

## Highlights of the Thursday, 24 September, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker President Maureen and Guest Neil MacDonald of the Aktion Club, to this Thursday 24, September 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to coordinate the 50/50 Draw with Frances Richardson, Dave Pass (X2), Alfred Hauk, holding potential winning tickets. No one found the "Joker" and the "Pot" continues to grow.



President Maureen called on LG Randy MacKenzie to come forward as Funmaster.

Randy MacKenzie welcomed everyone and due to the time of year, offered a nugget of knowledge about the Equinox. He explained that the equinox is a twice-yearly event when the Sun is directly above the Earth's equator, making day and night nearly equal in length all over the world.

The word comes from Latin: *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). It happens twice every year, once in March and once in September. On these days, the Earth tilts, neither toward, nor away from the Sun.

Vernal (Spring) Equinox: Happens around March 20 or 21. It marks the start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. Autumnal (Fall) Equinox: Happens around September 22 or 23. It marks the start of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Fall in Ontario officially started on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 8:05 p.m. EDT, with the astronomical fall equinox.**



Randy moved on by helping celebrate Birthdays' and anniversaries

**Anniversaries:**

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| Birthdays        | September |
| Roger Smith      | 21        |
| Linda Moyer      | 22        |
| Stuart Parkinson | 30        |

**Anniversaries of joining Kiwanis (Yrs)**

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Crystal Godwaldt | 25 |
| Ross Pope        | 32 |

Randy called on members for Happy Stories

- Len Makkreel recounted how he recently accidentally met his daughter, in the US at a restaurant while enroute to see her at a Horse-Riding competition. A couple of her pictures are on the final page of this Newsletter.
- Dave Neumann advertised the upcoming season for the Grand River Chorus, distributing Flyers about the Concerts for the coming season. The flyer has an order form for you to fill out and mail in if you wish to Subscribe for this season.
- Leo Vos thanked Nancy Thompson for getting her husband Jim involved helping at the Children's Safety village. Jim, through his contacts and efforts connected, Advanced Vinyl Solutions to remedy the deterioration of the Ambulance at the Children's Safety Village. They took pictures of the old decals, created new replicas, came with their crew of three people and in two days stripped and cleaned the ambulance and applied the new decals, making it look brand new.
- Alfred Hauk announced that he and Paulette were back after a few weeks in Alberta attending his sons Wedding.
- Faye Prince informed us that unfortunately Hurricane Faye was not to be this year. It was pre-empted and categorized as Tropical Storm Fay(e) at 6:51 AM EDT Sep 25, 2026.
- Kirby Brown noted that in the past 4 weeks he attended 3 family wedding celebrations.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Randy MacKenzie.

President Maureen then called up Neil MacDonald, President of the Aktion Club.

President Neil MacDonald opened his presentation by addressing the Kiwanians with a good afternoon and saying, on behalf of the members of the Kiwanis Aktion Club of Brantford, thank you for your support and help with our “Good Stuff Trunk Sale.” It was a great success.

We were happy to do a fundraising project to support the Children’s Safety Village of Brant. The Safety Village provides important safety learning opportunities for the children of our community.

Neil asked Kiwanian and Chair of the Safety Village, Leo Vos to come forward.



Kiwanian Leo, on behalf of the Aktion Club, I am proud to present you with a cheque for the Safety Village from the funds we raised from our Trunk Sale. It is for \$800.

Thank you.

President Neil was given a heartfelt round of applause.

President Maureen came to the podium and thanked President Neil for his presentation.

President Maureen welcomed everyone to her review of Kiwanis Year 2025-2026 with the help of a slide presentation titled, “A year of Service, Kindness & Community Impact”

President Maureen outlined our mission: **Who we are; For more than 100 years, Brantford Kiwanis has brought volunteers together to improve our community — one child and one neighbourhood at a time.**



Following are: significant events that we have presented in the past year.

## Kiwanis Kindness Day: inviting Brantford to pass it on



**A visible invitation for the whole community to join us in simple acts of kindness.**

Distributing Tim Horton’s cards downtown.  
Paying it forward across the community.  
Contributing together to the local food bank.  
Encouraging everyone to “Pass It On.”

**Kindness makes Kiwanis visible — and makes service contagious.**

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## Literacy: encouraging young voices

Through our partnership with the Brantford Library, we helped sponsor a writing contest for students from junior to senior levels.

Promotes literacy and creativity.  
Celebrates student ideas and confidence.  
Connects Kiwanis with families, schools and the library.

A student's words today can become tomorrow's confidence.



## Back to School Food Drive

Almost \$500 in cash donations delivered to Brantford Foodbank along with full container of food.



## Children's Safety Village: a core focus

We continued hands-on support for a place where children across the city learn practical lessons in home and community safety.



## Brantford Market Food Distribution



Kiwanis Club of Brantford



## The Grand Parade



## Christmas Cookie Campaign



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF BRANTFORD

**CHRISTMAS  
CAMPAIGN 2025**

*All proceeds support  
children in our community.  
Kids Need Kiwanis*

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <br><b>350 g Decorative Box, Shortbread Cookies w/ Chocolate Chunks \$14</b> | <br><b>175 g Original Peanut Butter Truffle \$8</b> |
| <br><b>283 g (10 oz.) Deluxe Mixed Nuts \$16</b>                             | <br><b>250 g box of Truffles \$12</b>               |

**900 g Twin Pack Fruit Cake in a Gift Box (1-light & 1-dark) \$18**

To order, please contact any Kiwanis Club of Brantford member or email us at [BrantfordKiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:BrantfordKiwanis@gmail.com)



## Ploughman's Lunch



## Trivia Challenge



STAPLES PARTNERSHIP



## Kiwaniis/Staples School Supply Drive



**>\$11K**

raised last year through the  
Kiwaniis/Staples School Supply Drive

**Local**

school support directed where  
students' needs are greatest

Members encouraged Staples customers to donate.  
Funds helped schools buy the supplies students need  
most.  
The project turned small conversations into real  
student support.

*A simple ask. A generous community. A stronger start for students.*

STAPLES PARTNERSHIP

## **“Good Stuff” Trunk Sale**

Kiwanis Aktion Club of Brantford

## **“GOOD STUFF” TRUNK SALE**

**Saturday, August 29, 2026**

**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Children's Safety Village of Brant Parking Lot  
107 Elgin Street, Brantford



Rental spaces \$20.00 each

Width of 2 parking spaces  
12 x 18 ft.

To reserve your spot, go to  
[brantfordkiwanis.org](http://brantfordkiwanis.org)

or  
use the QR code below



Please note this is a  
“RAIN or SHINE” Event  
For further information please  
call 519-752-7941

Proceeds to the Children's Safety Village

Kiwanis Club of Brantford

## **Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World**



## **Member energy made the difference**

Our projects succeed because members show up — greeting donors, selling tickets, packing lunches, planning events, and representing Kiwanis in the community.

Greet

Invite

Sell

Organize

Serve

Thank

Share

Celebrate

Every task, every conversation and every thank-you helped move our mission forward.



## Brantford Kiwanis Board of Directors 2025-26

- Maureen Henry, President
- Karen Adams, Vice President, President Elect
- Nancy Thompson, Past President
- Jim Steele, Treasurer
- Dave Lewis, Secretary
- Joanne Murray, Membership
- Linda Moyer, Director
- Ross Pope, Director
- Bob Saunders, Director

### Looking ahead

Together, we will keep building a Brantford where children are believed in, nurtured and supported.

**Grow service**

Keep our core projects strong and responsive.

**Grow visibility**

Tell the Kiwanis story clearly and often.

**Grow support**

Invite members, partners and donors to join the work.

**Kids Need Kiwanis — and Kiwanis needs all of us.**

### Thank you

to every member, partner and supporter who helped make this year possible.

LG Randy MacKenzie thanked President Maureen for a very interesting and insightful recounting of this past year's events and activities, which was confirmed with a sound round of applause.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Nelson McClinchey advertised an Interclub Duck Dinner, at Belwood Lodge & Camp 322 3rd Street Private, Belwood, NOB1J0 on October 3, Social 2-4pm, dinner 4pm. Cost: \$50/person. Payment can be made to [guelphkiwanis@outlook.com](mailto:guelphkiwanis@outlook.com). Please contact Nelson if you are interested in attending or have any questions
- Maureen Henry noted that the Kiwanis Youth Writers Contest is open as of September 8, 2026 submission Deadlines is October 26, 2026. The Prizes will be awarded at the Brantford Public Main Library on Saturday November 21, 2026.
- Maureen noted that all blank shifts have been filled for the Staples Back to School Drive in September. Thank you.
- Leo Vos told everyone that the registration for the Trivia Challenge for Thursday 19 November 2026 "on-line" is now open, so be sure to get your teams in early.

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest Neil MacDonald for attending.

Final Thought for the day: "May you live every day of your Life." Jonathan Swift

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 are some pictures relating to this meeting and other recent events.**



