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**Kiwanis Club of Orillia  
Weekly Meeting Monday November 30, 2015**

**Present:**

Charles Kelly	Matt Dixon	Bruce McRae
John Morton	Fred Larsen	Steph Worthington
Pres. Ben Cole	John Pritchard	Nicole McCahon
Peter Head	Scott O'Conner	Jim Wenger
Susan Thomas	John Mayo	Carol Ivey
Steve Van Kessel	Bob Brown	Joanne Watson
James Maxwell	Rob Town	Heather Breckles
Tim Timpano	Bruce Waite	Brad Carnahan
Noel Sterne	Mike Bunn	Chuck Burton
Don Haskins	Bob Wink	Mark Burns
Marnie Bosco	Doug Downey	Lawrence Lafrance
Dave North		

**Sorry if I missed anyone!!!!**

**Guests:**

Too numerous to list here but I think we had over sixty. Yes you read it right, that's six zero.

## Today's Meeting:

Our guest speaker today was Stan Dunford, owner and visionary of Burl's Creek Event Park. Stan recounted his early days growing up in Bancroft (no relation to Maxwell....that we know of). He started his entrepreneurial journey as a bowling alley owner and truck driver. His trucking business grew from a single truck into a North American multi-million dollar logistics entity. Aside from this he has been involved in many other businesses and enterprises including his current project, Burl's Creek Event Park.

Stan shared with us how Burl's Creek looked when he took over five years ago, where it is today and what his vision of it is for the future. He talked about some of the backlash he continues to face from local opponents. He also recounted the political roadblocks and the beaurocratic hurdles seem to appear out of now where and continue to hamper his progress – a sad and common theme for progress these days. He also indicated that he has no intentions of giving up.

Due to the immense interest in the subject matter, today's meeting was moved to Hawkridge. Between Kiwanis, guests and dignitaries we had around one hundred people in attendance. By the way, with respect to Oh Canada, Kiwanis carried the room!!!!

**Great meeting Gang!!!!**

**Upcoming Events:**

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Kettles

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas party featuring glow in the dark bowling

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 4H award banquet

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – Guest speaker will be Pres-elect Steph Worthington

Have a great week everyone and don't forget to let Ben know about numbers for this Sunday at Orillia Bowl!!!!

Thought for the day and I think Stan Dunford will agree with this one. "When you're going through hell, keep going."

Winston Churchill.....



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