

Highlights of the Thursday, 07 May, 2026 Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone to this Thursday 07, May 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.



President Maureen started the meeting with congratulations to Susan Szczechura on a announcement about her son Paul Szczechura as an inductee into the Brantford and Area, Sports Hall of Recognition for 2026. He has been a Canadian professional ice hockey forward in the Kontinental Hockey League and in the NHL for Tampa Bay Lightning and Buffalo Sabres. Congratulations!

President Maureen also announced that at the District Convention this past week, Past President Nancy Thompson was presented a **Distinguished President's** Pin and Certificate for 2024-2025.

President Maureen also noted that Dave Lewis was presented with a **Distinguished Secretary** Pin for 2024-2025.

President Maureen called Alfred Hauk to present the 50/50 Draw with Joan Griffin and Bob Saunders holding potential winning tickets. Unfortunately, they could not find the "Joker." The "Pot" continues to grow.



President Maureen called Joanne Murray to come forward as Funmaster.

Joanne Murray came to the microphone and set up a stool at the front of the room asking President Maureen to take a seat at the stool.

Joanne confirmed that President Maureen was now well over the half-way point of her presidency and that we had 10 questions about her, that the members would be interested to hear her answer.



A sample of these questions were: What was her favorite: Colour, Beverage, Sports Team, Season, Type of Food, etc. and finally. What was the thing she liked most about Kiwanis? To which she replied, "I get to ring the Bell!"

Joanne Murray helped us celebrate the following anniversaries and Birthdays:

Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Len Makkreel 40 Years
Joanne Murray 36 Years
Kirby Brown 38 Years
Simran Shoker 4 Years

Birthdays (March)	Date
Susan Szechura	4

Happy Stories

Len Makkreel was happy to be back, after being unable to attend 9 meetings due to his and Roma's required multiple hospital trips.

Nancy Thompson was thankful that her mother, was finally move from the Paris Willet Hospital to the John Noble home.

President Maureen thanked Joanne Murry for her funmaster presentation

President Maureen called for Jim Steele to present an Introduction Video showing the Activities and Events at the EC&C Conference in Toronto April 30 to May 02 May-2026.

President Maureen called Pallo Sahota, Dave Lewis and Maureen Henry to the podium to briefly review three Educational Forums they attended at the EC & C District convention last week.

Following are the names and forums each attended.

- Pallo Sahota ~~ "Masterful Communication" forum.

PACE Framework

1. **Pause** – take a deep breath and regain composure
2. **Assess** – What was the root cause and what is at stake
3. **Choose words** – Neutral, specific and forward-looking language
 - a. "You didn't send me the minutes" vs. "I did not receive the minutes, can we look at why that might have happened?"
4. **Engage** – Ask open-ended questions for productive conversations
 - a. "What do you think we can do as a club to come to an agreement?"

- Maureen Henry ~~ "Marketing in the Digital Age"



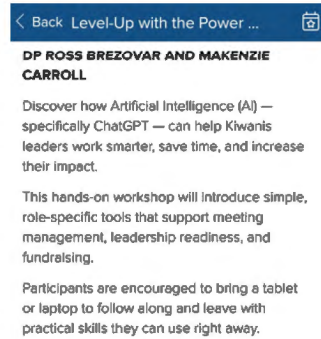
Summary for Marketing Kiwanis in the Digital Age

Tell the Kiwanis story online in a way that feels welcoming, authentic, and relevant to modern audiences.

You don't need perfect posts.

You need real people, real moments, and consistency

- Dave Lewis ~~ Leveling up with the Power of A1 to Maximize our impact



Each of the above members gave a brief summary of the 45 Minute Educational forum on the Topic indicated.

If you wish to get more details about these topics, please contact these members

[Please click here to see a list of Educational Forums that where available at the 2026 Conference](#)

Joanne Murray thanked the three speakers for their presentations

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

Pallo Sahota distributed two Ploughman's Lunch documents on each of the tables indicating that a copy of each would be emailed to all members. The objective is to use the introduction letter and the Ploughman's Lunch details Flyer, by our members to share the information to any New potential customers for this years Ploughman's Lunch on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Dave Lewis indicated that we have distributed 2545 of the 3740 Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World tickets and have received a few more request for more Books already from some of our member, and received payment and stubs from 3 of our members already.

Dave Lewis announced that after releasing this year's 1st email Blast for the Ploughman's Lunch to the customers on Tuesday 05 May, we have received 99 lunch orders from 5 customer. A good start.

Bob Saunders asked all members to let the Program committee know about any potential Speakers.

Dave Lewis. The Best Western found a small backpack (black, blue & grey) in the room after Kiwanis left on Thursday 07-May-2026. Please contact him if it is yours

President Maureen, thanked all members 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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