

Highlights of the Thursday, 27 August, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Joanne Murray and Guest Mary Hoekstra to this Thursday 27, August 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Bob Saunders, Leo Vos, David Neumann and Dave Lewis, holding potential winning tickets. Still, no one found the “Joker” and the “Pot” continues to grow.



President Maureen called on Jim Steele to come forward as Funmaster.

Jim Steele welcomed everyone and entertained us with a Mike from Canmore presentation by John Morgan, who was a founding member of the Air Farce troupe. Mike was portrayed as a monosyllabic, deadpan, and delightfully clueless stereotype of an Albertan mountain-town resident. [Click here](#) for the Mike from Canmore presentation.

Jim moved on with a slide presentation from around 2000 titled, “**How to tell you are from Ontario**”.

Following are a couple of examples he presented:

- They call electricity "hydro"
t's one of those things you simply never question.
We pay the hydro bill
- They think bagged milk is totally normal
I'm sure, there was a right way to cut the corner off the bag.
It couldn't be too small a snip, nor too large; it had to be *just* right
- The Zellers shopping experience
Nothing compares to the particular magic of walking into a Zellers on a Saturday afternoon. The slightly musty smell, the squeaky floors, and the unmistakable red price tags were all part of the charm.



Jim Steele moved on by helping celebrate Birthdays' and anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Ken McNaughton 32 years of outstanding service This will not be display fore the next Year.

Birthdays (Aug) Date

Paulette Hawk Aug 15

Heather Wyatt Aug 16

Jim called on members for Happy Stories

- Leo Vos noted that this weekend was Sandy and Leo's Wedding Anniversary and during this month his son and others in his family had celebrated a number of anniversaries.
- Phil Hoekstra announced that this weekend was also he and Mary, his wife's Anniversary celebration

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Jim Steele for his fun and happy memories

President Maureen called PG Joanne Murray to the podium to update us on the Her Trip to Manila for the Kiwanis International Convention 24-27 June 2026.

Joanne Murray welcomed everyone and said that she would be sharing highlights from the recent trip to the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, Philippines, with firsthand experience and important items for consideration for delegates for future International or District Conventions.



Joanne gave us a brief glimpse of the International Convention in Manila, Philippines. She told us that Manila is best known for its rich Spanish colonial history, vibrant street life, and status as the dense, bustling capital of the Philippines.

Manila is on the biggest island of the Philippines, Luzon. The metropolitan area, called Metro Manila, is much larger. Manila has a population of 1.78 million people. It serves as the political, economic, cultural, and education center of the country. It has many tall buildings and has most of the popular places in the country.

Manila serves as the economic hub of the Philippines, contributing significantly to the country's GDP. It houses numerous multinational companies, financial institutions, and business districts, including the Makati Central Business District and Bonifacio Global City.

Languages spoken are Filipino, English and 180 other Dialects. Manila is in the Kiwanis Asia Pacific Region of Kiwanis International. Following are the "Districts" within this region. Joanne was trying to give us a way to appreciate the size of the Asia Pacific Region. Note the Districts below.

The Districts of Kiwanis Asia Pacific Region

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| 1. Philippine Luzon | 10. Korea Provisional |
| 2. Southern Philippine | 11. Bhutan |
| 3. Australia | 12. Cambodia |
| 4. Japan | 13. Guam |
| 5. Malaysia | 14. Hong Kong |
| 6. Nepal | 15. Mongolia |
| 7. New Zealand South Pacific | 16. Pakistan |
| 8. Taiwan | 17. Sri Lanka |
| 9. India | 18. Vietnam |

Joanne presented a picture of the Manila Marriott Hotel at Newport World Resorts that held the convention.



Joanne said that the sheer size of the city and number of activities was amazing.

2026 CONVENTION SCHEDULE Opening Ceremonies

- **Wednesday, June 24:** Convention opening, Key-note Speaker, registration and initial welcome sessions
- **Thursday, June 25:** General sessions, educational and leadership workshops, lunch included
- **Friday, June 26:** Membership Growth, Leadership Evolution, Service Projects, lunch included
- **Saturday, June 27:** House of Delegates, closing celebratory events, and wrap-up activities





Opening Ceremonies



Key Note Speaker

Metro Manila Restaurants, estimated around **10,740** formal establishments in the broader metro area.



Convention Education Workshops

- Coaching Conversations
- Serving Youth through Service Leadership Programs
- Building a Thriving Kiwanis Community*
- Community Visibility Makeover*
- Using and Excelling at Kiwanis Engage*
- How Fundraising Fuels Kiwanis Service
- Keeping the Momentum Going Through Transition Time
- The Power of Mentoring – A Lasting Impact*



Kiwanis International President
2026-2027

HOPE MARKES

Hope is from the Kiwanis Club of Hopewell, Jamaica in the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District. She is the first woman of colour and first Kiwanian from Jamaica to be elected Kiwanis International President!

Votes on Proposed Amendments

- ***Proposed Amendment 1: Remote Convention Voting for Kiwanis International Business was withdrawn by the Capital District***
- **Proposed Amendment 2: Reduction of Executive Committee Members.**
- **Proposed Amendment 3: Kiwanis Object #4 Change of the Word “Aggressive.”**

Distinguished District Secretary Treasurer



Jim Steele, District Secretary Treasurer of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District of Kiwanis International was presented with the [Distinguished Secretary Treasurer Award for 2024-2025](#) at the International Convention in the Philippines. The presentation was made by 2024-2025 Kiwanis International President Lee Quon Young at the Convention in the Philippines

Joanne noted that Manila has the 3rd largest Mall in the world. It is the iOi City Mall. It has 8.8 million Square Feet area.

The multi award-winning IOI City Mall, located within IOI Resort City, is the largest mall in Malaysia with over 650 stores.

The Mall of Asia



- **Floor Area:** 6.35 million sq ft
- **Shops:** Over 1,000 stores and dining spots
- **Parking:** Over 8000 spaces
- **Ranking:** The largest mall in the Philippines and the 3rd largest in the world.

At the end of their presentation, Joanne Murray answered a number of questions.

President Maureen thanked Joanne Murray for her motivating and important update about the Manila Convention.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

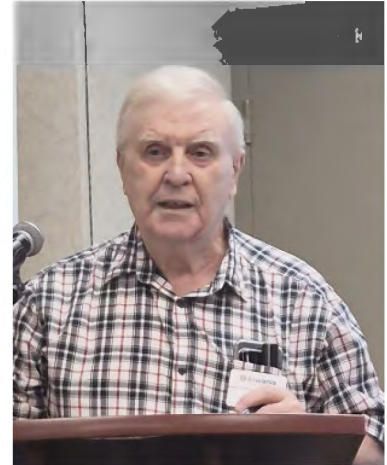
- President Maureen mentioned that we are supporting the Staples Back to School event again this year has started and is running through to Sunday, September 27, 2026.
- Aktion Club Trunk Sale, Saturday August 29 9:30 AM - 12:30PM @ CSV.
- Grand Parade in partnership with GRCOA September 19, 2026.

President Maureen then called Dave Lewis to the podium to direct the Kiwanis Dinner for Two Raffle Draw for 2026.

Dave Lewis thanked President Maureen for the introduction and welcomed everyone present.

Dave opened by thanking all members for their participation and cooperation in supporting this year's, "Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World 2026" Raffle, with the 1st Tickets being distributed on 26-March-2026.

Also thanked all member of the Committee, Jim Steele, Joan Griffin, Nancy Thompson, Leo Vos, Kirby Brown, Paul Simon and Faye Prince.



Dave made special notice to Jim Steels, Leo Vos, for their constant support and advise and made special reference to both Paul Simon and Faye for unfailing presence during distribution and returns to ensure accuracy of information.

Dave, then announced the Top Selling members for our Club this year.

They are:

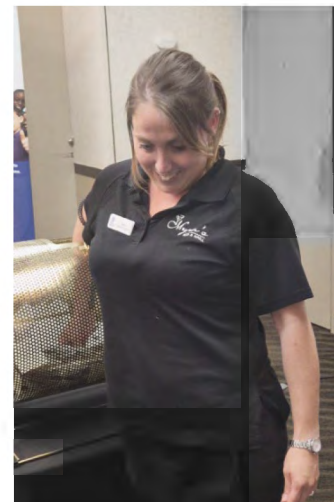
Order	Member	Sold
1	Ken McNaughton	370
2	Leo Vos	339
3	Nancy Thompson	195
4	Len Makkreel	185
5	Kirby Brown	162

Also, of importance is that we had a great deal of help from the Paris-Brant Club and David Griffin.

Paris-Brant	443
Dave Griffin	102

Total sales for this year 2026 ~~ \$24,870 (to be finalized by Treasurer)

Dave noted now, that it is after 1:00PM, we will ask Calla, our waitress from the Best Western, to draw a ticket from the Raffle Drum .

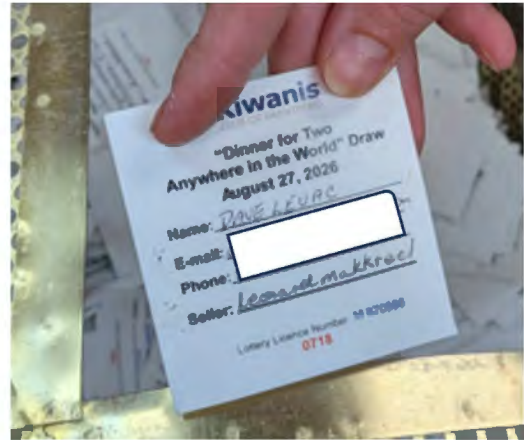


The winning ticket was drawn at 1:18 PM 27-Aug-2026

The winning Ticket was #0718

Winning Ticket Owner is: Dave Levac

Member who Sold Ticket is Len Makkreel



President Maureen, thanked all members and Guests and Guest speakers PG Joanne Murray and Gust May Hoekstra for attending.

Final Thought for the day: "Just because a Space exists does not mean it has to be filled.

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.

E. C. and C. is in THE HOUSE!



