

Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly Meeting Monday September 9th, 2019
Theo's Restaurant

Present:

Joanne Watson	Bob MacDonald	Fred Larsen
Mike Bunn	Steph Hunter	Rob Town
Noel Sterne	Steph Worthington	Maria McConnell
Bruce Waite	Jerry Wink	Korine Keyzer
John Mayo	Jen Man	Peter Head
Bob Brown	John Parker	Walt Bulas
Lawrence (Dumpster Boy) LaFrance		Dave North

Guests:

From BBBS, we had Lorie Roberts, Darlene Jones, Deanna McNeish and Leah Kemp.

The Blessing:

Noel Sterne was back with us today and delivered a meaningful blessing as always – thank you Noel.

Oh Canada:

They could hear us all the way down in Flushing (Queens) NYC!!!!
Nicely done Gang and you as well Bianca!!!!

Happy Loonies:

Korine clinked the can for the smashing success that was the Orillia Fall Fair this past weekend – very groovy!!!

Bob Brown has a loonie for Bruce Waite and Charles Kelly who manned gate one even though it was locked up tighter than Fort Knox – great job out there Guys, we couldn't have done it without you!!!!

John Mayo was happy about Bianca Andreescu's convincing win over Serena Williams in the US Open this past weekend. Is Canada on a roll or what???

Steph W hosted her last caucus meeting, her cousin David got married and she's going to be an aunt in March. Top that Carol!!!

Mike Bunn skippered the Grant Thornton dragon boat and they raised over 4Gs for the new Barrie YMCA – the Village People would approve!!!

Past Pres Pete had a loonie for President's Night which will be held this September 26th at Hawkridge. Of course, you all know that because you've all RSVP'd and it's on your calendars!!!!

A Special Announcement:

It is with mixed feelings that we will be saying goodbye to a very special member of our club, Noel Sterne. Noel and his family have been with us in Orillia for the past six years. At the end of the month Noel will be relocating to Woodstock where he will continue his lifelong mission of helping the less fortunate in the world through the Salvation Army. Thank you, Noel, for everything you've brought to our club over these past six years and for all the selfless work you've done for our community. To say that we'll miss you is a huge understatement – all the best my friend.

KCSV 10TH Anniversary:

Next Wednesday is the big day – O.D.A.S. Park at ten bells sharp. Korine, the Safety Village Gang, the dignitaries and just about anyone who is anyone will be there. Speaking of the safety village, now that school is back in, Mike Bunn will be circulating the sign-up sheets for set up and take down. Look out for the sign-up genius.

40th Annual Kiwanis Auction and Pancake Breakfast:

The committee is committed and we're meeting weekly. The stuff is really rolling in now!!! Cards should all be in by the end of the month. If you haven't started yours then shame on you and fifty lashes with a wet noodle!!!! Don't forget about the dinner and red-carpet preview on the evening of Friday November 1st!!!! Naturally, everyone will be there on Saturday November 2nd!!!

Today's Guest Speaker:

Orillia and District Chamber of Commerce Treasurer and Kiwanian Mike Bunn was our guest speaker today. More of an exchange, Mike encouraged feedback on how the Chamber could better fill its mandate of fostering prosperity within Orillia's the business community. One common theme was to do away with parking meters in the downtown. Many surrounding communities have done so if their downtowns are thriving. At the very least, I'd like to see them get rid of the coin meters and install ones that we can either tap or swipe with a debit card – who the hell has any change these days???

Thanks for the “Open Mike” session today – some very constructive feedback. I hope the Chamber and the Downtown can build on it.

Next Week:

I do believe we're all back at Theo's next week following the board meeting. That's all for now, have a great week and weekend everyone.!!!

Thought for the Day:

“The Salvation Army embodies the compassion and Christian love in feeding the hungry, caring for the homeless and attending to the afflicted and the downtrodden.”

President Ronald Reagan



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