

Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly Meeting Monday February 3rd, 2020
Theo's Restaurant

Present:

Joanne Watson	Steph Worthington	Rob Town
Mike Bunn	Mark Burns	Ben Cole
Jen Man	John Mayo	Mark Riczu
Maria McConnell	Charles Kelly	John Parker
Bob Brown	John Morton	Paul Ross
Don Haskins	Peter Borutski	Peter Head
Stevie Ray VK	Lawrence LaFrance	Dave North

Guests: Jedediah Levene – Orillia winter games

Oh Canada:

Numbers were small but the volume was big – thumbs up Gang!!!!

The Blessing:

Pres-elect Mark Burns stepped up today and delivered the goods on the blessing – well done Mark!!!!

Happy Loonies:

While all decked out in his Kansas City Chiefs swag, BT Cole clinked the can in honor of their first Superbowl win in 50 years. Truth be told I'm pretty happy about that too. Awesome stuff Ben, you've never bailed on your team!!!!

John Parker has a conditional offer on his house -whew!!!!

Bob Brown is getting a new knee and he's skiing with us this Friday. Stay out of the terrain park Bob!!!!

Paul Ross was down in the Dominican Republic and did some ready about the Franklin expedition – an intriguing subject indeed Paul!!!!

Mark Burns is happy (as we all are) that daughter Norah is recovering well down at Sick Kids after her operation. She'll be home in no time Mark, best wishes!!!!

Kiwanis Ski Day 2020:

I have to say how great it is to see the enthusiasm for this event!!!! This Friday is the day. Looks like a nice fresh 5-10 cms of snow the day before and daytime highs around -9 under snowy skies. Conditions should be really good for this Gang!!!! It might be a little chilly but if you could, why not try and layer up and wear your Kiwanis hoodies. We need some cool ski pics for KI and the bulletin. Don't forget, après starts any time after 3:00 pm.

Today's Meeting:

Jed Levene was with us today and updated the club on the Orillia winter games. The games take place from February 27 to March 1st. There will be over 3500 participants competing in 27 different sports. The athletes are ages 12 to 18 and come from all over Ontario. The committee is made up of 16 sub-committees and they will oversee the approximately 800 volunteers needed to make the games happen.

The games are expected to generate over \$5,000,000.00 in economic spin off and most of that will be here in Orillia. Funding for the games comes in part from the province which contributes \$900,000.00 with an additional \$100,000.00 coming from the city. In addition to logistics, the committee has had to deal with increasing expenditures associated with higher labor costs. The minimum wage increase alone has added \$220,000.00 to the cost of the games. To help offset expenses, the committee has initiated a campaign where a \$75.00 donation will go towards the cost of providing cots for the participants. Afterwards, the cots will be donated back to various community organizations for future use.

Thanks so much for being with us Jed. Sounds like you've got this thing well under control.

Song of the Week:

I want to thank Paul Ross for mentioning that while on vacation he did a little reading about the HMS Erebus which, along with the HMS Terror, formed the ill-fated Franklin expedition. This is all the reason I needed for today's song of the week. Written and performed by none other than the legendary Stan Rogers (in my opinion, Nova Scotia's answer to Gordon Lightfoot). Stan Rogers should be standard stuff in the music collection of any country loving Canadian. He was taken from us far too young!!!!

<https://youtu.be/FljFpwsXhuI>

Next Week:

Sounds like we're all back at Theo's next week and I really don't know what's going on other than us all high fiving over the ski day. That's all for now, have a great week everyone. See you on Friday.

Thought for the Day:

“Skiing is all about making turns, not where you make them”.
Warren Miller



P.O. Box 184, Orillia, Ont. L3V 6J3
www.kiwanisorillia.ca