

**Kiwanis Club of Orillia  
Annual Kiwanis 4- H Awards Banquet  
Monday December 9th, 2019  
Hawkridge G & CC**

**Present:**

John Mayo	Korine Keyzer	Jim Wenger
Mike Bunn	Tim Timpano	John Parker
Don Haskins	Paul Ross	Jerry Wink
Elaine Wallis	Marnie Bosco	Charles Kelly
Jen Man	Fred Larsen	Bob Brown
Lawrence LaFrance	Brandon Peacock	Mark Goode
Mark Riczu	Dave North	

**The Blessing:**

Pres Korine recited the traditional 4-H blessing today – nicely done Korine.

**Oh Canada:**

Let me just say that those country folks can sing – outstanding job everyone!!!

## **Today's Meeting:**

Longtime Kiwanian and in-law to a farming family John Mayo presided over our annual 4-H awards banquet at Hawkridge today. The event was very well attended with Kiwanians, 4-H members and family. This is one of Kiwanis longest standing traditions which began 70 years ago back in 1950. I've always thought of this as one of our most important and successful projects. It recognizes and respects the rural roots of our community and encourages young people to be proud of their agricultural heritage. It's also great to see that the 4-H club continues to flourish by added new members each year. I would like to point out that the club shows their appreciation by helping out each year with the parking at the auction – just another of our great community partnerships. My only complaint would be that Mayo seems to take great joy in calling my table last to the buffet each and every year. Fear not my friend for I write the bulletin each week and I shall extract my pound of flesh through the written word!!!

## **Kiwanis Children's Safety Village:**

We're back in full swing. Check the sign-up genius for openings. Also check to see if you're on the schedule to prevent shortages.

**Upcoming Events:**

The best time of the year to be in Kiwanis continues:

**Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>** – BBBS Christmas dinner at St. Paul’s.

**Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>** -Christmas drop in at Bogey’s at Couchiching G. & C.C. See you there any time after 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day

**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> (2020)** - New Year’s Day

**Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Kiwanis ski day – stay tuned

**Wow!!!!!!**

## **Song of the Week:**

Back in the mid-eighties I entered what I like to call my tradition alternative Irish punk folk period. Truth is I'm still in it. You might find the lyrics to be a little off color but keep this in mind. The band's name is derived from the Irish phrase "Pogue Mahone", which is Gaelic for "Kiss my Arse". I'd like to dedicate this song to my daughter Lexie who (along with her father) absolutely loves this song and this band. From our family to yours.

<https://youtu.be/j9jbdgZidu8>

## **Next Week:**

There's no regular meeting next week. Instead, we're gathering at Bogey's at 5:00 pm for some snacks and a pint or two of Christmas optimism. Have a great week everyone.

## **Thought for the Day:**

**“No civilization can prosper unless it learns there is as much dignity in tilling a field as there is in writing a poem.”**

**Booker T. Washington**