

Highlights of the Thursday, 08 October, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker DST Jim Steele to this Thursday 08, October 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen called Graham Schram to handle the 50/50 Draw with Nancy Thompson, Randy MacKenzie, Frances Richardson and Heidi May holding potential winning tickets. No one found the "Joker" and the "Pot" continues to grow.



President Maureen called on Faye Prince to come forward as Funmaster.

Faye welcomed everyone and opened with a few "Wise-Cracking" responses to pointed questions. Following are a some examples.

- A woman was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."
- A truck driver was driving along the freeway and noticed a sign that read: Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it, the bridge is right in front of him and his truck gets wedged under it. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police vehicle comes up. The cop gets out of his car, walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?" The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas."
- As the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window, the policeman got out of his vehicle and approached the kid, "I've been waiting for you all day. "The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could. " When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.



Faye 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

Faye then called on members for Happy Stories

- Randy MacKenzie told us that Mathew and his girl friend went for a holiday in Nova Scotia.
- Dave Neumann celebrated his birthday
- Dave Pass celebrated his 1st time volunteering at the Farmer's Market
- Leo Vos celebrated a video of his youngest Grandson taking his 1st step.
- Joanne Murray thanked Faye for the wonderful Thanksgiving table arrangements.

President Maureen thanked Funmaster Faye Prince

President Maureen then called up District Secretary Treasurer (DST) Jim Steele to the Microphone to update us on the new functions that will becoming available in the next few weeks with the Engagement Portal.

DST Jim Steele opened, explaining that the Kiwanis Engage portal will be a system that connects to every level of Kiwanis. Jim used a slide show and hand-out that was given to all members in attendance to describe where we are, and where we are going with this new version. A copy of the handout will be attached to this email.

[Click here to download or Print the Engage information Hand-out.](#)



Jim reviewed how to:

- Log into Kiwanis Engage
- My profile: overview

- Switch between profiles
- Profile photo
- Add/delete skills

Jim Steele walked us through live screen-shots and answered several questions.

Jim Steele was thanked by Paulette Hauk for bringing us up to speed on such an important tool.

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.
- Paulette Hauk informed us that the Back to School Food drive will be held 24-October-2026. She still needs Volunteers for 9-11 AM & 3-5 PM 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.
- 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.

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest speaker Jim Steele and Guest Heidi May 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 are candid pictures from this meeting





Happy Thanksgiving Everyone

