

Highlights of the Thursday, 13 August, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Christine McKinlay to this Thursday 13, August 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Paulette Hauk and Faye Prince holding potential winning tickets. No One found the “Joker” and the “Pot” continues to grow.



President Maureen called on Bob Saunders to come forward as Funmaster.

Bob Saunders welcomed everyone and entertained us with some humourous short stories.

Bob Saunders moved on by helping celebrate Birthdays' and anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Ken McNaughton 32 years of outstanding service

Birthdays (Aug) Date

Bob Wade –	Aug 10
Roxanne Bond	Aug 10
Paulette Hauk	Aug 15
Heather Wyatt	Aug 16



President Maureen thanked Funmaster Bob Saunders.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to the Microphone to introduce our speaker today.

Phil Hoekstra Introduce Christine McKinlay, who will be talking about the, Wilfred Laurier Apiary.



The Brantford apiary is led by Christine McKinlay, associate director of development at Laurier. With support from students, she is helping the bees thrive in the urban campus environment. This spring, two more hives have been added to the rooftop apiary. Within a few months, the four established hives will have 320,000 bees who call Laurier home.

Christine McKinlay, started beekeeping as a hobby during the pandemic but has now taken responsibility for nurturing the bee colonies at Laurier's Brantford campus.

Phil Hoekstra asked that we give Christine a resounding round of applause.

Christine McKinlay Thanked the Club for inviting her to speak to us today about her special Project. Christine said that getting involved with sustainability practices such as the apiary, is a valuable way for students to connect with the Laurier community, while also trying to make the world a better place.

"It's a great way for students to learn about bee keeping and contribute to Laurier's sustainability practices," says Christine, "It's important to take care of bees because they pollinate 75% of the fruits and vegetables we eat. Without bees, we wouldn't have a lot of the food we enjoy."

Students will have opportunities to volunteer with the Bee Campus committee, including taking part in the committee's governance and helping to establish suitable pollinator habitats on campus. This summer nurturing of the bees will start to ramp up. She encourages students to get involved and help the bees who give so much to the community. Since Spring I have been inviting students to come up to the rooftop and do hive inspections with me. Christine is very excited that we're planning on harvesting honey for the first time," this year. "It's going to be called 'Golden Hawk Honey' designed with a purple and gold label.

We will give it away to partners, alumni, donors, and the Laurier food bank, and we also plan to make it available for purchase to the public." An average bee colony can produce about 40 pounds of honey per season.

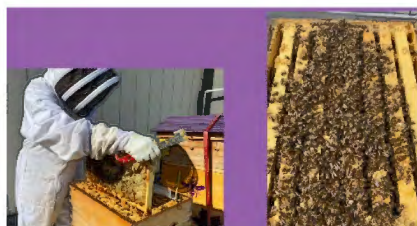


Queen Bee





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Thank you

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At the end of her presentation, Christine McKinlay answered a number of questions from very interested members and was formally thanked for her presentation by Kiwanian Paulette Hauk.

President Maureen thanked Christine McKinlay for her interesting and informative presentation,

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Dave Lewis reminded everyone that we should be returning all sold and unsold tickets As soon as possible, as the date of the draw is Thursday 27 August-2026
- President Maureen mentioned that we are supporting the Staples Back to School event again this year starting on Friday, July 31, 2026 running through to Sunday, September 27, 2026.
- Nelson McClinchey notified everyone that Kiwanis Divisional Council Meeting to be held by Zoom on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 pm. Please let our Club Secretary Dave Lewis davegslewis@gmail.com know ahead of time, if you will be attending this meeting,
- Aktion Club Trunk Sale, Saturday August 29 9:30 AM - 12:30PM @ CSV.
- Grand Parade in partnership with GRCOA September 19, 2026.

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest speaker Christine McKinlay for attending.

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.

Following is an image from this weeks meeting.

