

Highlights of the Thursday, 01 October, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Lieutenant Governor Richard Kleri to this Thursday 01, October 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen asked all members able to stand to do so for the County of Brant Land Acknowledgement.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to coordinate the 50/50 Draw with Nelson McClinchey, David Neumann and Graham Schram, holding potential winning tickets. No one found the "Joker" and the "Pot" continues to grow.



President Maureen called on Leo Vos to come forward as Funmaster.

Leo Vos welcomed everyone and opened with a few Puns and a short Golfing story with a humorous ending.

Leo moved on by helping celebrate Birthdays' and anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Birthdays	October
Dave Neumann	5
Crystal Godwaldt	24

Anniversaries of joining Kiwanis (Yrs)

Stuart Parkinson	18
Alfred Hauk	7
Faye Prince	7
Paul Simon	7
Karen Adams	2



Leo called on members for Happy Stories

- Leo Vos opened with an Happy story where last Saturday he attended the 45th Year anniversary with his Dentist Graduating Class.
- Nancy Thompson said that her son was taking their dogs with them on holidays and she confirmed that they had made it to the Bay-of Fundy with their dogs
- Bob Wade said that last week-end, they went to the Agawa Canyon Park to look at the Falls leave that were already showing. He said it was a long trip but very pretty.
- Karen Adams was thankful for being a Kiwanian for the past two years.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Leo Vos.

President Maureen then called up Randy MacKenzie to introduce our Guest Speaker Lieutenant Governor Richard Kleri.

PLG Randy MacKenzie welcomed everyone and introduced Lieutenant Governor Richard Kleri who will be performing the installation of the new members for Kiwanis Club of Brantford for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

PLG Randy recounted how he had met LG Richard Kleri, many years ago and several times in between up until 2023, when Richard Kleri became the Charter President of the new Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries. Since joining the Kiwanis Club of North Dumfries LG Richard has been very active in that Club, Division 05 and EC & C District, and this year has been Nominated as Lieutenant Governor for our District.



Today LG Richard Kleri will be performing the induction of the members to our Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal Year. Please welcome, LG Richard Kleri.

LG Richard Kleri came to the podium and welcomed all members, indicating that he felt very comfortable and at home any time he came to our Club.

LG Richard opened the Induction ceremony and called Bob Saunders to the front of the room where, LG Richard presented the “Kiwaniis Board Member Induction Script” as follows. **(NB. The following is an approximation of the script)**



"Members of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford, today we have the privilege and responsibility of installing a member who has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2026–2027 administrative year.

Serving on the Board of Directors is both an honor and a vital trust. The management and direction of this club rest in your hands. You have been chosen by your fellow members because they have confidence in your leadership, your dedication, and your judgment.

As a member of the Board as Club Director, your duties include attending all regular and special meetings of the board, establishing club policy, safeguarding the club's finances, supporting club projects and

committees, and ensuring that our club continues to fulfill the mission of Kiwanis International: serving the children of the world and building a better community.

Bob Saunders, do you accept the responsibilities of this office, and do you pledge to uphold the Constitution, Bylaws, and traditions of Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Club of Brantford, performing your duties to the best of your ability?"

Board Member:

Bob responded with "I do."

Inducting Officer:

"By the power vested in me, I hereby declare you duly installed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford for the upcoming Kiwanis administrative year. In addition, I present you with a "Club Director" Pin, to commemorate this event.

Fellow Kiwanians, please join me in welcoming Bob Saunders to the Board of Directors.

Note: A modified version of this script was presented to each of the Board members listed below based on the position they hold.

Dave Lewis	Secretary
Jim Steele	Treasurer
Nancy Thompson	Past President
Paul Simon	Vice President
Karen Adams	President Elect
Maureen Henry	President

LG Richard Closed the induction ceremony

LG Richard said that he has several goals for this year that have been passed on to our President as well as the KI goals.

LG Richard asked members from the Club to make suggestions of various projects that are significant from our Clubs perspective. LG Richard recorded the various events supplied.

Karen Adams thanked LG Richard Kleri for performing this important ceremony while highlighting the details required for each position which was confirmed with a sound round of applause.



President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- 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 the Staples Back to School Drive for this year is closed. We had 19 member Volunteers for the shift spots, some of them multiple times, plus one non-member. The final figures are not in yet but it appears that our efforts result in approximately \$9400.
- Paulette Hawk informed us that the Back to School Food drive will be held 24-October-2026. Volunteers are needed please let Paulette know if you wish to help.
- 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. Also please let Leo know if you are able to volunteer to help on the night of the event.
- Nancy Thompson mentioned a Social event that is coming up with focus on; listing your cell phone on a sign up sheet for a spontaneous "Dinner" arranged by the Social committee, who will contact you by text where you can give a "Yes" or "No" answer, as to your availability for you to attend the event.
- Leo noted that Halloween in the Village is being held again on Saturday 31-October-2026 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please let Leo know if you can volunteer.
- Joanne Murray noted that, "our very own" Hope Marks is the 2026-27 Kiwanis International President as of 01 October 2026.

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest LG Richard Kleri for attending.

Final Thought for the day: "A candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle" Father James Keller

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.



Our Sincere Best Wishes to
2026-2027 Kiwanis International President

HOPE MARKES

**For an outstanding year as
the leader of our organization**

We are truly proud of you!

Your Friends in Brantford
"Serving the Children of the World"

