

Kiwanis Club of Orillia
Weekly Meeting Monday March 2nd, 2020
Theo's Restaurant

Present:

Korine Keyzer	Fred Larsen	Joanne Watson
Charles Kelly	Jim Wenger	John Morton
Paul Ross	Carol Ivey	Rick O'Neal
Steph Worthington	Steph Hunter	Bruce Waite
Maria McConnell	Bob Brown	Rob Town
John Parker	Pete Borutski	Mark Burns
Jen Man	John Mayo	Don Haskins
Lawrence LaFrance	Peter Head	Dave North

Guests: Tobias Whelan
Orillia Silver Band

Oh Canada:

Wow, what a difference from last week!!!! Today we sounded like we took the ridge, stormed the beaches and beat the Russians all in a few moments!!!! Outstanding job Gang and special thanks to the Orillia Silver Band who may have had something to do with it!!!!

The Blessing:

Our well-tanned and radiant president was back and delivered another awesome blessing today – thanks Korine.

Happy Loonies:

Carol Ivey had far too much good news to possibly list here – great stuff Carol!!!!

Fred had a toonie for the Orillia Vocal Ensemble who raised over \$4,000.00 this past weekend for Mariposa House Hospice – great event Fred!!!

Bob Brown is happy to be recovering from a successful knee replacement. He is also very grateful (as we all should be) to live in Canada and to have access to one of the world's best medical systems. You look fantastic Bob now how about snapping on the skis and shredding some cord???

Korine just landed back in after spending some time down in Sint Maarten with Father Jack – very cool Kor!!!!

Steph W just became an aunt with the arrival of baby Amelia – awesome news Steph!!!!

Today's Meeting:

A small ensemble from the Orillia Silver Band were our guests today. The band was founded over 70 years ago back in 1949. They have approximately 35 members who come from not just Orillia but all-over southern Ontario. Conductor Neil Barlow (from Huntsville) led a small group which included from what I could see and French horn, a trumpet, a tuba and a euphonium. They performed a few numbers including the piece that was composed for King Louis the XIV of France. It was also the introductory piece for the long-running PSB show Masterpiece Theatre. I believe Alistair Cooke would have approved.

Neil also spoke about a special production that is coming to the Opera House this spring. The Orillia Silver Band, the Mariposa Arts Theatre Group and the Orillia Museum of Art and History will present "Shine" on March 22nd and on April 4th. This will be a multi-media celebration of the history of Orillia. It will be a historical look back at our community through sports and the arts. Guests will include members from the 1972-73 Orillia Terriers who won the Allen Cup. Members of the rock band Lisle will be there as well as Mayor Steve Clarke who will give an update from city hall. Word has it that Kiwanian Fred Larsen could make an appearance as well. Tickets are available at the Opera House box office. This sounds like a really cool event!!!! Thanks so much for being with us Neil and company and drop by anytime – please!!!

Upcoming Events:

Kiwanis spring hike – sometime in April

Pitch-in week – Tuesday May 13th

KCSV Fundraising dinner – sometime in June

Annual Kiwanis Auction and Pancake Breakfast – November 7th

Song of the Week:

Wow, it's March and spring is just around the corner. March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and I sort of think of March as St. Patrick's month. Ireland is similar to Canada in the sense that it has a wealth of musical talent which is way out of proportion to their population. This Irish quintet might be a little eccentric (singer and keyboardist Liam O'Maonlai plays the piano with his toes) but they do have some catchy tunes. Here's to all of us with Irish DNA inside. As for the rest of you, no one's perfect.

<https://youtu.be/vkKo5w82fVo>

Next Week:

We're all back at Theo's next week when our guest speaker will be Dr. Nick Bowman. That's all for now, have a great week everyone!!!

Thought for the Day:

“Music can change the world because it can change people”.
Bono