

Highlights of the Thursday, 04 June, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed everyone and Guest Speaker Doug Hunt and Several Guests from Sister Clubs, to this Thursday 04, June 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw. The card was drawn and the lucky ticket holder was one of our Guests from Participation Support Services, Executive Director Sherry Kerr.



President Maureen called Leo Vos to come forward as Funmaster.

Leo Vos welcomed everyone and said he had decided that he would base today's presentation on our guest's new book release "55", relating to Doug Hunt's World record Stilt-walking event using 55 foot high stilts. Leo researched the number "55" meaning and numerology. He found that: 5 is a powerful master-level number representing major life transitions, personal freedom, and spiritual growth. By doubling the vibrational energy of the number 5, it serves as a cosmic nudge to let go of outdated habits and embrace new, adventurous opportunities. The number 55 leads to independence, leadership, and new beginning.



Leo Vos also Noted that 55 In Roman numerals is LV which , ironically is Leo Vos's initials.

Leo Help us celebrate anniversaries and Birthdays:

Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Nelson McClinchey	13
Susan Szecehura	1
Roger Smith	1

Birthdays (June) Date

Dave Lewis	24
Jessica Jackson	28
Leo Vos	30

Leo Vos moved on and called for Happy Stories

- Pallo Sahota indicated that we had just received an order for 65 Ploughman's Lunches from Participation Support Services and that sales were going as expected.
- LG Randy MacKenzie welcomed the, Sister-Clubs attending today's Interclub meeting and thanked all members for taking the time to attend.
- Ken McNaughton said that his daughter Maeve had finished her 1st bar exam and she felt she did well. The results will be known in about 10 weeks. Then she can move on to the Second Bar.
- Leo Vos mentioned the Doug Hunt our speaker today, has been a consistent supporter of the Children's Safety Village for a number of years performing at Easter and Halloween and many other events over the years.

President Maureen thanked Leo Vos and called Kerry Lane, a member and Past President of the Brantford Kiwanis Aktion Club to introduce our Guest Speaker, Doug- "the Great"-Hunt.

Kerry Lane welcomed Doug Hunt saying that his past support of the Children's Safety Village has always shown how much he cares, and that his willingness to help, entertain and be a good listener has extended to many of the members of the Aktion club over the years as well. Kerry asked that we give Doug a big welcome.

Doug Hunt opened his presentation greeting most of our members as friends he has known and worked with over the years.

Doug Hunt, also known in his entertainment-life as "Doug the Great" is currently the Director of Fund Raising, Marketing and Volunteer Services at Participation Support Services. Formerly Participation House Brantford - PSS is an organization striving to meet the needs of physically disabled adults and seniors in our community.)

As a child, Doug's interest in magic, juggling and the performing arts was encouraged by his parents to help him overcome shyness. **It seems to have worked!**



Doug proceeded to let us know that after 48 Years at Participation Support Services he was retiring at the end of this month and has written a book Named, “55” that details the history of “failing forward”, to achieve his current level of success. The World’s Champion Stilt Walker.

Doug mentioned that one significant event some 40 years ago set him, on his life long course. He said he had gone out to a dancing evening and at the event he found that he had severely damaged his knee. A short time later he returned to work limping along and was met by two or three of the of the severely disabled residence where he worked, surrounding him with hugs and condolences about poor Doug, has a hurt leg. From that point on Doug said he realized how fortunate he was and set his sites on work towards success with every failure with the goal to help those that can’t help themselves.

The names and the numbers of “people” who jumped on the wagon to help Doug with his quest, you can find out by reading his book. There are dozens of people and events that were quietly involved. The purpose of all of Doug’s adventures was to, raise fund and donate them to the Residence at: (Participation House Brantford) currently called Participation Support Services.

Doug Hunt closed his presentation and answered a number of questions from various members.

Doug Hunt was thanked by Phil Hoekstra who informed hm that: In recognition of his presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation and additionally a donation Cheque for the Participation Support Services has been included. Doug Hunt was given a heart-felt and enthusiastic round of applause.



President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Joanne Murray, Save the Date Invite a Guest Meeting 25 June 2026
- Ken McNaughton 31 July – 2026 Brantford Golf and Country Club Sign up with Ken.
- Leo Vos 07 June -2026 Knights of Columbus, “All you can eat breakfast” 12 Catherine Ave. 9:00AM to 12:00PM Noon

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest speaker Doug Hunt as well as all of the members from the other Clubs attending this interclub.

Closing Thought of the day: There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living. ~ Nelson Mandela

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.

