

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia  
Weekly Meeting Monday June 24th, 2019  
Theo's Restaurant**

**Present:**

Bob MacDonald

Joanne Watson

Mark Burns

Jen Man

Bob Brown

Bruce Waite

Lawrence LaFrance

Fred Larsen

Korine Keyzer

Steph Worthington

Jerry Wink

Noel Sterne

John Mayo

Don Haskins

Dave North

Maria McConnell

Carol Ivey

Charles Kelly

Marnie Bosco

John Parker

Walt Bulas

**Guests:**    Jacquie Kent            Dr. Linda Rodenburg

**Oh Canada:**

Bursting with nationalistic pride and fervor. Must be because of Canada Day – tremendous effort today Gang!!!!

## **The Blessing:**

Noel Sterne graced us with an eloquent blessing as always – thanks Noel.

## **Happy Loonies:**

Joanne Watson received an all clear on her one year follow up since her surgery last year. That is wonderful news Joanne. Keep up that positive attitude!!!!

Carol Ivey is trading in her riding boots for a crown of feathers, a flute and a toga (or whatever the ancient Greeks wore). Yes, she's off to Greece.

Jen Man was down in “The Six” taking in both the Raptors and Pride parades – sure hope that wasn't you instigating all the anarchy!!!

Bob Brown had a loonie for the Terrific Kids presentation at St. Bernard's. The Brown's and the Waite's also took in “The Book of Mormon” at the Ed Mirvish theatre in downtown TO recently – very groovy!!!

Bruce Waite is happy that at least one of his children has taken his advice – great work Bruce!!!!

Marnie Bosco is retracing her “Up with People” steps and heading to Spain via Ireland – now that's extremely cool!!!

Steph W is off to Orlando for the 104<sup>th</sup> annual KI Conference in support of Gary Lavine's bid for VP. She also plans on hitting Disney while she's there. One word of advice don't do Space Mountain on a full stomach!!!

Korine has taken in the Book of Mormon as well. She did Christmas in June down at the park and checked out the Northern Shootout as well. She's also been honored as Godmother to the new Carson baby!!! All this and she runs her company and still has time for Kiwanis – you da gal Kor!!!!

### **Today's Guest Speaker:**

Jacquie Kent and Dr. Linda Rodenburg from Lakehead University were with us today. They gave the club a refresher on the Humanities 101 program which encourages life-long learning for people of all ages. The acronym C.E.L.L. stands for community engagement in life-long learning. This promotes the notion of life-long learning as an essential part of a happy and healthy life. It takes an inquiry-based approach to learning. Instead of merely memorizing facts, it encourages students to ask very thoughtful questions. This helps students become good learners and interested participants versus alienated spectators. Linda pointed out the pitfalls of selective cognition with that basketball passing – guy in the gorilla suit experiment that many of us have seen before (yes, I fell for it again).

Lakehead offers many programs for people of all ages. These include the Ontario Master Naturalist Program presented by local outdoors-person Bob Bowles. In addition to Humanities 101 there's the "Women and Water" presentation as well as the "Looking for Elvis" program which I'm sure will stimulate some thoughtful questioning.

They also offer programs for those with financial barriers to further education. These programs run for 12 weeks. They include one meal per week, childcare, school supplies, free parking or a bus pass, access to the YMCA and a graduation gala.

A big thank you to both of you for being with us today, this was an outstanding presentation. In our society, learning should be accessible to all and not just those who can afford it.

### **Next Week:**

There will be no meeting next week because, you guessed it, it's Canada Day. We can add the Raptors recent rise to glory to our long list of national accomplishments – the 72 Summit Series, the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, stubby beer bottles etc. My plan is to wear a life jacket like a diaper and float around the lake all day. See you all back at Theo's on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Have a great Canada Day long weekend everyone!!!

### **Thought for the Day:**

**“It was Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific on parade. I thought then and I think today, that in those few minutes, I witnessed the birth of a nation.”**

**Brigadier General Alexander Ross, Commander, 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion – Vimy Ridge, 1917**



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