

Highlights of the Thursday, 09 July, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Melanie MacKay and Guest Dave Pass to this Thursday 09, July 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.



President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw. The lucky ticket holders were: Nelson McClinchey, Jim Steele, Judy Jones and Dave Pass. Unfortunately, no one found the “Joker”. The pot continues to grow.

President Maureen called Alfred Hauk to the podium as Funmaster.

Funmaster Alfred Hauk helped us celebrate anniversaries and Birthdays:

Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Graham Schram 48 Years

Dave Lewis 15 Years



Birthdays (July) Date

Ross Pope 10

Joan Griffin 25

Faye Prince 26

Alfred Hauk then led us on a “merry-chase” with a number of **Riddles** that had most members scratching their heads. The responses generally were ingenious and fun, but the only member to come up with a real correct answer was Nancy Thompson.

President Maureen thanked Alfred Hauk for his educational and fun presentation.

President Maureen called Melanie MacKay to the podium to give us an update on the Kiwanis Kindness Day Friday April 24-2026 project.

Melanie MacKay welcomed every one and thanked all members for the participation and support of this year’s Kiwanis Kindness Day. Noting that this will be our Signature Project for 2026.



Melanie used a slide presentation and her normal exuberance to emphasize the **passion**, to #PASSITON.

Why Kindness Day became our Signature project.

It focused on simple acts, food insecurity, support for families, showing children how easy kindness can be, and community outreach.

It was built around one idea that people can understand and do: #PASSITON.

It proved that members can take part in small ways and still make a real difference - and that our community can do the same.

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Participation at a Glance



We saw broad participation across the club, with members involved through planning, donations, food support, outreach, the school, Tim cards, Action Club, and their own acts of kindness throughout their business and community.

Close to 450 lbs of food and essentials were collected and delivered — roughly enough to support about 375 meals for local families.

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PRINCESS ELIZABETH SCHOOL – CHILDREN RECOGNIZING KINDNESS EARLY

Joanne, Melanie, and Maureen went directly to Princess Elizabeth School.

The school selected students they had noticed showing acts of kindness before the event.

These students were recognized with a treat, a Kind Kids sticker, and a photo.

220 KIND KIDS STICKERS HANDED OUT

The school planned to carry the message through to the rest of the students, helping the kindness message spread through the wider school community.



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Food Essentials & Practical Kindness

This was one of the strongest pieces of the day.

- We put out to the community to donate to the Brantford Food Bank.
- Our Kiwanis food drive brought two cartloads to the food bank.
- Close to 450 lbs of food and essentials were collected and delivered.
- Items included baby food, diapers, dry goods, and other requested essentials.

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Tim Cards Handouts & #PASSITON

- 700 Tim cards were distributed in the downtown area.
- Nancy and Faye spearheaded our Tim cards project with volunteers on the day of the event.
- Thanks to our generous sponsors for donating the Tim cards.
- These cards were never about the dollar value — they created a small surprise and encouraged people to pass kindness on.

Approx. **1,400** kindness touchpoints if every card was passed on once.



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Community Outreach

- Linda helped bring Kindness Day into community spaces such as **Why Not Youth Centre, GRCHC, and St. Joseph's YMCA.**
- St. Joseph's YMCA** created cards for seniors.
- The Action Club prepared and handed out treats at the **Gretzky Centre.**



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Thank You to Everyone Who Made It Happen

- Thank you to the pre-planning committee.
- Thank you to the generous sponsors who donated funds for Tim cards.
- Thank you to the members and outside community who supported the food drive.
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped with outreach, school visits, food collection, and day-of kindness efforts.

95% member participation

Participation ranged from small acts of kindness and staff treats to helping a neighbour, making a call, pre-planning, day-of execution, and contributing to spread kindness afterward.



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This Is Just the Beginning

The first year showed us what is possible.

- We saw children recognized for kindness.
- Food and essentials were delivered where they were needed.
- Volunteers showed up across the city.
- Members found their own way to take part.

Now members can help next year:

- Help with any small tasks.
- Sponsor Tim cards, children's materials, or food and essentials.
- Bring a school, workplace, business, or community contact forward.
- Volunteer on the day of the initiative.
- Show your acts of kindness so we can keep the message growing.

The more hands we have, the more kindness we can pass on.

#PASSITON

Thank you for your support.



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Bob Saunder thanked Melanie MacKay and the Kiwanis Kindness Committee for all their enthusiasm and work that went into making this event such a great success.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Joanne Murray, Chamber of Commerce Brantford, Business-After-Hours, Tuesday 14-July held at the Children's Safety Village.
- Nancy Thompson Brant Golf & Country Club July 31 Social @ 6:00PM Dinner & Music Sign up Sheet

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest speaker Melannie MacKay and Guest Dave Pass

Closing Thought of the day: "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." Franklin D. Roosevelt

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.

