle Place Community Association and Chair of the Neighbourhood Alliance of Brantford. These experiences required bringing people together across differences, navigating complexity, and staying with difficult work long enough to see real change.



Mandy's current focus is called **"Elect Respect Pledge"**, to be applied through-out our community and for all ages.

Following is an excerpt from the Brantford Expositor published on February 13-2026. **Elect Respect Pledge' endorsed by Brantford councillors**

"Civility isn't about avoiding disagreements, it's about how we disagree," Councillor Mandy Samwell said at a Feb. 10 city council committee-of-the-whole meeting. "Healthy debate is essential but personal attacks are not.

"The **pledge** is a clear statement from council that we expect ideas to be debated on their merits not through intimidation or harassment."

The Ward 5 councillor said that standard applies at the city council table, in committees and throughout the community.

Citizens have every right to question council decisions, challenge and demand better outcomes, Samwell said.

"That is not a threat to democracy, that is democracy," she said.

"This behaviour doesn't just affect elected officials, it affects staff, discourages volunteers and future candidates from stepping forward," Samwell said. "Over time, it weakens democracy," she added.
(End of Quote)

Respect Pledge

- Be a good example
- Concession not contention.
- Hold people to be accountable.
- What kind of community do we want to live in?

Mandy Samwell ended her presentation and answer questions from the Floor.

Jim Steele was the official thanker and announced that, in recognition of her presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation.

Mandy was given a sound round of applause and stayed to answer more questions after a brief business portion of this meeting was concluded.

President Maureen also thanked Mandy for a thoughtful and timely presentation.



President Maureen called Dave Lewis to the podium for the, “Official Kickoff of the 2026 Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World Raffle”.

Dave Lewis review five slides highlighting information relating to:

1. When, Where & Why?
2. Prize and where to get tickets?
3. How to Sell Tickets
4. Tracking Sales & Payment
5. A Sample Tracking Sheet in needed

A reduced version of the slide will follow this text, with the (5) Five slides mailed to all members this weekend in a pdf format for viewing or downloading.

When, Where & Why?



DINNER FOR TWO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD KICK-OFF. 2026

“Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World!”

The draw will be held on August 27, 2026, at Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre at 1:00 P.M.

The funds from the draw will be used to support Community and Children’s Projects

The Children’s Safety Village of Brant
Lansdowne Children’s Centre
Brantford Community Healthcare System Foundation
Brant Music Festival
Donations to community groups or organizations meeting the needs of children



Prize and where to get tickets?

The Prize


- Draw Prize Includes Airfare, Dinner, and Accommodations for (2) Two
- Prize Value \$7500
- Draw Date August 27, 2026
- Only 3740 tickets printed
- Tickets \$10.00 each or 11 for \$100.00

Getting Tickets

Distribution of your tickets is based on the number that you sold for the 2025 draw and are available for Pick-up at any of our weekly meetings starting 26-March-2026.

Additional tickets can be obtained by contacting the email below with tickets picked up at our weekly Members meeting or by making arrangements with Dave Lewis.

Information Contact: DaveGSLewis@gmail.com (519) 755-9390



2026 License #
MB70566

How to Sell Tickets

Methods for selling tickets

The simplest way is by using a book of ten, where you are selling 1 or 2 tickets to various people as you meet potential customers. (Remember the money goes to the Service of Children in our community.)



Kiwanis
"Dinner for Two
Anywhere in the World" Draw
August 27, 2026

Name: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____
Seller: _____

Lottery License Number NL 870088
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Be sure to fill in:
Name:
Email: (if it will fit!)
Phone:
Seller:



The 2nd method is for people who purchase more than one Book. This is when we use the rule that if one person purchases a book of 10, they get a Bonus ticket for the same price as the single Book. That is the get 11 tickets for every 10 they buy for \$100.

The logic for tracking this is simplified by the Seller buying multiple Books and selling them sequentially from the lowest number ticket upward. When they need a **Bonus ticket**, they go the high numbered book they have, and take one ticket out of it and put it with the original 10 sold. Use the highest book number as a **Bonus ticket** source for all **Bonus sales**.

Tracking Sales & Payment

Returning your stubs and funds collected

Many Seasoned Members have their own sales tracking techniques for the Sales of the Dinner for Two tickets that work very well. You as the seller may receive payment for your tickets in a number of ways. You will have to accumulate the funds received from Customers. This may mean cash, cheque, Etransfer, etc. Once you have started to accumulate sold tickets and funds, the stubs and payments along with your records of sale by Ticket number can be put in envelopes and return for reconciliation to Dave Lewis by returning them to Jim Steele, Faye Prince, Paul Simon at our weekly meetings. **Note: All tickets and funds, whether sold or not must be returned for reconciliation by Friday 21-August-2026**

If you are unsure, or have never done this before, we can share a simple spreadsheet with you to help you, when collecting money and returning it to the, "Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World" Lottery Fund.

Payments

Members, e-transfer Payments must be directed to kiwanisdinnerfortwo@gmail.com for proper credit to the "Dinner for two" bank account. In the memo area of the e-transfer, the ticket numbers that relate to the sale must be shown.

Members, with Bulk payment (large ticket sales to multiple customers using Credit cards, will be able to use our on-line Order Form on our website <https://k00016.site.kiwanis.org/dinner-for-two-anywhere-in-the-world-draw/>

Sample Tracking Sheet

Member Name >> Tom Kiwanis		Dinner for two Anywhere in the World Raffle				Kiwanis Club of Brantford	
Count		2026				Total Collected	
21		Total owed				\$160.00	
		\$200.00					
Ticket #	Sold to	Bonus Book Sales	Ticket Sale Value	Cash/Interac/Cheque	Credit Card	Amount Collected	Date Collected
0004	Cust Name#1		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	30-Mar-26
0005	Cust Name#1		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	30-Mar-26
0006	Cust Name#1		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	30-Mar-26
0007	Cust Name#1		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	30-Mar-26
0008	Cust Name#1		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	30-Mar-26
0009	Cust Name#1		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	30-Mar-26
0010	Cust Name#1		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	30-Mar-26
0011	Cust Name#1	Bonus					
0012	Cust Name#2		\$10.00	Cheq # 045 Name#2			01-Apr-26
0013	Cust Name#3		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	03-Apr-26
0014	Cust Name#4		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	03-Apr-26
0015	Cust Name#4		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	03-Apr-26
0016	Cust Name#5		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	03-Apr-26
0017	Cust Name#6		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	03-Apr-26
0018	Cust Name#7		\$10.00	Cash		\$10.00	03-Apr-26
0019	Cust Name#8		\$10.00	Etrans 154647 \$30			
0020	Cust Name#8		\$10.00				
0021	Cust Name#8		\$10.00				

Best for Luck Selling ~~~ Kids Need Kiwanis

Thank You



President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

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.

Melanie MacKay Chair of Kiwanis Kindness Day program said, that Drivers are needed for the Food Bank produce this coming Thursday. Please contact Melanie if you can help.

Ken McNaughton **Mark your Calendars**, Brantford Hospital, “Bed Race”, of which we are a primary Sponsor will be held on **Date:** Saturday 23 May 2026. **Location:** Branlyn Community School, 238 Brantwood Park Rd, Brantford, ON N3P 1N9. **Volunteers needed:** Contact Coordinator >> Jim Steele.

President Maureen, thanked all members for joining us today.

Closing thought of the day: “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” —Henry Ford

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.

